

1973 Pheasant Season To Run 16 Days

Bird Hunting Set Dec. 8-23

An extended 1973 pheasant season in Parmer County begins Saturday, Dec. 8, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 23, a 16-day period which includes three weekends.

In past years, the county has had a nine-day season which included two weekends. By extending the season seven days, a third weekend is included in the season.

Announcement of this year's season was made last week by Jack Patterson, president of Parmer County Game Management Association.

Patterson commented this week that the pheasant population is again considered good, and that hunting should be somewhat easier this year than the past two seasons.

Although hunting the popular game bird is difficult enough in good years, bagging the colorful cock the past two seasons was even more difficult because the grain sorghum crop had not been completely harvested and a major percentage of the grain stubble had not been shredded.

The situation is completely reversed this year, with 100 per cent of the grain sorghum crop in the elevators and a large percentage of the stubble either shredded or burned off. Thus, there will be less cover than normal for the birds to find cover.

The limit will be the same as it has been in years past—two cocks per day and four in possession. Head and feet of the birds must be left with the carcasses.

Hens are not legal game.

Parmer County has attracted state-wide attention with its pheasant season in the past few years. Numerous out-of-town, and even some out-of-state hunters normally make an appearance to join in the hunt.

Patterson says the details of the annual tailfeather contest in the county have not as yet been worked out, but he expects the rules to be similar to last year. Cash prizes of \$30 were given for the longest tailfeathers in contests at Bovina, Friona and Farwell. Three places are paid, \$15, \$10 and \$5, in each community with a plaque then being presented to the overall county winner.

Tailfeather contest headquarters in Bovina will tentatively be the Bovina Gin Co.

Henry Garza of Bovina submitted the longest tailfeather entry in Bovina last year with the feather measuring 24 and seven-eighths inches. Roy Hartzog won second and Junior Johnson third. Only 15 entries were submitted with a number not registering their entries after determining they were out of the running for the prizes.

The county winner was Gary Hicks of Friona with an entry measuring 25 and one-sixteenth inches.

Hunting was considered good last year as the pheasant population continued to increase with reports that the birds were populating areas of the county where they had not been seen previously.



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THE NEWSPAPER THAT WORKS FOR A BIGGER, BETTER BOVINA

"In The Agricultural Center Of Parmer County"

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JOYCE HUGHES WEEKLY WINNER



BY BILL ELLIS

THE TROUBLE with Americans we told our wife the other day as we took out a second helping of turkey and dressing, is that we have always had too much. At least those of us who don't really remember the depression.

However, with the energy crisis, and the crises that seem to be developing in almost every industry, or field that you can name, Americans are going to be given a chance to see how they react to a challenge.

With our current challenges to slow our automobiles down to 50 miles per hour, curtail Sunday driving and turn thermostats down six degrees, Americans are being challenged such as they have not been since the days of World War II in many respects.

THE ENERGY CRISIS gives us all a rare opportunity to show our patriotic colors. Indeed, many people, particularly in the middle aged group and upwards, are thrilled to be able to be a "participant" in a patriotic project, for the first time in a number of years.

Back during World War II, gas, along with many food items, was rationed. Folks had "victory gardens," and women went to work in factories to help the labor shortage. Many items, such as nylon hose for the ladies, had to be sacrificed for the necessities of war. Certain fuels are being allotted today, due to its shortage.

The current crisis more or less "bugs" some of our younger citizens, who no doubt think the older generation has done a lousy job of running the world.

However, we maintain that a certain amount of self-discipline is good for Americans, just as a certain amount of exercises and practice is necessary for an athletic team before it is ready to enter competition. We should come out of the energy crisis a better breed of Americans for having endured at least a little hardship, even if it's just one less shopping trip out of town.

America has been divided lately. We heard a former politician remark that the country was more divided today than since the Civil War. We needed something to "pull

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Charles Recaptures Top Slot In Contest

H.J. Charles recaptured the top slot last week in Bovina Business Cotton Bowl Football Contest when he went one up over other contestants in the race for the grand prize.

Charles has held the sole lead, or a share of it, seven previous times in the 13-weeks contest. He turned in seven correct predictions out of 10 games on the slate last week to shoot his total to 84 points out of a possible 120 for a .700 percentage.

Tom Bonds, who has been in the lead on four previous occasions, including the past three consecutive weeks, could come up with only four correct predictions to fall one point behind Charles with 83. Mrs. Albert Johnson of Farwell, who was a co-leader in the 10th

week of the contest, had five correct predictions to bring her total to 83 also.

Other contestants remaining in the running in this, the final week of the 14th annual contest in Bovina, include Monty Malcom of Tulia with 82 points; Roberta Mager, Bill Moore and Lewis McDaniel with 81 points; Hattie Burnett, Jay Harris, Tom Ware and Kenneth Whitecotton with 80 points; and Rocky Bartlett, Reba Bonds, Lynn Chitwood, Genevieve Ezell and Mary Jane Wilson with 79 points, five back of the leader.

Picking the winners from the slate of playoff and college games proved to be more difficult for the contest leaders than others as Mrs. Joyce

Hughes picked up first place prize money of \$5 with nine correct predictions on her



ARCHIE TARTER

Announces Candidacy

In announcing his candidacy for re-election as County Judge of Parmer County, Judge Archie Tarter issued the following statement:

"I promise to devote all of my time to the duties of the office, if re-elected.

"I shall endeavor to serve all of the people of Parmer County in a fair and impartial manner.

"I sincerely appreciate all of the courtesies extended to me in the past. Your vote and influence in my behalf shall be deeply appreciated."

Archie Tarter
County Judge
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entry. She missed only the outcome of the 10-10 tie between Ohio State and Michigan, as did all 91 other contestants.

Six contestants had eight correct predictions with the tiebreaker prediction determining the second and third place winners.

Genevieve Ezell took second place and \$3. She predicted the outcome of the tiebreaker game between Matador and Groom at 6-7, one point off the actual 6-6 score. She missed the tie game and the SMU win over Baylor.

Taking third place was Wilson DiCuffa. He picked the tiebreaker score at 7-7, two points off the actual score. DiCuffa missed the tie game and the Hereford victory over Caprock.

Other contestants with eight correct games included Barty Bartlett, who picked Matador 21-14, 23 points off the score; Paula Whitecotton, who picked Matador 24-12, 24 off the score; Rocky Bartlett, who picked Matador 28-14, 30 off the score;

Weather
By Willie
Some moisture this week. —Willie



FIRST FREEZE CHAMPION...Weatherman Willie Williams, left, presents a check for \$5 to Gary Cox, Bovina's 1973 Champion First Freeze Predictor. Williams, judge of the contest, declared that the first "hard, killing freeze" occurred on Tuesday morning,

Nov. 20. Long-time weatherman for the newspaper, Williams and The Blade are co-sponsors of the annual contest. Cox predicted the freeze date as Nov. 14, some six days before the actual freeze.

COLLECTS TITLE, PRIZE

Gary Cox Winner In Freeze Contest

Gary Cox, Bovina High School principal, is Bovina's Champion First Freeze Predictor for 1973.

Cox joins other first freeze champions—Mike Spears last year; Flossie Rhinehart in 1971; Dalton Morrison, '70; Rita

received in this year's contest. The '72 contest had a record number of entries, '73.

Trap Shoot Slated Here This Weekend

A trap shoot, sponsored by the Bovina-Friona Knights of Columbus, will be held Saturday and Sunday, according to a spokesman from that organization.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. each day and end at dark. Cash prizes will be awarded in all categories.

The shooting range is located three miles east of Bovina, south of U.S. Highway 60. Directional signs will be posted.

Weatherman Willie Williams has declared that the first "hard, killing freeze" occurred on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Mast, '69; Johnie Horn, '68; Cathie Trimble, '67; Mrs. E.L. Cochran, '66; and Charles Smith, '65.

Cox predicted Nov. 14, some six days off the actual date.

The earliest freeze date recorded since the contest began was Oct. 9 in 1970. The latest was Nov. 27 in 1965.

A \$5 check accompanies the title in the contest, which is sponsored jointly by The Blade and Williams. Long-time weatherman for the newspaper, Williams judges the contest each year.

The contest is conducted each year because of the widespread interest among residents of the community in the freeze date. The interest is

due largely to the effect the freeze has on agricultural conditions here.

A total of 58 entries were

FOR PUBLICATION

Time To Write Santa Letters

With the arrival of the Christmas season, children of the area are invited to send their letters to Santa Claus via The Bovina Blade.

If sent to The Blade, the letters will appear in the Christmas issue of the newspaper.

Children are assured that the letters will be forwarded to the North Pole in plenty of time for Santa's attention before Christmas Eve.

Parents are asked to assist their children in getting the letters to The Blade office as quickly as possible.

No problem is anticipated in getting the letters to Santa because of the fuel shortage in the country. Arrangements have been completed for Santa's assistants for a direct route to the North Pole.



Water, Inc. Kicks Off Member Drive

A membership kickoff breakfast for Water, Inc. in Parmer County was held Tuesday morning at Bovina Restaurant.

Dale Cary, manager of the Production Credit Assn. office in Friona, was named county membership chairman.

It was reported that at the present time, Parmer County barely has the number of members required to maintain a county director in the parent organization. A county's membership must be at least 100 to merit a director, and at the present time, membership totals 102, Cary said.

The goal is to exceed 150 members, which would qualify

the county for another representative on the Water, Inc. board. At the present time, Ellis Tatum is the county director. A.L. Black of Friona is chairman of the board of Water, Inc.

WANT FORMER MEMBERS

"We have the names of some 70 former members of Water, Inc., that we need to have back as paid-up members. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done toward the water importation program. We have made a lot of progress toward this end, and we do not want to forfeit what has already been accomplished," Cary stated.

The membership chairman said that dues, which amount to 10 cents per irrigated acre per year, or five cents per dryland acre (minimum, \$25 per year), may be paid to him in Friona, or to Joe Jones at the Security State Bank of Farwell; Jerry Wright of the First State Bank of Bovina, or Robert Neelley at Friona State Bank. Other Water, Inc. officials will also take dues.

Doctors have found a medication that in many cases gives prompt, temporary relief from pain and burning itch in hemorrhoidal tissues. Then it actually helps shrink swelling of these tissues caused by inflammation. The answer is Preparation H®.

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Deadline for paying dues, to count toward the county director, is December 15.

Water, Inc. activities center around obtaining supplemental water for the area.

Water, Inc. is a non-profit, membership-based organization and membership dues are tax deductible as a business expense.

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By Ace Reid



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Letters to the Editor

[Editor's note—Pat Read, Bovina's Chamber of Commerce president, received a number of letters and wires in connection with last week's groundbreaking ceremony for the Running Water Draw Watershed Project.

Two of the letters which were received following the ceremony are being printed here, as an indication of how proud the people of Bovina can be of how the ceremony was received.]

Mrs. Pat Read, President Bovina Chamber of Commerce Bovina, Texas 79009

Dear Madame President:

My visit to Bovina yesterday was altogether delightful. Much of the credit belongs to you. You did a great job for all of us visiting and for the local people.

I was almost overwhelmed with that cowboy hat. I wore it back to Washington. Nobody failed to take note of me at the airports in Lubbock and Dallas or on the plane! Nobody questioned my credentials or credibility!

Call upon us here whenever you feel we might be able to be helpful to you or the Bovina

area. Best wishes. Sincerely, George Mahon

Mrs. Pat Read, President Bovina Chamber of Commerce Drawer D.D. Bovina, Texas 79009

The groundbreaking ceremony yesterday was just great! I really don't know how to go about thanking you for all the planning and work you put in to make it what it was.

And wasn't it wonderful that we had over 100 people there for it! And to me, the finishing touch was the presentation of the hat (and cow chip) to George Mahon! I know he will always remember Bovina and this occasion.

My local SWCD Board and all our people here join me in expressing our sincere and heartfelt thanks to you and all the people in Bovina, the Mustang Band, the school people, the First State Bank, Herb, and anyone else who helped make this such a memorable occasion.

Yours truly, Flip F.F. Calhoun

13 October Accidents Were Investigated

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 13 accidents on rural highways in Parmer County during the month of October, according to Sergeant W.E. Wells, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and two persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first ten months of 1973 shows a total of 117 accidents

resulting in three persons killed and 53 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for October, 1973, shows a total of 664 accidents resulting in 31 persons killed and 377 persons injured as compared to October, 1972 with 605 accidents resulting in 20 persons killed and 280 persons injured. This was 59 more accidents, 11 more fatalities, and 97 more injured in 1973 at the same period of time.

The 31 traffic deaths for the month of October, 1973, occurred in the following counties: Moore, Lubbock, Wichita, Wise, three each; Dallam, Hale, Jack, Lamb, two each; Carson, Castro, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Oldham, Randall, Wheeler, Bailey, Clay, Knox, one each.

BOVINA SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Dec. 3-7

MONDAY—Steak fingers, catsup, creamed potatoes, English peas, batter bread, butter, apricot halves, milk.

TUESDAY—Meat loaf, buttered hominy, blackeyed peas, cornbread, butter, chocolate cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Turkey salad, baked potatoes, buttered broccoli, hot rolls, butter, fruit gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY—Lettuce, hamburgers, tomatoes, onions, pickles, potato chips, orange cake, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY—Tuna pie, green beans, buttered corn, hot rolls, butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

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ASCS Assists In Fuel Allocation

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and the Texas Railroad Commission have joined in an effort to increase efficiency in the handling of the mandatory allocation of middle distillate fuels. An agreement between the state and federal agencies should speed up the program, according to Prentice Mills at the ASCS office in Farwell.

Beginning immediately, ASCS County Office personnel will verify fuel needs for hardship cases on Form OOG-PAP-20 for all applications prior to their submission to the State Allocation Officer (Texas Railroad Commission.)

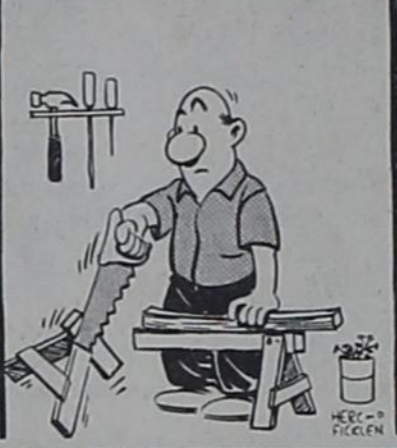
Previously, it was planned that needed verification would be obtained after the form was submitted to the Austin office. Form OOG-PAP-20 is to be used by wholesale purchasers to request emergency allocations for immediate use. The form has been supplied to

ASCS County Offices throughout the State and was made available to County Clerks' offices.

Also available is Form OOG-PAP-17 which is for the use of purchasers of middle distillate fuels in bulk supply to adjust their monthly allocation for the year or for obtaining a new allocation.

Further information may be obtained from the Parmer County ASCS office in Farwell.

The Lonely Heart



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Bovina Businesses 1973



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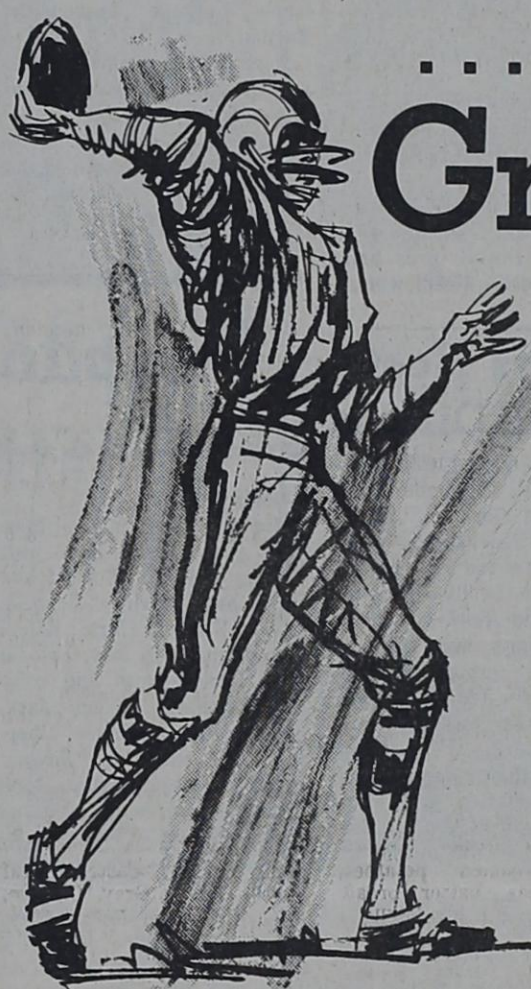
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3. Pick the score of the tie breaker game and place your guess in the appropriate blanks on the entry. The tie breaker game will not count on your won-lost record. It will be used only in case of a tie.
4. Winners will be named by the Monday following the contest deadline each Friday and they will be named by Sunday, if possible. Cash prizes of \$5 for first, \$3 for second, and third prize of \$1 will be awarded.
5. Tabulations of individual entrants will be kept all season and at the end of the season a grand prize winner will be named. Grand prize winner will receive two free tickets to the Cotton Bowl Game in Dallas on January 1, and \$50 in expense money.
6. There is nothing to buy. No requirements other than to bring the entry blank, filled out, to The Blade office by 5 p.m. or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday.
7. Only one entry blank may be submitted per individual. If more than one blank is submitted by an individual, all will be disqualified.
8. Tabulations will be available for public inspection. Members of Blade staff will serve as judges for contest.
9. Contestants must be 10 years old or older.
10. Everyone, except employees of this newspaper and their families, is eligible to enter.

Bovina Businesses Football Contest HONOR ROLL

- 1960 - Neil Smith
- 1961 - Erith Hawkins
- 1962 - Emmet Tabor
- 1963 - Paul Jones
- 1964 - Jeanne Kerby
- 1965 - Allen Cumpston
- 1966 - Truck Lusk
- 1967 - Leroy Lance
- 1968 - Bill Roberts
- 1969 - Larry Wardlaw
- 1970 - Donna Criswell
- 1971 - Ted Graham
- 1972 - Gary McCormick

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Bovina Businesses Football Contest ENTRY BLANK

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BUFFALO at ATLANTA

"PLAY IT SMART"

Junior Class Slates Comedy Presentation

The Junior Class of Bovina High School will present "Play It Smart" on Monday, Dec. 17, in the Bovina Schools auditorium.

Admission prices will be 75 cents for all students. Adults may purchase advance tickets for \$1.25 each, or at the door for \$1.50.

The comedy revolves around Eddie Hopkins, one of those people who seem to excel at everything they choose to do. Eddie is a star athlete, actor

and Senior Class president at Kingston High School. His family is so impressed that Eddie has gradually assumed full control of the household. He eventually finds himself in a situation with a next-door siren that he is unable to handle and his world begins to crumble around him.

Portraying the lead character in the play, Eddie Hopkins, is Joe Steelman. Mac McCallum plays Eddie's father, Professor Hopkins, and Debbie Mills has been cast as Eddie's mother, Mrs. Hopkins. Others in the cast include Jyl Gromowsky as Elaine Hopkins, April Wilson as Barbara Fleming, Alice Fragoza as Flossie Allen, Stephanie Wiseman as Mrs. Martha Reese, Bryan Fillpot as Harry Blaine, Tina Isaac as Eunice Reese, Kyle Jones as Van Miller and Wesley Cockerham and Danny Lusk as mute policemen.

Directing the play will be class sponsors, Mrs. Carolyn Reeves and Eugene Boaz.

The back-stage crew will consist of Richard Rejino, lights; Alton McCormick, emcee; Jule Calaway and Linda Collins, prompters; Sue Monk, stage manager; Ruby Harris and Dora Villarreal, props; Carlos Espinoza, Richard Garza, Mike Dixon, Rush Looney, Michael Verner, Dewayne Haney, Ken McDaniel, Robert Tienda, stage crew; Barty Bartlett, manager of the stage crew; Sara DeLeon, Hilda Garza, Susan Garza, Sylvia Garza, Sylvia Meza, make-up; Stella Delgado, make-up manager; Carolyn Parsons, ticket sales at the door; and Elsa Flores and Ester Mejia, who will take up tickets at the door.

J. PECKINPAUGH

Art Classes Slated Here

Art classes, to be taught by Jerry Peckinpaugh of Bovina, are now being organized here, according to the instructor.

Classes are tentatively scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Peckinpaugh says the classes will be "...come and go as you please."

He plans to instruct in drawing, oil painting and water colors. The classes will meet at "The Salt Co.," across Third Street from First Baptist Church.

The classes will be for students of all ages and adults, he says.

Peckinpaugh, who teaches special education in Bovina Schools, returned from Australia this past summer where he had taught art for the past two years in a high school in Canberra. His wife, Mary, is a science teacher in Farwell High School this year.

He received B.S. and M.E. degrees in art from Eastern New Mexico University at Portales and has attended several water color workshops, stating that water colors is his favorite medium. He has worked with Peter Hurd, a renowned New Mexico artist, and Cris Gikas, an instructor at ENMU, in Aspen, Colorado.

An advertisement with further details about the art classes appear in this issue of The Blade.

Lfd. District Chosen For New Program

General Telephone Company has selected Littlefield District as their location for a new repair procedure according to Rad Richardson, Littlefield District Manager.

The new repair procedure was implemented Monday, November 26, and customers reporting trouble during normal working hours will be asked additional questions by the repair clerk or service personnel of the Telephone Company, Richardson said. The District Manager said this new trouble reporting procedure will assist the Telephone Company Repair Service in determining the exact cause of the customer's problems and is designed to improve the time required to clear their trouble.

The entire Littlefield District, which covers Amherst, Anton, Bovina, Earth, Friona, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Olton, Spade, Springlake, Sudan and Whitharral will be included in this procedure, Richardson said.



The Lonely Heart

Charles In Lead --

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and Monty Malcom of Tulia, who picked Matador 34-8, 30 points off the score.

Other than the tie game, three of the contestants missed the Littlefield win over Floydada and one missed the Kansas win over Missouri.

Of the remaining contestants, 14 had seven right, 26 had six correct, 28 had five, 12 had four, four had three and one had two correct predictions.

Contestants with seven correct predictions included Hattie Burnett, Janice Carpenter of Clovis, H.J. Charles, Gene Ezell, Larry Hammonds, Kyle Harris, Robert Hughes, Ola Lee Jones, Al Kerby, Pat Read, Scooter Russell, Don Spring, Debra Stanberry and Steven Stone.

Sponsors of the 14th annual contest this year have been Parmer County Spraying Service, Birkelbach Machine and Pump, Big Nick Farm Machinery, Oklahoma Lane Farm Supply and Gin, First State Bank of Bovina, Sherley Grain Co., Bovina Gin Co., Chuck's Spraying Service, Inc., Agri-Sprayers and Charles Oil Co.

Winner of the grand prize in the contest will receive two tickets to the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas on New Year's Day. Playing in the traditional game will be the Texas Longhorns from the Southwest Conference and the Nebraska Cornhuskers from the Big Eight Conference.

Winners over the past 13 years, beginning with the first in 1960, include Neil Smith, Erith Hawkins, Emmett Tabor,

Shugart's At Blade Thursday

A representative of Shugart's Studios in Levelland will be at The Blade office on Third Street tomorrow (Thursday).

The photographer will be in the office from 9 a.m. until closing time that afternoon. The finished photographs will be returned three weeks before Christmas.

An advertisement with further details about the promotion is in this week's issue of The Blade. The studio also takes group photographs for an additional charge.

Paul Jones, Jeanne Kerby, Allen Cumpston, Truck Lusk, Leroy Lance, Bill Roberts, Larry Wardlaw of Farwell, Donna Criswell, Ted Graham and Gary McCormick.



The very small boy came home dejectedly from his first day at school. "Ain't goin' tomorrow," he sputtered. "Why not, dear," his mother asked. "Well, I can't read, and I can't write, and the teacher won't let me talk, so what's the use?"

DECEMBER 20

Card Project Deadline Set

Deadline for Bovina people to join the community's Project Christmas Card is Thursday, Dec. 20, a spokesman for Bovina Woman's Study Club announced this week.

To participate in the annual project, Bovina area residents may deposit the amount of

money they would ordinarily spend on Christmas cards and postage, or any amount they desire, in a special account at the First State Bank of Bovina.

The Christmas Card fund has been a project of the club here for the past several years.

A community Christmas

card, listing the names of those who have contributed to the fund, will be published in the Christmas edition of The Blade.

Money collected this year will be applied to the indebtedness of the Bovina Medical Center.

At the present time, indebtedness on the clinic is approximately \$1,000.

Members of the Study Club point out the need for assisting the project financially through the Christmas Card fund.

"We would prefer to clear up the indebtedness on the clinic before we begin assisting other projects," said a spokesman for

the club. One of the future projects of the club is helping sponsor the community park and swimming pool.

Mrs. Earl Whitten and Mrs.

Rouel Barron are co-chairmen of the card project this year. Anyone desiring further information may contact either of the women for details.

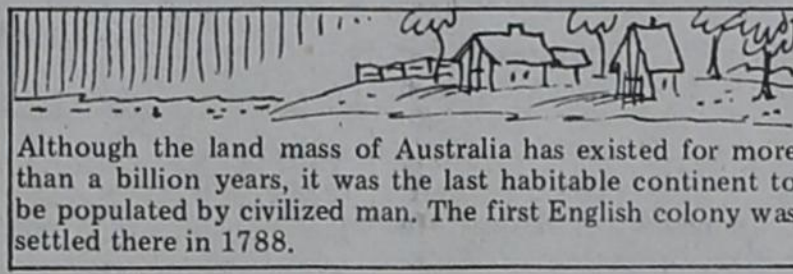
Outgoing Mail Schedule Is Altered Here

The afternoon mail truck will depart Bovina at 3:35 p.m. rather than 4:05 p.m. as it has for the past couple of years, according to Postmaster Gene Ezell.

The new departure time went into effect last week. The Bovina Post Office personnel

were not informed of the change in time to announce it in the last edition of The Blade, said Ezell.

Therefore, articles to be mailed in the afternoon must be in the post office by 3:30 p.m. at the latest to make the afternoon truck.



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