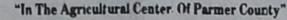
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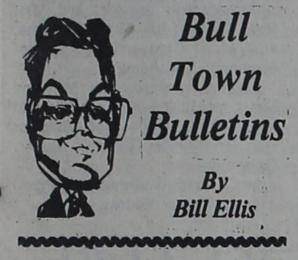


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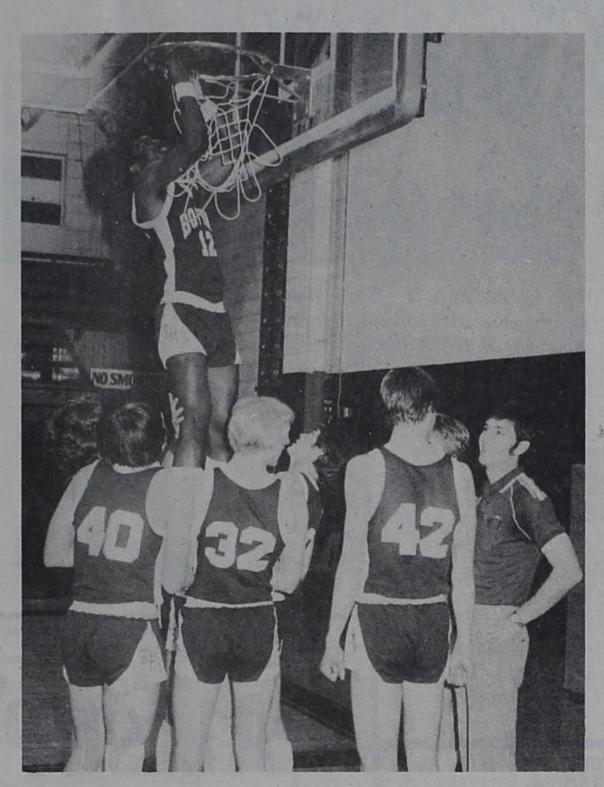


BILLY JOHNSON, whom I've known since we both were "pups" and went to school together at the old Oklahoma Lane school, asked Ye Editor the other night if I had forgotten about the 1955 Bovina Mustang team.

Like I told Billy, I remember that team well--I hadn't mentioned them in reference to the playoffs, because I was waiting for the opportune time. Now, with the 1983 Mustangs again heading down the playoff path, might be the opportune time.

Just to make sure I didn't forget about the 1955 Mighty Mustang team, Billy brought me his Mustang Yearbook for '55, and we are attempting to reproduce a photo of that team in this issue of the Blade.

The 1955 team was the "middle team" of three consecutive BHS boys



Clint Ends Mustangs' Title Chase, 70-58

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By BILL ELLIS

The Bovina Mustangs saw their great 1982-83 season come to what their fans felt was a premature end Tuesday at Monhans, as the team fell to Clint, 70-58 in an area playoff.

The team fell victim to an abundance of fouls called against them--23--to only nine against the Clint team. And Clint used the fouls to great advantage, putting on an amazing display of free throw shooting, hitting 32 out of 36 attempts, 83 per cent from the line.

The Mustangs, who had played a near flawless game against Shallowater in bi district, just couldn't buy a break when they needed one.

The game was much closer than the final score indicated.

Greg McClaran's basket at the 7:20 mark gave Bovina a 2-0 lead. Jeff Steelman's shot from the

Free throws by Goroeoff gave Clint a 16-14 lead, but Jon Riddle tied it for the Mustangs at 7:20, and his long jump shot swished the net.

Gilbreath made a twisting jump shot for an 18-16 Bovina lead 5:30 before halftime, and Shepherd's 20-footer made it 20-17 at the fiveminute mark.

Greg McClaran's lay-in gave the Ponies a 22-19 lead at 3:45 but Clint outscored the Mustangs 12-6 in the final 3:45 of the opening half, to take a 31-28 lead to intermission.

The Mustangs came out with a full-court press to begin the third quarter, and quick baskets by Shepherd, one after a steal, Gilbreath and another by Shepherd forged a 36-33 lead for the Mustangs 2:22 into the period.

Clint called time to re-group, and outscored the Mustangs, 11-2 the rest of the quarter, to take a 44-36 lead. A technical foul toward the

basketball teams that was blessed with a load of talent. The team was in the playoffs three straight years--1954, 1955 and 1956.

But the 1955 team was the one of the three to advance the farthest, as the Mustangs lost out on the bid to go to state at the regional tournaments both in 1954 and 1956.

The '55 team roared through district as the champions, beat Anton in bi-district and then won the regional tournament at Lubbock.

Ye Editor had been following this team fairly close, because as mentioned, he had gone to school with some of its members. After watching the Mustangs demolish Anton in a bi-district game at Muleshoe, I personally got the "bug," and followed the team all the way to Austin for the state meet.

At any rate, the 1955 Mustangs could have won all the marbles, but after getting to the state meet, two or three of the team members, including high-scoring Darrell Read and Neil Smith, came down with the measles, and had to miss the entire tournament.

Bovina won its opening game at the state meet, then met basketball legend Big Sandy in the semi-finals. If you've followed Texas schoolboy basketball, you know that Big Sandy was the small hill country school, practically 100 per cent Indian in makeup, which won the state title the most times of any team in its class (or held the record the last time we knew anything about it).

The Mustangs lost to Big Sandy, and then came back to win third place in state, despite its adversity.

Some say that if Bovina had been healthy, they might have won the state title that year. Others say that those Indian kids, who played basketball 13 months a year, were such good shooters that the locals could have played them ten times and with all their players 100 per cent, and probably never would have won against Big Sandy.

At any rate, this has remained one of the great "what if" things for local sports fans to speculate about for more than a quarter of a century. * * * *

BOVINA'S BASKETBALL prowess continued in 1956, and a lot of folks thought the '56 Mustangs were even

HAPPIER TIMES...Richard Shepherd gets a lift from team members following the win over Shallowater for the bi-district title, as the team claimed the nets. The Mustangs' luck wasn't as good Tuesday night at Monahans, as they fell to Clint, 70-58, to be eliminated from the playoffs.

corner had the Mustangs ahead 4-2, and after Clint held leads, Richard Shepherd and Joe Black each scored to give Bovina a 10-8 lead with three minutes left in the opening quarter.

Dale Gilbreath scored a pair of baskets, the second one on a 20-foot jump shot to give the Mustangs a 14-12 lead.

After Clint's 6-6 center Mike Goroeoff tied the score with a jump shot, Bovina played the last 35 seconds for the final shot, but couldn't get it off.

end of the quarter visibly upset the Mustangs, and affected their play. Clint used the break to outpoint Bovina 6-2 in the opening minutes of the final quarter, and take a ten-point margin at 50-40.

Bovina held tough on baskets by Gilbreath and Shepherd to cut it to 50-44, but Clint went into a delay game with over four minutes remaining in the game.

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Mustangs Brilliant In Win Over Shallowater

Bovina's Mustangs failed to be intimidated by the tall and talented Shallowater Mustangs and their lofty (ninth) ranking in the state polls, when the teams met last Friday night in the bi-district playoff at Plainview.

The Mustangs showed a lot of quickness, hustle, and gutsy play as they trimmed Shallowater, 59-50, making good on Bovina High School's first appearance in the playoffs since 1961.

Richard Shepherd provided the spark for the team, scoring 29 points to take game scoring honors. The classy 5-10 junior guard added five rebounds, six steals, one blocked shot and five assists to his game-high scoring total.

It was Shepherd who grabbed a rebound from a missed Shallowater shot and drove the length of the court to give Bovina the first lead of the game at 2-0 after only 36 seconds had elapsed.

Shallowater tied the score, and then Shepherd took an offensive rebound and turned it into a layup for a 4-2 Bovina lead.

The Lubbock County Mustangs tied it again on a layup by big Trey Medlock, but Jeff Steelman's 15-foot jump shot gave Bovina the lead again at 6-4. Steelman's shot came with 5:20 left in the opening quarter.

"I think the boys decided after the first three minutes or so that they could win the game if they really wanted to badly enough," said

Bovina opened up a 7-6 lead to 13-6 when Steelman scored on a layup; Shepherd connected on a long jump shot, and Greg McClaran zeroed in on his first basket. That trio of shots, which went unanswered by Shallowater, gave Bovina a 13-6 lead and their fans roared their approval.

Shallowater managed to get the last two baskets of the quarter, to cut the lead to 13-10 at the buzzer.

McClaran made a turning jump shot 25 seconds into the second quarter for a 15-10 Bovina lead, but burly Greg Mitchell of Shallowater sank a jumper for a 15-12 score.

At this point, Shepherd sparked a series to keep the Mustangs on top by five points. The sneaky Bovina guard stole his second Shallowater pass and drove for a layup, for a 17-12 lead, and after Mitchell countered for the opposition, Shepherd popped the nets on an 18-foot shot from the side and a 19-14 Bovina lead.

At this point, Shallowater rallied, on the shooting of Truitt Garland, and finally tied the score at 19-all 2:56 before halftime on a free throw by Jordan Cox.

Steelman's long jumper gave Bovina a 21-19 lead, and after Joe Maldonado tied the score for the "other" Mustangs, Steelman repeated his feat for a 23-21 lead.

Shepherd hit a pair of jump shots in the last minute before halftime, his last one coming with two ticks on the clock for a 27-23 Bovina lead at would not fall. But Bovina still had a three-point edge at 41-38.

Shepherd's layup off Gilbreath's assist made it 43-38, and after the big Shallowater center scored a layup, McClaran grabbed a missed shot and laid it up, and 30 seconds later drove the baseline for a basket and a 47-40 Bovina lead with 5:38 to play in the exciting game.

Bovina defensive players caused several turnovers by Shallowater in the next couple of minutes, which kept that team from scoring, and when Shepherd stole the ball from Joe Maldonado at mid-court and drove for a layup, Bovina had its longest lead at 50-40. The basket came with 4:50 to play.

From this point forward, Bovina went into a semi-delay game, slowing down their pace and watching for the easy shot.

Shallowater trimmed the Pony lead to seven points with 2:45 to play, but Shepherd's layup with 2:13 to play all but clinched it for Bovina, which took a 53-44 lead.

The opponents fought gamely, scoring again at the 1:45 mark for a 53-46 score, but McClaran sank a pair of vital free throws at the 1:35 mark to give Bovina its nine-point lead again at 55-46.

The two teams traded points in the last 1:24, with Shepherd, appropriately, getting Bovina's with two charity tosses with 53 seconds left.

Bovina had a good shooting night, hitting 51 per cent of its field goal attempts (25 of 49), paced by Shepherd's 12 of 18 (66.7 per cent) and McClaran's eight of 12 (also 66.7 per cent).

THRILL OF VICTORY....Bovina's Mustangs celebrate the outcome of Friday night's bidistrict playoff game against Shallowater.

REC Sets Meeting

Capital Credit checks totaling about \$200,000.00 will be paid back to those members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative who purchased electricity during 1970, when members meet for the 45th Annual Membership Meeting.

The annual meeting, scheduled for Saturday, March 5, will be jampacked with eating, fun, business and entertainment, and will begin at 5 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

There will be a fish and chicken dinner, served by the Fins and Hens of Lubbock. During the meal, entertaiment will feature the "Tri-State Bluegrass Express'' as appearing on radio and TV. The business meeting will convene immediately following the serving of dinner.

be drawing for door prizes and giveaways totaling over \$1,000.00, including a microwave oven.

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BHS-Clint On Video Wed. Night

Tuesday night's Bovina-Clint class AA basketball playoff game will be

better than the 1955 team.

But they never got a chance to test their skills on the arena at Austin, because another tough team by the name of Briscoe beat Bovina out in a double or triple overtime in the regional tournament finals.

So much for nostalgia (at least for this week). Go get 'em Mustangs! It's great to see the big Maroon back in the playoffs again.

Typographical error in the Messenger (Blaine, Kansas): "Police recruits will be given intensive training in observation, handling of firearms, marksmanship, and fingerpainting."

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday - and not enough.

Bovina's first-year head coach Marks Lanham.

Only Three Candidates **For Council**

Three Bovina men have filed for spots as Bovina City Aldermen, it was announced Tuesday, March 1. Larry Scott, Dudley Hughes and Joe Jones have filed for re-election. They have been serving on the city council and their terms expire this year.

Deadline for filing for a city position is Wednesday, March 2, which is 30 days prior to the election, which is set for April 2.

intermission.

Bovina came out like Gangbusters to begin the second half. Shepherd, Dale Gilbreath and Greg McClaran (twice) scored, to give the streaking Mustangs a 35-23 lead.

Shallowater retaliated from a 37-31 deficit, on baskets by Dee Weinberger, a three-point play by Jordan Cox, and finally took their first lead of the ball game when 6-5 Medlock's short jump shot gave his team a 38-37 lead. This came with 3:02 to play in the third quarter.

Bovina was equal to the challenge. Shepherd's spinning layup got the lead back for Bovina and they were never headed again.

McClaran's layup off Shepherd's assist made it 41-38, and Bovina worked the ball the final 30 seconds of the quarter for the last shot, which

The Mustangs hit nine of 17 free throw attempts. The taller Shallowater team outrebounded Bovina, 32-21, but many of their rebounds came on second and third shot attempts, and a few times Bovina rebounded after this type of series, with no points being allowed.

BOVINA 13 27 41 59 S'water 10 23 38 50 BOVINA: Jon Riddle 0-0-0; Richard Shepherd 12-5-29; Dale Gilbreath 1-2-4; Joe Black 0-0-0; Jeff Steelman 4-0-8; Joe Pat Wright 0-0-0; Greg McClaran 8-2-18; Jan Judd 0-0-0. Totals: 25-9-59.

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A.W. Anthony, Jr., president of the board of directors, will call the business meeting to order. Jerry Roberts, secretary-treasurer, will report on the number of members present; read the notice of the meeting, and present the minutes of last year's annual meeting for approval.

The Nominating Committee met January 4, 1983, and submitted the following names for election: representing Deaf Smith County, Jerry Roberts and Mickey Wilson; representing Parmer County, A.W. Anthony, Jr. and Donald Christian. Also highlighting the evening will televised on Bovina Cablevision, Channel 6 tonight (Wednesday), beginning at 8 p.m.

Only those customers of the local cable company will be able to get the game, which will be shown in its entirety with pre-game and halftime as well as play-by-play commentary.

Bill Ellis and Jim Tucker produced the game, with a number of local sponsors making the broadcast possible.

The sponsors are Don's Medicine Chest, First State Bank, Reeve Chevrolet-Olds, Bovina Super Market, Agri-Sprayers, Sherley Grain, Friona Ford-Mercury, Bovina Pump Co., Riverside-Terra Corp., Charles Oil Co., and J.B. Sudderth Realty.

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REFLECTIONSFrom The Blade

25 YEARS AGO -- MARCH 5, 1958 The Bovina Fillies Tuesday night cinched the bi-district championship title in Sudan against their opponent of District 4-B, Spade.

Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, Bovina chairman of Red Cross, announced that the annual drive for Red Cross Funds is being planned for March, in conjunction with the nation-wide emphasis on Red Cross support duirng the month.

Mrs. W.E. (Eunice) Thornton was admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Wednesday night of last week. She was suffering with pneumonia.

20 YEARS AGO -- MARCH 8, 1963

Four door prize winners were announced following grand opening of Live Longer Laundry No. 2 Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. B.A. Baca was winner of first prize, a pitcher and glasses set.

Mrs. Ralph Roming underwent surgery last Wednesday at West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe. She is reported to be improving.

Mrs. H.J. Charles was released from Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Saturday afternoon. She is reported to be improving.

A total of 784 people took Type III Sabin Oral polio vaccine in Bovina school cafeteria Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Jack Patterson, a leader in the program here announces.

15 YEARS AGO -- MARCH 6, 1968

Funeral services for Newell E. Bonds, 68, were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Memorial Hospital Thursday morning following an automobile accident on U.S. 70 on the eastern edge of Clovis.

Good seasoning is in the ground for this year's crops following winter snows and unusual rainfall.

So far, during 1968, Bovina has received a total of 2.64 inches of moisture from snow and rain. according to W.E. Williams, who records the weather for the U.S. Weather Bureau.

10 YEARS AGO -- MARCH 7, 1973

A.L. Kerby Jr., a junior at Bovina High School, showed his lightweight Chester White barrow to breed champion honors in the Houston Livestock Show last week.

A.J. Barton of Bovina underwent major surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock last week. He was reported to be in critical condition, but improving slightly.

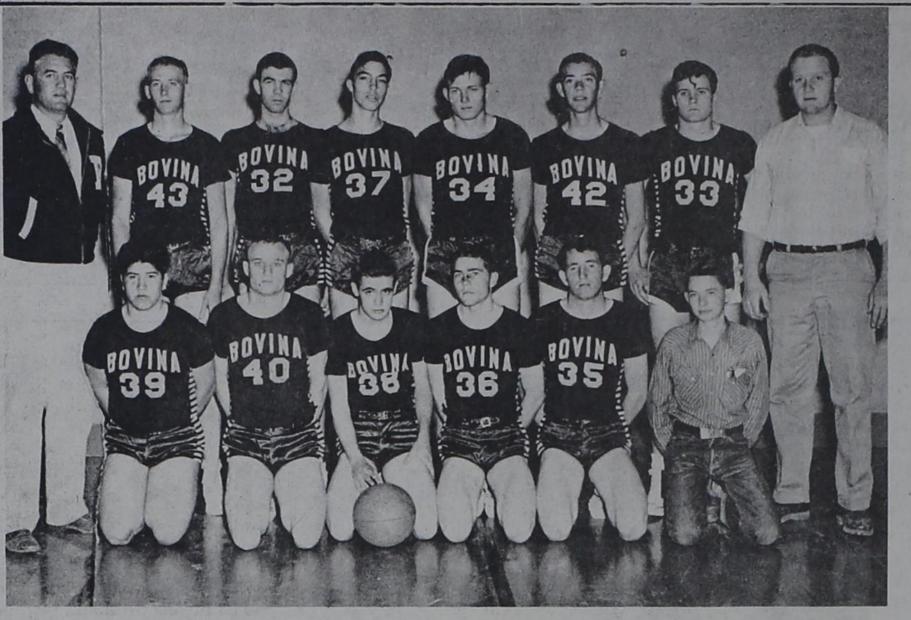
Mrs. Robert Read was named head of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture by board of directors at a dinner meeting Thursday in Bovina Restaurant.

5 YEARS AGO--MARCH 8, 1978

A young Amarillo resident, Margia A Martinez, 18, was killed about noon last Friday in a near head-on wreck 3.5 miles west of Bovina on U.S. Highway 60.

Members of St. Ann's Catholic Church presented their annual German sausage dinner Sunday and served some 385 diners with visitors from as far away as Lubbock and Amarillo.

by Roy



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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rocha of Lubbock are the parents of a baby boy, Chad Eric, born Wednesday, February 16, at 6:08 a.m. in Lubbock.

The new arrival weighed seven pounds, twelve and one-half ounces and was 213/4 inches long.

Chad has one older sister, Angela, three years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raul Rocha of Lubbock. Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray of Bovina and 1955 CHAMPS.... The 1955 regional champion Bovina Mustangs are shown above: standing left to right, Coach Ratliff, Norman Killough, Bobby Calaway, Erith Hawkins, Larry Ezell, Billy Johnson, Don Owens, and Manager, Don Sudderth. Front row. left to right, Sonnie Brito, Darrel Read, Billy Richards, Neil Smith, Jerry Newton, and French Crook, manager.

Lester Grays Parents Of Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gray of Elk City, Oklahoma are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday, February 5, in Community Hospital in Elk City.

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Named Sheena Le'Ann, the new arrival weighed eight pounds, six and one-half ounces and was 201/2 inches long at birth. She is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Pipes of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Gladys Blackbird of Hammond, Oklahoma.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baxter of Friona, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pipes of Childress and Mrs. Nellie Baker of Butler, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Gray is the former Sue Pipes, a former Bovina resident.

It's A Girl For Dixons

Mike and Sharon Dixon of Lubbock are parents of a baby girl, Erin Elaine, born Tuesday, March 1, at 12:02 a.m. in the Lubbock General Hospital.

She weighed eight pounds, and was 22 inches long. She has one brother, three year old Scott.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Youngquist of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon of Bovina. Mr. P.O. Dixon of Bovina is the child's great-grandfather.



Anthony Re-Elected As GSPS Secretary

A.W. Anthony, Jr., of Friona, was elected to serve his third year as secretary-treasurer of Grain Sorghum Producers Association at a meeting of the organization's national board of directors at Lubbock, Texas on February 15.

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Grain Sorghum Producers Association (GSPA) was organized in 1955 to develop markets for sorghum, to promote research in sorghum utilization and production and to represent sorghum farmers in legislative matters. The sixteen-man national board is its governing body and makes its policy decisions. Directors are elected by sorghum farmers on a regional basis. Presently serving, are directors from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Secretary of Agriculture John Block spoke to the GSPA directors by telephone from his Washington office. Block, along with USDA Chief Economist Bill Lesher and Associate Administrator of ASCS Roy Cozart, answered questions and concerns of the GSPA board.

One of these concerns is the early Internal Revenue Service indication that PIK commodities will be taxed at the time of receipt rather than at the time of sale.

"Farmers should not be concerned about that," Block said. "We may

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS--

DeAun Sisson, Hereford; Eulalia Rodriquez, and baby boy, Hereford; Altha Presley, Friona; Cheryl Whitener and baby girl, Texico, N.M.; Iona Renner, Friona; Claude Blackburn, Friona; Charles 'Allen, Friona; Holly Campbell and baby boy, Friona; Terry Rivera, Friona; Edna Kunselman, Bovina; Arlene Murrieta, Friona.

not know by the March 11 deadline, but one way or another, we will solve that problem." The same assurance was stated by Lesher, who said, "There is no doubt we will get the tax law changed so that the commodities will be taxed when sold, not when the grower takes certificates."

The USDA officials also warned that there will be no extension of the March 11 deadline for signup, despite the fact that final announcement of PIK provisions has not been made. County ASCS offices may, however, allow producers to sign a roster before the deadline and return to complete the signup in the following week.

Other GSPA officers are: Mabry Foreman, Felt, Oklahoma, president; Robert Green, Hartley, Texas, vice president for Legislation; Larry Abeldt, Hope, Kansas, vice president for Market Development and K.B. Parish, Springlake, Texas, vice president for Education and Research.

Program Is Set March 7

A private applicators certification training program will be held Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Oklahoma Lane Community Center, located four miles east from the 1731 intersection, or just west of Bovina Feeders, on the south side of the highway.

This program is one of the optional means of qualifying for certification as a private applicator of restricted



ACCEPTS TROPHY....Bovina Coach Marks Lanham is shown accepting the Bi-District trophy following Bovina's 59-50 playoff

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Telephone Co. **Seeks Rate Hike**

General Telephone Company of the Southwest asked the Public Utility Commission of Texas for \$85.5 million in new revenues, almost half of which the company says is due to changes dictated by various governmental actions.

The proposed changes in rates will affect all customer classes, and are designed to increase the company's gross annual revenue in the state of Texas by approximately 15 per cent.

E.L. "Buddy" Langley, president of General Telephone, said the request is being made because earnings have fallen to 9.5 percent from 12.5 percent authorized last year, which was never obtained; interest coverage, critical to the company's bond rating among financial agencies, has fallen to 2.68 and poses a danger of having the company's A-rating downgraded to a BBB; and the dramatic impacts of deregulation of the industry and the restructuring of prices mandated by governmental actions.

"All of these factors require us to either raise rates or cut back our improvement service and modernization program," Langley said. "As distasteful as raising rates is, we prefer this rather than reducing these programs which our customers have told us they expect.

"During the 12 months covered in our filing, we reduced our companywide work force the equivalent of approximately 700 employees in an effort to reduce costs, but we have reached the point we cannot reduce much more without adversely affecting service," he continued.

productivity increases due primarily to the new investment in Texas.

"Our customers and regulators have told the company they expect the most modern telephone system available," he explained. "During the period covered in our filing, we spent over \$321 million in Texas to meet our commitments to improve service and to modernize. Our modernization program is in high gear and we want to continue this momentum. But it is essential that we receive adequate revenues if we are to do so."

Langley said that while inflation has not been as dramatic as in the past, it has continued to drive prices up. "Our cost to build telephone plant continues to be higher than past costs. In September 1981, our investment was \$1,561 per customer line. For a 12 month period, we added 33,385 customer lines at a cost of \$7,918 per line. The effect was to raise our investment \$199 per line from the level that was used in setting the rates we now have in effect."

BOND RATING CRITICAL

The telephone executive pointed out that the company was not able to finance internally the millions of dollars required for the service improvement and modernization program. During the period covered in the filing, the company financed \$150 million in common stock, preferred stock and bonds.

"As we continue our modernization program, we will require a tremendous amount of external financing and our bond rating is extremely critical to our customers as well as to us," he said. "The rating agencies look very closely at our interest coverage and we do not look good in this important category. We need our net income to be at least three times our fixed charges or interest expense. "During the period covered in our financial information, our interest coverage fell to 2.68 and that trend is still downward," he said. "We do not have the AAA rating which Texans are hearing so much about these days, but have an A- with the possibility of dropping to BBB if we do not receive the required revenues."

DISMISSALS--

Perla Garcia, Ralph Broyles, Audie Lewis, Stacey Loftis, Eulalia Rodriquez and baby boy, DeAun Sisson, Iona Renner, Terry Rivera, Holly Campbell and baby boy. PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL--

Altha Presley, Charles Allen, Claude Blackburn, Arlene Murrietta, Edna Kunselman, Arlin Hartzog, Cheryl Whitener and baby girl.

use pesticides and state limited use pesticides. It includes a discussion of laws, labels, and labeling, pesticide safety, mixing and calibration and pest damage identification.

The program was prepared by the Texas Agricultural Extention service and includes a review of certain questions relating to the information presented. The program will require approximately three hours.

Those attending and seeking certification as private applicators will have an opportunity to complete a request for private applicator certification, which will be forwarded to the Texas Department of Agriculture for issuance for certification.

victory over Shallowater.

New Number Given For Soc. Sec. Office

The Social Security Administration located in Clovis, New Mexico, now has a new telephone number. The number is 505-762-4595.

A representative from the Social Security office is in Friona the third Tuesday morning of each month in the back of the Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street. If you need any information or

help with your Social Security problems either come by the City Hall in Friona the third Tuesday of each month or call them at their Clovis number.

Since moving to their new location in Clovis, the Social Security office does not have an 800 number and will not accept collect calls.

"As a public utility we do not have the option of curtailing expansion and investment during periods of recession and high interest rates. We have the obligation to have facilities to meet our customers' needs when they request them. Therefore, we can only proceed with prudent programs

commission to raise our rates. "We realize our customers expect quality service and it is our objective to provide it. It is unfortunate that

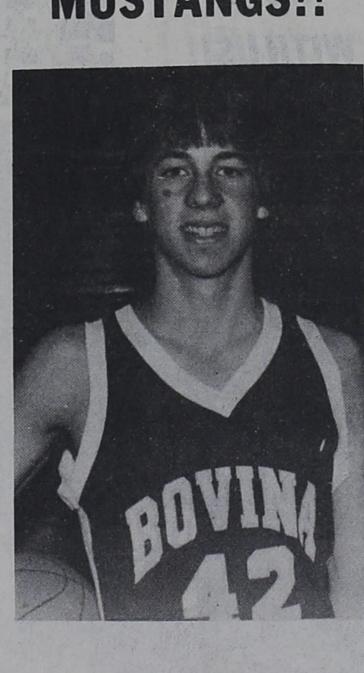
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this costs money." EARNINGS REDUCED

The company president said earnings have been reduced despite stringent budget controls and



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Scooter's Scoops **By Scooter Russell**

congratulate Denice We McCormick Rocha and her husband Robert of Lubbock on the birth of their new baby boy, Chad Eric, who was born February 16. He has an older sister, Angela. Our congratulations to Hattie and Lawrence Gray, who are greatgrandparents.

Sonny and Dot Roach enjoyed a few good days last week with their grandson, J.T., who was visiting from Plainview. J.T. was with his grandparents from Tuesday until Friday. He is 19-months old. Sonny and Dot took him home to Plainview and watched the ballgame while they were there. J.T.'s parents are Jerry and Kay Roach.

We congratulate John and Elouise Dixon on the birth of their sixth grandchild, Erin Elaine, who was born Tuesday morning of this week. She is the daughter of Mike and Sharon Dixon of Lubbock. She has a three-year-old brother, Scott.

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Doris Wilson is still a patient in the Clovis High Plains Hospital and Edna Kunselman came home from the hospital in Clovis Monday of last week and was taken by Bovina ambulance to the Friona hospital Saturday where she remains a patient. Doris and Edna are Pat and Pat Kunselman's mothers. * * * *

We enjoyed a good visit with Jay and Furne Harris of Midland who

services were held Monday of this week. She was survived by three sons, three daughters, a brother, 27 grandchildren and 32 greatgrandchildren.

Sandy and Carl Blackstein and children of Amarillo were visiting in the home of Sandy's parents, Jack and Ona Patterson over the weekend.

* * * * Pam Bell and her children, Willie and Kasey, went to Abilene last Friday for a visit with Pam's sister and family, Suzanne, Rodney and sons, Adam and Kip. They returned to Bovina Monday of this week.

* * * * Mary Alice Merrill underwent eye surgery, but members of her family said she came home Monday of this week and is getting along fine. * * * *

Steve Pruitt and a friend were home over the weekend visiting Steve's parents, Carolyn and Printes, Pruitt. Steve is a student at Texas Tech.

Dean Stanberry has been in St. Mary's hospital in Lubbock undergoing test and also had an angeogram. His wife Wendy said he is having problems with the muscles around his heart, which are not functioning properly. He came home from the hospital and his condition is improving.

We want to extend sympathies to Nellie Crook, whose brother, Vernon Mrs. Harry J. Charles. Cameron J. has an older sister, Brooke.

Have a great week and thank you for helping with the Scoops... Scooter

Rites Held Monday For Mae Vinson

Funeral services for Mae Vinson, 89, of Paducah, were held Monday, February 28, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Paducah with Rev. Jimmy Griffith, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Mrs. Vinson was born in Hunt County and moved to Cottle County in 1909. She married Hugh Vinson December 10, 1916 at Dumont. He died in 1973. She was a member of the Dumont Baptist Church and of the Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Vinson died Saturday, Feburary 26, at Claude.

Survivors include three sons, Frank Vinson of Paducah, Marshall Vinson of Clovis, New Mexico, and Garner Vinson of Boston, Mass.; three daughters, Virginia Steele of Bovina, Mildred Key of Guthrie, and Pauline Warren, County Clerk Hollar of Amarillo; one brother, Jess Sinclair of Dallas; 27 grandchildren Trust, lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, and 32 great-grandchildren.



PIPER DAWN FOSTER and DARYL GENE HAWKINS... Mrs. Barbara Foster of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Piper Dawn Foster and Daryl Gene Hawkins. Wedding vows will be exchanged on Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka. Miss Foster is a 1981 graduate of Tahoka High School and attended Sul Ross University at Alpine, and South Plains College at Levelland. Hawkins is a 1982 graduate of Bovina High School and attended South Plains College. Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will make their home in Bovina. No invitations will be mailed locally, but all firends and relatives are invited to attend.



Track Schedule **VARSITY GIRLS**

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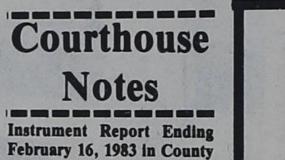
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were in Bovina over the weekend visiting with friends. They spent a night with Erith and Lavoida Hawkins and Tom and Sandy Ware.

We want to express our deepest sympathies to Alvoy Kersey, whose mother, Lela, passed away last Friday. Services were held in Lubbock and also at the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

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Woodrow and Gladys Wright are in Burburnett this week visiting with Gladys' mother, Mrs. Dunham.

We want to extend sympathies to Virginia Steele, whose mother, Mae Vinson of Paducah passed away and

Hopper, passed away last Thursday and services were held at his hometown, Woodward, Oklahoma on Saturday. He was survived by one brother, and seven sisters. * * * *

We understand Bessie Davies Bull is a patient in the Clovis High Plains Hospital and last reports were that she is in intensive care. * * * *

We want to congratulate Billy J. and Barbara Charles on the birth of a new baby boy, Cameron Jay. He was born February 23 and weighed eight pounds, nine and one-half ounces. Also congratulations to his grandparents, Margaret Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith, and Mr. and

Bridal Shower Set March 15

There will be a bridal shower for Lawana Stanberry Beavers on Tuesday, March 15, from 4:30-6 p.m. in the home of Laverne Brownlow. Gift selections are at Bovina Supermarket and Kirkpatricks.

Hostesses are Laverne Brownlow, Minnie Kelso, Mary Stone, Chris Cupit, Alice Stone, Frances Johnson, Freda Lloyd, Barbara Trim, Lisa and A Effie Shepherd, Evelyn Morris, Florence Ritchie, Delphie Vinson, Maggie Moore, Barbarette Sikes and Helen Mazurek.

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Lela Kersey **Dies In** Lubbock

Funeral services for Lela M. Kersey, 90, of Lubbock, were held Monday, February 28, at 10 a.m. at the Faith Temple, with Rev. James Enger, officiating. Services were also conducted at 3 p.m. Monday, at the First Baptist Church of Bovina, with Rev. J.M. Lemmon of Carmen, Oklahoma, officiating.

Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Kersey died Friday at her home after an illness of about five weeks. The Nacogdoches native was married to Andrew T. Kersey Mary 14, 1911 in Tillman, Oklahoma.

She lived in Bovina until she moved to Lubbock. She was a member of the Penticostal Holiness Church of Bovina. Survivors include four sons, Alvoy of Bovina, Olan of Portland, Oregon, Forest of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Troy of Albuquerque, New Mexico; four daughters, Ruby Prindle of Lubbock, Virginia Knowles of Patterson, California, Greta Thomas of Bethany, Oklahoma and Naomi Doak of Las Cruces, New Mexico; four sisters, Ester Haddock of Mangum, Oklahoma, Floy Sanders of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Gertha Triplette of Ontario, California, and Peggy Rric of Los Angeles, California; one brother, Ellis Cook of Grand Prairie; 28 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Met In Bovina Feb. 22 The Parmer County Child Welfare Board met Tuesday night, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the First State

Child Welfare Board

Bank, Bovina. Skip Sirnic, chairman, presided over the meeting. A treasurer's report was heard from Bessie Holt. A film The Battered Child was presented.

Reports were received from the Empty Stocking Fund, Foster Children's Christmas Party and thank you notes were read from the foster children whose Christmas presents were purchased by Parmer County church groups.

It was reported that the clothes closet for emergency needs will be organized in the near future. The group still needs cribs, disposable diapers (all sizes), and infant clothing. Donations are also accepted at all times to purchase emergency baby formula, baby food, etc. that the case worker may need for emergency placement of an infant.

Cindy Burnam is the new caseworker for child abuse in Parmer County. Her office is at the Courthouse in Hereford and she can be contacted by calling 1-364-6841 or toll free 1-800-252-5400.

Ira Purdy, foster home developer, was present and told of the need for foster parents. He can be contacted at 1-353-7451 if anyone needs more information or call any Welfare Board member.

Officers for 1983 were elected. They are Skip Sirnic, chairman; Ona Patterson, vice-chairman; Jo Blackwell, secretary and Bessie Holt, treasurer.

Services Held

The board will be arranging with Friona and Bovina schools for a time period to show the students a film on drugs and a discussion on child abuse awareness.

Any of the board members are available for programs to be presented to any church, civic or student group. Please contact one of the board members.

The next meeting is scheduled March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Bovina.

Present at the meeting were Skip Sirnic, Bessie Holt, Don Spring, Ona Patterson, Jo Blackwell, Joe Schilling, Gladys Kaltwasser and Jackie Smallwood.

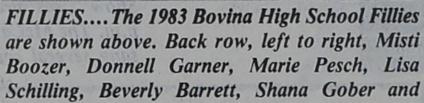
Sr. Citizens **Meet Here For Lunch**

The Senior Citizens met Wednesday, February 23, for their monthly luncheon with 39 present for lunch. A short business meeting followed lunch.

Afterwards some of the members played games. Some of the ladies put a quilt in the frame for Frances King, to be quilted.

The Senior Citizens are having their game and salad suppers on Saturday nights beginning at 6 p.m. All senior citizens who would like to play games and eat supper with them may feel welcome to come and bring a covered dish.

Remember, those who have a birthday in March, there will be a party Wednesday, March 9 at 3 p.m.



Mustangs Fall...

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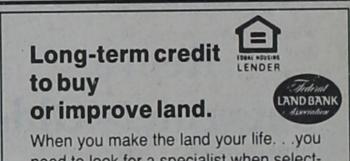
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Coach Helton. Front row, Randee Cupit, Sonya Mayfield, Kim McClaran, Stacey Whitecotton and Teresa Shepherd.



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In Oklahoma

Funeral services for Vernon A. Hopper, 85, of Woodward, Oklahoma, were held Saturday, February 19. Mr. Hopper died Thursday, February 17, after a lengthy illness.

He is survived by one brother, Robert Hopper of Woodward, Oklahoma; and seven sisters, Mae McCaslin of Woodward, Oklahoma, Josie Allen of Florence, Colorado, Nellie Crook of Bovina, Pearl Griffith of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Ruby Mills of Garland, Arlene Greer of Wichita, Kansas, and Edna Williams of Channing.

Those attending the luncheon were: Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Kelso, Elbert Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. George Trimble, Charlsie Eubank, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richards, Oma Gunn, Hattie Burnett, and P.O. Dixon. Also, Maurine Bell, Frances King,

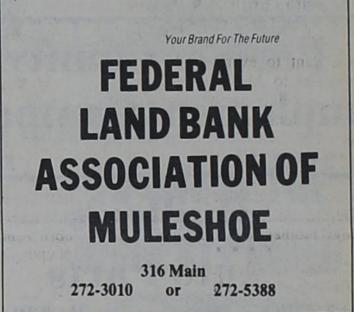
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Also, Mr. and Mrs. S.N. Teague, Ola Epperly, Mr. and Mrs. Hylton Moore, Bill Hill, Grady King, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hancock, Jerry Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gipson, and one guest, Gladys Pierce.

the fact that Bovina never had a free throw opportunity until inside the final minute, when the officials managed three fouls against the Lions.

Shepherd, after a quiet first half, scored 20 points to pace the Mustangs. Greg McClaran added 14 points and Dale Gilbreath 13.

Although having to travel some 250 miles for the playoff game, Bovina did themselves proud in following their team, having 3-1 more fans than the Clint team. Three chartered buses took the Mustangs and their fans to the game, played in the beautiful Monahans-Wicket-Pyote School Districts Multi-Purpose Facility.



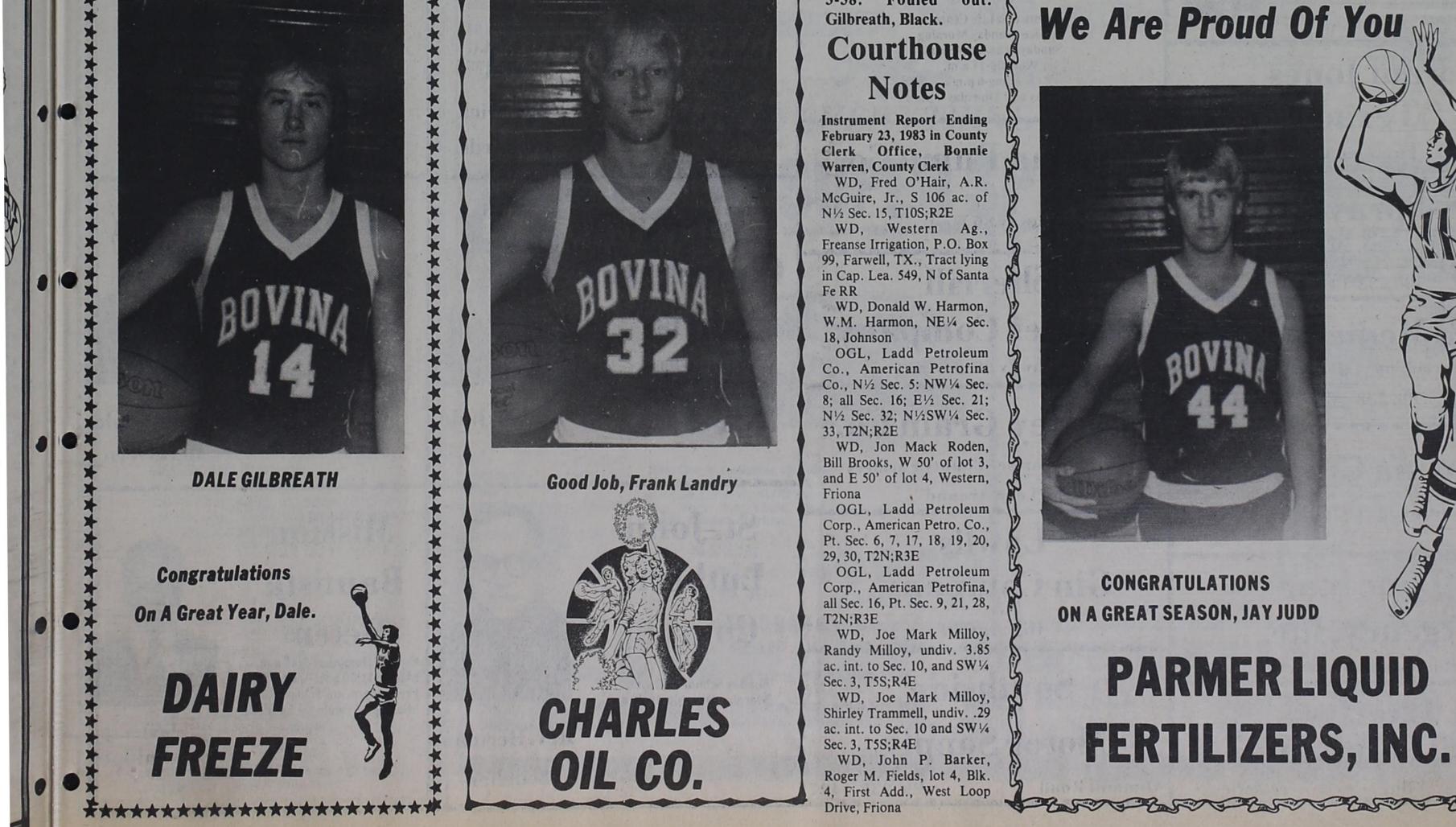
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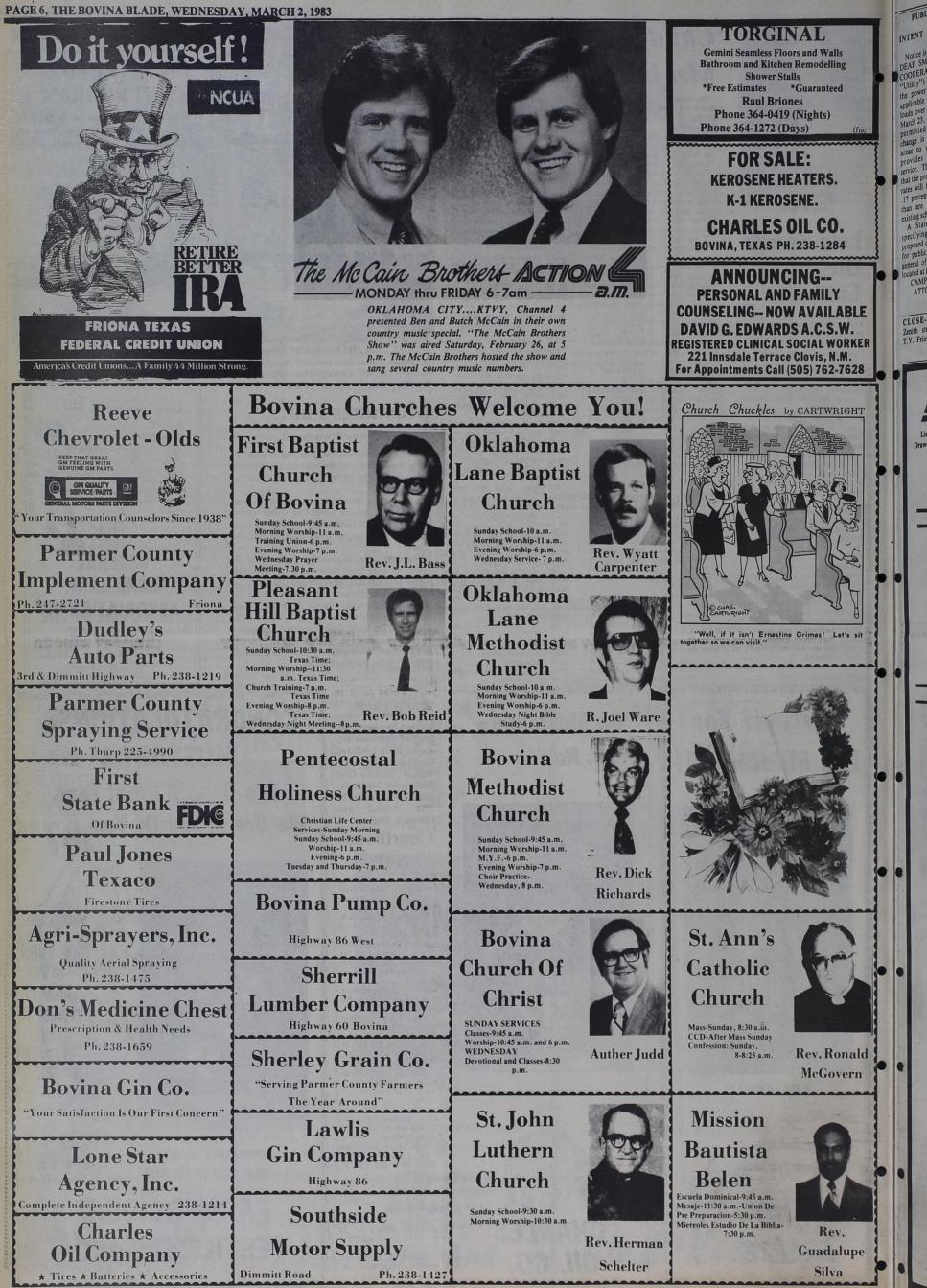
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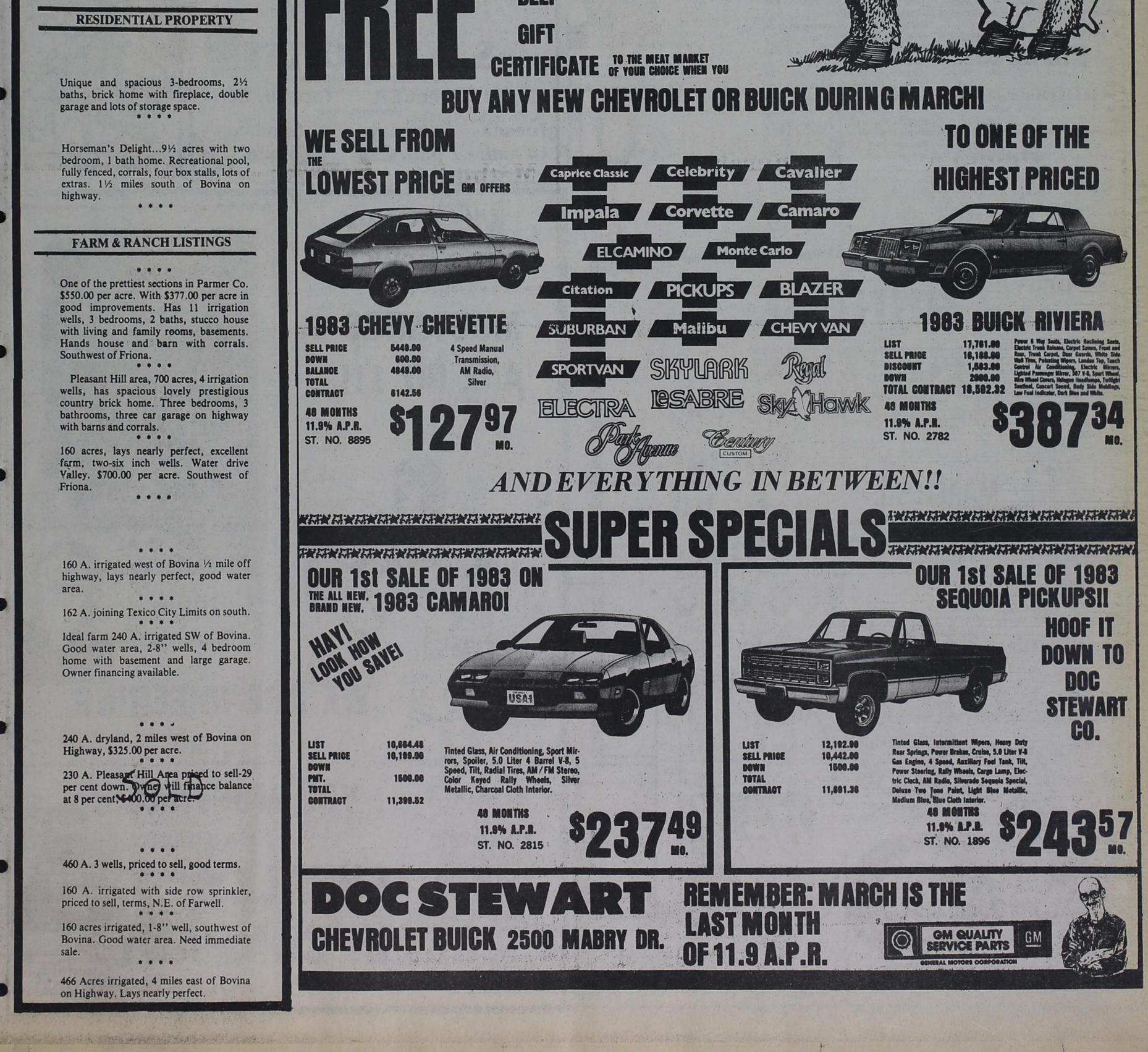
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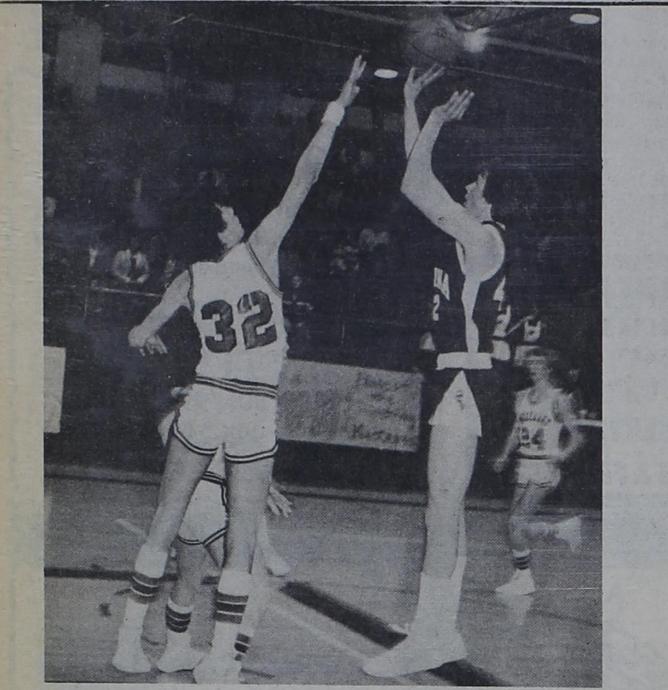
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Pleasant Hill area, 700 acres, 4 irrigation

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TWO FOR ME.... Greg McClaran goes up for two points against Shallowater's Trey Medlock in Friday nights 59-50 victory over the top rated team.

William G. Fielding **To Head Excel Corp.**

William G. Fielding, group vice president for fabrication operations since September 1980, has been elected president of Excel Corporation. Lanny L. Binger, group vice

general manager of Cargill's Burrus Milling Division from November 1977 to April 1979, and was administrative manager for Burrus from March to November of 1977.

Senator Bill Sarpalius

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Reports



BUFFALO LAKE PROBLEMS

AUSTIN - In the past few years, it seems as though Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge has encountered some Texassized problems.

We have joined in an effort to restore the lake for the people in that area. The proposal we are working on deals primarily with Potter, Randall and Deaf Smith counties.

As most of you know, Umbarger Dam on Buffalo Lake impounded a significant amount of water during the 1978 Memorial Day flood. Although Buffalo Lake was less than half full, it took more than two years to drain the water due to the small size of the gate on the dam. In 1980, officials determined that the spillway was unstable and ordered that the gate remain open. A proposal to dynamite - the dam was halted by U. S. Rep. Jack Hightower, who convinced

group is to "help implement Our bill seeks to establish a the restoration of Umbarger water district authority to Dam and spillway and the help generate revenues and Buffalo Lake National Wildmake investments on behalf life Refuge Area as a viable of the lake. continuing wildlife public

Voters within the established water district would have to vote to allow the water district board to sell bonds and levy a tax. If approved, the water authority could then sell water to municipalities, for

example, to help pay off the bonds. As a result, a future source of water for the area would be established, as well as a source of income for Buffalo Lake. However, there are several

obstacles to overcome. We are investigating the legal question of water rights on a federally-owned wildlife refuge.

We think the issue has been ignored for too long, and we are anxious for something to be done. Water-related issues should receive priority consideration - especially now.

We are interested in your input regarding Buffalo Lake. Please write to Sen. Bill Sarpalius, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711.

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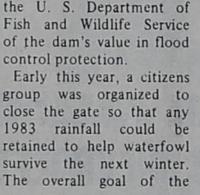
Fielding succeeds F. William Nicholson, who resigned to become chief executive officer of Valley View Agri, a division of Valley View Holdings Co., Dallas.

Fielding joined Excel, then MBPXL Corporation, in May 1980 as vice president for strategic planning and risk management.

Before joining Excel, Fielding had served as a Cargill assistant vice president in charge of flour milling operations since April 1979. He was

He held several merchandising and administrative positions in Cargill's Domestic Soybean Crushing Division before transferring to flour milling operations in 1977. He joined the company in January 1969.

Binger served as vice president of cattle procurement from February 1975 until May 1980 when he was named group vice president of slaughter operations. He joined Excel, then Missouri Beef Packers, Inc. and later MBPXL Corporation, as a cattle buyer in 1969. Excel is the beef processing and fabrication subsidiary of Cargill.







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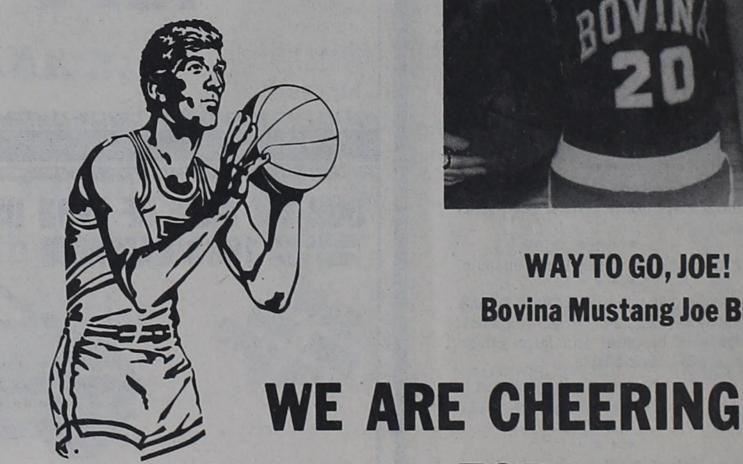
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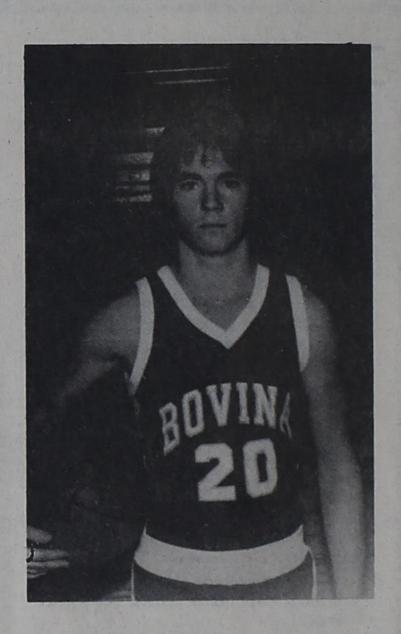
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