

FOR JAYCEES

State, Nat'l Leaders Speak At Banquet

Approximately 150 members, guests and visitors were present at the Jaycee Charter Installation Banquet in Bovina Schools cafeteria Saturday night to hear Jaycee leaders at the state and national level along with some outstanding entertainment by "The Gatlings," a group from Odessa.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Glen Stevens of Friona, vice president of the Hereford Regional Jaycees.

Daryl Kirkpatrick, chaplain of the Bovina Jaycees, gave the invocation. Craton Looney, president of the local chapter, led the audience in the pledge of allegiance after which Stevens introduced the guests at the head table.

Donnie Spring, city councilman, gave a brief welcome to those attending.

John Thompson of Huntsville, president of the Texas Jaycees, told the audience that the organization does not try to change the world overnight, "but we do change young men into citizens, sometimes overnight."

Thompson said the Jaycee groups gave some young men an opportunity to overcome personal problems and "perhaps do more than he thought he could."

Stating that a total commitment was necessary, Thompson said the Jaycees could be a springboard for young men in the community to display responsibility and dedication in working for the good of the community.

Thompson introduced the

main speaker of the evening, Tom Brown of Salem, Oregon, national Jaycee vice president.

Brown, who has been a Jaycee for 11 years and named one of the 10 outstanding Jaycees in the United States, told the audience that "this organization is a learning process—hopefully we can learn from others and perhaps they can learn from us."

Brown said that by joining the organization, young men could meet new friends, improve self, improve the community, help one's children and mold families.

"If you don't get anything else out of the organization this year, maybe you will find you understand people better," he stated.

Following installation of officers, Looney told the audience that the local club was here to serve the community and asked for the support of those in the area.

Charter officers of the group here include Looney, president; Dickie Clayton, internal vice president; Ken Horn, external vice president; Lawrence Kriegel, secretary; Bob Sparks, treasurer; Larry Mitchell, state director; Kirkpatrick, chaplain; and Buddy Clements and Richard Carson, chapter directors.

Other charter members of the Bovina Jaycees are Greg Bell, Lowell Boozer, Ronnie Bunch, Gary Carson, Billy Charles, Greg Hromas, Mike Beauchamp, Andy Martinez, Mike Nabors, Kent Stanberry,

Kregg Wilson, Gene Hutto, Mac Glasscock, Ronnie Suderth, Alan Carson and Terry Lusk.



REX PRATHER

Cattle Raisers Get Assistance

Reyton Lynn (Rex) Prather, assumed duties on January 1 as a field inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in a newly created district comprised of nine counties in the Texas Panhandle, according to Don C. King, TSCRA secretary-general manager.

Prather, who was born in Muleshoe, will be based in Hereford. He will serve cattlemen in the counties of Farmer, Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Oldham, Potter, Randall and Swisher.

Following graduation from high school in Vinita, Okla., Prather attended Western Texas College at Snyder, and Northeast A&M Jr. College at Miami, Okla., majoring in

animal science. He later spent two years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of sergeant and serving in Korea for 16 months.

A member of the Rodeo Cowboys Association for two years, Prather has participated in calf roping, steer roping and team roping events at Denver, Colo., Cheyenne, Wyo., Pendleton, Ore., and Odessa rodeos and numerous other shows.

For the past five years Prather has worked on the O.S. Ranch at Post. He is married to the former Julia Childs of Post and they have three boys, aged two, three and four years.

The new inspector will be available to inspect direct movements of wheat and grass cattle for strays as well as investigate cattle losses and mixups in the area.

King stated that Prather's extensive ranching experience and background as a cowboy are ideal to serve these needs of cattlemen and feedlots in the new district, and urges anyone desiring assistance to call him.

Churches Aid Nine Families Over Holiday

Nine families, five from Bovina and four from Friona, received food, clothing and toys during the recent Christmas holidays, according to Mrs. Pearl Cervantez, co-ordinator of the Bovina Neighborhood Center.

Assisting in the project, said Mrs. Cervantez, were the First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church Youth, St. Ann's Catholic Church Youth and the Planned Parenthood Program of Amarillo. A total of 72 persons were involved in the nine families.

The staff of the Bovina Neighborhood Center wishes to express appreciation to those who assisted in the project for their kindness and generosity, said Mrs. Cervantez.

Bookmobile In Bovina Next Week

The High Plains Bookmobile will be in Bovina Thursday, January 24, from noon until 3:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Lorene Sooter, librarian. Previous stops that day will be at West Camp from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and at Lariat from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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Depth Tests Being Run On County Wells

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The coordinated and systematic measurement of the depths to water in the observation wells constitutes the only method of determining changes in the volume of water stored in the Ogallala aquifer beneath the land surface. The water level records obtained through the observation wells located in Parmer County

constitute the foundation for the District's cost-in-water depletion, income-tax-allowance, program.

An observation well is one that has been selected for inclusion in the annual water-level measuring program. All wells are privately-owned-the district does not own any wells-and are measured with the permission of the well owners.

District personnel will be measuring wells in Armstrong, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Lubbock, Crosby, Lynn and Hockley Counties. Wells located in Parmer, Cochran, Bailey, Deaf Smith, Castro, Randall and Potter Counties will be measured by the TWDB crew.

FOR RURAL AREAS

New Business Loans Attract Attention

A new federal program to finance local businesses or industrial development will help improve the economic climate in rural areas of Texas, according to J. Lynn Futch, State Director of Farmers Home Administration, Temple.

Letters of pre-application are now being received, Futch said, requesting financial assistance to develop businesses under provisions of the 1972 Rural Development Act. The Farmers Home Administration, a rural credit service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, oversees the program.

"Submitting a letter of pre-application is the first step in this program," Futch explained. "Any individual or group that needs financing for industry or business in Texas should summarize his ideas in a proposal and submit it to the FHA county office in the area, or to a private lender. Priority will be given to projects that strengthen rural communities by improving economic and employment conditions as outlined in the Rural Development Act."

If the prospective business meets eligibility requirements, Futch said, the applicant will be requested to submit a formal application, projects will be cleared with appropriate local and state officials to assure compliance with development plans for the area.

In addition to individuals, eligible applicants may include partnerships, cooperatives, and cooperations.

Most borrowers will receive loans advanced by private lenders guaranteed up to 90

percent by FHA in rural areas and cities not over 50,000 population. Loan funds may be used to purchase machinery and equipment, to buy land, buildings and permanent fixtures, and for working capital. Public bodies also are eligible for grants to finance industrial sites that will result in development of private business enterprises.

Persons in Parmer County interested in the program may contact Bill Boling at the Farmers Home Administration office in Farwell.

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Soil survey field work has been completed for 123 counties in Texas and the data is available to anyone making land use decisions.

Work is currently under way on soil surveys for all remaining counties in the state, Thomas added.

"With a soil survey map, you can read the land like a book," said Thomas. "Some soils are ideal for a particular crop. Others are better off in another crop, or left in grass, trees, or as wetland. And on some soils, the owner can choose between pasture, trees or crops."

"The point is, that a great deal of soil information is available to farmers and other land users. Even where surveys are not yet completed, the Soil Conservation Service-working through local conservation districts-often can provide at least partial soils data to anyone considering a change in land use."

Local soil survey maps and information can be obtained from the Soil Conservation Service Office in Friona.

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