

Bull Town Bulle- tins

By
Bill Ellis



IF THERE IS a stupid, or irresponsible way of doing things, you can always bet that Washington, D.C. will take the lead.

We're referring particularly to the recent "shutdown of government" due to the expiration of the national budget.

What this turned out to be was a week's paid vacation for many federal workers, at the expense of taxpayers.

It has been pointed out that those who took off would be paid their regular salary. Never mind that the work piled up, or in some instances may never get done.

Most people felt like the shutting down of government might be a good idea. But fact of the matter is that it didn't accomplish anything and didn't save anyone--we're talking about Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer--a thin dime.

Why not just leave the workers in place, and let them do the jobs they were supposed to do, with the understanding that their paychecks might be a little bit late? In private industry or business, if someone decides to "take a furlough" and leave their work undone, they hardly ever manage to collect their regular salary. In fact, they would expect not to do so.

The White House announced that "non-essential" employees would be sent home, and non-essential payments would be halted.

To our way of thinking, the veterans' pensions, which will be slightly delayed, should not have been considered non-essential. Our veterans defended our country. Many of them laid down their lives so we could continue our way of life. If any group deserves to get their pensions, we'd pick the veterans to be so favored.

We've never been able to understand why, anytime any funds are withheld; anytime any economic cutbacks are made, it always seems to impact on the most needy section of our population, while the most-despised bureaus, and bureaucratic employees are still clicking along, never missing a beat.

Why not end some of our government give-away programs to third world nations who use the gifts to buy weapons from the Soviet Union to use against American troops, should the occasion arise?

Why not cut off all research as to why the blind, spotted snail darter is not reproducing--immediately, and tell those living high on the government dole to go out and find themselves a job, like the rest of us had to do?

There are hundreds upon thousands of ways and means to save our country millions upon billions of dollars, if the congress would just dedicate itself into doing something sensible. They could cut many of these pork-barrel programs, and not have to close some of our air bases.

This is another ploy of fat-hog bureaucrats. Anytime cuts in the budget are made, they slap the cut right where it's going to hurt our nation the worst. It's as if they are making the statement: "Okay, we'll make some cuts, and you'll damned sure be sorry. Then, the next time the subject of budget cuts comes up, maybe you'll just sit back and let us hike the national debt upwards, like we've been doing for the past 50 years."

(Editor's note: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison had some remarks along this line in her weekly news release. Please turn to Page 3-A in this issue and read Sen. Hutchison's statements.)

Uncle Austin Says: Out of the mouths of babes come things that the parents never should have said.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Sydney Laine Sorley: Thanksgiving Miracle

By Ron Carr

In the small town of Bovina, a miracle occurred to a small girl, bringing special meaning to this Thanksgiving celebration.

Sydney Laine Sorley was five years old on November 15, 1995. That is the miracle.

You wouldn't normally think turning five was a big deal. Unless you had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia for one-half of your life.

Terri Sorley, Sydney's mother, wrote her account of Sydney's illness for the Bovina Blade. This is the family's personal journal, as Terri told it to me, while Sydney ran and played in the hallway, like any other five year old.

For five years, each birthday has been special for Sydney, but this one was extra special. Finally, her chemo was over and she is in official remission.

A party in her honor was held at the Bovina Ambulance Building with 130 very special friends attending. They celebrated a victory. The end of a 2 1/2 year battle.

On August 23, 1993, during a routine visit to the doctor, Sydney was diagnosed as having Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She was two years and nine months old.

That day, her life and her families' lives changed. Doctor visits, medicine, I.V.'s, spinal, and blood tests became an everyday occurrence.

At first, Sydney cried with every "poke", just like any child her age might do. As time went on, she was braver. Now, she doesn't fear her treatments.

On that first day, a permanent catheter was put in her chest and aggressive chemotherapy was started.

Soon she became very sick from side effects of the strong medications.

She lost all of her blood platelets and was easily bruised. She adored the family dog, but could have bled to death from his scratch. Eating raw foods, or trimming Sydney's fingernails was forbidden.

She was put into monitored isolation, which meant she could go home but it was up to the family to protect her.

The house was scrubbed. The family was scrubbed too. When anyone left the house, they had to shower and change clothes before entering again.

The family learned many things about GERMS, and the fascinating life of medicines.

Most of all, through their situation and meeting other cancer families whom they have grown to love, they learned a lot about life.

For 2 1/2 years, Sydney's immunities were kept low due to daily chemotherapy. Simple childhood illness became life-threatening.

Because of the fragile nature of her illness, and being just a little girl, she missed many things little girls do.

For more than a year, she never went into any store, public place,

or public event. She is still not allowed in a crowd where she might be exposed to a new disease.

Sydney has always been aware of her illness and of everything she must do to get well. Her family has always tried to stress that it was temporary and that soon it would all be over.

Terri says that there is a fine line between paranoia and doing what you have to do, and they struggled with that fine-line on a daily basis.

As parents, you feel that the child's survival is your responsibility. Early on, they realized that they could never do it all and gave Sydney up to God to try and carry her through.

They prayed constantly for guidance on what they were supposed to do, asking that they not get out of bounds and always work for Sydney.

When she was diagnosed in August, 1993, November of 1995 seemed like a lifetime away. How would they make it that long? But, as each day and month passed, they started seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

Is it a dream, or a bad dream? Is she getting better, or or we getting our hopes up to high?

Sydney's final chemotherapy treatment was on November 6, but Ken and Terri know that it isn't just simply "now we are done".

The doctors say that it will take up to six-months for her bone marrow to return to normal after all the chemo. And her actual leukemia is not "cured" for five more years.

But she is in what Terri describes as "strong remission" and their trust in God will help take care of her.

Not only has Sydney had to make adjustments now, but so have her loving older sisters, Sara and Jill. They have had to sacrifice too.

Scott Sudderth Squeaks A Win In FB Contest 11

Either last week's football contest was easier than usual, or the contestants are just getting better.

The fourteen games proved to be predictable as nine contestants picked 13 out of the 14 games correct.

The most common miss of the week was Southern Cal's loss to UCLA, which was missed by seven out of the nine top guessers.

This week's winner was Scott Sudderth who picked UCLA but missed on St. Louis' loss to Atlanta. Sudderth captured second place two weeks ago and has been consistently among the top pickers.

The official tie-breaker score was Dallas over Oakland by 34-21. Sudderth's guess of Dallas by 30-20 was only five points off the tie-breaker and earned him the \$10 top prize.

Easing into second place was young Josh Kerby, another regular, who managed 13 correct picks and was only seven points off on the tie-breaker with his prediction of Dallas by 38-24, off by seven points.

Another member of the Sudderth clan, Janie Sudderth, captured the third place prize with a tie-breaker of Dallas by 28-24 which was nine points off.

The other contestants who picked 13 out of 14, and their tie-breaker misses were: E. Martinez

Friends and teachers rarely knew what was going on in their own young lives, and what they had to deal with. But they did it all the time for the love of their baby sister, Sydney.

According to mother Terri, much of their own innocence was lost, but so much more was gained.

Sydney lights with joy as she names the things she can finally do. "Can I spend the night with someone?" "Can we go to the zoo, or a playground?"

"How about I go to a babysitters with other kids, or go to McDonald's and slide on the slide?"

"Can I go to Allsup's and pick my own CANDY?"

On and on Sydney goes, the simple pleasures we take for granted which she will now cherish. And so should you and I.

Terri says it fascinates her as she watches others and wonders what is going on in their lives. Sometimes, from the outside, many seem so ordinary, but who knows what is really going on inside. Maybe they need a Thanksgiving prayer too.

Ken, busy farmer and father; Terri, housewife and bookkeeper; Sara, 8th grader, cheerleader, piano player and gymnast; Jill, 5th grader, also piano player and gymnast....And then there is little Sydney. Happy, beautiful, healthy Sydney

The Sorley's are blessed, ordinary, happy-go-lucky. What is normal, anyway? If it is blessed, then yes, we are normal, Terri says.

In a small town, to a small girl, a miracle happened.

They are VERY BLESSED and want to say "Thank you for your answered prayers"

This Thanksgiving season, give thanks with Sydney and the Sorley family for all the blessings they have had and for the ones you share. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



SYDNEY LAINE SORLEY



ANGIE URIEGAS

A. Uriegas Is Student Of Week

Senior Angie Uriegas is this week's High School Student-of-the-Week.

She has attended Bovina Schools all of her 12 years. Her parents are Ruben and Tina Uriegas.

Her brother Alfred is in the 9th grade and sister Nora is in the 11th grade.

Her sister Grace graduated from BHS in 1992 and attends the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. Brother, Ruben, Jr., graduated from BHS in 1988, attended Texas Tech, then Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Fe. He is married and lives in Hereford.

Angie is in drama now, and is a National Honor Society member.

She hopes to attend college at the University of Dallas and major in pre-medical studies.

She was nominated for student-of-the-week by teacher Robin Bailey, who says, "she has been a great help in Annual, takes on extra responsibilities, and takes on an 'easy load' as a senior, like honors english, accounting, chemistry, and calculus".

Christmas Decorating Contest Set This Year

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Christmas Lights Decorating Contest again this year.

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Bovina City Hall was robbed of approximately \$100 sometime during the weekend. The robbery was discovered at 8 a.m. Monday morning when City Secretary Virgin Tritsch opened the office for the day's business.

Bovina's Mustangs placed two men on the All District 2-B team and two on the second team with five receiving honorable mention.

Giles Williams suffered a heart attack recently and is hospitalized in Hereford. His condition is reported to be fair.

30 AGO-NOV 24 1965

Rita Nuttall, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Nuttall suffered a broken arm in a fall from a horse Sunday in Merkel. The Nuttalls were attending a family reunion.

Mrs. Jewel Hazel Rigdon, a former grade school teacher here, died Monday morning at the Castro County Hospital in Dimmitt. She taught fourth grade in Bovina from 1952-1963.

25 YRS AGO-NOV 23 1970

Debra Sorley was elected FFA Sweetheart at a recent meeting of the Bovina chapter. Debra is a sophomore at Bovina High School and will represent the club at district banquets and meetings.

20 YRS AGO-NOV 26 1975

After an unusually mild fall season in this area of Texas, the first wintry blast of the season hit Bovina and Parmer County Tuesday night and Wednesday morning of last week.

The 1975 Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl football contest promises to end on the same exciting note as the past fifteen years since the event began in 1960. With not one but two grand prizes at stake in this year's contest, ten, and possibly more, of the top contestants head into the final week of the 1975 contest with an excellent chance of snaring either a trip to the Sun Bowl in el Paso or

the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

15 YRS AGO-NOV 19 1980

A record November snowstorm surprised the area with six to eight inches of snow falling in the local area.

Bruce Caldwell was this week's winner in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

One person was hurt seriously in a school bus-pickup collision south of Bovina last Thursday afternoon. Antonio Retana received a broken leg and collar bone.

A County Tax Appraisal Office will soon be in Bovina for Parmer County. It will be governed by a board of five directors. Open house will be November 23.

Funeral rites were held November 13 for Henry Minter, 60, at the First United Methodist Church.

10 YRS AGO-NOV 20 1985

The directors of the First State Bank of Bovina announce the promotion of Lori Richards to assistant vice-president and Myrna Royal to assistant cashier.

Marie Pesch has signed a basketball letter of intent with the University of Texas.

Denise Anderson won in the football contest this week, picking sixteen games correct.

Funeral services were held for Aubrey Rhodes, brother of Tom Rhodes.

Bovina's Don Cumpston has resigned as Abilene High School's head coach position to take over the position as the Abilene Independent School District athletic director.

5 YRS AGO-NOV 24 1990

Open house was held on Sunday, November 18, from 2-4 p.m. at the new Emergency Medical Service Center on Third Street. The building was once the American Legion Hall.

Operation Heart Shield, a support group for people with loved ones and friends in Saudi Arabia, will meet November 26 at 7 p.m. at the Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt

Basketball In Bovina Is Underway

Boys and girls basketball is off to a fast start in Bovina Schools.

As the schedule heats up, the Blade will try to keep you informed from week to week as the boys and girls teams, varsity and junior varsity, play a hectic schedule.

In the first week, the JV girls team lost twice, to Vega and Farwell, by scores of 35-24 and 35-21, respectively.

In the Bovina JV Tournament, the fillies were led by junior guard Maria Fragoza with 17 points, and freshman guard Evang Casas at 10 points, in the two games.

Tammy Stormes led the inside play with 11 points and two strong rebounding games.

After the first week, the varsity fillies were 1-1. They began their 95-96 season against Lazbuddie, and won 34-25.

Bonnie Quintana led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Lisa Hromas and Lori Beauchamp with eight points each.

The fillies managed to convert only one out of four free-throws.

The loss to Lubbock Roosevelt saw eight points scored by Lisa Hromas and six by Lori Beauchamp, but not enough to win, as first game high-scorer Bonnie Quintana sat out with injuries.

Shower Set For B. Dale & L. Paladi

A wedding shower honoring Belinda Dale and Linn Paladi will be held Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses are Erra Jamerson, Bobbie Pierson, Phyllis Steelman, Shirley Garrison, Rachel Beets, Carolyn Pruitt, Suezy Smith and Mary Evelyn Steelman.

Also, Judy Hodnett, Patricia Turner, Sandra Clayton, Shelley Rhodes, Janice Moore, Sherry Embry, Ona Patterson and Tonya Gober.

Selections for the couple are at Floral Expressions by Celia, J.C. Penney's in Clovis and at Lowe's Pay-N-Save.

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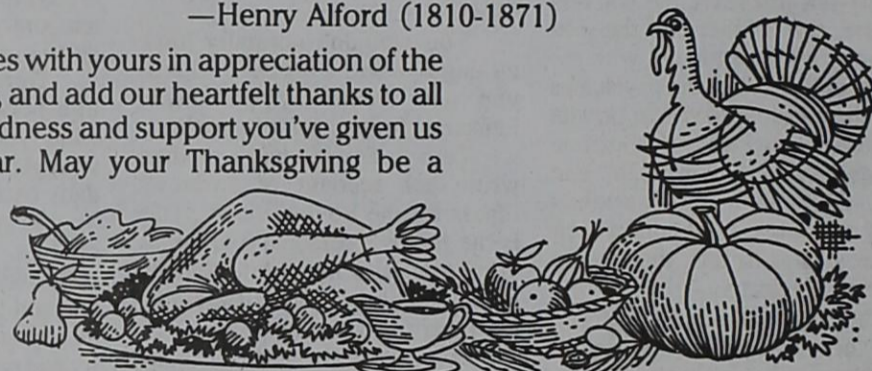
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—Henry Alford (1810-1871)

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115-Mike Read
114-J.T. Roach
112-Susan Kerby
111-Virginia Steele
110-Eufemia Torres
108-Denise Anderson
107-Cory Mehroff, Scott Sudderth

106-Kay Roach
104-Darla Mehroff, Ella Jo Stormes, Dee King
103-Gilda Garner, Jay Grisham
102-Cameron Charles, Richard Grisham, Tyson Kerby, Donnie McDonald, Stacy Roach, Francisco Torres

101-Jason Kerby
100-Becky Johnson, Travis Lockmiller, Dorothy Stowers
99-Frances Johnson, Roy Lee Stowers, Deborah Raymond
98-Del Ray Sudderth
97-Phillip Johnson, Josh Kerby, Joshua McDonald, Janie Sudderth

96-Jerry Roach, Linda Sudderth, Glenden Sudderth
94-Mona Contreras, Doug Johnson, Al Kerby, Jr., Mike

Raymond
93-Robert Tapia
92-Don Spring
91-E. Martinez
90-Jo Blackwell
89-Christen Stowers, Blake Sudderth
87-Rick Anderson
85-Johnny Martinez

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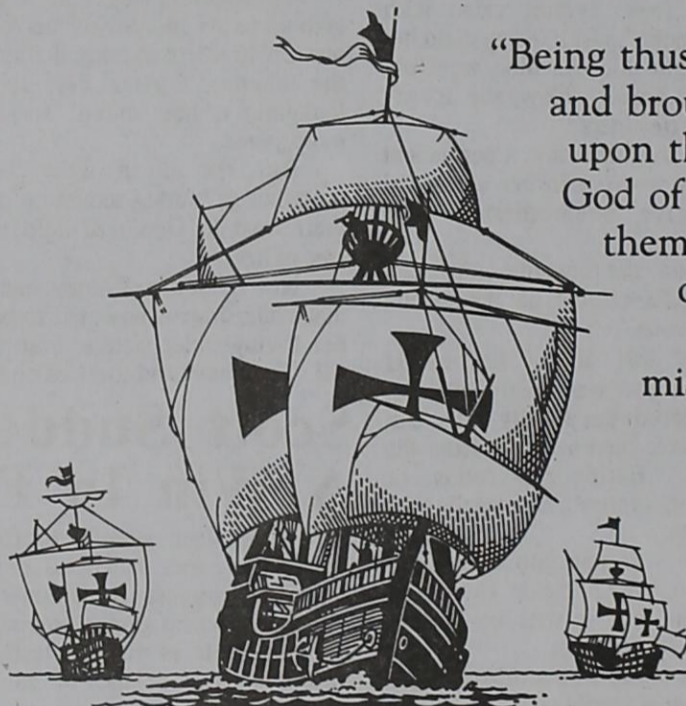
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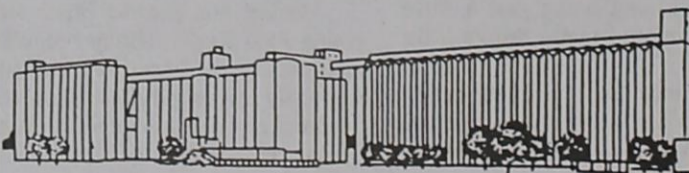
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—William Bradford (1590-1657), Governor of Plymouth Colony at the time of the first Thanksgiving

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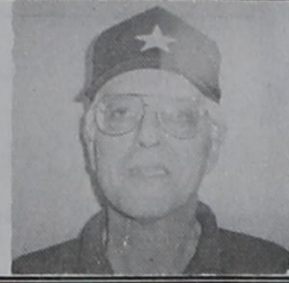
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Out Here

By RON CARR



If you have a couple of coins in your pocket to rub together, an old truck, and maybe a box full of Mason Jars, then you have your own "estate".

Estates are only important while you are alive. Just how important is open to discussion.

Back in June, I went out to Maesie Miller Flynn's house in Bovina to take a picture of a century plant that was in bloom. It was the first picture I ever took for a newspaper, and it appeared on the front page of the Bovina Blade, June 10, 1995 edition.

In the five months since, things have changed some. For one thing, Maesie Miller Flynn died a few months ago.

So on Saturday, November 11,

I went back out to Maesie Miller Flynn's house in Bovina, along with 300-400 other people, who were there to bid on, buy, and haul off, all her earthly possessions, her "estate", and have fun doing it.

Actually, I didn't go there to buy anything. I went there to see what she had, who wanted it, and what they were going to pay for it. After all, it was an "estate" sale, to dispense and forever disburse the worldly goods of one Maesie Miller Flynn.

The Walking F Chuck Wagon gang from Hereford had a full-blown cookout available. James Cruce and his auctioneer crew had their portable office set up.

And they had organized all of

Maesie's possessions out on the driveway, in the garage, and the backyard.

They put items together in what they called "lots" and sold it all jar by jar and pan by pan.

Some of the candy jars people bought still had candy in them, no doubt bought by Maesie for the times when someone might visit.

Since Maesie did not have children, there were not many heirs to deal with. Maesie's sister, Grace Parr, said the heirs took what they wanted of the estate, and since Maesie had collected so much in her long life, they elected to sell it all.

I admit that I did not know what things were worth. The crowd whispered when a red glass bowl went for \$102.

A bright blue pitcher, bowl, and glass set, with a grapevine motif, went for almost \$100. I thought it was tacky. No disrespect to Maesie but like all of us, she had collected some tacky stuff too.

Other buyers staked out particular items and waited until the auctioneer's got around to them. One lady guarded a marble top table all day, and with great determination, bought it for \$620.

The auction began promptly at 9:37 a.m. At 1 p.m., they paused auctioning the small stuff long enough to sell Maesie's house. That took maybe thirty minutes, then it was back to the jelly jars and bed quilts.

It was cold that Saturday even with the sun shining. Cold weather makes runny noses, but you dared not wipe your nose with the auctioneer watching.

I learned several things. People will buy anything. Whatever you have, someone will pay at least a dollar for it.

An estate auction is the best way to dispose of your stuff. If you have an estate sale, which is like a garage sale except with a fancy name, people buy what they want and leave the rest. Which means you have stuff left, that no one wanted, to haul off or otherwise

get rid of.

Not so at an auction. Auctioneers get paid for selling it all. At the end of the day, Maesie's life collection was hauled away in pickups, horse trailers, and car trunks.

Now, her stuff is somebody else's stuff and that's the way it goes. People bought stuff they didn't really need. Others bought stuff for their lake houses and motor homes. Some seemed to buy things just because someone else was bidding on it and they didn't want to be outbid.

It seemed to me that some of the women who bought Maesie's pots, pans, and skillets, already had plenty of cooking utensils. But what do I know?

Somehow it bothered me to see someone's personal possessions all spread out on flatbed trailers in the driveway, while people rummage through them and make comments like, "Wonder why she kept this silly thing".

Well, in the end, it doesn't matter why we keep it. We have our own reasons. And it is nobody's business until you die.

Our Sunday School class has been studying the book of Ecclesiastes. I've read the entire book. It is about the meaning of life, eternity, and a well-to-do man who tries to figure out whether stuff is really important in the end.

I think I will go read it again.

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Services Friday For Dean Hall

Funeral services were to be held for Dean Hall, 67, of Ruidoso, New Mexico at 2 p.m. Friday, November 24, 1995 at the Friona First Baptist Church. Rev. Joe Hub Collier will conduct the services.

Burial will be in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Hall died November 21 in Ruidoso. He was born October 12, 1928 in Omega, Oklahoma and married Ella Mae Woody on November 29, 1952 in Friona. She died on November 25, 1983.

Hall was a retired agent for the Border patrol.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona, the Elk Lodge in Lubbock, had served in the U.S. Army from 1947-1952 and had resided in Ruidoso the past five years, moving there from Friona.

Survivors include his son, Jerry Hall of Carlsbad, New Mexico; one daughter, Debbie Daughtry of Spur, Texas; one

sister, Edna Rhodes of Canyon, Texas; and two grandchildren, Toby and Andy Daughtry of Spur.

The family suggests memorials to CARC Farms Washington Ranch, Drawer 1808, Carlsbad, New Mexico, 88221.

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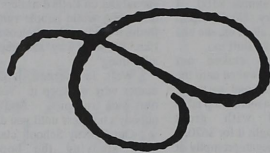
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Veterans' Benefits And The Budget Standoff

Sometimes the fights you think will be the hardest turn out to be easy, and the ones you think will be a breeze end up being a real struggle. Last week, a simple decision that in my books should have been a foregone conclusion turned out to be a nightmare for our nation's veterans.

It never occurred to me that President Clinton's administration

Rites Held Nov. 14 For J. Copeland

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie Copeland, 81, of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at First Assembly of God Church. Rev. Marvin R. Russell, from Haltom City, Texas, officiated.

Burial was at Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mrs. Copeland died Nov. 11, 1995, at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center. She was born Jan. 29, 1914 in Audrey, Texas. She married Willie Copeland on Oct. 4, 1930, in Achley, Oklahoma. Mr. Copeland died in Oct., 1982.

Mrs. Copeland had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1962, moving here from Ft. Worth. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include: three sons, Bill Copeland of Springtown, Texas, Carl Copeland of Amarillo and Donald Copeland of Decatur, Texas; two daughters, Emma Armstrong of Muleshoe and Stella Creek of Los Lunas, New Mexico; two brothers, Marvin Pair of Hawkins, Texas and Calvin "Buddy" Pair of Denton, Texas; and two sisters, Mary Johnson of Pilot Point, Texas and Corena Hyde of Hawkins, Texas.

Mrs. Copeland had 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

would not deem veterans' pensions essential. Hundreds of thousands of veterans, as well as their widows and children, are being told they will not receive their veterans' benefits checks on time because of the government shutdown that is under way as this is being written.

Veterans' benefits have the same entitlement status as other earned benefits upon which people depend to live. Our law is clear that these benefits are an entitlement. The president has every right to designate veterans' benefits as essential; other administrations have done so under similar circumstances. But President Clinton has chosen not to deem them essential.

Our veterans were there when we needed them. Now many live on and depend upon these pensions, including many who are disabled.

On November 15, Senator Alan Simpson and I introduced a bill to make it absolutely sure that funds are available for this purpose. It will appropriate such sums as are required to pay veterans' benefits (pensions, liability, death) during the time we don't have an appropriation or continuing budget resolution to which the legislative and executive branches can both agree.

The Veterans Administration has insisted it must have an appropriation to continue these payments. I don't think this is the case. These benefits are a permanent, authorized, mandatory program. Ed Derwinski, former head of the Veterans Administration under the Bush administration, concurs in that assessment.

And, indeed, the original legislation authorizing expenditures on veterans' benefits makes no mention of appropriations--it says simply that the payments shall be made. But given that the administration is insisting on an appropriation, my bill would provide one, ensuring there is no excuse for not paying our veterans what they have coming.

Once this bill is enacted, there will no longer be even the flimsiest excuse for delaying the payment of veterans' benefits. We are going to try to make sure that no one can play games with the veterans of this country. My message to veterans is this: America's commitment to you will be kept.



SPS Files Regulatory Approvals In Merger

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Helton added, "Forming a larger, broader-based utility is crucial to meet demands for continued low costs and low rates, and will allow these companies to respond more quickly and effectively to the increasingly competitive and deregulated electric utility market. We are confident the merger will result for all our customers in rates that are lower than they otherwise would be."

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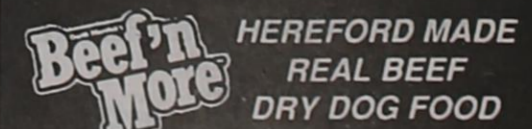
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NEWS AROUND TOWN...

O.B. Johnston, a former Bovina resident, visited recently in the home of Les and Rose McCain. O.B.'s friend, Charlie Grimshaw of Tucumcari, New Mexico, was with him. O.B. and his wife, Geneva, live by Conchas Lake.

The men visited in Bovina Sunday afternoon a week ago.

Julie Grisham, daughter of Brother Richard and Velma Grisham, is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday of this week. Brother Richard said she will probably have a thyroid gland removed and go home the next day.

By the time the paper is on the stand, the surgery will be over and we hope all went well. She entered High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday morning.

Donalita Hawkins underwent a hip replacement at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. The surgery went well and friends said she was up a little walking on Sunday. She had the surgery Friday and is in room 219.

Funeral services were held in Muleshoe last week for Johnnie Copeland. She had lived in Muleshoe since 1962 and moved to Bovina a few years ago. She was survived by two daughters and three sons.

Johnnie suffered a broken hip and spent time in a Lubbock hospital, then was in a rest home in Farwell for a time, then in the

Muleshoe rest home for awhile before going back into the hospital.

Leslie and Rose McCain visited relatives in recent weeks. They drove to Levelland and visited with Rose's sister and her husband, Ruth and James Sheek in Pettit. They also visited with Leslie's sister and brother-in-law, Claudie and Eldon Hill of Littlefield.

Fidel Baca underwent surgery at High Plains Hospital in Clovis, New Mexico. He spent a few days and has been released. He is now spending time in Friona with his son and daughter-in-law, John and Matilda Baca.

Thelma Barron and Dick Free's brother's wife passed away and they drove to Colorado for the funeral services. Their brother came back to Bovina and will spend some time here. He and his wife didn't have children.

Jim Russell went to Abilene last Friday and spent a few days hunting deer and turkey with Larry Scott. They didn't get a deer but got some turkeys and had a good visit and a lot of fun.

THINK ABOUT IT: Have you noticed that middle age is about ten years older than you?

Thank you for helping with the news and Scoops and have a happy, safe Thanksgiving.

Former Residents In Plano

The following article appeared in the Plano, Texas, newspaper about two former Bovina residents.

Roger and Judy Ezell left Bovina about twenty years ago after teaching and working in our school system for ten years, according to their parents.

Roger was head coach at one time and Judy taught in high school. Their parents are Sonny and Dot Roach and Gene and Ginny Ezell, both of Bovina.

The article was entitled, "When East Meets West".

Unlike most working couples, Roger and Judy Ezell make it a point not to "talk shop" when they are at home.

It's not due to lack of interest. And it is not really because it might get them into trouble, seeing as how they hold similar positions at rival schools located on opposite sides of the city.

It's simply that, with the demands of their respective jobs, their personal time together is usually too precious to spend talking about work.

And while some Plano residents thrive on the traditional East-West rivalry between Plano East and Plano West senior high schools, the Ezells take it seriously only one night a year--during the highly anticipated football game between the two.

Judy Ezell, assistant principal at PSHS, called this annual rivalry with her husband, an associate principal of student activities at PESH, "healthy".

"The only time for us that it's really a rivalry is when we play each other," she confessed. "The rest of the time, I want them to win and he wants us to win. It's not that big of a deal".

Roger agreed with his wife and added that because both are kept busy many nights with various school activities, they treasure their time together.

Both Ezells have now passed the 30-year milestone in education. High school sweethearts, they married in July 1965 after graduating from Texas Tech, each with a bachelor's degree in education.

Following graduation, the couple returned to Bovina for ten years where Roger served variously as football coach, head coach, and athletic director. Judy taught social studies at the high school level.

Both eventually earned master's degrees in education.

Roger, who oversees all student activities, said the long hours required of someone in his position pay off because "working with kids is the best thing about school. It would be an impossible job if you didn't like kids, and I do. I wouldn't know what to do with myself if not for the world of education," Roger said.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of November 27-30

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ALL A's & B's

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7th Grade-Chris Antillon, Marlena Gomez, Yancy Graves, Michelle Guzman, Lindsey Pruitt, Adam Ramirez, Carlos Rivera, Patricia Robles, Marissa Rodriguez, Jaun Saucedo, Fabian Viernes, Christian Zatarain

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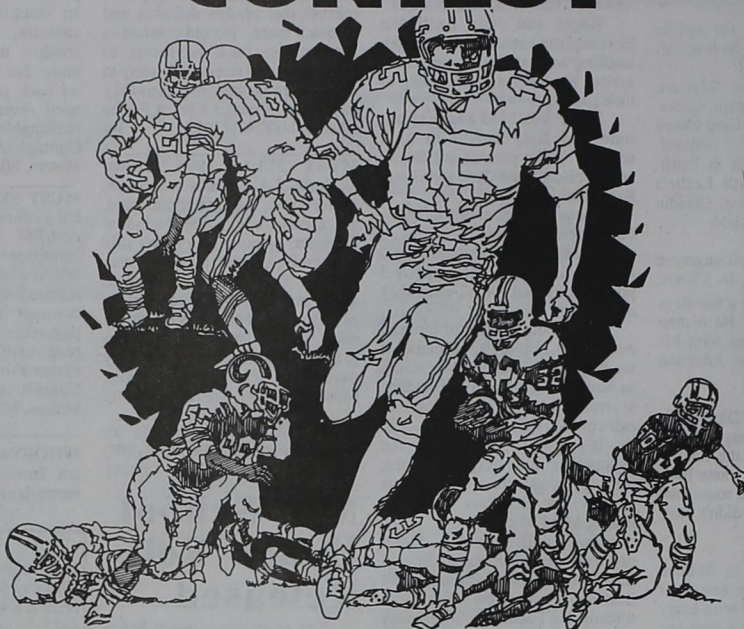
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