

MY TURN

By
Carol Ellis



OKAY, LET'S TALK about this proposed Clinton Health Care Program.

"I'm from the government and I'm here to help you," are words that strike fear in the hearts of every grassroots American. Now we are going to hand over our medical facilities to this crowd? Wow!

Your lady column writer would not pretend to be smart enough to understand and analyze the entire 1,342 page Clinton health plan, but I know several people who are a lot smarter than me and they have gone over this thing with a fine-toothed comb.

My heroine Phyllis Schlafly is one such person. (I'd like to see her in a face off with Hillary Clinton. Then we'd find out who is the smartest woman in America.) Mrs. Schlafly notes that the Clinton Health Program mentions the word "penalty" 59 times, "mandatory" 24 times, "prohibit" 51 times, "restrict" 54 times, "enforce" 87 times, "obligation" 56 times and "limit" 269 times. This is socialism vs freedom, folks.

If there are elderly people in your family (over age 65) then you have good reason to be worried. Three-fourths of every health care dollar is spent on our older folks. But the primary objective of the Clinton health program is not to keep the quality of care up but the cost of care down. Saving money will become more important than saving lives. Whether or not your life is worth saving, under the circumstances and in light of the costs, will be determined by the bureaucracy.

Under this system, people-pruning will be the most efficient way of reducing costs. The most vulnerable will become the most expendable. . . elderly people in need of life-extending surgeries, babies with severe birth defects and everyone who has an expensive ailment and a poor prognosis. This is how national health care works in other countries which already have socialized medicine, according to Don Feder.

My pal Anne Spring says her relatives in England (a long-time socialized medicine country) tell the story of two women in need of hip-replacement surgery who were in the ward of a hospital located directly on the line between England and Wales. The woman in the hospital bed in Wales was due to have her surgery within two weeks. The woman in the bed which was on the England side, was due for her hip-replacement in two years because England had already used up their allotment of hip surgeries for that length of time.

A recent *Reader's Digest* article showed the waiting time for orthopedic surgery in Canada was about 10 months. In Sweden, life-sustaining care is withheld from premature babies with low birth weights. And in England, senior citizens are not allowed to get kidney dialysis.

Under the Clinton plan, open-heart surgery will also come under restrictions, and budgetary constraints will cut research and development. I don't understand why these people want to completely wipe out a medical and research system which is the envy of the rest of the world.

No system is perfect, of course, and there are certainly areas that need improvement. Texas' own Sen. Phil Gramm has come up with an alternative plan which would leave us our freedom but would cut our health care costs in half. We need to get behind him on this. (S. Bill 1807)

I will be discussing more on this subject in future columns. Meanwhile if you care to read up on this topic, write to "The Seniors Coalition" at 11166 Main St., Suite 302, Fairfax, VA 22030 or phone 703-591-0663. They have a fantastic 18 page analysis of the Clinton Plan that they will send you, free of charge.

New Officers Elected For Chamber

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held its regular meeting at 8 p.m. on March 1. At this meeting new officers for the Chamber were elected for the year.

These officers were Todd Ware, president; Sherry Embry, vice-president; Jeff Steelman, treasurer; Lori Smith, secretary; and Leon Saddler, reporter.

Also at this meeting final plans were made for the Chamber Banquet, which will be held on March 24. Rick Perry, Agriculture Commissioner of Texas, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 per person and are on sale at the First Bank at Bovina or from any chamber director.

Charles Oil Promotion Underway

Phillips 66 is offering a promotion on gasoline. You will get one stamp each time you fill up with eight gallons or more of SuperClean gasoline at Charles Oil and Gas, Inc.

The more stamps you collect the bigger the savings you will receive. Five stamps will be a \$1 discount, 10 stamps a \$3 discount, or 15 stamps for a \$5 discount.

Charles Oil and Gas, Inc. is located on Highway 60 in Bovina. This offer will be available until May 31.

WTRT Annual Meeting Is Set

The annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone, Inc. will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees: Hub exchange--Charles Myers, Jr. and Terry Copley; Parmer exchange--Floyd Schueler and Norvin Butch Preston; and Dawn exchange--Dick Fellers and Roy Johnson.

A meal will be served to those present and door prizes will be presented.

Registration and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the business session beginning at 7 p.m.

Two Places To Open On School Board

It has been announced by Bob Owen, Bovina school superintendent, that there will be two places expiring on the local school board. Members whose terms are expiring are Larry Hodnett and Vickie Steelman.

"Wednesday, March 23 has been set as the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot, if you are interested in running for the school board," Bob Owen commented.

Applications can be picked up at the Bovina school superintendent's office.

The election for the school board position will be held Saturday, May 7.

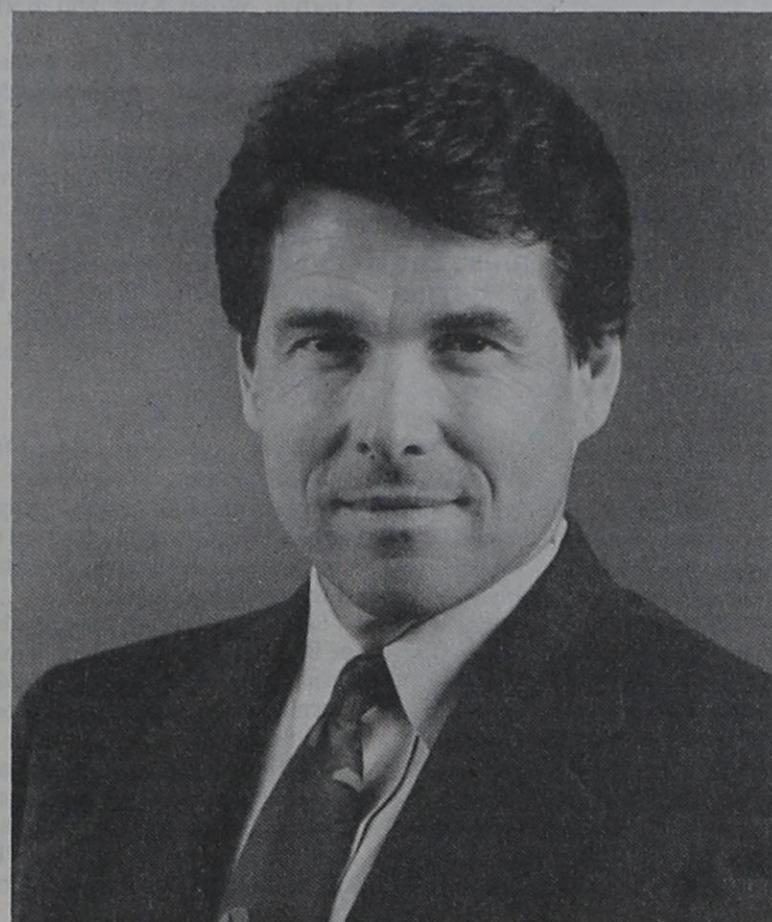
Holdover members of the board are Dennis Willard, Wes Cockerham, Mike Beauchamp, Jerry Roach and Norma Whitten.

Three Positions Open On Hospital District

It was announced this week by Bill Neely, administrator of the Parmer County Hospital District that three positions on the Board of Directors will be up for election on May 7.

The three expiring terms are currently held by: Dale Schueler, D.V.M., Dennis Anthony, and Anne Corn.

Candidate applications may be picked up at Parmer County Community Hospital business office at 1307 Cleveland Street in



RICK PERRY

Local Area Receives Most Beneficial Rain

The Parmer County area received much needed moisture this past week, even if some of it was in the form of ice. This should really help the farmers out with their spring planting season.

In Bovina at Sherley Grain, Harry Johnson reports that one inch of moisture was reported in this area and "we really needed it," he said.

Howard Fleming of Hub Grain said that reports he had heard were about 3/4 of an inch while reports from West Hub Gin were 7/10 of an inch.

Hopefully, this is just the beginning of the end of our area's dry spell.

Reporting A Crime Pays Off

On Friday, February 4, the Allsup's Store in Bovina was robbed. On the following Saturday, February 5, three individuals contacted the authorities regarding the identity of the robber, the car description and the direction in which the individual headed.

The Bovina Police Department and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office arrested the subject and he was incarcerated.

The Parmer County Crime Stoppers divided \$450 between the three individuals who called in to report the crime.

Please contact the Parmer County Crime Stoppers Organization if you see or know of a crime at 1-800-774-TIPS. Your name will remain anonymous.

Bovina School To Show New Books

"Bovina Schools will host a Scholastic Book Fair on March 14-18 at the Bovina High School Library/L.R.C. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at Bovina Elementary School Library from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.," it was announced this week by librarian Shirley Garrison.

This reading event features the

Temperatures	
Date	Hi-Low
Friday, March 4	77-38
Saturday, March 5	77-36
Sunday, March 6	77-35
Monday, March 7	61-32
Tuesday, March 8	32-21
Wednesday, March 9	33-20
Thursday, March 10	60-33

Hutchison Remains Popular Locally

Republican Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison remains popular with local and Parmer County voters.

Ms. Hutchison, who recently was cleared of wrongdoing in regard to her earlier activities as State Treasurer, was given a big "thumbs up" in Tuesday's primary election.

With six "token" opponents on the ballot, Hutchison easily won the nomination statewide Tuesday, with 88 per cent of the vote.

In Parmer County, she received 184 votes cast in the Republican primary to only ten scattered votes for her opponents--94.8 per cent of the vote. Her margin was broken down as follows:

Precinct 1, Friona: Hutchison 69, Roger Henson 1 (98.6%); Precinct 2, Bovina: Hutchison 18, Henson 1 (94.7%); Precinct 3, Farwell: Hutchison 42 to none for the opponents (100%); Lazbuddie, Precinct 4: Hutchison 14, Stephen Hopkins 5 (73.7%) and early voting: Hutchison 41, Henson 1, Tom Spink 1 (95.3%).

George W. Bush, who cruised to

the Republican nomination for governor, won Parmer County in a walk. 184-7 (96.3%).

Ann Richards, incumbent governor, wasn't quite as popular with her party's voters as was Ms. Hutchison.

Richards won nomination Tuesday, but received only about 73 per cent of the vote, compared to Hutchison's runaway. Ann Richards' opponent was Gary Espinoza, an unknown. Espinoza received 37.8 per cent of the vote in Parmer County, to 62.2 per cent for Richards (102-168). This might be an indication of a battle shaping up for the governor's chair in November.

In other statewide contests Tuesday, Jim Maddox led the Democratic field for the senate nomination with 116 votes to 93 for Richard Fisher.

The non-binding proposition on the Republican ballot, to bring up a vote on authorizing the D.P.S. to adopt rules for licensing and training qualified citizens to carry

handguns for self-protection, passed in Parmer County, 115-41, and won statewide by more than a 3-1 margin.

DSEC Hosts Membership At Meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative held its annual membership meeting Tuesday night and some 500 people braved snowy conditions to attend the session in the Bull Barn.

A highlight of the session was the awarding of \$1,539,800 in capital credits from 1978 and 1979 which were returned to members.

Also during the session, Clark Andrews, Clarence Martin and Donald Wright were re-elected to the board of directors.

In addition, members heard entertainment from the Chuck Wagon Gang and a business meeting featured remarks by general manager, Steve Louder.



1994 CALF SCRAMBLE EVENT WINNER....John Stormes of Bovina was a winner in this event. He is shown second from the left holding his number. Shown congratulating him are (l-r) John Ernst, John Williams and James Alexander, Calf Scramble Committee members. As sponsor of the 1994 Calf Scramble Event at the 45th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, H-E-B is helping the youth of Texas grow and prosper in their agricultural endeavors.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a member of the Seniors Coalition, I want you to know that most Seniors do not favor the Clinton Health Care plan.

Under the Clinton plan, senior citizens will surely face drastic cuts in Medicare coverage, lose their right to choose their own doctors, face long waiting lines, and possibly be denied life-saving medical treatment.

These matters are documented in a report, available at no charge, from the 2-million member Seniors Coalition.

I urge you to contact the Coalition today at (703) 273-5449, get a copy of their report, then do stories that will alert people in our area to the real facts behind the Clinton Health Care Plan. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Jack and Alma Clayton

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of Mar. 14-18

MONDAY--barbecue wieners, green beans, potatoes, cornbread, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--tamales, beans, salad, corn, crackers, Jello with fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY--salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit and milk.

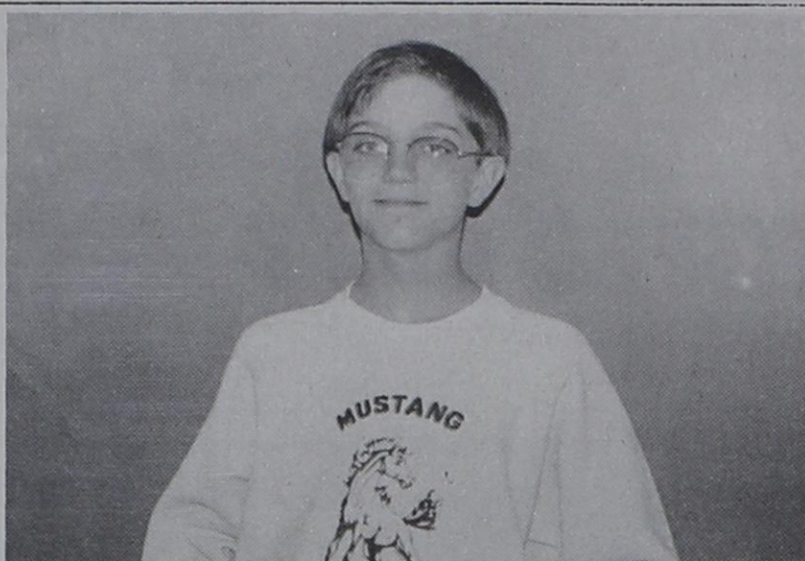
THURSDAY--Sloppy Joes, fries, pickles, fruit, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY--cheese pizza, salad, fruit and milk.

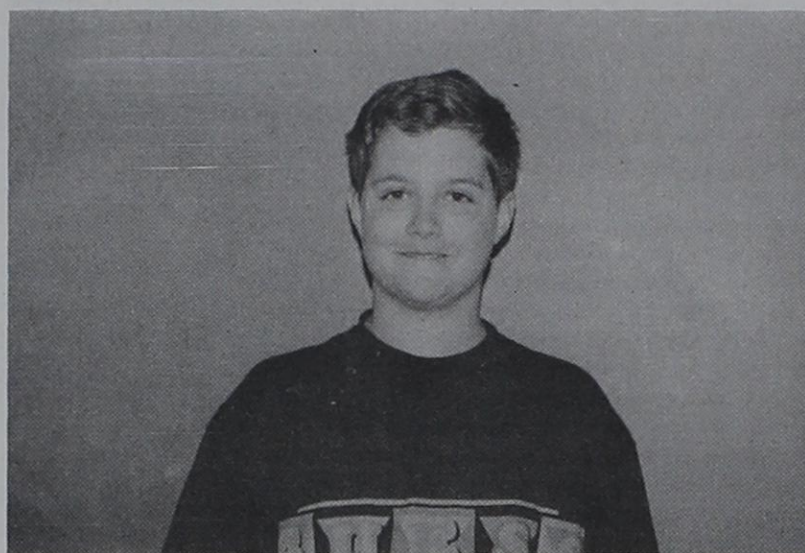
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FEB. STUDENT OF THE MONTH.....Shown is Josh Willard, who was selected as February "Student of the Month" by the Bovina Middle School faculty. Josh is the son of Dennis and Tammy Willard and is a seventh-grader at Bovina Middle School.



MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH...J. T. Roach, a seventh-grader at Bovina Middle School has been selected by the faculty of the middle school as "Student of the Month" for March. J. T. is the son of Jerry and Kay Roach.

Green Thumb Sets Older Worker Week

"During Older Worker Week, March 13 through 19, let us recognize and highlight the work

force contributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future." Green Thumb, Inc., encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings not only during Older Worker Week but every other week. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability, and dedication is good business!

Dorothy Looney is currently the only one employed locally by Green Thumb but hopefully more will take advantage of this opportunity for employment.

Green Thumb, Inc., operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program under a grant with the employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor with federal funds appropriated under Title V of the Older Americans Act. Sponsored by National Farmers Union, the program provides part-time employment and training opportunities for seniors age 55 and older.

Currently operating in 132 Texas counties and two counties in New Mexico, the program provides almost 1,000 senior trainees with the opportunity to earn wages while contributing to the maintenance and growth of local areas by providing manpower assistance to community-based organizations. These temporary training assignments average twenty hours per week and are developed upon an individual basis to accommodate the talents, interests, and ambitions of each senior. Participants are assigned to local non-profit agencies such as senior service centers, municipalities, libraries, schools, day care centers, environmental projects, and public works. The program remains flexible in order to respond to changing community needs and continually seeks new projects.

Green Thumb's priority is to encourage and assist program participants in developing and obtaining outside employment.

Through Green Thumb's Experience Works! program, private sector employers can benefit from recruitment and referral services as well as qualifying for reimbursement of training costs.

An Equal Opportunity Employer, Green Thumb continually solicits applications from eligible seniors as well as from potential sponsoring agencies. For more information, please contact Green Thumb, Inc., P. O. Box 7898, Waco, Texas 76714, or call 1-800-880-5292 for information regarding senior employment and training opportunities.

Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 11, 1959

Mrs. H. E. Wilson's two sons, Grady E. Wilson and Raymond Wilson, both of Fort Worth, visited with her Saturday and Sunday. Other guests were her two sisters and sisters-in-law, Mesdames Novi Garren, Willie King and Bertha Morgan, all of Loop.

Visiting last week in the home of Mrs. Stacy Queen were her daughter and family, Mrs. Tuff Jones, Katie and Jean, all of Amarillo. The guests arrived Tuesday and returned home Saturday. Mrs. Jones is the former Johnny Mae Queen.

Visiting over the weekend with Mrs. Earl Stevenson was her mother, Mrs. Oakley McGill of Clovis. She returned home Tuesday.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 11, 1964

Mitch Potter, song leader at Bovina Church of Christ, escaped serious injury when his compact car struck a cow on Highway 60 east of Hereford Sunday night.

Sam Wilson, long-time resident of Bovina and employee at Triplett Feeding Company, died Tuesday morning in Knights Nursing Home at Littlefield.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Bonds over the weekend were his son and daughter and family, John Bonds of Nashville, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cook and sons of Pritchett, Colorado.

Miss Cindy Gauntt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gauntt, underwent surgery on her knee last Thursday morning at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She was released Monday afternoon and is reported to be improving.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1969

Mrs. Giles (Dollie) Williams is reported to be steadily improving at Deaf Smith County Hospital where she has been a patient since receiving a broken hip two weeks ago. She has been able to sit in a wheel chair, her daughters say.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 20, 1974

The Parmer County SWCD Board of Directors has selected Mrs. Margaret Durben as the conservation teacher of the year in the district. This is in recognition of her continued support of the

District Essay Contest.

Elaine Garza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Garza of Bovina, was feted on her first birthday Saturday, March 9, with a party at her home.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 14, 1979

New officers for the Chamber of Commerce are: Dale Gober, vice-president; Donna Roming, secretary; and Eugene Griffin, president.

Pat Ware and Pam Rhodes were recently crowned as FHA Beau and FHA Sweetheart at Bovina High School.

Eddie Joe Steelman of Bovina has earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A & M. Joe graduated in forestry last December.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 14, 1984

Randee Cupit, a member of the 1983-84 Fillies' area champion basketball team, has been chosen to perform in the girls' all-star tournament in Amarillo this month.

A fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reyna three miles west of town on the Leon Grissom farm.

Sonny Roach, Roy Lee Stowers, and T-Bone Treinen have filed for the positions of city council.

Bessie Trimble made a flight to Austin and met her daughter and her husband for a visit.

Buddie Clements is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital having tests

Happy Birthday Bovina!!!

March 15--Stephanie Marie Bowman, Michael Carson, Laurence Gray.

March 16--Luke Steelman, Jack Patterson, Bill Gist.

March 17--Alan Hromas, Patricia Anaya, Ovid Lawlis, Britton Barrett.

March 18--Pat Read, Mary Rose Weber.

March 19--Alice Stone, Elaine Bishop.

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

SWCD Contest Winners Named

Each year, the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a poster, essay and coloring contest for local children. The promotion is an effort to encourage conservation and help children become aware as young as possible in a fun and rewarding way.

Each school winner receives a ribbon. The county winners of the poster and coloring contest will receive trophies. The county winners of the essay contest receive a monetary award. The first place county winners of the essay and poster contest will have their entries sent to regional competition.

"We want to thank all the children for entering and congratulate the winners. We would also like to thank the teachers who did this on a classroom basis and the parents who helped their children at home. Thanks also go to the people who judge the contests," said a spokesperson for the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Results of the judging are as follows:

ESSAY CONTEST
Bovina Junior High--1. Luke Steelman, first place county; 2. Kristie Buckley, fourth place county; and 3. Sarah Rocha.

Bovina High School--1. Brenda Anaya, second place county; 2. Jaime Flores, third place county; and 3. Isabel Viemes.

POSTER CONTESTS
Lazbuddie Elementary--1. Eric Magby, second place county; 2.

Jodie Coker; and 3. Shannon Redwine.

Friana Elementary--1. Veronica Velazquez, first place county; 2. Valerie Bandy; 3. Elvira Tafoya.

Farwell Elementary--1. Ashlee Hunt, third place county; 2. Derek Goettsch; 3. Linsey Milloy.

COLORING CONTEST
Lazbuddie Elementary--1. Robby Martin; 2. Bethenie Sanchez; 3. Dakota Pitcock.

Bovina Elementary--1. Gordon DeLaRosa, second place county; 2. Abraham Rocha; 3. Robyn Syamken.

Friana Elementary--1. Alejandro Tafoya, first place county; 2. Trisha Winebrinner; 3. Heather Baros.

Farwell Elementary--1. Nikki Gober, third place county; 2. Kaylen Echols; 3. Samuel Billingsley.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support in the primary. I will make every effort to see you all between now and the general election. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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Parmer County District Clerk

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Happy Homemaker

By JUNE FLOYD

This week's column is a continuation of the collection assembled by Friona State Bank and presented to customers a few years ago.

If any Bovina reader has a similar book which the bank there published a few years ago, I'd like to borrow it for awhile.

Directors and employees of our banks are to be commended for the many extras they provide for us--the customers.

That is one of the many advantages of living in a smaller town than too many of us take for granted.

CHERRY DELIGHT

By Arvilla Elmore

1-1/2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1-1/2 sticks + 2 tablespoons oleo and nuts. Press into 13"x9" cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Mix powdered sugar and cream cheese, fold in Cool Whip. Spread over cooled crust. Spread pie filling over top and refrigerate.

CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

By Mildred Mercer

3 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 package dry yeast
1 cup milk
1/2 cup butter
1 egg
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup nut meats
2/3 cup chopped candied fruit
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
Glaze

Combine flour, sugar, salt and yeast in large mixing bowl. Heat milk and butter until very warm, add to dry ingredients. Add egg. Mix fruits, nuts and peel with about 1/4 cup flour and add to yeast mixture. Stir in additional flour to

make soft dough and knead until smooth. Put in greased bowl and allow to rise until doubled. Punch down, and divide into half. Roll each half into an 8" circle and spread with softened butter. Fold in half. Place on greased baking sheet and allow to rise again until doubled. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Glaze with your favorite powdered sugar glaze. Or, use powdered sugar, milk and vanilla glaze and decorate with nuts and candied fruit. Makes 2 coffee cakes.

LIME COOLERS

By Patti Hall

1-1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 (3 oz.) or 1 (6 oz.) package lime Jello
4-1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, vanilla and Jello and mix well. Sift together remaining ingredients and add slowly. Shape into 1" balls, and place on ungreased baking sheet and flatten with fork. (Cookie press may be used.) If dough is too soft, add 2 tablespoons flour. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees) for 6 to 8 minutes. Do not brown.

FROZEN BREAD CARAMEL ROLLS

By Dawn Gibson Landrum

2 loaves frozen bread
1/2 cup butter or oleo
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 small packages vanilla pudding mix (not instant)
2 tablespoons milk
May add 1/2-3/4 cups pecans, if desired
Also may add 1/2-1 teaspoon cinnamon

Thaw bread; do not allow to rise. Break or cut one loaf up into greased 13"x9" pan. Melt butter, add sugar, pudding mix, milk and cinnamon and mix over low heat until smooth. Pour over broken bread. Break second loaf on top and let rise (approximately 2 hours).

Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 375 degrees. Let set in pan about 10 to 15 minutes before inverting on serving tray.

DUETTE DEW

By Susan Weiland

2 eggs
1/4 cup canned cream
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 pound chopped dates
1 cup chopped nuts
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
Beat eggs until foamy, add cream, sugars, dates and nuts. Mix dry ingredients together and add to above. Pour into well greased 8"x12" pan. Cook 20 minutes at 350. When cool, pick apart with fork and top with whipped cream. Do not double recipe.

BANANA MUFFINS

By Carol Dement

1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
3 ripe bananas, mashed
1-1/4 cup flour (all-purpose)
1/2 teaspoon soda
Combine margarine and sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Stir in bananas. Combine flour and soda; add to creamed mixture, stirring just enough to moisten dry ingredients. Fill muffin pans 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until done. Makes about 1-1/4 dozen.

CHRISTMAS CANES

By Jeannette Maurer

1 cup milk
4 cups unsifted flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 cup (2 sticks) margarine
1 package dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
2 eggs (beaten)
For cranberry filling:
1-1/2 cups finely chopped cranberries
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup raisins
1/3 cup chopped pecans
1/3 cup honey
1-1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
Combine the ingredients in a pan. Cook over medium heat. Bring to a boil and cook about 5 minutes. Cool.
Scald 1 cup milk. Cool to lukewarm. In large bowl, combine:
4 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon lemon peel
Cut in 1 cup margarine until like coarse meal. Dissolve 1 package dry yeast in 1/4 cup warm water. To flour mixture, add yeast, lukewarm milk and 2 beaten eggs. Combine lightly. Cover dough tightly; refrigerate for at least 2 hours (or up to 2 days). When ready to bake, prepare filling. Divide dough in half. On a floured board, roll out 1/2 of the dough into an 18"x15" rectangle. Spread with 1/2 of the filling. Fold dough into a 3 layer strip 15" long. Cut dough into 15 strips. Hold each end of strip and twist lightly in opposite directions. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake in 350 degree oven 10-15 minutes or until done. Frost with confectioners sugar frosting.

PUMPKIN BREAD

By Charlene Harper

3 cups sugar
1 cup corn oil
4 eggs, beaten
1 can pumpkin
3-1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1-1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice or 1 teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons soda
2/3 cup water
1 cup pecans
Combine sugar and oil. Add beaten eggs and then the pumpkin. Sift together all dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Add water. Stir in nuts. Pour into greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes to 1 hour.

SUGARPLUM RING

By Karon Zachary

1 package active dry yeast or 1 cake compressed yeast
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup milk, scalded
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup shortening
1 teaspoon salt
3-3/4 to 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 beaten eggs

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Cecil Coker's Rites Are Held March 2 In Hereford

Services were held for Cecil L. Coker, 69, of Friona on March 2 at Gililand-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel with the Rev. Virgil Lichterz, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Friona, officiating.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery.

Coker died February 28 at the VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

He was born on April 4, 1924, in Forgan, Oklahoma. He married Ouida Kilpatrick on May 24, 1969 in Houston. He was a heavy equipment operator and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

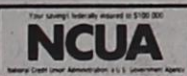
Surviving are his wife; two sons, Gary of New Orleans, and Roy Don of Lazbuddie; two daughters, Cathy Cunningham of Farmington, New Mexico, and Dianne of Cotton Center; his mother, Ina Coker of Friona; two step-daughters, Nell Wilmoth of Conroe and Jean Porter of LaPorte; three brothers, Floyd of Hereford, Bob of Amarillo and Paul of Ruidoso, New Mexico; a sister, Aline Turner of Friona and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Ray, Kevin Welch, Gene Welch and George Frye.

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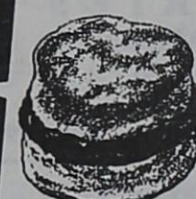
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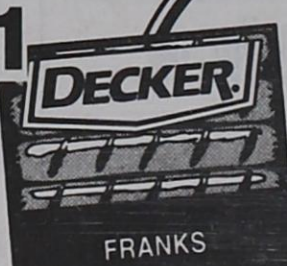
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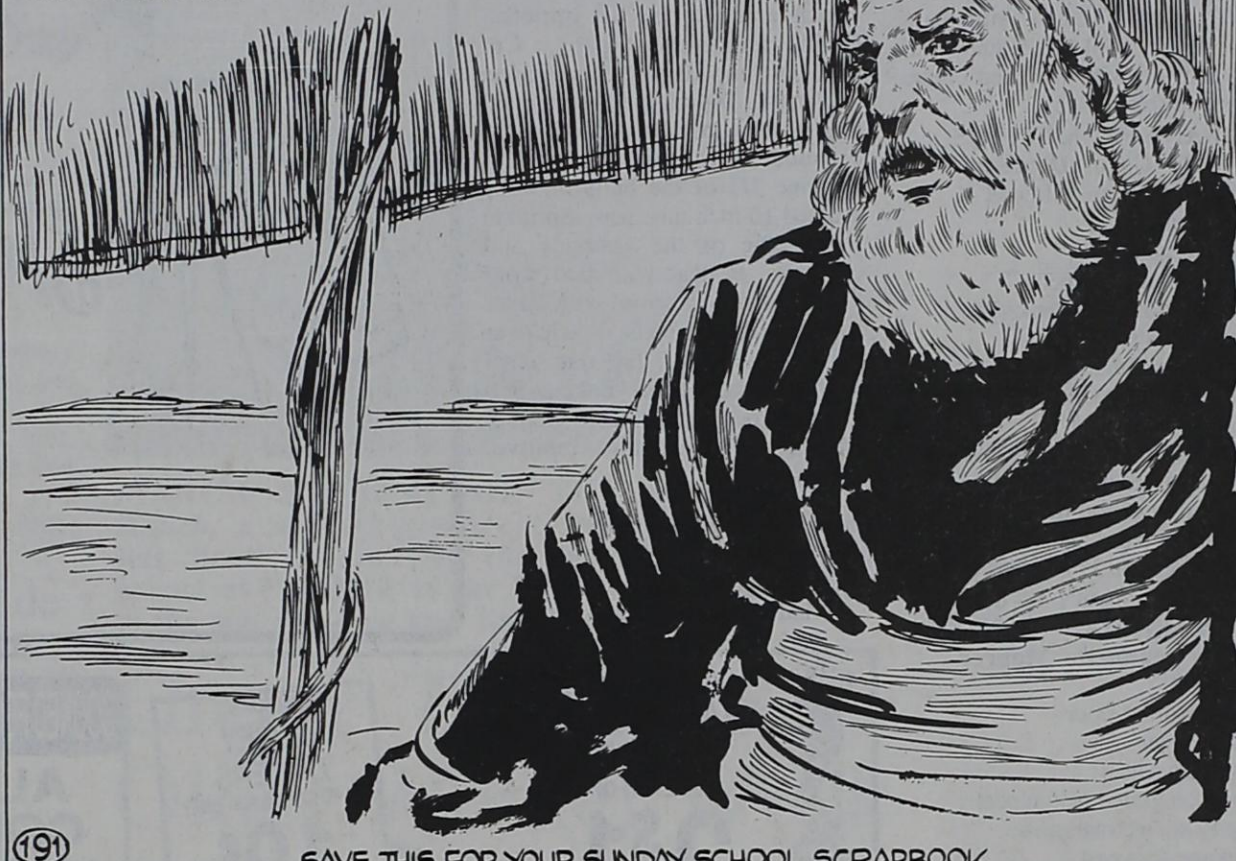
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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

We have not had snow this year to amount to anything but we had a beautiful snow on Tuesday. In the early hours we were awakened by thunder and lightning and heavy rain. Later we even had hail along with the heavy sleet and snow. The snow continued all day and was so very pretty!

NEWS AROUND TOWN:

Well, our cowboy C.E. Trimble really had a bad accident this time. He was working with a mare and

lost control of her. He said she knocked him down and walked over him three times. Injuries included a broken leg and his face was crushed breaking his cheek bones, his nose, jaw and knocked out four teeth. He crawled to his pickup and drove himself to Bovina. A man spotted him and went for his wife, Joy.

She drove him to Friona and they sent him on to Amarillo. He is home now, recuperating. The

person who first said the words, 'tough as a boot' had to be talking about C. E. Trimble.

O. H. Jones suffered a heart attack early Tuesday morning and was taken to the Friona Hospital and then transferred to Amarillo by ambulance.

Our sympathies to Louise Hutchins, whose sister passed away. She was Mirle Corker and she died after a lengthy illness. Services were held at Burnet, Texas.

We are glad to have John and Rose Lee Tabor back from Tucson, Arizona but they have gone again to Atlanta, Georgia. Also Bessie Trimble, Rose Lee's mom is back from Tucson. They have all been living at Tucson for several months. Shortly after they came home Bessie suffered some problems with her leg and was hospitalized for several days. She is home recuperating.

Pat and Pat Kunselman and Pat's mom, Doris Wilson, went to Spearman over the weekend and visited with the Kunselman's son Arty and his family. They had a good time and the weather was like spring-time.

Oma Looney, who has been a patient at Prairie Acres for several months was hospitalized in the Friona Hospital for three days. Her condition has improved and she is now back at Prairie Acres. Oma was 98 years old on February 2 and her son, Elvin came from California and her daughter Lois, from Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Sid Lloyd went to Adrian in recent days and visited with her daughter Patsy and her husband, Larry Webb.

Visitors in the home of Brother Richard Grisham and his wife, Velma were Velma's parents, J. D. and Leona Evans of Plainview. They came Saturday and spent the

night. They attended church together on Sunday before they returned to Plainview.

Congratulations to our young boys who made good in the Houston and San Antonio stock shows. Tyson Kerby's pig took fourth place in the Houston show, Jason Kerby's pig took eleventh at Houston, eleventh at the San Antonio show. Tobyn Dyer's took third at the Houston show. Jason and Tyson's parents are Al and Susan Kerby and Tobyn Dyer's mom is Betty Glee.

Several young people from the First Baptist Church attended the seminar held at the civic center in Amarillo on Saturday. It was a seminar led by Dr. Dawson McAllison entitled "Pack Your Bags, Jesus is Coming". Those attending were Misti Pruitt, Julie and Jay Grisham, Jamie Stanberry, Deanne Jones, Kristen and Michael Carson, Luke and Levi Steelman, Simon Salazar, Manny Saiz, Sarah Sorley, Joel Barrett, Eric Shufleberger, and Jeremiah Foley of Farwell.

Sponsors who took the youngsters to Amarillo were Dale and DeAnn Turner, Doyle and Gilda Garner, and Esther Steelman.

3,567 youngsters attended the seminar.

SMILE:

Four high school boys, afflicted with spring fever, skipped morning classes. After lunch, they reported to the teacher that the car had a flat tire on the way to school.

Much to their relief, she just smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test this morning, so take seats apart from each other and get out your notebooks."

Still smiling, she waited for them to settle down. Then she said, "First question: Which tire was flat?"

Have a good week and thank God for the moisture....Scooter.

Five Make BHS "All A" Honor Roll

The fourth six-weeks honor roll for Bovina High School has been announced this week by high school principal, Sue Nuttall.

ALL A'S

Freshmen--Amber Willard.
Juniors--Andy Espinoza.
Seniors--Angela Beauchamp, Cathey Carrera and Matt Hromas.

ALL A'S AND B'S

Freshmen--Lori Beauchamp, Lisa Hromas, Jason Kerby, Melissa Nicolas, Miquel Perez, John Saucedo and Nora Uriegas.

Sophomores--Carmen Campos, Rose Ann Cantu, Bernardo Cervantes, Jay Grisham, Juana Nieto, Jose Perez, Henry Renteria and Mandy Wilson.

Juniors--Richard Beauchamp, Roberta Borquez, Brooke Charles, Lance McClaran, Benji Mitard, Sally Noriega, Charlotte Quintana, Cynthia Reyna, Wayne Stormes, Isabel Viernes and Gina Villarreal.

Seniors--Brenda Anaya, Johnny Dopp, Rudy Flores, James Grisham, Kim Kirkpatrick, Celia Marin and Darla Stormes.

Middle School Honor Roll Is Released

The honor roll for the fourth six weeks at Bovina Middle School was announced this week by principal Brenda Wilson.

ALL A'S

Seventh-grade--J.T. Roach.
Eighth grade--Maricela Guevara and Luke Steelman.

ALL A'S AND B'S

Sixth grade--Marisol Antillon, Melissa Cano, Blake Clements, Julie Grisham, Misty Pruitt and April Stull.

Seventh grade--Gina Beauchamp, Evangelina Casas, Vickie Ortiz, Alfred Uriegas, Derrick Vanegas, Jose Vitolas, Jeremy Willard and Joshua Willard.

Eighth grade--Tony Beauchamp, Erik Galvan, Carolina Gomez, Priscilla Martinez, Wanda Munoz, Lorena Rubalcava, Jessica Saucedo, Jaimie Stanberry and George Villarreal.



JESSICA JADE BRITO Celebrates First Birthday

Jessica Jade Brito who was born on March 10, 1993 will be celebrating her first birthday on Saturday, March 19, 1994. Jessica is the daughter of Sarah Alonzo and Jason Brito of Clovis, New Mexico.

Jessica's grandparents are Jesusa Bautista from Clovis; Saragosa Alonzo of Bovina; Carolyn Gonzales of Clovis; and Danny Brito of Amarillo.

Her great-grandparents are George and Pearl Cervantez of Bovina; Joe Brito of Ribera, New Mexico; Lola Brito of Lubbock; Anita Alonzo of Bovina; and Elvina Villa and Ernesto Ramon of Clovis.

Jessica will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends.

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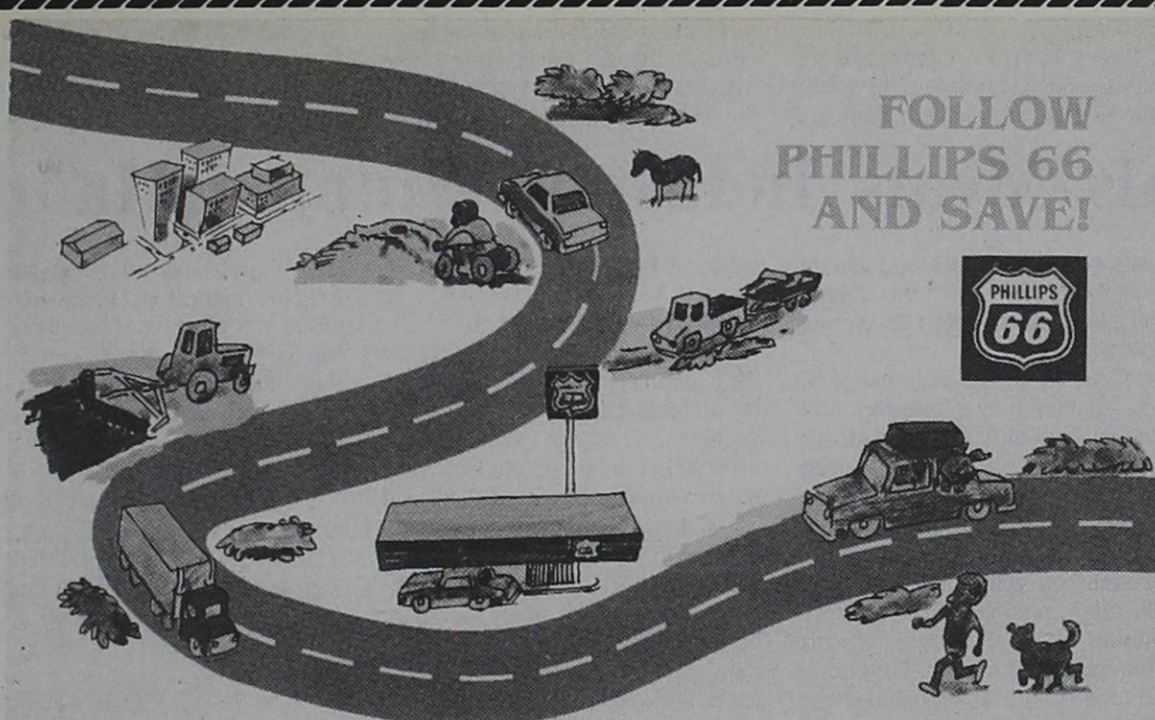
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Tues. March 8	Hale Center	Here	5:00 pm
Fri. March 11	Morton	There	5:30 pm
Mon. March 14	Hereford JV	Here	4:30 pm
Tues. March 22	Dimmitt JV	Here	5:00 pm
Fri. March 25	Hale Center	There	5:00 pm
Mon. March 28	Canyon JV	There	5:00 pm
Thur. March 31	Morton	Here	5:00 pm
Tues. April 5	Dimmitt JV	There	5:00 pm
Mon. April 11	Canyon JV	Here	5:00 pm
Tues. April 19	Paducah	Here	5:00 pm
Fri. April 22	Hereford JV	There	4:30 pm
Tues. April 26	Paducah	There	5:00 pm
Mon. May 2	Paducah	Lockney	5:00 pm
Fri. May 6	Friona JV	There	5:30 pm
Fri. May 13	Friona JV	Here	5:30 pm

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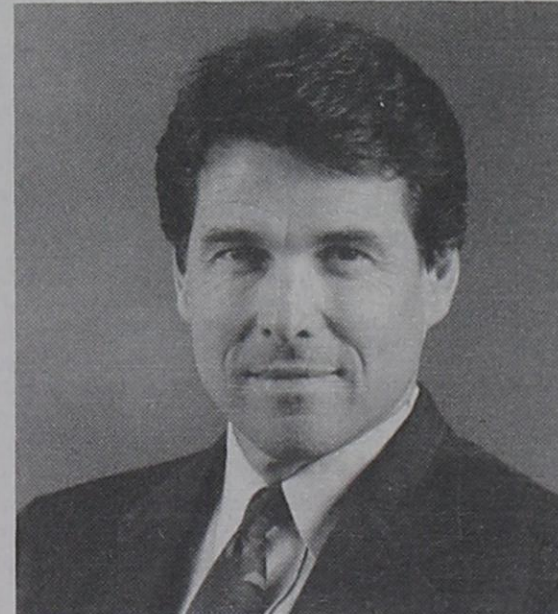
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Many Texas Counties Approve School Prayer

School prayer resolutions approved by more than half of the counties in Texas show that some politicians are willing to trade religious liberty for social and religious control, according to a Texas Baptist public policy expert.

In effect, the resolutions propose that children in public schools be exposed to the prayers of whatever religious majority may control that school's board, said Weston Ware, citizenship associate with the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, the social concerns agency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"Preserving religious liberty in our country is a lot more important than any perceived benefits believed to come from schoolroom prayers determined by some political majority," he said.

Resolutions urging that prayer be reinstated in public schools have been approved by commissioners courts in 134 Texas counties, city councils in more than 50 municipalities and the boards of several school districts.

Scott Arney, Denton County Commissioner, introduced the first such resolution last June 22 and has spearheaded the effort to get other counties and local governing bodies to endorse the measure.

While there are genuine problems in public education, the absence of classroom prayers is not their cause and the inclusion of such prayers would not be their solution, Ware said.

"It is unfortunate that the issue has become politicized to the degree that many people feel that some form of politically determined religious guidance, perhaps including prayer, would save our schools," he said.

The religious free speech rights of students already are protected under the Equal Access Act of 1984, according to Ware. Under the act-upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1990—if a public secondary school allows student-initiated groups to meet on campus during non-instructional time, the school cannot discriminate on the basis of the religious, political or philosophical content of the speech at such meetings.

The act allows secondary school students to join together voluntarily for prayer, Bible study, devotions and religious instruction.

"How much better to call upon students at the secondary level to express their own freedom of

religious speech as opposed to calling for a dangerous change in the Constitution that could put the state in the business of religious instruction, which would threaten the religious liberty of us all," Ware said.

Supporters of the school prayer resolution say the issue should be left in the hands of local communities.

"Local control means local majority control. As Baptists, we don't believe in a local majority religious group dictating the religious practices of that community," Ware said.

"Anywhere the religious majority rules religious practice, the religious minority in that community will be the victim."

"Politicians love a bandwagon, and sometimes the less thought people give to an issue, the more willing they are to jump on board, Campaigns such as this are fueled by politics."

Corn Producers To Elect Director

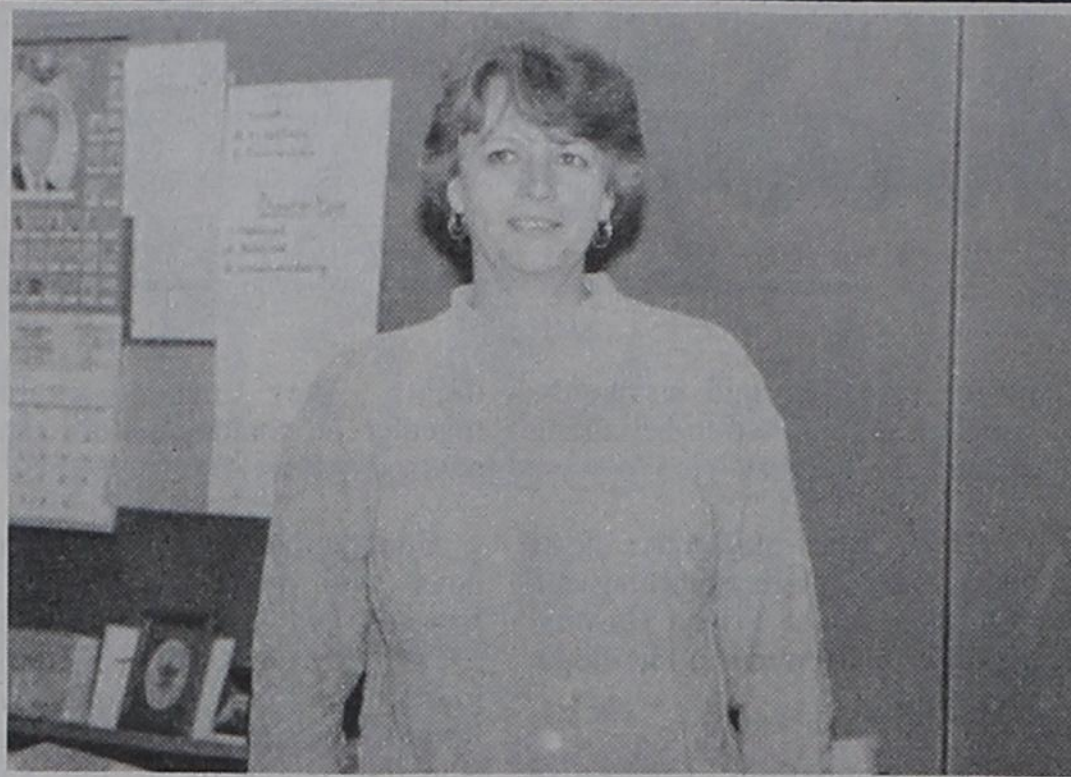
The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) announced that it will hold elections in four of its eight voting regions to elect four board members where current members' seats are expiring. The election will be conducted by voting regions.

There is one seat open for election in Voting Region Two, which includes Parmer County.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (May 5, 1994) has been, a producer of corn or has caused corn to be produced for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers if such person would be required to pay the assessment. Any person qualified to vote is also qualified to seek nomination for election to the board as a Director.

However, qualified persons must reside within the TCPB voting region wherein they seek nomination. Nomination applications must be submitted to the TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters in this election.

Nomination forms are available at each county agent office, or they



PEGGY ARNOLD

New Teacher Featured This Week By Blade

This week, the Blade is featuring a new teacher to Bovina Schools, Peggy Arnold. This is her first year to teach and she is teaching

reading in the Bovina Middle School.

Mrs. Arnold graduated from high school in Clovis, New Mexico. She then married Herschell Arnold and they have four children. The couple make their home in Clovis where Herschell is employed as Director of the City Zoo.

After raising her children, Peggy obtained her B.S. degree in education from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico. This is her first year to teach and Mrs. Arnold reported that she is really loving it and "the students are great!"

The Arnolds have four children. Jeremy is 20 years of age, is married and lives in Clovis where he is employed as a house painter.

Tina is 16 years of age and is a sophomore at Clovis High School where she plays volleyball and sings in the school choir.

Kimberly is 9 years old and in the fourth grade in Clovis and she enjoys math and science.

Cynthia, the youngest, is a second-grader and is 7 years old. She enjoys animals and the outdoors.

Mrs. Arnold enjoys the outdoors and nature. She likes to go camping and hiking. She is a member of the High Plains Geological Society and the C.A.R.E.'S Program (Clovis Animal Rehabilitation Educational Services).

Peggy is also a member of the Eastern New Mexico University Alumni and is a Southern Baptist.

Inventory Of Center Pivot Sprinkler Systems Within The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1

COUNTY	1986 INVENTORY	1990 INVENTORY	1993 INVENTORY	INCREASE/DECREASE (1986-1993)	INCREASE/DECREASE (1990-1993)
ARMSTRONG	0	0	0	0	0
BAILEY	581	614	671	- 90	- 57
CASTRO	336	556	786	- 450	- 230
COCHRAN	125	243	347	- 222	- 104
CROSBY	14	56	141	- 127	- 85
DEAF SMITH	220	324	433	- 213	- 109
FLOYD	33	41	78	- 45	- 37
HALE	217	388	604	- 387	- 216
HOCKLEY	162	278	349	- 187	- 71
LAMB	834	1065	1250	- 416	- 185
LUBBOCK	68	169	304	- 236	- 135
LYNN	53	110	170	- 117	- 60
PARMER	690	1061	1258	- 568	- 197
POTTER	3	3	3	0	0
RANDALL	16	18	39	- 23	- 21
TOTALS	3,352	4,926	6,433	3,081	1,507

'93 Inventory Shows 6,433 Sprinklers In Service Area

An additional 1,507 center pivot irrigation systems have been put into operation between 1990 and 1993 within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area, according to a recent pivot inventory update by the District. This brings the total number of center pivot sprinklers in use in the District to 6,433.

The current tally shows Parmer County with 1,258 center pivots; Lamb County, 1,250; Castro County, 786; Bailey County, 671; and Hale County, 604.

The total in other counties in the District is Deaf Smith, 433; Hockley, 349; Cochran, 347; Lubbock, 304; Lynn, 170; Crosby, 141; Floyd, 78; Randall, 39; Potter, 3; and Armstrong, 0.

The largest increase in center pivot use from 1990 to 1993 was found in Castro County where 230 new pivots were installed. This is followed by Hale County with 216; Parmer County, 197; Lamb County, 185; Lubbock County, 135; Deaf Smith, 109; Cochran County, 104; and Lynn County, 60.

"Given an average price of \$30,000 per sprinkler system, the additional 1,507 sprinkler systems represent a \$45 million dollar water conservation investment by irrigators within the Water District service area during the past three

years," says A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager.

Many producers have upgraded their irrigation systems to Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot systems, which can achieve an irrigation application efficiency of up to 95 per cent. Since the water is applied at low pressure directly into the furrow, water losses associated with wind drift and evaporation are virtually eliminated.

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High Plains Water District engineer technicians, Glenn Blackmon and Arnold Husky, used county aerial photographs to locate each center pivot for the 1993 update.

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When they dealt out CARDS in 1991, a Texas A&M University System research and education team had no idea their action would create such big winners.

CARDS, or Computer-Assisted Retail Decision Support, is software that is helping break a \$4 billion logjam in the beef industry by encouraging retailers to buy more closely trimmed meat.

Versions of the software are also available for the pork industry and will be released to the lamb industry in mid-1994. But CARDS' impact has been most felt in the beef industry, according to Dr. John Walter of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The program has shown retailers they can make healthy profits by purchasing and reselling the more closely trimmed beef that consumers have come to demand.

As a result, some packers who once sold no such beef now ship up to 25 per cent of their company's products to retailers in that form. Moreover, some companies predict they'll sell nothing but such products as early as 1995, Walter said.

"I never thought this would have the success it has," Walter said. "It has really been a part of making beef more healthful and affordable as well as a more profitable industry."

As consumer demand for more closely trimmed and leaner meats has grown, consumers also are buying less meat that they have to trim themselves. Retailers and packers found themselves in a quandary over who would bear the costs of trimming and disposing of the fat, a process that cost the beef industry alone some \$4 billion annually.

Don Fender, director of field sales services for Excel Corp., said Excel pioneered closely trimmed beef products in the mid-1980s. "We found difficulty marketing it with any volume simply because we couldn't convince retailers of its value," he said.

The onus of trimming was taken on by retailers, who did not believe they could profitably sell

meats trimmed at packing plants. They therefore did not buy them—which kept packers from developing those product lines.

CARDS has helped change all that. It has shown retailers how labor costs, quality and yield grades, fat-trim levels, price paid to packers and other factors impact bottom-line retail profit margins. Retailers can use the software to make decisions on which kinds of meat they might purchase from packers, whether it is the more closely trimmed, boxed meat or larger cuts that retailers must trim themselves.

Retailers have seen that they could indeed afford to purchase the closely-trimmed beef or pork from packers, who charge a premium to trim what used to be cut off by consumers.

"It has really taken off and has become a very significant percentage of our total sales volume. It's also increasing rapidly and encouraging advance in our product mix," said Fender, whose company sells both beef and pork that are closely trimmed.

As a result, Excel is a big fan of CARDS. Fender said the company has equipped all 25 of its meat consultants with laptop computers that use the software.

First shipped to the beef industry in late 1991, CARDS has since been updated and improved and is available free to the meat industry.

"We've essentially given both sides a calculator and said, 'Here, you figure out what it's worth,'" Walter said. "CARDS gave them a means of assessing the value of a product."

CARDS was developed by Walter and Drs. Jeffrey Savell and Davey Griffin, all members of Texas A&M's animal science department, and Kenneth Johnson and Dr. Terry Dockerty of the National Live Stock and Meat Board in Chicago. The research has been funded by the board through fees paid by livestock producers.

"I think we were perceived by all parties as being neutral, pro-beef and reputable, and that helped get the project funded and into the

market," Walter said.

CARDS initially was developed in spreadsheet form after lengthy testing at Texas A&M. The testing included a simulated retail meat-cutting area in which factors affecting profitability, especially time needed to trim meat, were carefully recorded and analyzed.

CARDS users can enter various values for yield grade, quality grade and trim level. The program calculates labor, packaging and case-stocking costs based on data gathered by Texas A&M, but users also can modify the program based on their own information.

The program's success brought honor to the team in mid-January as the Texas A&M agriculture program named it a winner of the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

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