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back-breaking work

BOLL PULLIN'

By Margie Berry Fowler

On the twelfth of January in '52,
We finished pullin' bolls,
And I was glad, too.
For four months we worked
And on the job I never shirked.
Then I headed to the beauty shop
Saying, "Please give me the works."

We butchered two hogs,
Bought a hundred pounds of beans,
So I'll throw away my sack
And hang up my old jeans.
I've spent my money.
Boy, that was fun.
Now I'm just waiting
For next fall to come.

MARGIE BERRY SNOWDEN FOWLER, mother of loyal WESTVIEW writers Ava Sailors and Margie North, spent a good deal of her life in the cotton fields of Western Oklahoma, mainly around Erick and Reydon. She now lives in Elk City. This is her first appearance in print.

a happy sight

LABOR'S REWARD

By Bessie Holland Heck

Golden grain waving in sunlight,
Planted on a wind-swept prairie
By men and women of vision,
Sustenance for body and soul

BESSIE HOLLAND HECK of Tulsa has published seven books for young readers. Her eighth, DANGER ON THE HOMESTEAD, is about a nine-year-old boy who went with his father on the 1899 run. Set near Kingfisher, it is scheduled for release in Spring, 1988.

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