



BY BILL ELLIS

WE DOUBT THAT our readers will have trouble believing the statement we are about to make, particularly in light of the fact that we have just gone through our annual "gain weight" period.

We in America are a combined billion pounds overweight!

This is even more understandable when you consider that during the past year, Americans swallowed 621 million gallons of wine and distilled spirits, and the equivalent of 49 billion 12-ounce bottles of beer.

With all of that sloshing through its system, the populace probably would be short of breath even if it had not smoked 8.7 billion cigars and nearly 600 billion cigarettes.

The principal killers of Americans are heart disease, stroke and cancer, all of which are often closely related to the victims' habits.

Fifty-five per cent of all deaths involve diseases of the heart and blood vessels, diseases frequently associated with obesity and lack of exercise. According to National Cancer Institute statistics, 70,000 of the 80,000 lung cancer deaths each year result from smoking.

Women and teenagers are smoking more, and the lung cancer death rate among women has tripled in the last 14 years.

Everyone will agree that life is priceless, but 75 per cent of Americans do not use their car's safety belts, and only four per cent use the shoulder harness.

The National Jogging Association says that exercise is among the best investments people can make in their health, and it doesn't cost a dime of the taxpayers' money.

Although Americans are not nearly as healthy as they could be, this could be improved through a systematic exercise program by individuals, according to the N.J.A.

So, although it's too late for us to cut down on the amount of food we ate during the holidays, it's an ideal time to make a resolution to exercise more during 1979—if nothing more than pushing away from the dinner table, and vigorously snuffing out cigarettes.

THE TREND IN Christmas presents is always interesting. I believe Johnny Carson usually has a segment on his show in which he shows some of the more radical toys and illustrates how "far out" some of them are.

This year, by no accident, the Star Wars toys were much in evidence, and were probably the most popular of the toys advertised for 1978.

But we noticed something else that we thought a bit odd. Among the gifts from Santa for our five-year-old were a "Milky, the Milk-Giving Cow," and a game called "Lay an Egg," in which a leghorn hen is induced into laying eggs.

We decided that it was perhaps typical of our times. These were two chores that the five-year-old's father abhorred, but nevertheless had to perform once or twice a day. And now, a generation later, these toys are the only cow and chicken with which our offspring is acquainted.

THE YEAR 1979 should be a good one for farmers and businesses in our immediate area. Certainly our farmers did better in 1978 than they had the previous year.

Although some so-called experts are calling for a recession on the national scene sometime in the near future, we have noticed that sometimes these recessions go unnoticed in our area, particularly if we make up our minds to ignore them.

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"Well, you are now cured of your kleptomania, Fred. Go out into the world and the very best of luck to you."

"Thanks, Doc."

"But if you should have a relapse, pick me up a Rolex watch, will you?"

1979 Comes In On Frigid Note

The new year began on a frigid note in the Bovina area, with the mercury plunging to below zero on the mornings of January 1 and 2. The high temperature on Monday, New Year's Day, never reached ten degrees.

Tuesday, January 2 was the coldest, with readings locally from seven to ten degrees below zero. This is the second time this season for sub-zero temperatures, as it reached this level the morning of December 9.

The latest arctic blast also brought approximately two inches of snow to the local area, although the moisture content of the snow was minimal.

In fact, drivers on Tuesday noted that the grainy snow was blowing across roadways just as if it was dust.

No bad weather-related accidents had been reported in the immediate area, although it was reported that Leon Grissom broke his leg on Monday of this week (see details in Scooter Russell's column), in an accident related to the weather.

Highway Patrol DPS officer Royce Keck said Tuesday that his office had worked about eight accidents last Saturday in the eastern portion of the county.

The worst one was just east of Friona, where a Clovis woman, Josephina Rodriguez, was hospitalized after her 1974 Monte Carlo was demolished when it skidded backward and collided with a van driven by Juan Rodriguez of Hereford.

An Amarillo man, Roy Axton,

escaped serious injury Tuesday when his 18-wheel cattle truck caught fire and burned east of Bovina on Highway 60, in the vicinity of Parmerton Hill.

Rep Slates Area Visit

State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced he is sending a representative from his Plainview office to Farwell on Tuesday, January 9 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Benito Rocha will meet with local taxpayers at the Parmer County Courthouse from 2 to 4 p.m.

"If Farwell-area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing tax forms, Mr. Rocha will be there to assist them," Bullock said.

"We're trying to cut the red tape in this office and we believe these face-to-face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added.

Bullock reminded those taxpayers who are unable to meet with his representative on January 9 that they can still get their questions answered quickly by calling his TOLL-FREE tax information number in Austin. That number is 1-800-252-5555.

AAM Gearing For D.C. Tractorcade

The American Agriculture Movement is looking forward to the national tractorcade to Washington, D.C. early this year, in hopes of making giant strides for agriculture.

"We have been told by some key people in Washington, D.C. that this is the year for agriculture, but that congress is not going to give us anything unless we come back to Washington with force, as we did last year," says Ralph Roming, local AAM leader.

"In analyzing our accomplishments of last year, we felt the tractors were responsible for almost everything we got. They are a symbol of our trade—different from every other trade. The tractors are the way to carry the most graphic protest to Washington, D.C. that the nation has ever seen," Roming continued.

Roming said that money would prove to be the biggest problem of the current endeavor. "This will be the most costly endeavor that we have tried to date, and with no formal organization to collect funds, it must be done on a voluntary basis," he said.

The local AAM leader said that farmers were planning to take

mobile homes and camp trailers this year, for cooking and sleeping.

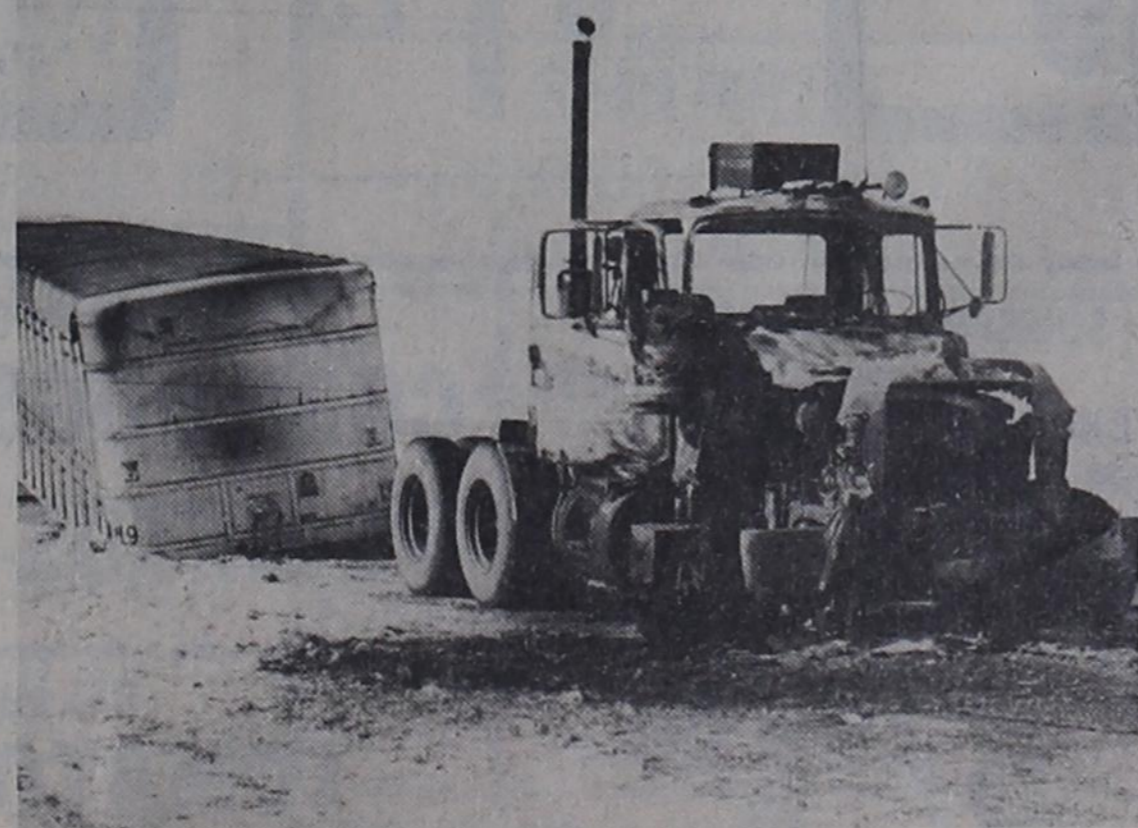
"As near as we could calculate, we left \$23 million in Washington, D.C. last year, at motels and restaurants. We won't do this again this year, and we won't have to use taxicabs, since we'll have our tractors," Roming said.

The American Agriculture Movement of Bovina, Friona, Lazbuddie and Rhea are sponsoring a fish fry that is free to the public Thursday night, January 4 at the Community Center in Friona, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"We urge everyone, especially farmers, businessmen and civic leaders, to be at this meeting," Roming says.

Also, the AAM is sponsoring an antique and farm auction in Amarillo at the fair grounds this Saturday, January 6. Proceeds from the auction will go to the state office, and to help send tractors to Washington, D.C.

Anyone with items they would like to donate to the auction is urged to call a local member of the AAM, who also says they will be happy to take to Amarillo, or help load, any large or outside item which is donated.



TRUCK BURNS...Roy Axton of Amarillo escaped without serious injury Tuesday when the cab of his cattle truck caught fire and burned

between Bovina and Friona. The accident occurred in zero weather, with the chill factor around minus 30 degrees.



TAKE OATH...Nine county officers were given their oaths of office on Tuesday to begin new terms. From the left are County Clerk Bonnie

Warren, Commissioner Jack Patterson, JP Ray Mears (Farwell), Commissioner Raymond McGehee, JP Wayne Spears, County Treasurer

Benna Felts, District Clerk Dorothy Quickel, County Judge Paul Fortenberry and JP Frances Euler. (See Story, Page 3)

Arrests Clear Up Area's Hog Thefts

Parmer County Sheriff's officers arrested two Clovis, N.M. men December 31, and the arrests are expected to clear up a number of thefts of hogs in Parmer County, including the theft of 40 hogs from the Larry Scott farm, and two different thefts from Friona FFA boys.

In custody at Farwell are Wendell Davenport, 33, and Teofilo Olivarez, 28, both of whom live 2½ miles south of Clovis. Bond was set at \$10,000 each.

The two men were jailed in Portales on Saturday, and then on Tuesday they were taken before Dist. Judge Fred Hensley of Clovis, where they signed papers waiving extradition to Parmer County, Texas.

County Sheriff Charles Lovelace said the pair had signed confessions admitting to a number of burglaries in Parmer and Bailey Counties in Texas, as well as Curry County, N.M.

Their latest theft of 40 hogs from the Larry Scott place near Bovina on December 24-25 led to the couple's arrest and apprehension.

Lovelace said he and Scott attended the weekly hog sale on Saturday, December 31 at the Portales Livestock Auction Company. Scott saw a group of hogs penned up that he recognized, and later when the pigs were offered for sale, the sheriff moved to make the arrest.

The sheriff also took charge of a pickup belonging to the pair, which figured as evidence in the thefts. During the heist at the Scott place, it was noticed that a green vehicle had hit a pump next to the hog pens. Lovelace said the couple's green pickup had a large "scrape" on one side.

The men admitted to the theft at the Scott place, and to two different thefts at the Friona FFA pens during November and December, during which 18 hogs and one steer were taken.

The thefts from the Friona FFA pens came about a month apart, and some of the young students' project pigs, replaced after the first heist, were taken for a second time.

They also confessed to a similar theft involving Muleshoe FFA animals in which ten hogs were taken, to the theft of a pig belonging to Jake Perea at Black, to stealing a 250-pound calf belonging to Isidro Ortega at Lariat, and to burglarizing two trailer houses at the J&J Trailer Sales of Texico, N.M.

The pair also admitted taking two

self-feeders from the Friona FFA pens, and the self-feeders have been recovered.

Sheriff Lovelace said that the men had two trailer houses at their place south of Clovis on the Portales highway, and were well-equipped with corrals and pig pens. He said the pair admitted the thefts soon after they were confronted at the sale ring at Portales.

"I never had looked so long without finding any clues. We knew the lost animals would have to go through a sale ring somewhere but had not been able to make a connection until this large number was taken from the Scott farm," Lovelace said this week.

Scott recovered 18 head of swine from the auction facilities on Saturday, and then found 14 more of his pigs at the headquarters south of Clovis.

Sheriff Lovelace said the animals stolen earlier had apparently already been sold. "We might run them down, but it will be a hard job," he admitted.

The hogs taken from the Scott place were valued at from \$40 to \$50 each, being feeder size.

The culprits had also admittedly taken furniture from the J&J Trailer Sales Company at Texico, N.M.

Davenport and Olivarez have been bound over to action by the Parmer County Grand Jury.



FEATHER CHAMP...Daryl Hawkins, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins, won the local "longest tailfeather contest" in conjunction with the pheasant season, and his

25¼-inch entry also was the longest in the county. It was the third time in four years for a Bovina entrant to win county honors in the annual contest. (See Story Page 3)

Profiles and Things by don watkins



My erudite Ph. D. brother is a constant irritant to my inflated ego. That he is intellectually superior I don't question. He keeps proving it by talking to me in Ph. D.

In his own inimitable way he manages to tear apart in seconds what has taken me hours, or even days, to put together, all the while deepening my sense of inferiority.

I am continually mesmerized by his disputations wreaking havoc on my columns. If I say one thing is black, to him it is white. If I say

Jimmy Carter raises peanuts, no, it's chinquapins.

I called him recently, knowing I should have left well enough alone, and discussed one of my more recent columns. The column was, I thought, one of profundity, and one in which I was extremely proud.

"Demps," I said when he answered the phone. "Have you read my last column?"

"Are you quitting the business?" he immediately asks.

"Why no."

"Then it's not your last column."

"You know what I mean. The latest one published."

"You didn't say that."

"Look," I say in total exasperation, "This is costing me. I don't have the time nor the money to engage in silly semantics so how about answering my question?"

"What question?"

"D-- it. The one about my latest column."

"Too wordy."

"Is that all you've got to say?"

"No," he answers laconically. "You didn't prove your point."

"What point?"

"About the early bird getting the worm."

"Good gosh," I say, "You know that's just an expression."

"Then you should have qualified it."

"Oh h---," I yell in the phone. "Just forget it."

"I probably will," he answers calmly.

Without further ado, I hang up the phone, trembling with self-indignation. As I walk to another room, I suddenly burst out laughing. I realize that once again my Ph. D. brother has won yet another battle in the continuing war against my inflated ego. God, how I love that man.

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Deed, Ellan Cain Durfee, Maybelle Cain, E 25 ft. lots 1 thru 6, Blk. 2, Farwell

OGL, Leta Rutland, et al, J.D. Cobb, NW 1/4 Sec. 34, Blk. Z, Johnson

WD, Frio Development Co., Inc., Jon Mack Roden, W 30 ft. lot 17, Blk. 3, Western Add., Friona

WD, C. Glenn Floyd, Toritio Monarrez, lots 1 and 2, Blk. 42, Friona

WD, L.L. Deaton, Friona Industries, Inc., lots 1, 2 and 3, Blk. 5, McMillen & Fergus, Friona

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WD, C.W. Stallings, Nathalie E. Stallings, Pt. lots 1 thru 5, Blk. 75, Bovina

WD, Clara Malouf, Pira Brent, Tr., Sec. 5, T11S;R3E

WD, C.R. Elliott, Nicolas Ocampos, lot 6, Blk. 14, Bovina

WD, Nellie White, Jack W. White, lot 2, Blk. 2, Hicks, Friona.

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WD, Jerry L. Taylor, Daniel L. Harguess, lots 7 and 8, Blk. 16, Friona

WD, Ruth Rushing, Eric Vance Rushing, et al, und. 1/2 int. in 41.6 ac. tract out S 1/2 Sec. 2, T3S;R3E

WD, Franklin Peddie, J.W. Bowman, NW 1/4 Sec. 27, Blk. X, Johnson

WD, Billie Myers, Farwell Hardware, W 50 ft. lots 30, 31, 32, Blk. 3, Farwell

WD, William Truett Johnson, J.P. Sims, S 33 ft. lot 2 and N 44 ft. lot 3, Blk. 2, Welch Ac. Unit 1.

WD, J.S. Menefee, William Buchanan, et al, und. 1/2 int. in SW 1/4 Sec. 18, T4S;R4E, Part Sec. 19.

Reflections

From The Blade

20 YEARS AGO—JANUARY 7, 1959

Pressure of moving grain burst a slab from an upright tank at Sherley Grain Company Sunday, spilling about 20,000 bushels of grain sorghum on the ground outside the tank.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Crawford and family returned home last Thursday from two weeks in Greenville and surrounding area. The local family spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Browning of Quinlin and with his mother, Mrs. Roy Crawford, of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Berry and son, "Little Bud," of Canyon spent New Year's Eve in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Berry, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawkins and daughters, Vickie and Debbie, spent a couple of days shortly after Christmas in Mineral Wells. Leaving here Saturday, December 27, the local family were guests in the home of Mrs. Hawkins' aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Vaughan.

15 YEARS AGO—JANUARY 1, 1964

Wallace Rogers escaped serious injury Friday afternoon when the butane delivery truck he was driving for Bonds Oil Company overturned some 10 miles southwest of Bovina.

O.C. Minyen, Bovina High School senior, lost the thumb on his right hand and portions of three fingers

when a fireworks-type rocket exploded in his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Langer were honored with a luncheon recently at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Venable.

Mrs. Angela Galloway, ballet instructor from Clovis, was honored with a coffee last Monday in the home of Mrs. A.M. Wilson.

10 YEARS AGO—JANUARY 1, 1969

Mrs. Opal Bowen was released from Clovis Memorial Hospital last week, where she underwent surgery recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Bandy spent Christmas in Gila Bend, Arizona, with their children, J.J. Bandy and family of Medford, Oregon, and Mrs. Arnold Langford and family of Anson.

C.P. Warren underwent major surgery Monday in Parmer County Community Hospital. He is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

L.F. Jacobs, superintendent of Bovina Schools, has been named a member of the evaluation committee to improve the program of School Administrator's Advisory Conference on Education, according to I.R. Huchingson, of the Texas Education Agency.

5 YEARS AGO—JANUARY 9, 1974

One man was killed and another injured in a hunting accident near Bovina Sunday, December 30,

according to Parmer County law enforcement officials.

Robert L. (Bob) Redden, son of Mrs. Mary Ruth Redden of Bovina, was among 745 fall degree candidates who received diplomas from Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos Saturday, December 22 in Strahan Gym at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian of the Oklahoma Lane Community were among several county residents attending the Gator Bowl game in Jacksonville, Florida on December 29. The Texas Tech Red Raiders upset the Tennessee Volunteers in the nationally-televised game.

Members of the Thrifty Club covered hangers for their hosts, Mrs. J.G. Eubanks, when they met at her home Monday afternoon.

Steelman Is Honor Grad

Eddie J. Steelman, forestry major from Star Rt., Bovina, graduated with honors at Texas A&M University's fall commencement ceremonies.

A record 1,744 degrees were awarded, including 1,377 undergraduates, 282 master's and 85 doctorates.

Steelman was a Summa Cum laude honor graduate.

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By Ace Reid



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Bovina Youth Is Feather Champion

For the third time in four years, a Bovina hunter has won the county title in the annual "Longest Tailfeather Contest" sponsored annually in conjunction with the pheasant season, which closed on December 24.

Daryl Hawkins, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins of Bovina, had the winning entry. His feather measured 25 1/4 inches long.

Hawkins won the Bovina title with his entry, and it earned him a cash prize of \$15.00, presented by Bovina Gin Company. Second place locally went to John Johnston, with a feather measuring 24 1/2 inches, and Ray Verner claimed third place with a 24-inch entry.

Second place received \$10.00, and third place \$5.00 in the local contest.

Hawkins' entry edged out the winning entries at Farwell and Friona.

Farwell's winner was entered by Edwin Lingnau, and measured 24 and 15-16 inches. Second place at Farwell was won by Mike Norris at 24 1/2 inches, and third place went to E. Kent Hawes, with an entry

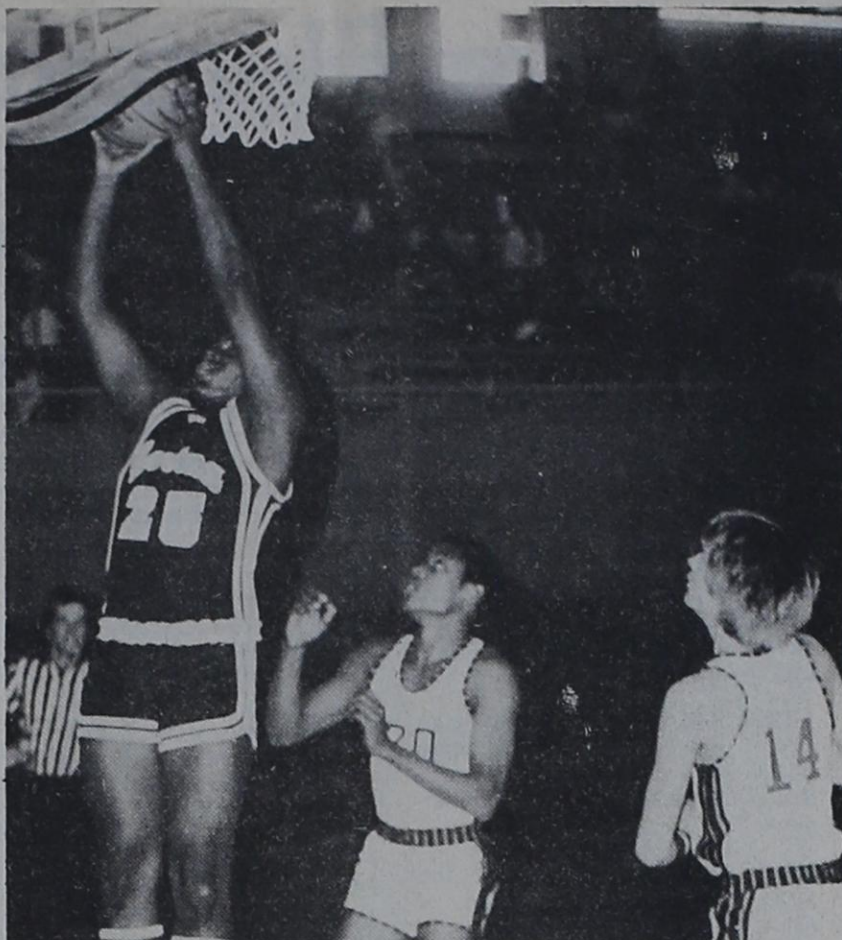
measuring 24 1/2 inches.

Friona's contest was won by Charles Hamilton with a tailfeather measuring 24 1/2 inches. Second place in that community was won by Robert Zetsche at 24 1/2, and third place was won by Jayson Grimsley with a feather which measured 24 1/2 inches.

Cash prizes are presented annually to the top three feather entries at Friona, Bovina and Farwell. In addition, the county winner received a plaque from the Parmer County Game Association.

Jesse Stone of Bovina won the 1977 county title with a feather measuring 25 1/4 inches, same as this year's winner. Wayne Stone won the Bovina contest in 1976 with a feather measuring 25 1/2 inches, but Johnny Hane turned in the winning county feather at Farwell, with a whopping 26 1/2-inch entry.

In 1975, Billy Tipton, Lubbock, a guest of the Tom Bonds family, won the Bovina local as well as the county title with his 25 1/2-inch feather.



ROY SHELBY... (25) scores two points in the Mustang's opening game of the Muleshoe Tournament. The Ponies dropped the game to

Littlefield, but won their second game to advance to the consolation game of the tourney.

County Officials Sworn In Tuesday

Nine county officials were given their oaths of office in swearing-in ceremonies Tuesday at the County Court House in Farwell.

New county commissioners sworn in for the first time were Jack Patterson of Precinct 2 (Bovina and Rhea) and Raymond McGehee of Precinct 4 (Lazbuddie). The two new commissioners were elected in last November's general election.

Also taking oaths after being re-elected were County Judge Paul Fortenberry, District Clerk Dorothy Quikel, County Clerk Bonnie Warren, County Treasurer Benna Felts, and justices of the peace Ray Mears, Frances Euler and Wayne Spears.

The oaths of office were administered by Mrs. Warren, the County Clerk.

County officials whose terms did not expire in 1978, and are holdover officials include County Tax Assessor-Collector Hugh Moseley, County Sheriff Charles Lovelace, County Attorney Johnny Actkinson and County Commissioners Earnest Anthony (Precinct 1-Friona), and

Archie Tarter (Precinct 3, Farwell-Oklahoma Lane).

Also attending the ceremony were wives and husbands of some of the county officials. The swearing-in was held on a crisp, cold morning, as two inches of snow remained on the ground from the weekend arctic blast, and outside temperatures were just above zero.

However, despite the weather, every county official who was elected or re-elected was present for the ceremony.

The regular commissioner's court meeting, which would have been held on the first Monday except for the New Year's Day holiday, was held Tuesday afternoon. A report on this meeting will be published in our next issue.



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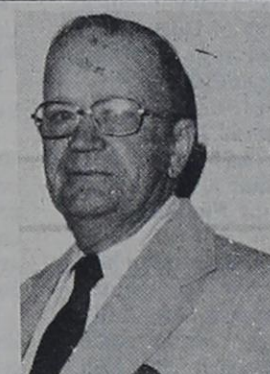
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Evening Worship, 8 p.m.
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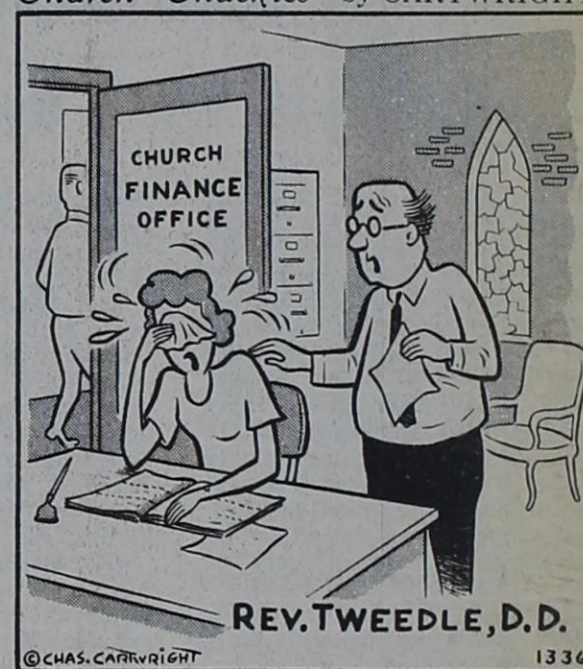


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Mensaje-11:30 a.m.-Union De Pre Preparacion-5 p.m. Miercoles Estudio De La Biblia-7:30 p.m.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"There, there, Miss Higgins, I'm sorry I upset you by asking our bank balance!"

Read II Corinthians 5:16-21

Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. —I Samuel 16:7

I WAS seated in a crowded bus one evening when two nuns got on. There were only two vacant seats, one by me and another down the aisle, beside a seedy-looking elderly man. One of the nuns took the seat next to me, and the other one remained standing near her. I got up to give her my place and went across the aisle.

Immediately the stranger stood and gave me his seat by the window. I had no intention of starting a conversation, but before I knew it, we were talking. He told me that as a young man he had come to the United States, found employment and gone to night school. After graduating from college, he had become a teacher. When I met him he was in charge of a university museum.

It turned out to be one of the most interesting conversations I have ever had. When he reached his station, he shook hands and thanked me for the visit.

How many times we misjudge people because of dress, appearance, language, or little peculiarities!

PRAYER: Help us, heavenly Father, to look more deeply into the hearts and lives of persons. In Christ's name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
We look at the label, but God sees the contents.

Nora G. Smith (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
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Rev. Wilburn Stone

Miroslava Ramon, Eleazar Robledo Exchange Double Ring Wedding Vows



Miroslava Ramon and Eleazar Robledo were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 30. The double ring ceremony was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father John F. McGovern officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Catarino Ramon. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Javier Robledo.

Wedding vows were exchanged before an altar centered with a heart decorated with yellow roses and greenery background. On each side of the heart was a bouquet of white carnations and gladiolas. Family and attendants' pews were marked with yellow and green ribbon bows.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Brenda Jesko. Ginger Glasscock, soloist, sang "Walk Hand In Hand," "Love Story" and "Evergreen."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of white chantilly lace over taffeta and tulle. Two small ruffles accented the high neckline. The fitted bodice featured a bib of tiny lace ruffles adorned with three tiny white satin bows. The fitted sleeves of sheer chantilly lace came to the wrists and were edged with two small ruffles of lace. The full tiered skirt fell from the princess waistline. The front of the gown was accented with twelve tiers of lace. The cathedral train consisted of twenty layers of lace flowers.

Her headpiece was a rhinestone tiara with a long cathedral length veil attached. The crown was of imperial design. The sheer illusion veil was edged with chantilly lace to match the gown. The flat headpiece was attached to the crown at the back.

The bride's bouquet was centered with a big white ribbon bow surrounded by glass daisies. The leaves of the daisies were made of pearls and curled ribbons hung from the bouquet.

The bride kept with bridal tradition. She wore a diamond ring for something old. Something new was her gown and veil. She borrowed a pearl necklace from Mrs. Gloria Atchley and wore the traditional blue garter.

The bridegroom wore a light beige colored vested tuxedo with beige ruffled shirt. He wore a yellow rose bud over white carnation boutonniere.

Annette Ramon, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Gloria Lisa Villarreal, Juanita

Olivarez, Maria Bazaldua, Janet Soliz, Mary Jane Gomez and Minerva Ramirez.

Earl Quintana served as best man. Groomsmen were Rudy Robledo, Eddie Garcia, Joe Pena, Jr., Jessie Soliz, Joe Luis Bazaldua and Juan Munoz.

Melinda Ramon and Ralph Ramon, Jr., niece and nephew of the bride, served as pajesitos.

Betty Marquez was the flower girl and Roy Robledo was the ring bearer.

Altar boys were Bobby Robledo and Raymond Rocha.

Ushers were Jesse Ramon and Victor Robledo.

The bride's mother wore a pink floor length dress of luster silesta fabric. The dress featured an empire waistline, with beaded sweetheart neckline and long fitted sleeves with beaded wrists. She wore a pink carnation corsage.

The groom's mother wore a blue floor length dress with a fitted waistline and long fitted sleeves. She wore a blue carnation corsage.

The three tiered bride's cake stood over a lighted green waterfall fountain. The cake was decorated with a heart shaped arch with bright yellow bells on the first layer and a lighted church with the bride and groom coming out on the third layer. The cakes were decorated with a bouquet of yellow roses hanging down the sides. From the third layer cake came two pair of stairs with bridesmaids and chamberlains coming down.

On the base of the table were ten cakes decorated with bouquets of roses hanging on the sides, bells, bridesmaids and chamberlains were on the center of the cakes. In the center in front of the waterfall was the groom's cake. It was an open Bible and had the words of the Bible, "My Beloved is mine and I am his." On the next page under a bouquet of yellow daisies was the name of the groom, "Eleazar."

The table was decorated with a white lace tablecloth over a lime colored tablecloth. Cake and punch were served at the dance.

After the ceremony the couple were honored with a dinner which consisted of Carne Gusiada, beans,



Mr. and Mrs. Eleazar Robledo

potato salad, tossed salad and iced tea. The dinner was served at the Parish Hall of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

The tables were decorated with white tablecloths. The Hall was decorated with yellow and green ribbons.

At 8 p.m. that night, a dance was held at the Parish Hall with the Prefedido Band playing. Following

the dance the couple left for their honeymoon to Ruidoso and Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The couple are residing in Amarillo.

The bridegroom is an employee at I.B.P. and is attending Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo. The bride is an employee of American Quarterhorse Association in Amarillo.



Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

OUR FAMILY enjoyed Christmas together in Idaho...Made it through another daughter's wedding...Skied without injuries...Got the grandchildren straightened out...Santa Claus was mighty good to us...Made the trip home fine...Found the weather to be much colder in Bovina than Idaho...Pretty snow...low (Tuesday morning) 7 degrees below...Lots of minor accidents because of icy roads...Winner of longest pheasant feathers...Darrell Hawkins-Congratulations...Darlene Caldwell had an accident on the icy roads...broke her nose...went on skiing, anyway...Tuesday, R.D.'s snowed in at Ft. Worth...That's pretty good planning, R.D.

Mrs. T.J. Hopingardner had a household of relatives over the Christmas holidays: a son, Willis J., his wife Sharon and their daughters, Kristy, and Shawna Lea, all of Hollister, California, another daughter and her husband, Mildred and Bob Blalock of Ozona, Arizona, another daughter Eula and her husband Howard Cox and her daughter Debra of Clovis, another daughter Gladys and husband

George Whitesides of Odessa, a son, Robert Lee Hopingardner, his wife, Virginia and their daughter Sharon of Clovis.

Mrs. Hopingardner said there were 36 of the family together Christmas day.

Sixteen of the 36 guests were grandchildren and great grandchildren. They were: Sonnie and Jack Simmons and son Scotty of Bushland, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watts and children, Ricky and Kile of Littlefield.

Also, Bonnie Stensil and children Robin and Leonard of Clovis, Larry Buster of Littlefield, Leslie Blalock and Gary Whitesides of Odessa.

Mrs. Hopingardner said they had a wonderful time together.

The Les McCains had guests over the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCain of Port Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. McCain of Fieldton.

Erra and Lawrence Jamerson had their family home for Christmas: their son and daughter-in-law, Kelly and Gwin and the Jamerson's grandson, Lance, another son, Ken of Arlington and their daughter

Carol and Larry Scott of Bovina and the Jamerson's other grandchildren, Kirk and Christi.

Talked with Jeff Grissom, he said his dad, Leon, suffered a broken leg as the result of an accident on his farm Monday. Leon is in St. Ann's Hospital, Room 503 and will be there for a week or 10 days.

The Ovid Lawlises enjoyed having both their sons and their families over the Christmas holidays: James and Penny and their daughters, Jane and Jodi of San Antonio, also David and Barbara and children, Connie, Keith and Christie of Grand Prairie.

Doris said they had a wonderful time together.

Also the Lawlises observed their 40th wedding anniversary December 31. David and Barbara presented them with an anniversary cake, James and Penny sent a floral arrangement to the Baptist Church Sunday in their honor.

Doris said the ginning season kinda put a damper on their celebration so they just observed it this year.

Grissoms Celebrate 62nd Anniversary

Eighty-seven Christmases have come and gone, and sixty-two wedding anniversaries have been shared, but the 1978 celebration with every one of his living descendants present was described by L.M. Grissom as the bestest ever!

Luther Grissom and Pearl Foster were married in Elk City, Oklahoma on December 24, 1916. Christmas Eve 1978, four sons, two daughters, eight grandsons, five granddaughters, one great grandson, two great granddaughters, and assorted in-laws gathered from five states to honor and show their love for Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Grissom.

Visiting, opening the gifts under the tree, and partaking of a lovely meal were enjoyed as on past Christmases. Before the gifts were opened this year however, the Reverend Page Thomas presented the following allegory that touched the hearts of all present.

CHRISTMAS 1978
Bovina, Texas
Christmas means different things



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to different people. It is the season of the year we celebrate God's sending forth His Son into the world. For children it is the coming of Santa Claus and the opening of presents. It is time to be happy and a time of sharing happiness with others. It is a time to be thankful and a time of sharing this thankfulness with others. It is a time to remember that we are God's children and that He is in all generations sending forth His Son into the world. We are all here this Christmas because of one of his sons, Luther Martin Grissom.

Now the Lord said to Luther, "Go forth from this place, Oklahoma, and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you; and by you all the families of your new land will be blessed."

So Luther Martin Grissom went, as the Lord had told him; and his family went forth with him and they departed for West Texas. They took their possessions which they had gathered, loaded them into a wagon, tied their white-face bull to the wagon and set forth to go to the land of dust and little water, not knowing what was before them.

When Luther and his family passed through Bovina the people laughed at them and said, "you better keep that bull penned up, he will never survive down here." But Luther just laughed back and went on his way.

Then the Lord appeared to Luther and said, "to your descendants I will give this land, work hard and don't look back." Then Luther built his house and a barn for his cattle, and a pen for his bull; then Luther thanked the Lord for sending him forth to this new land.

After Luther and Pearl had raised their children, the Lord appeared to him again and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, and I will multiply you exceedingly. And I will give to you

and your children after you the land you have inhabited and worked, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

All of us gathered here this Christmas, except the in-laws, are descendants of Luther and Pearl Grissom. And the Lord says to us today, "Be thankful, keep the faith, walk before me and be blameless. And I will continue to multiply you exceedingly, and I will give to your descendants all this land and I will be your God."

The children and their families present were: Kenneth Grissom and his wife Wilma of Shallowater, their sons Martin of Vail, Colo., Philip of Denver, Colo., their daughter, Linda, her husband Andy Swift and their daughter Carolyn of St. Louis, Mo.; Lola Jean Grissom of Bovina; Leon Grissom and his wife Charlene, their daughter Pamela of Amarillo, their sons Jeff of Lubbock, Tim of Bovina and Mike, his wife Donna and their children Jason and Katy of Oklahoma Lane; C.W. Grissom and his wife Janean of Taiban, New Mexico, their son Dwain of Hot Springs, Ark., their daughters Kathy of Plainview and Peggy and her husband Grady Higgins of Plainview; and Caryetta Thomas and her husband Page, her daughter Olivia, and her sons DeLayne and Carter, all of Plano. Donna Grissom's brother Rusty Carter of Lubbock was a special guest.

It's A Boy

For Wilcoxes

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wilcox of Hereford are parents of a baby boy born December 27 in Palo Duro Hospital in Canyon.

The infant weighed seven pounds and five and one-half ounces and was twenty inches long. He has been named Landon Ray.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lewis of Blair, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox of Bovina.

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DENISE READ....(33) goes up for
 two of her ten points against the
 Littlefield girls in action during the
 Muleshoe Tournament held over the

Christmas holidays. The Fillies won
 the game 42-40, and went on to take
 third place in the tournament.

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**Girls Top 3-Way;
 Lose To Nazareth**

The Bovina High School Fillies
 beat the Three-Way girls, 42-34 on
 Tuesday, December 19. The Fillies
 then took on the Nazareth Swiftettes
 on Friday, December 22 and lost the
 game, 35-50.
 Scores for the other games during
 the Christmas holidays and since the
 last issue of the Blade were not
 available at press time, but will be in
 the next issue of the Blade.

BOX SCORES

Bovina	12	20	34	42
Three-Way	13	20	31	34
Sides 4; Read 10; Naegle 6; Shelby 8; Moody 10; Schilling 4.				
Bovina	7	18	25	35
Nazareth	17	27	39	50
Sides 4; Read 4; Naegle 4; Shelby 12; Moody 9; Schilling 2.				

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS—
 Helen Balentine, Black; Sandra Spring, Friona; Allen Roberts, Sudan; Jimmy Taylor, Friona; Ralph Taylor, Friona; Rosie Galicia, Friona; Elizabeth Carrasco, Friona; Paula Maldon, Friona; James H. Mears, Friona; Rita Martin and baby girl, Friona; Katie Weatherly, Friona; Sammy Saiz, Friona; W.J. Thomas, Friona; Oralia Escalante, Friona; Karen Baker and baby girl, Friona; Gertrude Allen, Friona; and Carl Hadley, Friona.

DISMISSALS—
 Clara Renner, Sandra Spring, Yolanda Trevino, Helen Balentine, Jimmy Taylor, Allen Roberts, Ambrosio Rios, Jr., Rosie Galicia, Elizabeth Carrasco, Paula Maldon, James Mears, Ralph Taylor, Katy Weatherly, Oralia Escalante and Sammy Saiz.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL—
 Claude Osborn, Karen Baker and baby girl, Rita Martin and baby girl, Gertrude Allen, Carl Hadley, W.J. Thomas, Emily Griffith and Kay Kendrick.

**Junior High Teams
 Split With Farwell**

The Bovina Junior High teams
 hosted the Farwell Junior High
 teams in basketball action here
 Monday night, December 18. The
 teams played four games, and both
 schools won two and lost two.
 In the seventh grade girls' game,
 the Farwell girls won, 24-16. In the
 seventh grade boys game, the team
 from Farwell again won, 21-20.
 The Bovina eighth grade teams
 won in both the girls and boys
 games. The girls won 34-17, and the
 boys won, 37-15.

The seventh and eighth grade girls
 are coached by Ann Lee. The
 seventh and eighth grade boys are
 coached by Mike Leiby.

BOX SCORES

7th Grade Boys	4	13	16	20
Farwell	4	6	13	21
Shepherd 6; Wilson 7; Griggs 1; Clayton 0; Gomez 6; Lara 0; Englant 0; Cryz 0; Johnston 0; Robledo 0; Jose Gomez 0; Redwine 0; Falkenburg 0; Teague 0; McClaren 0.				

BOX SCORES

7th Grade Girls	6	8	10	16
Farwell	2	10	20	24
Tamez 0; DelaRosa 4; Hodnett 2; Whitecotton 2; Cupit 4; Wines 2; Turner 0; Martinez 2; Williams 0.				

BOX SCORES

8th Grade Boys	10	23	27	37
Farwell	2	5	7	15
Wright 10; Riddle 5; Black 2; Spring 0; Steelman 6; Landry 4; Gilbreath 2; Willard 2; McClaran 4.				

Flores 0; Moody 2; Soliz 0; Whitten 0; Cupit 0; Tamez 0; Villarreal 0.

8th Grade Girls 7 22 26 34
 Farwell 4 12 14 17
 Bentley 12; V. Shepherd 0; Barrett 0; Dutton 2; Schilling 0; Ortiz 1; Hall 0; Sherrill 0; Tamez 0; Koelzer 0; Gentle 0; L. Shepherd 19; Lumbraera 0; Chisom 0.

**Fillies 3rd
 At Muleshoe**

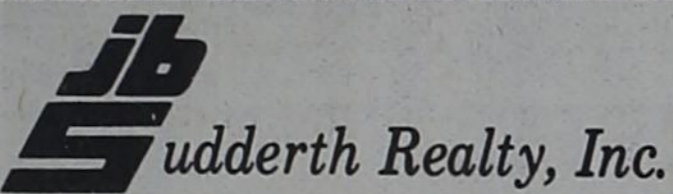
The Bovina High School Fillies
 varsity team won third place in the
 Muleshoe Invitational Tournament
 that took place over the Christmas
 holidays. The Fillies won their first
 game against Littlefield, 42-40. The
 win came on a shot at the buzzer by
 Kim Naegle to win the game.
 The Fillies then lost to Shallowater
 46-49, and captured third place when
 Lockney failed to show for the game.

BOX SCORES

Bovina	11	21	24	42
Littlefield	9	23	32	40
Sides 6; Read 10; Naegle 2; Shelby 14; Moody 8; Widner 2.				

BOX SCORES

Bovina	13	32	34	46
Shallowater	12	28	38	49
Sides 14; Read 16; Naegle 4; Shelby 8; Moody 4.				



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