

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-June 29, 1957

Idle for the past several months, Bovina's planning board, appointed a year ago by the city commission, swung back into action last week. Highlight of the group's business was to recommend to the city commission that a Federal Housing Administration suggested re-plot of the Gardner (Pesch) Addition in Bovina be approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell received a \$25 premium for bringing the first load of 1957 wheat to Sherley Grain Co. It was also the first load to come to Bovina.

Bovina school teachers, along with others in the state, will receive a pay raise of \$399 next year. Announcement of the raise was made locally by Warren Morton, superintendent. Explanation of the raise was recently received by Morton from Governor Price Daniel.

Some \$625 worth of damage was done to the front of ABC Drug building about 9:30 Wednesday night when a 1957 Dodge automobile driven by Donald Jones crashed into it.

40 Yrs Ago-June 27, 1962

Wendell Garner, who farms north and east of Bovina, is recovering in Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona from severe burns he suffered in a wheat stubble fire on his farm late Saturday.

A community picnic and a Bovina Lions Club boys baseball league game will highlight July 4 activities in Bovina.

Sam Sudderth is the winner of Bovina Gun Club's May-June trophy shoot. Sudderth edged out C.L. Lillard of Friona and Art Mast in the two-month average.

Effective July 1, Miss Celia Patton from Seminole, who is a June Home Economics graduate from University of Texas, will begin training for Home Demonstration work with Miss Ettie Musil in Parmer County.

35 Yrs Ago-June 28, 1967

The valuation of good irrigated farmland in Bovina Independent School District, has been raised. The action was taken by the school district equalization board at a meeting last week.

Bovina's City Council is scheduled to consider a request for a price increase from Pioneer Natural Gas Co., at its regular monthly meeting next week, Mayor Bedford Caldwell announced.

A public hearing on Bovina's proposed paving project is scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. Site of the meeting has been

changed from the City Hall to the Community Room of the First State Bank.

Bids from contractors on Bovina's proposed new elementary classroom building are slated to be opened tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Carl Rea was installed as president of Bovina Lions Club Thursday night in a regular meeting in City Drug.

30 Yrs Ago-June 28, 1972

Louis Stone of Bovina lost a leg in a farm machinery accident early Wednesday morning of last week. Stone, who is employed by Oakley Stevenson, was preparing to run a rod weeder at Stevenson's farm east of town. When he kicked at the machinery to knock some dirt loose, the spinning rod caught his pants, drawing his leg into the weeder.

Residents of Oklahoma Lane Community will observe the traditional Fourth of July celebration Tuesday afternoon at the O.L. Community Center.

Mrs. Cap Naegle has been named chairman of the 1972 Bull Town Days Queen Contest, according to an announcement this week from Tom Bonds, general chairman of the celebration.

25 Yrs Ago-June 29, 1977

The Bovina Blade received two awards during the 98th Annual Summer Convention of the Texas Summer Convention of the Texas Press Association held in the Flagship Hotel in Galveston June 23-25.

Clinic Set July 22, 23 In Friona

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on July 22 and 23.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

"Texas...Cradle of Giants," South Plains College's salute to country music in the Lone Star State, comes to Bovina on Tuesday, July 5.

20 Yrs Ago-June 30, 1982

Mustang cheerleaders for 1982-83 school year are Stacey Whitecotton, Kim McClaran, Sonya Mayfield, Tami Nabors, Holli Clayton and Casey Riddle, head cheerleader.

R. Joel Ware, formerly of Fort Sumner, New Mexico is the new pastor of the United Methodist Church at Oklahoma Lane. He is the first cousin of Tom Ware of Bovina.

15 Yrs Ago-July 1, 1987

Buck Autrey, an employee at Allsup's Convenience Store in Bovina, was working Tuesday morning at 1 a.m. when two men robbed the store.

The First United Methodist Church held a covered dish supper on June 14, followed by a "pounding" for their new pastor and his family, Rev. Jeff Taylor and his wife Karen and their sons, Adam and Sean.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department and the Lions' Club are sponsoring an evening of fun to celebrate the Fourth of July this weekend.

10 Yrs Ago-June 27, 1992

Scott Johnson got burned on one side of his body with anhydrous ammonia last Wednesday. He had first and second degree burns and stayed in the Friona hospital for one night. He is getting out and doing some work now and is on the road to recovery.

5 Yrs Ago-June 28, 1997

Lance McClaran was involved in an automobile accident Sunday evening. He dropped his phone and ran off the highway just west of Bovina totaling his pickup. He suffered a severely gashed arm and cuts on his leg.

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Texas Receives \$4.6 Million From USDA

The announcement that the State of Texas will receive nearly \$4.6 million dollars from the United States Department of Agriculture as part of an effort to beef up state defenses against foreign animal and plant diseases is welcome news to Texas farmers and ranchers, said Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"The threat of a foreign disease like foot and mouth is all too real for Texas livestock producers," Patman said. "Such a disease could devastate the industry. These funds will be used as a front-line defense against foot and mouth disease and other animal and plant diseases that could wreak havoc on Texas agriculture."

The \$4.6 million allocated to Texas -- part of \$43.4 million in nationwide state grants to strengthen homeland security preparedness -- was announced today in San Antonio by U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla, chairman of the subcommittee that funds USDA and USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture Bill Hawks.

"We applaud Congressman Bonilla's efforts in taking these actions to ensure a safe food supply for the American consumer and maintaining a strong agriculture industry," Patman

said. Hawks said \$1.8 million will go to the Lone Star State for an emergency preparedness; \$458 million will go to animal disease surveillance; \$300,000 will go for plant disease detection; and \$2 million go for rapid detection and diagnostic work.

Historically, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has been responsible for diagnosis of foreign animal disease in this country. Currently, only one lab in

New York can confirm a disease such as foot and mouth. Patman said USDA, acting in partnership with key agricultural states like Texas, would speed up response time during a foreign disease outbreak, where timely action is critical.

"Using Texas as a regional center that can diagnose a disease such as foot and mouth is just common sense," Patman said. "Through USDA's assistance, Texas can bring our diagnostic labs up to speed. Training will be conducted and equipment will be in place to keep response time to a minimum."

The funds are part of the supplemental defense appropriation bill signed by President George W. Bush earlier this year.

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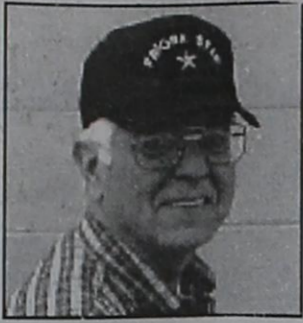
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by Ron Carr

CALL NOW!

I did it. Two mornings this week I did not turn on my TV.

Usually I get up early. My alarm radio is tuned to KNNK in Hereford, Buddy Peeler's Christian radio station. Listening to Buddy first thing in the morning is guaranteed to make anybody get up. (Just kidding Buddy).

I have no reason to get up early. Our hours here at the paper are 9 to 5. I don't farm or have any cattle to check on.

My routine is to start the coffee pot and turn on the TV to Fox News Channel or CSPAN to see what part of the world is being bombed or going up in flames today.

I'm a news channel, political junkie, from CSPAN in the morning through Bill O'Reilly, Hannity & Colmes to Greta van Susteren on Fox at night.

I don't watch those morning couch people shows on ABC, CBS or NBC. Two people sitting on a couch behind a bowl of fruit and a vase of flowers talking about who is the father of Elizabeth Hurley's baby just doesn't interest me anymore. Especially since I am pretty sure it's not mine.

To me, the news and the reporters that deliver it, are more entertaining than any sitcom on TV today except Seinfeld reruns.

But the repetition drives me nuts. The same story being reported in the morning, is being re-reported that night. And if the story is big enough, like the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping in Utah, it goes on for weeks or months until something bumps it into oblivion.

Speaking of the tragedy of this little girl, just one time I would like to see a grieving father look in the camera and say something like this:

"This is a message to whoever took my child. You

better hope the police find you before I do you rotten S.O.B. because if I find you first I am gonna kick your miserable a---! There won't be enough of you left to go to trial."

Instead, the news channels drag the relatives out in the street and ask how they are feeling. What are they supposed to say? "We haven't given up hope" or "We have faith that our little one will come back to us."

And sometimes, every once in a while, the grieving parents are trying so hard to grieve for the cameras that it all becomes fake. Most of us can't cry on demand.

Of course that is what we want them to do. Grieve before a few million people so we can be entertained by the whole sad spectacle.

So for two mornings in a row I boycotted television in the morning. Did not turn it on. It wasn't easy.

By the third morning, airplanes were still dropping water on forest fires, Yasir Arafat had gotten even uglier, Martha Stewart was in trouble for insider trading, and another woman had been charged with starting a forest fire!! What's that all about?

After two days of no TV in the morning, we still had not found Osama, the war on terrorism is no closer to victory, and more corporate executives were ripping off the common man and laughing about it from their yachts.

Watching national TV news channels is like the daily soap operas. You can miss a few weeks, but when you tune back in you haven't missed a thing.

While we are on the subject of TV, does anyone you know ever order those products or song collections they yell about.

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To pay by check, send your payment to the address shown on the screen. Of course you can't find the address on the screen because of all the clutter. And as soon as you spot it, they switch to something else.

Can't leave without a comment about Channel 7 in Amarillo. I apologize to you loyal readers out of our viewing area. You won't appreciate this part if you are not tuned in to Amarillo TV news.

The main thing you notice about the news from Amarillo is that most days there isn't any news. An occasional robbery or shooting, a DPS trooper making another drug arrest on I-40, or some cute dogs that need adopting before they have to be killed.

One wonders out loud why there are three TV stations in Amarillo and why they think there is enough news to fill up newscasts at 5-6 & 10 p.m.

Steve Kersh is the top weather guy (meteorologist is the proper term) in Amarillo. He's on Channel 7. Steve is right on the weather most of the time and even when he isn't nobody seems to care because he is such a nice guy.

But then there is Steve Meyers. He is an anchor person. Red hair, freckled face, and a mischievous grin to go with it.

Each evening we endure

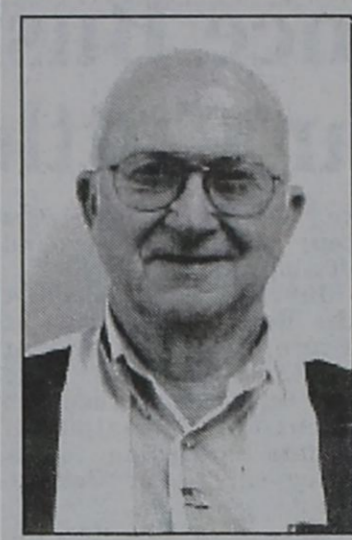
a few minutes of something called "Meyers' Medical Breakthrough." It is an opportunity to look up someone's nose, inside their chest cavity or (God forbid) some other body orifice.

Visualizing Steve Meyers discovering a medical breakthrough is hysterical.

Channel 7 buys the Medical Breakthrough series from a syndicate and little Stevie just does the voice-over to localize it. Cute, but if I had wanted to see all the blood and stuff, I would have gone to medical school.

I may just leave my TV off except for about an hour a week. I don't want to miss it when Dubya lassoes Osama.

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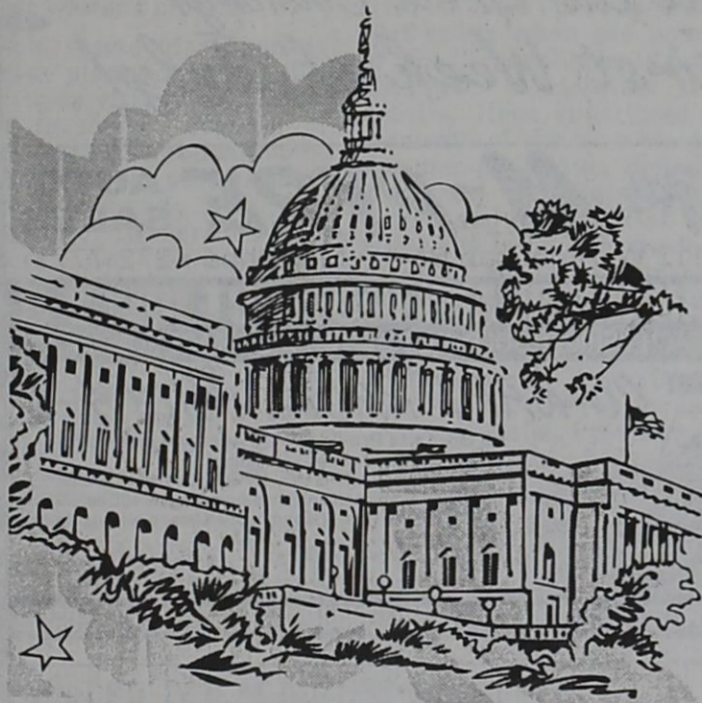
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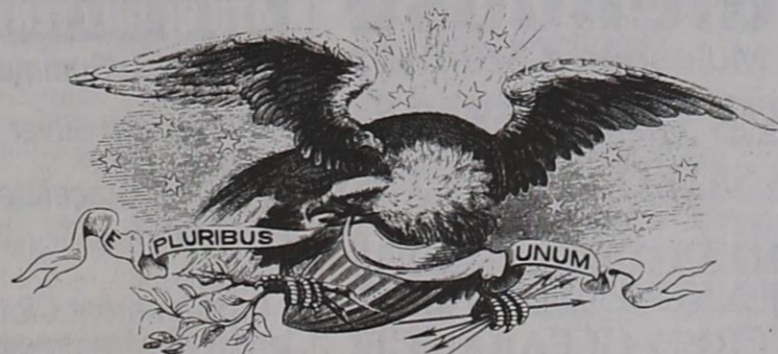
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Bovina Once Bustled With Activity As Popular Cattle Shipping Point

(Editor's note: The following article was taken from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Sunday, September 25, 1994 issue.)

By BRIAN COFER BOVINA--Things are fairly peaceful in Bovina these days.

The enormous Caprock feed yard sprawls nearby to remind folks of the Parmer County community's name-

sake. Otherwise, little stirs except passing trains and traffic on U.S. 60.

But the relative quiet belies Bovina's wild past at the turn of the century. At that time, the cow town would turn from dormant to booming in a matter of moments, according to "A History of Parmer County, Texas."

"The town lay, for the most part, silent and inactive

until a drove was sighted coming for shipment to market," the book states. "Then everything came alive. Cowboys rode here and there, cattle bawled and rushed for the tanks of water, the old stock pens...were pushed to capacity to hold the huge droves, sometimes from many different ranches."

From 1898 to about 1905, thousands of head of cattle were shipped out at one time for market to Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago. The sheer number earned Bovina the title of world's largest inland cattle shipping point.

"That's a claim I've heard in several places," said David Murrah, director of Texas Tech University's Southwest Collection. "But I dare say there might have been some truth to Bovina."

It began in 1898 when the legendary XIT Ranch needed a place to ship out its cattle. The three million acre ranch, stretching from the top of the Panhandle to near Levelland, contained as many as 150,000 head of cattle.

Corrals appeared along the recently built Pecos and North Texas track with a town soon to follow. Originally named Bull Town because railroad crews often had to shoo napping cattle off the tracks, the town's name was changed to a more dignified Bovina when the post office was established in 1899.

Bovina took off as other ranches began to use the facilities.

"They drove cattle from as far as Sweetwater to Bovina and put them on the train," said Hugh Moseley, head of the Parmer County Historical Society.

Night and day, cattle were shipped out from a massive complex of loading pens and chutes. An entire section of land was set aside as a holding pasture, and a section house stood nearby to serve the needs of cowpunchers and railroaders. It must have been a

sight. "A History of Parmer County" cites the recollections of Frank Hastings, a Bovina pioneer, who seemed impressed with the town.

"Hastings refused to say Bovina was the largest shipping point in the world, pointing out that he couldn't be sure such a claim is correct since he didn't tour all the world and look for a larger one. But it was huge."

Bovina's cattle days reportedly peaked with 10,000 head being shipped at one time.

Contrary to images of bawdy trail drive towns, Hastings is quoted saying Bovina never had a saloon and citizens were forbidden from wearing pistols. Moseley, however, speculated that it probably was as wild as any other cow town.

"It was probably like Dodge City, just on a smaller scale."

For years, Bovina had neither churches nor lawmen. The Farwell brothers, two Chicagoans who owned the XIT, reportedly came visiting once and were shocked to find no organized religion. To rectify the situation, a collection was taken up among the cowboys to establish a church. But the plans were short-lived when the donations were gambled away.

In the end, Bovina was tamed by the plow. Aspiring farmers poured in through the 1920s as the XIT sold its empire in 50,000-acre chunks. Towns such as Muleshoe and Littlefield grew from the liquidation.

Bovina shows few reminders of its past. The corrals that once held thousands of cattle now are marked only by a few posts and weathered boards.

The big ranching days are recent enough that many Parmer County residents, including Moseley, remember them.

"It was exciting seeing four or five cowboys on the horizon coming with about 400 or 500 cows," he said.



THE TOWN OF BOVINA SPRANG up in 1898 when the XIT Ranch established a railroad cattle shipping point.

(Photo provided by Southwest Collection, Parmer County Collection)



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor, On June 12, 2002, around 5:00 P.M., a tornado struck our place near Lazbuddie. We managed to get into the basement just in time. When we came out of the basement, we found a mess. We watched the tornado spinning around in the field across the road and tossing bits of our barns around like match sticks. (I know what my eyes saw, and it was neither a downburst, nor a "gustnado") It was an awesome sight. But not as awesome as what we saw next.

Within minutes, our neighbors began driving into our driveway. They looked around and saw things to be done, and began doing them. Before the rain had stopped, all of our broken windows had been boarded up with plywood from their barns. They just kept going and before sundown, most of the piles of junk left by the tornado had been taken apart, and repiled in a more orderly fashion. The yard and driveway had been cleared of limbs and debris. The next morning, these same people and more were back. I have no idea how many people were here. They worked all day in the house and outside picking up, sorting, cleaning and throwing away. At noon, more came bringing food and more drinks for all the workers. By night, virtually all the big clean up was done, and we were able to stay in our house.

Now, this does not really surprise me. I have seen this happen before, but I have never been on the receiving end. It touches your heart, and restores your faith in humanity.

None of our family was hurt, and for that we are truly grateful. But we are just as grateful to live in a community that comes together in such force to help each other in times of need. There are no words to express how we feel about each of these people and this community. We are proud to be one of you.

Donnie, April, Jodie, & Trevor Coker

Sales Tax Received By County

State Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander has sent June sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties.

Local sales taxes collected in April and reported to the Comptroller in May made up the June payment.

Parmer County received \$23,493 for the month, a slight 2% increase over the same month last year.

However, receipts for the year 2002 are down a total of 12% over the same period in 2001. The June payment breakdown is Bovina, \$1,588; Farwell, \$4,080; and Friona, \$17,824.

Around Town

Community choir Jul 4

Don't forget. Come hear the Friona Community Choir present the musical, "I Love America" by John Peterson and Don Wyrzten at 2 p.m. July 4 at the Friona High School auditorium. Donations benefit Friona's Pioneer Heritage Museum.

Library closing

The Friona Public Library will close Jul 1-5 for network maintenance, in-house workday and the July 4 holiday.

DQ car wash fundraiser Jul 6

A car wash will be held Saturday, Jul 6, in the Friona Dairy Queen parking lot from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Donations will be accepted. The Friona volunteer fire department will be present with a fire truck and volunteers to help with the car wash. The event is being organized by the new DQ owners, Roundtable Corporation, at Dairy Queens across the Panhandle.

St. Teresa's bible school Jul 15-19

Kids in Pre-K to 6th grade are invited to the Godzwerkus Circus Bible School at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. The school hours will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be bible stories, learning activities, music, crafts, games, snacks and more. Enroll your child today. Call the church rectory, 250-2871 or Mercedes Williams, 250-2406.

UMC women selling frozen berries

The United Methodist Women are selling Oregon frozen berries again this year. To order, or for information, call Deke Kendrick 250-3134 or Betty Reeve 265-3415. Deadline for ordering is Jul 8.

Softball tournament in Muleshoe

A Friend's of the Library men's softball tournament will be held in Muleshoe July 12, 13, 14. Cut off date is Jul 10. Class D & E. 12 teams limit. Entry fee \$120. Team roster of 13. Contact Nathan Hill 272-6891; Richard Orozco 272-3576; or the library 272-4707.

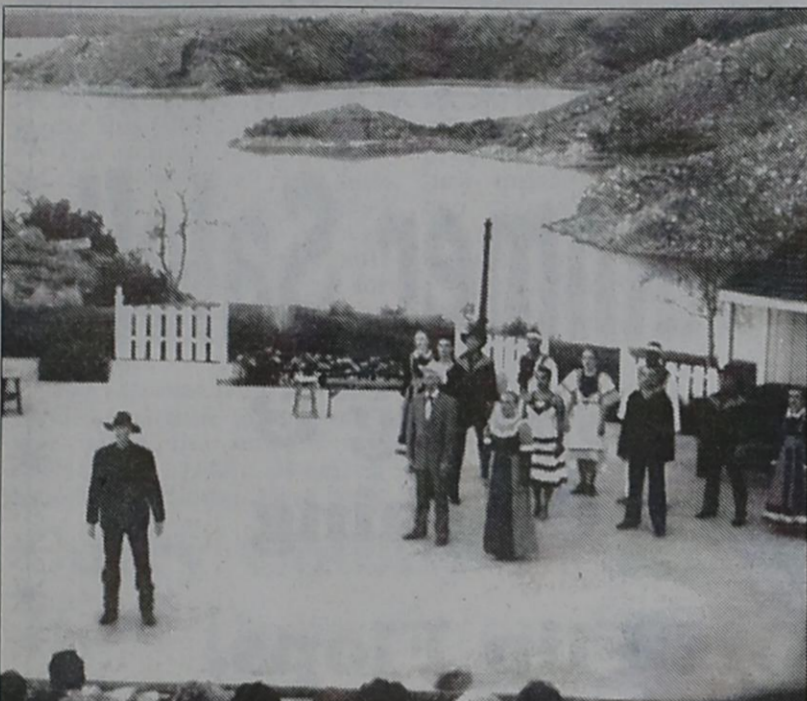
Large advertisement for 'United We Stand!' featuring various businesses like Williams Athletics, Antiques & Fine Things, M-Pyre Auto Sales, Christmas in July, The Connection Warehouse, and Sheree's Attic. Includes dates for July 3-6, 2002.



LONE STAR DANCERS....Colorful costumes and many different styles of folk dancing added to the evening's entertainment at the outdoor musical presentation of "Lone Star Rising" at Lake Meredith Amphitheater this summer.



CHOW LINE....Similar to the "TEXAS" production, those who attend the "Lone Star Rising" show have the opportunity to enjoy some real Texas barbecue, catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo. This is the way the line looked last August when a group from Friona attended the new Panhandle attraction.



LAKE MEREDITH provides the setting for the "Lone Star Rising" production.

Lone Star Rising Is Texas Culture Center

The sunset paints the hills and foliage around the Lake Meredith amphitheater in tones of bronze, gold and red. The water sparkles in the evening light, reflecting the cliffs and the clouds overhead. Indian drums are heard in the distance and an eagle dancer appears in the eerie light. In a blaze of color, Indians, cowboys and Mexicans take the stage and the majestic song, "Texans All" signals the beginning of another performance of Lone Star Rising, America's newest outdoor western musical.

This spectacular opening will take place fifty times this summer as visitors and locals settle in for an evening of joyous western entertainment at the unique performance center carved in the lakeshore. Described by writers as well done, uplifting, standing ovations every night, high quality and totally professional, Lone Star Rising is a tribute to the stalwart pioneers who risked everything they had, including their lives, to secure the blessings of freedom and the right to peacefully pursue happiness for their posterity.

As the show opens, spectators see performers representing the major cultures of frontier-times intertwining in choreographic patterns as their voices sing praises for the vast land and for the miracle that is the American experience. For the next two hours, the cast of singers, dancers and actors utilize drama, dance, song, comedy and spectacle to tell the magical, heartwarming and often comical story of early Texas days. The latest sound equipment brings nature to life, from the chirping of crickets to the singing of birds and the music reflects the history and heritage of frontier times, with some original songs added to enrich and highlight the action.

Last summer's audience was enthusiastic about Lone Star Rising - Church groups found it inspiring, senior citizen organizations called it "perfect" entertainment and several business executives utilized it for a company gathering. One teenager celebrated her birthday by having her party at the show and several communities had field trips and came by busloads. Lone Star Rising seems to be a fitting addition to whatever the occasion, be it a reunion, wedding anniversary or a date with someone special.

The success of Lone Star Rising began when Neil Hess, Texas Cultural Trust award winning Director, was in need of a new theatrical vehicle to keep an army of young, talented singers, dancers and actors performing through the summer. Hess had been affiliated with the well-known musical, "Texas", and had brought it to prominence in the outdoor drama business as a Director. A new vision came into play and the Lake Meredith project became the focus for the Director along with a new generation of performers when the policies of the "Texas" organization changed. A genius with details, Hess supervises all elements of the new western summer production including costumes, choreography, set design and acting. Hess even wrote the lyrics and music for many of the songs for Lone Star Rising. Talent for last year's show came from several states, including New Mexico, Oklahoma, Alabama, California and Wyoming.

Chris Laue, Producer and Production Stage Manager for Lone Star Rising is from California where he has worked with Disneyland, Dick Clark and the Jack Morton Companies. Mr. Lowe was one of the directors of the Special Olympics held in Salt Lake City in the winter of 2002.

Robert Hansen from the Voice Department at West Texas A&M University, is Music Director for Lone Star Rising. Dr. Hansen was formerly Music Director of "Texas" and has directed musicals for the University. He has performed leading roles for Amarillo opera and Amarillo Little Theater. Lake Meredith is one of the largest lakes in Texas. It offers fishing, swimming, sailing, picnicking, hiking and houseboat rental. Visitors to the amphitheater can find accommodations in Amarillo, Borger, Dumas, Fritch or Pampa.

Tickets for Lone Star Rising are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for children. A chuck wagon supper is served before the show by Sutphens of Borger. Prices for the meal are \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and \$4.50 for children.

Lone Star Rising runs from June 12th through August 18th, Wednesday through Sunday. Starting time is 8:15 PM. The Box office opens at the lake at 6:00 PM. Call Center for Texas Culture for information at (806) 274-9050.



Musical Is "Splendid, Ingenious"

My favorite music is classical. My favorite composer is Mozart. And I sometimes cringe when they bring in performers like Loretta Lynn to sing at a Boston Pops Christmas concert.

But I must tell you that my 6 year-old granddaughter and I thoroughly enjoyed the Aug. 2 performance of "Lone Star Rising" at the Lake Meredith Amphitheater.

It is wonderful that the Center for Texas Culture

made this musical review available to us this year.

The show has splendid costumes, intense energy in its choreography, beautiful singing and an ingenious way of honoring the Indian, Mexican and European cultural mix of Texas.

Lone Star Ballet again brings professional dance to many who would probably never buy tickets to "Swan Lake."

It would be interesting to see some famous athletes

attempt the demanding folk and tap-dancing segments that the audience enjoyed so immensely.

I was very pleased to see a big church bus from Dumas in the parking area. It makes good sense to take advantage of performances in your own back yard.

I only wish the printed program could have provided pictures and biographical information of the cast. Perhaps next year? GENE BITNER - AMARILLO

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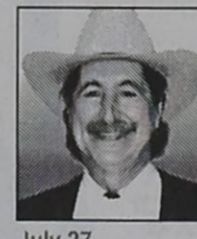
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Historic Hotel Still A Handsome Landmark

Note: Revised from Work Products Administration Paper No 66-66-3-299

The Syndicate Hotel was the most pretentious building for many miles around and must have looked very much out of place in the middle of flat farm and ranch country in its heyday. It reflects the past glories of a time when money was more plentiful and when people were eager to begin a new life in a new land. Although today it is in use as an apartment building, it is still handsome in addition to being an historic landmark.

The hotel belonged to the Capital Syndicate Reservation Land Trust Company, was erected in 1925, and opened for business in 1926. It was located on Texas State Highway 28 (now State Highway 86) 14 miles east of Bovina, 12 miles southeast of Friona, 22 miles west of Dimmitt and 27 miles northeast of Farwell. The XIT Land Company (Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, Limited) built this hotel to accommodate land buyers who were brought into this country when the ranches were being sold to farmers.

The Hotel was an attractive nine room, two-story stucco structure and was erected at a cost of \$18,000 (\$182, 162.57 in today's money). When the hotel first opened it was operated by a Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkerson, who had moved here from Oklahoma (and later assisted by Mrs. Wilkerson's sister, Mrs. E. G. Adams), who were also assisted by several other helpers. It had been reported that, on one occasion in 1928, there were 137 guests staying at the hotel!

On the first floor of the building, there was a lobby, a dining room, office, bath, kitchen and living quarters for those in charge. Upstairs, there were two large bedrooms which could accommodate a dozen beds each, two small bedrooms, a hall and a bath. In 1940-41,

(when this WPA document was written) only a part of the hotel was being used by the then property caretakers, Vinton and Mary Pesch Bolte. It had not been operated as a hotel since 1931, but since quite a bit of unsold land still surrounded it, the hotel was ready to be pressed into service should another land boom have occurred.

A Delco Light Plant supplied electric lights; a windmill furnished water which was piped throughout the building and large coal stoves were used for heating and cooking purposes.

After World War II, this historic landmark was sold at first to the Muleshoe American Legion, but when they could not overcome the obstacle created by moving the large structure over the Running Water Draw, the building was sold to the Friona American Legion and moved to its current location just south of the City Park in 1945. At its current location, it has served various purposes

in addition to being the American Legion building including housing the VFW, the City offices, the Soil Conservation office, and the first "City Library" (a forerunner of the current Public Library by about 20 years). Following an extensive renovation in the mid 1960s, the lower portion was the home of the Friona Public Library from 1967-1982.

The Legion sold the building in the late 1980s and it was converted to an apartment building by one of its later owners. It is currently owned by Eddie Graham and is still in use as an apartment building, housing 3 to 4 apartments.

Read more about it in the Parmer County history books: "A History of Parmer County (1876-1930) and Prairie Progress (1931-1980) both of which are still available from the Parmer County Historical Society at \$50 each; or you may borrow from the Friona Public Library 109 W 7th.

Trapping Maps To Be Available In Early June

Over the past several years Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has been tracking and reporting boll weevil levels across its 25-county area through its GRID trapping project.

Originally set up in conjunction with Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) as an "AgriPartners" relationship the grid of traps goes from Deaf Smith County in the North down to Martin, Midland and Howard counties. East to West the grid covers from the Caprock edge in Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Borden, and Dawson counties across to the Texas-New Mexico line.

The GRID traps are re-located in the same place each year and have been set out for 2002 over the past couple of weeks.

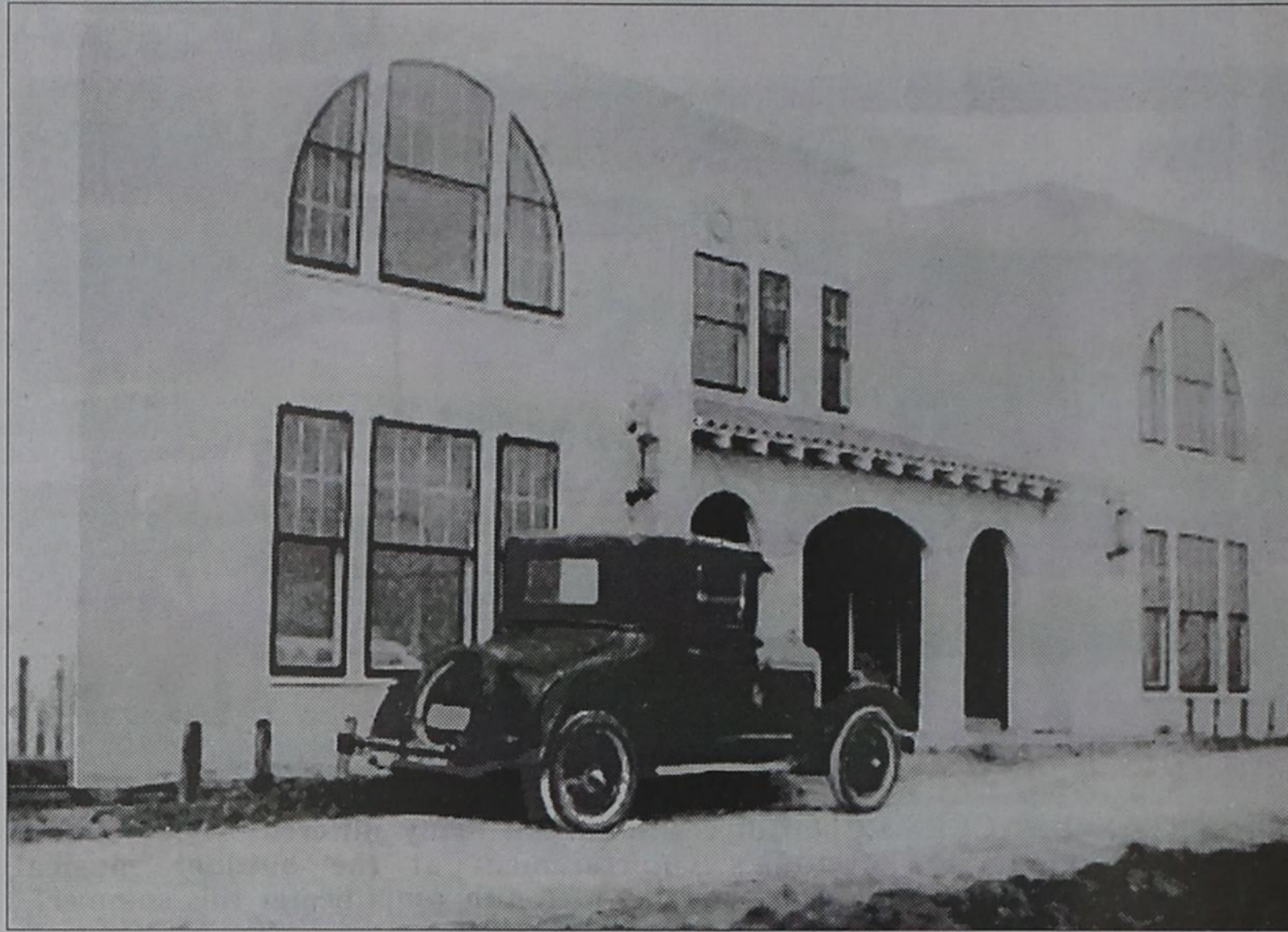
Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

(TBWEF) has been mapping and trapping cotton fields as they are planted this season. For the week ending May 26, 2002 TBWEF reports as follows:

Zone	Acres Mapped thru 5/26	# of weevils week ending 5/26	# traps inspected week ending 5/26	Acres treated week ending 5/26
NHP	437,845	19	1,553	0
NWP	399,060	1	2,227	0
PH	159,223	0	23,714	0
SHP	911,587	45	26,266	115
WHP	38,834	3	3,632	0

As cotton in each zone approaches squaring, traps will be placed around every field approximately 500 feet apart. Squaring, or appearance of the flower bud on cotton plants, will occur starting late June or early July in most fields.

Details of trap catches and treatments for all eradication zones in Texas can be found on the TBWEF web site at: <http://www.txbollweevil.org>



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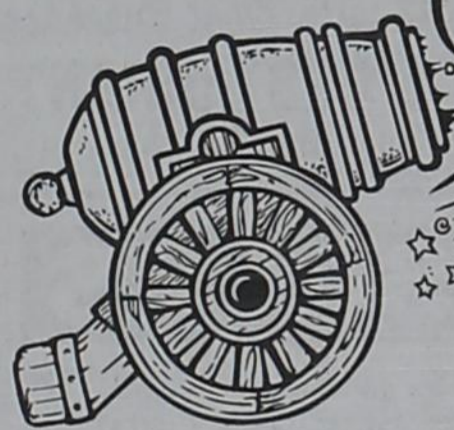
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Cotton News

(From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.)

RMA Revises Rules For Non-Emerged Seed
Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. learned Friday, June 21 that USDA's Risk Management Agency had announced changes to new rules deferring appraisals at least 15 days beyond the applicable late planting period in cases where spring-seed crops fail to emerge due to drought conditions.

PCG worked closely with officials at RMA, the House Agriculture Committee and Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to provide RMA decision-makers with the data illustrating the need to revise the rules for non-emerged crops.

PCG would like to thank Dr. Randy Boman and Dr. John Gannaway for their efforts to find and evaluate data requested by RMA during this process.

The announcement changes the current rule that says appraisals on spring-seeded crops which fail to emerge due to insufficient soil moisture must be deferred for at least 15-days after the end of the applicable late planting period.

The revised rule reduces the deferral time to at least 5 days after the end of the applicable late planting period. Additional time may

be added to the 5-day deferral period if the insurance provider believes a situation exists that necessitates a longer deferral period.

The announcement, published in FCIC Bulletin MGR-02-011, applies only to Texas cotton acreage in counties with June 10 or earlier final planting dates.

The bottom line for High Plains cotton growers is that in counties with final planting dates of June 5 or earlier a deferred appraisal will be allowed on cotton acreage with non-emerged seed beginning June 26, 2002. For counties with June 10 final planting dates deferred appraisals will be allowed beginning July 1.

2001-Crop Production Numbers Finalized

The final tallies are complete and the numbers offer a vivid example of the areas potential as well as how quickly that potential can disappear according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Officially the High Plains produced 2,492,700 bales in 2001 from 2,421,100 harvested acres.

Total plantings in the region were 3,681,800 with abandonment totaling 1,260,700 acres or 34 percent.

Curry County Fair To Host Demolition Derby

Roaring engines and metal crashing will be some of the new sounds added to this year's Curry County Fair, August 10-17. The first-time event for the fair is scheduled to use the checkered flag on Tuesday, August 11. Car engines start at 7:00 p.m. in the Mounted Patrol Arena. Event sponsor is Allsup's convenience stores of Clovis.

Over \$2,000 in prizes and awards will be given to the top drivers at the end of the derby. A limit of 40 cars will be permitted to participate in

the event. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and registered with the Curry County Fair.

The fair must receive entry forms and \$50 entry fee per car no later than August 5, 2002.

A complete set of rules, schedule, and entry forms (including liability releases) are now available at the Curry County Extension office, 818 Main St., Clovis, or may be obtained by contacting Peggy Burns at (505) 769-1995.

The 2001 crop marked the second straight year in which more than 1 million acres of cotton were lost prior to harvest.

All cotton yields ranged from a high of 1,009 pounds per acre in Parmer County down to a slim 152 pounds per harvested acre average yield in Howard County.

Compared to 2000, the High Plains averaged 104 pounds more lint per harvested acre with a weighted average yield of 494 pounds per harvested acre. Irrigated cotton production averaged a respectable 622 pounds across the board, 146 pounds more than the 2000 weighted average yield. Dryland yields improved slightly to 212 pounds per harvested acre, 30 pounds better than in 2000.

The table to the right shows the official national Agricultural Statistics Service production figures for the 25-county Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. service area.

2002 EQIP Sign-Up Re-Opened Until June 28

Crop and livestock producers considering updating irrigation equipment or installing new environmental and conservation improvements or practices may want to take a second look at the Environmental Quality Incentives Program offered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Passage of the Food Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 included a significant increase in funding for the EQIP program of more than 50 percent and also includes an extra \$6.6 million in funding for a newly created Ground and Surface Water Conservation Area that will emphasize water conservation on land overtop the Ogallala Aquifer.

Sign-up dates have been reopened for the regular EQIP program through June 28, 2002. A new sign-up period has been opened through July 12, 2002 for applications within the new Ogallala Aquifer Water Con-

servations Area.

Farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity to install more efficient irrigation systems through cost share contracting. Conservation practices include conversions from surface to center pivot sprinklers, installation of drip irrigation systems, re-nozzling of existing sprinklers, installing irrigation pipeline, flowmeters and chemigation safety valves.

All applications will be evaluated based on a flat 75 percent cost-share basis and producers will be limited to \$450,000 in assistance over the life of the Farm Bill.

Producers wishing to rework previously submitted applications or submit a new application have until June 28 to contact their local NRCS office under provisions of the EQIP program and until July 12, 2002 to submit new applications for the Ogallala Aquifer Water Conservation Area.

25-County Upland Cotton Production 2001 Crop Year (All Cotton)

County	Planted		Harvested	
	Acres	Acres	Yield	Production
Bailey	86,000	69,800	419	61,000
Borden	21,200	5,500	323	3,700
Briscoe	41,000	39,400	415	34,100
Castro	81,700	80,300	938	157,000
Cochran	132,600	113,500	440	104,000
Crosby	224,400	172,500	326	117,000
Dawson	309,000	84,500	466	82,000
Deaf Smith	35,000	29,700	687	42,500
Dickens	24,300	23,100	254	12,200
Floyd	177,100	167,600	541	189,000
Gaines	292,500	191,500	476	190,000
Garza	44,800	24,100	319	16,000
Hale	266,700	261,000	683	371,500
Hockley	257,400	165,500	392	135,000
Howard	128,500	25,300	152	8,000
Lamb	205,900	170,000	706	250,000
Lubbock	264,000	193,500	362	146,000
Lynn	299,500	110,300	268	61,500
Martin	157,000	25,400	350	18,500
Midland	34,800	14,000	309	9,000
Motley	29,900	27,000	169	9,500
Parmer	74,400	73,100	1,009	153,700
Swisher	81,200	78,500	737	120,500
Terry	265,700	188,500	304	119,500
Yoakum	147,200	87,500	447	81,500
Totals	3,681,800	2,421,100	494	2,492,700

This table shows the official national Agricultural Statistics Service production figures for the 25-county Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. service area.


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A Policeman's Prayer For Tragic Events

by ALVIN PETTY
(Editor's note: Rev. Alvin Petty is pastor of Friona's Calvary Baptist Church)

O God, I thank you that you have delivered me and will deliver me from negative thoughts and wrong questions. Some will be asking, "Why did God let this happen to innocent people?" But I know that you did not let it happen and could not prevent it, for to do so would be magic, and there is no magic in the universe.

For, in your all-powerfulness you made us free creatures and being free means that we each have an element of the demonic within us. When we give in to the demonic and let it drive us, we destroy ourselves and others. If we are to be human and live, the possibility of destruction must always be with us.

You are all powerful in that you are the creative power present in every situation in every time. You were present and are present in the violator as the creative power that was driving him to be a bigger and better person than he was.

But he chose to express and improve himself through immoral shortcuts (such as enhancing himself through drugs or stealing, etc.).

Now he has done this wrong and hurt these innocents and you are present in creative powers driving this violator to honestly acknowledge his wrong. For by your all-powerful presence and grace he can be redeemed and can change to the good.

You are present in these victims and victimized survivors, drawing them to comfort, courage, hope and love that they may overcome their tragedy and be united with the Eternal and Eternal life.

Now, Oh God, as I approach this situation, I know that it is the wrong question and a wrong accusation to say, "Why did God let this happen?" For you did not let it happen, and you could not prevent it for there is no magic but someone else could have prevented it if he had done the right thing.

For me and each of us, the question is, "What can I do to make this bad thing better?"

Now I lay all of this in your all powerful hands. I place the people: victims, violators, helpers, bystanders and myself into your hands. I praise you that your power now fills me and enables me

to do my best with the people and the situation.

You help me to successfully show your love here. To the wrongdoers the love shall be in the form of justice. You shall help me to use well whatever force is necessary to bring justice to this situation. Your power which fills me afresh and anew enables me to do my duty with all my heart to the very best of my ability. I thank you, dear God.

I know you care for us all, for your unique Son, Jesus, suffered and died a horrible, unjust death. But you were present in it all in your creative power and use the story of that event to save us all and convince us of your eternal care.

Amen.

(I wrote this at the request of some local law enforcement people who belong to my church--Rev. Petty)

New Parmer County Loan Fund Established

Thanks to the generous spirit of a wonderful group of Parmer County retired teachers and school personnel, The Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon, Texas, has established its one-hundred thirty-seventh student loan division. The Parmer County Retired Teachers' and School Personnel Continuing Education Fund was organized last month to provide financial assistance to graduates of the four Parmer County High Schools at

Friona, Farwell, Bovina, and Lazbuddie. Area residents interested in helping this new division increase its capital in order to help more students may make additional tax-deductible contributions to the fund through honorariums, memorials, and other methods.

Created in 1954 by Milton A. "Buff" Morris, The Opportunity Plan, Inc. helps worthy students fulfill their educational goals through financial assistance programs involving scholarships and low-interest student loans. Acceptance into the program is based upon the character and ambition of the student and his or her financial need. Personal counseling regarding fields of study, debt management, budgeting and other topics pertinent to a successful college career, are value-added benefits of OPI participation.

Students interested in this new education loan program should contact a member of the Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association, their school counselor, or anyone at the offices of the Opportunity Plan. Students are not restricted as to the college or university of their choice. Student borrowers are required to complete an application, budget request, and secure three reference letters and a co-signer. Both loan interest and payments are deferred until three months after graduation.

Additional information may be obtained at the OPI website at www.opportunityplan.com. OPI office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:30 and Friday from 8:00 to 12:00.


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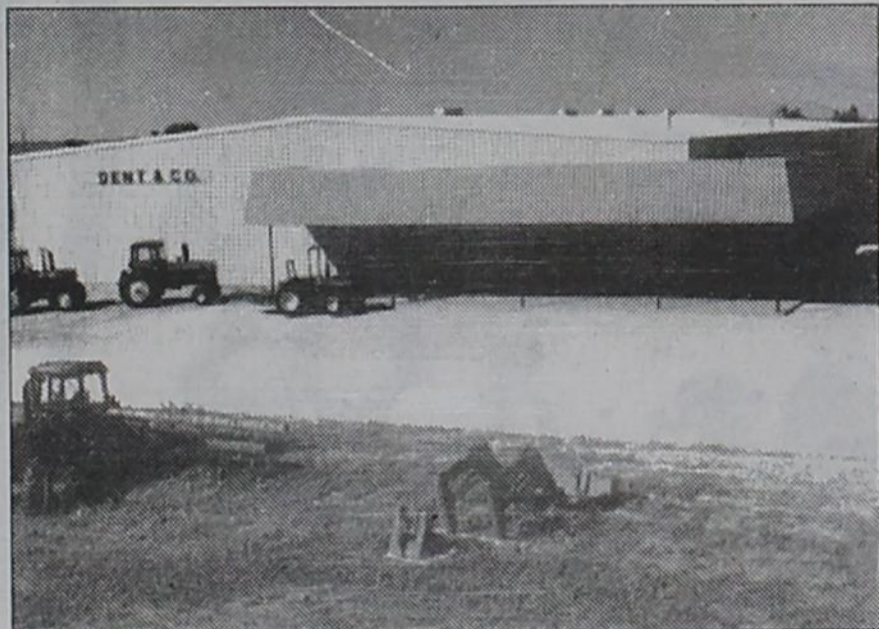
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UMPIRE and volunteer for the Bovina Kids Inc. summer league, Frank Gonzales, adjusts the pitching machine before a recent game. The machine was made possible by a donation from Caprock Industries of Bovina. ron carr photo

Boll Weevil Foundation Advises On Hail Damage

One of the realities of farming cotton on the High Plains is that late spring and early summer storms are likely to produce hail that will damage or destroy a crop. The loss of a crop can be devastating financially to an individual grower, but the cost to area cotton growers is compounded if growers do not take care to destroy any remaining plants in fields affected by severe weather.

Cultural controls are an important part of the eradication effort, said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

One of the most important of these controls is the elimination of a food source and a place for boll weevils to reproduce, Allen said, and the damaged cotton remaining in storm-affected fields can be a good place for weevils to find both.

"This will allow needless increases in the boll weevil population and costs to growers in the eradication program," he said.

Allen urged growers to destroy cotton in fields that will not be brought to harvest as soon as possible. He also said growers should be careful to destroy any cotton remaining in a field that will be replanted in another crop.

"Weevils will find the cotton left in these fields and use it for feeding and reproduction," he said.

Growers who destroy plants in weather-damaged fields, or who fail cotton for any other reason, by July 15 are eligible to receive a credit in the amount of their assessment provided they keep the fields free of hostable cotton until the first killing freeze.

Thorough elimination of cotton plants in fields that will be planted to another crop is also necessary to prevent boll weevil population increases, Allen said.

These fields are also eligible for the credit against assessments as long as they are kept free of all hostable cotton until the first killing freeze.



Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-250-2211 or 238-1146
When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wtrt.net)

Before coming to Bovina for the Bovina High School 1982 class reunion this weekend, Steve Pruitt of Dallas flew to Chicago, Illinois last week to see the Texas Rangers play the Cubs.

On the flight to Lubbock from Kansas City, Missouri, he noticed a fellow former Bovinan on the plane, Tad Mayfield of Platte City, Missouri. Tad was traveling with his wife Kelly and their two daughters.

Tad was flying to Lubbock to spend time with his mother, Nancy for a few days and to also attend the BHS class reunion. *It really is a small world!*

Suezy and Billy Smith had company in their home Sunday evening. Her cousin, H.R. Shamblin of Pleasanton, California, had come to Texas to attend a family reunion on Sunday.

Bovinans who attended the Shamblin reunion were Suezy and her two daughters and two granddaughters, Arlene Brozek and Darlene Miller and her daughters, Hannah and Heather.

The reunion, for family members of Suezy's mother's, Edna Shamblin Estes, was held at Western Cow Punchers in Amarillo.

About 48 family members attended from Texas, California, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Patsy Mejia, the mother of Gilda Garner and Esther Steelman, was in town this

week visiting family members.

The big news in the Mejia family is that Patsy's next to youngest child, Sandra Wilson of Jacksonville, Florida was bitten by a baby cotton mouth rattle snake last Monday. She and her husband, David, had been visiting his parents at their home near Little Rock, Arkansas, when she was bitten on the foot.

After spending three days hospitalized, the couple are now back home in Jacksonville. Patsy plans to fly there next week to be with Sandra while she recuperates.

Erra Jamerson spent a couple of days in Dallas last week. She went for her annual physical and to see her grandson, Dr. Kirk Scott. While there she accompanied him to a dinner held in his honor by the heads of the Department of Oral Dentistry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

At the dinner, held at the Highland Park Country Club, Kirk was presented with a certificate of completion for finishing his residency. He now plans to set up a private practice in Cisco at the new Baylor building in the fall. Erra flew into Amarillo

Saturday and her sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Tom Ware, picked her up and they drove to Vernon to attend a family reunion at the civic center there. The reunion was held for Sandra and Erra's mother's family, the Sheltons.

The Wares and Erra returned home to Bovina Sunday afternoon.

Don't be left out of all the fun and excitement on Thursday, July 4. All the organizers always do such a great job with the parade, park activities, cook-out and fireworks. Join in the fun—we hope to see you there!

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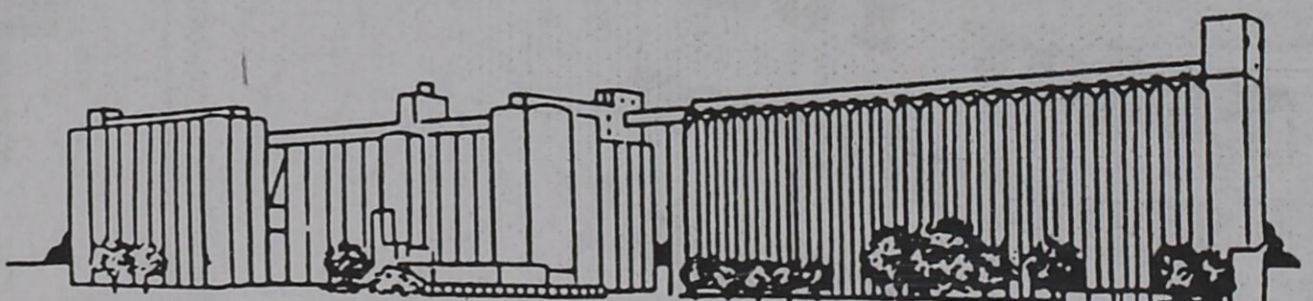
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Only a fireman's wife knows the joy of hearing the rattling of his keys as he comes through the door and whispers, "Honey, I'm home." Even though we never get used to the smell of smoke on his body, on his clothes, and even on his hair, none of it matters when he is in our arms and we are thanking God for bringing him back home to us. So please remember when you see our men out there trying to put out a fire you called in, keep in mind that as he is trying to save the lives of your precious ones, remember, he is just as precious to us.

By: Bell Cavezuela,
A Fireman's Wife

Crimestoppers Offer Rewards For Shootings

Parmer County Crimestoppers has offered a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or person(s) responsible for shooting windows out of the Lazbuddie School.

A reward is also being offered for the person or person(s) responsible for shooting windows out of a residence located on County Road 28 in Parmer County.

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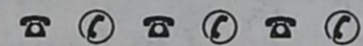
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Jun 30 Colletta Young
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Jul 2 Martha Schilling,
Edna Woelfel, Christy Thatcher

Jul 3 Shannon Wilburn,
Liz Kessler

Jul 6 Janie Sudderth
Add names of friends or family to our birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If there are names on our list that need to be deleted due to a name change, death, moved away, etc, please let us know also. Thank you!



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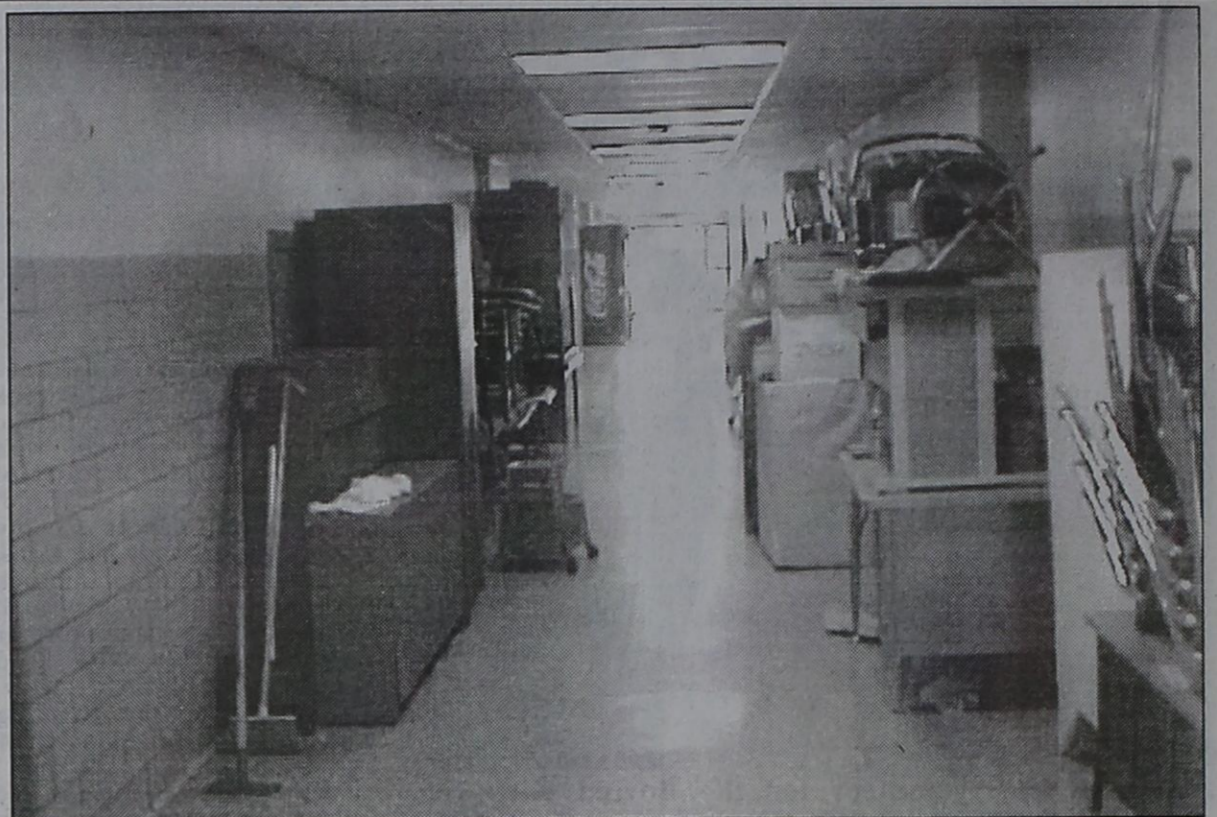
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