

The Bouina Blade

"In The Agricultural Center Of Parmer County"

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Directors whose terms expire

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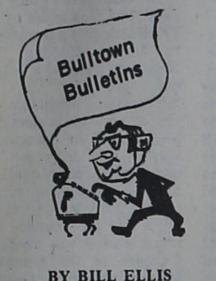
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THE NEWSPAPER THAT WORKS FOR A BIGGER, BETTER BOVINA

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### **BY BILL ELLIS**

THE DROUGHT, which is getting to be a bad topic of conversation to folks in this area, may be a problem to the entire country unless weather conditions change in a hurry.

A report that we read this week indicates that the drought is the worst for some 20 years. The dry spell on the Great Plains has been felt in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

On the West Coast, California has been experiencing its driest winter in 70 years. Los Angeles, usually wet during the winter, has measured only .59 inch of moisture in the past six months.

The result of the drought on the Great Plains will undoubtedly be a much smaller winter wheat crop than usual, with much of the dryland wheat already lost or abandoned. Conservative estimates feel that the winter wheat crop will fall 30 per cent below last year's record harvest. Besides the loss in the smaller wheat crop, the immediate loss to farmers also has been lack of income from grazing the wheat. Many wheat farmers have been getting half or more of their wheat income from grazing purposes. The dryland farmers just didn't have any grazing this year, and now it appears they will have no crop to harvest, either. A problem that goes hand in hand with the drought is the possibility of wind erosion. In fact, it has been estimated that some 5.7 million acres of crop land was damaged last year, when the condition was building up.



## **Chamber To Select** Four New Directors

Plans for the annual banquet and election of new directors were on the agenda at a dinner meeting of the board of directors of Bovina's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Wednesday of last week.

**BANQUET SET** 

Nominations were made for the election of four new directors and

TUESDAY

## **Annual Stock Show Slated Next Week**

Approximately 75 animals will be judged Tuesday in the annual Bovina FFA-4-H Livestock Show. The event will be staged in the show

Awards and trophies will be presented the winners by Trudy Falkenberg, FFA Sweetheart; and Tambra Rogers, FFA Plowgirl.

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Billy Whitecotton and Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick.

On the ballot this year are Dickie Clayton, Ken Horn, Mrs. Furne Harris, Stan Klimek, Gaylon Rhodes, Steve Sherrill, Jimmie Cockerham and Oakley Stevenson. Members will be asked to vote on four of the eight on the ballot. Ballots must be returned before Monday, March 1, according to Mrs. Kirkpatrick, president of the chamber.

Holdover members on the board include Mrs. Norma Whitten, Larry Webb, Mrs. Pearl Cervantez, Keith Garner, Mrs. Mina Horn, L.J. Jameson, Kenneth Cary, George Powell, Mrs. Sue Naegle and Lowell Boozer. Mrs. Jane Kassahn serves as chamber manager.

Ballots will be counted March 1, new directors notified and asked to meet with the board Wednesday, March 3. Ballots must be accompanied by dues for the coming year--\$25 for business firms and \$10 for family memberships. New officers of the board will be elected at the March meeting. At the recent meeting, directors voted to serve charcoal-broiled ribeye steaks at the banquet as has been the custom for the past several years. The banquet will feature a bicentennial theme and plans are being made to obtain a much sought-after speaker for the occasion, said Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Tickets will be priced at \$6 per person and are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased from any director. In addition to announcing Bovina's "Man and Woman of the Year," a custom since the banquet began 16 years ago, new awards will be presented this year. The Outstanding Boy and Girl in Bovina High School will be presented awards.

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WE NOTICE BY the news media that women are now eligible, and attending all three of the nation's service academies. The gals have been attending formerly all-male Texas A&M for a number of years now.

So, more and more of our traditions are being broken down, and we wonder if they will all go out the window before the "Women's Libbers" are through.

We admit that perhaps some of the barriers needed to be broken down, but we caution about going "all the way" with the proponents of the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment). One prominent opponent to the ERA, Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly, said recently "We now have an honorable place for women in the military and they have the best of two worlds in the military today. They are protected from combat service and from some of the dangerous and unpleasant jobs in the military. But....ERA, which would require identical treatment in combat, and in the draft, is hurtful to everybody. It's hurtful to the defense of our country, it's terribly hurtful to our young women, it's hurtful to the women who want to make a career in

the military, and it's hurtful to the men." It is not surprising that, having "read the fine print" in the Equal

Rights Amendment, several states, having originally ratified the amendment, have now reversed their position, and that the remaining states do not display any present indication to go ahead with ratification.

**BASKETBALL ROYALTY....Butch** McCain and Debra Gilbreath were crowned Basketball King and Queen of Bovina High School during ceremonies Friday night at Williford Gymnasium. Miss Gilbreath, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr.

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and Mrs. Charlie Gilbreath. McCain. a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCain. Crowning of the 1975-'76 King and Queen took place between varsity games against District 3-A opponent Vega.

## **OF BASKETBALL**

## Gilbreath, McCain Named Queen, King

Debra Gilbreath and Butch McCain were named Basketball Queen and King of Bovina High School Friday night during ceremonies between varsity games with District 3-A opponent Vega in Williford Gymnasium.

Miss Gilbreath, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gilbreath. McCain, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCain. The couple was chosen from a slate of five nominees from the Filly and Mustang varsity squads. Nomi-

nees for King were chosen by members of the Filly varsity and junior varsity squads with the Mustang squad members selecting the Queen nominees.

Other nominees for Queen included Cathy Trimble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble; Connie Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware; Dian Roming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roming; and Sandi Sides, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minter.

Nominees for King included Dennis Willard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willard; Alan Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhodes Jr.; John Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell; and Elbert Shelby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Lee Shelby.

Sausage Dinner

Queen candidates were escorted to the center of the court by nominees for King while being introduced to the capacity crowd at the final regular games of the season.

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At halftime of the Mustang-Longhorn game, the winner of a Pacer CB radio was announced. The radio, raffled by the Filly Club, was won by Oakley Stevenson. His name was drawn by Tessa Minder, three-yearold daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Miner of Clovis who were attending the games.

### **VITAL MEETING**

barn west of Eighth Street near the baseball park.

Sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, cash prizes will be awarded in addition to trophies and ribbons.

Judging will begin at 5 p.m., according to Lawrence Widner, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Bovina High School. Widner will serve as superintendent of the show.

Assisting Widner in the local show will be members of the Lions Club, Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

Jerry Franklin, vocational agriculture teacher at Melrose High School in New Mexico, will judge the animals. Franklin was named the outstanding vocational agriculture teacher in New Mexico last year, according to Widner. He also judged the local livestock show last year.

About 50 barrows are expected to be entered in five classes with light and heavyweight divisions. Some 20 to 25 lambs and five steers are expected to be entered in the Bovina show.

Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded the first six places in each class.

Trophies will be awarded the grand and reserve champion steer, lamb and barrow and the breed champions in each class.

Showmanship trophies will be awarded in each division.

## Natural Gas Costs Set For Discussion

All farmers in the Bovina area are urged to attend a meeting Friday afternoon which could have a direct bearing on natural gas prices for irrigation purposes, according to M.H. Carson, Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association board member.

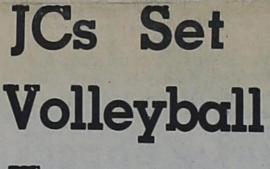
The meeting has been set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

Also featured on the program will be U.S. Congressman George Mahon, who is expected to speak on the gas priority hearings and the de-regulation of natural gas legisla-

The 28th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday following the Bovina show at the county showbarn in Friona.

Most of the entries in the local show are expected to be exhibited in the county show, Widner stated. Sponsor of the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is the Friona Young Farmers organization.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the local and county shows.



### Tourney

Volleyball will return to Bovina this year with the Bovina Jaycees scheduling a tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27-28, according to Randy Barrett, chairman of the tournament committee.

Deadline for entering the tournament will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, the day prior to opening day of the event. Entry fee has been set at \$15 per team. The tournament will be held at Williford Gymnasium.

A "new wrinkle" for the sport since a tournament was last held in Bovina is the mixed division--teams which include men and women. The rules are the same as usual with two exceptions--men are not allowed to "spike" the ball while the women may do so.

The new division will join the men's and women's divisions of the tournament with trophies awarded the winners in each division.

Additional information will be released in the next two weeks, according to Barrett.

Teams desiring to enter the tournament may contact Barrett or any member of the local Jaycees.

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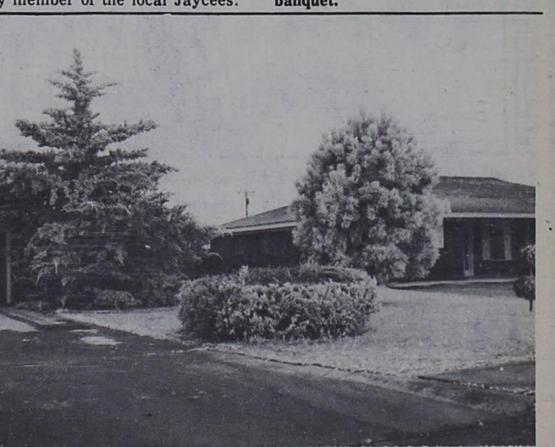
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Would you like to "get someone's goat?'

If so, you will be given that opportunity at the 16th Annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet Thursday, March 18, according to Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, chamber president.

A goat will be raffled off during the banquet. Tickets are being sold at \$1 each and may be purchased from any member of the board of directors.

Those who wish to do so may purchase a ticket and fill in the name of the person they would like to see win the goat. The "lucky" winner will be announced at the banquet.



# "Congressman Mahon, as most

ofyou know, has worked very hard for the farmers in this natural gas business, and we think he may have some important information for us at this meeting," Carson said.

The association covers a 14-county area and officials of the organization would like to see at least 1000 farmers at the meeting, according to John Aiken of Hereford, attorney for the association.

"The price of natural gas has gotten so high that the cost of production exceeds the price

A NUMBER OF things have been produced to honor the Bicentennial, including special medals which have been struck to commemorate the event.

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Our country has issued its own medal, and it is an attractive coin, available in a number of finishes. If you have not seen one, you should check with Hugh Moseley if you have occasion to be at the court house. The medals make attractive items of jewelry.

For the really serious collector, the National Bicentennial Medal is now available, in prices ranging from \$5 for the bronze medal to \$4,000 for the three-inch gold coin, which was used for the coin-toss at the recent Super Bowl.

We noticed on a piece of literature that individual orders are limited to five of each medal. For most of us, that won't be a problem on the \$4,000 model.



The 15th Annual German Sausage Dinner, sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church, will be Sunday, Feb. 22, in Parish Hall of the church. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 2 that afternoon. Homemade German sausage, homemade sauerkraut, home-canned green beans, creamed potatoes and gravy, gelatin salad, relishes, French bread, butter, applesauce cake, coffee and tea will be served. Donations will be \$2.50 per adult plate and \$1.50 for children under 10. Door prizes will be awarded. The homemade German sausage will also be sold at \$2 per pound,

according to a spokesman at the

church.

JOHNNY ACTKINSON

tion which has been before Congress farmers are receiving for their the past couple of weeks.

> **To Run For Co.** Attorney

J. Actkinson

Johnny W. Actkinson, a Farwell attorney, has authorized this newspaper to announce his candidacy for Parmer County Attorney subject to the May Democratic Primary. Actkinson is currently county attorney, having been appointed to the office in January of 1975.

Actkinson, a 1965 graduate of Farwell High School, received a

WINTER WONDERLAND....This Christmas-card type scene greeted residents of the area Friday morning as the first "wintery" spell of the season struck Bovina. A light rainfall, which deposited about one-fourth of an inch of moisture, began Wednesday night with fog

shrouding the area all day Thursday. By Friday morning, ice and frost covered everything in the city; however, no additional moisture fell. The conditions lasted through Saturday with Sunday afternoon seeing a return to spring-like weather.

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### Texas Shows Gain

Despite the fears that increased exports, particularly to Russia, would deplete grain reserves, Texas ended 1975 with total stocks in seven major grains of 352 million bushels, a 96 million bushel gain over the previous year, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

On-farm stocks of the seven grains--wheat, sorghum, corn, oats, barley, rye and soybeans--were 55 million bushels while offfarm stocks reached 297 million.

According to White, offfarm stocks of Texas grain account for 40 percent of the state's off-farm grain storage capacity which has been estimated at 752 million bushels. This is a return to the 1974 level of storage after a drop in 1975 to 719 million bushels.

**Off-farm storage includes** mills, warehouses and elevators which are equipped for storing grain plus any additional facilities not currently in use if the equipment for handling grain is still intact. In addition to the 297 million bushels of Texas grain in off-farm storage, Texas facilities are also used as storage units for out-of-state grain which is to be consumed in Texas or exported from Texas ports.

The state's storage capacity expanded rapidly during the late 1950's and early 1960's with the record capacity of 919 million bushels reported in 1963. However, new construction came to a standstill in 1962 and most of the decrease in amount of storage available in Texas has been attributed to obsolescence or the diversion of storage space to other uses besides grain. Off-farm stocks of wheat, corn and sorghum reached 66.8, 69.7 and 151.6 million bushels respectively as Texas farmers reported record or near-record production of these commodities. The top five countles in off-farm storage capacity in million bushels are: Hale, 79.1; Tarrant, 59.4; Swisher, 49.1; Harris, 41.7; and Lubbock, 39.4 million bushels.

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FROM THE PAST .... The "Secret slat bonnet that had belonged to her GRANNY TEA .... Future Home- were Mrs. Judy Seals, Mrs. Opal Grannies" were each invited to great-grandmother, Mrs. S.T. Wood. makers of America members Perry, Alicia Spring and Mrs. Jerry bring something from their past to The bonnet was about 150 years old. honored their "Secret Grannies" at Ware. Mrs. Seals is an instructor in the recent FHA-hosted tea and tell Mrs. Moore's secret granddaughter a recent tea in the Bovina Schools the homemaking department of

cafeteria. Among those attending Bovina Schools.

elections.

### Guide Available **For Candidates**

allable for veteran and through the Texas Association of School Boards, the April 3 election. Austin.

The guide includes procedures for running for office, filing for office, and complying with the Texas Election Code. Two bills passed during the 64th Legislature, HB 4 and HB 275, amended the Texas Election Code with regard to campaign disclosures and election dates, respectively. The candidate's guide explains the implications of both for school board

"So You Want to be a date must file 30 days prior School Board Member: A to that date. Therefore, Candidate's Guide" is av- citizens in most counties interested in filing for a potential school trustees school board position must file on or before March 5 for **DITION** 

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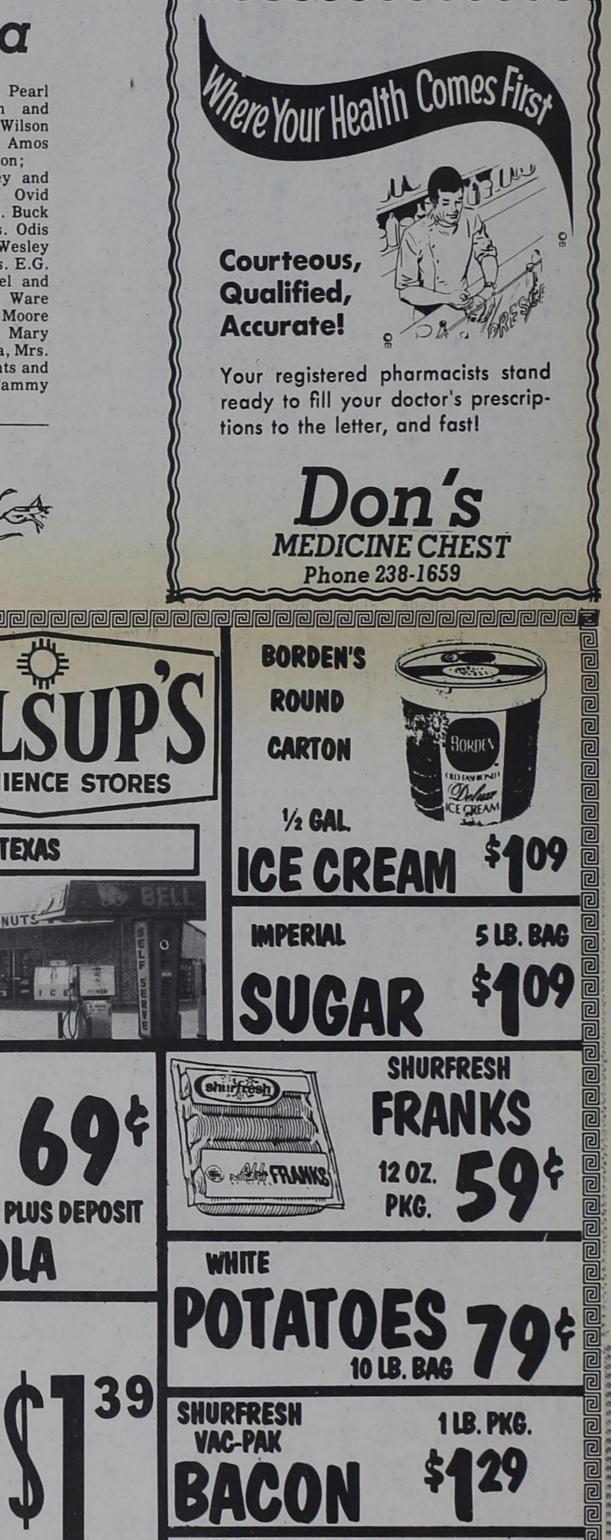
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The candidate's guide is a result of action taken by the **TASB** Delegate Assembly at its annual meeting. The Assembly adopted a resolution providing for an information campaign on school trustee elections. Members of the Association agreed that in order for qualified citizens to continue to seek offices of school trustee positions an explanation of the duties and requirements was needed. Copies of the pamphlet are available by contacting: Generally, school trustee TASB Publications, P.O.

elections are the first Box 400, Austin, Texas 7801, Saturday in April. Candi- 512-476-9116.



FHA Hosts 'Secret Granny' Tea

The annual "Secret Granny" tea was hosted recently by members of the Bovina Future Homemakers of America in the Bovina Schools cafeteria.

Carrying out a bicentennial theme in the decorations, refreshments of cookies and lime sherbert punch was served. Connie Ware and Linda Marcom entertained with selections



at the piano. Miss Ware accompanied the group as they sang "America, the Beautiful." Mrs. Gwen Corn introduced Mrs. Judy Seals to those attending. Mrs. Seals is a new instructor in the homemaking department at Bovina High School.

After the FHA members revealed their identities to the "secret grannies," each lady who had brought some item from the past was invited to tell the group about it. FHA members and their "secret grannies" attending the tea included Mrs. Frank Hastings and Miss Marcom, Mrs. Von Bowen and Tambra Rogers, Mrs. Doris Wilson, Susan Heflin and Tami Russell, Mrs. Oma Gunn and Cheryl Whitecotton, Mrs. G.A. Bandy and Miss Ware, Mrs. Jack Roach and Ginger Gober, Mrs. Myrtle Hester and Georgia Terry, Mrs. Williams and Carol Ware, Mrs. L.M. Grissom and Sandi Sides, Mrs. Wilbur Charles and Debbie Whtiecotton, Mrs. A.B. Wilkinson and Joan Carson, Mrs. Freda Lloyd and Tamara Lambert, Mrs. George Douglas and Pam Rhodes; Also, Mrs. R.W. McGrew and Kay Beardain, Mrs. John Sikes and Kelly Klimek, Mrs. J.J. Terry and Rhonda Nuttall, Mrs. E.E. Woelfel and Karla Mills, Mrs. Lawrence Gray and Pam McCormick, Mrs. Grady

Hall and Vicki Tucker, Mrs. Pearl Moore, Mrs. Frank Smith and Dianna Naegle, Mrs. Ruby Wilson and Lezli Williams, Mrs. Amos Steelman and Tammy Damron;

Also, Mrs. Reagan Looney and Kathy Falkenberg, Mrs. Ovid Lawlis and Louisa Cruz, Mrs. Buck Ellison and Ben Roach, Mrs. Odis White and Gloria Cruz, Mrs. Wesley Rice and Shawn Klimek, Mrs. E.G. Snodgrass, Mrs. I.W. Quickel and Claudia Chisom, Mrs. Jerry Ware and Alicia Spring, Mrs. Alice Moore and Betty Whitecotton, Mrs. Mary Ruth Martin and Linda Garcia, Mrs. Lilly Fuller and Janie Clements and Mrs. Pearl Dodson and Tammy Christian.

### Mrs. Charles

Members of the Thrifty Club worked on a quilt and covered hangers for Mrs. Wilbur Charles Monday when they met at the Charles home.

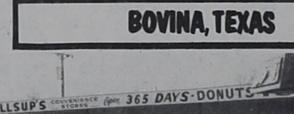
Cheese filled crackers, potato chips, strawberry refrigerator pie, coffee and tea was served to Mrs. George Douglas, Mrs. Otis Epperly, Mrs. G.A. Bandy, Mrs. L.M. Grissom, Miss Lola Grissom, Mrs. H.H. Kelso, Mrs. George Turner, Mrs. P.O. Dixon and Mrs. Frank Smith.

The next meeting of the group will be the first Monday in March with Mrs. Dixon the hostess.

















### Bookmobile **FIRST STATE BANK PRESENTS**: In Bovina By Ace Reid Feb. 19 The High Plains Bookmobile will be in Bovina Thursday of next week, according to Lorene Sooter, librarian. The bookmobile will be parked in front of Bovina Schools from noon

until 3:30 that afternoon. Previous stops that day will be at West Camp from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and at Lariat from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The best advice for

modern people, young and old, facing all sorts of propaganda, is the single word: think.



ALE REID

115-3rd St.

Mumblings at the UN, com-plaints about feeding grain to cattle, veiled accusations at world food conferences . . . all tend to indicate the United States is responsible for the problems of the world in general and for an international food shortage in particular. Let's take a look at the facts. It is true people in the United States eat well . . some too well. We do consume 16 percent of the world's annual grain and livestock production . . . we do have only six percent of the world's population. However, what keeps being overlooked is the fact that American farmers produce 22 percent of the world's grain and livestock. That 23 percent of total farm That 23 percent of total farm marketings are exported to other countries. In fact, the United States provides 20 percent of all exported agri-cultural products and will probably provide even more. With this kind of contribution to world food supply no American should feel a moments shame for our own moments shame for our own consumption. TUCKER EQUIPMENT CO.

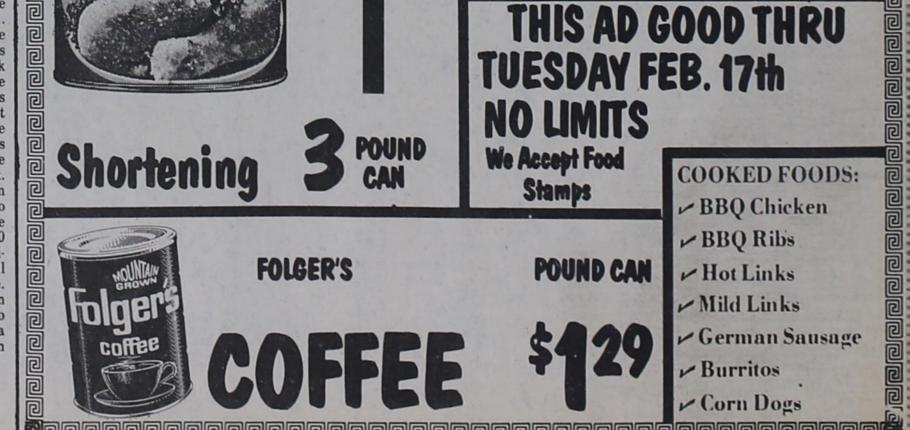
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"Jake, if you ever get in trouble again-it better be for singing too loud in church!"

## **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR 1976 VOTING.** WE HAVE THE FORMS. **FIRST STATE BANK**

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#### **On The Farm** In Parmer County MACK HEALD **County Agent**

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CONFERENCE....Four ATTEND Parmer County residents were among luncheon guests at the 18th Annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference last week at College Station. They were, from left, Mrs. Jimmy Briggs, Mrs. Paul Fortenberry, Mrs. Tom Lewellen

and Mrs. Cecil Atchley. Conference activities included sessions on solid waste disposal law enforcement, national legislation affecting counties, agricultural markets and policy, the Office of the State Comptroller, and the Texas Jail Standards Commission. The three-

day conference is part of the County Officials Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System, in cooperation with the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

### Hospitalized **Out-Of-Town**

Mrs. Chester Haney of Bovina was admitted to West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe Wednesday of last week suffering from blood poisoning incurred after she stepped on a sharp stick. Mrs. Haney is reported by friends to be doing well. + + + +

Mrs. Tracy Hromas, widow of the late Joe Hromas of Bovina, remains in the Ennis Nursing Home at Ennis. Mrs. Hromas, who suffered a "stroke" over a year ago, is unable to walk or talk and is bedfast, according to her brother, Tommy Ozymy of Tyler.

Miss Lambert To Be Feted

Miss Deniese Lambert, bride-elect of Steve Holcomb of Clovis, will be feted with a bridal shower Saturday in Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina. Calling hours will be from 4 to 6 that afternoon.

Hostesses will be Miss Joyce Harbison, Mrs. Tootsie Stalling, Mrs. Don Murphy, Miss Ginger



Been intending to talk about something that has been bothering us for several weeks now, but just kept forgetting it. Now that basketball is nearing the end of the '75-'76 season, we'll go ahead and

That is the behavior of some of the coaches and, in particular, some of the players we've watched this year. Have been real proud of Bovina's coaches and players. They have behaved as ladies and gentlemen on the court and that is most admirable in comparison to some of our 3-A counterparts.

talk about it.

Can't help but blame the officials for allowing such behavior to occur on the basketball court. By behavior, we mean the dirty language and vulgar signs players have been guilty of using and the temper tantrums thrown by coaches and players alike. A technical foul on the offender does very little good. However, if the guilty party or parties were ejected from the gymnasium, that might be a little more effective. And the officials certainly have that right.

Other than that, we blame the coaches for allowing such actions to go unpunished. We, and we think most people, would have much more respect for a coach who jerked a player out of the game, even if it was the star and it was a crucial game. Frankly, if that had been our kid making the obscene gestures toward the official in one recent game, we would have been sorely tempted to go out on the court and jerk him out of the game forever if he couldn't control his temper better than that.

Besides, no team that undisciplined will ever win a state

Fred Harris of Oklahoma, former U.S. Senator and presently a presidential candidate, hit the nail on the head when he noted that the "Russians and five large multi-national grain corporations profited from the grain deal--not the farmer and not the consumer."

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This new voter re-registration deal along with the political activity has a number of people very confused, including this writer.

However, we are sure of one thing. Jan. 31 was not the final day to send in voter registration forms in order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming school, city and national elections. That date was the final day for candidates to file for a position on the ballots for the May Democratic and Republican primary elections. It was not even the final day for filing as a candidate for city councilman or school trustee. That business has not even begun as yet--or we haven't been informed if it has.

One may still register to vote up to 30 days prior to the next election.

When we visited with Hugh Moseley, the tax assessor-collector, recently, Hugh said his office was going to mail new voter registration certificates to all persons registered as of Jan. 31 this year with the new certificates good for voting in elections through '76, '77 and '78.

However, we haven't talked to anyone in Bovina who has received any such certificate from the county office. None of the five registered voters in our family has received the certificate.

According to Moseley, after March 1 only the new blue certificates will be valid for voting.

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Last summer, the Texas Legislature attempted to do away with the state's three-year-old "permanent voter registration" laws by passing new legislation which would have required every registered voter in Texas to re-register between November and January in order to be able to vote in this year's important elections.

The purpose of this legislation was to purge the jury lists. At least that was the argument presented in the legislative session supporting that legislation.

The legislation was passed in the closing hours of the session with little or no debate and no publicity....which is perhaps the only way it could have passed because that supporting argument couldn't have stood much of either. It was designed as a "purge" all right, according to Ben Ezell of Canadian, but the jury lists were not the real target. The legislation was clearly designed to "purge" the voter registration lists of a lot of people who had been added in the last few years through voter registration drives .... mostly among Mexican-American groups in south and west Texas...a class of citizens which has been effectively disfranchised in the state from the beginning, claims Ezell.

The "purge" was stymied by a federal court injunction which has prevented state election officials from carrying out the primary intention of the Legislature .... but it has resulted in costly and confusing voter registration procedures which would not have been necessary under the "permanent registration"





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Gober, Mrs. Henry Spicer, Mrs. Pat Kunselman, Mrs. Edward Isaac, Mrs. Glenn Hromas, Mrs. Floyd Damron, Miss Rhonda London, Miss Fontella Cox, Miss Tammy Damron and Mrs. Joe Cox.

### Tina Isaac On Honor Roll

Tina Isaac, a freshman at Texas Tech University, has been named to the dean's honor list for the fall semester, according to information received here. Miss Isaac, who is majoring in foreign languages, had a grade point average of 3.64 on a four-point basis.

A 1975 graduate of Bovina High School, Miss Isaac is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Isaac.

tournament. Ask any winning coach.

+ + + +If farmers were receiving parity, wheat would now be \$4.68; sorghum, \$5.21; cotton, .7946; all beef cattle, **\$56.60; and calves, \$69.10.** As of December 15, wheat stood at

73 per cent of parity; sorghum 77 per cent; cotton 63 per cent; all beef cattle 61 per cent; and calves 44 per cent.

All farm products averaged 73 per cent of parity in 1975, lowest in four years according to the USDA figures. Parity ratio stood at 81 per cent in 1974, 88 per cent in 1973 and 74 per cent in 1972.

Deadling for registering to vote in the May primaries this year is by April 1.

This whole "mess" has come about because Texas is under the gun of Federal Voting Rights laws. State election officials have tried to blame the problem on the federal boys.

Actually, according to our information, the problems stem from the fact that some Texas officials have abused the voting rights of minority groups for many years and have been making major attempts this year to subvert the gains which have been made in those areas in recent years, and so federal

law which was only in its third year and appeared to be working well. It has also resulted in the application and enforcement of federal voting rights rules in Texas, under federal supervision, and in some stringent new regulation of our election procedures which wouldn't have been necessary if our lawmakers hadn't got caught trying to turn back the clock on the sly. So don't blame the Justice Department for the new problems.... put the blame where it belongs .... right at home in Austin.

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**BBA** in accounting from Texas Tech University in 1969 and his doctor of jurisprudence from Tech's law school in 1973. He also is a certified public accountant.

Actkinson is associated with the law firm of Aldridge, Harding and Aycock of Farwell.

As a member of the State Bar of Texas, he is a member of the Family Law Section and also serves on the District 13 Committee on Admissions and the subcommittee on Texas inheritance tax maritial deduction of the Taxation Section. He is past president of the 15th Judicial District Bar Association. As a member of the American Bar

Association, he is a member of both the Taxation Section and the Banking Section.

Actkinson is involved in numerous civic activities. He is vice-president the Farwell Chamber of of Commerce; secretary and charter member of the Farwell Jaycees; member of the Farwell-Texico Rotary Club; a member of the board of directors of the Farwell Country Club; on the educational staff and board of directors of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church; coach and director of the Little Dribblers Basketball Program, and coach of Little League Baseball. He recently was selected as one of the "outstanding young men of America."

### Gas Users Meeting....

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commodities," Aiken pointed out this week. The Hereford attorney commented that even if the Number Two natural gas priority was retained for agriculturally consumed natural gas "....if the cost is so high we can't afford to use it, the Number Two priority isn't going to help us."

Aiken said that Ray Joe Riley of Dimmitt had compiled statistics on the cost of production of a number of crops in the area and would use those figures to prove the cost of natural gas is prohibitive. He also reminded farmers that General Motors had been granted a re-hearing on the gas priority

He and his wife, the former Diane Bryant of Muleshoe, have two sons, Jeff and Greg.

In announcing his candidacy, Actkinson said, "Since appointment to the office in January of 1975, I have followed a program of progressive and vigorous prosecution of misdemeanor and juvenile cases....My goals for the following years would be to continue progressive prosecution of all cases filed, both juvenile and adult, to keep Parmer County a good place to raise a family. I also will continue to work with Judge Fortenberry and the commissioners for continued fiscal responsibility."

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-Spotlight, San Diego.

Irish Wit For every woman who makes a fool out of a man there are a hundred who make a man out of a fool. -Irish Digest.

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farming business, it would be in

their best interest to attend the

meeting Friday," concluded Aiken.

"I can't stress enough the

importance of this meeting."

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plained.

BRYAN - This community now has a population of 4,508 with 187 marriageable young men, 74 marriageable widows and too many marriageable young ladies to mention. The town also contains 250 broke men. Commercially, Bryan has three newspapers, 18 dry goods stores, 21 attorneys, seven private schools, 13 candidates, two banks and eight saloons.

**BRENHAM** — The Young Ladies Leap Year Ball was everything that could be wished.

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TOURNAMENT BEGINS....The an-mual Bovina Elementary Basketball Tournament will begin Monday and continue through Friday of next week, according to Mrs. Pat Evans, elementary physical education teacher. No games will be played Wednesday evening, Mrs. Evans said. Assisting her will be fit is fit min and Wilson DiCuffa. Shown above

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are a group of high school girls who will assist in conching the teams. They are, from left, nill of unitana, Gorla Villarerai, Kelly Kilmek, Gorla Cruz, Alicia Spitz, Tammy Danron and Ginger Gober. Virginia Espinoza, also a coach partes io toss the baaketbail for Mary Ann Cantu. Everyone is invited to attend the tournament.

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### **PCA** Slates **Annual Meeting**

The 42nd annual meeting for stockholders of Plainview Produc-tion Credit Association will be held Statrday, February 14 at Plainview High School, beginning at 11 a.m. Stockholders will be feted to a barbecue luncheon from 11 to 1 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. The business session will follow, from 1-3 pm, at the auditorium. There will be two members elected to the board of directors. Candidates from Place 1 are A.W, (bub) Anthony, Jr. of Friona and Dan Quigley of Olton.

Candidates from Place 2 are H.L. Porter, Jr. of Petersburg and T.C. Measles of Tulia. Dub Anthony has been a member of the association for 25 years. He and his wife Irene have three children. They own 1120 acress of land and rent or lease an additional 3200 acres. The Anthonys' cattle operation consists of around 300 head. He raises milo, wheat, corn and cotton.

Association members are asked to send in their luncheon reservations which they received in the mail this

#### **Bridal Shower** Set Tues. For Mrs. Carson

IVLRS. CATSON Mrs. Gary Carson of Bovina, the former Miss Shella Strueve of Friona, will be feted with a bridal shower, ruesday in community Room of First State Bank of Bovina. Calling hours will be Mrs. Grady Sorley, Mrs. D.T. King, Mrs. Lawrence Jamerson, Mrs. Bobby Englant, Mrs. Sott Gober, Mrs. Pat Kunselman, Mrs. Don Murphy, Mrs. A.L. Kerby, Mrs. Leslie McCain, Mrs. Jimmie Cockerham, Mrs. Leon Grisson, Mrs. Donalita Hawkins and Mrs. Dorothy Looney.



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### PAGE 8, THE BOVINA BLADE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY II, 1976 THIS WEEK

## **3-A Tourney** Set In Friona

The District 3-A tournament will be played tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday at the Friona High School Chieftain Gymnasium, according to Zane Reeves, head Mustang coach.

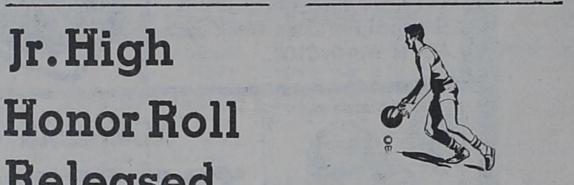
The top four teams in the district, in both boys and girls divisions, will compete in the tournament. The Vega boys won the district slate with the Farwell girls winning district. If either of those two teams fail to win the tournament, playoff games will be scheduled Saturday with representatives of the schools involved completing the arrangements.

Thursday's schedule is as follows: 4 p.m., Farwell and Springlake-Earth girls; 5:30 p.m., Farwell and Bovina boys; 7 p.m., Vega and Kress or Hart girls; 8:30 p.m., Vega and Springlake-Earth boys. (The Kress and Hart girls tied for fourth place in district with a coin toss to determine the tournament entry.)

The girls' finals will be played at 7 p.m. Friday with the boys' finals to follow at 8:30 p.m.

**DEFENSIVE MOVE....Kay Bear**dain, No. 42 for the Fillies, heads off a Vega forward driving for the basket in Friday night's last regular game of the 1975-'76 season. No. 12 for the Fillies is Dian Roming and

No. 30 is Rita Nuttall. No. 44 at right



## THERE **Bovina Drops** 4 To Farwell

Bovina teams dropped four of four games at Farwell Tuesday night of last week.

The Filly JV dropped a 23-48 decision to Farwell. Denise McCormick tossed in 15 points for Bovina, followed by Carol Ware with three, Cheryl Whitecotton and Debbie Whitecotton with two each and Tambra Rogers with one point.

The Mustang JV lost to Farwell, 55-67. Ronnie Cary tossed in 23 points to pace Bovina, followed by Ruben Salazar with 14, Roy Shelby with nine, Rocky Bartlett with five and Eddie Villarreal, Dan Cox and Del ·Ray Sudderth with two points each. Bovina was charged with 25 fouls and connected on 25 of 36 free throws. Salazar, Shelby and Bartlett fouled out of the game.

The Farwell girls went into a third quarter stall when the Fillies tightened the game in the second quarter, resulting in a technical foul called against Bovina for apparently not attempting to break the stall. Connie Ware paced the Fillies with 14 points, followed by Cathy Trimble with 10 and Sandi Sides with nine

points. The Fillies had 20 fouls called against them and converted on five of 11 free throws.

Kathy White paced Farwell with 21 points. Kathy Booth added 17 and S. Woods 14. Farwell was charged with 14 fouls and connected on 14 of 21 free throws.

The Mustangs dropped a nine point decision, 61-70, to the Steers.

Alan Rhodes was leading scorer in the game with 26 points. Butch McCain added 12, Dennis Willard and Elbert Shelby 10 each and John Caldwell and Duane Mitchell two points each. The Mustangs were charged with 12 fouls, losing Caldwell via the foul route, and connected on 12 of 16 free throws.

Brad Jones with 24 points led the Steers in scoring, followed by Russ Jones and Sammy Merritt with 14 points each and Billy White with 12 points. Farwell was charged with 14 fouls and connected on 10 of 13 attempts from the line.

Bovina led, 16-14, at the end of the first quarter; however trailed, 29-32, at the half.

### FRIDAY Vega Wins Final Games Of Season

In the final games of the season for the girls' teams and the Mustang JV, Bovina came away with one victory in four games against Vega Friday night at Williford Gymnasium.

Between the two varsity games the 1975-'76 basketball king and queen were crowned. The honors went to Butch McCain and Debra Gilbreath.

The Filly JV lost to Vega, 18-56. Carol Ware and Lezli Williams scored five points each with Cheryl Whitecotton and Denise McCormick adding four points each. Also seeing action were Tambra Rogers, Pam Rhodes, Diane Gilbreath, Karla Mills, Joan Carson, Janie Clements, Mandy Roach, Kathy Falkenberg, Christine Vargas, Tamara Lambert and Claudia Chisom. The Mustang JV took the only victory of the evening, 70-57, over the Longhorn JV. Ruben Salazar with 21 points was high scorer in the game. Ronnie Cary added 15, Roy Shelby nine, **Eddie Villarreal and Rocky Bartlett** eight each, Mike London six and George Isaac two points. The Ponies were charges with 15 fouls and connected on 20 of 31 from the line. Ramos paced Vega with 18 points. The 'Horns were charged with 24 fouls and connected on three of 11 from the line. The Fillies played an excellent first half, trailing by only one point at halftime, only to lose the final game, 48-67. Sandi Sides tossed in 17 points, followed by Cathy Trimble with 16, Connie Ware with 11 and Kim Ware and Georgia Terry with two points each. Also seeing action were Pat Shepherd, Carolina Espinoza, Kay Beardain, Dian Roming, Rita Nuttall, Debra Gilbreath, Pam McCormick and Michelle Bonds. Tammy Christian and Dianna Naegle were out of action for the final games.

The Fillies led by two, 14-12, at the end of the first quarter and trailed by only one point, 29-30, at halftime. Vega came back strong in the third quarter to take a 47-35 lead.

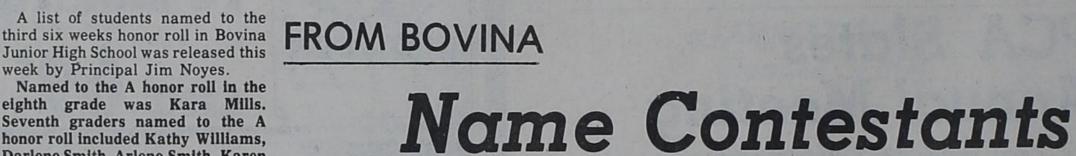
Bovina was paced by Butch McCain with 17 points, followed by Dennis Willard with 10, Elbert Shelby with nine, Alan Rhodes with eight and John Caldwell with seven points. The Mustangs were charged with nine fouls and connected on 11 of 19 from the line.

Mike Yell paced Vega with 32

Jr.High

of photo is Filly forward Connie Ware. The Fillies played on even terms with the visitors until the final stanza with Vega eventually taking a 15-point victory.





The Fillies were charged with 19 fouls and connected on 10 of 21 attempts from the line.

points. The 'Horns were charged with 18 fouls and connected on neither of two shots from the line.

## Sign-Up **Set For Girls LD**

Sign-up for this year's girls' Little Dribbler League, sponsored by the Bovina Jaycee-Ettes, has begun with the schedule probably beginning the first week in April, according to Mrs. Randy Barrett, chairman of the LD committee.

Application blanks are available at the Bovina Schools and may be obtained by contacting the elementary physical education teacher, Mrs. Pat Evans.

Teams will be formed in three divisions this year, ages 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

The deadline for turning in applications is Friday, March 5. The entry fee must be accompanied by \$2.50, which will cover insurance costs for the girls, said Mrs. Barrett. Women or high school girls willing

to coach a team are asked to contact Mrs. Bob Turner or Mrs. George Powell in Bovina.

Darlene Smith, Arlene Smith, Karen Schilling and Gayle Powell. Sixth graders named to the list included Mark Teague, Steven Pruitt, Jacque Howell, Catherine Koelzer and Donna Beth Lide.

Released

week by Principal Jim Noyes.

A list of students named to the

Junior High School was released this

Named to the A honor roll in the

eighth grade was Kara Mills.

Seventh graders named to the A

honor roll included Kathy Williams,

Named to the B honor roll were Jo Beth Monk, Ricky Mayfield, Keith Guest, Kirtus Garrison, Jimmy Evans, Laura Widner, Steven Stone, Annette Stevenson and Jimmy Rhodes in the eighth grade; Pam Spring, Lynn Kead, Tana Nix, Darla Morris and Melissa Allison in the seventh grade; and Brad Heflin, Doyle Garner, Charlie Trimble, Mary Meza, Gwynn Powell, Wendy Sherrill and LaToya Hutto in the sixth grade.

> School Menus

Feb. 16-20

MONDAY-Vegetable beef soup, peanut butter, cabbage slaw, crackers, cinnamon rolls, milk. TUESDAY-Pinto beans, fried potatoes, spinach, cornbread, butter, rice pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Corn dogs, baked beans, carrot sticks, crackers, chocolate cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, potato chips, cherry cobbler, milk. FRIDAY-Salmon loaf, candied sweet potatoes, green beans with

cheese sauce, hot rolls, butter, pear halves, milk.



Johnny Gomez.

and Junior High Schools to determine Bovina's repregrade. sentatives in the Parmer County Spelling Bee, ac-

cording to Jim Noyes, junior high principal. The county match will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday,

Feb. 24, at Bovina Schools with Noyes serving as director of the match. Mrs. Pat DiCuffa, secondary resource room teacher and

former high school English teacher, will serve as pronouncer of this year's match. Representatives are

expected to compete in the junior and senior divisions of the match from Bovina, Farwell and Friona. Representing Bovina in the junior division will be Clara Koelzer, Jose Gomez and Mark Clayton. Miss

Koelzer is a fifth grade student and Gomez and Clayton are fourth grade students.

Representing Bovina in the senior division of the county match will be Laura

A spell-down was held last Widner, Seven Stone and Griggs, Mark Englant, McCowen, Shane Walling, week in Bovina Elementary Jimmy Rhodes. The three Denver Redwine, Justin Eric Allison, Daryl Hawstudents are in the eighth Powell, Stephen McClaran, kins, Lupe Salazar and

> competing in the local spell-down were Yesenia

Antillon, Gavina Mendoza and Mona Rocha. Fourth cluded Wendy Hall and Patti cluded Don Lane, Danny grade students were Charles Sherrill. Sixth grade stu- Tamez, John Johnston and Falkenberg, Henderson dents included Marty Gary Berggren.

Robert Robledo, Charlene Isidro Garcia. Seventh Pipes, Shara Wines, Gail grade students included Third grade students Turner, Scott Klimek and Gayle Powell, Penny Klimek and Darla Morris.

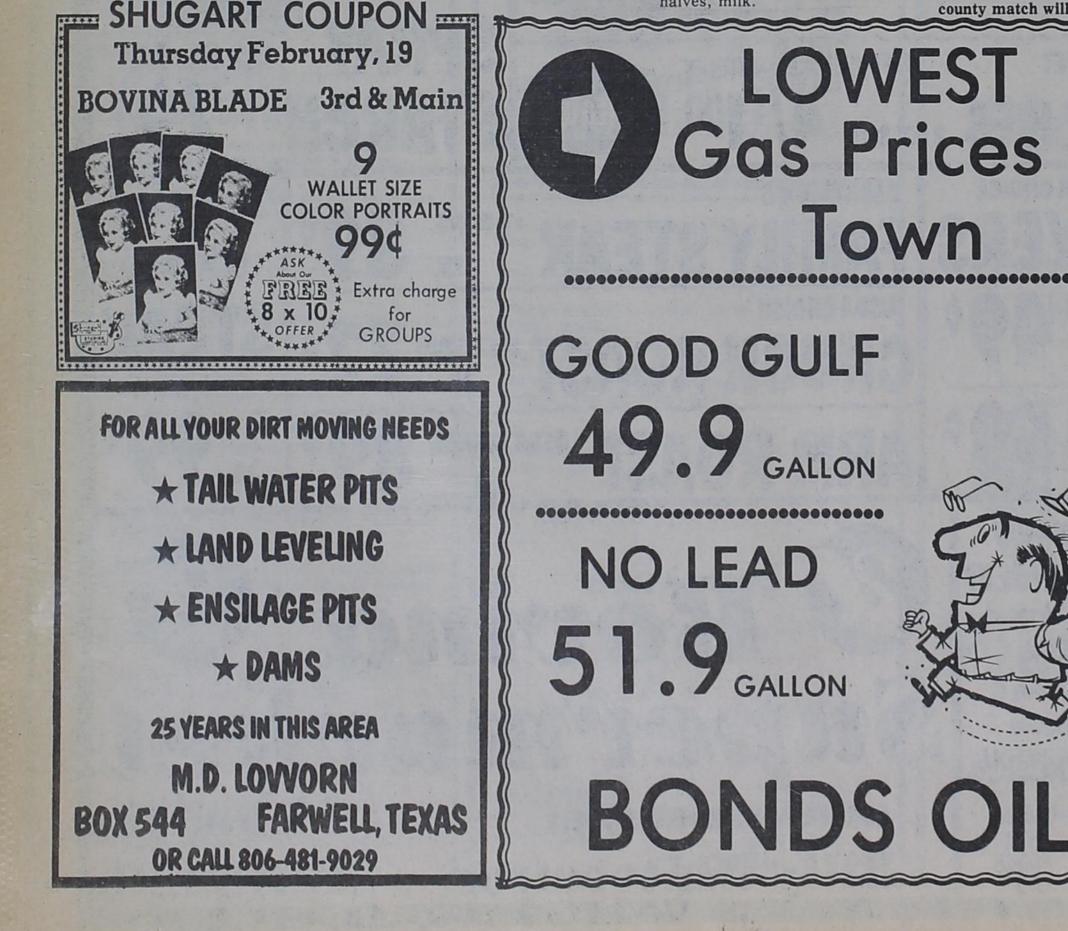
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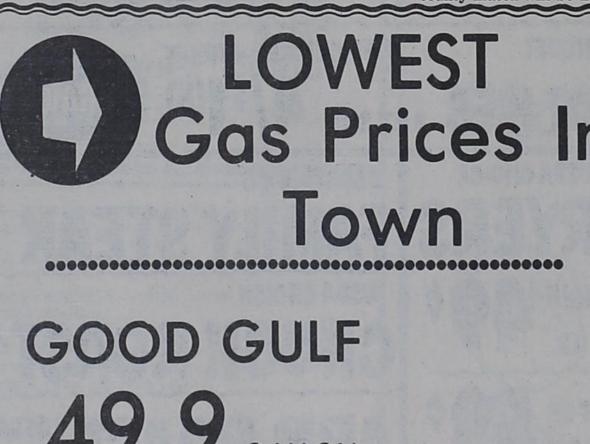


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