

## Bull Town Bulletins



By  
Bill Ellis

IF YOU'RE LIKE ME, then you're probably tired of the liberal national television commentators telling us how bad the economy is, and as a result, how much the retailers are going to suffer this Christmas season. If you're a retailer, we know darned well you're tired of it.

It's a well-known fact that people can talk themselves into a recession, or a depression.

The old story about the young man coming home from college and talking his father out of expanding his business with the argument "Didn't you know we're headed into a recession," and the domino effect that resulted, is known by most economists.

The only difference in the above story and the present situation is the fact that the national commentators are the ones spreading the "woes."

You're also prone to wonder how much we'd be hearing about the bad economic situation if next year was not a presidential election year.

It gets pretty scary when you stop and think that our national news media would risk ruining the nation's economy through "overkill" just to promote a liberal opponent to President Bush. But then again, we've seen them use these tactics before, so it should not be too surprising.

We're not blind to the fact that our economy is less than booming. Most people with only slight intelligence can tell that. At the present time, the cattle industry is slightly depressed, which hurts our area, and farm prices are less than they could be, which takes away from an otherwise excellent year for the area's farmers.

But the way we see it, we still have a lot more going FOR us in this area than we have going AGAINST us. It's the old story about seeing the glass half full rather than half empty.

One of our Chamber of Commerce speakers some years ago, Zig Ziglar, used the phrase "You need to stir what you've got," and that has always stuck with Ye Editor.

In other words, those of us in small communities need to take advantage of the positive things we have going for us, and make them work for our benefit.

When we see the news reports from the Soviet Union that show people standing in line for hours in hopes of being able to buy what we in America would consider the most basic of necessities, we need to stop and think "we don't have it so bad."

When we see news reports, like we have in the past year, about the Kurdish people who had been forced from their homes, and their only possessions were basically the clothes they had on their backs, then the fact that our unemployment is up by one-tenth of one per cent isn't quite as drastic as it first seemed.

We may run out of milk or bread at our house, but just think: all we have to do is jump in our American-made car and within a very few minutes, we'll have the problem solved, usually without even too much of a line at the checkout stand. (That's one of the things we can "talk up" about our small towns!)

We thank God that we were born in a country that has given us the freedoms that we often take for granted. Thanks to the anniversary that our country observed this past week, we were reminded once again that these freedoms have not come cheaply, nor without the loss of lives.

So--while you're trying to decide whether or not you should go ahead and spend all that money on Christmas, just remember that all this "noise" is intended to discredit the incumbent in an election year.

The scenario will be re-inacted on the eve of the 1996 elections, so try not to be too surprised--or frustrated--when you hear it starting up again.

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We were saddened this week to  
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## Card Fund Will Assist Ambulance

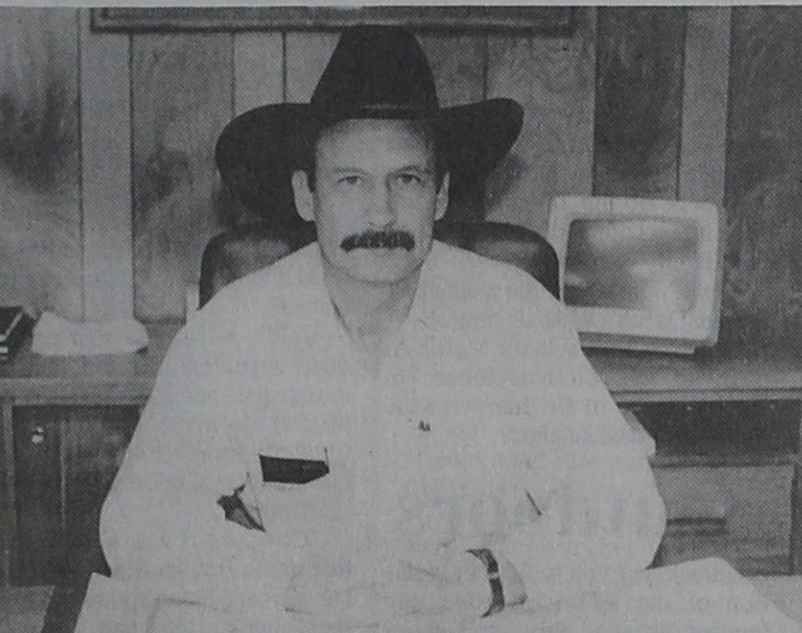
The Annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Women's Study Club, in conjunction with First Bank of Bovina, is underway.

The money raised through the project this year will go toward the Bovina Ambulance Fund.

Residents of the area are asked to donate at least the amount of money to the project that they would ordinarily spend on mailing Christmas cards to friends and neighbors, taking into consideration the cost of cards and postage.

Donations may be made at the First Bank of Bovina and all contributors are asked to indicate the way they want their names listed. Names of all donors will be printed and featured in the Christmas edition of the Bovina Blade.

In order to be included in this special list, contributions should be made by Tuesday, December 17.



**FEEDYARD HONORED...**Bovina Feeders has been honored for the month of December by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. Shown is Gail Morris, who has served as manager of the area industry since 1981.

## Bovina FFA Has Guest Speaker

Bovina FFA members had the privilege of having Erica Clark as a guest speaker on Thursday, December 5 at the High School Auditorium. She is currently serving as Texas FFA President and is the first female to serve as FFA state president.

Erica graduated from Mansfield High School and is taking a year out of her studies to travel around the state of Texas speaking on behalf of the Texas FFA Association.

Some of her many activities include showing steers and heifers, extemporaneous and prepared public speaking, farm business management and Washington Conference Program.

Erica was also very involved in athletics, FCA, drama and Student Council while in high school.

Her future plans include attending Texas A&M University and obtaining a degree in agricultural economics and international trade.

She was elected to her state office as president at the State Convention in El Paso last July.

## 4-H Club Has Beef Give-Away

Bovina 4-H Club will give away 60 pounds of hamburger meat. The drawing will be held December 20.

Tickets can be purchased from all 4-H Club members or call Ella Jo Stormes, 238-1222, or Susan Kerby, 238-1191. Donations will be \$1 per ticket.

Bovina 4-H Club members give away fruit baskets to the elderly for Christmas as a yearly project.

## Commodity Distribution Is Slated

Commodities will be given out Thursday, December 19 at the County Barn starting at 8 a.m.

It was announced that five commodities will be given, although there will be no cheese. It is the first commodity distribution in about three months.

The elderly and handicapped will be served first. Those receiving the items are asked to bring their own sacks.



**PRIZE-WINNER....**Pictured is winner, Susan Hughes, with daughter, Haley, beside the Pedal car, given at the Grand Opening of Charles Oil & Gas, Inc.



**PHEASANT SEASON...**The pheasant season kicks off Saturday, and officials say the bird population is low again this year. "The birds are just not hatching and growing to adults," says Jack Patterson, county hunting enthusiast. The last bumper pheasant year was in 1982, and the bird population has been slowly declining since that time. Specialists are at a loss to explain the decline.



**HAVE GUEST...**Pictured is Erica Clark, guest speaker (front), along with Andy Stormes, local FFA president. Also shown are Art Hunter, instructor, Tobyn Dyer, secretary; Rusty Venable, treasurer; Bryan Stanley, sentinel and Lance Teague, reporter. Darla Stormes, chapter vice president, was not present.

Temperatures	
Date	Hi-Low
Saturday, December 7	66-25
Sunday, December 8	66-42
Monday, December 9	65-29
Tuesday, December 10	56-28
Wednesday, Dec. 11	66-31
Thursday, Dec. 12	40-32
Friday, December 13	56-32
Moisture: .28 inch Dec. 12.	

## Chamber Honors Feedlot

Bovina Feeders was recognized this week by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

They are located nine miles south and four miles east of Bovina. Bovina Feeders is locally owned by Leon Grissom and Ralph Shelton. Established in April, 1969, they employ 43 people and average 42,000 head of cattle.

Gail Morris has been manager of Bovina Feeders since July, 1981. Gail and wife, Marka, have two children and live in the Lazbuddie community.

## Deadline Set For Letters

Children ten years and younger are asked to have your Santa letters to the Blade office by December 16. If the office is closed, put them through the slot in the door.

Teachers are asked to collect Santa letters in their classrooms and get them turned in so we can print them in the Christmas issue and send them on the Santa Claus. We will print all the letters that space allows.

## Mustangs Second In Vega Tourney

The BHS Mustangs were runnersup in the Vega tournament last week, falling to Highland Park

## Fillies Win One In Meet

The Fillies won one of their three games in the Vega tournament last weekend.

The team downed the Vega JV, 43-36 in the first round as Cindy Quintana scored 14 points and Donna Griggs 13. The Fillies held leads of 14-10, 29-13 and 32-25.

Bovina met the Vega varsity on Friday and dropped a 61-42 decision. Miss Griggs and Charlotte Quintana sparked a second-quarter rally that pulled the team within two, 22-20, but Vega pulled away in the second half.

Miss Griggs scored 11 points and Miss Quintana 10.

In Saturday's third place game, the Fillies were up against a tough Canyon junior varsity, and fell to the class AAA team, 51-42.

Baskets by Miss Griggs and Teresa Stone gave the team a 26-24 lead at the intermission, but the Lady Eagles outscored the Fillies, 27-16 in the second half for the win.

Miss Griggs with 15 and Cindy Quintana with eight paced Bovina's scoring.

in the finals. It was the team's first loss of the season.

Bovina beat a good Happy team in the first round, 50-48. The Mustangs jumped out to a 24-6 lead in the first quarter, and then had to hold off Happy in the late stages. Rusty Venable's 15 points led Bovina's scoring.

The Mustangs downed host Vega on Friday, 73-47 to gain the finals. They held leads of 18-17, 42-27 and 54-37 enroute to the win.

Kory Mitchell started hitting a string of baskets in the second quarter after Rusty Venable had ignited the team earlier. Venable had 18 points by halftime, which included four three-point baskets.

Venable wound up as the leading scorer with 28 points, Mitchell had 17 and Corey Kirkpatrick 14.

On Saturday the Mustangs met a hot Highland Park team. The Hornets led, 23-18 after one quarter and 40-31 at the half.

Kirkpatrick came back with a good third quarter, scoring 11 points, but was the only Mustang who could score. Bovina rallied in the final quarter, but could not overtake H.P.

Kirkpatrick scored 16 and Cain Neal 13.

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# Reflections

.....from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 5, 1956  
After being dormant for some four years, the Bovina American Legion was re-organized and back in action after two meetings in five days.

Bovina Jaycees voted in a regular meeting Saturday in Bovina Restaurant to sponsor "Atoms for Peace," a mobile exhibit presented by the United Atomic Energy Commission. The van contains exhibits showing peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Bovina School retained its rating as a fully accredited school system after a visit by an inspection team from Texas Education Agency, November 22. One of the primary reasons for the inspection was to point out weaknesses in the system.

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 6, 1961  
Mrs. Don Murphy of Bovina was painfully, but not seriously, injured in a freak accident Saturday night in Silverton. While she was making a telephone call to Bovina from a Silverton phone booth, the booth was struck by an out-of-control car and knocked from its foundation.

Bovina Lions Club will sponsor the 1961 Home Christmas Decoration Contest. The contest is open to all homes in the Bovina area,

Tom Bonds, Lions president, announces.

Two Panhandle men have purchased controlling interest in First National Bank of Bovina. Announcement of the transaction was made by Warren Embree, bank president. It was effective November 28.

Texas Highway Commission has approved the project of widening FM Road 1731 (Third Street) in Bovina. Notice of the approval was received in Bovina last week.

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 7, 1966  
Voters in Bovina Independent School District turned out 283 strong Saturday and rejected three proposals totaling \$268,000 for a new construction program for the school system.

Contributions are coming in "very slowly" in the Bovina Christmas Card Project for a medical clinic and doctor fund, according to Mrs. Jesse Walling, chairman of the Community Improvement Committee. Only \$59.50 had been deposited at the First State Bank in Bovina on Monday morning.

An official State Health Department citation for work proficiency has been awarded to Andres Garza, assistant superintendent of the Bovina water supply system. The citation reflects the high regard in

which Garza is held by state water officials.

Truck Lusk won the final week of Bovina Businesses Football Contest and, at the same time, won an expense-paid trip for two to the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas on December 31 with a total of 95 games guessed correctly in the 13-week event.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 8, 1976

A former Bovina resident, Alfred Moody, had the unhappy experience of being involved in the daring bank robbery and kidnapping that happened at Petersburg Tuesday. Moody, who was associated with First State Bank of Bovina (formerly First National Bank) off and on from 1955 until 1968, is president of the First State Bank of Petersburg, which was the target last Tuesday of the unusual daylight robbery.

Fifty-two of approximately 200 Texas Tech University nominees qualified for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," which includes Janet Dell Kassahn of Bovina, from the College of Business Administration.

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 2, 1981

Ken Horn is \$100 richer, as he was the winner of the 1981 Football Contest.

21,209 bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County as of Monday, November 30.

Bessie Webb and nine of her ten children attended a family reunion during the Thanksgiving holidays at the American Legion Hall in Bovina.

Heidi Corn, daughter of Charles and Anne Corn, is a senior nursing major at West Texas State University and has become a new member of the WTSU chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Inc., a national nursing honor society.

Longtime area resident, Elmer Kennedy, died Sunday and services were held Monday. He lived in the Oklahoma Lane area for many years before moving to Farwell.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 3, 1986

Brad Lance of Lubbock is the grand champion in the 1986 Bovina Blade Football Contest. Lance is a Bovina native now living in Lubbock. He is employed by the Wilbur-Ellis Co. in Lubbock. He will receive a check for \$100 for his efforts.

Tom, Nannie and June Rhodes hosted a Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthday dinner at the Senior Citizens Center, November 23. Tom was honored as he celebrated his 87th birthday and forty-nine members of his family came to wish him a happy birthday and visit with family members.

Opal Wines was the winner of the final week's football contest.

Services were held for Myrtle A. Sullivan, 92, on November 26. Bobby Haney of Bovina was Mrs. Sullivan's granddaughter.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Now Jake fer yore second lesson I'll show you how to roll with yer fall!"

## "Cowpokes" Creator Asa "Ace" Reid Dies

Asa E. "Ace" Reid, 65, Hill Country humorist whose "Cowpokes" cartoons illustrated cowboy life, died November 10 at a San Antonio hospital from congestive heart failure.

Reid had been hospitalized most of the last two months and had suffered a long fight with leukemia and diabetes.

Reid's self-syndicated cartoons once appeared in more than 400 newspapers across Texas, the country and the world. Today, it is estimated some 300 newspapers, mainly rural weeklies, still publish "Cowpokes."

"Cowpokes" was a regular feature in the Bovina Blade for a number of years, being sponsored by the local bank. He had served as Bovina's Chamber of Commerce speaker.

He purposely left off references to time or specific people to give his cartoons appeal any time, any place. Also, he would often recycle cartoons from past decades to new customers.

When he wasn't drawing "Cowpokes," Reid was raising cattle, drilling for oil or campaigning to save the horned toads. He even founded a pre-sweated hat business. "The man who invented sweat," a magazine once called him.

Reid was born at Lelia Lake in the Panhandle and grew up near

Electra, west of Wichita Falls, during the drought-ridden Depression era. He would draw after a day in the fields but didn't develop his craft until he was serving in the Navy during World War II.

In the early 1940s, he worked in oil, ranching and farming but in 1950 he was almost broke. He turned to cartooning, he once said, because unlike ranching, he could do the work in the shade.

He married Madge Parmlay in 1950 and moved to Kerrville.

Reid's inspirational, fun outlook on life made him a popular speaker across the country.

Among his ventures were setting up trail drives along the Chisolm Trail and organizing the Old Cowboys of America organization.

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Whooping Crane poachers--Billy Inman of Marble Falls has probably shot his last whooping crane. On August 19, he pleaded guilty to shooting the endangered crane during a spring fishing trip on the Colorado River. The Federal Judge sentenced Inman to serve two months in prison, five years probation, \$10,000 fine, \$8,100 in civil restitution to Texas, 200 hours of community service and forfeiture of his 12-gauge Winchester Model #12 shotgun. Curtis Sayers is awaiting sentencing for his role in aiding and abetting in the same killing.

During migration, whooping cranes are frequent guests in our area, so please make sure of your target or you might make a tragic mistake. Whoopers are very distinctive large white cranes with black wing tips. The number of whooping cranes sank to a low of 38, but thanks to extensive efforts by sportsmen, federal and state officials, their numbers have increased to 140 wild birds.

WARNING--You may legally use lead shot during sandhill crane hunting, but take a shot at a goose

## Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending December 6, 1991, County Clerk's Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, Bovina Realty Company, Bret R. Whitten, 13,000 acres out of Sec. 10, Blk. E, Synd.  
WD, Eleanore F. Walker, Joseph T. Hartman, Randy L. Hatfield, all of Lot 7, Blk. 3, Lakeside Add., Friona

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Deed (Tr.), Randy Milloy, Gene Davis, Olton State Bank, NE 1/4 of Sec. 10T5S;R4E  
WD, Ralph Otto Taylor, Avis L. Henry, all of Lot 11, Blk. 1, Staley Add., Friona

WD, Andres Bermea, Luis Antonio Castaneda, part of Lot 4, Blk. 80, OT Bovina  
(Spec.) WD, Crystina Heather Wright, Ronald Kirk Wright, all of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Blk. 13, Drake Rev. Sub., Friona



# Holiday In The Park Features More Rides

Arlington, Texas--Six Flags Over Texas' Christmas celebration, Holiday In The Park, is an all-day affair this year.

The Arlington entertainment center has extended its regular operating season through the holiday period with most rides in operation. Until this year, Holiday In The Park has been an evenings-only event. Water rides will not be open, and ticket prices are being lowered accordingly.

The Holiday In The Park event will, as it has for the past seven years, feature elaborate Christmas

decorations with more than a half million twinkling lights.

Two ice shows will be featured. Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Sylvester will join Porky and Petunia Pig in a comical ice frolic at the Looney Tunes Theater.

Still another ice production, with an emphasis on precision skating, will be featured in the Music Mill Amphitheater. In addition, special holiday musical productions will be staged in the Southern Palace Music Hall and the Crazy Horse Saloon.

Carolers and street entertainers

will be seen throughout the park. In the Texas section, the Parade of Trees will present lavishly decorated Christmas trees styled and executed by friends of Six Flags.

Another Holiday In The Park tradition, a real snow hill for sledding, will be featured in the Boom Town section.

Holiday foods will be served in the park's restaurants, and shops will be filled with gift ideas.

Holiday In The Park began its run the day after Thanksgiving. The park's adult price dropped from the regular \$21.95 to a winter price of \$15.95. After 4 p.m. each day, the adult price will drop to \$12.95 to accommodate those visitors with only a limited interest in rides.

Tickets for children under 48 inches tall and senior citizens age 55 and over will be \$9.95, rather than the regular \$15.95.

Continuing through New Year's Eve, Six Flags will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Exceptions will be Friday, December 20, when the park will not open until 5 p.m.

With the exceptions of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Six Flags will be open daily from December 21-31 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and January 2-5 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Bill's Column....

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learn of the death of cartoonist Ace Reid of Kerrville.

Ace may be gone, but his "Cowpokes" cartoons will live forever. Folks in this area can identify with his characters, who were always trying to get their cattle fattened up on a pasture of mostly beargrass, or trying to find a new way to get their loan extended by old banker Tufemall.

We got the privilege of meeting Ace when he spoke to our West Texas Press Association convention several years ago, and again when he was the speaker at Bovina's Chamber banquet. Carol has an original cartoon that he drew and signed for her, in a frame over her desk at home.

Ace Reid was one of a kind. His career was making people laugh. We'd all like to be as successful in our own endeavors.

## E.H. Club Has Christmas Party

The annual county Extension Homemakers' Christmas party was held Tuesday evening, December 3 at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall in Friona. The Friona Extension Homemakers Club members were hosts for the Bovina and Rhea club members and guests.

Christmas greenery, nativity sets and a Christmas tree beautifully decorated the tables and Fellowship Hall. Helium balloons, with wise sayings in them, decorated the ceiling.

Christmas snacks, hot coffee and hot cider were served to those present.

Mary Reed led the group in some fun games. The balloons were popped and the sayings read. Christmas ornaments were exchanged.

Present for the party were Debbie Pollard, Parmer County E.H. Agent, Farwell; Paula Nance of Argent, Farwell; Paula Nance of Argent; Mary Evelyn Steelman, Arla Waters and Christine Cupit of Bovina; Cecelia Schueler and Velma Schlenker of Rhea; Patsy Allen, Patsy Zachary, Carolyn Shipp, Glenda Sifford, Carla Sue Mann and Mary Reed, all of Friona.

Two guests, Gladys Lamson of Mangum, Oklahoma and Alice Allen of Friona, attended the meeting.



## "Bear Facts" Revealed At Society Meet

The St. Ann's Altar Society of Bovina held their monthly meeting, December 8, in conjunction with their annual Christmas party in the home of Mary Rose Brito.

Topics discussed during the meeting were the upcoming Christmas sacking, church cleaning and decorating. It was decided that Vernie Schacher and Teresa Mesman would locate and purchase two Christmas trees for the church that would be put up and decorated on December 17.

There was not any new business to discuss, so the meeting was adjourned and the Christmas party began. Those present had a picnic. They were dressed in picnic attire and brought along their favorite Teddy Bear. A delicious meal of subway sandwiches, chips and dips was served, while members ate on blankets spread on the floor in true picnic fashion.

The members exchanged their traditional "Secret Pal" gifts and tried to guess which person had been their "Secret Pal" during the year.

Afterwards, each member had to tell the story behind their favorite Teddy Bear and why they chose to bring it. Two really touching stories came from Terri Hahn of Muleshoe and Lorena DeLeon of Oklahoma Lane.

The highlight of the party was the giving of beautiful quilted potholders to each member by Ettie Jesko from the scraps of material left from the quilt given at the annual turkey dinner. The members also drew names for their "Secret Pals" for next year.

**HOLIDAY IN THE PARK....Six Flags Over Texas' towering parachute ride becomes a 200-foot-tall Christmas tree each holiday season. On calm evenings, the thousands of glittering lights which form the "tree" are reflected by the waters of the theme park's entry lake.**

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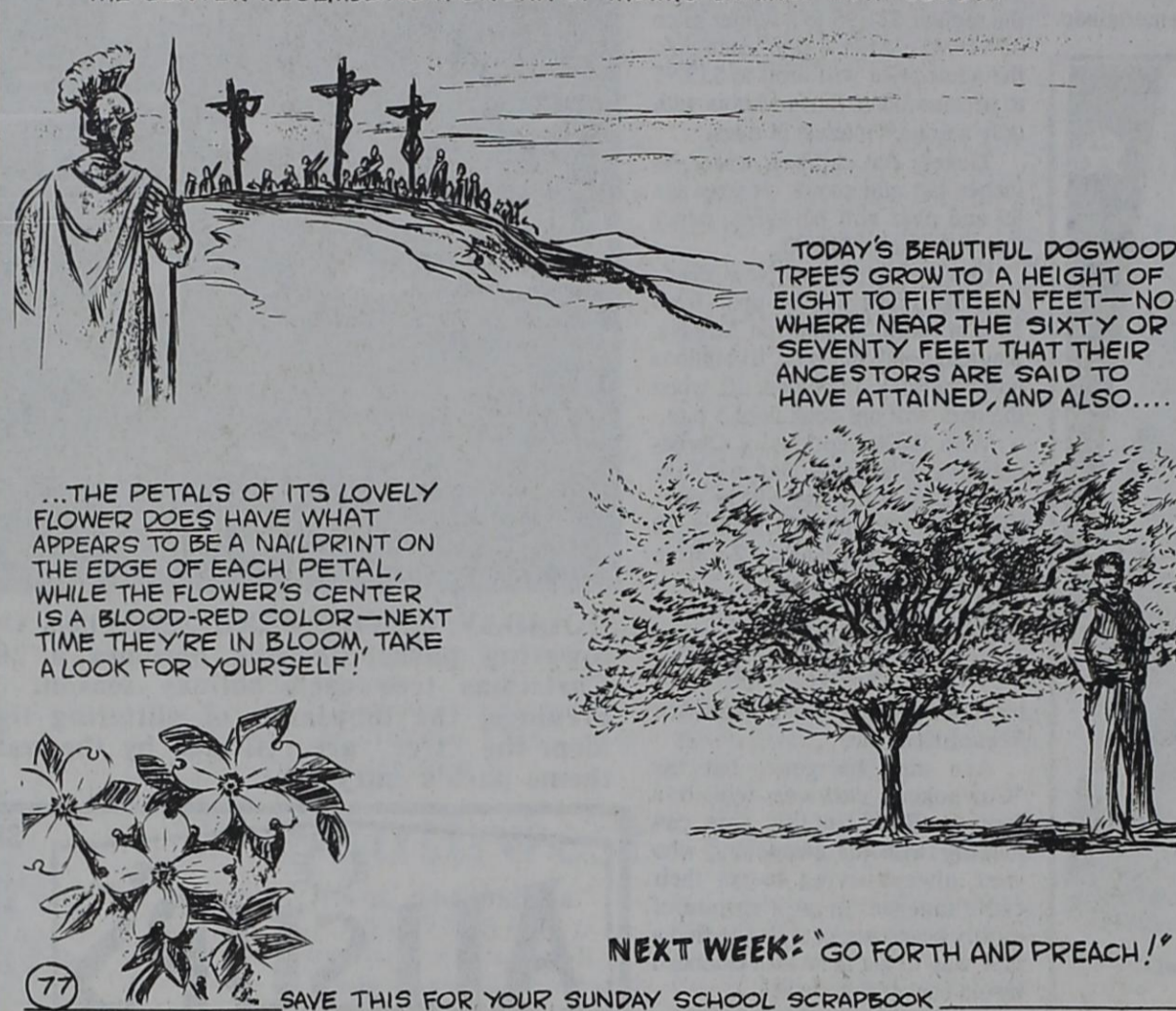
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### Sr. Citizens Have Party

The Bovina Senior Citizens met for their regular luncheon and business meeting on Wednesday,

### School Breakfast Menu

Week of December 16-20

- MONDAY--pancakes, juice and milk.
- TUESDAY--toast, jelly, peanut butter, juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY--scrambled eggs, biscuits, bacon, juice and milk.
- THURSDAY--ham bars, toast, juice and milk.
- FRIDAY--sausage, biscuits, juice and milk.

December 4 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Those attending were Clifford and Julia Leake, Maesie Flynn, Hattie Burnett, Edna Scott, Ethel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Kersey, Sid Lloyd, Howard and Minnie Kelso, Virgie Adams, Jerry Ware and Charlsie Eubanks.

Bovina Senior Citizens will have their Christmas party on Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m. Members are asked to bring goodies and they will exchange gifts. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 1992. They will meet for their birthday party and business meeting at 3 p.m.



**SHARLET JOHNSON and DALE McCORMICK...** Billy and Sandra Johnson of Bovina and Walter and Helen McCormick of Sylvia, Kansas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Sharlet and Dale. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, February 1, 1992, in the Bovina Church of Christ at 3 p.m. All friends of the couple are invited to attend. No invitations are being sent locally.

### Concert Set Sunday By Hereford Singers

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present their Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon, December 15 at 3 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorium.

There will be no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted to defray expenses of the group. Highlights of the program will include familiar Christmas carols and tunes sung to various arrangements. The men's chorus will sing the spiritual, "Child of God," by Emily Crocker and the women's chorus will perform Tolmage's "Ave Maria."

Jan Walser directs the choir and Dee Ann Trotter is the piano accompanist. Serving as music chairman is Joe Flood, and Gene Streun is the chairman of the board of directors.

Numbers to be performed during this concert include: "A Merry Christmas" by Brown; "Christmas Dreams" by Huff; "Everybody's Coming to Bethlehem" by Carter; "I'll Be Home For Christmas" by Zegree; "Christmas Question" by Marshall; "Silent Midnight" by Grundahl; and "Agnus Dei" by Clatterbuck. A special feature number will be "A Musicological Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas," by Courtney, an amusing arrangement which parodies classical compositions during the past four centuries.

Some 35 Hereford, Dimmitt and Vega adults compose the chorus of musicians who love to sing and

share their vocal talents with others. The group has been organized since 1974 and has traveled as the Panhandle's ambassadors to Australia and Romania.

The choir recently performed during the "Choir Festival" during the Hereford Senior Citizens Center's "Festival of Trees." The group entertained as a feature of Friona's Maize Days in 1989.

Everyone is invited to come to this time of entertainment and good choral music in preparation for the Christmas season.

### Happy Birthday

- Week of December 15-22
- December 15--Marion Carson.
- December 16--Rosalie Lopez.
- December 17--Jim Guest, Terri Sorley.
- December 18--Darren Hromas, Wes Cockerham.
- December 20--Morgan Clayton, Joe Jones.
- December 21--Tomas Fuentes, Sr., Brenda Wilson.
- December 22--Dick Steelman, Tabitha Englant.

(Note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call the Blade office, 238-1523, in advance, so that we may list your birthday.)

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The Bovina Fire Department would like to thank the Bovina Chamber of Commerce for hosting the spaghetti dinner and everyone who attended.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will accept bids for the purchase of a good, used tractor, 125 horsepower plus, for use by Precinct #3.

Bids will be taken at the County Judge's Office, 401 3rd Street, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, until 10:30 A.M., Friday, December 20, 1991. Bids will be opened at that time.

Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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### Students Feted In Recital

Gwen Clements is presenting her piano students in a Christmas recital Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bovina First United Methodist Church, 204 4th Street.

It will be an afternoon of very special Christmas fun. The program will be a variety of piano selections, including solos, duets and Christmas music.

Family, friends and the general public are cordially invited.

Students playing include Jordan Barrett, Kasey Bell, Christi Corn, Raquel Espinoza, James Grisham, Jay Grisham, Michelle Guzman,

### School Lunch Menu

- Week of December 16-20
- MONDAY--burritos, beans, salad, fries, crackers and milk.
- TUESDAY--grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, pickles, carrots, crackers, cake and milk.
- WEDNESDAY--turkey, dressing, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad and milk.
- THURSDAY--hamburger casserole, okra, mixed vegetables, crackers, cake and milk.
- FRIDAY--tuna sandwiches, celery sticks, chips, lettuce, cookies and milk.

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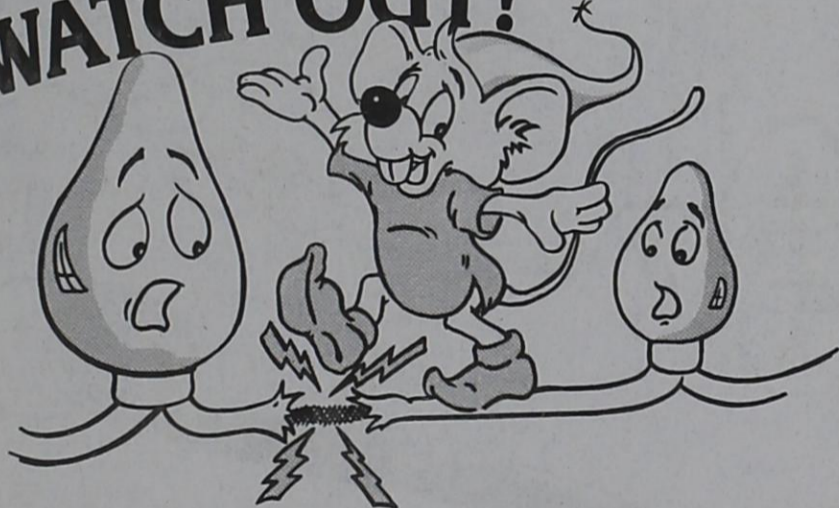
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- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines.

Call Your SPS office for other safety tips.

Wishing You A Safe, Happy Holiday





# Bovina Scoops

Call Us With Your News Items

You just never know when tragedy will strike close to home. We recently found out that two of our distant cousins, Jennifer Harbison, 17, and her sister, Sarah Harbison, 15, were among those killed in Austin at a yogurt shop, along with two other teens. Shocked, saddened and outraged by this bizarre incident, some things we will never understand. This tops the list.

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Buster and Mearle Morgan and son, Randy, went to Blanchard, Oklahoma, and had their Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 29 with daughter, Deanna, and husband, Gary Cooner and family. They left on Wednesday, November 27 and returned on Saturday, November 30. Mearle said they went to Norman, Oklahoma on Thanksgiving Day and ate at Furr's Cafeteria.

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Mearle Morgan and Louise Hutchins had a fun day, Saturday, December 7. They went to Dimmitt and picked up Mearle's daughter-in-law, Renise, and a friend, Rachael Hunter, and took the "Home for the Holidays 1991 Christmas Home Tour." The tour included three beautifully decorated homes: that of Steve and Vicki Buckley, Rose Acker and Pete and Darla Stewart.

All were very impressively decorated and was sponsored by the Republican Organization for Women. Following the tour, they attended a

lovely lasagna luncheon and an arts and crafts bazaar, which was sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. They browsed through the bazaar area where they did a little shopping. They said they had a very enjoyable day.

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Juanda Murphy's brother, Bobby Patton of San Angelo, Texas, underwent surgery Tuesday, December 10 at Shannon Hospital. No further information was available at press time.

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Billy Sudderth went by ambulance to the Clovis High Plains Hospital on Tuesday, December 3, where he remained a patient until he was released on Saturday, December 7. He is home now and doing better.

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Jim Calaway and daughters, Jessica and Rebecca, were in Bovina over the Thanksgiving holidays visiting grandparents, Robert and Emmagene Calaway, and friends, Wayne and Rhonda Thatcher.

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Special someone at the First Baptist Church Sunday, December 8 is Randa Englant.

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Scooter Russell's aunt, Mattie Mullin of Oklahoma City, passed away early Thursday morning after a short illness.

She is survived by two sisters, many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are pending, but will be held in Oklahoma City with graveside services in McLean.

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## Cotton Classifying Hits New Levels

Classifying the past week as a busy one for High Plains cotton people would be an understatement to say the least. Cotton producers found themselves going full speed in an attempt to get the 1991 crop out of the field. Ag leaders were also hard pressed to attend many of the numerous meetings held during the week.

At press time, it appears that the High Plains crop will be 70 per cent harvested by week end. An additional 10-14 days of clear weather will allow the remainder of the crop to be harvested. In addition to the harvesting activities of area cotton producers, there were also several meetings of interest to producers.

One of the biggest events of the past week was the Texas Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Hundreds of area producers found time to attend the meeting. Also during the week two separate meetings occurred between area congressmen and local Ag officials.

On Monday, December 2, U.S. Senator Charles Stenholm met with area producers, Ag leaders, and area Soil Conservation Service personnel to look at the question of Conservation Compliance. Tuesday found Congressman Larry Combest in a meeting with area Ag officials to discuss some of the important issues affecting the High Plains.

Among the topics discussed at the Combest meeting was the necessity of getting a disaster program signed and the funds available to High Plains cotton producers as quickly as possible.

PCG has been very active in the effort to get a disaster program implemented that will benefit High Plains cotton producers. Details of the regulations USDA will develop for implementation of the disaster program are not known at this time.

It is known that the disaster provision waiting for the President's signature includes \$995 million in disaster funds. The money is to be available immediately to help compensate producers for disaster related crop losses in either 1990 or 1991. An additional \$755 million in dis-

cretionary assistance for 1990, 1991 and 1992 crops was also provided for in the measure.

Eligibility for the program will be based on provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill. In general, producers who failed to make 60 per cent of their established yields (65 per cent for producers who had Federal Crop Insurance) will be eligible to receive payments equal to 65 per cent of the target price for that commodity. Payments are likely to be prorated if the initial \$995 million dollars proves insufficient to cover all claims. Other provisions are expected to be similar to those contained in previous disaster bills.

In other activities across the Cotton Belt, the next USDA Crop Report was scheduled to be released Wednesday, December 11.

The High and Rolling Plains of Texas are now the only sizeable cotton growing regions with cotton still in the field. As a result, a much clearer picture of the overall U.S. crop is expected. Estimates of production for the High and Rolling Plains of Texas are also expected to be the most accurate so far. Harvesting and ginning activities in the region are now beginning to provide a clear picture of the 1991 crop.

## Tells Prize Winners

Charles Oil & Gas, Inc. celebrated their Grand Opening, December 5, 6 and 7. On Saturday, December 7, they held their drawing at 3 p.m. for their grand prize, Pedal car give-away.

Winner of the Pedal car was Susan Hughes of Bovina. Second place went to Bill Read and third was Elton Venable.



**DRAWING HELD....**Pictured is Leticia Arias drawing the winning entrants along with Kenneth Waters, manager of Charles Oil & Gas, Inc.

## Education Is The Key To International Leadership

By James F. Veninga

In thinking about Texas' international agenda, it is commonplace to focus on the need for new markets to ensure a vibrant, expanding economy, and on the need to ensure a skilled work force for this global thrust.

But we cannot overlook other dimensions of international leadership, including:

\*The ability of Texans to be strong and articulate advocates for democracy and free market economies throughout the world.

\*The ability of Texans to offer knowledge and expertise toward the resolution of major international problems that threaten peace and prosperity.

\*The ability of Texans to understand and respect the diverse perspectives of other nations as the basis for international dialogue in meeting mutual challenges.

From this perspective, global leadership in the 21st century will depend upon far more than economic acumen and abundant scientific knowledge and technological skills. The new global leadership will require deep pockets of knowledge and expertise for which Texas heretofore has not generally been known.

In its January 1991 report to the Governor and the Texas Legislature, *Texas in the 21st Century: The International Agenda*, the Texas Committee for the Humanities recommended:

\*Establishing a Texas Academy of Foreign Language and Culture to promote international and foreign language studies and educational and cultural exchange programs.

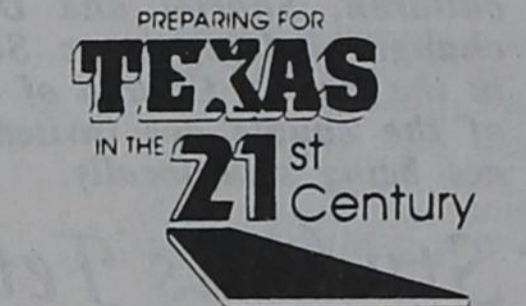
\*Increasing international studies in the public school curriculum and requiring foreign language study of all students.

\*Establishing a Texas Foreign Language Scholarship Fund for university juniors and seniors to help ensure enough well-qualified foreign language instructors in the years ahead.

\*Appropriating funds to school districts for the purchase of new papers, magazines and journals needed in the teaching of foreign languages and cultures and international issues.

\*Establishing summer institutes for elementary and secondary school teachers to improve expertise in the teaching of foreign languages and cultures, international issues and regional studies.

\*Ensuring a strong cross-cultural, international emphasis in all college and university general edu-



cation programs.

\*Increasing funds for university-based research in international issues and foreign developments, and to develop high quality graduate programs in regional studies in the state's major research universities.

\*Developing traveling photographic exhibitions on contemporary Texas, with accompanying print resources in foreign languages, for touring overseas.

\*Appropriating funds for cultural and educational exchange.

These initiatives will help Texas develop the educational infrastructure that is needed in order to achieve this new international agenda.

*This is the tenth in a series of eleven articles made available by the Texas Committee for the Humanities as part of a three-year project focusing on the future of Texas. James F. Veninga is executive director of the TCH.*

## SPS Requests Permit To Connect With Mexico

Southwestern Public Service Company has filed a request for a "Presidential Permit" that would allow an interconnection with the electric system of the Republic of Mexico.

The interconnection is part of a proposal being made to Mexico, which, if accepted, would result in an increased market for fuel resources in New Mexico and Texas for electric generation, numerous construction jobs and growth for the border region.

To facilitate the interconnection, SPS would build and operate two parallel 345-kilovolt transmission lines that would extend 208 miles from the SPS electric system in New Mexico, crossing the international boundary with the Republic of Mexico.

The permit application was made to the U.S. Department of Energy on November 22. Copies are being furnished to federal and state regulatory agencies which regulate SPS utility service.

The transmission lines would be part of a much more extensive proposal being made to Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE)--Mexico's national electric utility--to provide electricity to that country, said SPS President and Chief Operating Officer Coyt Webb.

CFE has expressed interest in the proposal, but is examining other options as well, Webb said.

As proposed to CFE, a separate energy development group would purchase firm power from SPS for sale to CFE. This group also would provide financing for much of the project. SPS subsidiary Quixx Corporation is one of the participants in the group.

Mexico is predicting a significant growth rate and corresponding increase in the need for electricity in its northern region, particularly in Ciudad Juarez.

"This proposal is consistent with the philosophy of the proposed Free Trade Agreement between the U.S. and Mexico," Webb said. "We believe it will further international trade and add to the economic vitality of the border regions of both nations."

New Mexico and Texas would benefit as well from the economic

impacts of this proposal. Besides extensive construction activities on the lines, operation of SPS's electric-generating plants in New Mexico and Texas would be increased, expanding the market for local fuel resources, added SPS New Mexico Division Manager Bill Pope.

In addition, the proposed sale would create increased flexibility on the SPS system through market diversification, allowing the company to maintain a reliable, low-cost supply of power for its customers, Webb said.

As part of the proposal, the energy development group would build and finance a major high voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnection in Mexico, as well as several miles of transmission lines.

The HVDC facility would allow the interconnection of the Eastern electrical grid of the United States with the electrical grid of Mexico.

The proposed SPS transmission lines would run from SPS's Eddy County interchange near Artesia, New Mexico, crossing the international boundary, north of Ciudad Juarez, near the proposed Santa Teresa crossing. At the international boundary, the SPS lines would connect with the lines and HVDC facility in Mexico being proposed by the energy development group.

In order for the proposal to be considered, and to meet required deadlines, permitting procedures--which could take up to 24 months--are being initiated now, Webb said.

If the proposal is accepted by CFE, construction of the new SPS lines would begin in October 1993. The lines would be energized by June 1994.

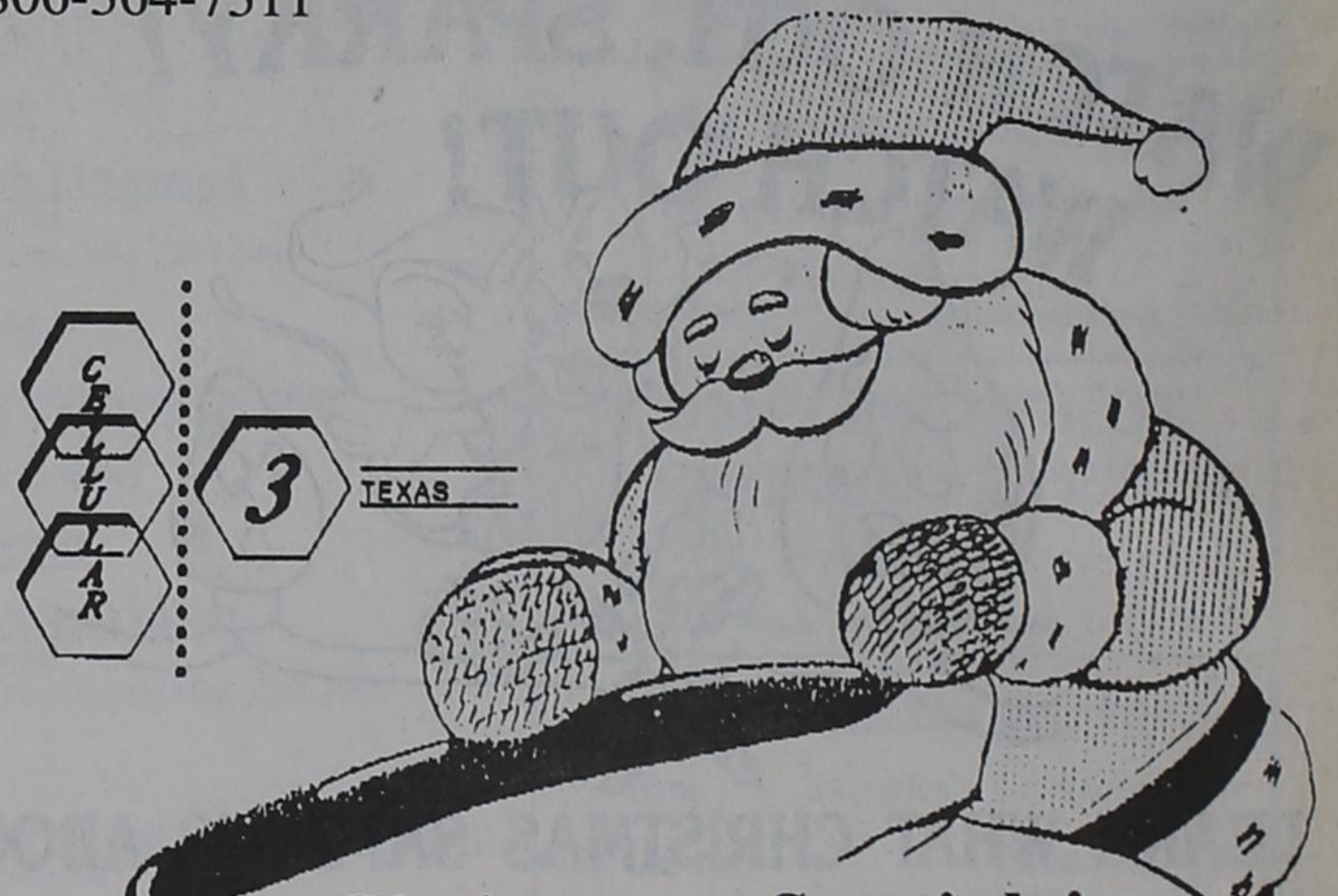
Insofar as has been determined, according to the permit request, the proposed route would not impact any federally designated wetland, critical wildlife habitat or historic site, and would not cross Indian land.

Southwestern Public Service Company primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

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