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Whittlin'

By Dolph Moten

You may have noticed in last week's paper that Cash Richards was offering a \$10 reward for the return of a black, Skipperteese dog. The point I want to make is that the dog was returned Thursday morning after the Blade was out on Wednesday afternoon.

There was some talk around town that \$10 was a lot of reward to offer for the return of a dog, but Cash said that was very little compared to what he had seen his dad give for the return of a dog.

Several years ago, as I understand the story, Cash's dad had lost a fox terrier and it had been gone for several days. He had looked high and low for the dog, seems that he really thought a lot of it.

One afternoon late, Mr. Richards was milking a big red cow that was an extra good milker and she had a nice sized calf by her side. A friend of his came to the lot where he was milking and asked him what he would take for the cow.

Mr. Richards, milking at a nice, fast clip, replied, "Won't sell her but I'll give her to the man who will bring my dog home." And still milking, he added, "the calf, too."

That ended the conversation about the dog and the cow for that day, but early the next morning the man returned with the lost dog and he was pulling a trailer behind his car with which to haul the big red cow and her nice sized calf home with him.

So maybe \$10 isn't too much reward to pay for a lost dog after all.

Speaking of livestock, I heard this one on fiddler-blacksmith Al Kerby. Recently, the flies were getting bad around his hog troughs. To eliminate the problem, Al was going to pour gasoline around the area, put a match to the gasoline, and this would leave the premises not so inviting for the flies.

He did as planned except when he had the gasoline poured around, he went off to do something else before he set fire to it. In the time that he was gone, one of the hogs wandered over in the gasoline part of the pen and wallowed around some.

When Al finally set fire to the gasoline, he also got the gasoline-soaked hog on fire. He vows that you haven't seen anything till you've seen a blue blazed hog making about four fast laps around a pen.

I have heard of singing chickens but this hog singing business is new to me.

I've known of lots of things that a man could get into where he couldn't win for losing, so I won't say that marriage is the worst, but it's pretty bad.

For instance, "That's a pretty dress, Jeanie, I haven't seen you wear that one before have I?" And then comes the bad part, "That's what you've said the other two times I've worn it."

Saw this ancient steam tractor of which you'll see a picture and story on in this issue. Frankly, I didn't know for sure what it was when I first saw it, but it looked like a news story to me.

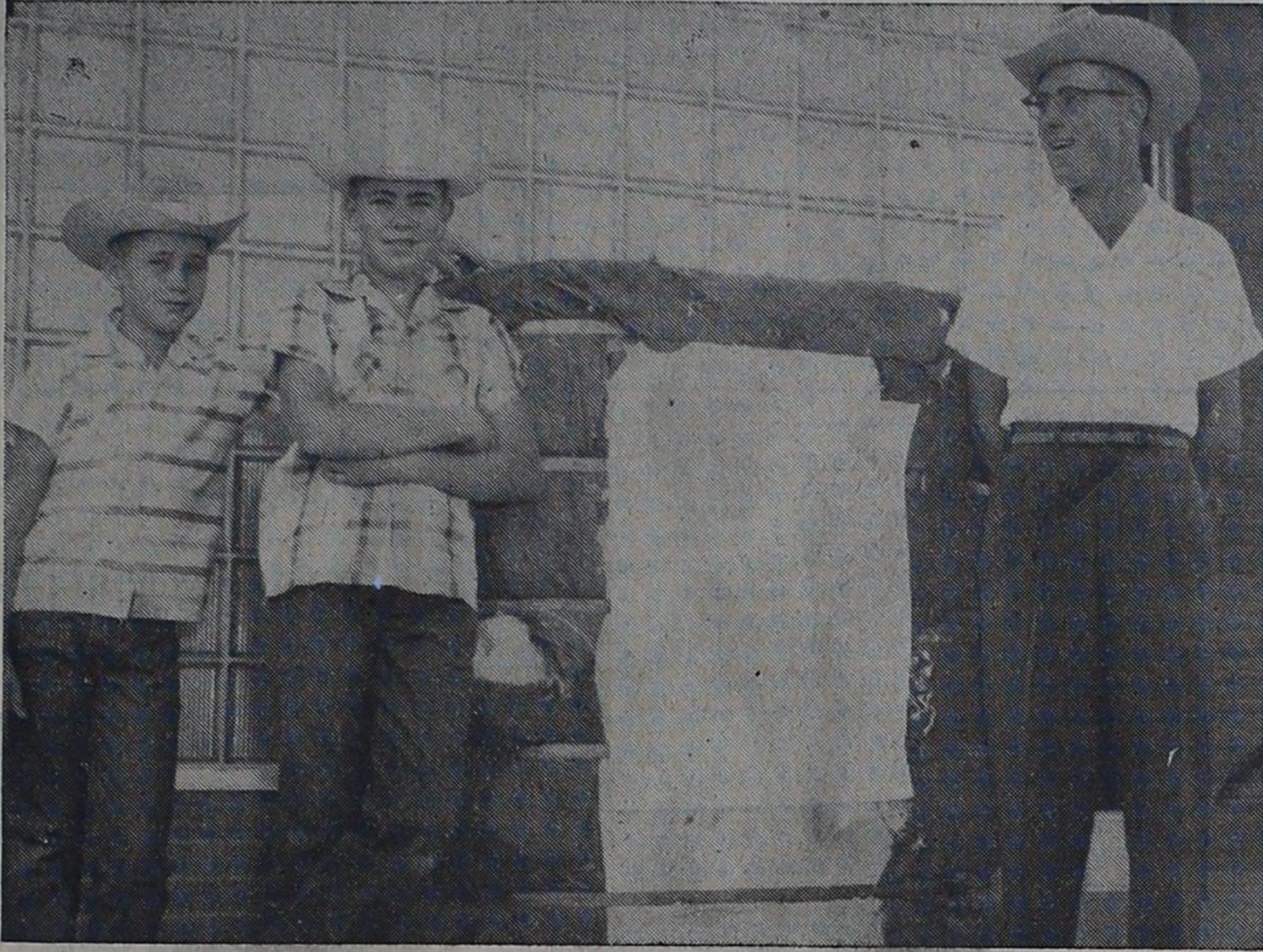
The Sylvesters are the only people that I know that have a 16-50 horsepower hobby.

Seeing the tractor reminded me of the small boy who had seen his first old fashioned phonograph. Later he was explaining about how it worked and marveling over new inventions in general. He explained, "You don't even have to plug it into the wall!"

Think the city commission should be commended on the way they are unhesitatingly getting this sewer system building project organized. Many organizations are slow and indecisive about construction projects but not Bovina's city commission. The Whittlin' column tips its byline to them.

However, the more cooperation they have from citizens and especially property owning citizens, the easier and faster their job will be.

The Blade has grown as you have noticed or will soon notice in case you have chosen to read this column first. The elevators and (Continued On Last Page)



J. W. WRIGHT and his two sons with Parmer County's first bale of cotton ginned during the 1955 season. The cotton was grown by Wright, ginned by Mills & Fleming of the Hub, and was bought for 50 cents per pound by A. G. Earp.

J. W. Wright, Bovina Farmer, Grows First Bale of Cotton

J. W. Wright, who farms near Bovina, took Parmer County's first bale of cotton of 1955 to the gin Friday afternoon, September 9.

The cotton was ginned by Mills-Fleming Gin at the Hub. It was Half and Half variety and was planted the 22nd day of April.

A. G. Earp who is connected with the Mills-Fleming Gin bought the cotton for 50 cents a pound. When asked if he thought he would receive a prize for getting the first bale to the gin, Wright replied, "The price was a pretty nice prize in itself."

Wright farms a total of 800 acres in three different places. He has a half section five miles south and two miles east of Bovina, a half section five miles east and one mile south, and a quarter, on which the first bale was produced, 12 miles east of Bovina.

The field that this initial bale came from will make a bale to the acre, Wright estimated. "However," he said, "it should have made two bales but the gearhead

on the irrigation pump broke in the middle of August and the cotton missed what was probably its most important watering."

Student Council Elects Officers

The Student Council met for the first time during the new school term to lay its plans for the future. The Student Council is interested in bettering student life, creating more school spirit and democracy in the school.

Officers for the coming year are Larry Ezell, president, Neil Smith, vice-president, Janie Alverson, recording secretary, and Pauline Lloyd, corresponding secretary.

The council is planning to have Southern assemblies and morning devotions.

They will also sell parking space at the ball games and all of the money made in this project will go in the football fund. The Council members also discussed their constitution at the meeting.

Band Is Organized For Bovina School

Sue Hoffer is drum major and Nita Beth Estes is head twirler as a result of tryouts for twirlers and drum major held Monday evening. Joan Kay Ezell is alternate drum major.

Barbara Taylor, Nancy Cumpton, Sandra Martin and Joan Ezell are the twirlers. The band has a membership of 40 students and is directed by Wayne Stevens.

The band will march in the parade at Amarillo next Monday. Those in the wood-wind section are Irene Drager, Don Caldwell, Nancy Cumpton, Gladys Dean, Verna Estes, Joan Ezell, Carole Hammonds, and Kay Leake. Julia Ann Lloyd, Sandy Martin, Janice Richards, Donnie Spring, James Ste-

vens, Barbara Taylor, and Nickie Woelfel are also part of this section.

Those who are part of the brass section are Cynthia Patterson, Harriet Charles, Elizabeth Edwards, Duane Ray, Joy Redden and LaVerne Riley. Also a part of this section are Elmer Snodgrass, Margaret Sherrill, Lexie Stevenson, Jerry Wright, Charlotte Hromas, Sue Hoffer, Marilyn Turner, Jackie Davies, Neil Smith, Julius Bradshaw, Roger Ezell and Shirley Mayhew.

Members of the percussion section are Celia Berry, Nita Beth Estes, Pat Lloyd, Sandra Rhinehart, Charlotte Morris and Beverly Roberts.

Springlake Blanks Out Bovina 19-0

It was too much Sandel Friday night for the Bovina Mustangs as twin backs Ronald and Donald Sandel lead the Springlake Wolverines to a 19-0 victory at Mustang Field. Donald picked up the winner's first touchdown early in the first quarter after Springlake had kicked off to Bovina, who failed to make a first down and Darrell Read had punted out of bounds on the Springlake 42 yard line. The Wolverines were on the Mustang 11 two first downs later and Donald carried over from that point.

Read carried the following kickoff back to the 49, Larry Ezell was stopped on the 30 in Springlake's

end of the field but a fumble, resulting from a bad handoff, was recovered by the Wolverines on their own 27.

The Wolverines picked up a first down on their own 45 as the quarter ended. Bovina forced them to punt after a 15 yard penalty, a superb defensive play by Lynn Isaham and an incomplete pass.

Billy Richards carried the punt back to his own 42, where Read made eight yards, then lost eight on a pitchout, then picked up six to leave fourth down and three yards to go for a first. The locals elected to run in that situation and Ezell made a first down on Spring-

The cotton was watered twice plus the pre-watering. It was sprayed one time with Toxaphene and BHC for flea hoppers and boll worms. The one spraying ridged the field of the insects. The spray was applied at the rate of three pints per acre.

This is the fourth crop that Wright has made in this area and the first year that he has had the first bale of cotton of the year. Before coming to this area, he farmed near Burkburnett.

The 57 acre field was fertilized with 300 pounds of phosphate and 40 pounds of anhydrous ammonia.

The bale was pulled and weighed 547 pounds. It was taken to Friona after it was ginned and was put on display there during the Parmer County Fair.

Plans Being Made For Social Center

Mrs. O'Keefe, head of the Home Economics Department, plans to make the cottage a social center for young people. Included in other plans for the year is a course of study for young adult couples. This study is to be centered around family life.

Later on, she plans to have girls taking homemaking to visit elementary grades and give talks to the young children on how to eat and grow and be happy.

A plan for entertaining the elder people will be worked out also. In one course of study Mrs. O'Keefe will encourage her girls to bring their little brothers and sisters to school for demonstrations concerning child care. They will learn how to make toys and clothes for little children.

Mrs. O'Keefe says that all during the year she will conduct courses in food and clothing and that she hopes to help the girls to establish youth savings accounts and that before the year is over that every girl in her classes will have a savings account.

Big Milo Crop Expected Here

Is the milo crop in the Bovina area going to be the biggest in history? J. P. Macon, owner of Macon Elevator was asked. "If you had asked me that two weeks ago, I'd have said, yes," Macon replied, "but since there has been but little rain in most places and none at all in some places the past two weeks, I doubt that we will have record-breaking crops."

But Macon said that despite the fact that prospects don't look as good as they did earlier, "there is still going to be a whale of a crop."

G. D. Anderson, Jr. co-owner of

Sherley Grain Company, said that he didn't think that the average yield per acre would be as high this year as last but that there are more acres in milo this year. "I think that probably there will be more grain handled all over the county this year than last."

Anderson said he wasn't counting on dry land for any production at all. Bob Teter, who works at Bovina Wheat Growers elevator said that he expected larger than average crops this year due to the increase in the number of acres that are planted in milo.

"The number of acres in milo has been increasing every year the past few years and this one is no exception," Teter said.

Had the rains fallen right all during the season, these men feel that Bovina could have possibly shattered all records.

The lower than usual price that will be paid for the grain is discouraging for the farmer but most feel that if their yield per acre turns out to be as good as it looks now that they may still be able to make "some money."

Dave McCurdy, owner of Bovina Butane Service, estimated that the grain crop around Bovina will be

much better than over the Plains as a whole.

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City Commission Sets Board Meeting

The Bovina city commission, in their regular meeting Monday night, September 12, voted to advise the people of Bovina that all alley ways within the city limits should be opened within 60 days so that the blocked alleys would not interfere with the sewer work.

The notice will be given by publications in the local paper and by personal notice. Each property owner will receive a personal card or letter concerning the matter, Mayor O. W. Rhinehart said.

Monday, September 26, was the time set by the commission for the equalization board meeting. The meeting will be held in the city hall.

They also voted to buy a water pump to be used in repairing water lines.

All members were present.

Basketball Practice Starts October 15

R. E. Everett, girls' basketball coach and principal of the local high school, revealed that basketball practice would start October 15.

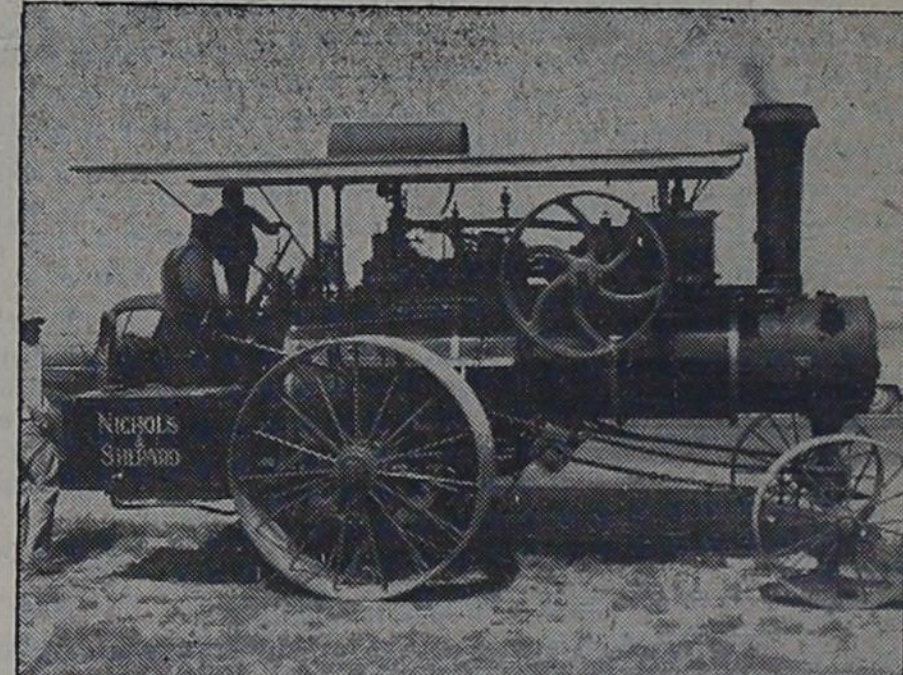
Usually basketball begins with the start of school, but due to new interscholastic league ruling the starting date was changed.

The new ruling gives every school an equal chance for the championship of the district as each school will have the same amount of practice.

Some schools work out during the summer vacation. Coach Everett has 35 girls coming out for physical education this term.

He lost six of his traveling squad last year. They were Lillie Ellison, guard, Margaret Verner, guard, Evelyn Steelman, guard, and Wannette Turner, guard, Marcella Verner, forward, and Dy-alpha Brawshaw, forward.

The six lettermen returning this term are Ellen Berry, Sue Moody and Pauline Lloyd, forwards; and Janie Alverson, Dee Pounds and Julia Kelso, guards. The girls won second in the district last year. Until the basketball season begins, the girls will have relays, calisthenics and volleyball in P. E. class.



IS IT SOMETHING NEW OR OLD? This 1914 model Nichols and Shepard steam tractor is owned by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sylvester, who farm seven miles northeast of Bovina. They bought the tractor in June of this year and have it painted and in fine working condition complete with whistle. They plan to exhibit it in parades and shows.

HAS WHISTLE, TOO—

Steam Tractor Runs for Sylvesters

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sylvester, who farm seven miles northeast of Bovina, own a 1914 model Nichols and Shepard steam tractor. The Sylvesters don't use the tractor in their farming operations but it has taken up quite a bit of their spare time this summer, Mrs. Sylvester says.

The tractor was purchased from a man who lives near Graham. Sylvester used to "run-em when I was a kid" when they were

actually used on farms. When the Sylvesters learned that the tractor was near Graham, they journeyed there to see about buying it.

The tractor's owner, who hadn't run it since 1926, said that he would be glad to sell it to them if they would fix it up and use it for exhibition purposes, but that he wouldn't sell it at any price if they planned to junk it.

The Sylvesters assured him that they didn't plan to junk it, and then they bought it, trucked it home in June of this year, and Sylvester has been putting it in running order and making it pretty with paints of several different colors.

They plan to use it in parades and shows in this section of the country when it is convenient for them to do so.

It was shown for the first time last week at the Parmer County Fair in Friona. Sylvester drove the 16-50 horsepower machine from his home to the Fair and in the parade.

Not only does the tractor have a sparkling paint job, but it sports a whistle as well.

The next time that it will be exhibited has not been announced. The Sylvesters did not say how much they paid for the tractor.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Parmer County Fair?

The Parmer County Fair for 1955 has come and gone. How many people from Bovina saw it? Or better yet, how many people from Bovina supported it? A very small percentage.

Why this lack of support and interest? We've asked that question several times. One of the answers we received was that the citizens, at least the vast majority of them, were a lot more interested in making a dollar than they were in taking part in the fair. The fellow that came up with that answer went on to say that fairs are more popular in towns and counties that are not "booming" as much as is Parmer.

Another thing that holds back the fair is the small number of livestock and livestock owners in the county. And many of the owners aren't interested in fairs. (Possibly interested in making more money than can be picked up at a county fair.)

Another answer was that the fair was held at the wrong time or too early in the year. With the fair coming early in September, there are few crops ready to be put on exhibit.

But, we feel that the real answer to the lack of interest lies in the fact that most people feel that the fair is for the county in name only and that is actually a "Friona Fair." Why couldn't the fair be rotated between the three towns in the county instead of being held every year in Friona? We've asked that question a few times, also. Parmer is a three-town county and each town would have the fair once every three years.

The answer received most frequently to the rotating question is that no other town, save Friona, has barns in which to keep livestock. That might possibly be a good answer but we dare say that most of the livestock at the fair don't stay in a barn when they are at home.

Say a man had been sleeping under the stars all his life and he was given a choice of going to any town for two nights. Do you think he would be influenced by the size and number of hotels that the various towns had in them?

Or maybe, and this is a lot more simple—Bovina and Farwell don't care anything about supporting the fair every third year? Maybe these two towns would just like to call it a "Friona Fair" and forget it.

Y&R Electric Reports Successful Opening

Wayne Young, who operates Y&R Electrical Contractors, reported that their grand opening Saturday, September 10, was "successful" and "it was bigger than we had anticipated."

Free coffee and doughnuts were given to adult guests attending the opening and balloons of various shapes and sizes were given to the children. The business is located next door to Edd's Auto Service and plans are in the making to offer appliances for sale in the future along with the light blubs, switches, conduits and other electrical supplies that are already being offered.

Young expresses his thanks to the people of Bovina and the surrounding area for helping make the grand opening successful in an ad in this issue.

HURTS HAND

Greg Hromas suffered a seriously cut hand Friday afternoon when he caught it in a BB gun. Young Greg was cocking the gun and he fired it before he had closed it.

When it snapped together it caught Greg's hand and cut a gash to the bone in one finger. Greg was rushed to the hospital but no stitches were taken. Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hromas.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Virgil Goodwin, Pastor

Tuesday night the Sunday School teachers and officers will meet at the church for a basket lunch, then make plans for the two Sundays of the meeting. We are expecting large attendance throughout the meeting, but especially on the two Sundays.

September 1, we began a new church year. In the last year the church raised from all sources \$22,495.57. During the same period \$23,096.76 was spent for all purposes, of this amount \$7,256.27 was given to Missions. At the end of the year Sunday School enrollment was 394, and Training Union enrollment was 197. We have 313 resident members, and 116 non-resident members.

Last Sunday there were 161 in Sunday school and 90 in Training Union.

Has Birthday Party

Vance Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bass Elliott, was honored on his seventh birthday with a theater party at Clovis, Saturday, September 10.

The party left Bovina at 2:30, Saturday afternoon. Those attending the party were, Timmy Rhodes, Phillip Lloyd, Randy Jones, Linda Johnson, Jo Carol Wily and Gail Elliott.

Vance Elliott's most prized possession now is a brand new shiny bicycle, given him by his parents, Mrs. Elliott said.

Back to Washington For Committee Work

We will be on our way back to Washington when you get this letter. We have to get the children back in school and also have to get set for the committee work that has to be done this fall preparatory to the next session of Congress. One of the committees on which I serve is the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over transportation in this country. The President has appointed a committee of Cabinet level to make a report on the transportation situation. The committee on which I serve will work in cooperation with that Cabinet committee in trying to work out the many difficulties that will plague the transportation industry in our country. This will require extensive hearings for which there is not sufficient time during a session of Congress. There is also a problem incidental to this concerned with air transportation, which is also within the jurisdiction of this particular committee. The requirements for information concerning these problems are great and we must get it together so that proper legislation can be enacted to insure a continued expansion of our economy under the free enterprise system. As soon as possible after these investigations are concluded, I will, of course, be back in the district and can be reached at 4-5631 in Pampa, Texas.

The children certainly had a wonderful time and are headed back for Washington most reluctantly. Their many good friends were very kind to them and they are deeply appreciative. Mrs. Rogers and I are most humble in our deep appreciation for the many courtesies extended, and we hope that the opportunity will occur at an early date for us to reciprocate.

WALTER ROGERS
Member of Congress
18th District of Texas

BOVINA METHODIST NEWS

Rev. W. R. Beard, Pastor

Church School 9:45 a. m.
Public Worship 11 a. m. 8 p. m.
Group Meetings 7:15 p. m.
WCS, Tuesday 2:30 p. m.
Marzie Lynn Circle Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Subjects to be discussed Sunday are 11:00 a. m. "Heart Keeping," and at 8:00 p. m., "The Burning Bush."

Glen Hromas spent last Friday and Saturday in bed with the flu.

Continued Need Seen for Kenny Polio Treatment

Minneapolis, Minn.—Need for polio treatment provided by the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation will remain vital for years to come, despite recent discovery of vaccine to combat the disease, in the opinion of Marvin L. Kline, national executive director.

"We must continue in the position to treat those not immunized and others who contract polio and be able to retrace our steps to rehabilitate those who have been crippled by the disease in the past," Kline said.

"The current 1955 annual fund appeal is being conducted to assure continuance of the Kenny program which includes providing the Kenny treatment and rehabilitation as well as the training of additional registered nurses and physical therapists to become Kenny Therapists and the sponsorship of continued research into polio and allied diseases."



Specially prepared for the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation, National Headquarters, 2400 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis 2, Minn.

Ola Jones Honored

Mrs. Lois Levins honored Mrs. Ola Lee Jones last Saturday night with a birthday party in her home. Each guest brought a covered dish for the evening meal.

After the supper the guests spent the evening visiting with each other. Those attending the party were Mesdames Maude Trimble, A. M. Wilson, Emmett Tabor, Odie White, Joe Wilson, Pat Read, Ronald Berggren, Lucille Walling, Bob Kelley and Paul Jones.

Four members of the Rainbow Assembly went to Canyon Monday night for the Rainbow Assembly Friendship night. Canyon was celebrating the fourth birthday of the organization of the Rainbow Assembly there.

Those attending were served part of a huge birthday cake and punch. The members of the Canyon Assembly gave a birthday program and the history of their assembly. There was also a musical program.

Those attending from Bovina were Mary Hartsell, Kay Leake, Mrs. A. P. Hobdy, and Mrs. Clifford Leake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Inman of Childress and their son, Edwin of Middleton, visited with the Travis Loyds Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hamby and sons visited in the Henry Minter home Saturday.

FFA Boys Win at Fair

James Stevens, George Baca, and Charles Sherrill, three FFA boys, walked off with honors at the recent showing of their projects at the Parmer County Fair at Friona.

George Baca took first in the sow and litter class with a Hampshire sow and litter.

James Stevens took third with an open gilt and Charles Sherrill took fourth with an open gilt in that class.

The boys are members of the FFA chapter of Bovina.

To Be Honored

Mrs. Eddie Gayle Steelman will be honored with a bridal shower Saturday, September 17, at 2:30 in the Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Steelman is the former Phyllis Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tucker of Texico. Eddie Gayle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steelman of Bovina.

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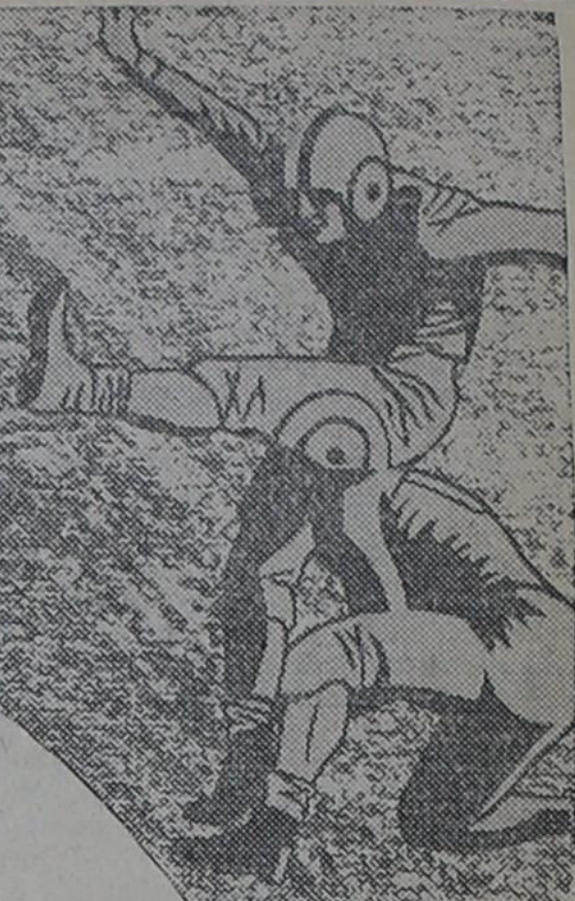
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1955

- *Sept. 9 Springlake at Bovina
- *Sept. 16 Happy at Bovina
- *Sept. 23 Bovina at Friona
- Oct. 7 Bovina at Amherst
- Oct. 14 Bovina at Plains
- Oct. 21 Hart at Bovina
- Oct. 28 Kress at Bovina
- Nov. 4 Bovina at Bovina
- Nov. 11 Farwell at Anton
- Nov. 18 Whitharral at Bovina

*Denotes Non-District Games



THE PARING KNIFE

By JEANIE MOTEN

Friday at the football game, Larry Loflin ran up to his father early in the first quarter and said, "Daddy can I spend my quarter now?"

I bent over so that I could hear the forthcoming conversation.

J. A. Loflin, of course, tried to convince Larry that he should wait for the half time period; but he ended up telling him to go ahead and spend his quarter.

Then Mr. Loflin noticed me taking every word. He said, "Is that what you would of said?"

I told him I didn't exactly know. I just wanted to hear what he would say.

He replied, "You knew what I would have to say!"

Accounts and more accounts! Seems like every set of books has at least 200 accounts, each one capable of throwing a bookkeeper into quandries, then frustrated hair pulling bouts, and finally into complete nervous disorders.

But blessed are at least two accounts—two that will balance any

books—Cash Short or Cash Long.

Kathryn Johnston visited with her sister-in-law from Canada last weekend.

Kathryn reports, "The conversation consisted mostly of 'Huh?'"

The other night the Gene Snells ate dinner with us. And as I have still to learn how to cut up a chicken, Dolph was doing same with assistance from Gene.

Gene slashed away and when finished held up a piece of chicken skin wanting to know if it appealed to anyone's taste. I said, "No, but the dog likes it."

Dolph, mistaking the word dog for his own name, instantly replied, "I don't either!"

Wannette Barron is the Blade's new society editor. She's doing a great job.

Want to urge again that you phone or mail your personals to help Wannette do a better job for you.

Phone 4531.

My sister and brother-in-law bought a wire haired terrier for \$35 about four years back. Recently the dog ran away and my sister was rather worried about their monetary investment.

She looked all around for him and in her search happened to mention to her next door neighbor that, "He's an expensive dog. We paid \$35 for him!"

Imagine her embarrassment when later she found out that the next door neighbors paid \$300 for their dog.

Friday I overheard Ruth Thornton telling Mrs. Bob Wills, the coach's wife, that she didn't like football games and probably wouldn't be the school's most avid supporter.

But then Friday night after the game I saw Ruth and her son Mike just as we were leaving. She then reminded me to tell Mrs. Wills that I saw her at the game.

But later at a post-game coffee in the Art Mast home I was sitting with Ruth and Mike. Little Mike piped up with, "Do you know where we went?"

I said, "No, where?" (Just for conversation sake you understand. Knew they'd been at the game.)

"We went to the movie."

The bug has got us. Just about everyone I know has been ill recently with what is called the bug just for lack of a more enlightening term.

Dolph came down with it Tuesday. It couldn't have happened on a busier day. Guess that is just some more of life's little ironies.

Monday in the grocery store, A. M. Wilson was checking out the purchases of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sudderth. He picked up one wrapped package without a price on it and couldn't figure it out. Mrs. Sudderth quickly explained, "That's a bone for the dog."

Bob Sudderth blankly remarked, "Dog. Dog, didn't know we had one."

Visit with Brocks

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Lubbock spent the weekend in the home of the Aubrey Brocks. Mrs. Harris is the Brocks' daughter. Also visiting the Brocks were their grandsons, Nickie, Rickie and Donnie Harris.

Will Meet Wednesday

The Royal Ambassadors and the Girls Auxiliaries will meet Wednesday evening before prayer meeting. The organizations did not meet last week because of the school of missions that was in progress at that time.

In Williams Home

Mrs. George Small and children from Plainview visited in the W. E. Williams home over the weekend. Mrs. Small attended the meeting of the Wesley Guild at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Charles and family spent last Sunday afternoon and Monday water skiing at Buffalo Lake.

REDDY'S Farm Report

FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



It's Christmas in September as Mrs. Oscar Detten puts ginger bread men in her freezer to use for Christmas treats, while Marilyn Detten, age 9 and Billy Detten, age 11, prepare to eat some samples.

It's a smart woman who, early in the fall, if not before—prepares and freezes traditional foods, novel snacks and special treats that will help make her holiday season a more comfortable and leisurely time of year.

Realizing what a great time saver the freezer can be, Mrs. Oscar Detten, who lives on her farm seven miles northeast of Amarillo, prepares and freezes most of the food for her Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in September. She already has her pies, breads, cakes, vegetables and turkey in her freezer awaiting the busy days ahead.

Dressing, or stuffing for poultry, should not be made until you are ready to roast the bird, however.

Coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls from the freezer make for more festive breakfasts and most welcome Christmas gifts.

"You can hardly think of Christmas candies without including Christmas cookies in the same

thought—so," says Mrs. Detten, "while you're in the mood, freeze some of both. Save some of the gingerbread men and fancy cookies to decorate the Christmas tree. Make up some strings of cranberries for the same purpose and freeze them too."

A supply of hamburger patties and buns stored in the freezer will be another welcome answer to the cry of hungry holiday guests.

Mrs. Detten knows the importance of proper packaging of foods for her freezer. She carefully packages foods in moisture-vapor-proof material so that they will be just as good when she takes them out as they were the day she put them into her freezer.

If you'll try some of the ideas given here, you'll have an easier and more enjoyable holiday season.

"You can't really know the continuous satisfaction that a food freezer gives until you've owned one!" says Mrs. Detten.

Indian Reservations. From Santa Fe, they went to Platoro, Colorado where they hiked and fished.

"One mountain we climbed was so steep that one of the horses we were riding put his hooves over his eyes until we got to safe ground," Mrs. Hawkins said. She also said that they had a nice time but were glad to get back to Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ell D. Parker of Amarillo visited with her mother, Mrs. Roy B. Ezell, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parker, last Sunday.

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District Guild Meet Held Here Sunday

The district meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild was held at the Methodist Church Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. The local guild served as hostess.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Ewin Norton and Mrs. Dolph Moten. Approximately 60 people were present including members from Plainview, Earth, Dimmitt, Muleshoe, Olton and Bovina. Guests from the Bovina WSCS were Mrs. Jimmie Charles, Mrs. Frank Hastings, Mrs. Floyd Dunavant, Mrs. George Turner and Mrs. Wilbur Charles, coordinator.

A tea, arranged by Mrs. H. J. Charles, was held in the fellowship hall preceding the meeting. Soft music was played on the piano by Mrs. Margaret Caldwell. The tea table was laid with a handdrawn imported linen cloth, a floral centerpiece flanked by candles in sterling holders, and silver tea service.

Mrs. W. E. Williams poured while Mrs. Bedford Caldwell served the orange chiffon cake with pineapple sauce topping.

Miss Ann Hastings of Plainview is district secretary and presided over the meeting. The first hour was a coaching school for officers.

The featured speakers were Miss Lucile Flowers, conference president whose subject was "A Christian Woman Understanding Her World," and Miss Naomi Hare, missionary teacher on leave from her work in Lima, Peru.

old school building was urged. These plates are being sold by the Parent-Teachers Association for \$2.50 each.

W. H. Willoughby, superintendent, was moderator for a panel discussion entitled "What We, as Parents and Teachers, Should Expect from Our School." Members of the panel were Bob Wills, athletics director, Earl Stevenson, school board president, Wayne Stevens, Mrs. H. H. Kelso, cafeteria foreman, Mrs. W. E. Williams, primary teacher, Mrs. Pauline O'Keefe, homemaking teacher, and Miss Grace Paul, elementary principal.

Joan Kay Ezell and Nita Beth Estes gave a twirling exhibition and the group adjourned to the cafeteria for refreshments.

Former Patsy Steelman Honored with Shower

Mrs. Bob Teter, the former Patsy Steelman, was honored with a bridal shower, Monday, September 12, in the Legion Hall. Hostesses for the fete were Mesdames Fred Langer, Wilburn McLean, F. Stevens, Bill Burnam, Harve Alverson, A. P. Hobby, Ed Paetsch, Nat Read, Frank Wilson and Henry Minter.

The bride was presented with a pink rose bud corsage. Mrs. Carol Steelman, the bride's mother, and Mrs. Arch Teter were given a corsage also.

The table was spread with a white lace cloth over pink linings. Pink and white asters and candles carried out the bride's colors. The guests were served cake and punch while Mrs. D. C. Looney played soft music on the piano.

Guests registered by Mrs. Frank Wilson were Mesdames A. E. Steelman, T. W. Fuller, Bill Moore, Von Bowen, Donald Barron and D. C. Looney. Also attending were Misses Pat Burnam, Donna Smith, Sue Hoffer, Vivaleigh Steelman and Sheryl Moore.

Also attending the shower were Mrs. A. C. Teter and Mrs. Carol Steelman.

Pedestrians! Are your feet killing you?

Panel Discussion Tops First PTA Program

The Bovina Parent-Teacher Association met in the first session of the school year on Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the school.

The meeting began with group singing led by Wayne Stevens, music and band instructor. Mrs. Vernon Estes, president, conducted a business session at which time the prompt sale of decorative plates bearing the picture of the

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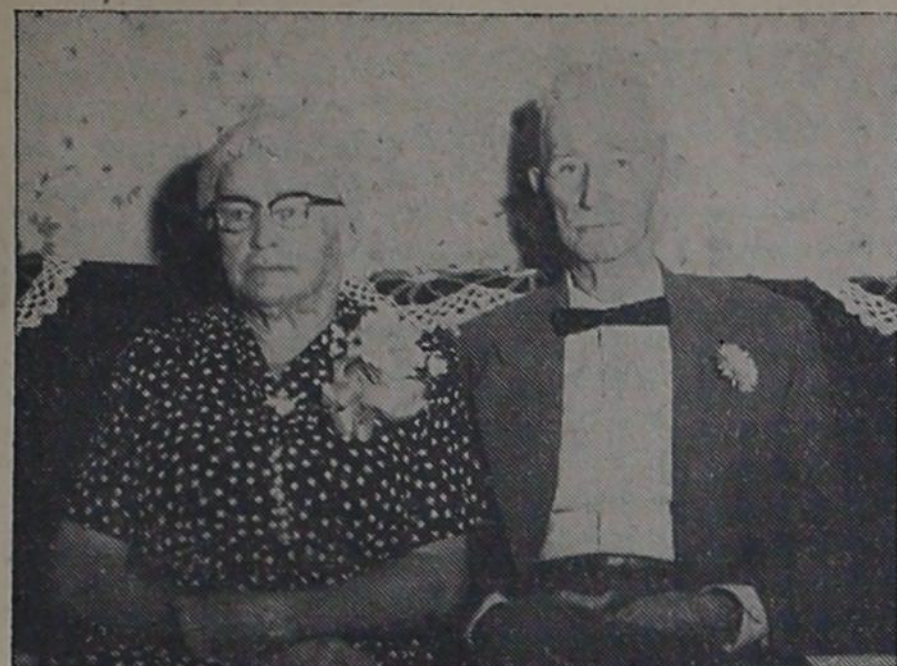
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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sides Will Observe 60th Wedding Anniversary Sunday

Today—September 15—marks the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sides of Bovina, who first came to this part of the Plains in 1925.

In connection with that event, an open house will be held for the couple Sunday, September 18, in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Scotty Barry, from the hours of two until five o'clock in the afternoon.

All friends of the pioneer residents are invited to attend, and the Sides request that no gifts be brought.

It will also be the 85th birthday for Mr. Sides.

The Barry home is located 1/2 mile east of Bovina on the Dimmitt Highway (Highway 86).

William Juan Sides was born at Mount Pleasant, North Carolina in 1870, the son of G. H. and Joice Sides. He had four brothers and two sisters.

Rebecca Sides was born at Agnes in Parker County, Texas, in 1878, the daughter of Robert Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Platt. There were three boys and four girls in the family.

The Sides family moved from

North Carolina to Texas in 1892 and settled at Agnes, a small community about 18 miles north of Weatherford.

It was there that the younger Sides met Rebecca, and a courtship began. The first meeting of the couple took place at an old-fashioned "country singing," where, remembers Mrs. Sides today, "He winked at me across the room."

After three years of courtship, they were married in the Agnes Baptist Church by Rev. T. J. Bussey, the pastor. To this union were born three boys and one girl. A twin son died at birth.

Still living are Samuel H. of Hereford, a retired farmer, Mrs. Jewel Barry, in whose home the open house will be held, and David W. of San Antonio, who is employed by the Treasury Department there.

In addition, there are five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren living today.

The W. J. Sides first came to Parker County on September 1, of 1925, moving here from near Burkburnett. He had farmed all his life, and was looking for better farming country and the area around Oklahoma Lane appealed to him.

"It has good land and good water," says W. J., "and those were the two main things."

The 85-year-old farmer remembers raising some very good crops off the 1066 acres which he purchased, and one year a 50-bushel wheat crop was produced, although the exact date slips his mind.

The market outlook was pretty dim, though. Maize generally sold for around 25 cents per hundred. "I paid \$25 an acre for my place, and we saw some times when it sure didn't look as though it was worth it," remembers Mr. Sides. "Lots of folks lost land they paid \$25 for—and now most of it will bring around \$350 an acre!"

Times were pretty rugged when the Sides family lived at Burkburnett, too—at least before the oil boom of 1918. The family was eking out a living from drouthy farm land and things were in a pretty shaky financial condition.

Then came the discovery of oil, and within a short time the countryside was covered with derricks. This unquestionably increased the value of the Sides land, but it sure messed up the farming, says W. J.

The Sideses restrained from joining in on speculation in land which was rife at the time, and it was not until 1922 that they realized any cash from the newborn oil industry.

Mrs. Sides managed to lease 20 acres to a development firm while her husband was gone on a trip.

"I would have dabbled down some money in the oil boom if he had let me," she laughs, indicating that it was Mr. Sides who represented the conservative side of the family.

Women's Missionary Union Met Tuesday

The W.M.U. had its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 at the Baptist church. The program entitled, "The Elephant Walk," was on the Buddhist religion.

Those taking part on the program were Bobby Englant, Mrs. Allen Crompton, Mrs. Williams, Troy Fuller, and Mrs. J. D. Kelley.

Mrs. Virgil Goodwin was in charge of the program.

Attending were Mesdames A. J. Routt, Virgil Goodwin, Roy Fuller, Troy Fuller, J. W. Gooch, Ovid Lawlis, J. D. Kelley, Glen Kelley, Bobby Englant, and Mrs. Cagle.

Also attending were Mrs. P. A. Adams, Mrs. Oscar Combs, Mrs. W. E. Williams, Mrs. Allen Crompton and Mrs. Charles Vickers.

Dorcas Circle Meets

The Dorcas Circle of the Methodist Church met September 7, with Mrs. Ike Quickel. After a bountiful covered dish luncheon, Mrs. Pesch took charge of the meeting, which was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. R. Beard. Rev. Coggins gave the devotional, taken from the fifth chapter of St. John.

At the business meeting which followed, the group was informed that the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Guild would have a joint meeting and salad supper on the 19th of September at 7 o'clock with each one to bring a salad.

Mrs. Naomi Hare, a missionary from Peru, will be the speaker for that occasion. The Circle is ordering Christmas cards to be sold. There were 13 members present for this meeting and the next meeting will be October 5, with Mrs. Earl Richards.

FFA Plans to Be Made

R. M. Crawford, agricultural teacher of Bovina High School, says that plans will soon be made concerning the FFA chapter of Bovina. There are to be two chapters. One will be the Green Hand Chapter and the other will be the Chapter Farmers.

Those making up the Green Hand Chapter will be boys who have not completed one year of agriculture. All boys who have completed at least one year of agriculture will belong to the Chapter Farmers.

Crawford stated that not only boys in school can belong to the Chapter Farmers but that any boy who has completed one year of agriculture and under 21 years of age is eligible for membership.

Spend Day Fishing

Reagan Looney and his nephew, Major Byron Work, and a guest of Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico, spent all day Sunday fishing at Conchas Lake. The group returned to Bovina late Sunday night.

Mrs. O. L. Hamby of Clovis visited last week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Minter.

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they should stop—on the outside. If your brows have a peak in the middle, that is a natural characteristic of yours so do tone it down a little if it is too high but don't take it all off, it ruins your facial expression if you do.

There are very few people who have brows that don't need some arching and by all means don't go around with that fuzzy-wuzzy look.

I will continue with eye care next week.

Shop in Clovis

Mrs. Pat Kunselman, Mrs. Doris Wilson, and Miss Isabell Kunselman spent Friday in Clovis shopping. Accompanying them was Mrs. Kunselman's daughter, Vickie.

Fish at Buffalo

Fishing at Buffalo Lake recently were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Venable, Margaret Jo and Radford, and Fred Langer and daughter, Sherri Lyn.

Attend Party

Mrs. Nat Read was taken to the hospital last Saturday but was able to return home Saturday afternoon. She was scheduled to have surgery today (Wednesday).

Esteses Have Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dale of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Malone of Lubbock spent the weekend of the first of September in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes and Mrs. Shamblin.

Visit in Wellington

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen spent the weekend of the first of September visiting relatives in Wellington. They visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowen.

Leaves for Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware and son, Mike, left for Lubbock Tuesday where Leon will enter school. This is his second year in college.

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Widow's Club To Meet Thursday

The Bovina Widow's Club will meet Thursday with Mrs. Roy Ezell. The club will have a covered dish luncheon.

College Students

Boys who will attend college in Canyon for their second year from Bovina are Glenden Sudderth, Huey Lowrie, Ted Walling and

Charlie Williams. Dick Martin will also attend West Texas. He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock last year. The boys are '54 graduates of Bovina High School.

Marzie Lynn Circle To Meet Thursday

The Marzie Lynn Circle meeting is to be held Thursday. The meeting was not held last week because of the Methodist revival.

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South Plains Fair Bigger This Year

LUBBOCK, Texas—September (Special)—The Livestock Department of the Panhandle South Plains Fair will take on a new look this year with the construction of additional barns to house cattle and swine. Preliminary grading work has already begun at the building site.

A new livestock barn, swine barn and swine judging arena is being built next to the present livestock building to allow much more space for an expected record number of livestock entries. Premiums in both departments nearly doubled this year, and Fair officials expect a large influx of new breeders to show animals at the Fair, Sept. 26 through Oct. 1.

In addition, a contract has been let for additional paving on the carnival midway. An extension to the present paved midway, 350 feet by 175 feet, will cost more than \$11,000.

The new livestock barn will measure 90 feet by 100 feet and will be located adjacent to the present judging arena. This and the other new buildings will be of corrugated steel.

The new swine barn and judging arena will be located next to the present swine barn, and this new structure will be 85 feet by 200 feet.

These additions will cost approximately \$35,000.

Fair goers will also notice many other improvements throughout the grounds. Early this spring, the Fair Association began an extensive beautification project and has planted numerous trees and shrubs in all sections of the sprawling Fair grounds.

The feature attraction of the 1955 exposition will be the appearance of "Holiday On Ice" in Fair Park Coliseum. Nine performances of this colorful ice spectacle will be presented beginning Sunday, Sept. 25 and continuing through Friday, Sept. 30.

Bosses Rate Older Folks Good Workers

People who stay on the job in their sixties and seventies can be good workers and usually are, according to authorities who should know—their supervisors. In a University of Illinois survey, supervisors in 20 companies rated 1,025 older workers with these results.

In over-all performance, 16% were excellent, 32% very good, 36% good. Seventy percent were absent less often than their younger colleagues, and 23% had about the same number of absences. Fifty percent were rated more dependable. In work quality, 57% did about the same and 36% were better. More than 75% turned out as much work or more than younger employees. And 60% got along with others as well as young people did, while 33% got along better.

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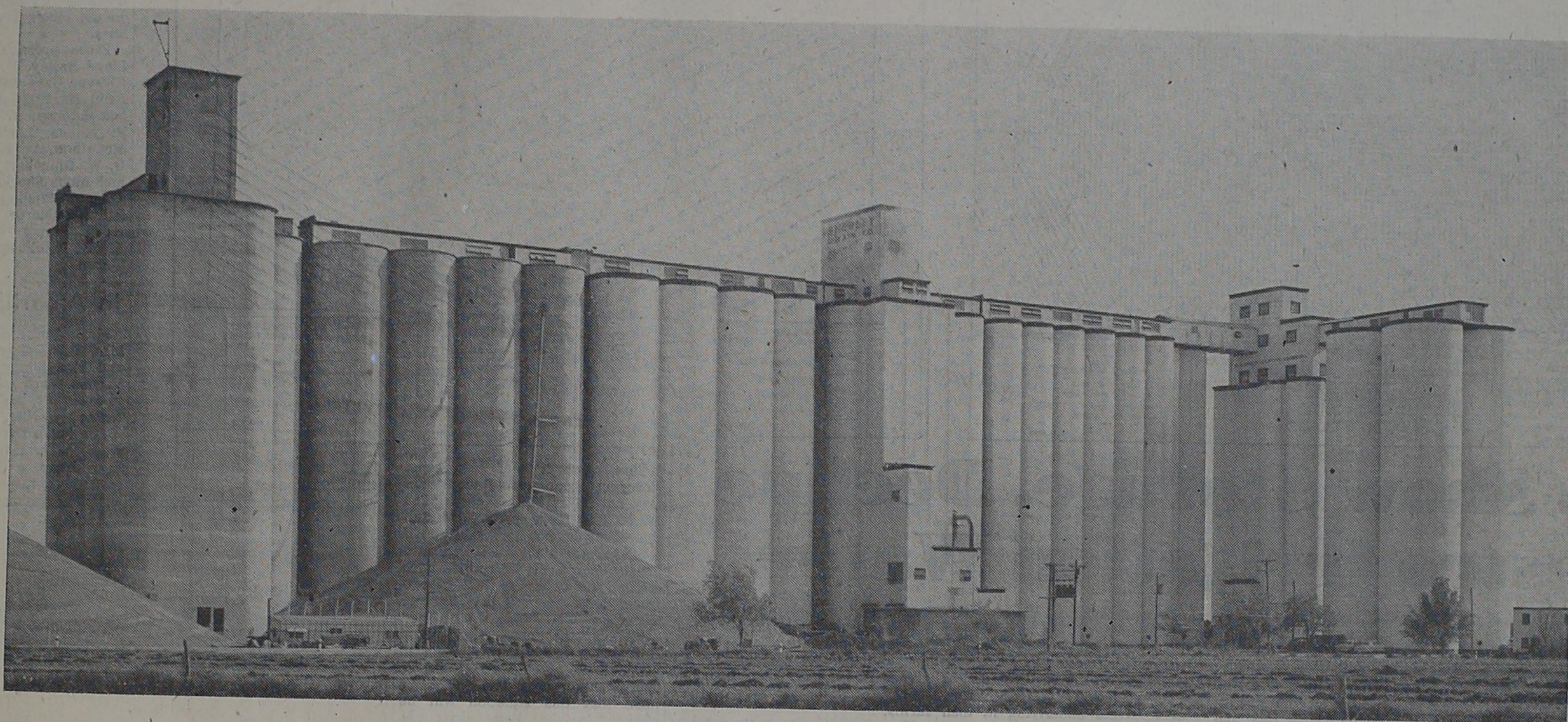
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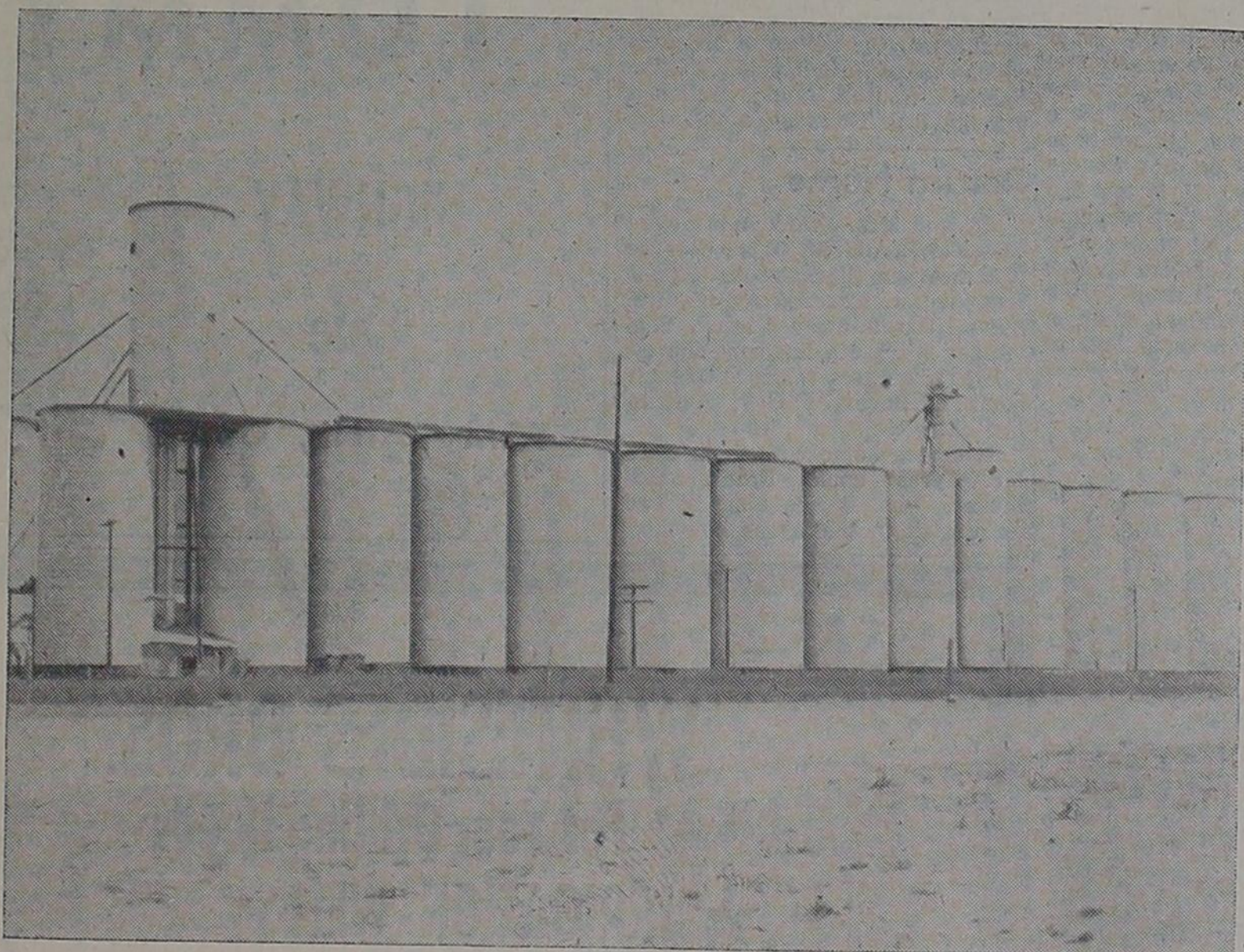
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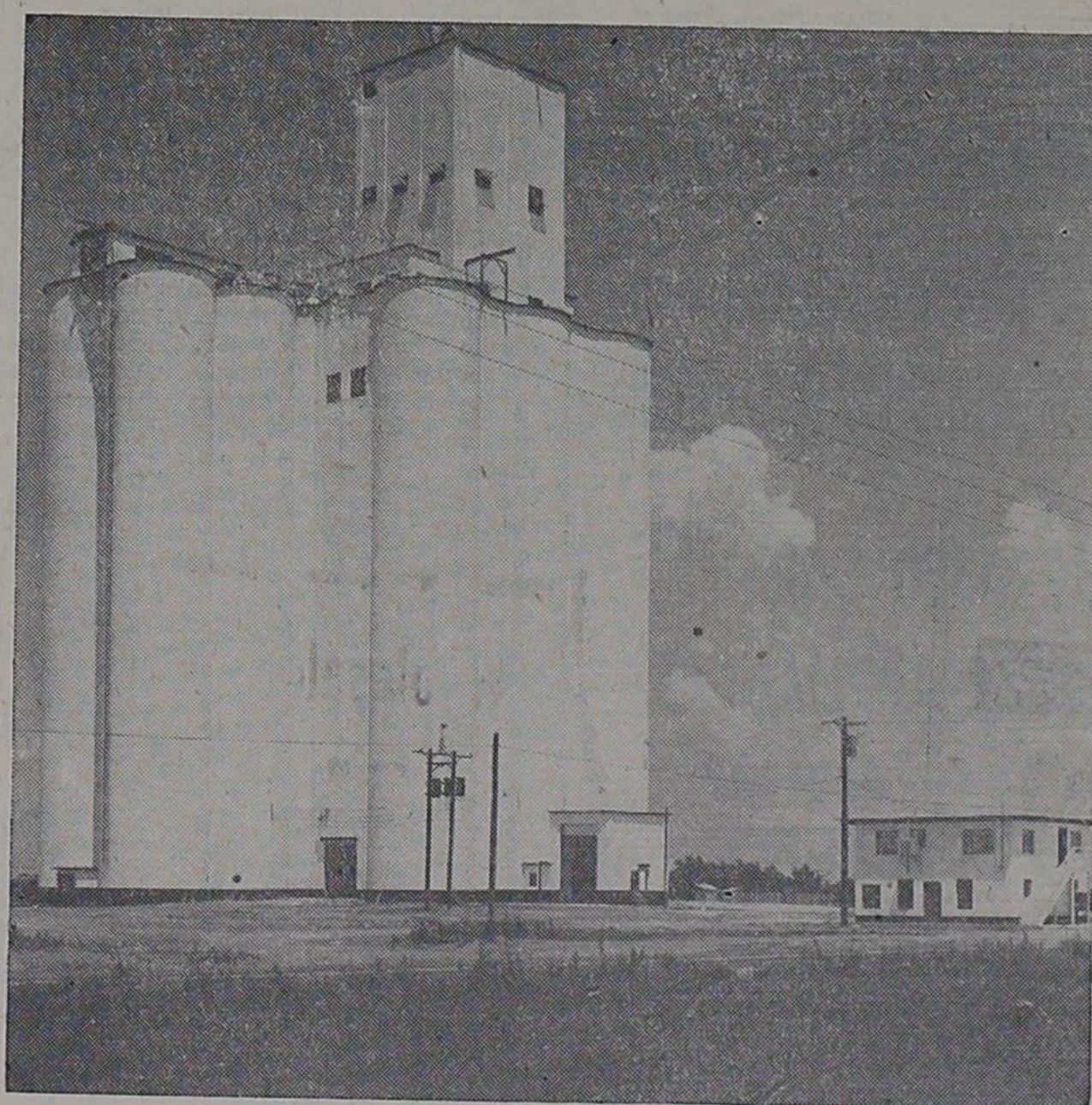
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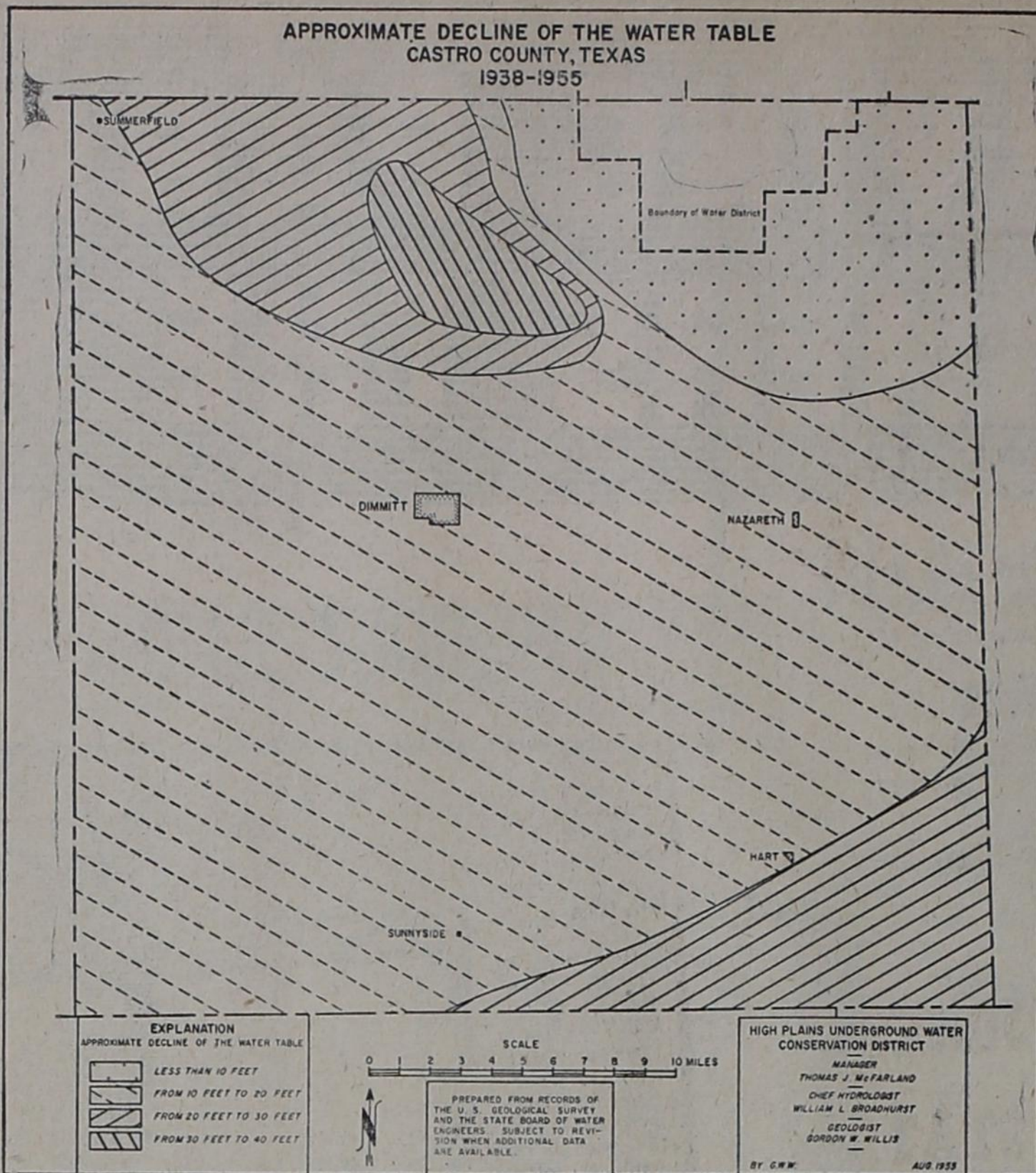
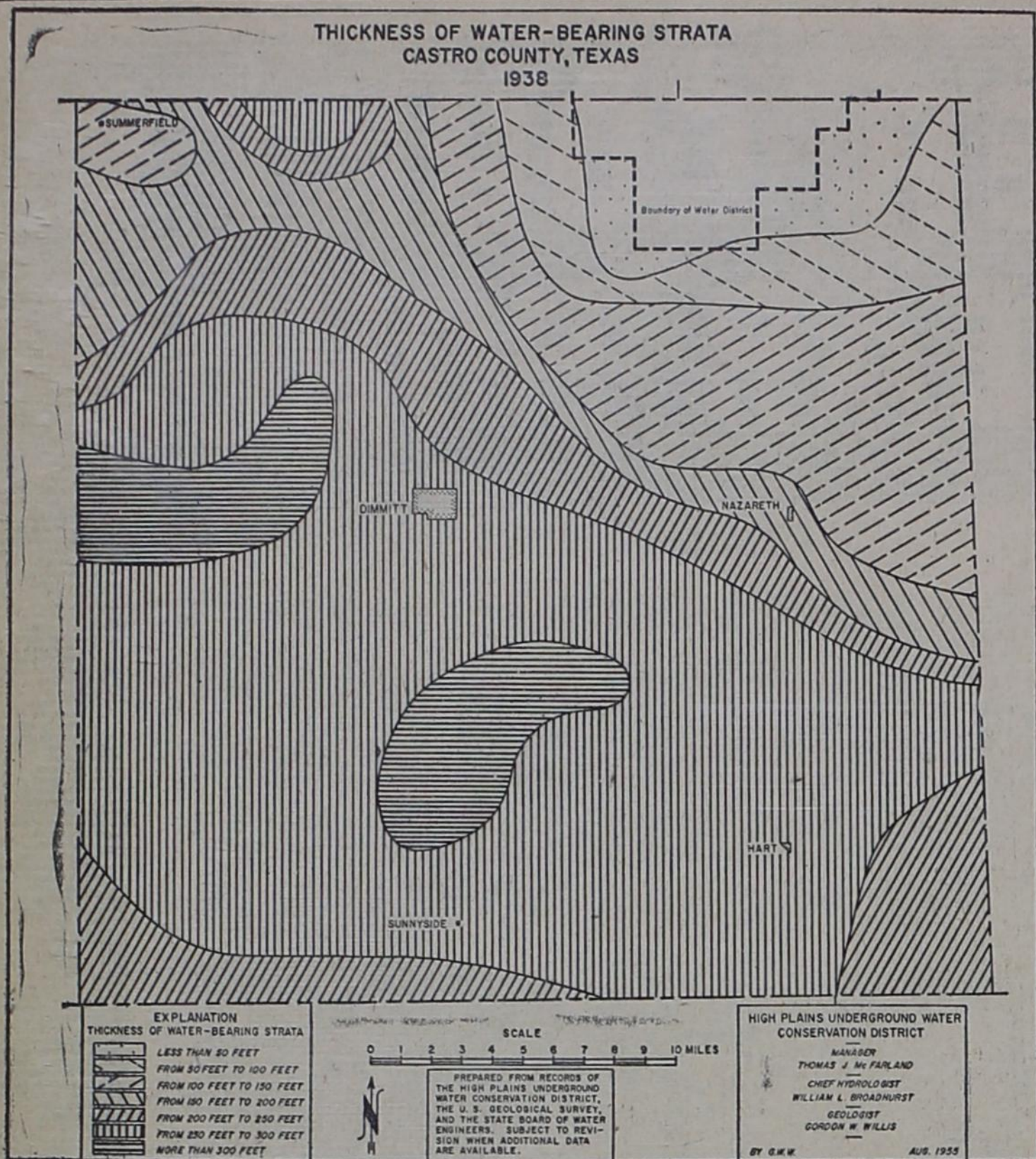
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Maps Show Storage, Decline Of Castro Irrigation Water

The portion of Castro County within the boundary of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District covers about 540,000 acres of land. (The total area of the county is 560,640 acres.) The underground reservoir in the Ogallala formation beneath the area within the district contains approximately 15,900,000 acre-feet of ground water in storage available for pumping.

The map in plate 1 shows the thickness of the water-bearing strata between the water table and the redbeds in 1938 before an appreciable amount of water had been pumped from the reservoir. The map in plate 2 shows the decline of the water table from the spring of 1938 to January 1955.

The volume of water remaining in the underground reservoir was determined by subtracting the volume of material unwatered since

1938 from the total volume of saturated material in 1938 and multiplying the remainder by the coefficient of storage of 15 percent.

These data show that 17,200,000 acre-feet of water was in storage available for pumping in 1938, and that 1,300,000 acre-feet of water has been removed from storage since 1938. In other words, 7.6 percent of the volume of the available water has been removed from storage since 1938.

Approximately 850,000 acre-feet or about 65 percent of the volume of water removed from storage was pumped during the 5-year period from January 1950 to January 1955.

The approximate quantity of underground water in storage, available for pumping, beneath an individual farm may be determined by multiplying the number of acres in the farm by the thickness

of the water-bearing strata underlying the farm and then multiplying by the storage coefficient of 15 percent.

Suppose the farm consists of 320 acres and has 200 feet of water-bearing strata underlying it, then 320 acres x 200 feet x 0.15 equals 9,600 acre-feet of water available for pumping. An acre-foot of water is the quantity required to cover one acre to a depth of one foot, and it is also equal to 43,560 cubic feet or 325,829 gallons.

An individual may use this information to determine, within reasonable limits, how long the

quantity of underground water in storage beneath his farm will last at any annual rate of withdrawal. This assumes, of course, that his neighbors pump a comparable amount of water per acre on their farms.

These maps and studies of this type are parts of the regular hydrological work in progress by the staff of the Water District. Similar maps and information will be prepared, as rapidly as practicable, for all the counties within the Water District. Maps of Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro Counties are now available.

dollars worth of benefits. Worrying about getting some rain may not be as bad as getting too much, like those poor folks did. One of my friends here said that if those rains had come out here during the drouth, the land would have soaked the water so fast that it would have seemed like a mere sprinkle.

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Panhandle Looking Good, Says Rogers

By Walter Rogers, M. C.
18th District of Texas

The Texas Panhandle has always been a sort of garden spot when we had a little rain. That is exactly what it looks like today in the several sections which I have had the good fortune to visit. The time element enters into the picture and prevents me from getting every place as quickly as I would like, but we have seen quite a bit of it and hope to get over the rest of it before long. Irrigation is cropping up all over the Panhandle and it can certainly change the picture. I was down in Hall County the other day and things looked mighty good, both the irrigated and the dry land. Wheeler County is another place I had a chance to

visit and it looks equally good. However, we do need a good rain, and I have filed application for a four-inch "soaker," to be delivered over a period of about ten days. If this application is approved, we will hope that there will be no red tape in the delivery of the rain.

I have talked to people from every section of the Panhandle and get good reports on the prospects from all quarters. Of course, there are some exceptions, but we hope these will straighten out in the next 30 to 60 days. It is too bad that the heavy rains that occurred in the eastern part of our country could not have been divided up over the whole country. Instead of billions of dollars worth of damage, there would have been billions of

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Visit Goodwins

Visiting in the home of the Virgil Goodwins last week were Rev. Matthew Wai, a Chinese, born in China, now of El Paso; Rev. E. M. Causey of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Rev. Gerald Seright of Brazil, South America, Rev. J. D. Brannon of Fort Worth, and Rev. Sidney Cox of Abilene. These were the speakers at the School of Missions which began last Sunday at the Baptist Church and continued through last Thursday night.

Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayres were called to Frederick, Okla., because of the serious illness of Mr. Ayres' sister-in-law, Mrs. Ed Ayres. Mrs. Ayres passed away Friday, September 2, after a lingering illness. The Frank Ayres returned to their home in Bovina Friday, September 10.

Returning home with them were Mr. Ayres' uncle, Frank Schumaker, who is planning a two week visit in the Ayres home.

Bovina Women's Study Club Meets At La Vista, Clovis

The Bovina Women's Study Club met at the La Vista Restaurant in Clovis, New Mexico, for breakfast on Thursday September eighth at 10 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order and the welcome was given by the president of the club, Mrs. Ike Quickel. The invocation was given by Mrs. Troy Fuller.

After breakfast the yearbook were presented by the chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Charles Ross. After breakfast, Berniese Hartzog conducted a quiz on the club's constitution and by-laws.

Those present were Mesdames Lloyd Battey, H. J. Charles, Buck Ellison, Bass Elliott, Troy Fuller, Arlin Hartzog, Ovid Lawlis, Reagan Looney, G. W. Mayben, J. P. Macon, Leslie McCain, Dean McCallum, Art Mast, I. W. Quickel, O. W. Rhinehart, Charles A. Ross, and Amos Shockley.

Also attending were Mesdames Billie Sudderth, W. E. Thornton, H. N. Turner, W. H. Willoughby, A. B. Wilkinson and Frank P. Wilson.

In Amarillo

Mrs. Jack Woltmon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denny and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Spurlin and Mrs. Vernon Ward left Sunday morning to meet Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Morten in Amarillo.

For lunch the group went to Elwood park. During the afternoon they drove to Canyon where they visited the museum.

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Leave for College

Sunday marked the day for all who were going to school to leave for the college of their choice. Going from Bovina to Canyon were Sandra Jefferson, Dyalthia Brad-

shaw, Evelyn Steelman and Sandra Patton. All four were graduates of last year. Those who will attend school at Tech are Donald Lloyd, Alfred Moody, Edmund Hobdy, Billy Woelful, Margaret Verner and Reggie Jones. All ex-

cept Billy Woelful graduated from Bovina last May.

Marries Recently

Word has been received in Bovina of the recent marriage of Doctor Sam Johnson. The bride was the former Sandra Morrison of San Bernadino, California. Doctor Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson formerly of Bovina, now of Lubbock. Doctor Johnson is a graduate of Bovina High School. The couple will make their home in Lubbock where Dr. Johnson is associated with the Goodnight Clinic.

Visit Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker of Mexico and June Gay Hanna and Stuart spent Saturday evening visiting Mrs. Doris Robertson in Plainview.

Late Saturday night they drove on to Lubbock where they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hanna. Sunday, the group drove to Clovis where they visited other relatives. Sunday evening June Gay Hanna and Stuart returned home to Bovina with the Parkers.

Tritches Have Guest

Herman Tritsch spent from Thursday of last week until Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tritsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Baca visited with the Tritches on Labor Day.

Herman and Bobby Lee of Lubbock went to Dallas last Monday to spend a week visiting with Bobby's brother.

Mrs. Fred Paine was called to Rochester, last Friday to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Ben Hancock. Mr. Hancock passed away after a long illness.

Visit in Looney Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gene Starr visited in the Reagan Looney home Sunday. Mr. Starr is a former resident of Bovina and his wife is a former resident of Oak Ridge, Tenn. They will be making their home in Lubbock where Starr is finishing his preparatory medicine at Texas Tech.

J. H. Steelman III

J. H. Steelman took sick suddenly in his home Saturday evening. He was rushed to the hospital but was able to return home Sunday morning.

Steelman returned to the hospital Monday in preparation for surgery which is to be sometime later this week.

Visit in Derrick Home

Visiting in the Derrick home last weekend was Mrs. Derrick's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keller and family from Oklahoma City. The Derrick family was also visited by two of Mrs. Derrick's brothers, Ollie and Lloyd McPherson of McLean.

To Leave

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Teter plan to leave for California Thursday or Friday of this week. They are going to look over a job offered them there. They do not have any definite plans to make their home permanently in California.

Mrs. Grady Truitt and Jimmy of Amarillo visited in the home of the P. D. Barrons. Mrs. Truitt is the daughter of the Barrons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tabor and Stevie visited in the E. M. Tabor home Sunday. Tabor is stationed at Amarillo Air Force Base.

Mrs. C. E. Foster and children visited in the N. E. Bonds home over the weekend. Mrs. Foster is Mrs. Bonds' daughter.

How Not to Have a Home Fire This Winter

Winter is the danger season for home fires and calls for extra fire safety precautions, warns the National Fire Protection Association, sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. More home fires occur during the winter months, when stoves and furnaces are in use, that at any other time of year.

Many winter fires can be traced to defective or improperly operated oil space heaters, the NFPA says. The association urges homeowners to thoroughly check all heating equipment at the beginning of the heating season. And all heating equipment should be serviced by a qualified repairman.

Chimneys and flues should be cleaned, with all chimney cracks and flues repaired and loose mortar replaced. Soot caked in chimneys is a frequent cause of chimney fires and homeowners without fire-retardant roofs should be particularly wary of this hazard, cautions the NFPA.

Cluttered storage areas and faulty electrical wiring are two more serious winter hazards. Clean-up of attics, cellars, and storerooms is another important preparation for winter fire safety. Keep boxes and cartons a safe distance from furnaces and heating pipes. And provide for good ventilation within storage areas to prevent spontaneous combustion.

It's wise, too, to replace all worn or loose electrical wiring. Extension cords and multiple sockets deserve special attention, the NFPA points out, because they often develop short circuits through rough usage. And homeowners should take great care not to overload circuits or use fuses of higher amperage than the wiring can carry.

Tri-State Fair Begins Sept. 19

Citizens of the Golden Spread area may be justifiably proud of their region's most extravagant and spectacular Tri-State Fair for 1955 when the annual exposition opens in Amarillo Monday, Sept. 19, to continue through Saturday, Sept. 24.

Bigger, better, more exciting than ever before is the promise fair officials have proclaimed for the 31st week-long program of amusements, livestock, poultry, home economics, culinary, textile, arts, rabbit shows and similar events designed to please everybody.

Holiday on Ice, the world's most fabulous, breath-taking ice spectacle, will present eight indoor performances in spacious Fair Park Coliseum, Monday through Saturday nights, with matinees on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Two featured free acts will be presented twice daily on the fair grounds. Bill Atterbury's Sky Kings, who perform on sway poles 100 feet above the ground, are certain to please every fair patron, regardless of age. This death-defying act has never before been seen in this section.

Jack Andrews, his trained mule and Brahma bull, are being returned as another free act by popular demand after an absence of two years.

New and old-time favorites are among the more than 20 rides and scores of gaudy carnival attractions to be seen on this year's Tri-State Fair midway setup by Bill Hames Greater Shows, the southwest's largest railroad show.

Another first for this year's Tri-State Fair will be the Shetland Pony Show. The remarkable interest that almost all persons have in these small animals is expected to be reflected in this added attraction.

The thousands of persons throughout the Tri-State area who like to sing just for the fun of it will welcome the news that this year's fair again will feature a Country Singing Convention. This second annual event will be held only on Saturday afternoon Sept. 24 in the Sports Arena, beginning at 1 o'clock. There will be no charge to the Sports Arena for either participants or listeners.

Visitors to this year's fair will see major improvements in the exposition grounds and facilities, with increased parking room inside the fair plant. Among improvements is a \$125,000 addition to Fair Park Coliseum, slated for completion in time for the fair.

The 1955 Tri-State Fair will open with a gigantic parade along Amarillo's Polk Street at 11 o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 19. More than 20 visiting high school bands from communities throughout the Golden Spread region will join with Amarillo school bands, the Amarillo Air Force Band, the Shrine Drum & Bugle Corps, and the Shrine's Circus Band, to provide music for the initial spectacle. Davy Crockett has a unit reserved for this year's parade, which will also feature 1000 uniformed troops from AAFB, and hundreds of Army, Marine, Navy, ROTC, National Guard and other military reserve units.

Numerous cities however, will not send delegations, headed by their high school bands, to the fair until later in the week.

Advance entries in the livestock, swine, poultry, rabbit, women's home demonstration clubs and county exhibits are at an all-time high in advance of the fair's opening. Attendance this year is expected to keep pace with all pre-

First Shrimp Boat On The Great Lakes



The first shrimp boat ever to enter the Great Lakes is the spanking new "Miss Powerama" shown coming to shore at Chicago after completing a 2600-mile voyage from Florida fishing waters. The craft, powered by a 289-horsepower Detroit Diesel engine and fully equipped with shrimping nets and gear, was brought to the Windy City to serve as an exhibit in General Motors giant exposition of power during September. After her stay in Chicago the craft will return to the Gulf to take up a lifetime career of supplying shrimp to American tables.

Records

Visiting Mrs. Shamblin and the Herman Estes this week were Mrs. Granvel England and girls of Friona.

The All Star Texans will be on KCLV radio Saturday morning at 10:30. They will be the guest entertainers on the breakfast club.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Trimble and son, Dale from Amarillo spent the weekend with the C. E. Trimbles.

Mrs. R. W. Pringle from Scottsdale, Arizona, came to visit in the Bill Tritsch home September 6.

Accompanying the Charleses on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pierce and Doug.

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WHITTLIN'

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other businesses that are directly interested in the coming harvest are responsible for the growth. Also, in this issue, the 12th, appears the first full page ads to ever be in The Blade.

I love ads, but Webster himself doesn't have words to describe how I feel about full page ads. If you have an extremely vivid imagination, the words, "they're great" might give you an idea of how I feel about them.

Just remembered this story and can't resist telling it especially since I've figured out how to tie it in with the end of this column.

Back in the country from which I come, the term "cord it" suffices for the more correct "put a tourniquet on it."

This aged fellow with a wonderful but dry sense of humor made his nightly trip out of his farm house to check on the weather before retiring. With no hat on and his bald head shining in the moon light he strolled toward his

yard fence gate posts that were about the same height as his head.

Just as he was going through the gate, a chicken snake that was coiled atop one of the posts reached out and bit him on his bald head. He hollered to his wife who was busy inside the house, "I'm snake bite, I'm snake bite!" The wife called back to him, "Cord it, John, cord it." And he answered this with, "Cord it, H--, it'll choke me to death."

But if I don't cord these football game predictions, they are going to choke me to death.

So right here and now I cord all football predictions that I, personally, make and never again will one appear in the Whittlin' column.

I believe that the age-old saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" should be changed to "If at first you don't succeed, try again and then quit, don't make a fool of yourself."

W. R. Alverson Tops Radar Class

William R. Alverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Alverson of Bovina, was the graduating honor student during the week of September 2 at the Treasure Island Radar Conversion School.

"The course is rough... but the instruction's good, and that made all the difference in the world," Alverson said about the school.

He finished the 48 week course with 94.6 average. He entered the Navy from Amarillo in 1946 and took his recruit training in San Diego, California and was assigned to the USS Pickaway, APA 222.

He was transferred from the Pickaway to the Navy LST 1138 and following the time spent on that ship, he saw duty on the USS Sperry. He stayed with the Sperry until going to Treasure Island on September 7, 1954.

Alverson currently lives in San Francisco with his wife, Marie.

Ponies Play Happy Here Friday Night

The Bovina football team will play their second game of the season and their second game at home Friday night at Mustang field with Class A Happy.

The Mustangs, favored in their first game against the Springlake Wolverines and soundly trounced 19-0, are not likely to be favored in this week's contest.

Coach Bob Will's boys came out of their first game with no serious injuries and should be in good shape physically for play. They have been working out this week to smooth out the rough spots that showed up during the first game.

Now that school has started, some 24 boys are out for the team. This is an increase over the number that participated in the pre-school practice.

The game Friday will get underway at 8 o'clock.

Probable starting lineup for Bovina; Darrell Read, tailback, 160; Neil Smith, quarterback, 130; Billy Richards, wingback, 135; and Larry Ezell, fullback, 160 in the backfield.

In the line: Erith Hawkins, right end, 145; Sonny Brito, right tackle, 180; Terry Adams, right guard, 155; Jerry Loflin, center, 150; Dickie Steelman, 155, or James Lawlis, 145, left guard, Lynn Isham, 220, left tackle and Kenneth Estes, 145, or Dick Horn, 130, left end.

Bovina plays Friona the Friday night following the coming one.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hunt and son Jerry of Childress, visited the weekend of the first of September with Carroll's brother and family, the Troy Hunts of Albuquerque.

Classes Organized At Bovina School

The high school grades have elected their officers for the coming year. The seniors elected Darrel Read as president, Janie Alverson as vice-president, Pauline Lloyd, secretary-treasurer, and Student Council representative is Erith Hawkins.

The junior class elected Tom Ware, president; Leon Richards as vice-president, Phil Caldwell, secretary; Don Spring, treasurer; and the reporter is Bobbie Jean Routt. For their student council representative they elected Helen Hartzog.

Officers for the sophomore class are president, Virginia Stephens, vice-president, Charles Haney; secretary, Terry Adams, and class representative to the student council, Patricia Lloyd.

Class officers for the freshmen are Ramey Brandon, president; Gene Stevens, vice-president; secretary, Nickie Woelful and reporter, Nancy Cumpton. The student council representative is Billy Burnam.

Officers for the first grade were elected also. They are Carole Hammonds, president; Sid Killough, vice-president, secretary, Jerry Barron and the reporter is Shirley Boyd.

Bovina Area Expects Big Milo Crop

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McCurdy contributes this to the fact that Bovina was more fortunate than other sections of the Plains in not getting as much crop-destroying hails and washouts. For example, McCurdy said he knew a farmer in Crosbyton who had his crop hailed out twice and washed out once earlier in the season.

Cars Not Stopping For Unloading Buses

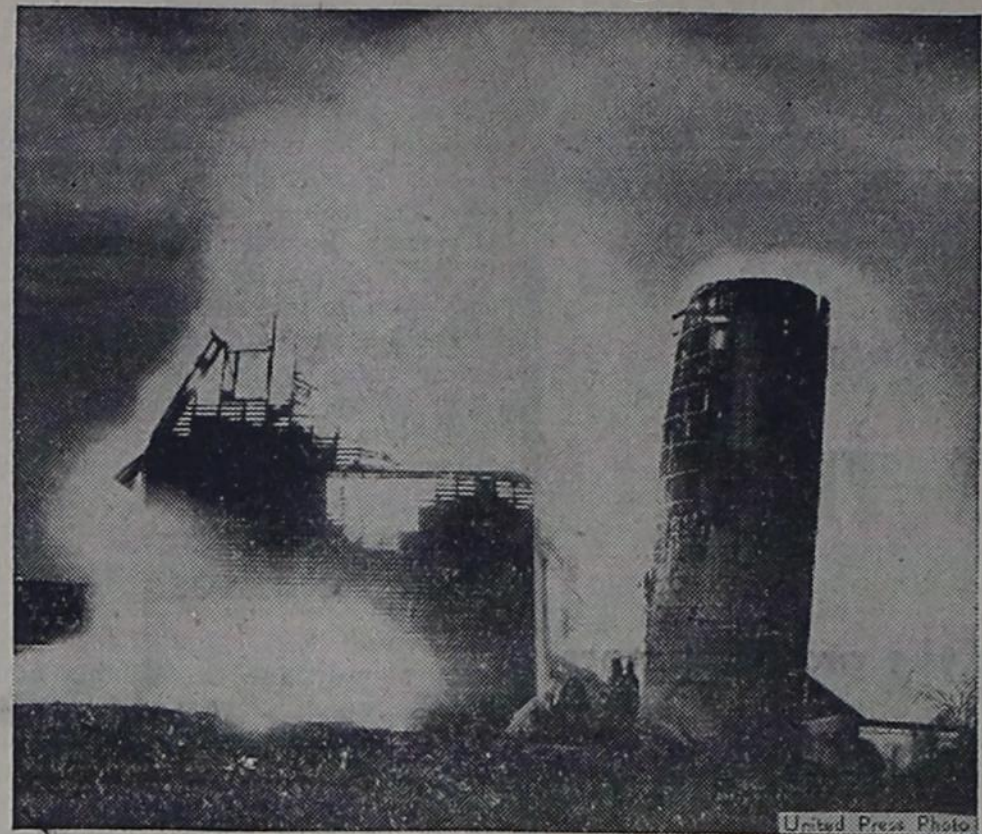
W. H. Willoughby, superintendent of the local schools, said early this week that many motorists of the area were not obeying the law that says that a vehicle must stop when a school bus is unloading students.

Willoughby said that the way people were disobeying the law made it "extremely dangerous" when children were getting off the buses. He made an appeal to the motoring public to watch out for the lives of school children.

The school bus law reads, "When a school bus is unloading or loading passengers, any passing vehicle shall come to a complete stop and not pass the bus until it has unloaded its passengers."

The reason for the non-stopping, Willoughby said, is maybe people don't know of this law.

Farm Fire Loss Highest Ever



The highest yearly farm fire loss in U. S. history jumped \$75,000 when this dairy barn and silo burned at Newington, Conn., late last year. Total loss for the year was \$157,000,000, a 13 percent increase from the year before, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates. Farm fires don't have to happen and they can be prevented by common-sense fire prevention measures, says the National Fire Protection Association.

Each year farm fires exact a greater toll of life and property, says the National Fire Protection Association, sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. Fire losses on the farm in 1954 jumped 13 percent over the 1953 figure for a total of \$157,000,000, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The majority of last year's farm fires should not have happened, and for farmers who would keep their farms free of fire, the NFPA has this advice:

1 - Break the habit of smoking in bed and in danger areas such as barns, sheds, and store-rooms. Smoldering cigarettes and burning matches carelessly thrown aside are to blame for a heavy proportion of U. S. farm fires.

2 - Keep furnaces, stoves, space heaters, brooders and other heating equipment clean and in good repair. Dirty or faulty heating equipment is another

major source of farm fires. Have qualified repairmen service heating equipment at least once a year.

3 - Store gasoline, kerosene, and other flammable liquids at least 40 feet from buildings. Underground storage is safest. Tight metal containers are the next best choice. When drawing off small amounts, use only safety cans made for the purpose.

4 - Use fire-resistant building materials, particularly asphalt shingles or other fire-retardant roofing. Most city dwellers are required by building codes to use fire-retardant roofing, but it's up to the farmer to take this precautionary step on his own, the NFPA points out.

5 - Clean up trash, oily rags, accumulated magazines and papers, and dead vegetation in yards and fields, particularly along fence lines. "Don't give a fire a place to start," is the Fire Prevention Week slogan.

Meets Farwell In Season Opener

The junior football team of Bovina consists of eighteen boys, who will play its first game of the season against Farwell in Bovina September 29. Before the season's end the juniors will play Farwell at Farwell, November 10, Friona twice and Lazbuddie. The time and place of the latter two games are not yet definite.

The junior team is coached by Bob Wills.

Joan Kay Ezell and Nita Beth Estes won third place last Saturday night at the Friona talent show with a twirling act. The girls received \$10 in prize money.

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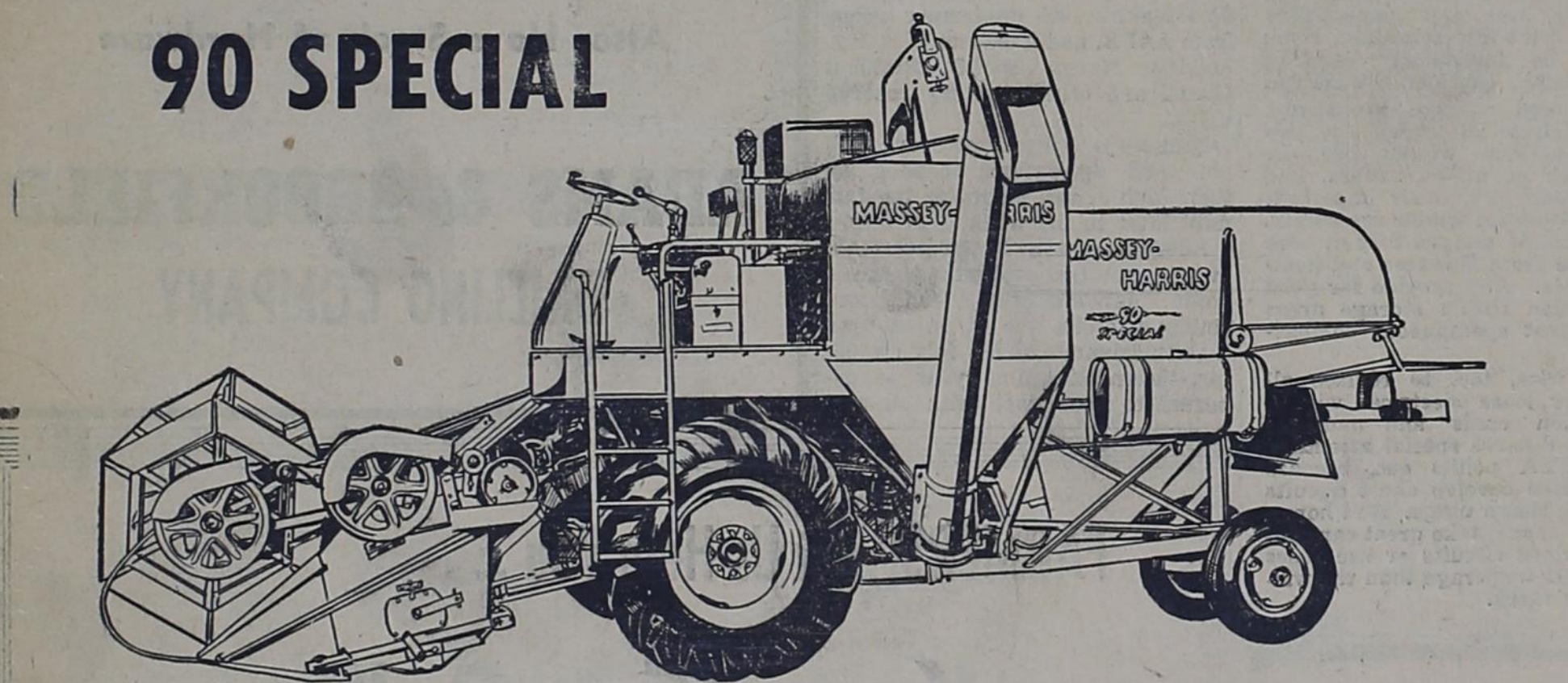
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Blade Classified Boosts Bovina Bicycle Market

Wednesday, August 24, The Blade had a classified ad that offered a bicycle for sale.

The same afternoon, Mrs. Elton Venable read the ad to her son, Radford, and before sundown on the SAME afternoon, the bicycle had a new owner.

That wasn't the only bicycle that changed hands as a result of the Blade classified. Just a few days after Radford got his bicycle, the Venables' daughter, Margaret Jo, had a bicycle of her own.

The ad said, FOR SALE—24 inch boy's bicycle, \$12.50, Ronnie Sudderth Phone 2021.

Try a Blade classified—it might create a market for what you have to sell like it did for bicycles.

STAFF ORGANIZED

Mrs. Oattie Ellison, sponsor of the school annual, reported that the annual staff has been elected, and would begin their annual sales soon.

Donna Jean Hobdy is the editor and Helen Hartzog is assistant editor.

The annual material has not arrived yet, but Mrs. Ellison said that they were expecting it any day and when it does arrive work will begin in earnest.

Mrs. Reba Bonds spent Friday visiting in the home of Mrs. Eddy Gunnels of Clovis.

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