

BY BILL ELLIS

THE MONTH OF December will be quite a month for the astronomy buff—at least, it will be if several predictions come to pass.

The center of the attraction is to be the new comet Kohoutek, which astronomers predict will become a bright object in the morning sky toward the end of the month.

In fact, early risers might keep their eyes peeled for the comet, which is visible just above the horizon in the due southeast, about an hour before sunrise.

The comet looks like an ordinary star at this time, but as it gets brighter day by day on its path around our sun, the comet's tail should become visible.

After the comet makes a U-turn around the sun, which is projected to happen December 28-January 1, it will become visible in the evening sky, almost due west just after sundown, while the strange visitor makes its exit from the proximity of the earth, and from our solar system.

During the month or so that the comet may be visible, it should be easily visible to the naked eye—one of the few which will have been visible during this century. Few people have actually been "eyewitnesses" to a comet—that's how rare this appearance close to the earth actually is.

Comet Kohoutek may, according to some predictions, be even brighter than was the most famous comet—Halley's Comet, which last visited our environs in 1910.

Some of the optimists have said that Kohoutek (which is named for the Czechoslovak astronomer which discovered it) could be as bright as a full moon. They hedge this statement with one saying that it at least ought to be as bright as Venus, which is the brightest object in the evening sky.

THE COMET'S TAIL, according to predictions, might cover one-sixth of the sky during the height of its brightness. The comet should be its brightest early in January, when it will be in the evening sky, about an hour after sundown.

One reason astronomers are excited about Comet K is because it bids to be one of the largest comets yet discovered. Most comets are relatively small objects, as far as space goes, averaging around two miles in diameter.

The new comet, according to early estimations, may be from 15 to 20 miles across. Most comets which are observed can only be seen (with high-powered telescopes) for a month or so before they approach the vicinity of our sun. Comet K was discovered last March, and has been observed by astronomers ever since.

OUR ORBITING spacecraft will be able to study the new comet in great detail. The astronauts out there in space will not be bothered by city lights. They will get a front-row seat to this once-in-a-lifetime exhibit.

Scientists say that the passing of this particular comet may be the first time it has ever orbited our sun. Most comets are "predictable" in nature; that is, they have regular orbits. Their return varies from three or four years to 75 years in the case of Halley's, which is due back in 1986.

However, even Halley's comet is a part of our solar system, reaching out past Jupiter in its huge orbit. That gives you an idea of the size of space, realizing that it takes this comet 75 years to "make its rounds," and return to us. And this is just within our own solar system!

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1973 Cotton Harvest On 'Last Lap'

DEADLINE DEC. 20

Card Project Off To Good Start

Project Christmas Card deposits as early this week amounted to \$207.50, an excellent beginning for the annual project, according to a spokesman at First State Bank of Bovina.

Deadline for community residents to join the Christmas Card project is Thursday, Dec. 20.

To participate in the annual event, community residents may deposit the amount of money ordinarily spent on Christmas cards and postage to their neighbors here in a special account at First State Bank, or they may deposit any amount they desire.

The money collected this

year will be applied to the debt on the Bovina Medical Center building, according to officers of the Bovina Woman's Study Club, sponsors of the Christmas Card project.

Indebtedness on the building is in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

Names of the contributors to the fund will be published in a half-page advertisement in the Christmas issue of The Blade.

Those making contributions at the bank are asked to put on the deposit slip the exact way they wish to have their names published in the community Christmas greeting.

This year the fund is off to a good start with over \$200 deposited thus far in the fund, as compared to \$23 this time last year.



PRESENT PLAY MONDAY....Members of the cast of "Play It Smart," to be presented by the Junior Class of Bovina High School, rehearse a scene from the three-act comedy which will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Monday night in Bovina Schools auditorium. Admission price will be 75 cents for students. Advance tickets for adults will be \$1.25, or admission at the door will be \$1.50. Members

of the cast are, from left, Kyle Jones, Mac McCallum, Stephanie Wiseman, Tina Isaac, Joe Steelman and April Wilson; and seated on couch, Alton McCormick, Jyl Gromowsky and Debbie Mills. Not present for the picture were Alice Fragoza, Bryan Fillpot, Wesley Cockerham and Danny Lusk. Directors of the play are Mrs. Carolyn Reeves and Eugene Boaz, class sponsors.

Crop Price Best Ever

The best price ever recorded for cotton is one of the nicer things being said about the 1973 cotton crop in Parmer County.

The price, ranging from 50 to 60 cents per pound depending on grade, is considerably higher than the 25-cents per pound the crop has brought here for the past few years. Cotton brought 14 to 18 cents per pound in 1969 and about 25 cents in 1971 and '72.

Johnnie Horn of Bovina Gin Co. and Ovid Lawlis of Lawlis Gin say it is the best price they can ever remember, the highest before this year being about 45 cents during the World War II era.

The cotton crop, other than the price, has proved to be disappointing in one respect. Yields have not come up to

earlier expectations, however, grades have been good for this year's crop.

Predictions are now that yields will range from two-thirds to three-quarters of a bale per acre, down from the one to two bale average in the county.

Horn said they would gin approximately 2,000 bales this year. Lawlis reported that his gin would process about 2,200 bales by the time harvest is over.

Both men say that harvest should be complete in a week to 10 days, barring any unfavorable weather.

Favorable harvest conditions have prevailed this fall and winter, a major departure from last year's harvest operations. Snow and rain last fall and winter kept machines out of the fields until March. Some cotton rotted in the fields and was never harvested.

Summarizing future prospects of cotton this week, Lawlis said, "The price is great, the grades are good and plant more cotton next year."

Santa Letters Due Monday

Monday is the deadline for receiving letters to Santa Claus for publication in The Blade's Christmas issue.

Children are assured that letters sent to The Blade will be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Santa's attention.

There is a possibility that he will pick up the letters in person during his annual visit to Bovina.

IN OKLAHOMA

George Long Rites Sunday

George Long, 47, a resident of Parmer County since 1958, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack late Thursday afternoon in Clovis. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Stuffle-Bean Funeral Home at Pauls Valley, Okla.

Mr. Long had been employed for the past three years by the Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Friona. Before that, he had been employed at Rierson Pontiac in Clovis and Three-Way Chemical in Bovina.

Survivors include his wife, Ouida; two sons, John Long and Winfred Long of Farwell; a daughter, Mrs. Gayle Bowman of Clovis; his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Emery Long of Pauls Valley; two brothers, four sisters and two grandchildren.



GEORGE LONG

DEC. 24

OL Christmas Party Slated

The annual Oklahoma Lane Community Christmas party will again be held this year at the OL Community Center, according to Mrs. Vernon Symcox, chairman of the event.

A tradition the past 56 years, residents of the community and their guests will gather at the community center on Christmas Eve for the celebration.

The special services will begin at 7 p.m.

On the program will be a special visit from Santa Claus, a Christmas tree, a program and sacks of treats for everyone present.

"Lots of old-timers return to Oklahoma Lane for the annual program," said Mrs. Symcox. "They were young people when the tradition began years ago and they return whenever possible for the celebration."

Chairmen of the committees this year include Lynn Blankenship, program; R.E. Blankenship, refreshments; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Foster, decoration of the tree, which is donated by a Farwell firm; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Donaldson, sacking of treats; and Mrs. Harold Carpenter, clean-up.

All residents, ex-residents and anyone who desires is welcome to attend the Oklahoma Lane Community Christmas program, said Mrs. Symcox.

DENIES REQUEST

Council Hears Petition On Livestock Ordinance

A delegation of several Bovina residents and their spokesman, E.W. Woody of

Bovina, presented a petition protesting the city's livestock ordinance at a meeting of the city council Thursday night of last week.

Woody, claiming to represent some 70 per cent of Bovina residents, said he had a plan to improve the city and bring in new residents, making Bovina a "model city of the Plains."

According to Woody, ".... about 70 per cent of the people in some areas of Bovina want to raise some type of livestock. In the face of food shortages and the prospect of some people facing starvation in the United States, people with limited income and large families wish to raise some type of livestock on a limited basis for their own consumption." Woody claimed to have plans for a structure that would be sound-and-odor-proof.

He also stated that a number of people had moved from Bovina because they had been "...deprived of their constitutional right to manage private property as desired."

In the sometimes heated discussion that followed, City Secretary Mary Ruth Martin pointed out that she had spent several hours explaining the city ordinance to Woody and that "he was aware of the law when he began this petition."

City Attorney Richard Collard read the ordinances pertaining to livestock within city limits to the group and explained the methods by which the ordinance would have to be changed. Collard stated that the ordinance is constitutional and did not violate anyone's civil rights.

Woody was asked by Councilman Don Spring if he represented any government agency in his efforts to promote his urban growth project.

"Secret agents are not allowed to say who they work for," was Woody's reply.

Spring then asked if Woody had intimated in presenting the petition to residents that he was, indeed, a secret agent. Woody refused to answer the question, citing the Fifth Amendment.

Councilman Billy Whitecotton told those present that his name had been used in connection with the petition and that he wanted to go on record as not signing the petition and "...furthermore, I would never sign such a petition and I resent my name being used in that manner." Whitecotton said he had

received numerous phone calls about the incident.

The petition, signed by 15 residents, read as follows:

"This petition is a protest against a city ordinance [sic] of the City of Bovina that forbids animals, poultry or livestock

within the city limits of Bovina.

"This protest is launched against this city ordinance [sic] (Continued on Page 5)

TUESDAY

Clayton Sets Bovina Visit

Representative Bill Clayton of Springlake announced last week his schedule for visiting communities within his district to discuss the constitutional revision.

People of the district are invited to drop by at their convenience during the specified times at each community to ask any questions or make any suggestions on the constitutional revision.

Discussion will be centered around the Texas Constitution of 1876 under which the state is now operating, the proposed document submitted by the Constitutional Revision Commission, and any other matters the voters would like to see incorporated into a new constitution. These will be considered early next year by the Constitutional Convention.

The schedule will be adhered to very closely, according to Clayton's staff, because of the timing of stops at the various communities in the district. The discussions will be informal, and Clayton and his staff are looking forward to meeting the citizens and having their participation, according to a spokesman at his Austin office.

Rep. Clayton will make his initial visit to Parmer County Friday where he will be at the high school auditorium in Friona from 9 to 11 a.m.

He will be at the high school cafeteria in Lazbuddie Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. and will be at the Bovina High School auditorium from 5 to 6 p.m. that day. From Bovina, he will go to Farwell where he will be at the

district courtroom in the courthouse from 6:30 to 8 p.m., winding up the Parmer County visits.

He will visit 22 other towns in the district from Monday through Thursday.

YOUTH-SPONSORED

Revival Slated This Weekend

A youth-led revival has been set at the Iglesia Bautista Belen Church in Bovina this weekend, according to a member of the youth organization.

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the church on First Street.

Speakers during the revival will be Doyle Bridgenson, Rudy Trevino and Gene Asebedo, ministerial students at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

Directing the music will be Louis Mejia, also a student at Wayland. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Porfirio Mejia. Rev. Mejia is pastor of the local church. Pianist will be Isaiah Mejia, a senior at Bovina High School and son of the pastor and his wife.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the services, especially the youth of the community.

Weather By Willie

Dry ain't it? Nuf sed.

—Willie

KofC Slates Trap Shoot This Weekend

A trap shoot, sponsored by the Bovina-Friona Knights of Columbus, has been scheduled for this weekend, according to a spokesman for the organization.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until sundown. Cash prizes will be awarded in all categories. Ammunition is available at the site.

The shooting range is located three miles east of Bovina south of U.S. Highway 60. Directional signs will be posted.



EARLY YULE GIFT...."It's a Christmas dream come true," is the way Mrs. Joe [Dorothy] Harris expresses her appreciation to Harry J. Charles as he presents her two tickets to the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas on New Years Day, and the \$50 expense check. Charles, who won the grand prize in the 1973 Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest, promised Mrs. Harris when the contest began in September that if he won he would gift her with the tickets and prize money, and sure 'nuf, he won. Mrs. Harris, who is employed by Mrs. Charles, is an avid football fan and makes no secret of the fact that she is "thrilled to pieces" about the gift.

Reflections From The Blade

TEN YEARS AGO-DECEMBER 11, 1963

A man was killed in a train-pickup collision at Third Street crossing here Friday morning.

Dead at the scene of the accident was Rodrigo Robles Herrera, 27, employee of Cecil Winegart.

Word has been received here that Santa Claus, that jolly, white-whiskered symbol of Christmas, will make his annual appearance in Bovina Friday.

Cost of hauling trash in Bovina has been doubled.

In a regular meeting last week, the city council raised monthly trash hauling charges from 75 cents for residences and \$1 for businesses to \$1.50 and \$2.

Elevator operators in Bovina will be invited to attend the next meeting of the council in January. Elevator dust problems in town will be topic of discussion between elevatormen and the commission.

Bovina Auto Sales is a new Bovina business.

Located on Highway 60, next to Northside 66 Service Station, the firm will specialize in the sale of used automobiles. The business is owned by Jim Ware, who is also in the insurance business here, and Burl Spears, owner of the service station which is adjacent to the car lot.

Junior class of Bovina High School announces the cancellation of "The Christmas Carol," a play which was to have been presented December 19. Gene Pruitt, president of the class, said the play had to be cancelled because of the number of extra-curricular activities.

Parmer County Commissioners, meeting in regular session Monday, approved the bid of Reeve Chevrolet Co., Friona, in the amount of \$2340 each, for the purchase of three 1964 Chevrolet Bel Air, 4-door sedans to be used by the sheriff's department. Delivery of the cars was set for some time in January.

SIX YEARS AGO-DECEMBER 13, 1967

Ridgelea Elementary is the name of Bovina's new grade school classroom building located across Highway 86 from Ridgelea Addition.

Name of the new building which will house first and second grade classrooms was decided on at a regular meeting of the board of trustees Monday night. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy sometime after January 15.

A sixth grade student in Bovina Elementary School, David Vargas, was the winner of the 1967 Bovina pheasant tailfeather contest held during pheasant season here last week. The winning feather in the Bovina contest measured 25 and seven-eighths inches.

Bobby Redden was named to the 3-A all-district mythical offensive team and Daryl Kirkpatrick received honorable mention on the defensive unit when school officials met at Springlake Wednesday.

Bovina "B" Team Invitational Basketball Tournament gets underway here Thursday afternoon and will continue through Saturday.

J.E. Sherrill Jr. of Bovina has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Masonic District No. 100, which includes five Masonic Lodges in Deaf Smith, Oldham, Castro and Parmer Counties.

Hunting Season At Midway Mark

The 1973 pheasant season in Parmer County is at the midway point of its 16-day run with one weekend past and two more to go.

Hunters were in the fields in full force Saturday, the opening day.

Success in bagging the limit of the elusive, colorful cock were reported by most hunters during the first weekend.

The opening day of the hunt was clear and mild, a bonus for the hunters.

Numerous out-of-county hunters were reportedly in the area Saturday and Sunday with a large percentage of these filling their limit of two per day with four in possession.

A total of \$30 in cash prizes are being offered in a tailfeather contest here. Contest headquarters is Bovina Gin Co.

In addition to local contests held in Bovina, Friona and Farwell, a plaque will be awarded the hunter turning in the longest tailfeather in the county. Parmer County Game Management Association will award the plaque.

Prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded.

Final day of the '73 season is Sunday, Dec. 23.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS-

Mrs. Michael Norris and baby boy, Farwell; Beverly Elam, Friona; John Kehr, New Mexico; Karmen Kirkpatrick, Hereford; Delia Samarron, Friona; Ray Arias, Friona; Gregg Martin, Friona; Ruben Maldonado, Dimmitt; Leroy Mercado, Friona; Mrs. Wesley Clark and baby girl, Friona; John Loyd Mitchell, Friona; Lance Outland, Friona; Robert Rhodes, Hereford; and Richard Samarron, Friona.

DISMISSALS-

Leona Steelman, Sylvia Nelson, Opal Perry, Susan Jarecki, J.L. Taylor, Eva Roberson, Joe McKinney, Mrs. Michael Norris and baby boy, John Kehr, Karmen Kirkpatrick, Leroy Mercado, Ray Arias, Gregg Martin and Ruben Maldonado.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL-

M.A. Black, Glenda Clark (Wesley) and baby girl, Beverly Elam, Mrs. Dwayne Foreman and baby boy, Luke Graham, John Mitchell, Lance Outland, Robert Rhodes, Ricardo Samarron, Delia Samarron and T.E. Wolia.



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Hospitalized Out-Of-Town

Wendell Garner of Bovina was admitted to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday, Dec. 4, where he underwent major surgery on Wednesday. His condition is reported to be satisfactory by members of his family.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Redden was a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock last week. She was dismissed Saturday.

Girl Born To Selkes

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Selke of Abernathy announce the birth of a daughter at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at a Lubbock hospital.

The new arrival weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Amy Jeanne. They are parents of one other

child, Coby, 2. Selke is a coach in Abernathy High School. He was an assistant high school football coach and junior high basketball at Bovina Schools last year.

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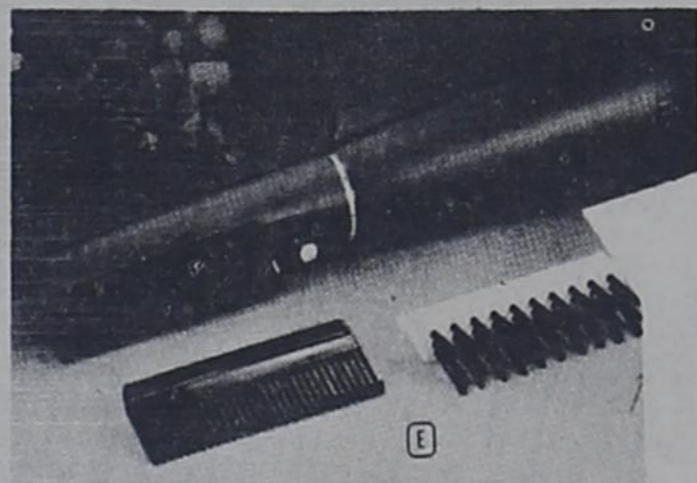
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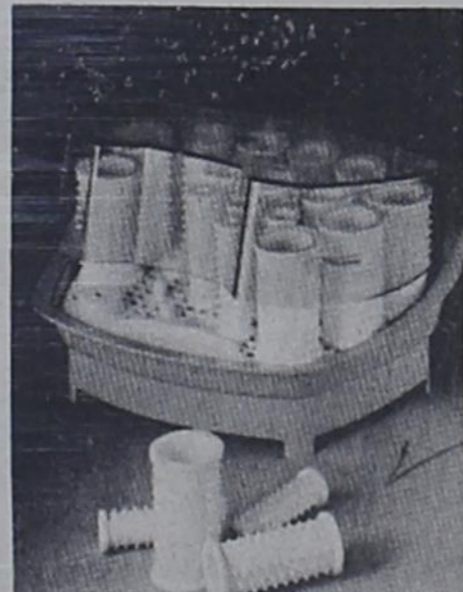
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The Texas Highway Commission today set a maximum 55 m.p.h. speed limit for all highway routes in Texas, both rural and urban.

The reduced speed limit will apply to all classes of traffic, buses, trucks and passenger cars. The action was taken after careful study by the Commission and Highway Department personnel.

Earlier, House Speaker Price Daniel, Jr., requested an attorney general's ruling on the speed limit reduction. Com-

mission Member Charles E. Simons said that the Commission's action will define the limits of the problem so that the Attorney General will have something upon which to base his ruling.

Commission Chairman Reagan Houston noted that many Texas drivers have already voluntarily reduced speed. At the same time, however, others still are traveling at higher speeds.

Houston asked State Highway Engineer B.L. DeBerry if

such a situation creates hazardous conditions. DeBerry said the differentials in speed create safety problems both on two-lane roads and on multi-lane divided highways.

Commission Member D.C. Greer said there is a state of indecision with regard to the speed limit not only in Texas but throughout the nation. He said he feels it is up to some agency of government to try to erase this indecision.

The action is in response to the request by the President to State Governors to reduce maximum speeds during the current fuel shortage. Governor Briscoe asked the Highway Commission to reduce speed limits on all highways under its jurisdiction.

Today's action fixes the reasonable and safe maximum speed limits at 55 on all highway routes in the state, both inside and outside city limits. The reduced limits would become effective with the posting of new 55 m.p.h. speed limit signs.

The Highway Department also was directed to proceed with replacement of speed limit signs in the "most feasible and economical manner."

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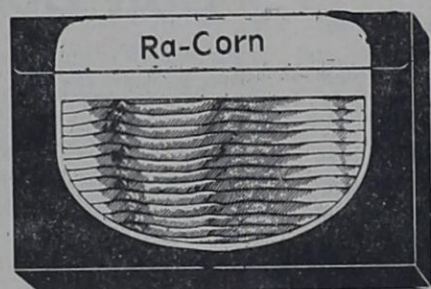
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Criswells Have Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Criswell of Bovina announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, at 1:58 (CST) Monday, Dec. 3, at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

Named Courtney Leigh, the infant weighed seven pounds, seven and one-half ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin of Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Criswell of Hereford.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. R.A. Martin of Sherman, Mrs. J.W. Rowland of Dallas and Mrs. J.R. Criswell of Rendon.

Criswell is a coach and teacher in Bovina High School. Mrs. Criswell is the remedial reading teacher in Bovina Elementary School.

Shower Set Friday For Miss Barrett

Miss Cindy Barrett, bride-elect of Joe Bradburn of Clovis, will be feted with a bridal shower Friday at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Bob

Roberts, Mrs. Chuck Stallings, Mrs. Jim Heard, Mrs. Jack Roach, Mrs. Wendol Christian, Mrs. Lloyd Guber, Mrs. Bob Turner, Mrs. Roy Donaldson, Mrs. Robert White and Mrs. Don Murphy.

In a shell



by Lou Nuttall

ALWAYS SEEM TO BE several weeks late remembering some item of information we especially wanted to get in the paper.

During the **Running Water Draw Watershed Project** ground breaking ceremonies held in Bovina recently, it was pointed out by those involved in the project that some \$60,000 in local monies had been spent on the project since its inception about 15 years ago. We took that to mean the funds came from various sources within the entire county.

Also, Congressman Mahon had some humorous remarks about the Watergate hearings currently going on, and on, and on, etc., in Washington. If you will remember, the ceremonies were held the day the first really cold spell hit here. Mahon remarked that if the hearings could be moved to Catfish Draw, he was sure they would be concluded rather rapidly. He also emphasized that the hearings were in the Senate, not the House of Representatives, and one got the idea he might be a little disgusted with some of the proceedings.

RUNNING SEVERAL WEEKS behind as usual, we also finally got around to reading the Sunday paper from November 25 that listed the All-Southwest Conference teams. Pleased to note that only four men out of 44, were not home-grown talents.

A&M placed a linebacker on the first team who was from Nevada; Arkansas had a Missouri split end on the second team; Baylor's second team quarterback was from Kansas; and Arkansas also had a defensive back from Ohio on the second team. Think that augers well for Texas football players in general.

Some 10 of the 44 were from the Dallas area with 27 other Texas towns represented on the team.

SOME OF YOU ARE already aware that The Blade has raised its subscription rates as of a month or so ago.

Things may get critical in the newspaper business before too long.

One reason the rates were raised was because of the increase in second class postage. Another is because of the increase in the price of newsprint, which in turn results in an increase in printing rates.

The central press where The Blade is printed informs us that the 1974 supply of newsprint has been cut by 20 per cent over that used this year and a \$25 per ton increase in the price is expected in the next few months.

We have been asked to check our circulation list closely and pare it down as much as possible in anticipation of the shortage. It is really amazing how everything from A-to-Z in almost every type of industry has developed shortages, seemingly overnight.

HAS ANYONE TRIED to get anywhere at 50 miles per hour recently? In West Texas, it takes a heck of a long time.

Read two different stories in a Sunday paper about people making their own little road tests on the 50 mph versus the 70 mph.

The stories were completely unrelated, happened in different parts of the state, and both came up with the same conclusion. The savings, in gasoline and money, when driving an automobile at 50 were hardly worth mentioning. Both trips involved were the 350 to 400 mile variety. One man said he saved 65 cents, or about one and one-half gallons of gas, and noted that the trip was so boring as to be actually dangerous.

If that is the case, we had better prepare for gas rationing because the speed limit thing won't work well enough.

Everyone by now has heard the warnings about carrying gas cans in the trunk compartment of the car. Didn't take long for the first accident to happen—Sunday, the first day the gas stations closed.

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MR. AND MRS. REAGAN LOONEY

Looneys Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney will be feted on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday, Dec. 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. at their home west of Bovina. Children and grandchildren of the couple are hosting the reception.

Looney and the former Miss Joe Vassey exchanged wedding vows Dec. 23, 1923, at the Methodist parsonage in Bovina. Mrs. Looney moved here with her family in 1920 and Looney in 1916.

They are the parents of three children, Howard, Mrs. June Gay McMeans of Amarillo and D.C., who died in an airplane accident in 1960. They are the grandparents of 10 and have three great-grandchildren.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to the reception. The couple requests no gifts for the occasion.

Son Born To Wards

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ward of Bovina announce the birth of a son at 10:51 (CST) Saturday, Dec. 1, at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

The new arrival weighed six pounds, six and one-fourth ounces, and has been named Darrin Royce.

The Wards are parents of two other children, Dawnette, 9, and Derrick, 5.

Grandmother of the new arrival is Mrs. Lillie Laxson of Portales, N.M.

Ward is employed at Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc.

Homing pigeons have been known to fly 60 m.p.h.

SATURDAY

Holiday Bazaar Slated By FHA

A Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Bovina High School chapter of Future Homemakers of America, will be held Saturday at the homemaking cottage at the school, according to a spokesman for the group.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until everything is sold. Funds derived from the project are earmarked for a school project. Members of the FHA chapter plan to sponsor the erection of a marquee in front of the school in the future.

All items in the sale have been made by members of the chapter, according to Mrs.

Gwen Corn, sponsor of the group.

Items included in the sale are napkin rings, decoupage books, plaster plaques, wind chimes, magazine holders, place mats, bread dough flowers and mushroom plaques, Christmas decorations, crocheted afghans and potholders and a variety of Christmas candy and baked goods.

Chairmen of the bazaar are Rita Nuttall, Debbie Mills and Kim Ware.

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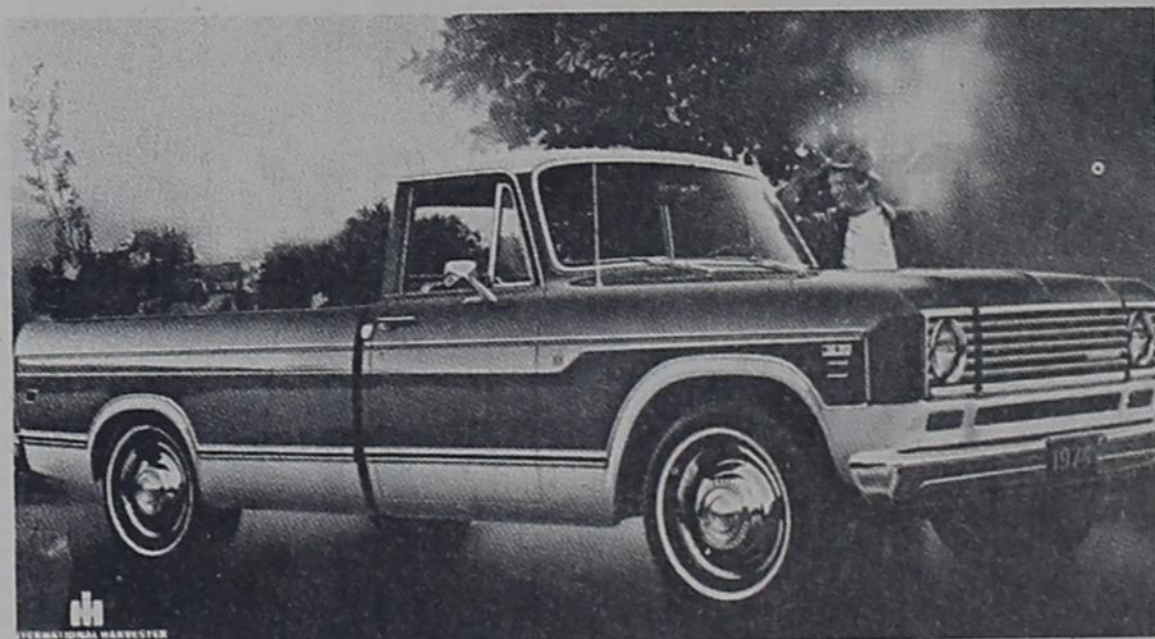
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because we are convinced that it is a violation of the Constitution of the United States and that it deprives the American citizen of his civil [sic] or his constitutional rights provided by the Constitution of the United States and in our Bill of Rights [sic] to manage his own property and provide his requirements of life."

The petition was signed by E.W. Woody, 306 Halsell; Andrew J. Byford, 807 8th St.; James Shepherd, 302 Halsell; John Burke, 900 E. 9th; Ronald L. Wallace, Box 605; Moses Fleming, 208 Ave. A; Manuel Lopez, 302 Halsell; Clifford Leake; Leverne Stevens; Bob Beavers; Robert S. Beavers; Vicente Sierra; Monica Duran; and Pablo Garza.

Spring made a motion to leave the city ordinance unchanged. Councilman Durward Bell seconded. Voting for the motion were Councilmen Roy Allen, Whitecotton, Vernon Estes, Bell and Spring.

It was brought to the attention of the council that two of the signers of the petition had been keeping livestock within the city limits. Mayor Johnnie Horn said those persons had been duly notified to remove such livestock from the city and asked Woody and Pablo Garza, a member of the delegation, if they had complied with the request. Both men said they had removed the livestock from the city. The animals in question were pigs at the Woody residence and goats at the Garza residence.

Also meeting with the council were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Langer, requesting permission to rent space to owners of mobile homes on their property on a single-family residence basis east of the Bovina Medical Clinic.

After discussing the request, a resolution was drafted allowing the rental of such space under certain restrictions. Estes made a motion to pass the resolution, Spring seconded, with all members voting yes on the matter.

Fire Chief Gaylon Rhodes and two members of the volunteer department, Kenny Birkelbach and Larry Scott, also met with the council.

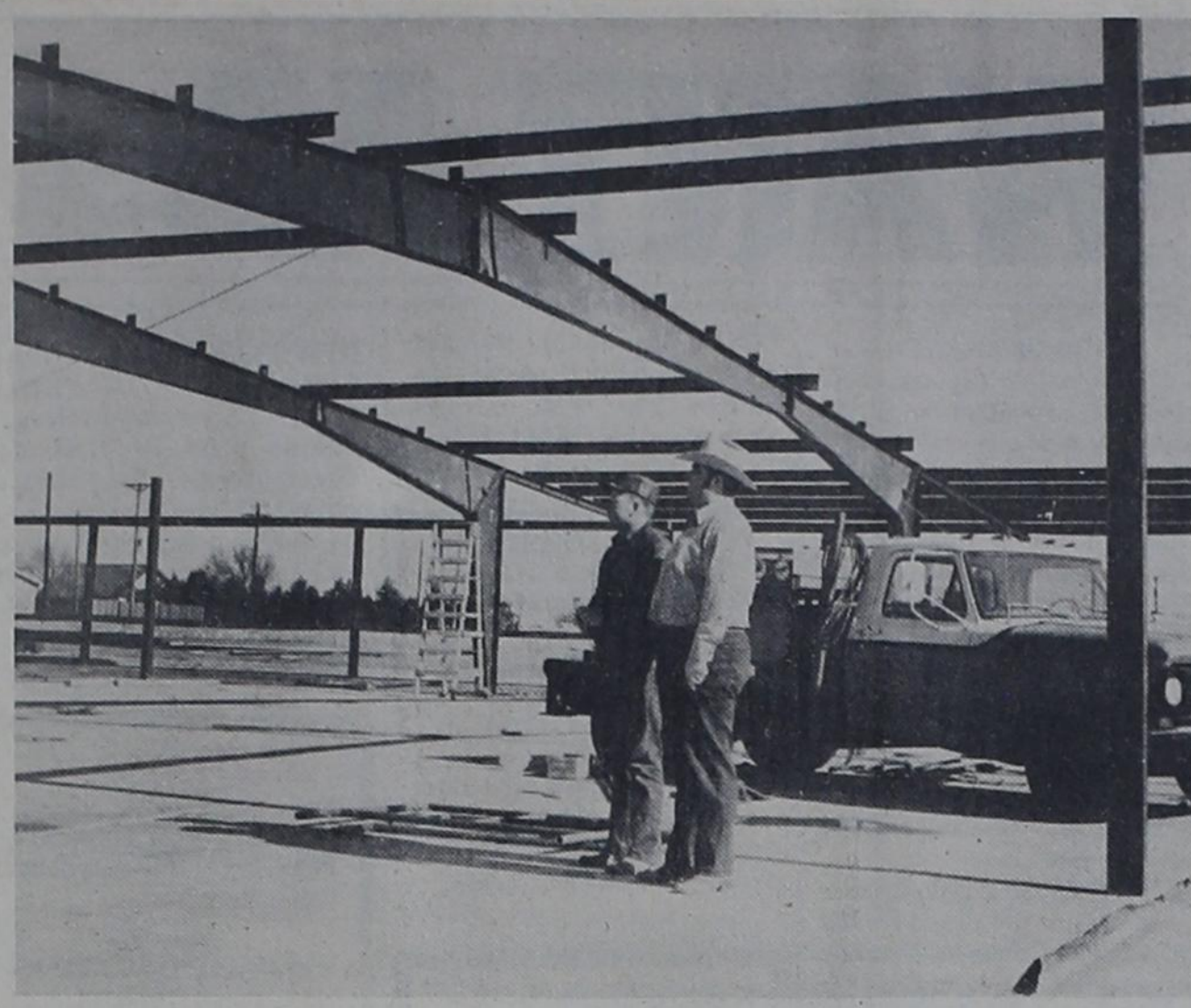
Rhodes told members that the newest city fire truck was not in operating condition and repairs on the truck's pump would amount to approximately \$1,000. He also told the council that the older truck had only four years of usage left on the key rate insurance scale.

Mayor Horn asked Rhodes if the new truck could leave the barn if needed for a fire. When informed that it was not able to leave the fire station, Horn reminded the men that "...if one truck is down, the other truck may not leave the city limits under any circumstances."

Rhodes said they were aware of the law and that parts for the new truck had been sent by air freight and should arrive in a matter of days.

"It would take at least two years, and probably longer, to get a new truck if we were able to begin work on it today," Rhodes pointed out.

When questioned about the necessity for purchasing a new truck, Rhodes said that the key insurance rate in Bovina would be raised about seven and one-half per cent per \$1,000 at the end of the four years if no new truck or equipment is purchased. "If we could get a new truck now, and have three on hand, it would lower our key rate, because the more equipment we have, the lower the key rate," he commented.



CONSTRUCTION STARTS...Delton Lewellen, left, and Carrol Gatlin watch as the steel and siding begins to go up on Friona's Community Center-Showbarn this week. Lewellen, who is building the 100x150 foot

structure, said that he now has all of the material for the building, and construction should proceed at a rapid pace, with completion in plenty of time for next year's Junior Livestock Show.

He told the council that a new truck, similar to the one the city has now, would cost in the \$40,000 range, but would probably be from \$5,000 to \$10,000 higher by the time the city was able to purchase one.

In discussing the available methods of financing a new fire truck, Mayor Horn said that it would be possible to allot some future revenue sharing funds to help purchase the truck. Rhodes also said that the \$2500 per year the county is paying the department would assist in the purchase price.

Bell made a motion to authorize Rhodes to pursue the purchase of a fire truck after it was pointed out that it takes almost two years to complete the paper work involved in the purchase. Spring seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

In other business before the council, Andy Garza, water superintendent, said the estimated cost of two new chlorinators for the city water system was \$2,000, plus the additional cost of constructing a housing for each of the chlorinators. However, Garza noted, he has been told that chlorine may not be available.

The council agreed to delay purchase of the items until the availability of the chlorine supply could be determined.

Noting that the present system used to treat city water has been under attack from state water officials for the past two years, Horn said that the city would have to install a new system as quickly as possible.

In addition, the council accepted an estimate of \$600 for fencing materials to be used at the city's dump ground addition;

Voted not to put up the city's Christmas lights because of the current energy situation;

Approved payment of bills; Agreed to sell a 1958 Ford truck by sealed bids;

And discussed briefly the fuel situation and what measures to take if the city is given a fuel allotment not sufficient to operate as it has in the past.

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An advertisement with more details of the plan may be found elsewhere in this issue of The Blade.

Sign Painting Class Slated

LEVELLAND--A vanishing yet highly paid art-sign painting--will be taught at South Plains College for the first time this spring.

Don Stroud, associate professor of art at SPC, will instruct the course, apparently the only one of its kind offered in any Texas college.

Time and date of classes will be announced later.

The sign painting course will be a two-year program with on-the-job training during the summers, Stroud said.

Students will have a chance to work part-time during the summer and receive training from Vernon Hill, a professional sign painter with 15 years experience in the sign painting business. Hill has the only sign painting company in Levelland, Vernon Hill Sign Co. at 115 W. 1st. Students will receive a grade for both classroom and on the job work, Stroud said.

Hill termed sign painting a "vanishing art." He said there is a "terrific need" for sign painters. "It's one of the highest paid skills and it's going

to get better," he said.

Hill estimated that a sign painter can earn anywhere from \$4.50 to \$12.50 an hour depending on the area they are in. He said that a skilled sign painter could earn about \$10.50 an hour in the Levelland area.

The sign painting course can be taught on the SPC campus or at the college extension

centers in Lubbock and Plainview. Persons needing further information can contact Stroud on the SPC campus; Dr. Charles Sylvester, director of the Lubbock Regional Occupational Center, 2404 Ave. Q in Lubbock; or Leon Harris, director of the Plainview Regional Occupational Center, 302 W. 8th, Plainview.

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HOME GAMES

Ponies, Fillies Split With Bula Squads

In a return match with basketball teams from Bula at Williford Gymnasium Tuesday night of last week, the Fillies dropped their second tilt to the Bulldogettes while the Mustangs edged the visitors, 37-36, to pick up their second win of the season against one loss.

The Bulldogs defeated the Mustangs, 69-43, in the first game of the season for the Ponies and the eighth of the year for Bula.

Billy Shelby led the scoring attack for the Maroons with 11 points and 16 rebounds in the contest. He was followed in the scoring department by Elbert Shelby with eight, Alton McCormick, Kyle Jones and Dennis Willard added six points each.

Jones picked up 13 rebounds in the contest with Willard accounting for five. Also seeing action for the Ponies was Bill Calaway. Elbert Shelby left the game late in the fourth quarter with five fouls, although while in the game he hit for 66 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Jerry Sowder paced Bula with 13 points.

The Mustangs used a full court press to baffle the visitors in the first quarter, leading 8-4 at the buzzer, and 20-17 at halftime. Bula rallied in the third period for a three point lead, 29-26, at the end of that stanza. Billy Shelby stepped to the charity stripe in the final seconds of the game, missing the first of two free throws but sinking the last one, to give the Ponies the winning edge.

The Fillies dropped their second game of the season to Bula fems, 53-65.

Nancy Hutto led scoring for the Fillies with 28 points. She was assisted in the scoring department by Connie Terry with 12, Christie Trimble with eight, Cathy Trimble with three and Heidi Corn with two points.

Seeing action on the defensive end of the court were Miss Corn, Pam Wilson, Evanna Johnston, Terri Willard and Alice Fragoza. Miss Johnston gathered in eight rebounds on the defensive end of the court with Miss Hutto and Miss Terry gathering in nine each on the offensive end.

Lisa Risinger scored 47 points for the visitors.

The Fillies trailed at the end of each period, 6-16 at the first buzzer, 20-37 at halftime and 34-54 at the end of the third stanza.

The Mustangs and Fillies entered in the Hale Center Invitational Tournament this weekend.

District play will begin for both teams Tuesday with three

games on tap at Springlake-Earth. Also making the trip will be the Filly JV with the initial game to begin at 5 p.m.

Action will resume in Williford Gymnasium Thursday night of next week with four games scheduled, the first to begin at 4 p.m. Farwell will be the district opponent that night.

Court House Notes

Instrument Report Ending November 21, 1973 in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, Western Ammonia Corporation, Mike Chaney, 3 ac. Sec. 26, T1N;R4E

WD, Charles Rauh, Richard F. Talley, tract 36, Blk. 1, Western Add. Friona

WD, Ethel Beatrice Brooks, Raymond W. Brooks, Part Sec. 48, Blk. Y Johnson

WD, Ethel Beatrice Brooks, Edna Juanice Brooks Davis, Part Sec. 48, Blk. Y Johnson

WD, Nettie A. Tharp, et al, W.A. Noffsler, Part of Sec. 49, Blk. A Synd.

WD, J.B. Sudderth, R.W. Shelton, SE 1/4 Sec. 7, Blk. B, Rhea

WD, O.W. Rhinehart, Winston Allison, Part of lot 3, Blk. 58, Bovina

WD, Donalita Faye Hawkins, Charles Lester Hawkins, NW 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A. Synd.

WD, Boys Ranch Foundation, Cattle Town, Inc., Part Sec. 11, Blk. B, Millet, 12.24 Ac. Blk. B Roberson.

Instrument Report Ending November 29, 1973 in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, Floyd L. Rector, L.D. and R.T. Taylor, 3.41 ac. out NW 1/4 of E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec. 8, T4S;R4E

WD, Jesse C. Beck, Jerry D. Fancher, tract 7, Blk. 1, Western Add. Friona

Deed, Billy Boling, USA, lot 12, Blk. 1, Hillside Add. Friona

WD, Charles L. Hawkins, Donalita Hawkins, NE 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A, Synd. 70 ft. strip of Blk. 74, Bovina

WD, Vernon E. Sycox, Floyd L. Williamson, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Blk. 16, Farwell

WD, Ollie Smith, Fay

Harbert, Part of Sec. 1 and 2, T16S;R1E

WD, Ollie Smith, Francis Higgins, W 1/2 Sec. 30, T10S;R2E

WD, Ollie Smith, Mattie Adams, E 1/2 Sec. 30, T10S;R2E

WD, Ollie Smith, Guy Tandy, NE 1/4 Sec. 31, T10S;R2E

WD, W.C. Neel, Est., Ralph E. Robinson, W 1/2 Sec. 2, T5S;R4E

WD, Gifford-Hill & Co., Inc., Gifco Properties, Inc., tract out Lg. 549 OT Farwell

WD, Gifco Properties, Inc., D-J Cattle and Mineral Co., tract out Lg. 549 OT Farwell.

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Ricky Don Woody and Tonna Gail Morgan.

Steven Paul LeViner and Beverly Gail Vanosdol.

Pablo Hernandez Garza and Herlinda Medina Garza.

Bulltown Bulletins...

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Comet Kohoutek supposedly comes from the depths of space, from another solar system, and may never return this way again.

THE OTHER event which is happening during December is the photographing of the planet Jupiter by the Pioneer 10 spacecraft, which has already sent back some remarkable pictures from more than 500 million miles away.

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Essay Contest Is Sponsored By SCS

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AT WHITEFACE

Varsity Teams Fail In Tournament Bid

Bovina's Mustangs and Fillies were eliminated in the opening rounds of the Whiteface Invitational Tournament this past weekend, losing to Bula, Sundown and Smyer.

In the opening round game, the Mustangs faced the Bula Bulldogs for the third time in two weeks with Bula rebounding from a loss to the Ponies Tuesday night to win, 49-25.

Hitting on only 19 per cent of field goal attempts (11 of 58), the Ponies trailed at the end of each period of play, 5-6 in the first quarter, 11-18 at halftime and 21-26 at the end of the third stanza.

Jerry Sowder connected for nine points in the final stanza to pace the Bulldog win with 15 total points. Also scoring in the double figures were Joel Sinclair and Ed Clawson with 14 points each.

Alton McCormick led the Ponies with 10 points, followed by Dennis Willard with seven, Elbert Shelby with three, Billy Whitecotton and Billy Shelby with two points each and Bill Calaway with one point. Also seeing action were Chuck Gilbreath, John Caldwell and Richard Rejino.

Willard gathered in 11 rebounds and Billy Shelby nine with both Shelbys leaving the game via the foul route.

In the second round of the tournament, the Mustangs were eliminated from the contest, falling, 47-60, to Sundown.

Elbert Shelby led the Ponies

School Lunch Menus

Dec. 17-21

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TUESDAY--Burritos, buttered corn, fruit salad, cornbread, butter, fruit salad, peanut butter cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY--Ham, candied sweet potatoes, English peas, fruit cup, hot rolls, butter, milk.

THURSDAY--Barbecue burger, cheese slices, potato chips, chocolate cake, apricot halves, milk.

FRIDAY--Meat and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, potato chips, ice cream, milk.

with 12 points, followed by Kyle Jones with eight, Billy Shelby with seven, McCormick and Willard with six, Caldwell with four and Calaway and Gilbreath with two points each.

Jones led in the rebound department with 15. Billy Shelby and Willard added 10 rebounds each.

Billy Shelby and McCormick left the game via the foul route with three other Ponies playing the remainder of the game with four fouls. The Ponies only hit on 21 per cent of field goal attempts, 12 of 58, but hit 61 per cent of the free throws, 23 of 38. Bovina trailed at the end of each stanza of play, 8-16 at the first buzzer, 25-34 at halftime and 36-48 at the end of the third period.

Four Sundown players scored in double figures. Randy Wood, Phillip Smith and Alan Carpenter had 11 points each and Mike Waygood had 10.

The Fillies dropped their first game of the tournament, 52-79, to the Bula fems, their

third match-up in two weeks.

Nancy Hutto led Filly scorers with 20 points, followed by Connie Terry with 14, Christie Trimble with 11 and Mary Marcom with two. Also seeing action as forward were Heidi Corn and Connie Ware.

Handling the defensive chores were Miss Corn, Evanna Johnston, Pam Wilson, Terri Willard, Fontella Cox and Alice Fragoza.

Lisa Risinger was high scorer for the evening with 42 points.

The Fillies trailed at the end of the each period of play--10-14 at the end of the first quarter, 25-34 at halftime and 43-54 at the end of the third stanza.

The Fillies were eliminated from the tournament on Friday, losing, 39-49, to Smyer.

Miss Corn scored 14 points for the Fillies, followed by Miss Hutto with 12, Christie Trimble with nine and Miss Ware and Miss Marcom with two points each.

Gail Berry led all scorers with 31 points for Smyer.

Name Shelby, Serna To Mythical Team

Eight football standouts from District 3-A, including two Bovina Mustangs, have been named to the Class A All-South Plains mythical football squad as compiled by area sports writers for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. In addition, two players from District 3-A were named to the honorable mention list.

Named to the yearly dream-team from Bovina were seniors Billy Shelby and Tony Serna. Shelby was named to a defensive linebacker position while Serna was chosen as one of two guards on the offensive unit.

Paducah's Carl Wright was the only two-way performer on the team, but four others, including Shelby, won the award for the second consecutive year.

Those who repeated on the team were Hart's Jimmy Brown, Geoff Gentry from Kress and Shelby--three of those are from District 3-A and the Mustangs witnessed one of



ON DREAM TEAM...Tony Serna, left, and Billy Shelby, senior members of the 1973 Bovina Mustang football squad, were selected to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Class A All-South Plains football team recently. Serna, 5-11, 185-pounds, was named to an offensive guard position. He was the mainstay of the Mustang line this past season and also anchored the defensive line. Shelby, 6-0, 175-pounds, was named to a linebacker position on defense. It was the second consecutive year for Shelby to earn the honor.

Gentry's stellar performances when Bovina played Plains this year and last.

Players from District 3-A named to the team included Ralph Paschel of Vega at offensive tackle, Jesse Cantu of Farwell at the other guard position, Serna at guard and Brown at running back on the offensive unit.

Jeff Cresap of Vega and Mart Davison of Sudan were picked as defensive linemen, Shelby at linebacker and Street in the secondary.

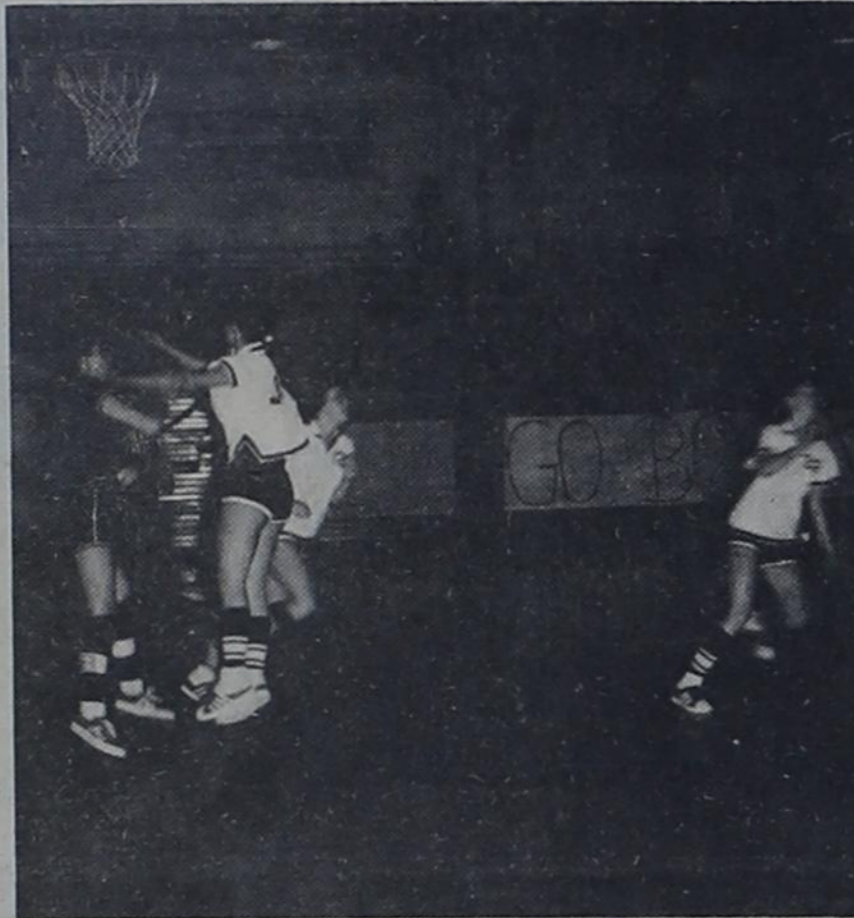
Earning honorable mention on the defensive unit were Kie Watkins of Farwell as a lineman and David Hartman of Kress at a linebacker position.

The Lubbock paper lists Shelby as having averaged 17 tackles per game plus six interceptions and four fumble recoveries in eight games. Shelby was injured early in the year, missing two games and seeing only limited action in the non-district tilts.

CLASS A ALL-SOUTH PLAINS OFFENSE					
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School
E	Ray Morris	5-11	155	12	Shallowater
E	Victor Polyak	6-0	170	12	Seagraves
T	Rickey Liles	5-11	185	11	Plains
T	Ralph Paschel	6-1	225	12	Vega
G	Jesse Cantu	6-0	175	12	Farwell
G	Tony Serna	5-11	185	12	Bovina
C	Steve Cannon	5-11	160	12	Hale Center
QB	Terry Rainboit	5-11	180	12	Spur
RB	Carl Wright	5-10	160	12	Paducah
RB	James Craigs	5-7	130	12	Lorenzo
RB	Jimmy Brown	5-9	160	12	Hart

DEFENSE					
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School
DL	Jeff Cresap	6-1	195	12	Vega
DL	Kenny Thiel	6-3	230	12	New Deal
DL	Mart Davison	5-9	165	11	Sudan
DL	Lee Billings	6-4	160	12	Seagraves
LB	Kyle Robertson	6-1	185	12	Petersburg
LB	Geoff Gentry	6-4	200	12	Plains
LB	Robin Cochran	5-10	183	11	Hale Center
LB	Billy Shelby	6-0	175	12	Bovina
Sec.	Miles Vassek	5-9	150	12	Hale Center
Sec.	Barry Street	6-1	155	11	Kress
Sec.	David Pearson	6-5	197	11	O'Donnell
Sec.	Carl Wright	5-10	160	12	Paducah

COACH OF THE YEAR--Kenny Roberts, Plains



HARDCOURT ACTION...Filly forwards go after a stray ball in a matchup against Bula guards Tuesday night of last week at Willford Gymnasium. Connie Terry leaps high to deflect the pass as forwards Nancy Hutto, center, and Cathie Trimble chase the elusive ball. Fillies dropped their second decision to the Bula fems, 53-65, while the Mustangs edged the Bulldogs, 37-36, in the final game of the evening.

Varsity, JVs In Tourneys

Bovina High School varsity and junior varsity basketball teams are entered in tournaments this weekend--the varsity teams at Hale Center and the junior varsity teams at Nazareth.

In the opening round of the Hale Center Invitational Tournament Thursday, the Fillies will take on Happy at 11 a.m. and the Mustangs will meet the Happy boys at 12:15 p.m.

If the local squads win, they will play the winner of the Crosbyton-Sudan matches--the girls at 1:45 p.m. Friday and the boys at 3 p.m. Friday. If Bovina loses the opening round games, the girls will play the loser of the previously mentioned game at 11 a.m. Friday and the boys at 12:15 p.m. Friday.

Other teams entered in the tournament include boys' and girls' teams from Silverton, Whiteface, Kress and the host teams, Hale Center.

In the opening round of the Nazareth "B" Team Tournament, the Filly JV squad will meet Kress at 6 p.m. Thursday with the Mustang JV playing Kress at 7:30 p.m. the same evening.

Winner of those games will be playing the winner of the

Nazareth-Happy games for the championship, the girls at 6 p.m. Saturday and the boys at 7:30 p.m. Losers in the opening round will play at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday for the consolation title.

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