

"MY TURN"

By
Carol Ellis



ALL PARENTS of teenagers have voiced this phrase at some time or other... "You're not so smart! I've forgotten more than you'll ever know."

How true! For instance, it is easy to forget that the Ganges River is 1557 miles long, that Alexander Fleming was the one who invented penicillin, and whatever is M M M M M M D C C C L X X X V I I I I I I in real numbers?

Various teachers, throughout my school years, tried to impress the importance of such facts into my brain. It didn't work! But I must hasten to point out that in the 30-some-odd years since I've been out of school, never once have any of those facts popped up in a conversation.

There's a lot of other stuff that I've forgotten, too. For instance, I went downstairs to get something in the basement. What was it? Couldn't remember! Went back upstairs to see if my teenager could remember what I went downstairs for, but he was wearing earphones and was out of touch.

Had an armload of stuff one day while attempting to unlock the car. Rather than drop the camera, I put it up on top of the car. Yep! Once inside with packages deposited on the back seat, I forgot the camera and drove around wondering why everyone was leaning out their windows, pointing and gesturing at me.

Are you identifying with any of this?

Other things we tend to forget: What was the punch line to that joke? On vacation trips, did I leave the coffee pot on back at the house? Did I take my pills? Going to the store to get three items, but after getting there, only remember one.

Ever forget to pick up the kid at music lesson, karate class, etc.? Ever spend an hour roaming through a mall parking lot trying to remember where you parked the car? Ever call a list of people for a committee meeting, dial a number and then forget who you were calling? Ever forget anyone's name when trying to introduce them to your spouse and then call your husband someone else?

In case you're thinking this is just a middle-age problem...wrong!

You take the kid to Little Dribblers practice, drive up to the gym, it is locked, no one is there. The kid says, "Oh, yeah! Coach cancelled practice today cause he had to be out of town."

You turn off the Tonight Show, lock the back door, brush your teeth and turn down the bed. Just then, the kid appears at your bedroom door. "Do we have any poster board? I have to do a map of the Ganges River for tomorrow's history class." (Why are all teachers so hung up on the Ganges River?) Of course, stores that sell poster board and map colors have been closed for the past five hours.

Or you get a frantic phone call at work in the middle of the morning. "Mom, I need a lion costume for the Wizard Of Oz. It's at three this afternoon."

This is the same kid who can furnish names of all those wild looking creatures called rock stars on MTV and can give you the engine model numbers for 47 different automobiles, domestic and foreign.

On the other hand, this middle-aged mom can remember all the words to the jingle, "Pepsi Cola Hits The Spot," the fact that Joanne Woodward won the Best Actress Oscar for "Three Faces of Eve" in 1957, and the fact that one out of every five women dyes her hair.

From all of this, I must conclude that the human brain, regardless of age, is just a festering waste dump of useless information.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: "Opened by mistake" applies more often to mouths than it does to mail.

Highway 60 Phase Progress Discussed

Progress on the construction of two additional lanes on U.S. Highway 60 from Friona to the Deaf Smith County line is about on schedule, according to Rhea Bradley, district Highway Engineer.

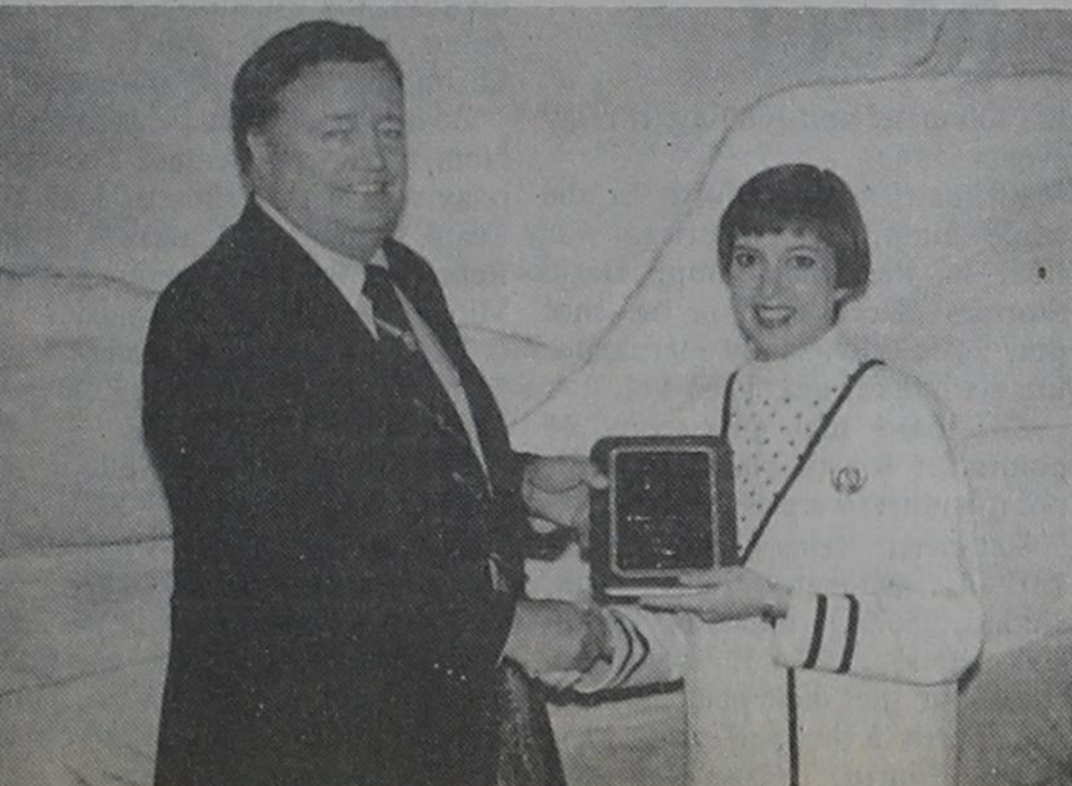
Bradley said it is hoped to have traffic on the new lanes the latter part of this summer. Then, the crews will move to the old lanes, tear it up, and begin reconstructing that portion of the highway.

The storm sewers and culvert work have been completed on the highway, and work on the actual roadway will now proceed.

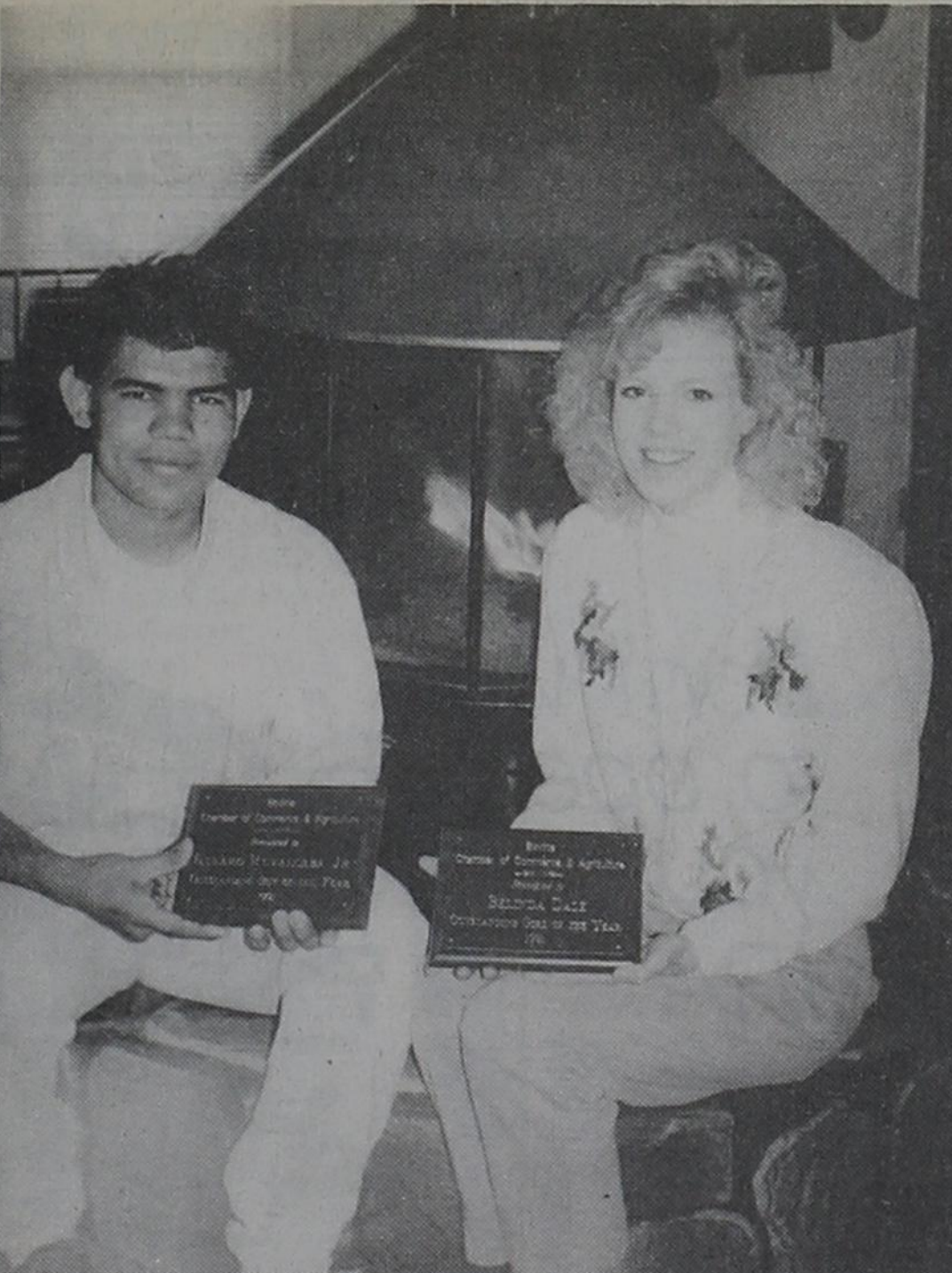
Bradley said that plans for the second stage of the project, from Friona to Bovina, have been completed, and submitted to the state office for approval. The highway officials plan to award bids on this portion of the highway in December of this year. "There are several utility adjustments still lacking on the Friona-Bovina segment, but all right of way is purchased, and the utility problems are being worked out," Bradley said.

District engineer Mel Pope of Lubbock said the funds were secure for the second stage of the project, but a date has not been set for awarding the third stage, Bovina to the state line, pending a new state budget and availability of funds.

"We are hopeful of completing the entire project as quickly as possible, because we realize how badly the improvements are needed in Parmer County," Pope said this week.



OUTSTANDING TEACHER...Patti Johnson received the teacher award at the 1991 Chamber banquet. Making the presentation was Bob Stafford, the 1991 Chamber of Commerce president.



YOUTH AWARDS...Genaro Ruvalcaba and Belinda Dale were chosen as the outstanding youth at Bovina's Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday.



NEW EDITOR...Carrie Wilkerson is the new editor of the Bovina Blade and began working this week. She lives in Friona and she and husband, Randy, have three daughters. She replaces Scooter Russell as editor.



TOP CITIZENS...Keith Knight and Carolyn Pruitt were honored as Man and Woman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday.



HERITAGE AWARD...Sid Lloyd, second from left, was the recipient of the special "Heritage Award" at the Chamber banquet. Also shown are Mrs. Lloyd's children, (l-r) Patsy Webb, Don Lloyd and Julia Olona.

CHAMBER

Banquet Honors Outstanding Citizens

Bovina's outstanding citizens were honored at the 31st annual banquet of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture last Thursday, March 21.

Among those honored were Keith Knight as Man of the Year; Carolyn Pruitt as Woman of the Year; Patti Johnson as Teacher of the Year; and Belinda Dale and Genaro Ruvalcaba as the outstanding youths.

In addition, the Chamber presented a special "Heritage Award" to Sid Lloyd.

Knight has been a resident of Bovina since 1976. He has served two terms as a city councilman, and is serving his second term as mayor. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is a former member of the Lions Club. He sings in the choir at the Methodist Church.

Knight is the father of twins, Kim Wilson and Kevin Knight, who live in Michigan, and is married to the former Nancy Wilson. Knight, it was said, is "known to play a little golf."

"I was shocked, and pleasantly surprised and pleased to receive the honor, and thought it was just great," Knight said, and said he was "proud to call Bovina his home."

Carolyn Pruitt, the Woman of the Year, married Prentiss Pruitt in 1958. They lived in this area awhile before moving to Oregon. They moved back in 1960, and have farmed here since that time.

They were parents of two sons, John and Steven, but the oldest, John, is deceased. The Pruitts are currently raising their granddaughters, Misty and Lindsey.

Carolyn is active in Sunday School and church at First Baptist Church of Bovina. She also does volunteer work at the nursing homes in Friona and Farwell, and has been active in PTA work, serving as secretary and publishing a newsletter for the PTA.

Patti Johnson, the Teacher of the Year, was raised in Portales, her mother being a teacher and her father a professor at ENMU. She

began teaching first grade in Bovina in September of 1985.

She is married to Scott Johnson. They attend the Bovina Church of Christ, where she also teaches Sunday School. The Scotts are parents of one child, Andrew Scott, who was born this past February 13.

Sid Lloyd was presented with the Heritage Award, and her three children, a surprise to Mrs. Lloyd, were present. They are Don of Alexandria, Virginia; Julia Ann Olona of Santa Fe, New Mexico and Patsy Webb of Adrian.

Mrs. Lloyd was cited for visiting the shut-ins of the community, being an active member of First Baptist Church for 42 years and she goes with the women's groups to the nursing homes in Friona and Farwell.

She is also an active member of the Bovina Senior Citizens, the Thrifty Club, and the monthly 42 Club. A graduate of Childress High School, she moved with her late husband, Travis, to Bovina in 1949, after having lived here awhile sometime earlier.

Miss Dale is the daughter of Donald and Nita Dale. She is a senior at Bovina High School. She has been active in sports, FHA, UIL contests, has served as a cheerleader, has been chosen class favorite three times, and has served as class president three different years.

She was valedictorian of her eighth grade class, and is an active member of the youth group at First Baptist Church.

Other girl nominees were Michelle Stanberry, Nita Marshall, Stephanie Rackley and Grace Uriegas.

Ruvalcaba is also a senior at BHS. He has been exceptionally active in sports. He was chosen as player of the week by the Amarillo Globe-News as a sophomore and again as a junior. He was named all-district tight end and linebacker as a senior.

He has also served as president of the Student Council. He has

Special Registration Scheduled

Pre-registration for Head Start and kindergarten for the fall semester of 1991 will be held at Ridgelea School on Wednesday, April 17 from 3-4 p.m.

To pre-register a child for Head Start, the child must be four years old on or before September 1, 1991 and the family must meet income guidelines. To pre-register a child for kindergarten, the child must be five years old on or before September 1.

Registration requires a birth certificate, up-to-date immunization (shot) records, and for Head Start, income verification such as check stubs, food stamp number, etc. If your child has a Social Security number, please bring it, also.

Egg Hunt Scheduled Sunday

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, March 29 at the City Park. All children in the community are invited to attend, and will begin at 2 p.m.

This is sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club.

received the geometry, algebra, English and vocational agriculture awards. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Genaro Ruvalcaba, Sr., and is involved in the Catholic Youth Organization four years, and is also a member of the Parish Council. He hopes to become an architect.

Other nominees for the boys' award were Corey Kirkpatrick, Cain Neal, Chris Wilson and Hugo Renteria.

Tim Peterson and Randy Egan, the Cowpoke Troubadours, served as the banquet entertainment. Residents of Clovis, N.M., Randy and Tim performed a sketch of the history of the cowboy, with music and comedy. Their antics kept the audience in stitches.

Jerry Roach, the Chamber's 1990 president, gave the welcome, and introduced the 1991 officers and directors for the Chamber.

Bob Stafford will serve as the 1991 Chamber president. Coleman Young will be vice president; Esther Steelman will serve as secretary; Sandra Johnson as treasurer; Suzan Hughes as reporter; and Mike Jansen as manager.

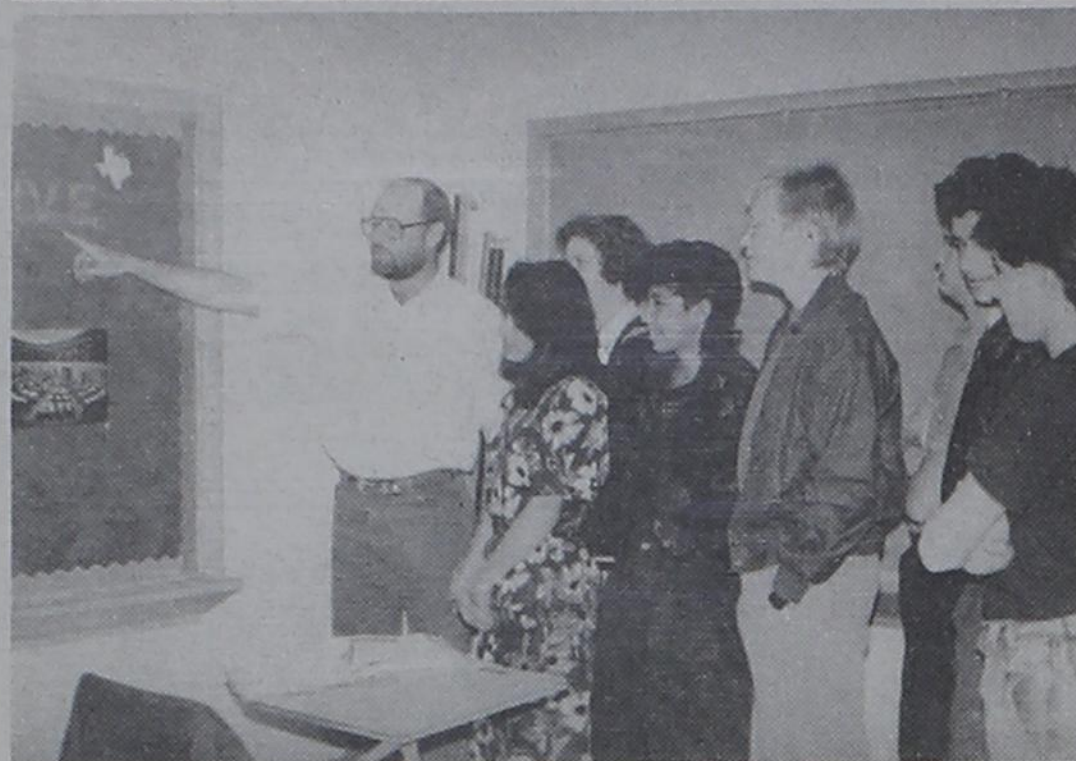
Other members of the board of directors are Galen Hromas, Ted Clayton, Kristi Steelman, Linda Heard, Mel Clark, Mike Prather, Arla Waters, Ken Waters, Richard Grisham, Scooter Russell, Charollette Cockerham, Linda Kelley, Dickie Clayton and Ken Sherbon.

Retiring directors are Tami Kunselman, Mike Beauchamp, Kim Black, Pam Bell, Larry Mitchell and Sonny Roach.

Jerry Roach will remain on the board in an ex-officio capacity.

Mike Jansen served as master of ceremonies. Steve Venable of the Bovina and Oklahoma Lane Methodist Churches, gave the invocation, and Mike Prather of the Church of Christ, gave the benediction.

Ribeye steaks, baked potatoes, salad, hot yeast rolls and cherry cobbler for dessert, were enjoyed by the banquet crowd.



TEACHER OF THE WEEK....Dennis Field was chosen Teacher of the Week by the Bovina Parent-Teacher Association. His wife is Vickie and the couple has two children, Brock, five, and Lucretia, two. He has taught school seven years in all and two in Bovina and is presently teaching history.

Hattie McCormick Is Buried Monday

Funeral services for Hattie Belle (Morgan) McCormick, 76, were conducted Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Bovina, with Rev. Steve Venable, pastor, and Rev. Richard Grisham of First Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCormick passed away Friday, March 22 at her residence in Bovina.

She was born November 10, 1914 in Lonoke, Arkansas. She married A.R. McCormick March 17, 1930 in Stuttgart, Arkansas. The McCormicks moved to Parmer County in 1954.

She was a housewife, and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include four sons, Everett McCormick, Jr., of Clovis, N.M., Eldon Ray McCormick, Billy Don

McCormick and Tommy McCormick, all of Bovina; three daughters, Wanda Sue Williams of Tulia, Douise Ellison of Farwell and Janice Davis of Clovis, N.M.

Also surviving are two sisters, May Bolin of Beebe, Arkansas and Faye Bolin of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; 26 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 30, 1969, and a son, Robert Lee McCormick, November 22, 1980.

J. Bridges' Rites Held

Funeral services for Johnnie J. Bridges, 85, of Magnolia, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bailey Funeral Home of Magnolia.

Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery at Lamartine.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are three sons, Charles Bridges of Little Rock, Arkansas, Kenneth Bridges of Clarkston, Washington and Edward Bridges of Magnolia; a daughter, Mrs. Jim Guest of Bovina; a brother, Joe Bridges of Marysville; four sisters, Irene Poindexter of Monroe, Louisiana, Mildred Smith and Avis Phillips, both of Waldo, and Beatrice Boyd of Louisiana; 21 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Past Chamber Of Commerce Winners

MAN OF THE YEAR

- Roy M. Crawford 1961
- Wendol Christian 1962
- Warren Morton 1963
- Bedford Caldwell 1964
- Don Stone 1965
- Wilbur Charles 1966
- Jay Sherrill 1967
- Billie Sudderth 1968
- Wayne Spears 1969
- Dolph Moten 1970
- Vernon Estes 1971
- Bob Fillpot 1972
- Tom Bonds 1973
- Lewis McDaniel 1974
- Rouel Barron 1975
- Johnnie Horn 1976
- Kenneth Cary 1977
- Don Murphy 1978
- Steve Sherrill 1979
- Gaylon Rhodes 1980
- Billy Whitecotton 1981
- Don Spring 1982
- Joe Jones 1983
- Bob Owen 1984
- J.L. Bass 1985
- Marks Lanham 1986
- Vernon Willard 1987
- Charlie Teague 1988
- Larry Mitchell 1989
- Mike Beauchamp 1990

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

- Lady Armstrong 1962
- Margaret Caldwell 1963
- Leola Williams 1964
- Mable Ellison 1965
- Flossie Rhinehart 1966
- Bessie Caldwell 1967
- Betty Hawkins 1968
- Lucille Walling 1969
- Doris Wilson 1970
- Ellen Estes 1971
- Shirley Ware 1972
- Pearl Cervantez 1973
- Norma Whitten 1974
- Pat Read 1975
- Sue Fowler 1976
- Karen Kirkpatrick 1977
- Yvonne Stevenson 1978
- Virgie Cary 1979
- Jane Kassahn 1980
- Mary Richards 1981
- Ola Lee Jones 1982
- Frances Willard 1983
- Sarah Owen 1984
- Terry Thomas 1985
- Tammy Willard 1986
- Debra Beauchamp 1987
- Barbara Lowe 1988
- Esther Steelman 1989
- Pam Bell 1990



ENTERTAINERS...The Cowpoke Troubadours, Tim Peterson and Randy Egan of Clovis, entertained at last Thursday's Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Mustangs Third In Own Relays

Graced by one of the best days, weatherwise, of the season, an outstanding Bovina Relays was completed here last weekend, with six schools competing in four divisions.

In the high school boys' division, the Mustangs scored 102 points, placing third behind Lazbuddie, 147, and Farwell, 105.

Bovina had great performances from their relay teams. The mile relay won with a time of 3:39.17. Team members were Hugo Renteria, Robert Guevara, Kory Mitchell and Corey Kirkpatrick.

The 400 meter team won in 46.8. They were Izzy Marrufo, Renteria, Guevara and Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.19, and Cain Neal won the shot put at 42-9½ for Bovina's other wins.

Guevara placed third in the 200-meter dash in 23.59; Neal was third in the discus at 10-2¾, and Castillo was third in the shot put at 40-6¼.

Manuel Porras placed fourth in the 800-meter dash at 2:15; Renteria was fourth in the 100-meter dash at 11.52, and Mitchell was fourth in the 400-meter dash at 55.98.

Marrufo placed fifth in the long

jump at 18-8 and also was fifth in the 100-meter dash at 11.9.

The junior high boys scored 91½ points for third place. Kody Wilson had the only first place, winning in the 100-meter dash in 11.74.

Andy Espinoza was second in the 800-meters at 2:40, Benji Chisom was second in the 200 meters, 26.24; and Bovina's mile relay team placed second at 4:09.88.

Ezekiel Lara placed third in the discus at 88-10¾, and the local 400-meter relay team was third in 51.56.

Floyd Jarrett was fourth in the shot, 33-0; Lance McClaran was fourth in the triple jump, 31-3¾; Jose Perez was fourth in the 800 meters, 2:40; and Jimmie Bonham was fourth in the 200-meters, 27.96.

Wilson was fifth in the triple jump, 33-5; Henry Renteria was fifth in the 100-meters, 13.38; and Cruz Marrufo was fifth in the 400-meters, 64.38.

Chisom was sixth in the high jump, 4-8, Dalton was sixth in the 400-meters, 64.84, and McClaran was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles, 50.9.

Griggs Is Standout In Fillies' Meet

The Fillies placed third in the Bovina Relays with 116 points, edged out by Farwell with 134 points and Springlake, 119. They outscored Cotton Center, 108, Lazbuddie, 54, and Three Way, two.

Donna Griggs had a big day for the Fillies, winning three events. She won the high jump at 4-6; the 100-meter hurdles in 17.0 and the 300-meter hurdles in 53.35.

Teresa Stone won the discus throw at 86-2.

Ione Molinar was second in the 800-meters, 2:54.84.

Nancy Vargas placed third in the long jump, 14-½; Kimberley Kirkpatrick was third in the 300-meter hurdles, 55.95; Vargas was third in the 200-meters, 30.06; and Molinar was third in the 1600 run, 6:45.58.

Bovina also placed third in both

the 400-meter and 1600-meter relay events.

Kirkpatrick was fourth in the triple jump, 27-8; Noriega was fifth in the long jump; Darla Stormes placed sixth in the shot put, 24-5; and Candy Hernandez was sixth in the discus, 66-5¼.

The junior high girls scored 68 points for fourth place. Bovina's point-winners were as follows:

800-meter relay team, first, 2:01.12; 400-meter relay team, second, 56.91; Olivarez, third, 800-meters, 2:54.3; Noriega, fourth in the shot put, 22-11½, and fourth in the long jump, 13-2; Dopp, fourth, 1600-meter run, 7:06.52, and the 1600-meter relay team, fourth.

Brooke Charles, fifth, triple jump, 24-6; Campos, fifth, 1600 run, 7:10.9; Dopp, sixth, high jump, 3-11; Quintana, sixth, triple jump, 24-4½.

Grasses Control Erosion

By HOWARD SPRAGUE
Soil Conservationist, S.C.S.

Grass planting is a great means of controlling soil erosion. Many times grass is a better choice for erosion control than other erosion control alternatives such as terraces.

A landowner that has livestock and eroding cropland may find the cropland to be more valuable for forage production than crop production.

Establishing grass on the High Plains of Texas requires three basic steps. The first is to establish a dead litter crop such as forage sorghum or wheat. The dead litter crop will be used to protect the soil until grass is established. The next step is to plant the grass. In Parmer County, the seeding dates for most grasses is March through May. The last step is weed control. This may be the most important step. If competition from weeds is not controlled, the water and nutrients needed for grass establishment may not be available.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) is available for technical assistance on all aspects of establishing grass. Cost share may be available through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and other programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

Programs and services of the Soil Conservation Service are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

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Crim Gives Bleak Outlook For 1991

By SCOTT ROBINSON
Every farmer spends a lot of time wondering about the weather, especially during the early spring. The spring is a critical time for their crops, and each farmer worries about what effect Mother Nature will have on their corn, cotton and wheat yields.

And the news from the Crim homestead this year is exactly what every Parmer County resident fears: a poor crop season lies ahead.

Every year on March 22, the second day of spring, Weldon Crim predicts the weather for the upcoming season by reconstructing an ancient Indian custom. The forecast is made by putting wood into a teepee shape and igniting it at sunrise on the second day of the season. The direction in which the smoke blows predicts the season's weather.

This year the wind blew out of the west-southwest, which translates into a poor season for the farmers.

"Heap of bad medicine," says Crim. "In the olden days, the chief would advise that the farmer load up the wife and kids and move to Oklahoma."

Crim is the third generation of

his family to conduct the Indian ritual, called a "fire burning." His grandfather, Taylor Crim, learned the tradition from watching the Indians near his residence in Van Horn, Texas. Years later when Taylor began farming, he began using the "fire burning" to forecast the weather himself.

Taylor Crim died in 1937, and his only living son, J.W., carried on with the tradition. J.W. began conducting his version of the ritual in 1922, but he did not go public with it until 1952. After that, the forecast became quite a public affair and J.W. became known as the "weather prophet."

J.W. continued the burnings until his death in 1980. Three years later, his youngest son, Weldon, went public with his version of the family tradition.

"The burnings are part of our family, and I expect my kids to continue the tradition," says Weldon.

He also says there is another reason for carrying on the ritual. "Everybody is interested in the weather, but no one can do anything about it." And unfortunately this year for Parmer County farmers, Crim is exactly right.



MAKES FORECAST...Weldon Crim is shown as he makes his annual weather prediction on the second day of spring each year. His prediction is that 1991 will be a poor crop year for Parmer County farmers.

Area Youths Attend District Scout Show

Scouts from the Friona and Bovina organizations will be taking part in the 1991 Longhorn District Scout Show Saturday, April 6 at Sugarland Mall in Hereford. With the theme of "Scouting...A Bridge to the Future," the show will include displays of Scout projects and skills, a demonstration of accident response by Explorer Scouts and Cub Scout competition in the Pinewood Derby.

Advance tickets are on sale now, priced at \$2 per family. Scouts receive part of the proceeds to help pay for summer camp, and prizes will be awarded to those Scouts who reach various levels of ticket sales.

The show will begin at noon, with the Pinewood Derby heats scheduled at 3 p.m. Awards will be

presented at 4:30 p.m. with the show set to conclude at 5 p.m.

Eighteen Scout units will be involved in the Hereford show, with 25 booths and display areas. The Hereford EMS-Law Enforcement Explorer Post will take part in a mock accident, demonstrating use of the Jaws of Life and other rescue and first aid techniques. Some of the subjects of the booths are communications, leather work, tin can cookery, a regatta, space derby, obstacle course, computers, a petting zoo, rope work and finger printing.

A concession stand will be in operation during the show, and admission tickets will also be available at Sugarland Mall the day of the show.

SWCD Stewardship Week To Be Observed

Suggesting that everyone can help care for our earth's environment by looking for things to do right outside their doorway, the Parmer County S.W.C.D. is encouraging local churches, organizations and individuals to join the nationwide observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 28-May 5, 1991.

The local conservation district, which works throughout the year on soil and water conservation measures, is providing color literature that highlights humanity's responsibility to be active stewards of our nation's soil and water resources. The local district is one of nearly 3,000 conservation districts nationwide that work with the National Association of Conservation Districts to encourage greater resource

stewardship through the annual week-long observance.

M.C. Osborn, chairman of the Parmer County S.W.C.D., said he hopes Stewardship Week will help individuals realize that their own actions (good or bad) will reap results (good or bad) on the environment. "By taking positive environmental steps—as simple as planting a tree or reducing pesticide use—every person can be a sower, not just in the fields where food and fiber crops are grown, but in the broader fields of life," said Osborn.

Materials especially designed to convey the 1991 theme, "As You Sow," are being distributed by the Parmer County S.W.C.D. For more information, call 806-247-2220 or come by 1306 West Ninth Street in Friona.

Clinics Available For Immunizations

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for April.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis),

measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinics open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The clinics will be held in Hereford at 914 East Park Avenue, on April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; and in Dimmitt at the Castro County Expo Building, 403 S.E. 4th Street, on April 26 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

DPS Gives Accident Summary

Capt. Rusty Davis, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of February, our troopers investigated six fatal accidents, 35 personal injury accidents and 48 property damage accidents. There were seven persons killed and 47 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Marshall Henderson of Hereford stated, "In Parmer County, our troopers investigated one fatal accident, six personal injury accidents, and five property damage accidents during the months of January and February. Two persons were killed and seven persons were injured in these accidents."

Parmer Co. Spelling Bee Winners Given

The Parmer County Spelling Bee was held March 13 at Lazbuddie. Spellers from throughout the county competed in the event.

Junior Bee winners were: 1. Dustin Weir, Lazbuddie Elementary; 2. Rachel Embry, Farwell Elementary; 3. Candace Travis, Farwell Elementary.

Senior Bee winners: 1. Rachelle Rice, Lazbuddie Junior High; 2. Candace Travis, Farwell Elementary; 3. Sulema Moran, Lazbuddie Junior High.

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...THIS STRATEGY BACKFIRED ON ZIMRI! HIS OWN ARMY, ON HEARING OF THIS VICIOUS SLAUGHTER, WAS SO HORRIFIED THAT ITS MEN MARCHED AGAINST ZIMRI'S PALACE, WHERE THE KING-FOR-A-WEEK SET FIRE TO THE ROYAL DOMICILE, PREFERRING TO DIE RATHER THAN FACE THE BRAND OF STERN JUSTICE HIS FORMER SOLDIERS WOULD MOST CERTAINLY ADMINISTER TO HIM—FOR, IN ONE WEEK, ZIMRI HAD CAUSED AS MUCH MISERY AS MOST OTHER TYRANTS ACCOMPLISHED IN A LIFETIME OF RULE!

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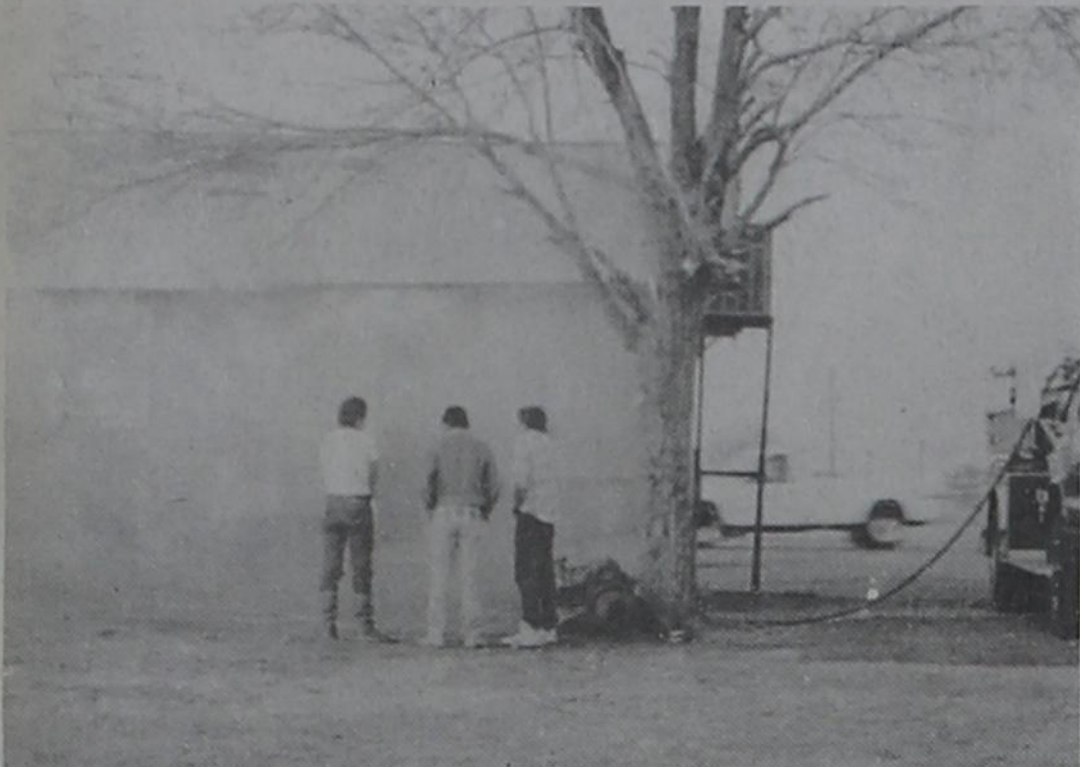
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HOUSE FIRE....This house located at 507 Ninth Street caught on fire early Thursday morning. There were no injuries and light damage was sustained. The cause was unknown.

Extension Club Meeting Is Held

Bovina Home Extension Club met March 19 at First Bank with nine members present. The meeting was called to order and members answered roll by telling their favorite thing about Easter.

President Steelman reminded members of the district meeting to be held in Seminole on April 20. All members are encouraged to



BIRTHDAY....Maurine Bell will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on April 4. She would love to hear from her friends. Her address is: Maurine Bell, Retirement Ranch, Dillion St., Clovis, New Mexico, 88101.

attend. The SPS representative, Mary Blinderman, will be presenting a program on June 4 to all members county-wide.

The program was presented by Chris Cupit and Kristi Steelman. Chris showed how to make fabric-covered photo albums and Kristi gave information on preserving our photos. Each member brought their own supplies and covered an album to take home.

Refreshments of chips, dip, Easter cake, tea and coffee were served by Denise Anderson and Joyce Read. Those attending were Chris Cupit, Paula Nance, Suzan Hughes, Jana Barrett, Kristi Steelman, Mary Evelyn Steelman, Arla Waters, Barbarette Sikes and Denise Anderson.

The next meeting will be on April 16 at 7 p.m. Suzan Hughes will be presenting a program on handwriting analysis.

THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL PROGRAM

American Heart Association
This space provided as a public service.

Basketball Action Continues For LD

Bovina Little Dribbler teams competed in league action this past week. Game results are as follows:

MARCH 18, 1991
JUNIOR BOYS
Joe Olvera's Team 12, Tommy McCormick's Team 9
High scorers: (J.O.) Ishiah Oliver, 6. (T.M.) Erick McCormick, 7.

Earl Quintana's Team 20, Randy James' Team 2
High Scorers: (E.Q.) Josh Quintana, 8. (R.J.) Michael Mitchell, 2.

SENIOR BOYS
Mike Beauchamp's Team 23, Kenneth Waters' Team 20
High scorers: (M.B.) Hector Larrea, 10. (K.W.) Erik Galvan, 7.

MARCH 19, 1991
JUNIOR GIRLS
Linda Martinez' Team 8, Sherrie Ventura's Team 10
High scorers: (L.M.) Ashley Zehner, 4. (S.V.) Evangelina Casas, 4; Gina Beauchamp, 4.

JUNIOR BOYS
Shelia Futch's Team 16, Tommy McCormick's Team 9
High scorers: (S.F.) Brandon Twito, 8. (T.M.) Derrick

McCormick, 5.
SENIOR GIRLS
Linda Kelly's Team 32, Artie Kunselman's Team 18
High scorers: (L.K.) Kasey Bell, 14. (A.K.) Jessica Stowers, 6; Sarah Rocha, 6.

MARCH 22, 1991
JUNIOR GIRLS
Estella Ortiz' Team 16, Linda Martinez' Team 7
High scorers: (E.O.) Vicki Ortiz, 6; Laquisha Brown, 6. (L.M.) Linda Vargas, 3.

JUNIOR BOYS
Joe Olvera's Team 12, Randy James' Team 4
High scorers: (J.O.) Jessie Fuentes, 6. (R.J.) Mathew James, 2.

SENIOR GIRLS
Judy Hromas' Team 19, Linda Kelly's Team 14
High scorers: (J.H.) Lisa Hromas, 9. (L.K.) Amber Willard, 8.

SENIOR BOYS
Linda Kelly's Team 33, Kenneth Waters' Team 25
High scorers: (L.K.) Manny Quintana, 15. (K.W.) Ricardo Antillon, 13.

G. Patton's Rites Held Here Friday

Services for George W. Patton, 99, were held Friday, March 29 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, with Rev. Richard Grisham officiating.

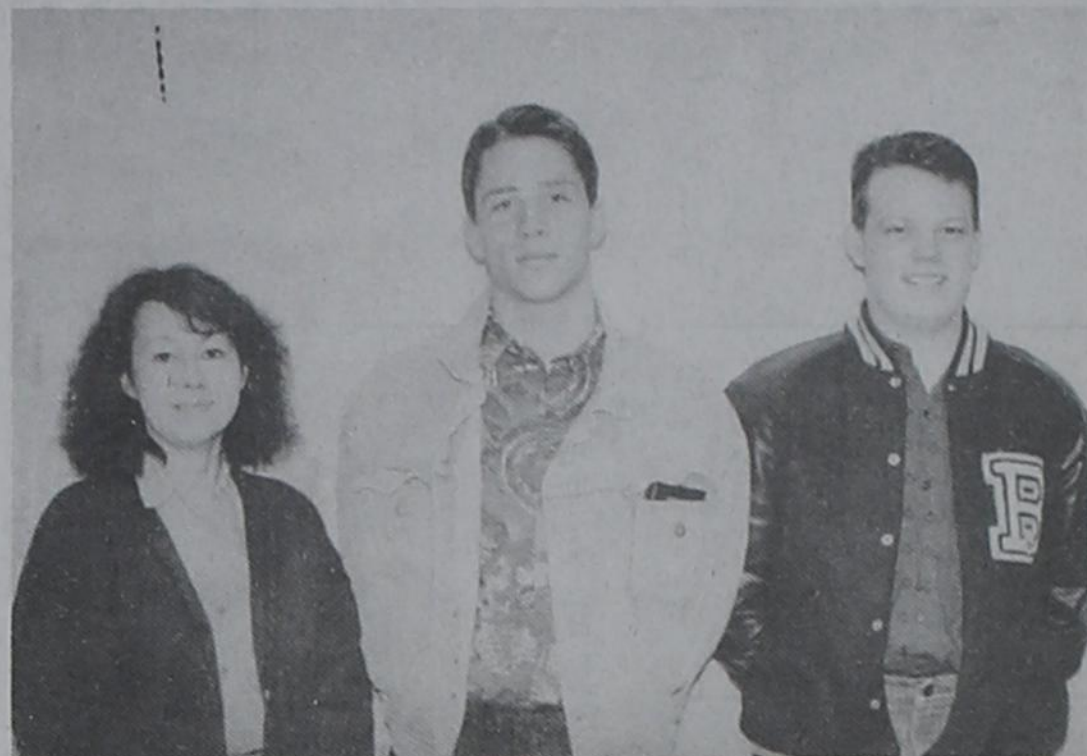
Burial was in the Chillicothe Cemetery.

Patton died Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at the Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. He was born in Salty, Texas, July 11, 1891. He was a farmer and had been a resident of Bovina since May, 1989. He was a member of True Heart Baptist Church in Chillicothe, and a member of Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Patton of Tucson, Arizona; one son, Owen Patton of Bovina; two grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nettie Patton, on January 19, 1962 and a baby daughter in 1916.

Pallbearers were Dickie Clayton, Billy Hughes, James (Sonnie) Roach, Loyd Gober, Al Kerby and Scott Gober.



"JETS" WINNERS...Marko Lesic, center, and Chris Wilson were the winners in the Junior Engineering Technical Society competition, and qualified for the state meet. They are shown with their instructor, Mrs. Beauchamp.

BHS Students Win; Eye State Meet

Marko Lesic and Chris Wilson took first place in the Regional JETS Contest in Canyon, held Saturday, March 8. JETS stands for Junior Engineering Technical Society and is a national non-profit educational organization dedicated to preparing pre-college youth for the challenging world of tomorrow.

Those participating were Michelle Stanberry, English; Marko Lesic, physics and math; Grace Uriegas, English and Chris Wilson, English, biology and computer. Bovina students competed as individuals against students from larger schools such as Tascosa and Amarillo High.

Lesic won first in physics and third in math. He will compete at the state competition in physics.

Chris Wilson won first in biology and English and second in computer. Chris also won the Top Sophomore in biology and English. He will also compete in the state competition in English

and biology. Michelle Stanberry won fifth in English.

The state competition will be held at College Station, Texas A&M, April 27. We wish Chris and Marko much luck in the state competition.

It's A Girl For Couple

ABF-3 Michael and Laura Shepherd of Manhattan, New York, are the parents of a baby girl, Jasmin Lanae, born March 14 at 9:45 p.m.

She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured twenty-one inches long.

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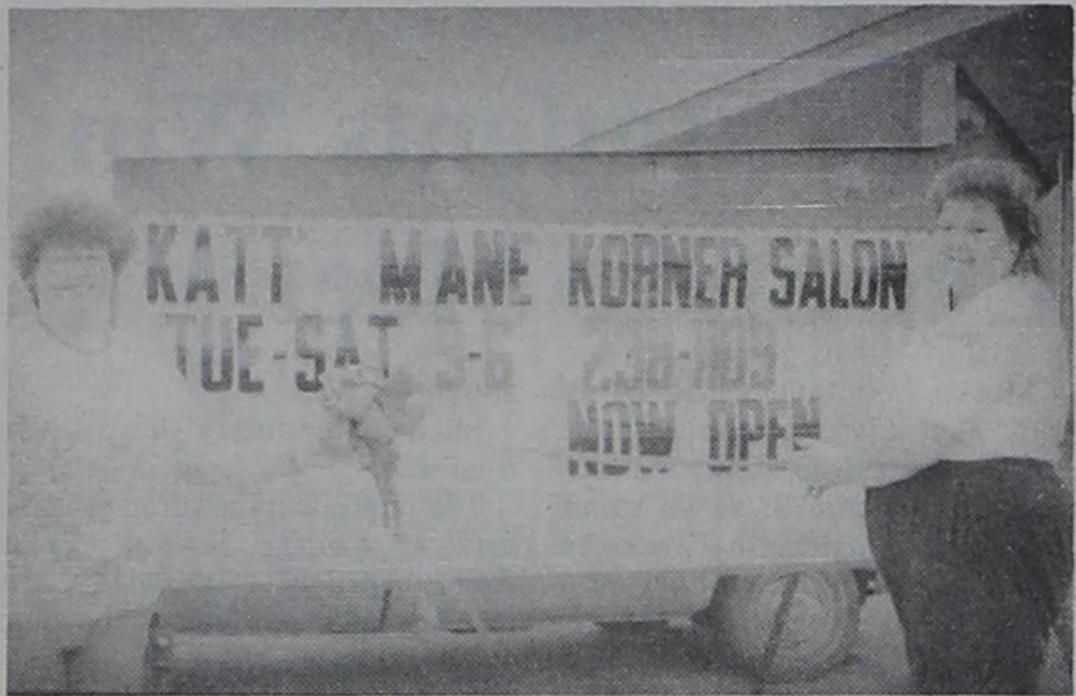
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JOHNSONS HONORED...Scotty, Billy and Charles Johnson were honored as "Business of the Month" by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. The Johnsons are involved in ensilage harvesting. The Chamber of Commerce salutes the Johnsons.



RIBBON-CUTTING...The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting this week for Katt's Mane Korner Salon this week. Chamber director Suzan Hughes, is at left, and Kathleen Spring, owner, is at right.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor, City Council and Bovina Ambulance Service of Bovina, Texas will be received at the office of the City Administrator, City Hall, Bovina, Texas, until 7:00 P.M. April 9, 1991, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, labor, superintendence, and other work in connection with this project titled:

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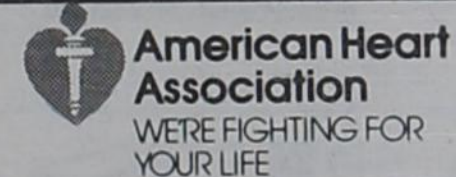
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Election Date Is May 18 On Hospital Issue

The Parmer County Commissioners Court voted this week to call a special election on May 18 to decide whether to create the Parmer County Hospital District, and the levying of taxes for hospital purposes at a rate not to exceed 25 cents per \$100 valuation.

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Candidates File For City, School Elections

The school board election and city election will be held Saturday, May 4.

Terms expiring for school board members are Larry Hodnett and Larry Mitchell and both have filed for re-election. Dickie Steelman also has filed.

Those remaining on the school board are Norma Whitten, Mike Beauchamp, Dennis Willard, Jerry Roach and Wes Cockerham.

Those who have filed for a position on the city council are: Leon Ware, Charlie Teague and Galen Hromas for re-election and Kevin Hughes has also filed.

Those whose terms are expiring are Charlie Teague, Galen Hromas

and Leon Ware. Holdover members of the council are John Dixon and Sonny Roach.

The deadline for filing was Wednesday, March 20.

School Menu

- WEEK OF APRIL 1-5**
MONDAY--no school.
TUESDAY--corn dogs, French fries, salad, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY--chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, rolls and milk.
THURSDAY--red beans, cole slaw, fried potatoes, cornbread and milk.
FRIDAY--Sloppy Joes, potato chips, salad, fruit and milk.



CO-OP OFFICIALS....Three leaders of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative are shown at last Tuesday's meeting in Hereford. Floyd Schueler, left, and Charles Myers, Jr., right, were re-elected to the organization's board of directors. Company official, Jimmy Bell, is in the center. (Staff Photo)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Parmer, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 18, 19 91, for voting in a special election to create the Parmer County Hospital District and the levy of annual taxes for hospital purposes at a rate not to exceed 25c per \$100.00 valuation of all taxable property in the district.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 18 de Mayo de 19 91 para votar en la Elección Especial para _____.)

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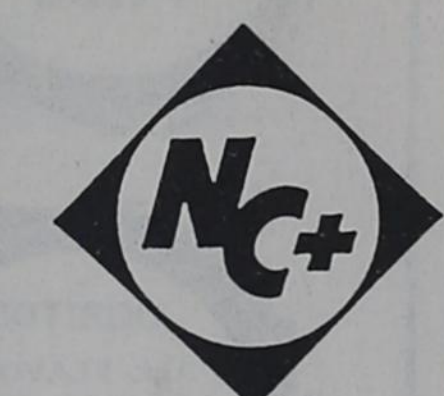
Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Parmer County Clerk's Office
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