

BY BILL BILLY



ALL HAIL THE CHAMPS! What a performance by the Fillies, in winning the state track and field championship for 1978!

Contrary to what some may think, the team victory was not accomplished by an "average" performance at the state meet. Disregarding illness or other factors, the Fillies, relay teams included, posted either their best marks of the season, or near best for the state meet.

The state meet is the pinnacle, as far as high school athletes are concerned. Points and wins are just a little harder to come by at this level than on any level leading up to the state finals. Nothing is assured. There are no easy wins.

The Fillies had to fight and scratch every inch of the way for their 47 state meet points. They had a little hard luck along the way, but for once, the team got one lucky break.

And in the end, they earned the state title which had evaded Bovina track teams by three and ten points the past two trips to the Austin event.

What a bunch of competitors make up the 1978 Fillies' team! If we were assembling a sports team, or a business organization, this is the type individuals we would want on our team. They are winners from the word go—and they realize that wins don't come cheap, but only by constant, hard work.

As far as can be determined, this is the first team state championship ever for Bovina High School, so that makes it all the more sweet.

We have thoroughly enjoyed following this group of athletes, all the way from local meets to the state meet. Arriving back home the first part of the week, we felt a little sadness for the fact that the season was over, and we wouldn't be able to watch the girls perform again this year.

Thanks, girls, for an exciting season. I'm sure that all of your friends and relatives in the community join us at the Blade in saying "Well done...and we're proud of you!"

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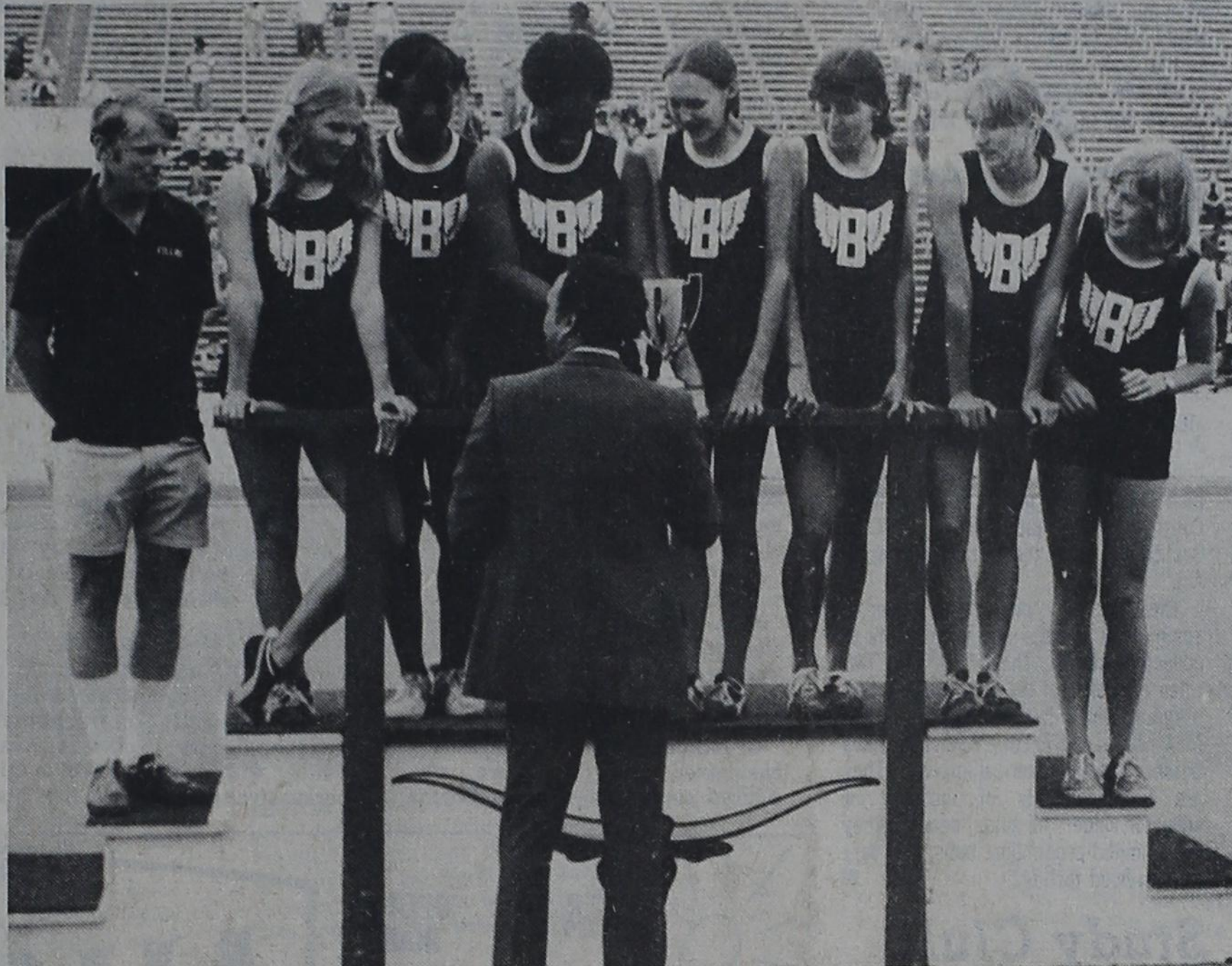
You heard about the scientist who crossed an elephant with a dog and got a nervous mailman.

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A little-known medical fact: Married men do not actually live longer than single men. It only seems longer.

Fillies Grab State Title

Depth, Grit Do It For Bovina



TO THE VICTORS....The Bovina High School Fillies are shown as they mounted the victory stand at the state meet in Austin to receive

the cup signifying that they had won the state championship. From the left are Coach Joel Nelson, Laura Widner, Belinda Shelby, Pat

Shepherd, Denise Read, Sandi Sides, Diane Gilbreath and Fonda Griffin.

The Bovina High School Fillies completed a fantastic track and field season by claiming the Class A state championship on a humid afternoon last Saturday at the Memorial Stadium in Austin.

The Fillies, twice before the bridesmaid in trips to the state meet, caught the bouquet and held on for dear life to claim the school's first state track championship in its history.

The girls class A event is accustomed to close finishes, and this one was no different. The final tally showed Bovina with 47 points, and Spring Hill of Longview with 46.

Bovina won the state title by virtue of its good team depth, and without the benefit of a single first place event, something of a rarity for the Fillies, who had won five events at the regional meet.

By winning the state meet, the Fillies capped off a unique season that saw them go undefeated for meet honors in nine consecutive outings.

The team accomplished their feat in spite of having one of their team members, Sandi Sides, suffering from mononucleosis, which left her in a weakened state.

Amazingly, Miss Sides placed third in the triple jump, without the benefit of any warmup jumps, and with just two recorded jumps out of the usual allotment of six.

The Fillies' 880-yard relay team, considered Bovina's best bet for a first place, was edged at the finish line by a Troup team that wasn't expected to challenge.

Bovina's 440-yard relay team finished third in spite of a near tragedy; and the mile relay team finished fifth, only to be disqualified for a lane violation.

Otherwise, the team got 12 big points from veteran thrower Pat Shepherd, who placed second in her specialty, the discus, and then managed a fourth place in a heated shot put event.

Miss Shepherd's best toss in the shot, on one of her final allotted throws, moved her up a notch in the standings, and the additional two points could have meant the state title.

Or perhaps it was the point garnered by sophomore Denise Read in the high jump? Actually, it was a team effort, with every member of the team combining and contributing to the final sum total that meant victory.

"We won the title, and that was the main thing," said a relieved

Coach Joel Nelson, who had experienced two previous "close calls" at state meets in which the Fillies were edged out for the championship.

"We were under a lot of pressure. It's hard to imagine how the pressure builds up week after week, especially when you're expected to win," Nelson said. He indicated that both he and the team had returned to Bovina in a state of mental and physical exhaustion.

Nelson said that the 1978 Fillies had suffered more injuries and illness than any team he had ever coached and yet, there had been no missed days of workouts. "This is an unusual group of kids," he said about the Fillies.

The Bovina Coach felt that under "normal" conditions, the Fillies would have won both the 880 and 440-yard relay events.

(Note: The events were actually run by meters at the 1978 state meet. We're continuing to use the term "yard" due to old habits which are hard to break.)

Bovina had the lead in the 880-yard relay when Miss Sides took the stick, but having already competed in two events for the day, Sandi just didn't have the strength to hold the lead. A symptom of "mono" is that it causes one to tire out more quickly than usual.

"There's not a girl in the state who could catch Sandi when she has a lead, if she's 100 per cent healthy," Nelson said.

The Fillies' coach pointed out that the sprint relay foursome achieved its lofty finish in spite of a less than perfect first handoff, which saw Belinda Shelby and Denise Read virtually collide. Miss Read had to keep her balance, as well as the baton, and finish the lap.

"I figure that probably cost us a full second in the race. If you took a second off our time, we'd have been first, and would have set a new state record in the event at 48.2," Nelson said.

In the 880-yard relay event, the Fillies were needing to push challenger Spring Hill as far down in the race as possible, and in the final analysis, they got a helping hand they didn't expect.

The Spring Hill anchor girl dropped the baton about ten yards before reaching the finish line, and by the time it could be retrieved, the first six teams had crossed the finish line, and the East Texas team thus got no points from an event in which

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PATTERSON, SUDDERTH

Two Will Meet In June 3 Demo Runoff

A runoff for the county commissioner's nomination in the Democratic primary looms following the May 6 primary vote in Precinct 2.

Meeting in the runoff, which will be held June 3, will be Jack Patterson and Glenden Sudderth. Patterson led the five-man field on the Democratic ballot with 156 votes, or 35.4 per cent of the total. Sudderth was next with 89 votes, or 20.2 per cent of the vote.

Others in the race were C.E. Trimble, who received 77 votes, Archie McCutchan, 63 votes, and Richard Carson, 55 votes.

Patterson led in both voting boxes in the precinct. He was given a big boost in his home box at Rhea,

where he received 86.7 per cent of the vote, and at Bovina, where his 91 votes led the field. Sudderth received 75 votes at Bovina. The Rhea community resident also led the absentee box, with 19 votes to Sudderth's 14.

Winner of the Democratic runoff election will face Vernon Estes in the November general election. Estes defeated Jim Dixon in the Republican primary vote by a 30-7 count.

Bovina voters matched the sentiments of Democratic voters across the state, in giving a majority of their votes to John Hill in the governor's race. Hill received 194 votes in the Bovina box, which

amounted to 58.4 per cent of the votes cast in the governor's race.

Incumbent governor Dolph Briscoe received 71 votes here, amounting to only 21.4 per cent of the vote, while former governor Preston Smith garnered 61 votes, or 18.4 per cent of the total.

Local voters also favored Democratic nominee Kent Hance in the race for Congressional District 19 nomination, giving him a 62.8 per cent margin of the Bovina votes, 196 to 116 for Rev. Morris Sheats.

In the propositions contained on the ballot, Bovina voters went against the pari-mutuel wagering proposal, 202 against to 113 in favor. This was a margin of 64.1 per cent

Top Eighth Graders Announced

Honor graduates for the Bovina eighth grade graduating class of 1978 were announced this week by Herman A. Connor, junior high school principal.

Class valedictorian is Mark Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Teague, with a 93.63 average. Salutatorian is Donna Beth Lide, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lide, who has a 93.17 average.

Next, in order, come Wendy Sherrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Sherrill, with an average of 90.92; Jacque Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Howell, at 90.89; Kay McClaran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McClaran, 89.08, and Charlie Trimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble, 88.69.

Misses Sherrill and Howell will give the invocation and benediction at the graduation exercises. Miss McClaran and Trimble will serve as class historians.

The graduation exercises will be held on Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

The top two students in the seventh grade will serve as honor guards for the occasion. They are Griselda Ortiz and Jon Lin Riddle.

The next four highest ranking seventh grade class members will act as ushers. They are Lisa Schilling, Bret Whitten, Dale Gilbreath and Clara Koelzer.

Connor, junior high principal, will be the commencement speaker.



MARK TEAGUE



DONNA BETH LIDE



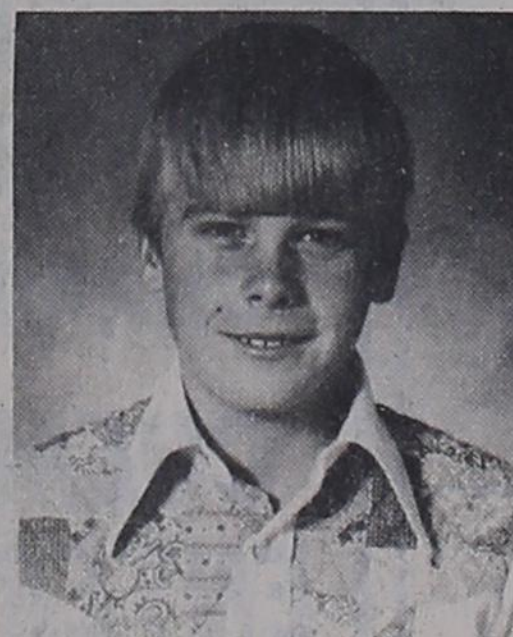
WENDY SHERRILL



JACQUE HOWELL



KAY MCCLARAN



CHARLIE TRIMBLE

Estes Is Nominee In GOP Primary

Vernon Estes received the nomination for County Commissioner at the Republican primary conducted Saturday, May 6.

Estes received 30 votes in the Bovina box, and two absentees, to a total of seven for challenger Jim Dixon.

Bovina area Republicans gave Jim Reese a majority, with 26 voting for the former Odessa mayor, to seven for George Bush, Jr. That was a majority of 74 per cent for Reese. In county totals, Reese tallied 129 votes, or 69.7 per cent of the total.

Reese and Bush must meet in a runoff on June 3, since neither received a majority, due to the third candidate in the race, Joe Hickox.

Bovina voters gave a narrow 16-15 margin to Bill Clements, who received the GOP nomination for governor. Clements carried the county totals with 136 votes, to 40 for Ray Hutchison.

Bovina Republicans split down the middle on the pari-mutuel voting issue, 14-all, but the issue failed in Parmer County, 127-56. Voters also favored establishing a permanent presidential primary, 20-5 here and 121-47 in the county. A proposal to pass a law limiting the amount of taxes which can be levied by the

state and local governments also carried locally, 20-6, and 128-45 in the county.

Mom's Day Dinner Set

The annual fried chicken dinner, sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club, will be held this Sunday, May 14, in honor of Mother's Day.

The event will be held at the Bovina Schools cafeteria from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m.

In addition to fried chicken, the menu will include potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw and hot rolls.

Everyone is invited to the dinner. Tickets are being sold at \$3 for an adult, and \$1.50 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

Proceeds from the dinner usually go to finance the boys' Little League summer program.

The dinner usually attracts a large crowd, and this year's attendance is expected to be as good as it has been in past years.

Bookmobile Schedule

The High Plains Bookmobile will be in our area on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 17-Whiteface, 9:30-11 a.m.; Lehman, 11:05-11:30 a.m.; Bledsoe, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.; and Maple, 2:15-3:15 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18-West Camp, 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Lariat, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and Bovina, 12 noon-3:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 19-Lums Chapel, 10:10-10:45 a.m.; Spade, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.; Hart Camp, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; and Fieldton, 2:45-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 20-Olton, 9:30-11:45 a.m.; and Amherst, 1:15-3:30 p.m.

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To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The following article appears in the current edition of the American Rifleman's official journal this month.

We feel that our residents need to know about it.

You need to write, TODAY, to: Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Washington, D.C. 20226
Larry Scott
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Special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the U.S. Treasury confiscated three rifles and two pistols from their display cases at the NRA Museum in Headquarters.

Guns confiscated were two MB Associates Gyro Jet rocket pistols and three automatic rifles—a T44E4, a T48, and an AR-15.

All were deactivated and inoperable. Some had been in the museum as long as 21 years.

BATF alleges that the guns violate the National Firearms Act and are subject to forfeiture and, presumably, destruction.

The Gyro Jet pistols, BATF asserts, violate the National Firearms Act's prohibition against sawed-off shotguns because their bores are 13mm in

diameter, 3 mm over the legal limit of 12.7 mm (cal.50).

The pistols were deactivated by the NRA on receipt, Museum curator Robert Lowe said. The rifles were deactivated by welding before delivery to NRA.

"All five guns are practically shells," Lowe said. "Most of the moving parts were and remain inoperable." He said it would take "considerable work, as well as the replacement of parts which are practically impossible to locate" to restore any of the guns to firing condition.

Despite the fact that deactivated and inoperable firearms have traditionally been exempt from registration and taxation, the BATF agents who seized the guns said the Gun Control Act of 1968 required NRA to register the arms with BATF and pay a \$200 tax on each.

"The NRA disputes BATF's interpretation of the National Firearms Act as applied to these museum pieces," Gary Anderson, NRA-GO Executive Director, declared. "We are giving notice that we plan to litigate the matter in U.S. District Court under the provisions of 27 CFR, Section 72.21 of the National Firearms Act."

The Gyro Jet pistol was never a commercial success and is primarily of collector interest. The T44E4 and T48 rifles are relics of the U.S. Army testing program which led to adoption of the M14 rifle in 1957. Lowe says both rifles possess special historical interest. "They are unquestionably of museum or collector value," he said, "because they were limited-production items, and very few survived testing."

Lunch Menu

WEEK OF MAY 13-19

MONDAY-Italian spaghetti, applesauce, blackeyed peas, lemonade, hot rolls-butter, peach cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY-Pizza, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, crackers, pear halves and milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs with chili, tator tots, Jello salad, oatmeal cookies and milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, mustard, pickles, onions, brownies, peach halves and milk.

FRIDAY-Tuna pie, buttered corn, applesauce, hot rolls-butter, lemon pie, milk and orange juice.

Study Club To Install New Officers

Bovina Woman's Study Club will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. It will be the final meeting of the club year. Lunch and installation of officers will feature the meeting.

The club women will also sponsor a bake sale at First State Bank beginning at 9 a.m. Friday morning.



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Reflections

From The Blade

20 YEARS AGO-MAY 7, 1958

Danny Morton has been named valedictorian of the Bovina senior class with an average of 91.53 for his four high school years. Morton has attended Bovina schools two years. Besides his scholastic marks, he participated in all sports, was vice president of the senior class, a member of the science club, and is president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Bovina Methodist Church. Morton is 17 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morton.

Alvin Farrell received burns varying from first degree when an irrigation motor spit flames from the carburetor while he was "priming" it with gasoline. The accident occurred Monday night at 10:30 p.m. Farrell was taken to Parmer County Hospital where he remained for treatment as of Wednesday.

Members of the Friendship Church School Class of the local Methodist Church met Tuesday evening of last week for a regular monthly social in the fellowship hall of the church.

15 YEARS AGO-MAY 8, 1963

Miss Zelda Donaldson, music student of Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, was presented in a certificate recital Tuesday night in Bovina Methodist Church.

Grand openings of two Bovina businesses Saturday were considered successful. New in Bovina

are the H&M Garage and the Hobby Shop.

Miss Tami Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell, celebrated her fifth birthday Monday afternoon with a party at her home.

Over 100 men gathered in St. Ann's Parish Hall, Bovina, Sunday afternoon for the establishing ceremony of a new Council of the Knights of Columbus and the conferral to the First Degree upon 32 candidates.

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10 YEARS AGO-MAY 8, 1968

Parmer County's Democratic convention is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. It will be in the Courthouse in Farwell.

Miss Cecilia Denney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Denney, and a senior in Bovina High School will be awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Certificate of Award and pin at the school awards program.

All pioneers of the area are invited to attend the Mid-Plains Pioneer Day celebration on Thursday, May 30, at the Bull Barn in Hereford, when the town observes its 70th anniversary.

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5 YEARS AGO-MAY 9, 1973

Jan Kassahn came away from the State University Interscholastic League literary events in Austin Friday with a first place in girls persuasive speaking. The first place

finish was the first in several years for Bovina students.

Parmer County is second among 33 Texas counties listed in an area served by Southwestern Public Service Company in beef production in 1972.

A Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week in Bovina was discussed at last week's meeting of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at Bovina Restaurant.

Dolph Moten, former publisher of the Bovina Blade, submitted his resignation as a member of Bovina's city council at last Thursday night's meeting.

The Parmer County Riata CowBelles will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) in Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

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Congratulations, Fillies On A Job Well Done!



STRONG FINISH....Sandi Sides hits the finish line for the Fillies in the 400-meter relay race at the state meet, giving the Fillies third place with a time of 49.2. Miss Sides brought the relay team from seventh

place to third on her anchor leg, in spite of feeling the effects of "mono," which has bothered her recently. To the right are anchor runners from Sabine, which finished fifth, and Hamlin, who placed sixth.



READY TO GO....Members of Bovina's mile relay team are shown getting ready for their race at the state meet last Saturday. Teams shown in the picture from the left

are Dilley, Bovina, Jourdanton, and Spring Hill of Longview. The Fillies placed fifth in the event, but had a disqualification.



MEDAL WINNER....Sandi Sides is shown competing in the triple jump, an event in which she won third place with a personal best jump of

35-5. Miss Sides was the district and regional champion in the event prior to the state meet.



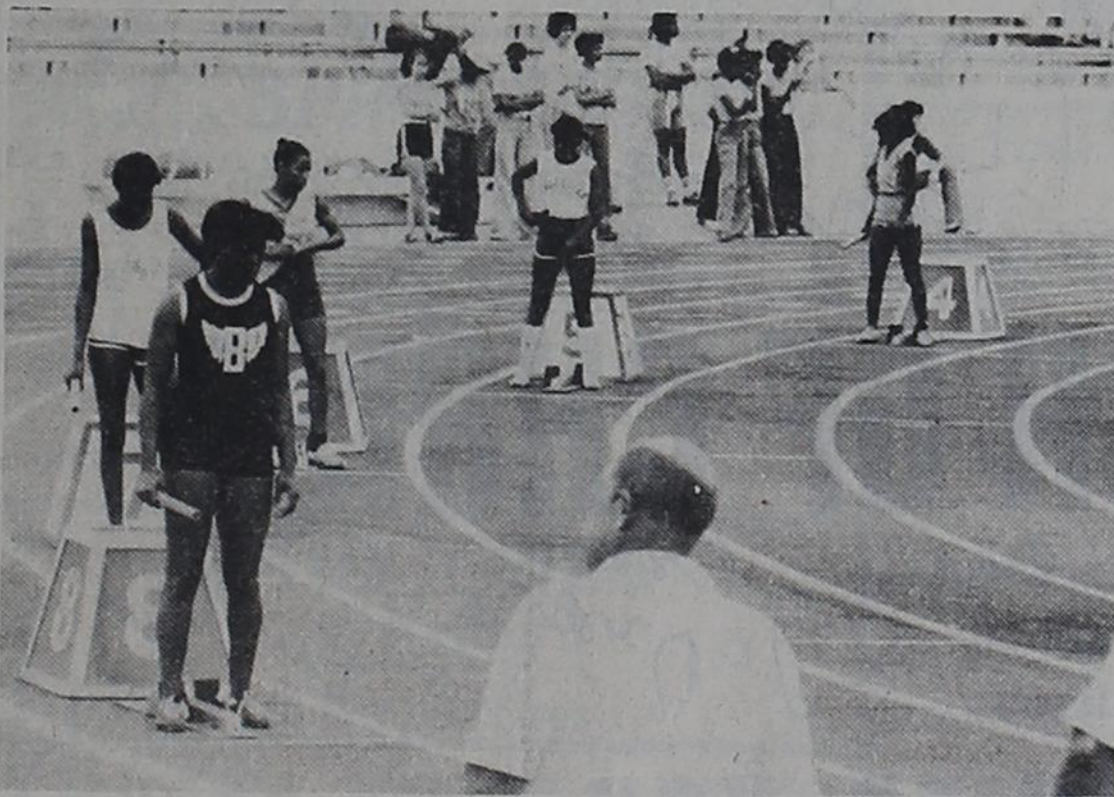
FILLIES STAR....Pat Shepherd, one of the most consistent performers the Fillies track team has had, is shown competing at the state track meet. Pat is shown in the shot put

ring, where she nailed down fourth place in a field of eight real "pros." Pat scored 12 points for the team, winning second in the discus.



HONORED....A large crowd turned out to welcome the Fillies back to Bovina last Sunday. The team is shown in front of a new sign which had been placed in front of Bovina

High School, painted by Billy Whitecotton. Covered up on the sign is the slogan "Home of the Flying Fillies, State Champs, 1978."



MOMENT OF TRUTH....Belinda Shelby, closest to the camera, catches her breath just prior to hearing the official starter call the

leadoff runners to their marks to start the 400-meter relay race, an event in which Bovina placed third, after a near-missed first handoff.



ARE THESE METERS OR YARDS....Fillies' leadoff runner Laura Widner surveys the scene just moments prior to the mile relay event, of 1600 meter relay, as it was run in Austin.



SECOND HANDOFF....The Fillies are shown making the second baton exchange in the 800-meter relay team, as Melody Thomas of Troup

Gilbreath hands to Denise Read. Other teams shown are Southlake Carroll and Iraan.



AT EASE....Shown in a moment of relaxation just prior to the mile relay, their final event, were the seven members of the Fillies' track team which captured the state championship last Saturday in

Austin. From the left, and facing the camera, are Sandi Sides, Belinda Shelby, Denise Read, Laura Widner and Fonda Griffin. Diane Gilbreath has her back to the camera.



CLOSE FINISH....Sandi Sides, second lane, had to settle for second place for the Fillies' 880-yard relay team, as Melody Thomas of Troup outstretched her to the tape.

Southlake Carroll's team (lane 3) finished fourth, and Iraan was fifth. Woodsboro, out of the picture, placed third.

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Fillies Win Title...

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they were expected to score fairly well.

Instead of going into the mile relay event with Bovina needing a certain place in order to win, the dropped baton by Spring Hill gave the Fillies a 21-point lead and clinched the title for the Parmer County contingent.

Due to what happened in the final relay race, it turned out that lady luck at least tipped the scales in favor of the Fillies.

Apparently finishing fifth in a record-smashing relay event, which would have added eight points to the team's total and made it a nine-point win for the title, Bovina's leadoff runner, Laura Widner, was flagged for too many steps on the white line, and the relay team was disqualified.

But the team's depth had prevailed, and the fact that they had swapped faux-pas acts with the East Texas team only served to hold down the total scores for both teams.

On Friday afternoon, Miss Shepherd, appearing in her fourth state meet, had gotten things off to a great start for the Fillies with an impressive series of discus throws that netted her second place in the event with a heave of 129-3.

The event was dominated by Mart's giantess, Early Douglas, who broke her own state record with a near-orbit toss of 138-10. Prior to the meet, Nelson figured the rest of the discus field was shooting for second place behind the big Mart athlete. So, Miss Shepherd's eight points were a great start for the Bovina team.

Then on Saturday morning, three athletes were involved in their specialty event, all at the same time. Miss Shepherd began her shot put event, and the ailing Miss Sides her triple jump, at the south end of the mammoth stadium on the University of Texas campus.

Denise Read meanwhile began the high jump competition at the opposite end of the stadium.

After the first round of throws, Miss Shepherd was only sixth, as the talented field of shot putters were

hitting the 40-foot mark like it was child's play. By the time she threw again, Pat was in seventh place.

Meanwhile, Miss Sides was shunning her warm-up jumps in the triple jump event, in order to preserve her strength for the actual competition.

"I had told Sandi she would just have to use her official jumps for practice. We couldn't afford to have her go too far downhill," Nelson said.

The result was that on her first run, Sandi scratched, going past the jump mark by about six inches. However, her jump in the second round was near perfect, and the 35-5 effort put her in second place at the time.

On her third and final jump in the preliminaries, Miss Sides scratched again, but with one good jump she was standing second in the competition.

After one more jump in the finals, Sandi felt she could not top the 35-5 effort, so she purposely passed up her final two jumps. Another contestant, on her next-to-last jump, bumped Sandi down to third place.

But the six points were big ones, and earned Sandi a medal. All of the top six placers in the event topped the 35-foot mark.

Miss Shepherd meanwhile got her near 39-foot toss and took fourth place and four more points for Bovina in the shot put.

In the high jump competition, Denise Read cleared five heights, all the way from 4-6 to 5-2. However, she began having difficulty at the 5-0 mark, making that height and the 5-2 level on her third and final jump each time.

Although she had cleared 5-4 the previous week in the rarified air of her native Bovina, went out at 5-3, and had to settle for sixth place. It was a disappointment for Miss Read, who cleared the same height that second through fifth places cleared. She had the misfortune of

having more missed jumps than the others. But the point she earned loomed big before the day ended.

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Discus—1. Early Douglas, Mart, 138-10 (new Conference A record, old record of 132-9 set by Early Douglas, Mart, 1977); 2. Pat Shepherd, Bovina, 129-3; 3. Sherry Curtsinger, Aubrey, 121-5; 4. Linda Shoulders, Sunray, 120-11; 5. Cynthia Schooley, Eldorado, 119-2; 6. Karen Koenning, Banquete, 110-7.

880-yard relay—1. Troup (Barbara Franklin, Jeanette Medford, Regina Kincaide, Melody Thomas), 1:43.2; 2. Bovina (Diane Gilbreath, Belinda Shelby, Denise Read, Sandi Sides), 1:43.3; 3. Woodsboro (Nita Lewis, Stephanie Terrell, Sandra Jones, Priscilla Lewis), 1:43.4; 4. Carroll (Southlake), Kay Boyer, Kim Yeaman, Brenda Anderson, Debbie Yeaman, 1:43.7; 5. Iraan, (Dena Huckaby, Lisa Garner, Stacia Huckaby, Sharon Holmes), 1:44.1; 6. Sabin, (Laura Schaefer, Carolina Puenta, Rosie Juarez, Pam Griffin), 1:44.3.

1600-yard relay—1. Spring Hill-Longview (Linda Clark, Belinda Edwards, Karen Jackson, Bobbie Ballard), 3:53.7; 2. Iraan, (Sharon Holmes, Laura Elliott, Ruth Fortune, Lisa Garner), 3:55.9; 3. Carroll-Southlake (Kay Boyer, Kellie Tate, Karla Willis, Debbie Yeaman), 4:00.1; 4. Frisco, (Elsa Gonzales, Tami Lynette Winfrey, Jill Allison Roach, Beverly Jean Petty), 4:05.2; 5. Dilley, (Agnes Gonzales, Vickie Castor, Dalie Torres, Corley Copps), 4:07.3; 6. Hardin, (Rita Bass, Johnnie Reescano, Janice Burrell, Lola Reescano), 4:08.4. (Bovina disqualified for lane violation.)

Triple jump—1. Beverly Jean Petty, Frisco, 37-3/4; 2. Bobbie Ballard, Spring Hill (Longview), 36-7/4; 3. Sandi Sides, Bovina, 35-3; 4. Lesa Wilson, Edgewood, 35-3/4; 5. Loretta Young, Stanton, 35-1; 6. Michell Torbet, Marion, 35-1/4.
400-yard relay—1. Karnack, (Geraldine Lewis, Carolyn Jackson, Regina Vaughn, Linda Thomas), 48.9; 2. Woodsboro, (Priscilla Ann Lewis, Sandra Patrice Jones, Stephanie Lynn Terrell, Nita Darlene Lewis), 49.1; 3. Bovina,

(Diane Gilbreath, Sandi Sides, Denise Read, Belinda Shelby) 49.2; 4. Reagan County-Big Lake, (Miranda Armstrong, Sue Askey, Karrie Sue Page, Carolyn Young), 49.3; 5. Sabine-Gladewater, (Marian Butler, Alvinia Jackson, Maricia Brittian, Kelly Stokely), 49.4; 6. Hamlin, (Elizabeth Hooper, Mary Ruth Brown, Geneva Shelton, Stacy Bell), 49.6.

High jump—1. Sharon Neihues, Wall, 5-3; 2. (Tie) Doris Ann Thompson, Cushing, 5-2; Melodee Byrd, Ganado, 5-2; 4. Celia Bridges, Kemp, 5-2; 5. Ruth Fortune, Iraan, 5-2; 6. Denise Read, Bovina, 5-2.

Shot put—1. Early Douglas, Mart, 44-0 (new Conference A record, old record of 43-2/4 set by Jean Johnston of Agua Dulce in 1976); 2. Sherry Curtsinger, Aubrey, 42-6/4; 3. Beth Bronstad, Clifton, 40-7; 4. Pat Shepherd, Bovina, 38-11/4; 5. Linda Shoulders, Sunray, 38-5/2; 6. Annie Jones, Kemp, 37-7/4.

POINT TOTALS

1. Bovina, 47; 2. Spring Hill, 46; 3. Iraan, 28; 4. Woodsboro, 28; 5. Frisco, 26; 6. Karnack, 22; 7. Mart, 20; 8. Munday, 20; 9. Southlake (Carroll), 20; 10. Troup, 20.

Buck Pikes Have Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Pike announce the birth of a baby girl on Sunday, April 30.

The new arrival was born at 4:52 p.m. in Parmer County Community Hospital.

Named Michele Renee, she weighed six pounds, four ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean Boyd of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pike of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Mills of Mapleton, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd of Fort Scott, Kansas, Inez Pike of Council Bluff, Iowa and Mrs. Peterson of Amarillo.

She is the second child for the couple. They have a son, Michael, two years old.

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Bovina Democrats Name Nine Delegates

Better than average interest was shown at the Democratic precinct conventions held across Farmer County last Saturday.

At the Bovina precinct convention, a five-point resolution, dealing with improvements for the agricultural situation, plus a second resolution objecting to foreign ownership of real estate in the state of Texas.

Delegates named to the county convention, to be held in Friona Saturday, May 13 at Friona State Bank beginning at 2 p.m., were named.

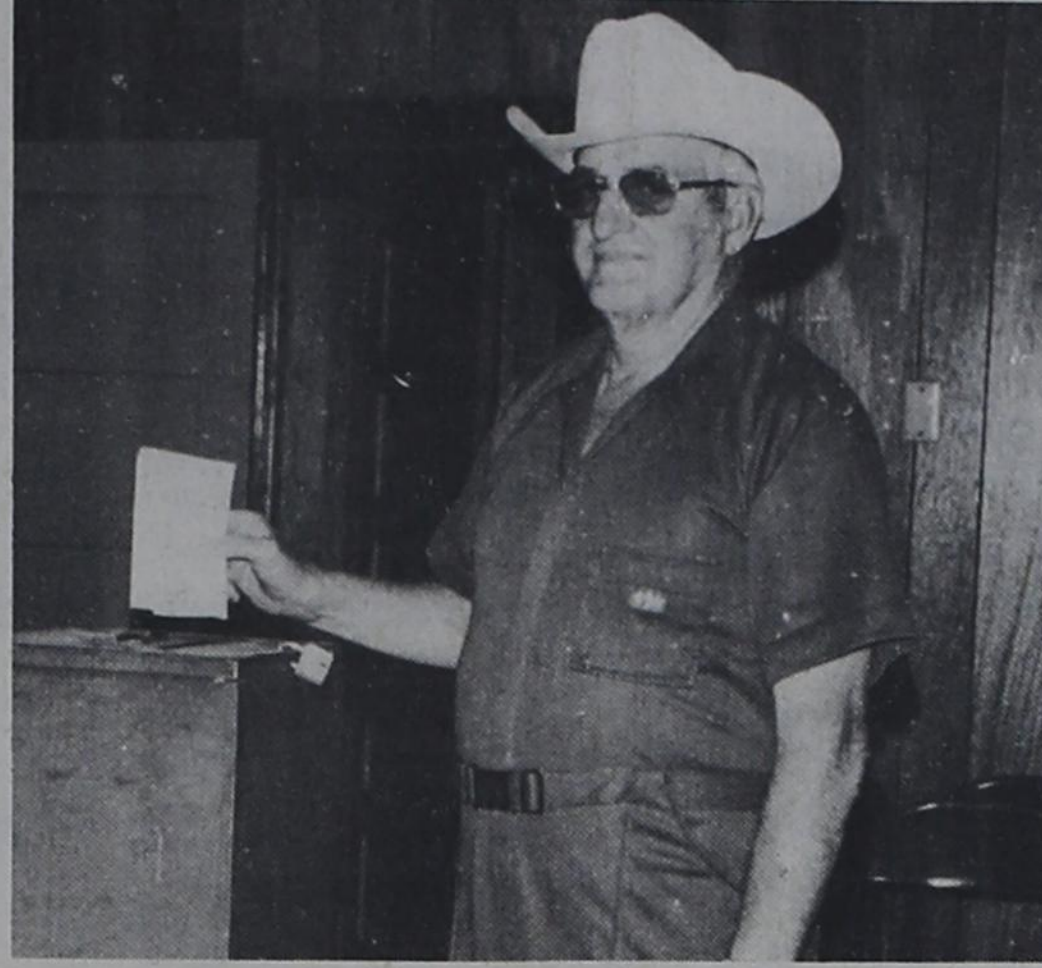
Bovina delegates will be Ralph Roming, Esta Lee Lide, Kregg Wilson, Donna Roming, Edwin Lide, Erith Hawkins, J.W. Harris, Arlene McCallum and

The first resolution set out the aims and objectives of the American Agricultural Movement, which strives for 100 per cent of parity for all agricultural products.

The resolution also called for creation of an entity or structure composed of agricultural producers to devise and approve policies that affect agriculture.

The other resolution objected to the treaty before the senate which would give foreign investors a tax-exempt status on property owned in this country.

The resolution went on to call for the liquidation by foreign investors of all holdings in the state of Texas; and that such investors be taxed at full value until such liquidation.



CASTS BALLOT....O.H. Jones is shown casting his ballot during the primary election held here last Saturday. A commissioner's race helped swell the turnout.

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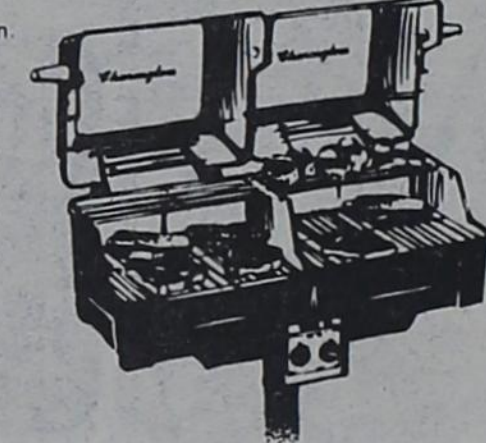
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County GOP Sets Convention

A total of seven delegates and five alternates were elected at the Bovina Republican Precinct convention, to be held here this Saturday.

The county meeting will be held Saturday, May 13 at the Publications Room of Bovina High School, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Delegates elected were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dixon and Eugene Scott. Alternates elected were Larry Scott, Mrs.

Eugene Scott, Linda Marshall, Sue Naegle and James Robledo.

The precinct also passed six resolutions, which are to be passed on to the county convention for action.

Resolutions passed included the following:

(1) That the Texas Legislature be urged to rescind its ratification of the ERA amendment.

(2) That the movement to extend the time limit for two-thirds of the states approving the ERA amendment not be granted.

(3) That the delegates go on

record as being opposed to the movement by the state and federal government to take over early child development programs.

(4) That the government never again expend taxpayers' dollars to promote the International Woman's Year.

(5) That the delegates go on record as being concerned with the political power exerted by the Texas State Teachers Association.

(6) That William F. Brock III, chairman of the National Republican Party, be asked to resign from the Trilateral Commission.

BHS Band Sets Spring Concert Tuesday Evening

The Bovina ISD Bands, under the direction of Jim Little, will present their annual spring concert on Tuesday, May 16. The concert will feature the combined fifth and sixth grade band, the junior high school band, and the high school concert band.

Band awards for the 1977-78 school year will be announced, and the film of the high school UIL marching contest will be shown.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission is \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for students in grades 3-12.

Calendar Of Events

Friday, May 12
Bake sale at First State Bank, Bovina Woman's Club, 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 13
Republican County Convention, Publications Room, Bovina High School, 2:30 p.m.

Democratic County Con-

vention, Friona State Bank's Community Room, 2 p.m.

Junior-Senior Banquet, Hotel Clovis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 14
Lions' Club's Chicken Dinner, Schools' cafeteria, 12 noon.

Tuesday, May 16
Spring Band Concerts, high school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Awards Assembly, school auditorium, 1:30 p.m.

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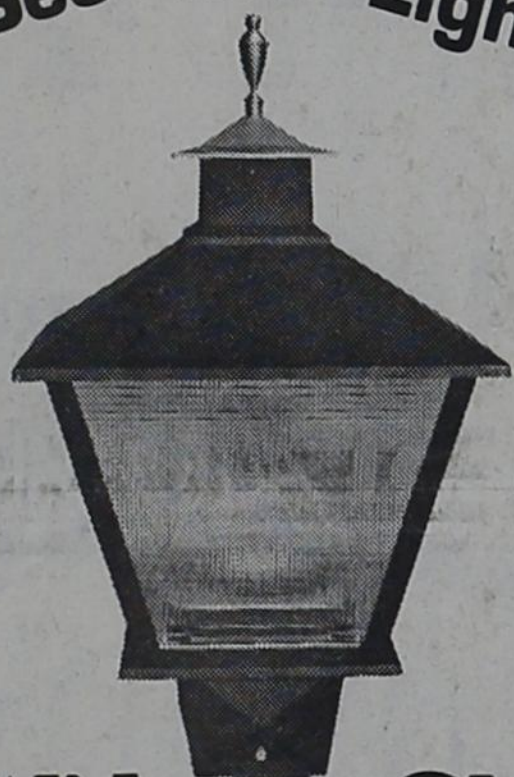
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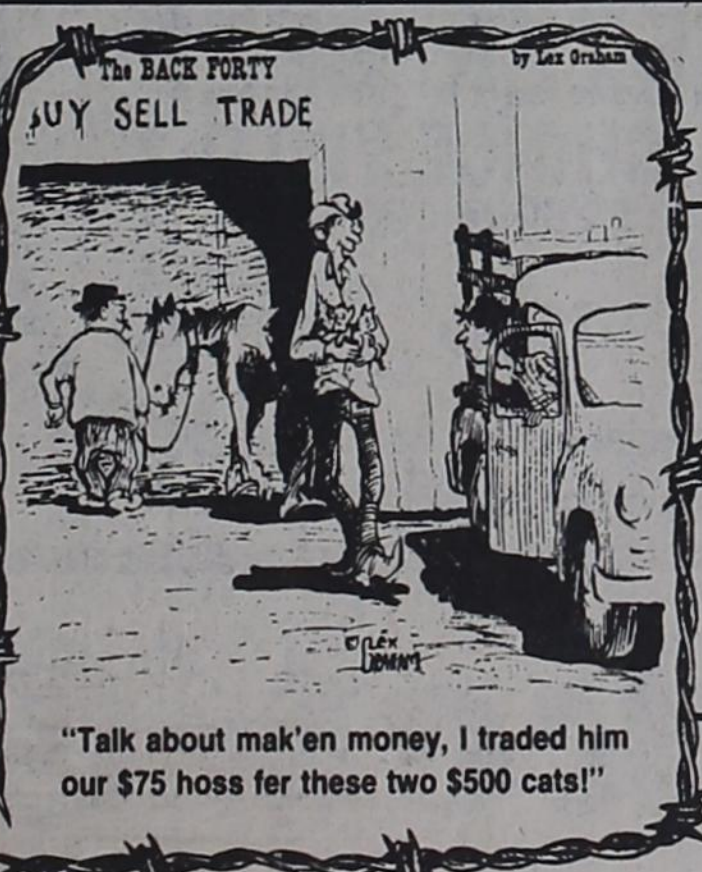
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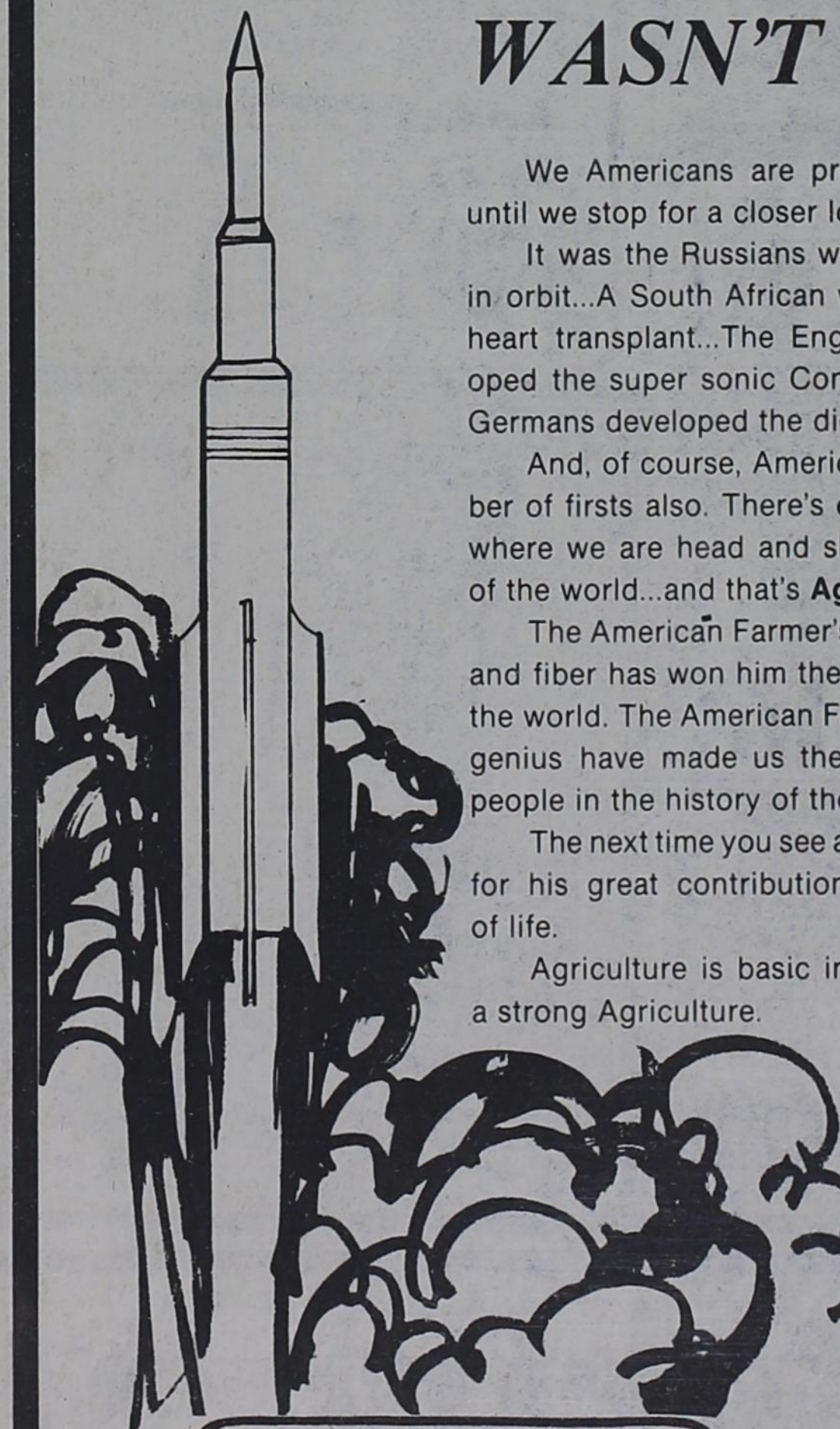
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