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Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



EARLIER THIS summer, Friona librarian Darla Bracken approached Ye Editor, pointing out the library's emphasis on the Olympics. Her visit reminded me that as a young "cub reporter," I had covered the 1960 Olympic Trials in Palo Alto, California. Darla urged me to write about this.

Less than a month into my first newspaper job, there I was at Stanford Stadium, watching America's top athletes try out for that coveted spot on the Olympic team.

Some of the winners made names for themselves. Others just basked while enjoying their brief claim to fame.

I've always been a pole vault fan, and I particularly enjoyed watching Don Bragg win the event by clearing 15-0. At the Olympics, Bragg set a new record with a jump of 15-5. A sideline to this is the fact that in the intervening years, two Friona boys have cleared 15 feet. Andy Kendrick's top mark this season, 15-3, would have won a silver medal in the 1960 Olympics.

Bragg went on to make a movie or two, in the role of "Tarzan."

Glen Davis won the 400-meter hurdles, both in the trials and later in Rome, setting a new Olympic record. U.S. hurdlers placed 1-2-3. Davis repeated his gold-medal performance of 1956, when the Olympics were in Australia.

Jumper Ralph Boston won the long jump with a new Olympic record of 26 feet, 7-3/4 record. It stood until Bob Beamon topped 29 feet.

Al Oerter won the discus throw when we saw the meet at Palo Alto. He and the other two American qualifiers went to Rome and gave Uncle Sam another 1-2-3 sweep. Lee Calhoun had a fight on his hands to win the U.S. trials in the 110-meter hurdles. The two who pushed him, Willie May and Hayes Jones, did likewise in Rome, and again the U.S. placed 1-2-3.

Wilma Rudolph was the "rising star" for the U.S. Women's track and field team. The long-legged Tennessee star easily won her qualifying events that we watched on that clear California afternoon.

A couple of months later in the Olympics at Rome, Miss Rudolph easily won the 100-meter dash (world record of 11.5), the 200-meter dash in 24.0, and then anchored her team to victory in the 4x100 meter relay, where they set a world record of 44.5.

In my mind's eye, I can still picture Miss Rudolph, pulling away from the field, especially in the 200-meter race, winning by ten yards. Tragedy struck down this great U. S. athlete within the last decade, when she was stricken by a rare disease that claimed her life.

At the Olympic trials, we saw high jumper John Thomas lead the United States' contingent. He won with a jump of seven feet. But in the Olympics, two Russian jumpers outdid Thomas, who had to settle for third place.

One of my disappointments at the trials was when Bobby Morrow, the 1956 gold-medal winner in the 100-meter dash at Melbourne, had to give way to younger sprinters. Morrow, the Abilene Christian flash, was the first to crack the ten-second mark in his specialty.

We didn't get to watch the boxing trials, as they were held elsewhere. But when the Olympics got underway, a promising young black fighter established himself as the favorite in his weight division. He went undefeated at the Olympics. His name was Cassius Clay. You may know him better as Muhammed Ali.

Eight years later, Pampa's Randy Matson joined the small number of Panhandle athletes who have won an Olympic gold medal with his win in the shot put. Matson threw the iron ball almost 70 feet.

Speaking of area stars, the 1936 Olympics saw Joe Fortenberry, who attended Happy High School, pace the United States' gold medal in the first Olympic basketball competition. Fortenberry, the brother of former Parmer County Judge Paul Fortenberry, passed away in 1993 at the age of 82.

Bovina ISD Board Holds July Meeting

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 1996.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. All members were present for the meeting.

Steelman made a motion to pay the vouchers, Brozek seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Therman James and Mike Green addressed the board regarding the kitchen project.

Beauchamp moved to approve TASB Update 51, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Owen moved to approve the Workers' Compensation Renewal, Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Beauchamp moved to approve the ala carte meal prices and breakfast and lunch prices for 1996-97, Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Brozek moved to accept the student code of conduct, Beauchamp seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Owen moved to approve the updated job descriptions for school nurse and counselor, Beauchamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Owen moved to buy airless sprayers to paint football bleachers, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Steelman made a motion to continue with cement work, Jamerson seconded, motion passed 5-1, with Beauchamp voting against.

Owen made a motion to set a \$15 rental fee for band instruments, Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kerby moved to purchase a duplicating machine, Beauchamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Owen moved to accept Longhorn Bus Sales' bid on a 77 passenger Thomas Built school bus. Beauchamp seconded. Motion carried 5-1, with Brozek voting against.

Brozek made a motion to table action on the board vacancy, Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

TASA/TASB convention registration was discussed with no action taken.

Beauchamp moved to hire Frank Wilson as teacher/coach for the 1996-97 school year, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Beauchamp made a motion to accept salary schedule for cafeteria workers, Owen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports, after which the meeting was adjourned.



Bull Town Days Scheduled

It is time to think about Bovina's Bull Town Days. The Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the annual event for August 10.

The Chamber of Commerce will cook hamburgers from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.. There will also be a Coke wagon.

Food booths of any kind are encouraged, as well as game or craft booths. There will be no charge for booth space.

At this time, there is a parade, little buckaroo rodeo, and dance have been scheduled.

Suzan Hughes is parade chairman and says they need floats and entries. Contact Suzan for information.

There will also be many children's activities scheduled.

Anyone interested in helping with Bull Town Days, or anyone who would like a booth, can call Mary Steelman at 238-1252, or Brian Galloway at 238-1324.



BIG WHEEL....Thanks to Elton and Marie Venable, and Jim Guest's workmanship, the historical marker wagon has a rebuilt rear wheel. New spokes, new bolts, just in time for Bull Town Days.

Parmer County Receives A Nice Sales Tax Gain

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$143 million in July sales tax rebates to 1,080 Texas cities

and 115 counties, a 6.7 per cent increase over the July 1995 allocations.

"The fact that local sales tax refunds statewide have averaged 8.6 per cent ahead of the first seven months of last year is an excellent indicator of the state's continuing healthy economic climate," Sharp said.

In Parmer County, Friona had a monthly gain of 33.07 per cent for the month, and increased 84.32 per cent year-to-date.

1996 payments to date in Friona total \$134,910.24, compared to \$73,192.36 for the same period in 1995.

Bovina received \$1,589.71 for the month, up 10.22 per cent, but for the year to date, Bovina is down 15.14 per cent for the year, collecting \$14,353.50 in 1996, against \$16,915.13 in 1995.

The Parmer County total sales tax revenue is up 19.45 per cent for the month, and 53.19 per cent so far in 1996.

Bovina Boosters Kick Off

The Bovina Booster Club has begun preparations for their annual football program.

Spirit ads are available for \$10 and can be purchased from any member. The ads must be paid for when placed.

The next meeting of the Booster Club will be Tuesday, July 30 at 8 p.m. in the high school library.



WHY? THEY ASKED.....Erma and Carl Schrader survey water damage in their storage house. Vandals left a sprinkler running inside the building and flooded it.

Just Pranks or Vandalism?

BY RON CARR

There is not much to do in the summer in Bovina. Over the past few weeks, some people have found ways to keep busy.

For instance, someone stole a water hose at the school, hooked it up at Carl and Erma Schrader's, ran the hose into the small house in their backyard, attached a sprinkler, and turned it on. The Schraders think it ran for almost 24 hours, destroying the floor and ruining many of their stored possessions.

For instance, someone took the two-inch PVC pipe sprinkler used for the football field, ran it over two fences out into the street, and turned it on. Water ran (and was wasted) for several blocks.

There was a 55-gallon barrel at the bottom of Leon Ware's pool. Durward Bell's backyard had flower pots and birdfeeders turned over.

Graffiti was painted on one end of a duplex. Some fertilizer was taken from a shed and dumped on several yards.

Just pranks to pass a dull summer? Destroying property and upsetting people's lives go beyond pranks. Not to mention the danger of being hurt if you are caught on someone's property at night.

One way to help is to get reports such as these in the paper so more people will be aware, and alert, to protect themselves and look out for their neighbors.

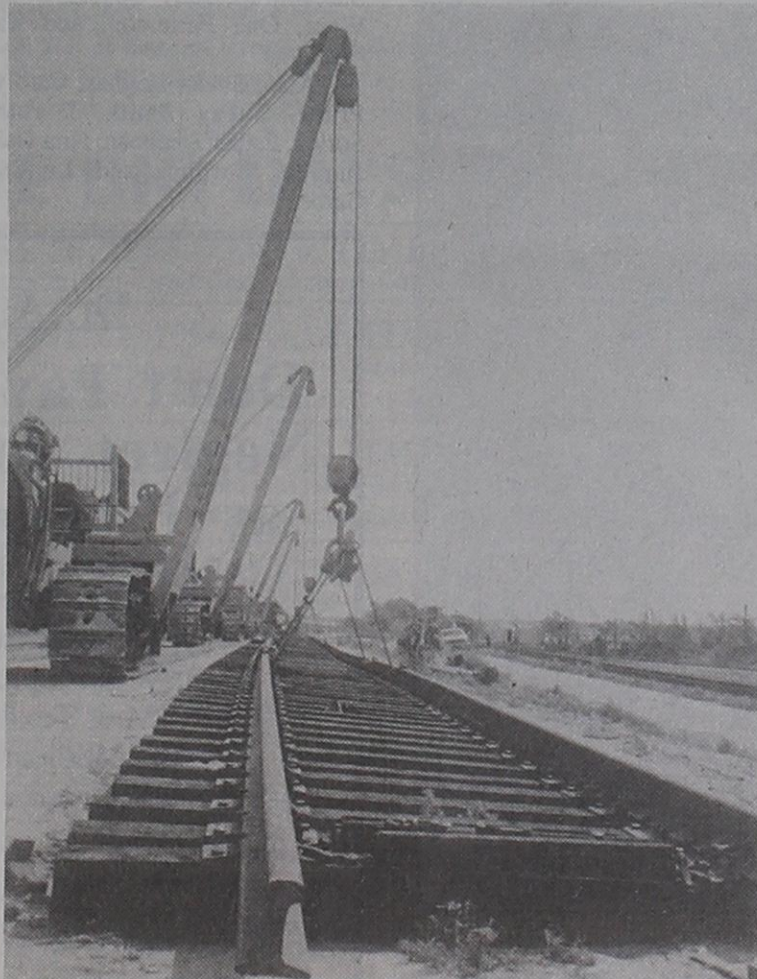
The Bovina Blade invites Mayor Hromas, city aldermen, local police, and private citizens, to utilize the Blade as one communication tool. The people of Bovina have a right, and an obligation, to keep informed.



HORSEPOWER.....C. E. Trimble has owned a few horses in his life. Last week he "saddled up" a few John Deere horses and mowed the school grounds.



COOLER NOW.....Superintendent Sue Nuttall is showing off the school's new cooler and freezer installed during the cafeteria reconstruction this summer.



TOTIN' THE TRACKS.....Santa Fe work crews last week brought in heavy equipment as they continue construction of the new switching systems and prepare for a second track which is being built. This work was along Highway 60 between Bovina and Friona.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-AUG 1 1956

Darrel Read struck out 20, yes 20 men, Sunday afternoon and allowed only one man to reach first base as Bovina's Bulls scratched Vega, 9-0, on the local diamond in a central Plains League game.

Warren Morton was named superintendent of Bovina School Tuesday by the school board. He has been superintendent at Chillicothe for the past four years. Boye Taylor went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, Thursday of last week to attend the rodeo there. Taylor met his son, Norman, at the rodeo. SP3 Norman Taylor participated in the formalities of the celebration.

35 YRS AGO-AUG 2 1961

W. A. "Bill" Tritsch is in Clovis Memorial Hospital. He was admitted July 23. His condition is reported to be fair, but his family doesn't know when he will be released.

Mrs. Tom Bonds entered Memorial Hospital in Clovis Tuesday morning for medical reasons. She was released Friday afternoon and is convalescing at home. Her condition is reported to be improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calaway and James Lee and Billy Lynn Marshall are vacationing in Ruidoso, New Mexico, this week.

30 YRS AGO-AUG 3 1966

La Nelle Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian, leaves Thursday for a trip to Europe. She will travel with a group of Methodist youth from the area. Approximately 45 youth will make the tour.

Bill Minter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minter, was released from Memorial Hospital in Clovis Saturday. He had been hospitalized due to an injury received in an auto collision Thursday of last week.

Miss Frances Sierra received one of five awards presented to 160 students at the University of Kansas, at Lawrence, Kansas. Miss Sierra received the Outstanding Achievement Award in German Summer Camp. She had progressed much more than any other student in the language.

25 YRS AGO-AUG 4 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Dixon will be honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon moved to Bovina in 1961.

Mrs. Joe Wilson and Mrs. Judy Hale, co-owners of Fantasy Beauty Salon, announce the move of the shop from the Isaac Building on North Street to the Third Street location, formerly occupied by Galley Alley and next door to Don's Medicine Chest.

Bovina High's boys' basketball team will evidently not be eligible for district honors during the forthcoming season.

20 YRS AGO-AUG 4 1976

A long awaited general rain brought relief to overworked irrigation motors in Parmer County Monday and Tuesday in the first general cloud-letting in several months.

The Putnam Brothers will present a concert of sacred music and spiritual witnessing at the 11 a.m. worship services Sunday at First United Methodist Church of Bovina.

Bovina Supermarket and Family Center moved into its beautiful building the first of the week and was planning to be open for business on Tuesday morning.

15 YRS AGO-AUG 5 1981

Mrs. Flossie Rhinehart received her 25 year service pin from the United States Postal Service, July 22.

Robert Ulibarri, Jack Dillard, and Judith Jennings are three new faculty members who have been hired by the Bovina ISD for the upcoming school year.

Funeral services for Velma Agnes "Belle" Willard, 73, were held at the First United Methodist Church this week.

10 YRS AGO-AUG 13 1986

The Parmer County Tax Appraisal Board has been in session for the past two weeks. Those taxpayers who filed letters of protest are meeting with the board on an individual basis. The sessions are a result of the new tax evaluation statements mailed in late July.

The Bovina school is getting a new roof. Work on the project recently got underway and is expected to be finished in the near future.

Gene and Edna Scott just returned from a Trailways Bus tour that took forty people to the World's Fair in Vancouver, Canada.

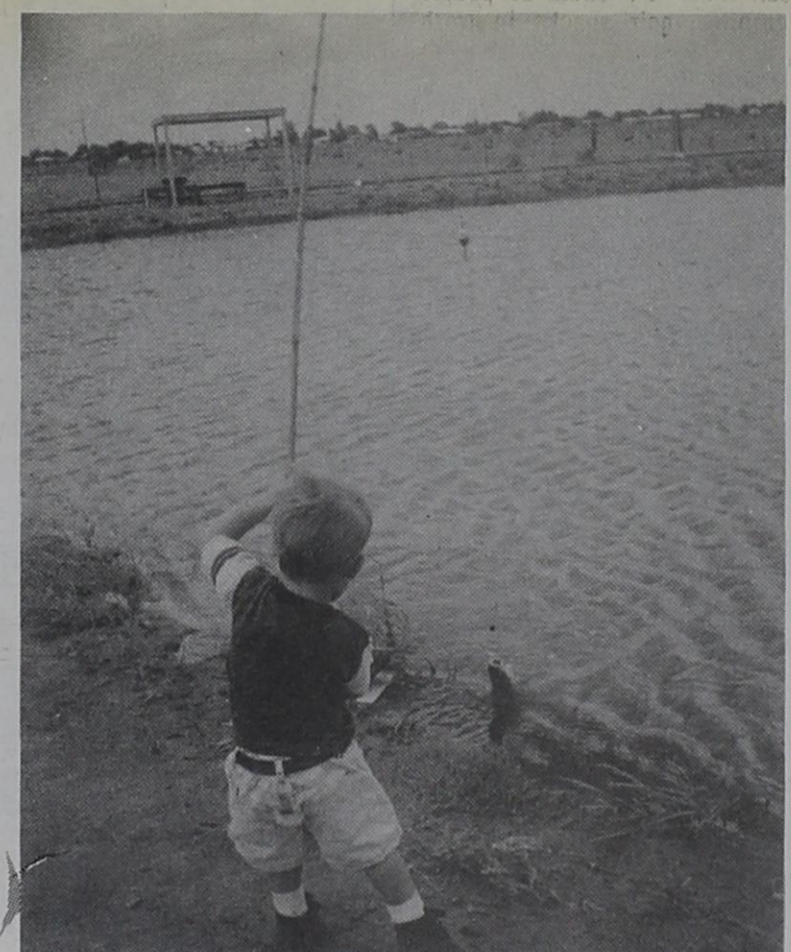
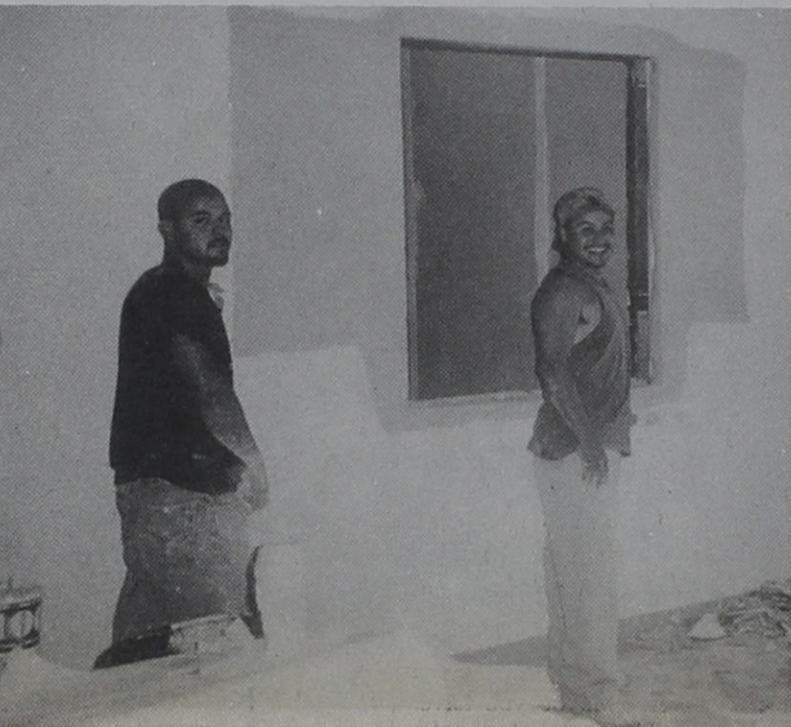
5 YRS AGO-AUG 10 1991

Voters will go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of two state constitutional amendments and of tax exemptions for the Parmer County Education District (CED).

Dr. Alexander Orlovsky, a German exchange student who graduated in the 1965 class of Bovina High School, visited here recently with Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell. During the year spent in Bovina, Alex lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Charles until the family moved to Kansas. The rest of the year was spent with the Caldwells.



WHAT TO DO?.....Vandals entered the backyard at Leon Ware's home and left a barrel in his pool, which promptly sunk to the bottom. At press time, they were still trying to figure out how to get it out, and who did it.



HOOKED ONE !....Clay Shamblin is shown hooking a fair-sized catfish during an outing at Fritch recently. The youngster is the son of Donny and Kari Shamblin of Amarillo. He is also the great-grandson of Ona and Jack Patterson of the Rhea community. Jack says: "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he won't depart therefrom."

Billy Smiths Enjoy Trip To Branson

BY SCOOTER RUSSELL

Billy and Suez Smith have just returned from a trip to Branson Missouri. Billy's brother and his wife, Dean and Georgina of Lovington, New Mexico went with them.

They drove to Alma, Arkansas, and spent the night with another brother and his wife, Glen and Wanda Smith. While there, they celebrated Suez's birthday.

On Tuesday morning, all three Smith men and their wives went to Branson. They first went to the Dixie Stampede, which is associated with Dollywood. This is a dinner theater and featured horses of all types. The dinner is eaten with hands, no silverware.

On Wednesday, they drove to Silver Dollar City. They saw several shows there and one featured the Haygood family from San Antonio. In the show were six brothers, ages 8 to 19 years who played fiddles, cowbells, spoons, guitars, the electric piano, and sang.

They also had a two-year-old brother who sang and a three-year-old sister who played the fiddle and sang while riding her rocking horse.

One night they attended the Echo Hollow show in Silver Dollar City which features the Ozark Jubilee with wonderful singers, according to Suez.

The next day they went back to Silver Dollar City and saw more shows because one day was just not enough to see them all.

One of the highlights of the trip was to tour Shoji Tabuchi's theater. He is a Japanese violinist. They didn't get to see him but Suez said the theater was marvelous. She said the women's bathrooms had attendants and beautiful live orchids.

On Friday, they drove back to Branson and shopped, then left after lunch. They went to Monett, Missouri, where the Justin Boot Outlet is located and Billy bought boots.

They returned to Alma on Saturday and went to the famous Judge Parker's Court House. Once, six people were hung there at one time.

The "hanging judge", Will Parker, was in office twenty-one years and during that time seventy nine people were hung.

The Smiths had a busy week but lots of fun at Branson and being with Billy's brothers and their wives.

Rites Held For Brother of Guest

Funeral services were held on June 12, for Anita Guest's brother, Kenneth Bridges 61, of Clarkston, Washington. Services were held at Louiston, Idaho.

Bridges who died of cancer, was survived by his wife, Margie; eleven children; his sister Anita; and two brothers, Charles Bridges of Little Rock, Arkansas and Anita's twin brother, Edward Bridges of Magnolia, Arkansas.

Kenneth served in the U.S. Army for twenty-two years. He was in the Green Beret Special Forces and received the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In the early 1960's he parachuted into Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. This was where he earned the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Shower To Be Held For K. Meyer

Karen Meyer, bride-elect of Mark Clayton of Houston will be honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, July 20, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Bank Community Room.

Selections are at Celia's Floral Expressions, Dillards, and Rhoden Smith.

Hostesses are: Shelby Rhodes, Christine Cupit, Marie Redwine, Tonya Gober, Phyllis Steelman, Sue Barrett, Judy Odnott, Donna Ware, Ona Patterson, and Kay Williams.

Also, Suzan Hughes, Carolyn Pruitt, Suez Smith, Dorothy Sorley, Esther Steelman, Nita Dale, Juanda Murphy, and Laqueta Gamer.

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Out Here

By RON CARR



"The older I get, the less I know", the old fellow said at his 80th birthday party. "I have lived into an age that I don't understand."

It was many years ago when a friend of mine, Gillis Reid, turned 80 and passed on those words of wisdom. At the time they didn't sound like wisdom to me. Now they do.

This weekend in Atlanta, and for the next 16 days, many dreams will be realized, while others are shattered, during the 1996 Summer Olympics.

There will be more coverage and hype than most of us will care to hear during every nightly newscast.

Oh I know, it is the history and ceremony and tradition we should be respectful of, right? Baloney.

Am I the only person in Parmer County who got tired of that Olympic flame wandering across the country? I know, I know, it's an honor of a lifetime.

But to me, it takes some of the tradition away when there is a vehicle with a "back-up" flame in case the one being carried goes out, which it did a couple of times.

To be fair, it seems that if the flame goes out, they should have to go back to Greece and start over. The flame that lights this year's torch in Atlanta ain't going to be the one that left Greece. That's

show biz. So who really cares? It is all symbolic anyway. Or is it.

In ancient times, when the Olympic Games competition was held, the tribes stopped fighting each other and for a period of time lived and competed in peace until the games were over and they resumed battle.

Early American athletes like Wilma Rudolph, Jesse Owens, and Jim Thorpe, became legends because of their Olympic achievements.

Their accomplishments influenced countless numbers of Americans for their courage and determination.

No doubt many of this year's Olympic athletes have courage and determination too.

Things do seem to have changed from ancient times though. Modern day Olympics are about money and politics.

Seems to me that something has gone wrong in the spirit of the competition. It is big business now. MONEY!

A recent TV segment gave these statistics: There will be 10,000 athletes, 2 million visitors, and 30,000 security personnel. Security costs alone were said to be \$300 million. Who pays for the security anyway?

And did you notice there are three times as many security people as there are athletes?

The Amarillo Globe-News has enlisted several Amarilloans who will visit Atlanta and who volunteered to call the Globe-News each night during their stay and "report on traffic, costs, and other events" at the Summer Games.

Now wait a minute. First they are going to report on traffic. Next they will talk about costs. And finally they will report on other events at the Summer Games. Do they give gold medals this year for traffic and costs? My heart is pounding to read those reports.

"Traffic was snarled all over Atlanta today, we paid \$27 for lunch, and by the way Olga Swamibuhatakajarian won four gold medals but we didn't get to see it because we were busy driving and eating. Maybe soon we will get to see some events. Right now we are looking at T-shirts.....!" So it goes.

Atlanta built an 83,500 seat stadium. New sidewalks, new lampposts, along new streets that lead to new parks.

197 countries represented, 3,779 women athletes, 42,500 support workers, and most important, 425,000 orders of french fries will be served.

Atlanta gathered \$750 million from 43 corporate underwriters and NBC-TV paid \$565 million for domestic television rights.

The Olympic torch relay bore Coca-Cola's name. The torch stopped at Holiday Inns along the way (another sponsor), and the vehicles were GM cars.

Quote from July 14 Amarillo Globe-News: "ACOG (the Olympics committee) imposed ruthless financial discipline on an event known for reveling in its own excess, run by an international body of royalty that alternates its annual meeting between Switzerland and Monte Carlo."

Inside the "grounds" the only thing visitors can bring in is bottled water. Maybe you have seen those TV shots of people dumping their snacks in trash barrels outside the gates, forced to buy food inside at inflated prices.

All of this to see who can run 100 meters the fastest, or row faster, or win a couple of volleyball matches. There is even a 10-meter air rifle competition. Wish I had saved my Red Ryder BB gun.

Competition goes from about 10 a.m. each day until sometime

Winners Given For 'Posse' Raffle

The Parmer County Sheriff's Possee held its prize drawing at the Friona City Park on July 4. The posse recruited Tammy Spencer of Friona to draw the winners' names.

Excel donated 10 sticks of New York strips. These winners are going to have a nice bar-b-q. Betty Ann Jones won two sticks.

Winning one "stick" apiece were Jimmy Grimsley, Richard Samarron, Matt Glasscock, Sue Humberg, Don Brucci, Kenneth McLellan, Clay Dutton and Gary Furgeson.

Jerry and Janet LaFrance won \$50 cash, donated by Sherley Grain, and Roy Hendley won a \$50 savings bond, donated by First Bank of Bovina.

Mike Hutson and Jody Lewellen each won an oil change, donated by Charles Oil & Gas and Kevin's Auto of Bovina.

Rick Mason won a \$25 gift certificate to Floral Expressions by Celia, of Bovina.

Pay-n-Save of Bovina donated two

\$15 gift certificates, which went to Charles Bass and Liz Constancio. And, we're not finished yet....

Each winning a cap were Harrell Mays, Raymond Cook, Carolyn Stevick (2), Allan Haile, Liz Constancio, Loyd Chesser, Jim Zehner, Dr. Tony Orme, Debbie Rector, Jody Lewellen, John Gurley, Jarrell Wright, Danny Bass, Derrick Byrd, Lef Villarreal, Clint Cox, Matt Glasscock (2), Honey Sue Gist, Gary Furgeson, Kristy Garrison, Karen Harrelson, Troy Bass and Delia Mora.

Anyone who has not yet collected their prize may contact Fred Furgeson in Friona, 247-3939 or Tracy Smith in Bovina at 238-9929.

The Parmer County Sheriff's Posse wishes to congratulate all the winners and gives thanks to all the businesses who made contributions, and to everyone who bought tickets. "We appreciate your support. Just watch for our next big raffle," said a spokesman for the organization.

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* * * * FIVE BIG DAYS * * * *

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1996 -- SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
Combines--Cornheads--Headers--Attachments--Grain Carts--Augers--Combine Trailers--Grain Equip.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1996--SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
Grain Trucks--Truck Tractors--Implement Trucks--Trucks--Trailers--Float Trailers & Other Truck Pulled Trailers--Motor Homes & Mobile Homes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1996--SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
Cotton Strippers (Self Propelled)--Cotton Strippers (Tractor Mount)--Module Builders--Boll Buggies--Cotton Trailers--Stock Trailers--Livestock Equip.--Pipe & Irrigation Equip.--Hay Equip.--Ensilage Equip.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1996--SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
Tractors--Loaders--Front-End Loaders--Tractor Make-Ups--Grain Drills--Backhoes--Motor Graders--Forklifts--Crawlers--Miscellaneous Related Items

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1996--SALE TIME: 9:00 A.M.
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GENERALLY, WHEN ONE THINKS OF THE ANCIENT PHARAOHS OF EGYPT, ONE THINKS OF THE PHARAOHS OF THE OPPRESSION AND THE EXODUS. BUT THE BIBLE TELLS OF MORE RULERS OF EGYPT THAN THESE, CALLING THEM BY NAME! FIRST, THERE WAS SHISHAK--THE BIBLE TELLS OF HIS EXPEDITION INTO ISRAEL (I KINGS 14:25-26). HE WAS CERTAINLY AN ABLE STATESMAN SINCE HE AVOIDED A CLASH WITH KING SOLOMON WHILE KEEPING SOLOMON'S SWORN ENEMY AS A PROTECTED GUEST! (I KINGS 11:40). HE WAS SHREWD IN HIS PLANS, NOT MAKING A MILITARY MOVE UNTIL THE DIVISION OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL, WHEN BOTH KINGDOMS WERE AT THEIR WEAKEST! HE RULED EGYPT FROM 945 B.C. TO 924 B.C. ZERAH, THE CUSHITE, SUCCEEDED SHISHAK IN 924 B.C. THIS PHARAOH UNDERTOOK AN EXPEDITION AGAINST JUDAH DURING THE REIGN OF KING ASA, BUT HIS FORCES WERE ROUTED AT MARESHAH (II CHRON. 14:9-15; 16:8) SO DECISIVELY THAT IT WAS NEVER TRIED AGAIN BY THIS PHARAOH! THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT KING HOSHEA OF ISRAEL, ABOUT 724 B.C., ATTEMPTED TO ENLIST THE AID OF SO, KING OF EGYPT TO DEFEAT SHALMANESER, KING OF ASSYRIA (II KINGS 17:3-5) ONLY TO BE BITTERLY DEFEATED BY THE ASSYRIAN TROOPS! THE BIBLE ALSO MENTIONS TIRHAKAH, KING OF ETHIOPIA, THIS PHARAOH WAS LAST KING OF THE XXV DYNASTY OR THE ETHIOPIAN DYNASTY IN EGYPT. (II KINGS 19:9) HE WAS ALSO ROUNDLY DEFEATED BY THE ASSYRIAN ARMIES! PHARAOH-NECOH (II KINGS 23:29) WAS THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH THAT SLEW KING JOSIAH AT MEGIDDO WHEN JOSIAH TRIED TO OPPOSE HIM IN HIS MARCH AGAINST THE ASSYRIANS, THE LAST PHARAOH NAMED IN THE BIBLE IS PHARAOH-HOPHRA (JER. 44:30). HE WAS A CONQUERING WARRIOR WHOM JEREMIAH SAID, SHOULD FALL INTO THE HANDS OF HIS ENEMIES, WHICH FINALLY DID HAPPEN !!



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Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday for Lawrence Gray, 88, who died of a fatal heart attack at his home Sunday evening.

Lawrence was one of our 'good old boys' and lived here for most of his life. His family was one of the families who first came to Oklahoma Lane from Oklahoma and this is how Oklahoma Lane got its name. One of the other families was Pat Read's grandparents, the Ayers family. They were Mable Ellison's parents.

We understand Lawrence was survived by only one cousin who lives at Duncan, Oklahoma.

Justin Brozek's grandfather passed away. He was James Brozek, 89, of Lucas, Kansas. He died after a short illness.

Suezy Smith said all of their family went to Mora, New Mexico and spent a good three days. They went July 4 and stayed until the seventh.

While there, one evening they had 47 people from their campground there for a meal and a nice visit.

These were people who have campers and trailers near, and Suezy said some really nice people moved into the trailer where Billy and Paula Whitecotton had a "get-away" place for years, so they were pleased to have them in the campground.

Funeral services were held for Billy McCormick last Saturday. He grew up in Bovina and was survived by two sons, three daughters, three sisters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He was also Eldon McCormick's cousin.

Rouel Barron's sister and her daughter, Margaret and Debbie Truitt of the Ft. Worth-Dallas area have been guests in their home in recent days.

A. M. Wilson visited with his daughter and family, Suzanne and Rodney Murphy and sons Adam and Kip in Abilene. He spent three days before returning to Bovina.

James and Sandra Clayton made a quick flight to Houston in recent days. They attended their son's fiance's bridal shower. Sandra said they were there only long enough for her to attend the shower and James visited with son, Mark.

Misti and Lindsey Pruitt have had a good summer. First they spent time with their Aunt Lori in Colorado Springs, Colorado, enjoying sightseeing and hiking.

Later, they traveled to Lavern, Oklahoma and visited with their aunt, Sally Radford. They attended a family reunion and were able to see lots of relatives.

Congratulations to Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers on the birth of their third grandchild. Their daughter Robbie and Mike Mersiosky of Georgetown have a new baby girl, Christina Brooke, born Friday, July 12, in Austin.

The baby weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and measured twenty and one-half inches. She has a brother, Brent, who is five and a sister, Regan, two years old.

Other grandparents are Ed and Gloria Mersiosky of Georgetown.

Wayne and Carol Smith went to Colorado a week ago Tuesday. They took granddaughters, Elisa and

Katie with them. Katie had been in Bovina visiting her grandparents and cousin and aunt and uncle for two weeks.

On Wednesday, Keith and Tracy Smith drove to Colorado and vacationed and celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. They joined their family on Friday. Tracy said it was so pretty in Colorado and they had a great time. Wayne and Carol have land there and said a river runs through it.

Charles and Peggy Hargrove have had lots of fun for a week taking care of their grandchildren visiting from Liberal, Kansas. They are Ashley, 10; Lacey, 8; Caressa, 3; and Christopher, 4. They are the children of Willie and Sue McClure.

One day the family had a picnic at the Clovis Park and the kiddos enjoyed the rides located in the park.

Marilyn and Jack Rains and family attended the McNabb family reunion held at a Best Western Motel in Lubbock.

Jack said it was his wife's side of the family and 220 people attended. The reunion was July 5-6.

Erra Jamerson hosted a family reunion for the Jamerson family. It was held July 4 at the Senior Citizen's Center in Bovina with 43 members of the family attending. Those in the immediate family are Ruth Wilson of Lubbock, Lovine Grise of Long Beach, California, and two sisters-in-law, Erra and Mary Fern Jamerson of Ralls.

Erra was saying she attended funeral services for Lawrence's cousin, Benny Porter of Carrollton, which is near Dallas, in recent weeks. He had been ill for several years.

Joe and Laverne Black went to Amarillo recently to be with Joe's sister-in-law, Maxine Black, who had open heart surgery. Maxine is married to Joe's brother, Jimmy, of Booker, Oklahoma. The surgery was in Amarillo and she is getting along real well.

Sara, daughter of Ken and Terri Sorley, flew to California recently and spent eight days. Sara's uncle and aunt, Phil and Patti Sorley flew to Texas and she went home with them. She said she got to go to Universal Studios and enjoyed a trip to the beach.

Our sympathies to Anita Guest, whose brother passed away on June 10. He was Kenneth Bridges and lived at Clarkston, Washington. Anita said he had lung cancer and had one lung removed last August. He had thought this would take care of his problems but the cancer came back in the other lung.

Anita said they all grew up in Magnolia, Texas.

Patsy Mejia was taken by ambulance to the Muleshoe Hospital and later transferred to Lubbock. She underwent surgery for gall bladder problems and is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She and her husband Porforio lived here many years ago and he pastored the Mexican Baptist Church. They are former residents of Memphis, but now live in Bovina and are parents of Gilda Garner and Esther Steelman.

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- July 24-Lindsey Pruitt, Courtney Jamerson, Marti Mayfield
- July 25-Nate Munoz
- July 26-Doug Johnson, Joyce Hammonds, Amber Lide, Gladys Wright
- July 27-Joel Barrett, Anna Lee Englant

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