

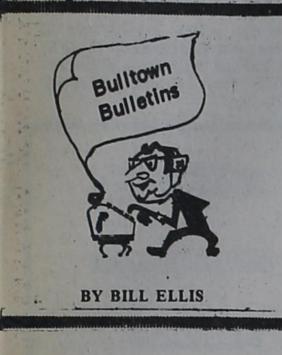
The Bovina Blade

10¢ EIGHT PAGES THE NEWSPAPER THAT WORKS FOR A BIGGER, BETTER BOVINA

"In The Agricultural Center Of Parmer County"

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WORK IS PROGRESSING on the new Bovina Super Market on Dimmitt Road. Partitions were built during the past week, giving one a bit of an idea of how the inside of the building will shape up.

It's hard to describe the room that Billy Whitecotton, Billy Smith & Co. are going to have in their new business home. It is just going to be fantastic.

Target date for completion of the building is July 15. The partners said this week that with that in mind, they would plan to move their business the weekend following July 15. They expect to probably be closed a day or two for the moving chore, but this closing time will be limited to the shortest time possible. With the new building taking shape, the Bovina grocers are beginning to get excited about the prospects of getting into their new home, and we are getting excited for them. It's going to be the nicest thing that's happened to Bovina in a number of years.



HARVEST UNDERWAY....Wheat and barley harvest, which began here last week, is rapidly coming to an end, according to area elevator men. The bulk of the less-than-average acrage is expected to be in the elevators this week, according to spokesmen at Sherley Grain

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YIELDS UP

Company and Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. Although, acreage is down from last year, yields and prices thus far are running higher than last year and higher than expected in view of the dry conditions this past winter. The second annual "Miss Bovina" pageant will be held here Friday, July 16, to select Bovina's representative in the "Miss Wheatheart of the Nation" pageant at Perryton, according to Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, chairman of the pageant committee. The contest will

BY CHAMBER

Wheat, Barley Harvest

Said To Be 'Low Key'

'Miss Bovina' Pageant Slated Here July 16

be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and held at Ridgelea Elementary School.

The 1976 Miss Wheatheart will receive a \$1000 college scholarship with the first runner-up receiving a \$500 scholarship and the second runner-up a \$250 scholarship.

Eligibility requirements state the contest is open for any single girl betwen the ages of 16 and 21 and sponsored by any civic organization or business firm. Contestants will be judged in sportswear, evening gowns and swim suits. Judging, by an out-of-town panel, will be on the basis of beauty, personality, poise and figure. The same rules will apply to the local pageant.

Deadline for entering the local pageant is Saturday, July 3, according to Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Any local civic group or business firm wishing to sponsor a contestant is asked to contact Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Prospective contestants may also contact Mrs. Kirkpatrick. represent Bovina in the Miss Wheatheart pageant.

Miss Christian, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian, was one of the 10 semi-finalists selected from 31 contestants. She was also named Miss Congeniality along with a contestant from Stratford, the first time in 29 years for two girls to the for the honor. Four states were represented in the Perryton pageant.

Mahon Announces REC Loan To Hereford Co-Op

Congressman George Mahon announced today a REC (Rural Electrification Administration) loan to West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative in Hereford for

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BOY, SUMMER arrived with a vengeance in the area Monday, which was the first official day of summer.

Thermometers in the area hit the 100-degree mark for the first time this season Monday, with prospects for a repeat performance on Tuesday.

The first hot weather taxed air conditioners at home and at work. In fact, it overtaxed our system at the Blade and it was on the fritz for awhile. About the time we shut the system off, we got a call from our Friona office.

Guess what? The air conditioner wasn't working.

I suppose that is one of the side benefits of having two businesses.

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WE WERE SHOWING one of our Father's Day gifts around this week.

We became owner of one of the latest fads--a pet rock.

So far it has been a fine pet. It didn't wake us up in the night barking; it won't soil the carpet when it forgets to go out; won't chase cars; doesn't require a neighbor to feed it when you go on trips, etc., etc.

Up to now, it has been by far the least troublesome pet we have ever owned.

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THE HEAVYWEIGHT fights that they put on "closed circuit" television to show to theatre audiences, such as the plans for the upcoming fracas between Muhammed Ali and the Japanese fellow served as a reminder this week of our first and only experience with closed-circuit TV fights.

Back in 1960 we were fresh out of Texas Tech journalism school, and were in the process of moving to San Mateo, California, where somehow or other we had landed a job as a sportswriter for a daily newspaper. We hadn't even reported for this first job as yet when on a weekend, former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was challenging the reigning champion from Sweden, Ingemar Johansen, who had earlier won the title from Patterson.

Feeling that we needed to be up on

"Low key" is the description of in this year's wheat and barley SI harvest, according to elevator men W

Rev. Whitten burg

New Pastor At

OL Meth. Church

Rev. Harvey Whittenburg is the new pastor at the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church. He succeeds Rev. Oran D. Smith who was transferred to Hartley.

Rev. Whittenburg served as pastor of the Hartley United Methodist Church for the past two years. Prior to that, he pastored the church at Welch five years.

He has been a minister for 12 years. Before being ordained, Rev. Whittenburg was a farmer in Hockley County.

Rev. Whittenburg and his wife, Lorene, have been married nine years. The couple has 13 children and 37 grandchildren.

ISAIAH MEJIA

in Bovina. Spokesmen at both Sherley Grain Company and Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., indicated that the majority of the wheat would be in the elevators by the end of this week with barley harvest virtually complete.

Yields on irrigated wheat and barley are running "better than expected" in view of the dry conditions this past winter. Yields of from 40 to 80 bushels per acre have been reported for wheat and from 75 to 120 bushels per acre on barley. However, most dryland crops were plowed under because of the drouths.

Bobby Calaway delivered the first load of wheat to Sherley Grain Saturday, July 12, according to Harry Johnson at Sherley Grain.

Larry Webb, manager of Wheat Growers, said that test weights on wheat were running 60-62, which he termed "excellent."

Both men agreed that acreage on both barley and wheat were down this year from last.

Price quotations on barley as of early this week at the local elevators was \$4.60 per 100 pounds, up about 40 cents over this time a year ago. Price quotations on wheat was \$3.60 per bushel, up about 60 cents over this time last year.

BY COWBELLES

A \$7.50 entry fee has been set with the funds defraying the expenses of the local pageant and the Perryton event.

In last year's pageant, the first in a number of years for the city, Miss Tammy Christian was selected from a group of nine contestants to \$2,289,000 at seven per cent interest. Areas served are Deaf Smith, Bailey, Castro and Parmer Counties. The purpose of the loan is to finance facilities to connect 282

finance facilities to connect 282 additional subscribers; to construct 24 miles of new line and to finance systems improvement. President of West Texas Rural

Telephone Co-op is Jimmy Cockerham of Bovina and the manager is Thomas A. Hyer of Hereford.

Don Spring Named Father Of The Year

Don Spring, local pharmacist and owner of Don's Medicine Chest, is Bovina's "Father of the Year" for 1976.

Spring was selected in a contest

sponsored annually by the Bovina CowBelles.

The 1976 Father of the Year was presented a roast of beef and a copper bell, fashioned after the CowBelle insignia and inscribed with his name and "1976 Father of the Year." The roat of beef was donated by Bovina Supermarket.

Previous winners in the annual contest include Dan Koelzer in 1973, Wilbur Charles in '74 and Kenneth Cary in '75.

Spring is the father of two daughters, Alicia and Pam, and two sons, Don Paul and Sammy. He is president of the Lions Club, past president of the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, has served on the city council and has been active in Little League as a coach. He also sponsors teams in the boys' Little League and girls' softball.

Spring was nominated for the honor by the Lions Club.

Other nominees this year included Rouel Barron, Woman's Study Club and Roping Club; Billy Whitecotton, Bovina High School Student Council; Dickie Clayton, Jaycees; and George Powell, Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

The contest is sponsored by the local CowBelle group each year in conjunction with its project to promote the serving of beef on Father's Day.

Mrs. Marion Carson served as chairman of this year's contest.



BHS Graduate To Tour Russia With H-SU Choir

Isaiah Mejia, a 1974 graduate of Bovina High School, will be among 72 Friendship Ambassadors from the New England Youth Ensemble in Massachusetts and the Hardin-Simmons University Choir in Abilene who depart August 11 for a three week special concert tour in Poland and the Soviet Union.

The two groups were selected from about 100 considered by the board of directors of the Friendship Ministry of the Soviet Union through the Friendship Ambassadors organization," Dr. Hawthorne said. "The Soviet group requested one orchestra and one choir and we are highly honored that the H-SU Concert Choir was selected."

This will be the first time for an H-SU musical group to perform in countries behind the Iron Curtain, although several groups from the school have toured in Western Europe and other continents. The trip is considered an "unprecedented break-through in people-to-people relationships" with the Soviet Union, Dr. Hawthorne said. The tour is the culmination of almost a year of discussions and negotiations with the Soviet Youth Ministry. The tour schedule calls for the H-SU choir and the orchestra from New England to leave New York on a Pan American charter bound for Warsaw. The following nine days will be spent in concerts throughout Poland. The two groups will leave Warsaw Aug. 20 on an exclusive LOT Airlines charter for Moscow where they will be met by officials of Friendship Ambassadors and representatives of Sputnik International of the Soviet Youth Ministry.

Sputnik International has planned a full program of performing opportunities, as well as educational and cultural experiences and meetings with the Soviet young people. During their 11-day stay in Russia, the group will spend the first few days in Moscow, then go by train to Riga, capital of the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic on the Baltic Sea. Following will be a journey to Leningrad, where the tour will end when the group departs Sept. 1 for Warsaw and a return flight to New York.

Don Spring, local pharmacist and owner of Don's Medicine Chest, is

the latest sporting event, we stood in line and laid out \$7.50 for a seat in the threatre showing the title fight. That happened to be the fight where Patterson flattened Ingemar only 17 seconds after the first round started. That turned out to be our last experience with closed circuit TV fights.

It was probably our last \$7.50 that was scraped up for the admission ticket. If you do a little quick arithmetic, or use a calculator, you'll see that for the length of the fight, we paid at the rate of \$26.50 per minute, or \$1590.00 per hour, if the fight had lasted that long. Some of the fight fans didn't even get in and seated before the fight was over. So don't try to talk us into going to one of those theatre fights. They are too rich for our blood. Ambassadors Foundation. The nonprofit organization, which is assisted by the Readers Digest Foundation, promotes greater international understanding through music.

The Hardin-Simmons choir is directed by Dr. Loyd Hawthorne, a native of Brownwood. He came to H-SU in the fall of 1974 from Carson-Newman College in Tennessee. He holds a BS degree from Lamar State University, master's from Baylor and a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Texas in Austin. This past year, his H-SU choir was one of four college groups invited to sing at the annual meeting of the Texas Music Educators Association in San Antonio.

"The invitation to go to the Soviet Union actually came from the Youth Mejia, son of Rev. and Mrs. Porfirio Mejia, auditioned for the H-SU touring choir in the fall of 1974 and was named to the group in the spring of '75. He is now a junior, majoring in Spanish and education with minors in music and bi-lingual education.

Mejia, in a letter to The Blade, said that he is working as a lab instructor in French and Spanish this summer at H-SU in addition to serving as secretary for three foreign language professors and holding a part-time job at night to earn money for the trip to Russia. "I am just thrilled about this great opportunity to go to Russia," said Mejia.

FATHER OF THE YEAR....Mrs. Marion Carson, left, and Mrs. Erith Hawkins present a roast of beef and copper cow bell to Don Spring, Bovina's 1976 "Father of the Year." The contest here is sponsored annually by the Bovina CowBelles. Mrs. Carson served as chairman of this year's contest. Mrs. Hawkins is president of the local CowBelle chapter. Spring was nominated for the honor by the Bovina Lions Club.

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Reflections The Blade From brought almost another inch of

20 YEARS AGO-JUNE 20, 1956 Bovina will again have a Fourth of July picnic and get-together. Lions Club members voted to sponsor the picnic at their Thursday night meeting.

Initial plans call for a turtle race, fiddler's contest, bubble blowing contest, Little League and Pony League baseball games, volleyball games and Shetland pony rides.

Aided by the six hit pitching of Robert Read and the bat of Robert McCormick, the Bovina Bulls coasted to a 5-3 win over Vega Sunday at Vega in a Central Plains League game.

Dolph Moten, editor of The Blade, and W.H. Graham Jr., editor of The State Line Tribune at Farwell, received an honorable mention award for the best news story in the National Editorial Association better newspaper contests.

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15 YEARS AGO-JUNE 21, 1961 With over \$200 in signed checks and another \$1000 promised, a committee is set to go to work toward building a lighted baseball park for Bovina. Dean McCallum, who has spearheaded a drive to raise funds for the project, announced early this week that some definite action will be taken within the next few days.

Construction is underway on a roping and cutting horse arena for Bovina. Work began last week on the facility which will be located two miles west of town and a half mile south of Robert Read's place.

This newspaper will receive the State Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association's Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at the association's annual conference August 8-11 in Austin.

here.

Dear Editor.

+ + + +**FIVE YEARS AGO-JUNE 23, 1971** Construction work is presently underway for the new building of St. Ann's Catholic Church on Third Street. The new building is being constructed east of the present parish hall. Plans call for the church to be in use by this fall.

Weekend showers in the area



As President of the Texas Association for Mental Health I am truly edified at the response from citizens throughout the state in support of mental health.

A "Citizen Who Does Make A Difference" lives within your own community, Durward Bell, 1976 Bellringer Chairperson.

Bell and the Bellringer workers actively contributed their time and effort for the May drive for mental health. These people and the citizens of Bovina receive my wholehearted "thanks" on behalf of the Mental Health Association.

> Very truly yours, Carroll B. Bryant President

Services Held For

Dear Editor.

On behalf of the workers who collected the money and the Texas Association for Mental Health, I would like to thank the citizens of the Bovina community for their generous contributions to the May drive for Mental Health.

moisture to most sections.

Six Bovina High School cheerlead-

ers will be in Lubbock for the annual

Texas Tech Cheerleading School

next week. They will be participat-

ing in the Coaches All-American

game Saturday night. Attending will

be Darlene Murphy, Nena Spicer,

Terri Willard, Debbie Sorley, Christi

Trimble and Rhonda Rhodes.

Our community raised a total of \$222.50 to help fight mental and emotional disturbances.

We can all be proud that we are a part of a growing number of persons supporting mental health and demanding adequate services from our government for our tax dollars.

> Yours truly, Durward Bell, Chairman

Sales Tax Check **Received By City**

Comptroller Bob Bullock warned Tuesday that many Texas businesses are ignoring the use tax and may run into costly problems when visited by his auditors.

"It's called the sales AND use tax," said Bullock. "But too many

Services Held For Father Of **Kirby Carrell**

Funeral services for Thomas Carrell of Dimmitt, father of Kirby Carrell of Bovina, were held Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Rev. Raymond Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sunnyside, officiated, assisted by Rev. Charles Higgs, associate pastor of the Dimmitt church. Burial was in the Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Carrell, 67, died at 6 a.m. Thursday in Plains Memorial Hospital at Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

A retired farmer, he had lived in Dimmitt for the past six and one-half years.

Survivors include his wife, Murl; two daughters, Geline McGee of Houston and Peggy Long of Amarillo; three sisters, Cora West of Dimmitt, Daisy Wallen of Olustee, Okla., and Etta Francis of Quanah; two brothers, Bill Carrell of Hood River, Ore., and Frank Carrell of Olustee, Okla.; and six grandchildren.



people don't understand what the second part of that means."

The Comptroller said the biggest part of the problem is with businesses that do not sell retail goods, have no sales and use tax permit, and never think about the tax when they buy equipment from outside the state.

"A bank, television or radio station, or any business requiring specialized equipment may buy that equipment from out-of-state without paying the Texas sales tax," he said. "In all those cases, however, they owe the Texas use tax on the total cost of the purchase."

In fact, said Bullock, the use tax is due on any goods bought from out-of-state and then put to business or personal use, without being resold.

The Comptroller said his office is conducting a public information campaign in an effort to clear up misunderstanding about the use tax. Also Tuesday, Bullock mailed checks totaling \$48.9 million to 846 cities and towns as the June rebate of the one-cent city sales tax they collect.

City rebates for 1976 are running

Mental Health

Drive Nets



Bovina raised \$222.50 in the May drive benefitting the Texas Association for Mental Health.

Bellringer workers collected house-to-house during May, Mental Health Month.

Proceeds benefit the non-profit organization whose members are

12.5 per cent ahead of 1975, he said. Rebates through June of 1975 totaled \$129.2 million, he noted, while they total \$145.4 million through June of this year.

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For the period ending June 4, Bovina received a check for \$2,358.52 with Farwell receiving a check for \$3,088.91 and Friona receiving \$10,795.72.





+ + + +10 YEARS AGO-JUNE 22, 1966 A \$120,000 building and remodeling project was launched this week at Bovina Methodist Church.

The new sanctuary, which will seat 325, will have a total of 4100 square feet not including the balcony. Also to be built new are six classrooms which will have a total square footage of 1100. A total of 2000 square feet in the present building will be remodeled. New church office space is also included in the building program.

Plans are underway for a men's slow-pitch softball league to begin here July 11, Jim Russell, Lions Club president, announces. This will be the second year for such a league

Nephew Of Mrs. White

Bert Lowell Males of Vallejo, Calif., a nephew of Mrs. Odis White of Bovina, died at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at his home of an apparent bee sting.

His sister, Mrs. Mary Humes of Campbell, said that Males came inside the house at 11:05 a.m., slapped at his shoulder and said "something just stung me." Shortly after that, he collapsed. He was taken by ambulance to Broadway Hospital and given treatment for anophylaxis shock but never revived.

An accountant, Mr. Males was 42. He lived with his father, Ernest Males, who was visiting relatives in Oklahoma at the time.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, June 16, in Skyview Funeral Chapel with Rev. Norman Lawson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Skyview Memorial Lawn.

His mother, Leola (Mrs. White's sister), died in 1969. Mr. Males is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. White attended the funeral services. They were visiting in California at the time of Mr. Males' death.

THE SUFFERIN' WILL

TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.

Things are looking greener for grain sorghum. Foreign

Agricultural Service analysts

now expect a 6% drop in world wheat and feed grain'

stocks. An upturn in world livestock feeding and drouth

conditions in some parts of the

world are depleting the

By John Ricci

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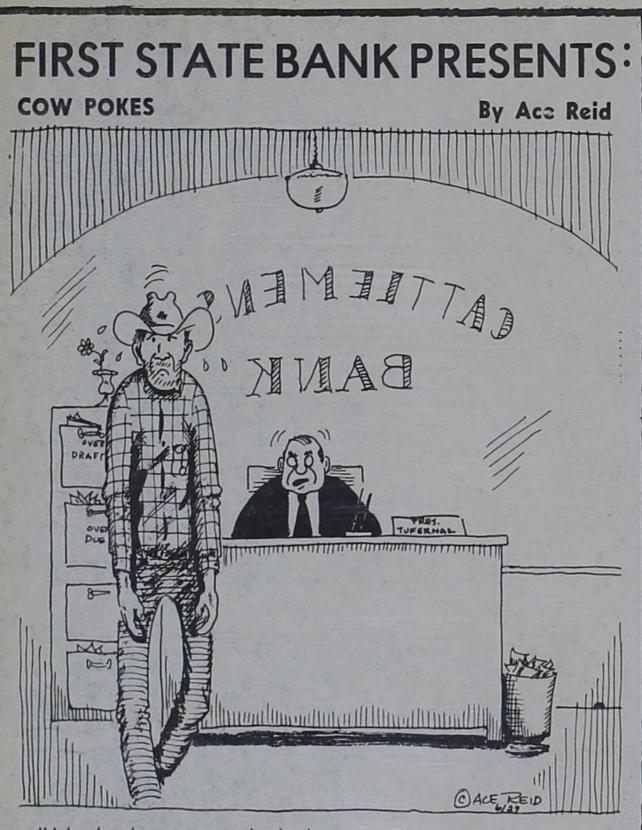
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dedicated to fighting mental illness through education, while working on behalf of the emotionally disturbed and their families.

Association President Carroll B. Bryant said that the organization exists solely on donations, such as those raised in the Bellringer campaign.

Bryant thanked Durward Bell and the Bellringer workers in Bovina, calling them "Citizens Who Do Make A Difference."





"Jake, be shore to come back when you ain't got your busi ess in

supply faster than expected. such a mess!" 15 OZ. CAN Feed grains are now expected **RANCH STYLE** to drop 0.9 million metric tons 4 FOR \$100 from last year. Earlier pro-BEANS THE AND 365 DAYS . DONUT spects were for a 3.6 million **Check With Us For** metric ton gain. One big reason for this 4.5 million ton difference is the drouth **SPECIAL GROCERY SAVINGS All Your** damage n Argentina. The 220 million ushels of Argentine' feed gr ins expected to be **BAMA STRAWBERRY** 18 0Z. 79C **Financial Needs!** sold to preign customers is PRESERVES 115 million bushels below projections. This means less com-**BATHROOM TISSUE** 4 ROLL 79C. petition for U.S. exports and RMIN SQUEEZABLY smaller carryover from the FIRST STATE BANK '1976 crops. JUMBO 59C **PAPER TOWELS** TUCKER **BOVINA, TEXAS** EQUIPMENT CO. OF BOVINA 4100 Mabzy, Clevist Member, FDIC 115-3rd St. 762-1453

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Longhorn Trail Drive Gets Underway Sunday

Come 1977, there will be place in the herd. only a few who can say, "I remember the Longhorn trail drives of 1976 because I was there!"

versity Bicentennial Long- line. horn Trail Drive from San Antonio to the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock. There still is time to sign on most this Bicentennial year. for the ride.

The Longhorns are now Home--choosing their lead steer, picking a "buddy" with which they'll travel the Tech University. The opendistance, and deciding a ing is scheduled for July 2-5. pecking order to find their The 12-acre Ranching

Longhorns make for themselves, and by the time the Some who will have the June 27 they will know most vivid memories are which steer they are those who ride in the following, and they'll horn symbolic Texas Tech Uni- out any steer that gets out of 2. Its interpretive program

"in training" for the drive at in time for the formal the YO Ranch in Mountain opening ceremonies at the Ranching Heritage Center at The Museum of Texas

The Texas Tech Longhorn drive will be different from It will last from June 27 to July 2, arriving in Lubbock

WD, Cecil E. Winegeart,

et ux, D.C. and M.D. Farms,

ley, Shelby Smiley, Lot 1,

WD, Ernest L. Howard, et

Lots 25 and 26, Blk. 6,

et ux, Kenneth D. Cole, et

WD, George C. Taylor Jr.,

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Blk. 69, Friona

Instrument Report Ending June 9, 1976, in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, Inc., NE1/4 Sec. 27, Blk. B. **County Clerk**

WD, Vennie Purcell Jr., et al, Benito Rodriguez, lots 3 and 4, Blk. 15, Bovina WD, Benito Rodriguez,

Jamie S. Lara, lots 3 and 4, ux, Hurley Tubbs, et ux, Blk. 15, Bovina WD, Wayne B. Stark, Jr.,

Glenn Byron Salyer, Sec. 27, TIN;R4E

WD, F.O. Turner, Jack D. ux, W 55' Lot 18 and E 25' Lot Sec. 10, T6S;R3E

Heritage Center has a score These are decisions the of historic ranch buildings authentically restored, furnished and landscaped to 70 animals start the drive depict the development of ranching in the American West. Mrs. Lyndon Johnson will dedicate the center July was made possible by a

grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. While most Bicentennial trail drives are relatively short and move through open country, the Texas Tech drive--like the Ranching Heritage Center itself--will give urban dwellers an honest look at their history. The drive will move through main streets in San Antonio, Kerrville, San

Angelo, Stamford (in time for the 46th annual Texas Cowboy Reunion), Midland and Lubbock.

In the open country, the animals will be trucked. The arrangement is partly a concession to the difficulties in mixing cattle herds and impatient, 55-mile-an-hour highway traffic. The major

greatest number of people possible have a look at their past, an era that faded at the turn of the century.

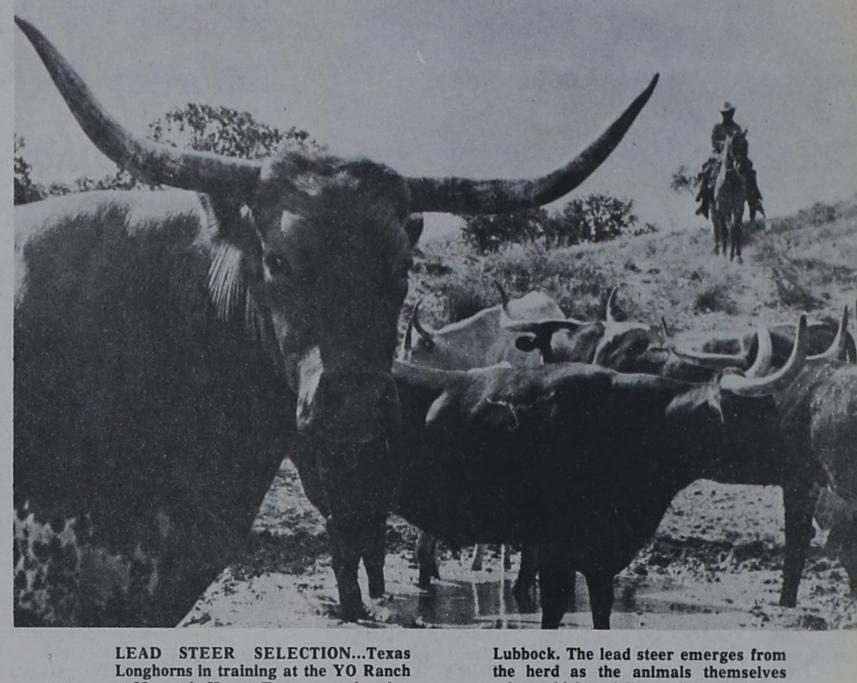
Any who want to join the drive for the entire route, participating in Bicentennial festivities in the towns through which it moves, Turner, 77.576 ac. out SE1/4 19, Blk. 6, 3rd. Instal. Staley should write or phone the Add. No. 3, Add. to Friona. YO Ranch, Mountain Home, oxbow or corkscrew, and spectacular shades of red.

Tex. 78058 or 512-640-3222 In each town sheriff's posses and riding and rodeo clubs are invited to participate. Club officers should contact local Bicentennial committees or phone Dr. J. Wayland Bennett, 806-742-4277. He is the Texas Tech coordinator for the drive. Charles Schreiner III of the YO Ranch is trail boss.

He also was the first president of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America, organized in 1964 to recognize the Texas Longhorn's link to American history, to promote breed practices and to encourage the development of herds to preserve for posterity a magnificent breed of cattle.

The Longhorn is as American as the land the animal dominated in the last century. They are developed as wild stock out of Spanish ancestry.

Longhorns are big, rawboned and rangy, with slabbed sides and a squarish look. Steers on the Texas Tech drive will weigh about 1,500 pounds each. They have long legs with the huge front quarters making the front legs appear shorter. The head is large and long. Some have a thatch of hair between the horns. The neck is short. Hair is coarse and thick with a heavy dewlap beneath the neck.



at Mountain Home, Texas, are choosing their own lead steer for the symbolic **Texas Tech Bicentennial Longhorn Trail** Drive June 27-July 2 from San Antonio to the Ranching Heritage Center in

they grow as long as the

exactly alike in color. They and ring-streaked, slate, H.C. Carter, Austin, Carter mouse-colored, dun and

select which to follow. The trail drive, bossed by Charles Schreiner III of the YO, will precede the July 2-5 formal opening of the Ranching Heritage Center.

Mountain Home. This month the trail herd was filmed at the YO by Doty Dayton Productions which is producing a commercial motion picture, ramrods, Texas Special "The Saga of Jimmy Dee, Pony Express Rider 1860," a McGregor, Wichita Falls, family western by the same The horns are either brown, yellow and cream, or Dan Harrison, Jr., Houston, company which produced Ace Reid, Van Poorman, and Charles Schreiner, "Where the Red Fern and Charles Schreiner IV.

Grows" and other "G" rated films.

Along with the stars there will be appearing in the film the Texas Tech trail drive Ranger Jimmy Dee (whose real name is James DeLesdernier), cowboy cartoonist

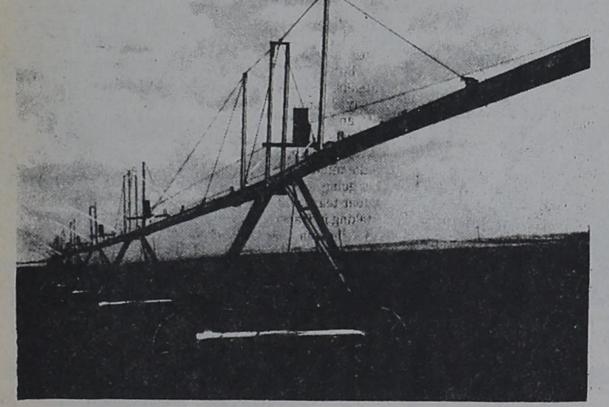
WD, Jimmy Darrell Smi- goal, however, is to let the

longer.

The steers being trained animal is healthy. On a steer for the drive--by honking they can be six feet or horns and molesting them in other ways they might No two longhorns are encounter on the trip--come from four ranches. They are can be mulberry, speckled from herds belonging to

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GAIL SANDERS....Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Sanders of Whiteface, Texas** announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gail to Kenny Sifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sifford of Friona. The wedding will be Saturday, August 21 at the First

Baptist Church of Whiteface at 6 p.m. The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Whiteface High School and a 1976 graduate of South Plains College. Sifford is a 1975 graduate of Friona High School. He attended South Plains College one year.

St. Ann's Society Plans

Garage Sale, Bicentennial Quilt

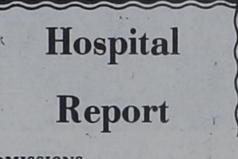
A garage sale and the annual the society, gave a Parish Council

Shower Set Saturday For **Miss Roming**

Miss Dian Roming, bride-elect of Dan Lusk, will be feted with a bridal shower Saturday at the home of Mrs. Kent Glasscock, 901 Ridgelea Drive. Calling hours will be from 2 to 3:30 that afternoon.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Tom Caldwell, Mrs. Sonny Jones, Mrs. C.C. Naegle, Mrs. Dickie Clayton, Mrs. Oakley Stevenson, Mrs. Ed Hutto, Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, Mrs. John Dixon, Mrs. A.L. Nuttall, Mrs. Tom Ware and Mrs. Glasscock.

The bride-elect's selections are on display at The Browsabout and Isaac's Department Store.

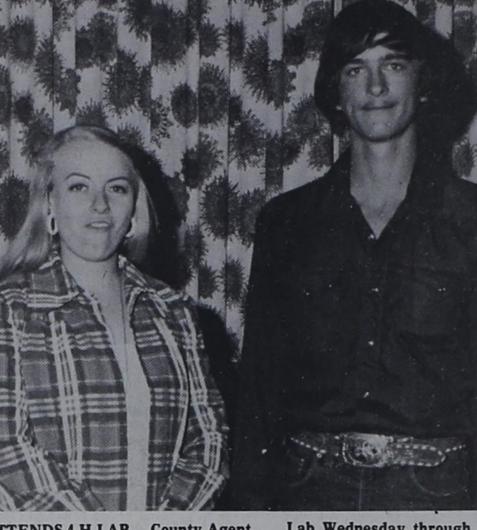


ADMISSIONS-

Mrs. Gene Dobmeier and baby girl, Friona; Olive Grissom, Bovina; Charles Ross, Bovina; Kara Mills, Bovina; Sandy Peters, Friona; Sam Aldridge, Farwell; H.W. Hardage, Farwell; Johnie Whiteside, Friona; Susan Lillard, Lubbock; C.L. Lillard, Friona; William Harris, Quitman, Texas; Michelle Dopp, Bovina; Isabel Serrano, Hereford; Anthony Drager, Friona; and Dennis Johnston, Bovina.

DISMISSALS-

Antonio R. Hinjosia, R.L. Jackson, Mrs. Guadalupe Robles and baby boy, Yolanda Walker and baby boy, Eugene Bandy, Sandy Peters, Kara Mills, Patsy Webb, Johnie Whiteside, A.B. Wilkinson, Mrs. Gene Dobmeier and baby girl, Susan Lillard, Olive Grissom, William Harris and Sam Aldridge.

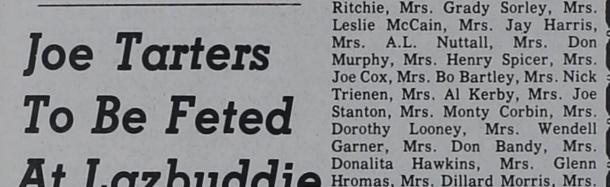


ATTENDS 4-H LAB....County Agent Jana Pronger and Rocky Bartlett of Bovina, District Council delegate, attended a District 4-H Leadership

Lab Wednesday through Friday of last week, at South Plains College in Levelland.

Mrs. Kunselman To **Be Feted With Shower**

Mrs. Artie Kunselman, the former Miss Tami Russell, will be feted with a bridal shower Thursday, July 1, in



Community Room of the First State Bank of Bovina. Calling hours will be from 4 to 6 p.m.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Glenn Ritchie, Mrs. Grady Sorley, Mrs. Leslie McCain, Mrs. Jay Harris, Mrs. A.L. Nuttall, Mrs. Don Murphy, Mrs. Henry Spicer, Mrs. Joe Cox, Mrs. Bo Bartley, Mrs. Nick Trienen, Mrs. Al Kerby, Mrs. Joe Stanton, Mrs. Monty Corbin, Mrs. Dorothy Looney, Mrs. Wendell Garner, Mrs. Don Bandy, Mrs. Donalita Hawkins, Mrs. Glenn



Mrs. Arty Kunselman nee Miss Tami Russell + + + +Thursday, July 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. **Community Room First State Bank of Bovina**

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turkey dinner were discussed at a' meeting of St. Ann's Society Monday in Parish Hall of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

The group planned to make a bicentennial quilt to be given away at the annual turkey dinner in November. Plans were also made to sponsor a garage sale at the Parish Hall Saturday, July 10.

Mrs. Phil Brockman, president of

report. The group voted to purchase two Holy Water Fonts for the church. New linens are also being prepared by members of the society.

Mrs. Gene Brito closed the meeting with a prayer. Refreshments wer served 11 members by Mrs. Eugene Schacker and Mrs. Joe Schilling.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL-

Anthony Drager, Michelle Dopp, Melissa Hand, Hardy Hardage, Dennis Johnston, Eva Jones, C.L. Lillard, Charles Ross and Isabel Serrano.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tarter of Lazbuddie will be feted with a housewarming Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. at their new home there. Mrs. Tarter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Kerby of Bovina.

Hostesses for the event will be Mrs. Jerry Don Glover, Mrs. Frank Hinkson, Mrs. Hoppy Jennings, Mrs. Errol Johnson, Mrs. Gene Smith, Mrs. Dan Smith, Mrs. Royce Barnes, Mrs. Scotty Windham, Mrs. Johnny Mitchell, Mrs. Orville Burnett, Mrs. Max Steinbock, Mrs. Gene Paul Jarman, Mrs. J.T. Mayfield and Mrs. Darrell Mason.

T.C. Wiseman, Mrs. Scott Gober, Mrs. Floyd Damron, Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. Ray Peace and Mrs. Eddie Gayle Steelman.

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Carlsbad Begins Summer Schedule

Carlsbad Caverns National Park Superintendent Don Dayton has announced that the park's full summer schedule began June 6, and will continue in effect through Labor Day, September 6.

Under the expanded schedule, the park visitor center will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Complete cavern trips, which enter through the cavern's natural entrance and are three miles in length, will be available continuously from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Big Room trips, which enter by elevator and are 11/4 miles in length, will be offered continuously from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

daily.

Bat Flight Programs, which are already under way, will continue

throughout the summer, with talks scheduled at the cavern entrance each evening at sunset.

Other activities available at the park during the summer include lantern tours through primitive New Cave, guided nature walks to Oak

Springs, self-guided nature trails, museum exhibits, an observation tower, picnicking at Rattlesnake area, and backcountry hiking. All activities are offered without

limitations on a first come, first served basis except for the lantern tours of New Cave which require reservations, and are limited to groups of 25 persons each. Reservations for the New Cave lantern tours, which are offered four times daily, may be made by calling the park at (505) 785-2233.

Concession facilities available at the park include a restaurant, gift shop, nursery and kennel service, and an underground dining area.

The park entrance fee is \$3.00 per carload for a single visit by private non-commercial vehicle or \$1.00 per person for commercial bus passengers. Annual Golden Eagle and Golden Age Passports are also available and honored at the park.

Handicapped persons will find the park Visitor Center facilities and a scenic portion of the Cavern's Big Room accessible to wheel chairs.

Linda Marcom Wins **Piano Solo Contest**

Miss Linda Marcom of Hamlin, formerly of Bovina, was named first place winner in the junior piano solo contest of the Texas Music Teachers Association meeting in Austin recently.

Miss Marcom played a Beethoven

Springs in the Slaughter Canyon Bookmobile In

first place.

The High Plains Bookmobile will be in the rural areas of Parmer County Thursday and Friday of next week, according to Lorene Sooter. librarian.

On Thursday, the bookmobile will be at Oklahoma Lane from 9 to 10 a.m., at Rhea from 10:45 to noon and at Hub from 1:15 to 2:15 that afternoon.

Senior Citizens Meet

The Bovina Senior Citizens will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday of next week in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The group meets the last Wednesday of each month for a luncheon and social.

All Senior Citizens in the community are invited to attend and bring a covered dish for the luncheon.

On Friday, the bookmobile will be at White's Elevator from 10 to 11 a.m., at Lazbuddie from noon until 1 p.m. and at Clay's Corner from 1:15 to 2:15 that afternoon.

Sonata and a Rachmoninoff Prelude

in the contest. She is a student of

Mrs. Louis Catuogno of Lubbock and

represented the Lubbock Music

Teachers Association. She received

a trophy and cash prize of \$50 for

The summer reading program, sponsored by the bookmobile, is currently underway and youngsters in the service area are invited to participate.

Layette Shower For Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Ray Anderson of Bovina will be feted with a layette shower tomorrow (Thursday) from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Pete Davies at 805 East Street.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Jackie Wheeler, Mrs. Carolyn Weston, Mrs. Randy Barrett, Mrs. Radford Venable, Mrs. Elton Venable, Mrs. Rolland Lusk and Mrs. Davies.

BHS Grads Named To Honor Roll

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Two students from Bovina have earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

The undergraduate honor is awarded students who have excelled academically. Recipients must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio (out

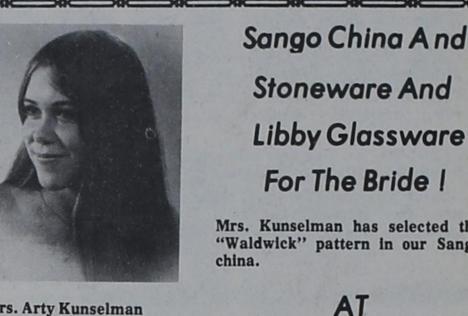
of a possible 4.0) during the most recent grading period.

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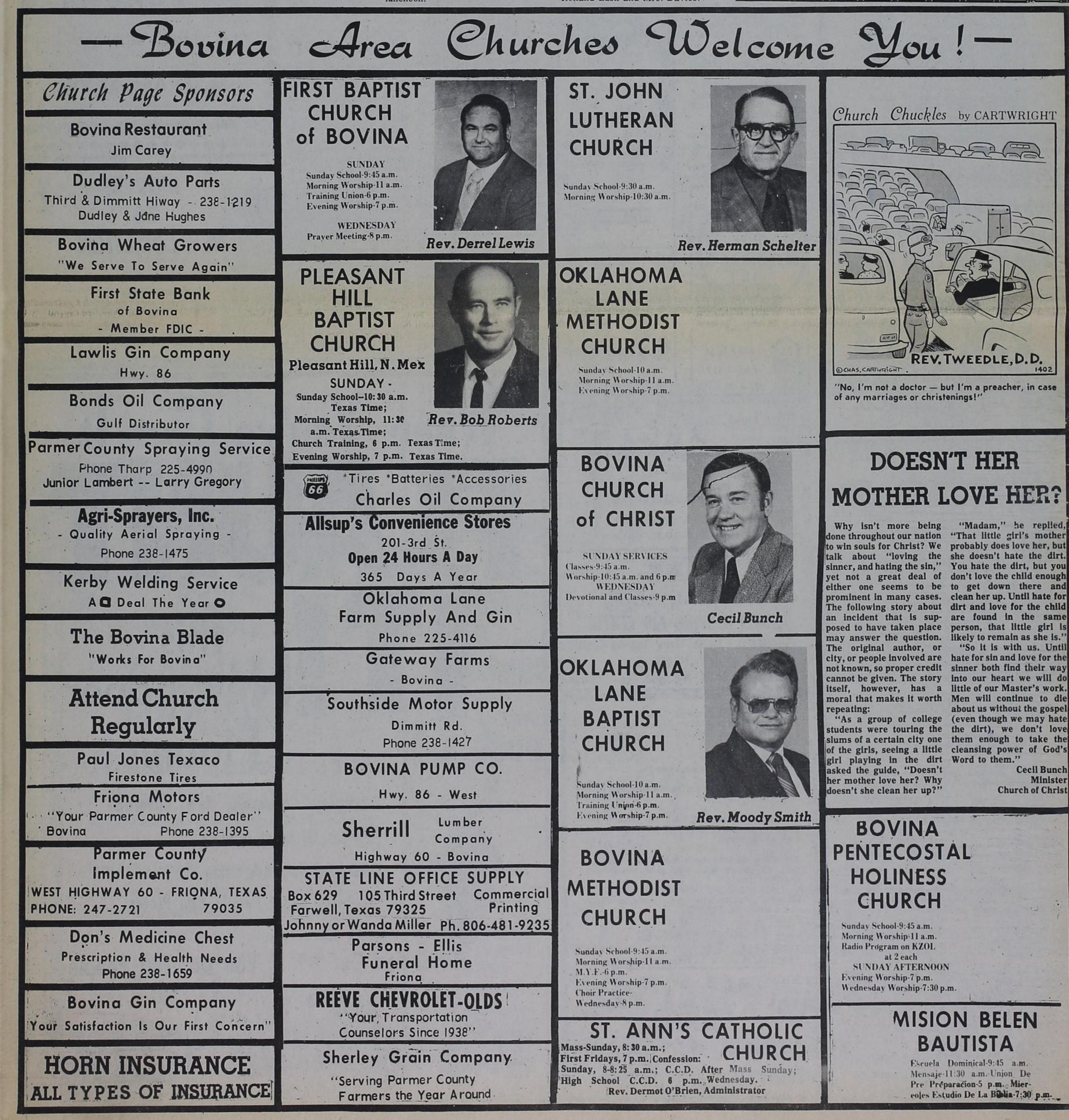
A&M's undergraduate enrollment. Distinguished Bovina students are Eddie J. Steelman, forestry, son of E.G. Steelman, and Steven T. Wiseman, animal science, son of T.C. Wiseman.

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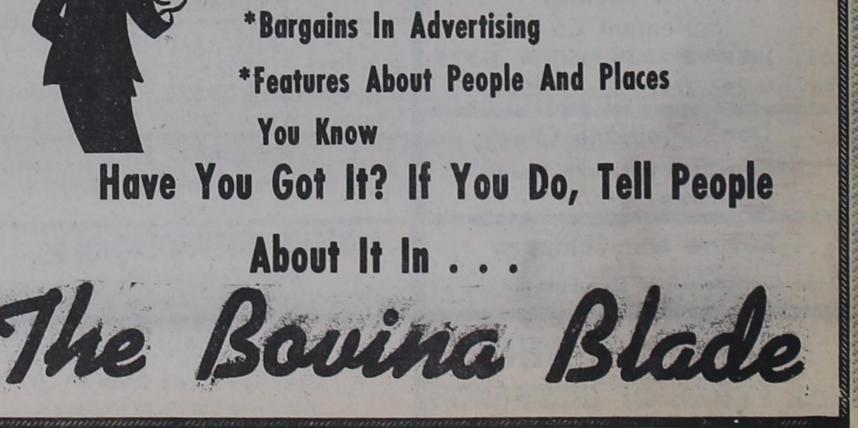
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Bicentennial Tour Experiences Told

By ALMA CLAYTON

I'm sure you have heard 'Bicentennial' until you're sick to death of it. But for 42 of us, we saw and heard about it first hand, or should I say first foot and tired behind! We walked and sat by turns until not one of us had an ounce of energy left, not even the teen-agers. For a number of the group, the trip started the afternoon of June 2. This group drove from Bovina to Dallas where they spent the night. The other 14 flew from Lubbock to Dallas Thursday morning, June 3, where both groups met and prepared to start the tour.

The tour group was organized by Zane and Carolyn Reeves. Others in the group were: Letha Treinen, Laura Bartlett, Alta Hutto, Michelle Bonds, Tammy Hutto, Jana Barrett, Bonnie Clayton, Holli Clayton, Arlene McCallum, Mina Horn, Alma Clayton, Lee Stevenson, Ester Trimble, Cathie Trimble, Shirley Garrison, Janice Reeves, Samie Garrison, Kirtus Garrison, Jimmy Evans, Fred O'Hair, Jeff Hromas, Loy Christian, Tammy Christian, Kim Gober, Richard Carpenter, Ruth Boone, Rebecca Walling, Tana Nix, Debbie Whitecotton, Carol Ware, Karl Willard, Vic Christian, Tim Norton, Dennis Willard, Fran Jacobs, Billy Whitecotton, Butch McCain, Betty Whitecotton and Kim Whitecotton.

After meeting in the Flagship Suite at the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport we boarded the 'American' and departed at 1 p.m.

This was a first flight for several of us. And speaking for myself alone, it was great. I enjoyed it immensely. Lunch was served on the flight along with a choice of drinks, both soft and mixed. The flight took three hours. By this time we had had to run our watches up an hour.

We were met at the La Guardia airport by a tour bus and a guide being late in the afternoon. There are very few alleys in New York, therefore, all garbage is deposited out on the street. Some was neatly bagged but enough was scattered to give all the streets an unkept look. And dirty-there is no way to describe the filth. The soles of our shoes became black and gummy after a short walk. And there were very few SHORT walks.

Our first impression of New York was decidedly a disappointment. Add to that impression a supper at the Belmore Cafeteria a short time after we checked into our respective rooms at the Prince George Hotel. If you weren't there to experience the Belmore Cafeteria you wouldn't believe what I could tell. I will simply say it was frequented by what seemed to be derelicts and other unfortunates. The food was poor and the service was poorer. I had to go through the line twice to get a chocolate eclair, half a grapefruit, and a glass of tea. Several asked where I found the tea. They hadn't found it. I half jokingly told them they simply hadn't made the line enough times!

When we were standing in line to reach the check-out counter, someone looked back around into a little room where some of our group had eaten and left food on their plates. Several of the derelicts were seen eating the left-overs! We were amazed at the desperate need. The crippled and handicapped; the winos and dope-heads were everywhere and seemed to us to be in the majority. I hope for the sake of New York that we were mistaken. Perhaps it only seemed so to we Texans with our wide open spaces to live in. I know one thing, New York with its 20 million people was a decided shock to our sensibilities.

Things got better as we walked the six or so blocks to the Empire State Building after our cafeteria experithis early in our trip. Frances Willard couldn't make it. She removed her sandles and carrying them walked the last several blocks to the hotel in her sock feet. Judging from the condition of my shoe soles, it wasn't hard to imagine what her feet must have looked like.

We were told that the Prince George Hotel was 75 years old. And after using our bathroom we believed it! Our bath must have been one of the originals. We had to put out a search warrant to find the handle to flush the commode and the bath tub wouldn't drain. The mattress on the cot I slept on was no thicker than a quilt. Otherwise, things were just fine!

Our second day began earlier than necessary for myself and my two room mates, Lee Stevenson and Janice Reeves. A watch had been misread, and needless to say we didn't wish to be late getting to the lobby to meet the tour group at 9. After seeing how early it was we decided to go ahead and dress and go down the street where we had seen a little coffee shop the night before.

When we stepped into the little cafe it was like a slap in the face. Why we didn't turn around and leave is a mystery. But the fact remains that we stayed and sat bug-eyed at the filth. The floors, walls, light fixtures and even the waitress were so dirty we found it hard to believe. The night people kept drifting in. And these, too, amazed we three country women. One man sat at the counter and while spooning his coffee trembled and picked at his clothing and his face. He kept rubbing his hands together and intertwining his fingers as if he could feel things crawling on his flesh. We decided he had to be on dope of some kind. He had a pale sick color with face muscles lax and flaccid. The look in his eyes can only be described as vacant and staring. Such sad and disgusting sights we were seeing. We had to be seeing the night people after a hard night.

the boys that had overslept, much to their embarrassment!)

The bus took Broadway from our hotel to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, which went under New York Bay and led to the Battery where we boarded the Statue of Liberty Ferry. When we reached Liberty Island we were allowed an hour to sight-see and take the elevator to the observation floor. Some climbed stairs to reach this point but we grandmas took advantage of the elevator. From the vantage point of the Statue, we witnessed one of the world's magnificent and inspiring sights--the shimmering, breathtaking panorama of Lower Manhattan's skyline and surrounding waterways. Inside the Statue at the base level we walked through several rooms of museum depicting the 'Old World' (People from every country coming to America to settle) and the 'New World' showing people settling the New World they had discovered. After more than an hour we

gathered at the dock ready for the trip back across the bay but had to wait for quite some time for the Ferry to get there.

This turned out to be the story of our trip. Hurry and wait! We never managed to keep on schedule. While making the crossing back to the Battery we could see the still smoking pier that we saw burning the night before from the Empire State Building.

The World Trade Center was our next step. It was as yet unfinished and was taller than the Empire State Building by several floors. There was an enclosed deck on the 107th floor. The awesome view of the Manhattan skyline was breath-taking. It looked like a picture post card. Unlike the pictures I took from the 102nd floor of the Empire State Building the night before, the one of Holli and the New York skyline from the 110th floor of the World Trade

Square Arch, Madison Square Garden and others.

There was equally as much to see from the other three sides of the great bulding but I won't bore you with all the details.

As the tour bus pulled away from the World Trade Center we could hear sirens and saw two fire trucks pull up to the building we had just left. Our guide, in all seriousness, told us, "You made it out just in time!" In time for what we never learned.

Our next stop was Chinatown for a pre-arranged lunch. Everyone was starving for it was already past 2. No doubt, this too was planned, for the Chinest restaurant was small and could accommodate very few more than our 42. And at that hour very few others were present.

The bus stopped about two and one-half blocks from the restaurant. Walking that distance and strung out for half that far we were constantly detouring around derelicts sitting or laying all along the narrow sidewalk. Some of the unfortunates were laying either asleep or out cold. We had no way of knowing which. We had been told they were winos for the most part. Some were sitting or leaning against steps or against the walls, staring vacantly into space. Others were beggers. The latter were the only ones aware we were passing down the street. I supposed we were seeing New York in all its tawdry glory along with its steaming sewers in the street, the policemen on horseback, garbage along the streets and the black porter that told Lee he knew nothing about the church just across the street from the hotel where he worked all day. He said, "I'm a New Yorker lady, I don't care about what's across the street!"

In spite of the revolting sights along our route to the restaurant we enjoyed an outstanding Chinese

meal. In fact, this meal and the one

where we ate at Sardies that night

before going to a Broadway play was

groups, each with a different guide. One group had a good guide and enjoyed the tour. Unfortunately the group I was with didn't fare so well. The girl had a sing-song voice that was so thick with a strange brogue that few of us could understand her. We almost went to sleep several times.

For that night's activities we broke up into four groups. A few remained at the hotel, not wishing to see a Broadway play. The rest of us were divided into three groups. One group saw "My Fair Lady." Another went to see "Shenandoah" and the group I was with saw "Something's Afoot" at the Lyceum Theatre.

The play was good but I was more impressed with the scroll work in the old theatre. It was beautiful as well as massive.

We walked about two blocks after leaving the theatre. The further we walked the rougher our surroundings became. We soon decided to wait on a street corner for a cab. We thought if we could get one to stop the driver could get another for us because we had been told that five was the most even the larger cabs were allowed to carry.

We hadn't waited long before we did manage to get a cab. Instead of hailing another for us, the driver insisted he could carry all seven in our party. He kept saying, "There's no way I'm going to leave part of you ladies standing out here at this time of night. Get in, get in, there's room for everyone." And there was, with Holli and Arlene sitting on the two jump seats in the back floor-board; Lee, Jana and I sitting in the back seat and Bonnie and Mina sharing the front seat with the driver. You can be sure he got a substantial tip, for he didn't have to take all of us. With the rest of the night for some much needed rest, this ended our

stay in New York. We caught a different tour bus the next morning and left New York behind, having seen only enough to realize how much we had missed. The Washington D.C. part of our tour will be reported next week.

which took us to the Prince George Hotel on Manhattan Island, New York.

Only one piece of luggage was missing, Debbie Whitecotton's suitcase had been routed to the Kennedy airport instead of the La Guardia. Fortunately, it was recovered and delivered to her the next night.

The bus ride was an experience. Some swore the driver shifted the transmission into reverse to stop it and that he waited until the last possible second to stop at the stop lights or to slow down for the corners!

It was a rough ride that consumed at least an hour and traversed streets that were unbelievably rough with cracks and pot-holes and roughly mended spots all along the way. We saw trash and garbage strewn streets on every side, this

ence. Everyone wished to see New York at night from the 102nd floor observatory. The structure was 1,250 at this level and 1,472 at the tip of the world's greatest T.V. tower. It is a stupendous building affording a magnificent view all around the 102nd floor observatory. Billions of lights as far as the eye could see. In the daytime ships can be seen 40 miles at sea.

I took several photographs, hoping to capture the lights on film, but succeeded with one only. The one of a pier fire in New York Harbor. The picture post cards I found of the various views filled in for what I couldn't get on film--and much better too, I'm afraid.

All of us were tired and ready to get back to the hotel so we could remove our shoes. The constantly tired feet were already with us, even

To crown our breakfast experience, I got 'ripped off" as the teenagers say.

I had extracted the correct change from my billfold while still sitting at the table and while waiting in line to pay I accidently dropped a penny. Before I could stoop to pick it up a crummy looking little man standing in line ahead of me retrieved it and dropped it into his pocket so quickly I was left standing with my mouth open and my eyes bugged out. Being completely speechless, I just stood there and watched him step forward to the counter, pay his bill and turn to leave. All the while being furtively careful to not so much as glance at me.

Janice stood over to one side and watched the entire episode and kept saying, "Did you see that? Did-you-see-that? I can't believe my eyes!"

listening to her and could hardly wait until we reached the street to start laughing. Our breakfast experience was priceless. No amount of words could have convinced us of what we had seen with our own eyes. But we decided that in the future we could surely find a better place to eat, and did. Shortly after this we met the others of our group in the lobby of the hotel and then boarded a tour bus for the day's activities. (That is we

Center was perfect. The 110th floor of this magnificent steel and glass structure affords the viewer with the highest view not only in New York, but the highest in the world. Some of the sights viewed from that great height had already been pointed out to us by our guide as we

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rode down Broadway on our way to other points of interest. As we promenaded around the 107th floor deck we could see to the north; the East and the Hudson Rivers. The bridges in sight were: the Manhattan, the Williamsburg, and the George Washington.

The small towns within the Big Town are: Chinatown, Little Italy, The Lower East side, Greenwich Village, Soho, Stuyvesant Town, Chelsea, Times Square, Midtown, plus a number of others.

Some of the points of interest seen from the north are: City Hall, the Woolworth Building, the Washington

our best meals of the entire trip. All the others were eaten in either coffee shops or cafeterias where the food and service was from fair to poor or not at all. Some of the waitresses were rude or incompetent or both. The food situation was aptly summed up when Mina Horn stated that she never cooked for herself, but that she thought when she got home she would broil a steak just for herself! One more item about the food and

then on to more important things. The food, contrary to reports, was no more expensive in New York and Washington D.C. than it is here at home.

After the Chinese lunch we were taken to the United Nations building. It, with its many different meeting rooms was very impressive. The 42 of us were separated into two

SSgt[·]Allen Completes **AF** Course

Biloxi, Miss .-- Staff Sergeant Dwight L. Allen, son of Mrs. Revis Allen and the late A.A. Allen of Bovina, has graduated at Keesler AFB, Miss., from the Air Training Command's basic course for electronics specialists.

Sergeant Allen, who received instruction in communications and electronics systems principles, is remaining at Keesler for advanced training.

Allen is a 1962 graduate of Littlefield High School.



Deal In Town!



I got tickled from watching and

