

MY TURN

By
Carol Ellis



"FATHER CHRISTMAS" is a title which should be given to Charles Dickens who, in 1843, penned *A Christmas Carol*, the story which has become so much a part of the celebration of Christ's birth that the *Reader's Digest* calls it "The Second Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told."

Charles Dickens (1812-1870) grew up in poverty, one of eight children, whose father spent much of his time in debtor's prison. Charles had to go to work at a very young age, at a time when children worked 12 hours a day in the factories. In fact, only two days were allowed "off" during the year, Good Friday and Christmas.

His love of books led him to spend his spare time in libraries. This mostly self-educated man became a newspaper reporter at the young age of 18 and a few years later he began submitting freelance articles to various newspapers under the pen name of Boz.

It was the custom in those days to have narrative stories published as a serial in the newspapers. The first serial published under Dickens' own name was *Pickwick Papers*, followed by *Nicholas Nickleby*. Around 1839 he became editor of a magazine and began publishing his own serial novels.

He was captivated by the American author Washington Irving and read every word that Irving wrote. He was privileged to meet Irving while on a trip to the United States in 1842.

The *Spirit of Christmas* was one of his favorite themes running throughout many of his stories. He carried a child's excitement of Christmas with him into adulthood perhaps because his own childhood years had been so dreary.

Traditional festivities of the Yuletide had been banned in England in 1652 because the Puritans felt the celebration was excessive and had pagan origins. But Christmas was still being celebrated in the English countryside and was becoming popular once again during Dickens' childhood years.

The very first Christmas Card was published in 1843, the same year that Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*. His epic story describing Scrooge's confrontation with the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Yet to Come, was an immediate popular success but was a financial failure for Dickens because of production costs. He was, by then, a married man with four children (he was eventually to father seven little Dickenses).

In addition to his popular writings, Dickens was in demand as an entertainer. He was an amateur magician and enjoyed putting on shows which included readings of his stories. He would play all the characters in the story, using different vocal inflections for each.

By the late 1860s his writing began to suffer because he found that he could make more money by touring as an actor doing his readings. In 1867, at the height of his fame, he earned about \$140,000 during a five-month tour of America. Shortly after that, his health began to fail and he was forced to give up his beloved readings. At his final public appearance in 1870 he told his audience that it was with "considerable pain and regret" that he must close that episode of his life. He died three months later at age 58.

Through the power of the written word, Dickens was able, in his lifetime, to bring to light many of the social evils and injustices of the time, such as the debtor's prison and child labor. But he is best remembered for his wonderful stories which surround the Christmas festivities of Merry Old England.

His daughter Mamie once said that "Christmas, to my father, was a time dearer than any other part of the year." The title of "Father Christmas" would be a fitting tribute to Charles Dickens, the man who bequeathed us all so much Christmas cheer through his writings.

FmHA Loans To Be Streamlined, State Official Says Here

Farmers Home Administration loans will be streamlined considerably beginning January 1, 1994, making for much quicker approval or disapproval of loan applications, according to an announcement in Friona Wednesday by a state FmHA chief.

George Ellis, state director for the Farmers Home Administration, said that the bulk of the application work would be done at the county level, and a reduction of the paperwork and time involved in the loan applications was expected.

"In former years, farmers had to wait six months, a year, or two years to get a loan approved or disapproved," Ellis said during a press conference Wednesday afternoon at the old Santa Fe Depot in downtown Friona.

The county committee of the FmHA will hold more of a key role

under the new system, Ellis said.

"Timeliness of the loans is very important. In the past, farmers often went ahead with buying seed or other supplies, only to have their loan applications turned down. This hurts those businesses who may have extended credit to the farmer seeking the loan," the FmHA official said.

Ellis did not speculate how long the loan applications would take in the future, only that they should be considerably expedited.

The native of Southland in Garza county stated that a main part of his agenda for rural Texas would be to improve the value-added industry in this area, such as in the feeding industry.

"We have 5.5 million head of cattle going through the feedlots in this area, yet we are not getting the value-added money, through the

tanning industry and manufacturing of leather goods, that we could. We need to start finishing more of our products ourselves," Ellis said.

Ellis also said that wind and solar energy need to be an important industry for this area. He said he was working with the Lower Colorado River Authority and others to help form an energy company in the Davis Mountains.

"This area could provide 10 per cent of the nation's energy needs, with its wide-open spaces and its high level of solar days. (See P. 3)



NEW DOCTOR FETED....Dr. Felipe L. Jubay and his family were honored at a reception at Friona State Bank December 5. Shown with Dr. Jubay are his wife Monsedta, and their daughters, Sherri and Lynette.

Testimony Ends In Local Assault Trial

by DIANE ROGERS

Testimony ended Thursday in Farwell in the Donna Hall trial in 287th District Court. Mrs. Hall is accused of aggravated assault, accused of pouring sulfuric acid over her ex-husband, Kevin Hall, 36.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Mrs. Hall could be sentenced to a maximum of 10 years in state prison, District Attorney Johnny Atkinson said.

Donna Hall's attorney, Floyd Holder of Lubbock, said that the actions of his client last February 13 in dousing her husband was prompted by physical, emotional and sexual abuse at the hands of Kevin Hall.

During the two-day trial, Holder attempted to show that what happened the night of February 13 was not totally unprovoked.

"They had had problems off and on for a year. We will show that her husband was having an affair prior to this, and their relationship consisted of a prior abusive cycle by Kevin toward Donna," Holder said in his opening remarks.

The defense attorney said that Mrs. Hall poured the acid on her ex-husband in an effort to protect herself, and because she merely wanted him to get out of the house.

But Kevin Hall, whose head and chest were doused with sulfuric acid, testified that he heard his wife say she was going to kill him.

"I told her I didn't come home to argue, and I wasn't going to argue. Then she left the room," Hall said during the first day of testimony.

"What did she say when she left the room?" asked District Attorney Johnny Atkinson.

"I'm going to kill that

lyin' S.O.B.," Hall responded.

Mrs. Hall was accused of kneeling over her husband as he lay naked in bed and dumping a jug of acid on him.

Hall suffered third-degree burns over most of his upper torso during the attack, and spent about two months in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

The Halls had been in the process of separating when the incident occurred. They divorced in August after 11 years of marriage.

Mrs. Hall's son, Rick Perkins, committed suicide four months prior to the acid incident. Details of the suicide were discussed in Thursday's testimony.

Donna Hall's daughter, Christina Gibbins, testified as a defense witness. She said that Kevin treated Rick "like trash. He would tell Rick he was worthless and no good," Christina said.

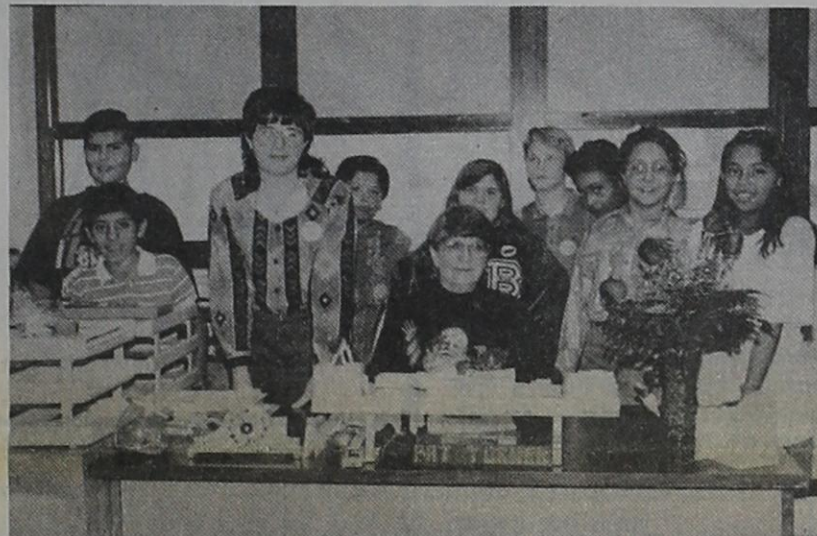
It was pointed out that Rick Perkins left a suicide note saying "Mother, please don't look for me. Have Kevin do it. Forgive everybody. It's nobody's fault," the note was quoted.

Dr. John Griswald of Lubbock testified about the extent of Kevin Hall's burns, saying that he has required seven surgeries. It was life-threatening, and the costs have exceeded \$300,000, Dr. Griswald said.

During her re-examination period on Thursday, Donna Hall said she thought about using a gun, but decided against it. She also thought about using a baseball bat.

"I thought that if I threw the acid on him, he wouldn't be able to hurt me," she said.

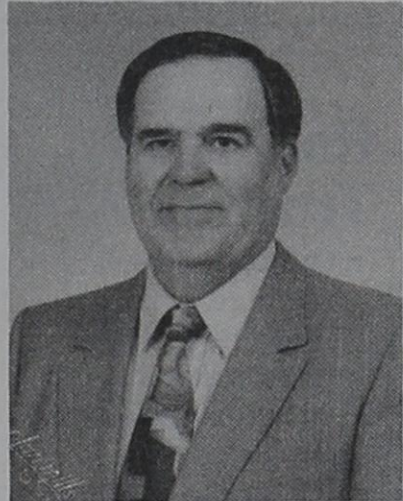
Also on Thursday, Suzanne Foley of Lubbock, a counselor, testified that in her opinion, Donna Hall was "a battered woman."



TEACHER OF THE WEEK--Patricia Turner is shown here seated at her desk surrounded by some of her students.

Teacher Of The Week

Patricia Turner is being featured as "teacher-of-the-week." She teaches Chapter 1 Reading in



TOM WARE Tom Ware Is Seeking Re-Election

Tom Ware, commissioner of Parmer County Precinct 3 announces that he will be a candidate for re-election for a third term, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Tom has lived in Bovina all his life and has raised his family here.

"If elected, I shall continue to fulfill my duties and obligations and serve you to the best of my abilities. I appreciate all your support and confidence you have shown to me during the past two years and look forward to next year as your commissioner," he said.

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City Sets Holiday Closings

The Bovina City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 for Christmas, and on December 31 for New Year's Eve.

The city will appreciate your indulgence in these closing dates.

grades four through seven.

Mrs. Turner has been teaching in the Bovina school system for the past 20 years. Before that, she taught in Lake Dallas and in Irving.

Mrs. Turner graduated from high school in Bovina. She then went to East Texas State University and graduated with a degree in home economics. She also has a degree in elementary education from Texas Women's University.

Patricia is married to Jack Turner. Jack farms in the Bovina area and has his own electronics company. The couple has four children.

Tambra is 24 years old and attends Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Jarrett is 23 years of age and lives in Roswell, New Mexico where he is employed by TMC Corporation.

Rachael is 15 years old and is a sophomore at Bovina High School. She is involved in basketball, track and cross-country.

Their youngest son, Troy, is eight years of age and is a second grader at Bovina Elementary School. He is on the "A" honor roll.

The Turner family attends the First Baptist Church of Bovina. Patricia enjoys reading as a hobby.

College Seminar Is Slated

There will be a Financial Aid Seminar at Bovina High School Library on January 10, at 7 p.m. for senior students and their parents.

Carmen Blanton, Bovina High School counselor and the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at West Texas A & M University, Canyon will be conducting the seminar.

Parents are asked to bring their tax information for 1993 and information will be provided to help in completing the financial aid forms at that time.

All senior students and their parents are urged to attend this seminar for vital information.



CHRISTMAS SNACKS are enjoyed at Charles Oil & Gas Company on Tuesday. Shown is customer Ben Cantu and Toya Englant of Charles Oil & Gas.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH....Lowe's Pay 'n' Save was chosen by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce as "business of the month" for December. Employees are shown (left to right) Shelby Davis, stocker; Mary Lara, checker; Bobby Chavez, stocker; Jane Trotter, market manager; Bonnie Scaff, bookkeeper; Ruby Jones, checker; Patricia Gallagher, checker; Joe Olvera, co-manager of store; (kneeling) John Kitto, store manager, and Elois Saddler, produce manager. Employees not pictured are: Manny Saiz, Cecelia Perez, Luis Robles, J.J. Arias, John Stormes, Wayne Stormes, Diana Carrillo, Virginia Noriega, Sally Noriega and Irene Perez.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 17, 1958

More than 100 persons, including members and guests, were present Friday night last week when the Farwell Lodge No. 977 AF&AM celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeter and family over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Moss, Brad and Betty, all of Dallas. The guests arrived Friday evening.

A number of friends gathered Friday afternoon in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Woltmon, for a surprise visit. Mrs. Woltmon, 91, is reported to have enjoyed the visit and gifts the ladies presented to her.

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 18, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellison returned recently from Aruba, which is an island off the coast of Venezuela.

Mrs. Joe Mack Dutton was honored with a come and go bridal shower Saturday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinner entertained several couples with a dinner party Friday evening at their home.

Spanish Baptist Mission has planned its annual Christmas program for Tuesday evening, December 24, at 7 p.m. at Mission Church.

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 18, 1968

Theft of approximately \$60 is being investigated here, according to City Marshall Ronald Mitchell.

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church held its Christmas party last week when the group had dinner in Clovis.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble were host to the Couple's Bridge Club in their home Wednesday night.

The Guadalupanas' fiesta was held December 12 at St. Ann's in

Boy Born To Justin Brozek

Justin and Arlene Brozek are the parents of a baby boy, Jake Augustas, born December 9 at 12:37 a.m. at the West Plains Medical Center in Muleshoe.

The infant weighed eight pounds, ten ounces and measured twenty-three inches long.

Grandparents are Billy and Suezzy Smith of Bovina and Weldon and Paula Brozek of Great Bend, Kansas.

Great-grandparents are Herman and Edna Estes of Coleman, Texas, Paul and Mary Hipsher of Longmont, Colorado, James Brozek of Lucas, Kansas and Elsie Smith of Farwell.

This is the couple's first child.

Bovina beginning with mass at 7:30 p.m.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 19, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney of Bovina will be feted with a reception at their home west of Bovina Sunday on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Members of the Thrifty Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Douglas for that organization's annual Christmas party.

The Bovina 4-H Club met Saturday night at The Salt Company. Those attending played games and then went caroling. They also gave gifts of fruit and cookies to shut-ins in Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bartlett of Bovina were in Oklahoma City recently attending performances of the World Championship Finals Rodeo there.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 20, 1978

Because of the generosity of businesses, civic clubs, and individuals in the Bovina area, citizens can boast of one of the best equipped ambulance services in this part of the state.

The Board of Directors of the First State Bank of Bovina, at their last directors' meeting promoted Stephen N. Sherrill to vice-president-cashier. At the same meeting Mrs. Henry Minter was promoted to Senior Assistant vice-president. Also, Mrs. Eldon Thatcher was promoted to assistant vice-president.

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 21, 1983

Misti Boozer of Bovina is the new Littlefield District FFA Sweetheart. Misti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Boozer of Bovina, is a junior at Bovina High School. She was selected during the recent Littlefield District FFA Banquet hosted by South Plains College.

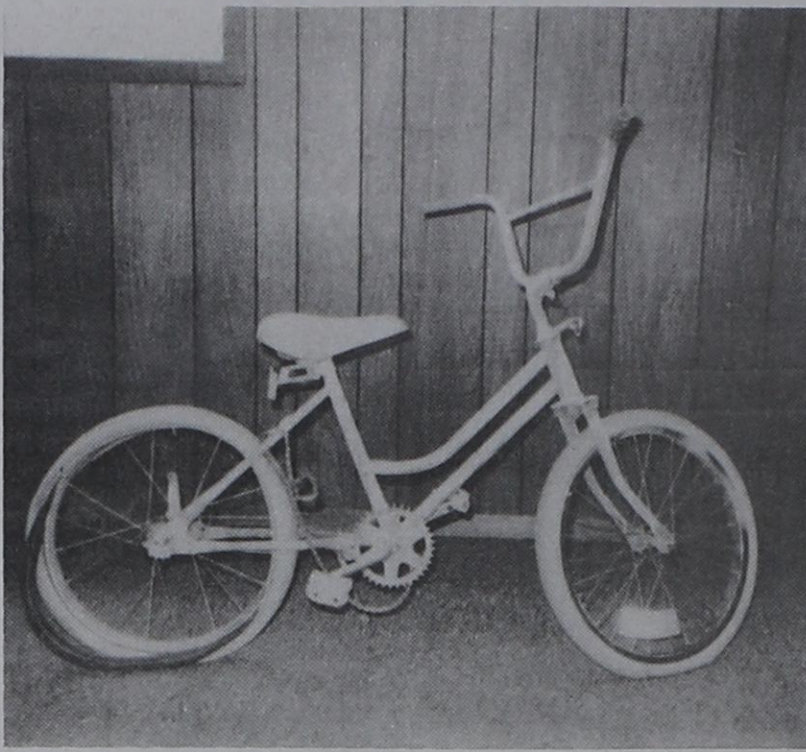
Clayton Farm Center is a brand new business in town and is owned and operated by Dickie Clayton. It is located at 700 Third Street.

Billy McAlister of Hereford is now managing Lone Star Insurance Agency and secretaries are Gina Sandberg of Friona and Lori Miller of Bovina.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 21, 1988

Among the special holiday events held locally this season was the Christmas program at First United Methodist Church. The program was directed by Brenda Wilson and was entitled "Wise Guys and Starry Skies."

The Bovina Mustangs broke Farwell's 14-game unbeaten winning streak by downing the Steers, 80-71 in boys' tournament finals.



STOLEN BICYCLE FOUND...This bicycle was stolen from Allsup's approximately two months ago and the Bovina Police Department recovered it but they do not know who it belongs to. The bicycle is a girls, 20 inch, Huffy, purple in color with light blue hearts, pink seat with pink tires, white pedals, white reflector in front and red reflector in back. If this is your bicycle, or you have any information regarding it, please contact the Bovina Police Department.

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL McINTOSH

We want to be sure to mention and remind anyone who has friends or family that live at Prairie Acres to come to the Resident's Christmas Party next Tuesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. If you plan to come, just bring a tray of whatever you like to snack on and yourself. If you have been to this in the past, you already know how much it means to the residents to see familiar faces during the holiday season.

Thank-yous this week go to: Arla Waters from Bovina for the very beautiful House of Lloyd Christmas decorations, which the residents and staff alike have thoroughly enjoyed; 6th Street Church of Christ for the fruit and goodie baskets that they brought for the residents and also for having hair care; Calvary Baptist Church for having church services last Sunday; Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for coming up to sing and give gifts to the residents; and Martha Rutherford for the cards and magazines. Just like last week, there have been too many donations made for the residents' Christmas to thank each one by name, so once again, I want to thank each and every one for having such a kind heart.

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Planning Christmas Parties Adds To Holiday Excitement

By CARLA McKEOWN
This time of the year is the perfect time for parties. The house is all decked out in its finest. Cakes, candies, breads and other goodies from the kitchen abound. And, the desire to share our lives with friends and families is great.

The types of Christmas parties that you can have are endless: Christmas buffet, potluck, cookies and candies potluck (everyone who comes must bring a batch of their favorite cookie or candy), old-fashioned caroling party, formal dinner. Like I said, the possibilities are endless.

I prefer a casual get-together with a few friends. I like to keep the meal simple—a big pot of stew served with a loaf of Irish soda bread or maybe a batch of chili with cornbread. Of course, there are always lots of Christmas goodies for snacking and a bag for each guest to take with them at the end of the evening.

For the right atmosphere, I keep Christmas music playing softly in the background, and I turn off the overhead lights, lighting the house with candles and old-fashioned oil lamps. A pot of homemade simmering potpourri

fills the house with a delightful spicy scent.

When planning even the simplest party, it is best to create a plan or a to-do list to make sure everything gets done before the guests arrive. Keep in mind the following tips when planning your holiday parties:

*Use disposable plates, glasses, cups, forks, spoons, knives and napkins.

*Designate a hall closet or a spare bedroom for guests' coats, hats, etc.

*Greet all guests at the door and make introductions when necessary.

*Buy a small blank book with a Christmas design and have all the guests sign their names and write Christmas greetings. If there's enough time, have each guest describe their favorite Christmas memory.

*Station food and snacks throughout the room or house so that guests do not have to wait in long lines at the "food table."

*Offer a variety of food and drink, keeping in mind guests who may be on special diets, those who do not drink alcohol, etc.

*Give each guest a goodie bag

or small gift to take home at the end of the party.

*Don't forget to have a good time yourself. If necessary, hire someone (neighborhood teenagers usually are eager for holiday spending money) to keep the snack trays and punch bowl full.

Try these holiday specialties for your next party:

SIMMERING HOLIDAY POTPOURRI

3 to 5 cinnamon sticks
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1 vanilla bean, cut in half length-wise or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
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Water

Break the cinnamon sticks into several pieces. Cut the orange rind into several pieces. In a small saucepan, combine the cinnamon pieces, cloves, vanilla bean or extract and the orange rind. Cover with water. Place the saucepan over medium heat. Add water as necessary to keep the mixture from burning. This potpourri will keep

SWCD Gives Ideas For Quail Habitat

Good quail habitat consists of a piece of ground capable of providing at least one covey with all its needs, season after season. Quail must have a year-round adequate supply of food and protection.

Quail inhabit idle fields, abandoned farmsteads, crop fields with weedy edges, pasture and rangeland. Nesting, loafing, escape and protective cover near feeding areas are necessary.

Loafing or resting cover is used during the middle of the day between feeding periods. Low growing woody plants provide loafing cover. In situations where native cover is inadequate or has been destroyed, cover should be planned to front the maximum feeding area. This can be brush piles or plantings of some desirable species. Desirable species include eastern red cedar, russian olive, plum, skunkbush sumac and nanking cherry.

Nesting, roosting and brood rearing habitat generally should be no more than two feet tall at maturity. Blue grama, sidecoats grama and plains bluestem provide good herbaceous cover.

Water requirements are generally met from the food consumed, dew or surface water.

Windbreak trees and wildlife packets containing russian olive, plum, skunkbush sumac and nanking cherry are available from the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District.

FmHA Loans Discussed...

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Even Southwestern Public Service Company has wind generators that they are experimenting with, he added.

Ellis also touched on the merging of certain agricultural offices as part of the push to trim expenses. He said he expected to see some centralizing done.

However, he said he expects to see a return of emphasis on the rural areas. "I firmly believe that the rural areas have a lot of positive things to offer for the future of our country," he said. He is a third-generation member of a farm family that settled in Garza county in the 1920s.

"He understands the rural areas, and what they need in order to operate. I feel that we're fortunate to have someone of his stature as a state director of the FmHA," stated Jerry Don Glover of Lazbuddie.

Prior to the press conference, Ellis was feted to a lunch with several of the area's agricultural and financial leaders, sponsored by Friona State Bank.

The press conference was sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Represented were TV channels 4 and 10, the Amarillo Globe-News, the Friona Star and Bovina Blade. Several farmers also sat in on the conference.

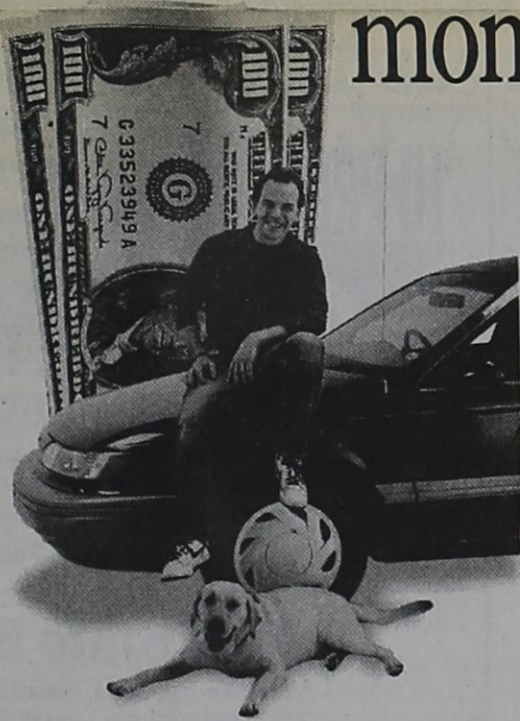
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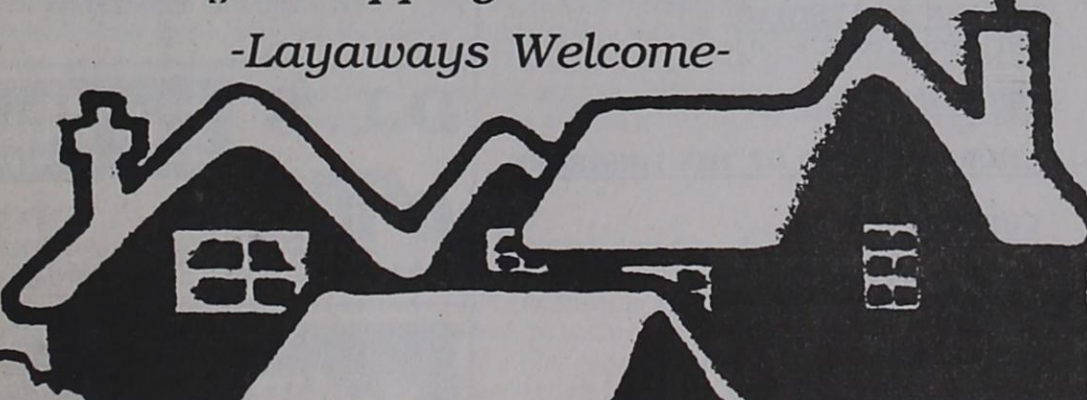
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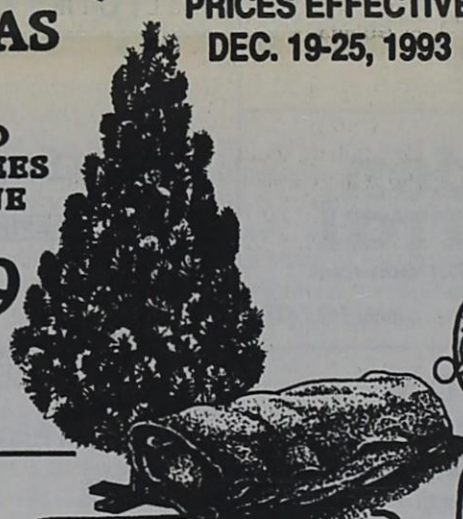
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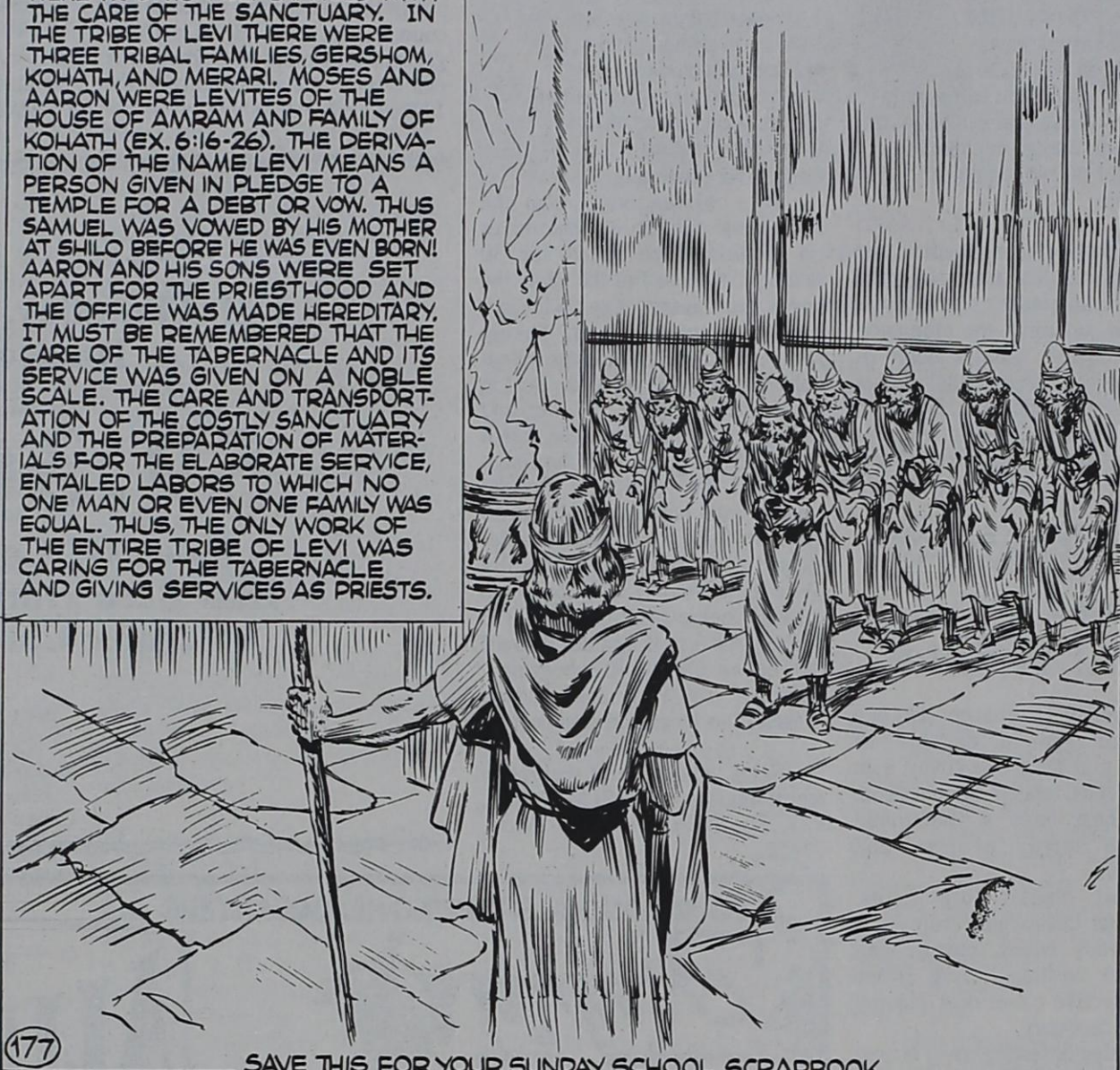
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**LEVI JAMES McCORMICK
It's A Boy
For Couple**

Dale and Sharlet McCormick of Bovina are the parents of a baby boy, Levi James, born November 30 at 12:24 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

The baby weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces and measured nineteen and one-half inches long.

Grandparents are Billy and Sandra Johnson of Bovina and Walt and Helen McCormick of Sylvia, Kansas.

Great-grandparents are Ethel Johnson of Bovina and Lucille Hart of Clovis.

**Baby Boy
Is Born To
Chuck Teagues**

Chuck and Susan Teague of Friona are the parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday, December 8 at 8:28 a.m. in Clovis High Plains Regional Medical Center.

The new arrival weighed six pounds, eight ounces, measured 19-3/4 inches long and was named Matthew Aaron.

He has an older sister, Lacy, four years old.

Grandparents are Eddie and Katie Padilla of Clovis, Charlie and Molly Teague of Bovina and Kay Hooper of Clovis.

Pauline Ahlstedt of Clovis, Martha Teague of Street, Maryland and Leopoldo and Carmen Romero of Clovis are the child's great-grandparents.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Lupe Salinas spent five days in the Clovis hospital recently, but is now at home and getting along better.

For the fifth time, Lupe had an artery to rupture in the same arm. He said the internal bleeding caused his arm to swell to the size of his thigh.

Lupe had a kidney transplant in January of this year and was on dialysis for some time.

While in the hospital this time, he had surgery on his arm just below where the artery ruptured. He said they took out a larger part of the artery this time to patch the ruptured place.

On Wednesday of this week, they will take off the cast that his arm has been in since the surgery. Hopefully, all will go real well for this young man!

Gina Prather was taken by ambulance to the Clovis hospital on Monday night of this week. By press time, she will probably be home and things back to normal.

Sunday afternoon, residents were surprised with a storm of rain, hail, lightning and thunder and winds that were clocked over sixty miles an hour.

We did have a pretty nice shower, though, that measured .27 of an inch. We can't complain, however, because we have had beautiful mild weather for the middle of December.

The reception for Vernon and Dottie Ward honoring them on their 60th wedding anniversary has been canceled. Dottie is a patient in the Clovis hospital with pneumonia.

Dottie suffered a fall and was taken to the hospital a week ago Tuesday night and later developed pneumonia. Her daughter, Billie of Amarillo, has been with them, but she became ill and had to go home. I talked with Billie Monday

morning and she said she and her husband, Ken, were both sick with this "bronchial stuff." Hopefully, they will all be well soon.

Brother Bass, a former resident, has had a heart attack and is scheduled for balloon surgery the early part of the week. If that doesn't correct the problems, he will have open heart surgery, according to friends. He is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

We understand Larry Hammonds is scheduled for surgery the early part of the week and friends said he has formed air pockets in the brain. Our thoughts are with him and his family.

Elmer McKay was released from the hospital and came home on Sunday evening after spending three weeks in the hospital. He said he was feeling good and glad to be home.

Charlie Eubank has been with her son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Owassa Eubank of Cross Roads, New Mexico. While there, the family attended a get-together and Christmas dinner at Tatum, New Mexico, with Owassa's family. There were thirty people attending and Charlie said they had a good time being together.

Congratulations to Jane Trotter on the birth of a granddaughter, Courtney Ellen, who was born December 2. Her parents are Terry and Tammy Chancellor. This baby is special to Jane because she was named after her. This is the couple's first child.

Debbie Widner underwent surgery and got along real well. She has been released and said she is feeling great!

Sandra Clayton's mom, Velma

May of Levelland, underwent surgery last Saturday in Levelland. Sandra has spent much time with her and said she didn't know when she would be released.

The Methodist ladies said to let all of you know that they have their wonderful pecans again and they are selling for \$5 a pound. Call some of them if you need some pecans for the holidays.

Don Murphy underwent outpatient surgery on his shoulder this week to correct some problems and hopefully all will go well. He was to have surgery at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Paul and Ola Lee Jones have returned home recently from a trip to Mt. Pleasant, Texas. They celebrated Christmas with Paul's two brothers and two sisters and their families. Ola Lee said there were 21 people for the Christmas dinner and they really enjoyed being together and had a good time.

Tony Ivy, former local resident now living in Vinita, Oklahoma, celebrated his 80th birthday recently. He was honored with a card shower and being with his family. Some of his family drove to Vinita and took Tony and his wife to Branson, Missouri for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy and their family were in Bovina for years and the Ivys still have many friends in Bovina.

Carolyn Pruitt and girls, Misti and Lindsey, have returned home after spending a few days with Carolyn's son, Steve, and his wife, Francelle, in the Fort Worth area. Carolyn and girls had Thanksgiving dinner with the kids and had a good visit.

Grace Uriegas, daughter of

Ruben and Tina Uriegas, is majoring in pre-med at the University of Dallas to become a doctor.

Grace will be taking classes next year in Rome, Italy. She will go to Rome in January and stay until May. Grace graduated from Bovina High School in May of 1992.

Our sympathies to Alice Stone, whose mother passed away. Funeral services were held a few weeks ago. She lived in the northern Panhandle. Our thoughts are with Alice and her family.

Tiny and Maggie Moore drove to Slaton last Friday and spent the day with a long time friend, Evelyn Shoemer. Evelyn's sister was there from Oklahoma so they all had a good time together.

A.L. Nuttall and Jim Russell went to Abilene and hunted with Larry Scott on his place. They brought back a deer, wild turkey and quail. They came by Lubbock and left the deer with A.L.'s daughter, Rita.

Congratulations to Justin and Arlene Brozek on the birth of their baby boy, Jake Augustas, born December 9. He had a good start at eight pounds, ten ounces and measured twenty inches long.

Also, congratulations to Bovina grandparents, Billy and Suez Smith. This is their first grandson.

Sonny Roach underwent heart surgery for four by-passes on Wednesday, and is said to be getting along "real well."

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Arnold Hromas fell Tuesday evening and suffered injuries. He was taken to the Clovis hospital where his condition is very serious.

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December 23--Artie Faye O'Hair.

December 24--Nita Marshall.

December 25--"Jesus Christ", Maria Robledo, Ethel Johnson.

(Editor's note: if someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

**Couple Has
Baby Boy**

Robert and Jeana Ross of Clovis, New Mexico became the parents of a baby boy at Clovis High Plains Hospital at 3:14 a.m. Friday, December 10.

He was nineteen inches long, weighed five pounds, ten ounces and was named Jacob Alan. He is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Tom and Barbara Mason of Friona, Terry and Kathy LaForge and Robert and Pat Ross, all of Marquette, Michigan.

Tom O'Brian of Friona, Evalyn Mason of Tahoka and Mary Pleaugh of Negaunee, Michigan are the great-grandparents.

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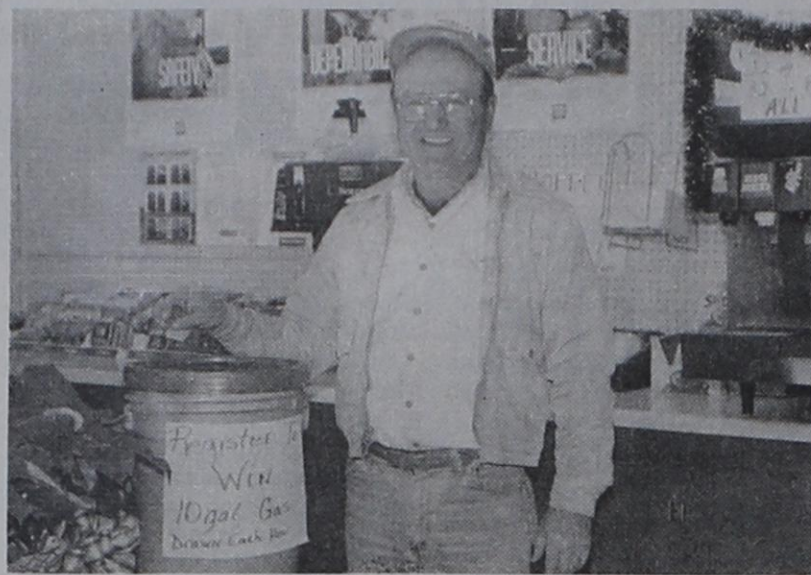
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Bovina Teams See Action In Farwell Tournament

Bovina High School teams were in action at the Farwell Invitational Tournament last weekend.

The Fillies had a 1-2 record in the meet, but the Mustangs were winless in their three outings.

The girls went up against Friona in the opening round, and fell to the state-ranked Squaws for the second time in two weeks, 56-23. Friona won the tournament and pushed their season record to 11-1. High point for the Fillies in the game was Charlotte Quintana with eight.

The Fillies met the Farwell JV squad in the second round, and scored a 62-30 win. Bovina held leads of 21-11, 34-21, and 41-27 enroute to the win. Amber Willard's 12 points paced the scoring.

The Bovina girls met Olton in the consolation championship game. It was the second week in a row for the Fillies to reach the consolation title game, but this time they lost to Olton, 55-43. The Fillies had led, 11-10 after one quarter, and 23-20 at the half, but Olton came back with a second-half rally. Sally Noriega scored 13 points; Miss Willard and Kim Kirkpatrick scored 11 each.

The Mustangs likewise drew Friona in the opening round. After falling behind by 22-11 in the first quarter, Bovina outscored the Chieftains, 51-43 the rest of the way. Their strong second-half pulled them close, but the team fell by a three-point margin, 65-62.

The Mustangs trailed, 41-24 and 51-44 after the second and third quarters.

M. Grisham helped lead the comeback, and led the scoring with 23 points. Lance McClaran scored 17, including four big three-point baskets in the fourth quarter.

In the second round, the Mustangs played Sundown, and the Roughnecks took a 77-38 win. Sundown pulled away from a 34-19 halftime lead, outscoring the Ponies 15-11 in the third and 28-8 in the fourth quarter. Luis Ortiz led Bovina with eight points.

In Saturday's game for seventh place, it was a down to the wire decision.

Bovina led, 17-13 at the end of the first quarter, and held a 27-25 lead at the half. The score was tied up at 40-all after three quarters, and Olton's brand of Mustangs outscored Bovina's, 21-17 in the fourth quarter for the win.

McClaran and Matt Hromas scored 15 points apiece for Bovina, and Cruz Marnufo added 13.

Terry and Tammy Chancellor of Lubbock are the parents of a baby girl, Courtney Ellen, born December 2 at 2:20 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

The infant weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured twenty inches long.

Grandparents are Jane Trotter of Bovina and Jerry and Robbie Chancellor of Brownfield.

This is the couple's first child.

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District Judge
Jack Young (re-election)
County Judge
Bonnie Clayton (re-election)
District Clerk
Marjorie Watkins (re-election)
County Clerk
Bonnie Warren (re-election)
County Treasurer
Anne Norton (re-election)
Justice Of The Peace
Vi Hutto (re-election)
Commissioner, Pct. 3
Tom Ware (re-election)

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending December 10, 1993, County Clerk's Office, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, Pamela Grissom Sparks, Kevin Thompson, a 8.524 acre tract out of Sec. 14, T10S;R2E

WD, Epifanio Venegas, Rosendo Lara, Jr., all of Lot 1, Blk. 60, OT Bovina

WD, Connie Dee Ray, Darris Barthell and Kerry Don Ford, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 35, T9S;R1E

Tr. Deed, Jesse Perez, Maybelle Cain, the E/25 ft. of Lots 1-6, Blk. 2, OT Farwell

WD, Howard Billingsley, et al, Dan Walterscheid, Lots 30, 31 and 32, Blk. 12, OT Farwell

WD, Jimmie R. Mace, Robert J. Koehn, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 12, T15S;R2E

WD, Oma Looney, J.T. Hammonds, et al, the NE 1/2 of Lots 6 and 7, Blk. 43, OT Bovina

WD, Ismael Castaneda, Esteban Mendoza, all of Lots 19 and 20, Blk. 64, OT Friona

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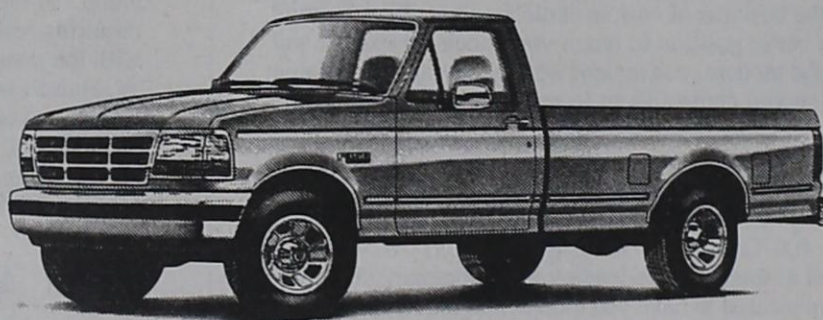
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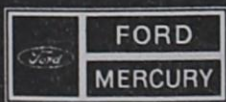
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