

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



HAVING SPENT all of my working life in a "word-related" business, Ye Editor has always had a fascination for words: their usage, spellings, meanings, etc. Some of my colleagues like to refer to themselves as "word merchants." I guess that's one way to put it.

Growing up in the time period that I did, Ye Editor came along when first graders were still taught via the phonetics method. Penmanship was one of the things we were graded on. Those in my age bracket can no doubt recall the old red Big Chief writing tablets. They were lined with a dotted line, which was to serve as the height of lower case letters, and the full line for capital letters.

At an early age, I enjoyed "speldowns." That's where you lined up against the wall and spelled the words as given by the teacher/pronouncer. If you missed a word, you went to the back of the line, or even worse, had to sit back down at your desk.

This continued, until the last student standing was judged the winner. Ye Editor's goal was to attempt to beat those in a higher grade, and more specific, the girls. (Weren't they supposed to be better at bookwork??)

Seems like at one of the country schools I attended, perhaps Lazbuddie or Oklahoma Lane, the girls lined up on one side of the room and the boys on the other. Also, you might have three or four grades involved, depending on the size of the classes.

By the time I reached junior high age, Ye Ed was attending Muleshoe schools, and I was the eighth grade champ at Muleshoe Junior High in the spelling bee of that year. I still see youngsters carrying copies of "The Words of Champions," which contained all of the words that were used in the bees.

Kevin Wiseman, principal of Friona Junior High, upon learning that I was the school champ "back when," declared that this qualified me to donate one of the plaques awarded at this year's bee, and we were more than happy to do so.

All of this is leading up to say: what has happened to the art of spelling in today's young people? They just don't stress it like they did in days gone by.

A news item a week or so ago told that California school had been using a "new concept" for over 15 years, not using phonics at all. It supposedly taught children to recognize words "according to their usage in the sentence." (Say What?)

Now, almost a generation has grown up on the West Coast who can't spell beyond four-letter words. Parents of junior high and high school-aged children are having to hire special tutors, if they want their kids to be able to spell...and read. School officials are admitting that their plan was a failure, and are scrambling to get something more workable in place.

Now, the story this week about the editors of Webster's Dictionary: the officials have submitted the word "Duh" for possible inclusion in it's next edition..that is, if they can come up with a suitable definition.

I guess this is the sort of thing you would expect, coming from a generation that may even have trouble spelling "duh," let alone define it.

We now are seeing more and more misspelled words in publications, even in hard-bound books. Yes, from time to time, misspellings slip through in this paper, but it's not because we don't honestly try to catch them all.

Thank God for the teachers I had in the lower grades, that challenged students from the first grade onward to spell correctly.

Scotter Russell found a quip she used in a recent column that is appropriate to end this discussion. Someone decided that athletes shouldn't be awarded their "letter" unless they could recognize that letter. Don't laugh.



SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS.....Members of the Bovina High School student council display their certificates, awards, and sweepstakes ribbon which they won during the state student council competition in Austin. Council sponsor Judy Jennings, lower right, holds the sweepstakes ribbon the students won for scoring first place in all categories.

Jamie Stanberry Attends Youth Seminar In Amarillo

Jamie Diane Stanberry recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Texas Panhandle Leadership seminar.

She joined more than 100 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Texas on April 26, 1996, in Amarillo.

Representing Bovina High School, Jamie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stanberry.

The Bovina Blade was the local HOBY sponsor.

The seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process and for broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self development.

Cemetery Work Day Monday

Harold Carpenter, president of the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery Association, announced that there will be a workday at the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery on Monday, May 27th.

Volunteers may start as early as they like. There will be an association business meeting at 10 a.m.



SO LONG AND THANKS.....Middle School Principal Brenda Wilson received roses and an engraved silver jewelry box from her choir. Wilson will be leaving Bovina Schools after a 19-year career. She taught middle school for five years, high school for six years, gifted and talented teacher for five years, and has been middle school principal for three years. She has accepted a position as elementary principal in Groesbeck, Texas.

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Students Score Big At State

Six representatives from the Bovina student council went to Austin for the 60th Annual State Student Council Conference.

Student council sponsor Judy Jennings said the local students won first place in all categories and earned a sweepstakes ribbon for "sweeping" first place.

There are a total of 22 members on the local student council and all members worked on the projects. The 1995-96 officers and executive council were: Alex Dopp, president; Carol Gomez, vice-president; Paula Borquez, secretary/treasurer; and Santiago Vargas, parliamentarian. Rounding out the executive council were Brandie Munoz and J. T. Roach.

Jennings said there were over 4400 students representing 1400 schools. Bovina was one of only 143 schools that won all six state awards.

The projects for the year that earned the awards were Safety and Health, SMILE, Energy and Environment, Pride and Patriotism, and Outstanding Student Council, plus the Sweepstakes Award.

1st Baptist VBS Is Set June 3-7

Vacation Bible School at Frist Baptist Church in Bovina will be held June 3-7.

On Sunday, June 2, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. is pre-registration and family night.

Monday-Thursday, June 3-6, VBS classes will be from 9-11:30 a.m. On Friday, June 7, VBS classes are from 9-10:30 a.m. From 10:30-12:00 noon, there will be student recognition ceremony followed by family lunch on the playground.

VBS classes are available for ages 3-years-old through 8th grade. First Baptist VBS is open to all children.

Sport Camp Slated For Area Youth

Bovina Athletic Director and Head Coach Bobby Ortiz has announced dates for football, basketball, and summer track camps for youngsters.

Summer Track is June 3. Meet at the track at 5 p.m. Fee is \$1.00 per meet.

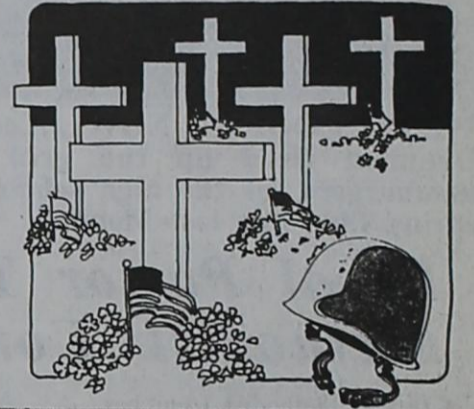
Basketball Camp is June 12-14, beginning at 9 a.m. in the gym. Fee is \$5 and includes a t-shirt.

Football Camp is scheduled for June 26-28 at 9 a.m. at the fieldhouse. Fee is \$5 and includes a t-shirt.

The camps are open to students in 3rd-6th grades.

To enroll, send fee plus name, address, and phone number to Coach Ortiz, P.O. Box 70, Bovina 79009. Please specify which camps you are enrolling for.

Remember Our Veterans On MEMORIAL DAY May 27 1996



BIG DRIBBLERS.....Shown are honorees in 1995-96 Mustang and Fillie basketball. From left, Tony Beauchamp, most valuable player, Bonnie Quintana, most valuable player, Kasey Bell, Fighting Heart award, Evang Casas, most improved, Luke Steelman, most improved. Not pictured is Jerry Rocha, Mustang Fighting Heart award.



UP TO PAR.....At the athletic banquet, the Most Valuable Player Awards on the golf team went to Will Bell and Lori Beauchamp.

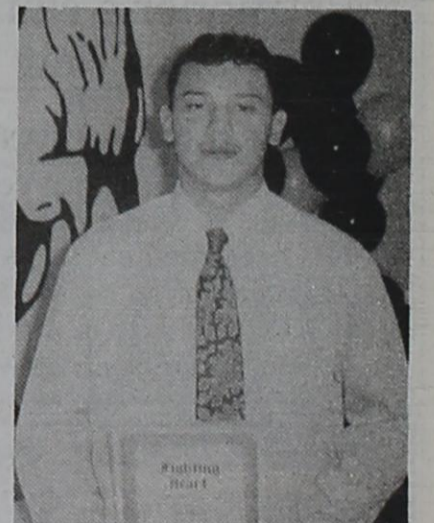
Med. Clinic Is Closed Until June 3

The Bovina Medical Clinic will close from noon Friday, May 24 until June 3.

Tony Elliott, Physician's Assistant, will be attending a Practitioner's National Meeting in New York.

The clinic will re-open at regular hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, June 3.

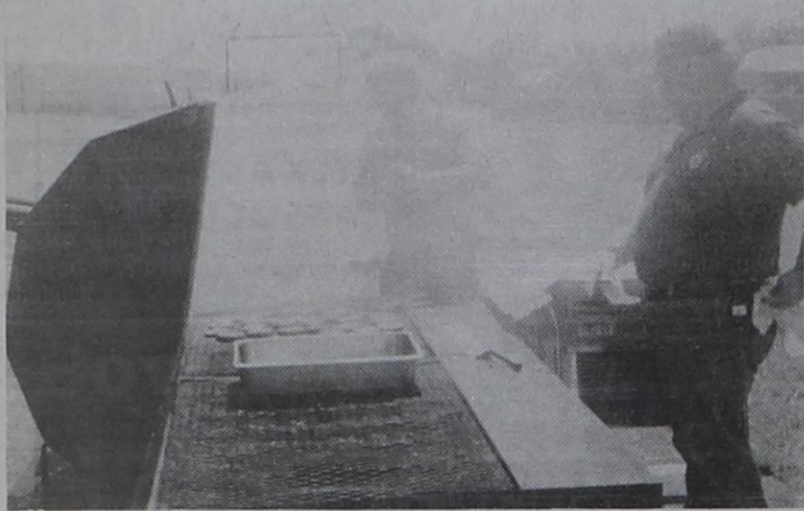
During the week the clinic is closed, if you need medical assistance call or go by the Friona Medical Clinic at 1307-Cleveland, or call 247-2781.



MUSTANG HEART...At the athletic banquet, Joe Villarreal received the Fighting Heart Award for his efforts on the Mustang football squad.



BEATIN' THE BAND.....These band members were given achievement awards by Band Director Bill Shelly for the 1995-96 band year. They are, front, l-r, Jamie Stanberry, Tyson Kerby, Melanie Stanberry, and back, l-r, Imelda Castro, Priscilla Martinez, and Rachel Espinoza.



WE'RE COOKIN' NOW.....Leon Saddler and Bill Drumma fired up the grill and smoked some hamburgers for the high school students during the spring fling day last Monday.

Local Pastor To Attend Methodist Conference

United Methodist Churches, including Bovina and Oklahoma Lane, will be represented in Lubbock for the Eighty-Seventh Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference.

Bishop Alfred L. Norris will preside at the sessions at First United Methodist Church and Texas Tech University Student Center. The theme of the event is "Lift High The Cross." Hosting this event will be the over 16,000 United Methodists in the greater Lubbock area.

Representing these United Methodist Churches in Lubbock will be Bro. Neely Landrum, pastor of both United Methodist Churches, who is a clergy member of the Northwest Texas Conference and Bob Owen and Durward Bell for Bovina UMC, Gary and April Gober for Oklahoma Lane UMC, lay members of the Conference.

Rev. John Harnish, associate general secretary of the Division of Ordained Ministry, Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, will be the conference preacher. The conference will begin with a worship service which will be the annual Memorial Service and Service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 30. Dr. Charles Whittle will preach this service which will be held at First United Methodist Church, Lubbock.

A combination of energy, skill and love will result in the construction of a new home for a Lubbock family in just ten days as the Northwest Texas Conference joins the Lubbock Habitat for Humanity chapter to launch "Blitz Build 96." The home located at 2410 Hickory Abilene will be constructed by volunteers from the 239 churches in the Conference between May 23 and June 1 as part of the Eighty-Seventh Session of the Annual Conference.

Health screening will be conducted by the Methodist Hospital staff during Annual Conference. This annual Health Fair has traditionally identified areas of medical need for those who have participated. Many people were able to correct problems or change their lifestyle or diet which improved their health because of the information found at the routine screening last year.

The Annual Conference Session, which is a time for fellowship, worship and celebration as the body of Christ, as well as a time to conduct the business of the Conference, will end on Saturday, June 1 when 14 people will be ordained deacon or elder in the United Methodist Church. Before closing the session, Bishop Alfred L. Norris will read the names of the clergy and diaconal appointments for the coming year.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-JUN 6 1956

Parmer County's first reported load of 1956 wheat arrived at Sherley Grain Co. in Bovina Tuesday. Henry Ivy of Lazbuddie is the man who brought in the load, Joe Moore of Sherley Grain says.

Jimmy Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ware, was graduated from Texas Tech Monday, May 28. Jimmy, who received a ROTC commission in the Army, was active in Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity and Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity and the Infantry Club.

Mrs. Webb Gober was released from an Amarillo hospital Wednesday, May 30, following surgery. She had been in the hospital for about a week.

35 YRS AGO-JUN 7 1961

Marine Corps Pfc. Mike O'Hair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Hair of Bovina, is now stationed in Japan. He arrived there late in May. His tenure of duty there is scheduled to end in December. O'Hair has been in the Marines since September of last year.

Mrs. Coy Cordum underwent surgery recently at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She is reported to be improving.

30 YRS AGO-JUN 8 1966

"Just what the farmer ordered." That is an appropriate description of the kind of rain which fell here Tuesday and Wednesday nights of last week.

Jack McCracken has resigned as manager of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. McCracken was one of the founders of the organization in 1960 and has served as manager-secretary on a part-time basis since that time.

By a margin of just less than 2-1, Wilbur Charles was winner of the Democratic nomination for Justice of the Peace of Parmer County Precinct No. 3 over Lucille Killough, the incumbent, in Saturday's second primary election.

25 YRS AGO-JUN 9 1971

Memories of Parmer County's history were revived Sunday afternoon at the dedication of a state historical marker at Parmerton. In charge of the program, which was held at the original site of Parmerton on Highway 60 between Bovina and Friona, was Hugh Moseley, county tax assessor-collector and chairman of the Parmer County Historical Survey Committee.

Bovina's water problem of weekend before last is being taken

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care of, according to city officials. The problem, which consisted of a dark, oil like color in the water system, will be eliminated by cleaning and lowering the city well which was pumping the discolored water, says Mayor Chas. W. Flynn.

20 YRS AGO-JUN 9 1976

The Bovina area received welcome moisture during the past week, with rainfall coming on two or three different nights.

Three Bovina residents were among 975 students receiving their degrees at commencement exercises conducted by West Texas State University on May 15. Graduates from Bovina were Tommy Keith Bonds, who received a bachelor of science degree in biology; Barbara K. Charles, who received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and English; and Gladys D. Spring, who earned a bachelor of science in elementary education.

15 YRS AGO-JUN 10 1981

Oakley Stevenson brought the first load of 1981 barley to Sherley Grain Company on Monday.

The mercury was reading 109 degrees on the thermometer at Agri-Sprayers on Monday of this week.

Daryl Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins, placed ninth out of the top fifteen youths to participate in the rodeo finals held in Amarillo this week.

10 YRS AGO-JUN 11 1986

The county commissioners approved the final payment on the renovation of the District Courtroom, amounting to \$1,000, plus installation of a hood and repairing a window in order to keep out blowing moisture for an additional \$190.85, to Sherrill Lumber Company of Bovina.

There were twenty-nine youths and six sponsors that participated in a "lock-in" at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. The twelve hours were spent playing games, eating, watching movies and sharing in a love service.

5 YRS AGO-JUN 15 1991

Parmer County's new County Extension Agent-Home Economist Debra Pollard never dreamed of being a home economist when she was younger, according to a Blade article.

Don Spring announced last week that he will close Don's Medicine Chest effective June 15.

The wheat harvest has begun in the Bovina area, but officials are expecting a less than average wheat crop, due to the severe drought through the winter and spring season.



SPRING FLING.....High school principal Jerry Birdsong was seen armed with a water-pistol and spraying both kids and grown-ups during the school's spring fling day last Monday.



READ ON.....Elementary Principal Darla Sealey congratulates Ruben Ovally and Josh Kerby as the two youngsters were the latest elementary students to earn over 100 points in the accelerated reading program. During the year, 25 students earned t-shirts for 100 points or more, and six of those earned over 200 points.



MIDDLE SCHOOL READERS.....Joining the accelerated reading club at Bovina Middle School are, l-r, Danny Jaquez, Misty Pruitt, Walter Kessler, Briselda Rodriquez, and Paula Chavez. Kessler earned over 300 reading points for the year. Others shown earned over 100 points.

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1996 Farm Program

The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act) was signed by President Clinton on April 4, 1996. This new Farm Bill is the Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) Program. This allows producers the option to enter into a seven year Production Flexibility Contract (PFC).

Sign up will begin May 20 and extend through July 12, 1996. This will be the only sign-up for the entire seven year period. Producers who miss this one time sign up will not be eligible to enroll the farm at a later date. The only exception to this rule is after the sign-up period land from expiring CRP contracts can be added to an existing PFC or enrolled in a new PFC.

This contract is a binding, seven year contract for the farm that will begin in 1996 and end in 2002 (although revisions will be allowed for changes in producers and/or crop shares).

Crops eligible for participation in the PFC are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton and rice. Eligible contract acreage or base acres will be established for the seven year period and will not change throughout the contract. Eligible contract acreage will be established for acreage coming out of CRP.

All of the farm or part of the farm may be enrolled in the Farm Program. Owners will have the option to permanently reduce contract acres on a farm. If reduced, these acres will not be restored.

Eligible producers include: (1) an owner who assumes all or part of the risk of producing a crop; (2) a producer (other than an owner) with a share-rent lease, regardless of length, if owner also signs contract; (3) a producer (other than owner) who cash rents under a lease expiring after 9/30/02, in which cash owner is not required to sign contract; (4) a producer (other than an owner) who cash rents under a lease that expires before 9/30/02. The owner's signature is not needed on the contract unless less than 100 per cent of the contact commodities on the farm are being enrolled; (5) an owner who cash rents and lease expires before 9/30/02, if the tenant declines entry into a contract. Contract payment under this situation will begin after the tenant's lease ends.

Advance payments equal to 50 per cent of the projected payment amount will be made within 30 days after the contract has been approved. In the future, producers will have the option of receiving their advance payments either on December 15 or January 15. Final market transition payments will be made no later than September 30 of each year.

The Net Production Flexibility Contract payment is estimated to be the minimum a producer will receive based on information available at this time. These rates have been calculated based on 100 per cent participation. Owner participation will result in higher payment rates.

Contract payment calculations will be as follows: 85 per cent x contract acreage (1996 base) x program payment yield x rate. Payment rates will not be determined until after sign-up is complete. Use the following figures for payment estimation purposes:

Crop	Fixed Payment Amount	Net 96 After 1995 Overpmt.	Offset
Corn \$/bu.	.24		N/A
Cotton \$/lb.	.08		.07
Wheat \$/bu.	.87		.52
Grain Sorghum \$/bu.	.31		N/A
Barley \$/bu.	.32		.12
Oats \$/bu.	.03		-.02

Unearned 1995 deficiency payments will not be taken from PFC payments in FY 1996.

There are no planting requirements, no set aside or layout requirements, no haying and grazing restrictions on PFC acreage under the new farm program.

The only planting restrictions apply to acreage devoted to fruits and vegetables. If you have a history of planting these crops and intend to continue to grow them in the future, we recommend that you visit the office to obtain the specific details.

Crop insurance coverage equal to the CAT level coverage is required on economically significant crops. However, you do not have to purchase

crop insurance coverage if you agree to waive all rights to any emergency crop loss assistance programs that may become available during the crop year.

The new legislation established a maximum annual payment limitation of \$40,000 per person. The three entity rule remains in effect and producers must be considered "actively engaged in farming" to be eligible for program benefits.

CRP Emergency Grazing--There has been a change in emergency grazing provisions starting May 1, 1996. Emergency grazing authorization is effective immediately through September 30, and haying authorization is effective July 1 through September 30, 1996. Until April 30, a producer was required to leave at least 25 per cent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze no more than 75 per cent of the stocking rate determined by NRCS, when grazing CRP acres and the rental payment would be reduced on 75 per cent of the acres.

NOTE: Any CRP grazed after May 1, shall reduce the rental payment scheduled to be made after October 1, 1996, and shall be reduced by the number of acres actually grazed regardless of the stocking rate, times the CRP per acre annual rental payment times 5 per cent for each month or part of a month that grazing occurs. The 5 per cent reduction shall not be adjusted when grazing occurs for part of a month. The total payment reduction for all months grazed shall not exceed 25 per cent.

CRP Details--Producers may request a one year extension of those CRP contracts that expire September 30, 1996. These requests should be filed by May 31, 1996. Requests to remove acreage from CRP should be filed by May 31, if you intend to enroll the acreage in the farm program. Only acreage that has been enrolled in the CRP for at least five years and has an erodibility index of 15 or less (as determined by NRCS) will be eligible for the "early out." 1996 CRP annual rental payments will be prorated to reflect the amount of time the acreage was enrolled in the CRP. These acres will be eligible for enrollment in the CRP in the future if all other eligibility rules are met.

Dates to remember--May 20-July 12: one time only sign up for the seven year Farm Program (appointment cards will be sent out); May 27--office closed in observance of Memorial Day; May 31--final date to request early out on CRP acreage you intend to enroll in the Farm Program; May 31--final date to request a one year extension of CRP contracts expiring September 30, 1996.

Be sure to report your crop losses to your insurance provider in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in the loss of benefits.



SUCCESSFUL TEAM...The Texas Panhandle Phenoms team has had a very successful season, having compiled a season record of 20-6 at this point. Team members are from several communities. They are pictured above: (back row, left-right) Sammy Herrera, coach; Sheena Embry, Scottie Brown, Crystal Dow, Mandy Birdenfeld and Ramsey Bennett; (front row) Holly Engelking, manager Heather Sanderson, Staci Foster, Mindi Ethridge, Leslie Fiel and Emily Sanderson.

County Team Has Successful Season

The Texas Panhandle Phenoms, a 14 and under girls' basketball team, is doing very well this year. Their season record to date is 20 wins, 6 losses.

The team took first place in the Pepsi Benefit Tournament in Clovis; second in the Lubbock BYOA Tournament; second in the Top O'Texas Invitational Tournament in Amarillo; second in the Play Inc. Tournament in the Young Guns Invitational and third in the South Plains Classic in Lubbock.

They have two more tournaments: Amarillo's AAU Regional, May 31-June 2; and the Basketball Congress International in Denver, June 24-29.

Sammy Herrera is the coach. Team members are Crystal Dow, Leslie Fiel, both of Friona; Sheena Embry, Heather Sanderson and Emily Sanderson of Springlake-Earth; Scottie Brown, Holly Engelking and Staci Foster of Lazbuddie; Mandy Birkenfeld and Mindi Ethridge of Nazareth; and Ramsey Bennett of Farwell.

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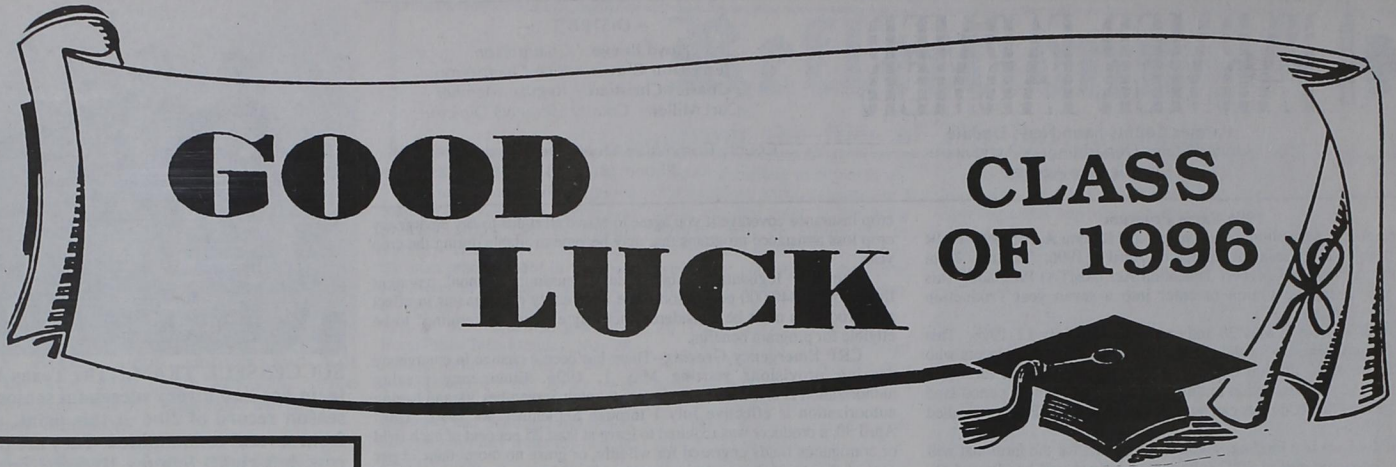
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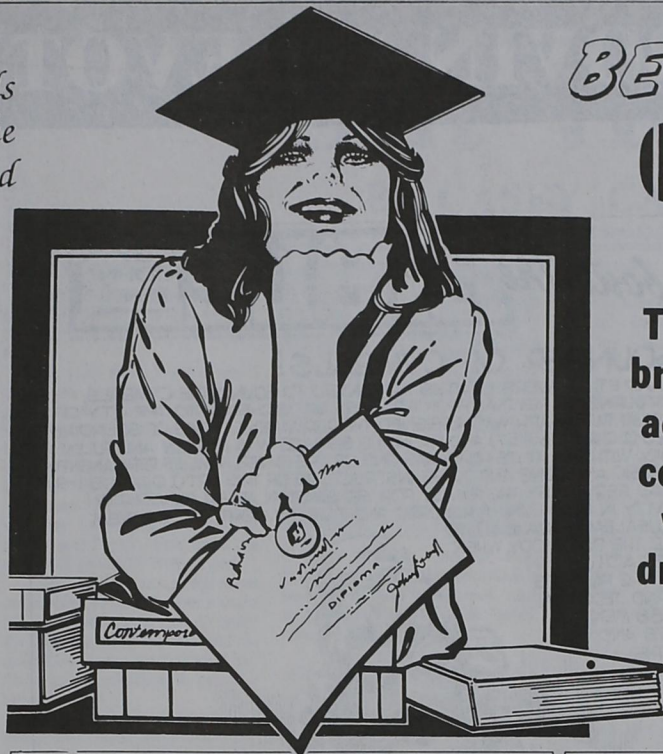
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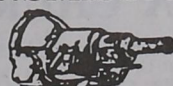
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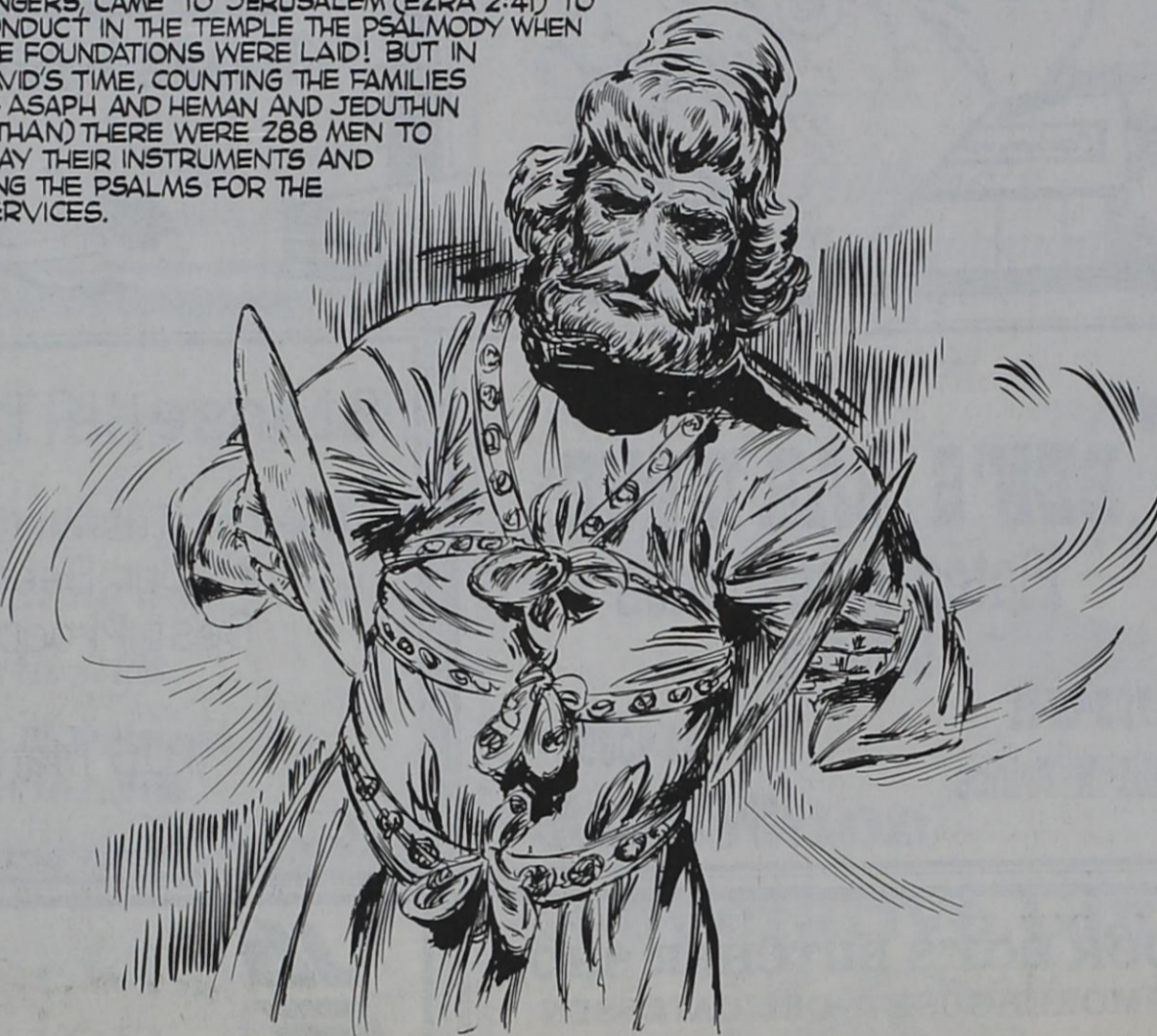
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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

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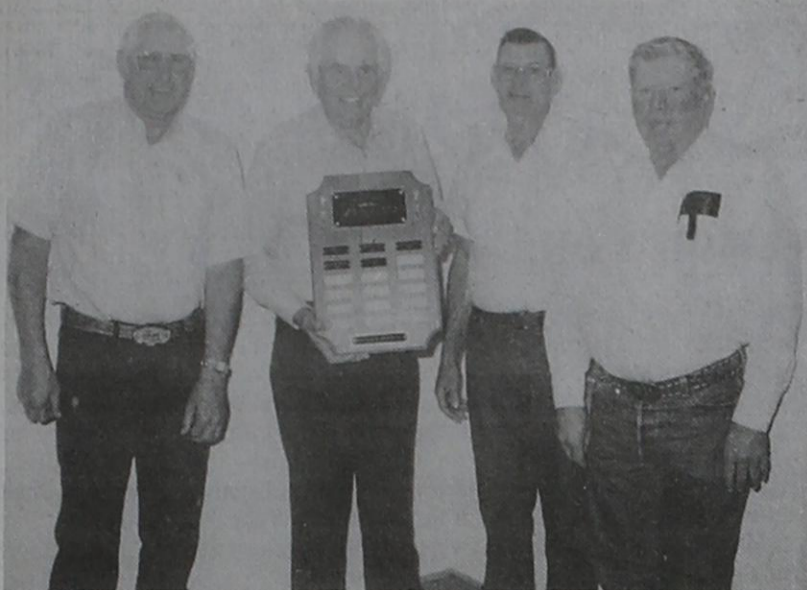
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HONORARY MEMBERS....Members of the Rhea-Hollene Fire Department recognized five honorary members on May 11. The four honorees are (left-right) Floyd Schueler, Jack Patterson, Joe Allen and Herbert Schueler. Jim Dixon was not present for the photo.

Out Here

By CASEY CARR

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Last weekend I flew out here to Friona from Dallas to visit my dad. It wasn't my first trip to Parmer County.

For years since I was a baby I came out here just to visit my grandparents, Hannah and Harry Lookingbill (Nenaw and Papa to us kids). Now I visit my grandparents, my uncle Rick, and my dad. Maybe I'll move out here next.

When I was little I would come and stay for weeks at a time at Nenaw and Papa's, three miles out east on Highway 60 from Friona.

Her favorite story to tell about me is when I was only four months old, I scooted backwards up under her couch and she couldn't find me until she saw my head sticking out. She's got a snapshot to prove it too.

As I got older I couldn't fit under the couch anymore but I found plenty of other places to hide. Under the bed was my favorite.

I was so excited when I came out one summer and they had cows just out past their back yard. Bear in mind that I'm a city boy and that herd of cows may as well have been a herd of elephants. I would imagine that I was an explorer deep in the heart of Africa, and that my Daisy air gun was a game rifle. That ended after Papa saw me shoot a cow in the rear.

You have to go to the zoo to see a cow in Dallas and, although it may smell a little better, it sure isn't the same. Count your blessings folks.

Nenaw tells stories about how I used to sleepwalk all over her



CASEY CARR, son of Ron Carr, Friona Star columnist, was in Friona last week and wrote this week's "Out Here" column.

house at night and scare everyone half to death. Or how she spanked my bottom red when she caught me carrying a snake across the back yard.

Once my cousins April and Josh ran away because Nenaw wouldn't let them leave the table until they finished their vegetables. They really only ran a mile or so down the road but it was a couple of hours before they came back.

Would you believe she sat them right back down at that table and made them finish. She's stubborn but we sure do love her.

Because my parents were in the travel business, I've been all over the world and never have I found any food that is better than Nenaw's. But then no cooking is better than grandma's cooking.

Up until a couple of years ago all I really knew of Parmer County was Nenaw and Papa's house. Now that I'm older and my old man lives here, I've learned so much more.

I've learned that the big news out here ranges from high school sports to wedding announcements, plus the occasional tornado (which happened to occur on the one night I was in town last summer). A far cry from the daily violence that I

read about in the Dallas Morning News.

I've learned that I can run over to Lee's Barber Shop and pay a measly five bucks for the best haircut and "guy talk" a man could ask for.

I've learned that everybody knows everybody and that waving at each other must be required by law.

I've learned that it's a hundred degrees in the shade during summertime, but stays below freezing for long periods of time in the winter. We don't get much of a variety of weather in Dallas. We get to choose warm, hot or real hot, and there ain't much in between.

I've learned that at any given time of the day, someone in Parmer County is grilling or frying something. Is that a Panhandle thing?

I'm probably the only guy in my circle of friends that knows what a center pivot is.

I've learned that Parmer County will probably never have sports like lacrosse or jai alai.

I've learned that the closest movie theater is 30 miles away, but that doesn't seem to bother anyone. You actually seem to prefer it that

way. Maybe you folks are more patient and can wait for them to come out on video.

I've learned profound sayings like this one I saw on the wall in Lee's Barber Shop: A wise monkey is a monkey who doesn't monkey around with another monkey's monkey.

I've learned that life is probably better when it's simple.

To all of you folks who live here in Friona, Bovina, and Parmer County, I thank you for the hospitality. For waving at me, for shaking my hand and saying "glad to know ya", for teaching me words like "directly" and "reckon", for adopting my dad, and for giving a city slicker a taste of the sweet life. Here is a bit of wisdom that I picked up this year in Paris: Life is all about the stories you can tell your grandchildren.

Next year I'll be in my second year of college and heading toward a degree in journalism. With any luck someday I may be able to write about really interesting things like oatmeal.

Just like dad.
(Note from the "old man". Nice job son. I love you. Thanks for letting me have the week off.)

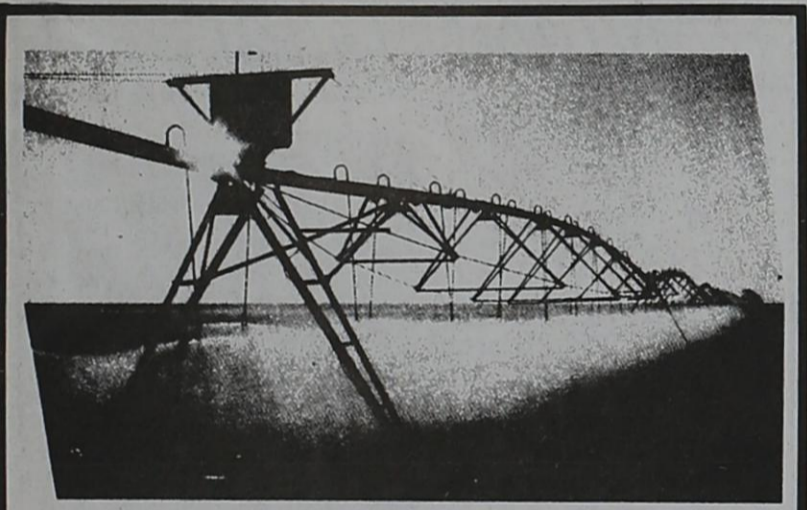

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Services for Robert M. Gowing, 80, of Friona were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Vergil Ichtetz, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Sierra Vista Cemetery in Taos, NM, at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 23.

Mr. Gowing died May 20, 1996, at his residence.

He was born March 19, 1916 in Oklahoma City. He married Mildred Irene Lang, who preceded him in death on January 19, 1963.

Gowing was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. He had lived in Friona since 1987, moving from Taos, NM. He worked as a line superintendent for REA for many years in Taos.

Survivors include; three sons, Robert L. Gowing of Friona, James Donald Gowing of Las Cruces, NM, and Bobby Hodges of Terrell, Texas; one sister, Ruth Gooch of Wichita, Kansas; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lee Gibson, Charles Ray, James D. Gowing, Robert L. Gowing, David Brown, and Ira Holt.

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Hereford Outreach will conduct a volunteer training program for Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence.

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Hot weather is still with us, and no rain in the forecast but we're all still hoping one of these days....Monday and Tuesday of this week it was a few degrees cooler but several days the temperature has been near or over 100 degrees. Farmers and ranchers in the area are hurting from the drought.

We want to congratulate our valedictorian, Jay Grisham, son of Richard and Velma Grisham. Also, congratulations to Angela Uriegas, salutatorian, daughter of Ruben and Tina Uriegas. These are a couple of fine young people and we wish them lots of good luck throughout their lives.

Carmen Campos, daughter of Alicia Bisig, is historian of the class, which is right up near the top, too. She has accomplished much and we are very proud of her, too.

It's been a while since I have been in Bovina. We spent several days in the mountains and celebrated Jimmy's big birthday with the kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

We also spent time in Moriarty, New Mexico, with family and Mother's Day in Spearman with the kids. It was unusually hot and dry in the mountains and also in the Albuquerque area. Seems everyone is suffering through one of the worst droughts in years.

We were all saddened to hear about the death of Margaret Meason of Logan, New Mexico, a former local resident for many years. We understand the cause of death was an aneurism and she only lived a short time after the attack. Funeral services were held in Tucumcari at the Dunn Funeral Home and graveside services held in Bovina.

Margaret was an attractive lady and a pleasant person to visit with. We all loved her. Our deepest sympathies to her husband, Pete, and to her sons.

Evelyn Jones Vineyard of Glen Rose, New Mexico, is in Bovina this week visiting with her dad, Amos Steelman, and her brothers and sister, Eddie Gayle and Dickie Steelman and Vi Hutto.

I enjoyed visiting with Evelyn on the telephone and she said it was hot and dry in Glen Rose. They have lots of mesquite trees there and said they had had lots of fires. She

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of four (4) new Motor Graders, one for use in Precinct #1, two for use in Precinct #2 and one for use in Precinct #4. Bids must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, June 10, 1996, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered in trade-in in Precinct #1 is a 1993 Caterpillar 140G VHP SN#72V15276. Any questions concerning the trade-in equipment should be directed to John Mars, Precinct #1 Commissioner, at 806/295-6155 (home) or 806/247-3713 (bam).

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Bids must reflect the total cost of the equipment.

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

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge.

also said she enjoyed coming back to Bovina visiting with family and friends and being with her dad.

I talked to Betty Hawkins in recent weeks and she was telling me about their grandson, Shane, getting killed in an automobile accident. He was one of the twins and their mom is Vicki.

I also talked with Vicki on the telephone and she said her husband was needing a heart transplant. He had been in the hospital the day before their son was killed. Betty is a dear friend and it was sweet to talk to them. Our thoughts are with them.

The Hawkins family lived in Bovina several years and still get the Blade and keep up with everyone.

Carl and Erma Bradshaw Schrader have been at their home in Bovina for about three weeks. On Friday of last week, they drove to Amarillo and attended a reception on Saturday held for daughter, Dyalhia, who had taught school for the past thirty-five years. The Schraders came home on Sunday.

Sid Lloyd had a good Mother's Day. She went to Belen, New Mexico and visited with daughter, Julia and Reyes Olona. Her daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Larry Webb of Hale Center, came after her and took her to Belen.

They all spent a couple of days and then Sid came back to Hale Center and spent a couple of days there before returning to Bovina.

Justin Brozek and son, Jake, have recently returned from a trip to Kansas where they attended graduation ceremonies of his sister, who graduated from college.

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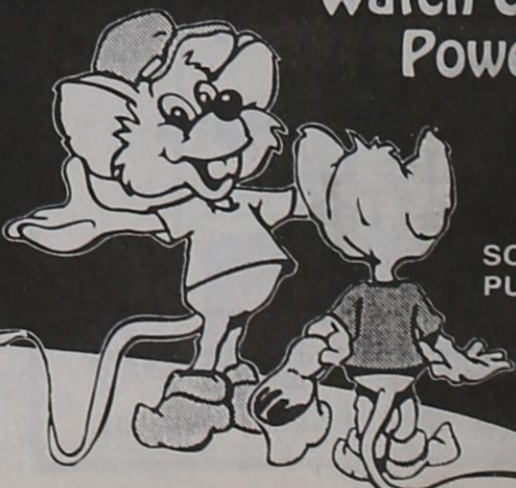
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