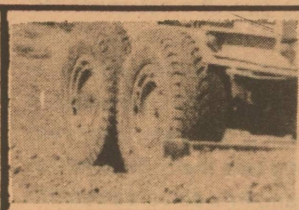


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County gets nod to re-model

We feel an explanation is due you faithful and long-time readers of the Eldorado newspaper. Some of the changes that this publication has been going through recently have been planned, and some haven't. As some of you know the health of the staff has not been in tip-top condition lately and the incumbent weather hasn't been of much assistance either. These explanations should take care of the late publication syndrome that we at the Leader seem to have fallen into as of late. But we are sincerely trying to mend our ways and be back in the groove by next Thursday. The other changes have been purposeful and these I would like to take a wee bit more time in defining.

We have been here a little over two years now and as some of you may have seen, several attempts have been made at providing a viable market and a healthy climate by this publication. Several methods have been tried with out a tremendous amount of success and our newest and latest marketing concept which will eventually categorize the Leader as an area newspaper as opposed to a town or county publication. As much as we would like, it's impossible to return to the days that some of you recall when the Success brought you your news of Schleicher County every week. As we all know the world has grown smaller in the past few years and our buying habits have changed with the decrease of the earth's size. We now run to San Angelo at the drop of a hat and it's this very environment which makes it difficult for a small town weekly newspaper to prosper when confined to its immediate trade area. What our intentions are, are merely this, as you know we have already began a campaign to become a media service for Irion County. We hope in the future to be able to provide the same service for Tankersly, Spring Creek, Dove Creek, Knickerbocker and Christoval. But this can only be accomplished with your assistance.

With the limited staff of The Leader it will be essential that we have a network of stringers in each community serviced. If anyone has any news worthy item please forward it to The Leader. It is our desire to follow the commentary laid down at the proverbial wedding, "You aren't losing a daughter, father, you're gaining a son" attitude. We hope not to take away the paper representing Schleicher County but merely add the news about our neighbors to the publication. This can only be accomplished with your assistance. We really want to know when the newest grandbaby came, who's marrying whom, who visited whom, and in general, what's going on in each and every community we now reach. And this seems like as good a time as any to say a great big "Thanks" to those of you who have so recently helped us through the tight squeezes.

What brought forth the editorial rendering you have just read was found in a column that seems to be floating around West Texas recently which I have borrowed from Dan Feather at the Menard News. Dan openly admits having borrowed it from David Werst from the Big Lake Wildcat and goodness knows where it came from before that. It is as follows.....

Only 14% of Schleicher County's registered 1623 voters came out to cast their ballots in last Tuesday's bond election. The bond issue passed with 171 voting in favor and 58 opposing the issue. The affirmative vote will set the wheels in motion toward the remodeling of the 36 year old Memorial Building.

The \$200,000.00 project will include new flooring, carpeting, lighting, windows and heating and cooling facilities and a general cleaning up.

County taxpayers will see only a

1 cent increase per \$100 valuation on their county taxes due to the bond election.

The building was erected in 1948 by the VFW in tribute to the area men who had lost their lives in World Wars. A plaque with their names engraved upon it is displayed on the front of the building.

The facility is used on a daily basis as it houses the Eldorado Public Library and various club rooms and is used extensively as the "meeting place" for various community, church, private, and civic functions.

Let us future your Valentine

The Leader will be featuring a Valentine Edition Thursday, February 14th and would like to feature the children and grandchildren of our readers.

Please bring a picture or pictures of your "little Valentine" to the Leader along with their name, age, parent's name and town and grandparent's names and town along with a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can return the pictures. The

pictures will be featured on a picture page with each picture being enclosed with a heart. The deadline is Wednesday, February 13th at noon. There will be a \$6.00 charge for each picture we print which must accompany each photo.

For our Mertzton readers, please take your pictures and information to Plum Perfect where they will be picked up Wednesday morning.

New Face at Center

Oscar Lock has been employed as the Administrator of the Schleicher County Medical Center as of Monday this week. The board's selection of Lock as chief administrator came on the heels of Lillian Kroeger's resignation after just over 16 years of service to the center. Miss Kroeger was hired two months before the center's grand opening on February 16, 1969.

The 64 year old Lock, born and reared just north of the Old Toe Nail Trail school house which he attended as well as he did the school

in Christoval. Lock comes to the center with a strong background in business management having owned and operated Lock's Sporting Goods of San Angelo until 1979, the store still carries his name. He has served in the medical care administration field since 1972 and is now affiliated with Four Seasons Nursing Homes as a consultant. He and his wife reside in San Angelo but his administrative duties with the center shall be performed as if a resident administrator were in Eldorado.

Turner takes over Co-op

So far it's been a fast week for the new Southwest Texas Electric Co-op Manager, A. G. (Sonny) Turner. Assuming his new title and duties, February 1st, he found himself in New Orleans February 3rd where he remained until the past Wednesday at the 43rd National Annual Membership Meeting of the N.R.E.C.A. But Sonny knew what was cut out for him when he assumed the management position previously held by Elton McGinnes, for between now and the completion of 1986, the co-op is looking at a 50% increase in its production load but when one stops and considers that the total plant value of the co-op is in the plus range of \$25 million and has an area of service extending over 7,200 miles, a 50% increase can only be described as Sonny so aptly put it in his own words, "A really tremendous growth" when he was asked what the future held for SWTE Co-op.

Turner doesn't seem in the least bit anxious about the explosive growth looking at the co-op because he, as he so proudly states, "Is surrounded by competency". His three staff members have 90 years total experience with the SWTE Co-op. He has an expert Board of Directors behind him and an operational staff beyond compare. He cites their dedication to the co-op and its consumers.

The upcoming growth to be experienced by the co-op will be coming from four areas of emphasis, the oil field is expected to continue to expand which will add to the already impressive number of meters being serviced by the co-op but, three projects are in the works now that will definitely bolster the co-op's output: near Bakersfield a winery is now in the works which is the concern of French company; an artery of the Alaskan Pipeline coming from California to Port Arthur will fall within the designated area of the co-op; and last but not least PAVE PAWS Southwest is designated to be on line during the year of 1986.

Even now the co-op is trying to come to grips with some of its growing pains. Recent additions to the plant itself have helped ease some of the expansion pressures that are presently on the co-op. A new data room has been constructed which is anticipated to eventually place the co-op in access to the state of the art computer science. The employee room has been built for meetings in which all forty employees could possibly be on hand, a new wash rack, combination lube and storage barn is still having the final touches applied and these new additions are merely catch-up measures.

Sonny told The Leader that some



Kyle, [far left] and Nathan, [far right] chow down at the dinner hosted by the L.E.O.N. group last Wednesday evening. The two trustees of the

Texas Department of Corrections with a guard and Doug Eckles, were in town to speak to the Lions Club and at a program at the high school

concerning their unfortunate turn to crime.

Two speak to Eldorado youth on life of crime

Two young men visited in Eldorado last week to tell of their lives of crime.

Kyle and Nathan, both inmates of the Texas Department of Correction in Huntsville along with Doug Eckles, Assistant Administrator of the Community Action Program "Operation Kick It" and guard, spoke to the Lions Club's noon meeting, then on to the high school for a program and later that evening they spoke to the L.E.O.N. group.

The two men are participants in the program which presents an opportunity for inmates who have gained trustee status to travel to

various points in the state speaking to schools, clubs, etc. The two young men are housed in the Ferguson unit of T.D.C. where there are 3000 plus first time offenders aged 17 - 21 years, imprisoned for crimes ranging from murder, rape, to burglary.

Kyle is serving a ten year sentence for possession and trafficking of illegal drugs. He will be up for a parole hearing in March.

Nathan is serving a 15 year sentence for being involved in an organized crime burglary ring.

During their presentations one of the inmates will speak on his own life story and how he got involved in

a life of crime. The other inmate then tells of the daily routine in prison and the dehumanizing effects of living in prison. They tell of how breakfast starts being served at 2:30 a.m. and they have five minutes to eat. They have 2 minutes to take a shower and must share a cell, the size of a regulation Ping Pong table, with another inmate.

They paint a true and sobering picture for their audience of what their lives in crime have done to them and hopefully their experiences can help steer some young person away from a life such as theirs.



A. G. Tuner, new SWTE Co-op Manager

Members selected

The members of 1985 U.S. Muzzle Loading Shooting Team have been announced by the U.S. International Muzzle Loading Committee (USIMLC). The team will compete against 15 countries next fall at the XI World Championships for Muzzle Loading Arms in Madrid, Spain.

The team of 44 men and women was selected during the National Metric Matches, a national championship event sponsored by the NRA-affiliated USIMLC. Conducted every other year by the Paris-based Muzzle Loading Association's International Committee (MLAIC), these championships are fired with guns that recall the historic matches of earlier centuries with many competitors firing 18th century, antique firearms.

The World Championships will feature events for muzzle loading matchlock, flintlock and percussion (caplock) firearms, both original and reproduction. Prior to the invention of the self-contained cartridge (bullet) in the mid-1800's, firearms were loaded through the barrel ("muzzle loading"). Black powder ignited the load by a spark produced by a mechanism called the "lock". The matchlock uses a "match" or glowing wick to ignite the powder and was first used around 1450; the flintlock invented about 1615 uses flint struck against steel to create the necessary spark; and the percussion (or caplock) uses a percussion cap that can be detonated by a blow from the hammer was discovered in 1807.

Nearly 20 individual and team matches for rifles, pistols, revolvers and shotguns will be featured at the World Championships with each match containing two divisions. The first division will be shot with original firearms of the period, many of which are hundreds of years old and the second will be conducted with replica arms.

Replica firearms were first permitted at the championships in 1983, which opened up the sport to

those shooters who could not find or afford the rare and expensive antique originals. This had the effect of doubling the size of most countries' teams.

U.S. shooters currently hold or co-hold more world records in muzzle loading shooting than any other country and the U.S. team has won the Grand Prix de Versailles (the World Championship Cup) five of the six times they have competed.

Members of the 1985 U.S. International Muzzle Loading Team are: John Anderson, Pittston, Pa.; Larry Baird, Homer, Ill.; Francis Beebe, Hartford, Conn.; Ted Borkowski, Meriden, Conn.; Larry Brockmiller, Newport News, Va.; Gary Butler and Richard Butler Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Bill Carmichael, Chesterton, Ind.; Pat Corrigan, Sanford, N.C.; Joe Davenport, Hampton, Va.; George Eickhoff, Los Alamitos, Ca.; Susan Forgett and Val Forgett, Woodcliff Lake, N.J.; Roger Gagnon, Sandusky, Ohio; Diana Germain, Yakima, Wash.; Paul Gittinger, Fremont, Ohio; Laura Graham, Meriden, Conn.; Jim Guy, Shelbyville, Ind.; Tom Henley, Vestal, N.Y.; Hoppy Hopkins, Ocala, Fla.; Robert Howard, Milton, N.J.; Tommy Howard, Kingston, N.C.; Gene Kinnel, Phillipsburg, N.J.; Bob Kiser, Fremont, Ohio; Joe Lombardi, Montclair, N.J.; Don Malson, Lake Hopatcong, N.J.; Fred Martin, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Rob Moore, Charlestown, Ind.; Ray Palmucci, Newington, Conn.; Bob Peloquin, Budd Lake, N.J.; Bob Pence, Liberty, Ind.; Tom Pfluedderer, Liberty, Ind.; Bob Reed, Sunnit, N.J.; Bob Reiber, Stone Mountain, Ga.; Roy Ricketts, Denville, N.J.; Terry Savage, Yakima Wash.; Herinrick Schreiber, New Windsor, N.Y.; Jerry Sciortino, Chatham, N.J.; Rick Shields, Martinsville, N.J.; Cy Smith, Morristown, N.J.; Paul Steiger, LaJolla Ca.; Jim Stout, Liberty, Ind.; Frank Tantillo, Vernon, Conn.; And David Thompson, Old Lyme, Conn.

Eliminating services

State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced recently he is closing eight offices and reducing the Comptroller's workforce by 104 people in an effort to help the state meet its budget crisis.

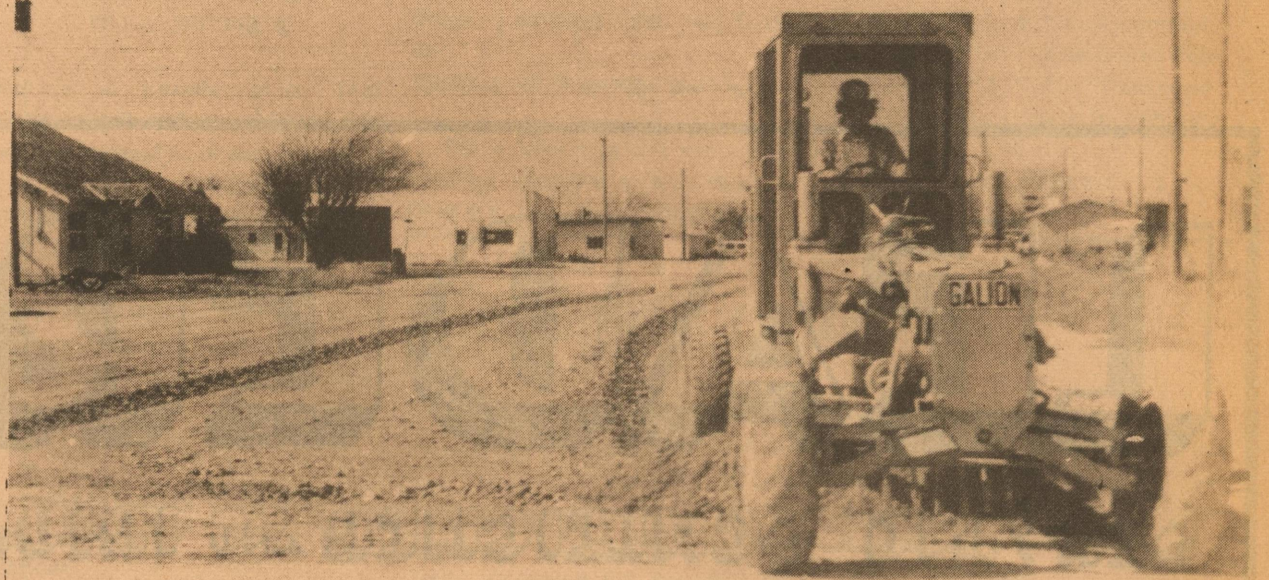
The reduction in workforce comes after reevaluating the department's resources, its primary mission of collecting state taxes and the critical shortage of state funds.

Bullock said his reduction efforts are concentrated on agency functions that don't contribute directly to raising state revenues. "We're eliminating services such as bookkeeping assistance to local governments; research for other state agencies, cities and chambers of commerce and taxpayer publications" Bullock said.

Bullock said suboffices in Brownwood, Greenville, Texarkana, Alpine, Midland, Kerrville and Del Rio will be closed. The audit office in Atlanta, Georgia, will be closed and its staff merged with other out-of-state audit offices.

Bullock said clerical positions throughout the agency will be automated wherever possible. "We are combining as many jobs as possible so that the employees who remain will be able to work more efficiently. This is consistent with our policy in this office for the past 10 years of using automation wherever possible to reduce the number of employees necessary to do our job and do it well," Bullock said.

Bullock pledged to assist the employees who are leaving. "We're giving these people the most we can in the way of termination benefits. We will notify employers of the talent we're letting go. We'll help these people with courses in job hunting, with preparing their resumes, letters of recommendation and advertising to let the major employers of our state know there are some top notch people available."



The City of Eldorado is currently doing much grading and repair work on Eldorado's city streets. The city plans to eventually upgrade all the streets in Eldorado.

Bob presents his budget

State Comptroller Bob Bullock proposed his office receive nearly \$5 million less than had been recommended by the Legislative Budget Board over the next two years.

"It is a pleasure to be here," Bullock told a Senate Finance Committee hearing on the Comptroller's 1986-87 budget Tuesday. "I've come here to give you \$4.7 million back. That is \$4.7 million the Legislative Budget Board recommended for us which we can live

without."

Bullock explained his recent reduction of 11 district offices and 149 employees enabled him to cut his budget request. At the same time he warned committee members of a continued fiscal crisis facing state government.

"We're facing a budget crisis in this state, but it's not something we're going to get over with any time soon. It's a crisis that's just starting

and it will be worse in two years. I know other agencies' budgets will have to be cut and that's why I'm starting on my own," Bullock said.

Bullock said added automation, pay raises for well-trained, qualified Comptroller employees and the addition of 30 auditors will help him bring \$34.5 million in added revenues into the State Treasury, while dealing with 17 percent more taxpayers.

Lean beef represents real market

Market research indications of a growing market for lean beef could offer real opportunities for Texas' biggest agricultural commodity, beef. This demand for lean beef is recognized as an enlarged market for beef, over and above the widely accepted choice product of our producers and feedlots.

The income from beef—over \$4,400 million per year—has a strong impact on the State's economy. And all segments of the beef industry are represented, from the cow-calf operator to the packing plant and wholesale merchandizer.

Early and continuing research shows a growing need to develop the ability to produce a palatable lean beef product because of an increasing consumer demand, potential health benefits, lower costs of production, and increased profits.

Expanded beef research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will be in four main areas, all aimed at producing and delivering lean beef, consumer-preferred products, and reconstituted meats.

Lean beef production research will concentrate on genetic and breed traits for producing inherently lean animals. These traits can be related to meat and carcass composition, to identify crossbreeding

systems for better end products.

Processing and carcass management will be researched to produce the desirable features and appearance for lean beef. Emphasis will be placed on slaughter-house methods of handling carcasses for consistent lean beef production and providing consumer-acceptable beef.

Tissue analysis, marbling and constituents for cooked product acceptance, assured tenderness, and essential functional properties of beef proteins will be researched.

Grading and market structure research will identify carcass traits, grading systems targeted to lean beef products, cutability, packaging and shipment of primal cuts. Consumer preference studies will be conducted, review of federal grade standards and potential for private grade/product identification will be required.

New products and utilization research will evaluate lower-valued cuts for use in reconstituted higher-

value meat products. Protection of quality, shelf life, and sustained consumer demand are anticipated.

Potential to the cattle industry and the State, from lean beef production systems, are sizeable. For example, if the time in the feedlot was reduced by 30 days, the cost of production would be lowered by about \$215 million.

In addition, through decreased yields of waste fat and increased carcass yields, net income would be increased by \$135 million.

Researchers see the lean meat consumer preference as an opportunity to expand total beef sales. It is thought that lean beef can better compete with fish and poultry, among others, for a place in the menu of the diet-conscious.

Editor's Note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

I.R.S. Requirements

Congressman Tom Loeffler recently introduced legislation, which was co-sponsored by thirteen other Members of the Texas delegation, to immediately repeal the new record-keeping requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Service on all taxpayers who use personal property for business purposes.

The new requirements went into effect on January 1 of this year.

"These idiotic requirements are the trivial pursuit by the Internal Revenue Service of the most minute details in the daily lives of millions of honest, hard-working, taxpaying American business-men and women. Such regulations represent nothing less than punitive harassment," said Congressman Loeffler.


In the past, business taxpayers could claim business deductions by reasonably reconstructing their expenses. Under the new guidelines, a

business taxpayer is required to keep a record each time the property is used.

"Taxpayers using motor vehicles in their businesses, for example, are now required to keep exact odometer readings each time the vehicle is used for a business purpose -- a needless activity and a waste of valuable time," said the Congressman.

"We are trying to reduce government interference in our daily lives -- not add to the burden. This is a back-breaking exercise for millions of honest taxpaying Americans -- from ranchers and farmers, to small businesses, to law enforcement officials."

Adding that "compliance with and respect for our tax system is not well-served by such intrusive record-keeping requirements," Loeffler called for swift passage of his bill.



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Farm debt

Farm debt is like a heavy weight on the shoulders of many farmers today and has been the cause of increased farm liquidations, farm bankruptcies and agricultural loan delinquencies the past few years.

"Eighteen percent of the nation's farmers and ranchers have debt-to-asset ratios of more than 40 percent," notes Dr. Forrest Stegelin, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "The most integrated farming operations have

the highest ratios, but they are accepted as normal operating procedures for their businesses and are not typically part of the farm debt problem."

Thirty percent of the farms with annual sales exceeding \$100,000 have debt-to-asset ratios of more than 40 percent. Farms with less than \$40,000 in annual sales usually have a greater off-farm income. Therefore, these operators are not as vulnerable to high farm debts as the larger commercial farms, adds Stegelin.

The Great Lakes, Corn Belt and Northern Plains states have the highest concentration of debt-to-asset ratios greater than 40 percent. The Southern Plains, including Texas, is below the national average, says the economist.

Weak asset values for farmland and farm machinery have not curtailed the problem. Farmers with high debt-to-asset ratios own 15 to 20 percent of these assets. So, more liquidations and farm debt should be expected in 1985, explains Stegelin.

Debt restructuring steps are being taken since farmers are neither borrowing nor buying like they were a decade ago, he says.

Prescribed burning

Prescribed (planned) burning can boost pasture production by hastening spring greenup and increasing forage quality.

"Prescribed burning works well where there is excess, low quality standing forage during the dormant season," points out Dr. David Bade, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "Such forage is usually not consumed by livestock and slows new growth and delays soil warmup in the spring."

In addition to stimulating early spring growth and improving forage quality, prescribed burning also has shown to suppress weeds and brush, to improve the use of coarse grasses, and to control parasites, Bade points out.

To measure some of the potential benefits of prescribed burning, Bade conducted a pasture burn demonstration in Waller County last March, working with county Extension agent David McGregor and Extension specialists Dr. Tommy Welch and Dr. L.R. Spratt. The demonstration was a part of the Integrated Livestock Management Program of the Extension Service.

The demonstration involved 10 acres of a native pasture of common bermudagrass, dallisgrass and mixed bunch grasses. The pasture had adequate fuel for a good, uniform burn, notes Bade. The remainder of the pasture was used for a check.



Aldridge to wed Baldwin

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Aldridge of El Paso announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Joyce to Michael Wayne Baldwin of El Paso, March 9, 1985. The wedding will take place in Biggs Army Air Field Chapel I in El Paso.

Nancy is the grand-daughter of Mrs. George Williams of Eldorado.

School Menu Mertzton

LUNCH	
Mon. Feb. 11	Frito Pie Spinach Buttered Corn Peanut Butter Cookies
Tues. Feb. 12	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes English Peas Rolls Peaches
Wed. Feb. 13	Pizza Tossed Salad Buttered Broccoli Raisin & Carrot Cake
Thurs. Feb. 14	Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Green Beans Glazed Carrots Batterbread Chocolate Pudding
BREAKFAST	
Mon. Feb. 11	Cereal Toast & Jelly
Tues. Feb. 12	Blueberry Muffins
Wed. Feb. 13	Cinnamon Rolls
Thurs. Feb. 14	Sausage Rolls
Fri. Feb. 15	Biscuits w/ gravy Jelly

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McClellan baby

Mrs. Gertrude Williams spent a week in Lubbock recently helping to entertain her first great grandchild, Mark Allan, who was born January 25 in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. His parents are Janet and Allan McClellan. Janet is Mrs. Williams grand-daughter. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. McClellan of Stamford and of course the Great Grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Williams.

While in Lubbock Mrs. Williams also visited some cousins, Wynotte and Bill Unger.

Karen and Frank Mijares of Lubbock, another grand-daughter, brought Mrs. Williams home and spent the night with her.

Helen honored

The Mertzton St. Church of Christ honored Helen Carlman with a going away party Sunday afternoon Feb. 3. There were about 35 people present. She was presented a silver tray from the group. Mrs. Carlman had been on the flower committee for the church many years so the Elders of the Church presented her with an arrangement of flowers that had been used as a centerpiece on the refreshment table.

Mrs. Carlman resigned from her job as secretary at the Court House and is moving to Austin to be near their children.

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Xi Xi Chi Club 36th Annual Stock Show and Rodeo hosts meeting

On January 28 Xi Xi Chi met at the fire hall with 18 members and one guest present.

The first order of business was to vote on the yearly donation to the Endowment Fund for International. They also made a donation to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

President Kim-et Nelson and Debbie Ballew reported on the co-meeting with the 4-H Club about the upcoming Jr. Rodeo in April with rainout dates set for May. At this meeting it was also decided the two clubs would purchase one of the loud speakers for the rodeo arena out of their mutual funds. They will meet again to finalize all the plans. Several members volunteered to

prepare and deliver a supper for one of our newest members, Liz Doran. This is one of their ways of saying congratulations on your new arrival, Liz and Bob!

The annual Valentine's supper will be held on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. The hostesses will contact everyone on what to bring. At this time they will elect their Valentine Queen and see what Valentines they get from their Secret Sisters.

The program on Morals and Customs was given by Mary Leigh Dunagan. It was followed by refreshments from Kathy Mihecoby and Kathy Cheatham.

A barage of family-style fun is planned as part of the Special Days for the 36th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, February 8-17. To be held in the Entertainment Center on the grounds of the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum, Special Days provides rodeo-goers with an even greater variety of things to taste, see and touch.

Representatives from communities across south Texas distribute food and beverage samples, display items, highlight happenings and perform programs that are fascinating and unique to their area from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. with a nightly dance held immediately following the daily activities.

The schedule for Special Days this year includes: Youth Days, Feb. 8; West Texas Day, Feb. 9; Military Day, Feb. 10; Hill Country Days, Feb. 11; Colorado and Guadalupe River Valley Days, Feb. 12; Country

Fair Days, Feb. 13; Gulf Coast Days, Friday, Feb. 14 and 15; Live Oak Days, Feb. 16 and Suburban Bexar County Day, Feb. 17.

The Special Days Schedule of events kicks off Friday, Feb. 8 with "Youth Days". Admission on to the coliseum grounds will be 50 cents for children under 12 and \$1 for students with an I.D. Activities for Friday include demonstrations by the San Antonio Boys Club drill team and break dancers as well as performances by the San Antonio Parks & Recreation Cloggers and Mexican Dancers. Cheerleaders from Madison High School will also perform and fashions from J.C. Penney will be presented by models from Nancy II between 5:00 - 5:30. The Muleskinner Band will provide music all day long and the Nashville Sounds will play for the evening dance.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, West Texas Days, long-time favorites such as border buttermilk and barbecued lamb will be served. Visitors can take part in a horseshoe pitching competition, and watch horseracing or super bowl video tapes. The West Texas nightly dance band is Sagebrush.

Pentathalon fencers and patrol dog demonstrations as well as performances by the Band of the West and the 5th Army Band are feature activities scheduled for Military Days, Sunday, Feb. 10. Representatives from all San Antonio bases will also highlight activities from their armed service branch in special exhibit booths. Southern Pacific will provide dance music Sunday evening.

Monday, Feb. 11 will find representatives from the Hill Country distributing samples of country sausage, smoked ham and turkey and homemade baked goods. Activ-

ities for Hill Country day include trick roping and sauerkraut making demonstrations with performances by such local favorites as Ballen Grant and Arkie Blue. George Chambers and the Country Gentlemen will provide country and western music that evening.

Colorado and Guadalupe River Valley Day always has a fine line-up of entertainment scheduled. Tuesday, Feb. 12 won't be any different. From 8 a.m. until noon, "The Country Partners" will perform a variety of fiddle arrangements. In the afternoon, "Two Way Street" will perform with special guest appearances by Dotsy, Sherry Herrmann, Kenny Dale and the Texas Tappers to name a few. Live goats and a collection of 1,500 different pecan crackers will be among the displays for Tuesday. That night, Bubba Littrel and the Melody Mustangs will perform the dance.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, visitors will find the Entertainment Center filled with an array of home-baked goods, canned items and colorful quilts for the state-wide Country Fair Day. A true fair atmosphere will set the mood for the day as craftsman demonstrate traditional crafts such as pottery making, wood refinishing and the "how to's" of quilting. Pioneer Flour and Texmati Rice will be on hand to distribute product samples. The band for the Country Fair Day nightly dance will be Debbie Rice and Dennis and Diamonds.

Once again, representatives from the coastal communities plan to take stock show and rodeo-goers by storm with an unbelievable array of food samples and demonstrations that have been lined-up for Gulf Coast Days on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14 and 15. Each morning competing crabs will vie for the

championship title in the annual Gulf Coast Days Crab Race. In the afternoon, regional favorites such as shark bites, fried swordfish, blue crab, raw or fried oysters, shrimp dip and even mudbugs (crawfish) will be served.

Seafood Specialists will be on hand to give fish filleting, seafood preparation, red fish, trout and deep sea fishing technique demonstrations. And, to the delight of sea-faring western fans, deep sea fishing trips will be given away every hour courtesy of Fisherman's Wharf of Port Aransas.

On Thursday, Feb. 14 country and western music will be provided by Little Bit of Texas, Frenchie Burke and Western Union will perform Friday night.

Pottery strawberry wine, Pleasanton championship chili, Laredo jalapeno jelly beans and Jourdanon cheses and peanuts are just a few of the samples to be found at Live Oak Days, Saturday, Feb. 16. Tank Hollow fisheries aquarium and Alamo snakehandlers are just a few of the many exhibits and demonstrators on tap for the day. The Methery Brothers will provide music for the nightly dance.

As the 1985 Stock Show and Rodeo season comes to a close on Sunday, Feb. 17, San Antonio area groups will be on hand with an assortment of displays and demonstrations for Suburban Bexar County Days. That night the Hazlet Brothers will perform for the final dance.

For an added dimension of fun and entertainment, all stock show and rodeo fairs are urged to stop by the Harry Freeman Entertainment Center during the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo to experience Special Days.

For more information, contact Janet Jordan at 657-5775.

Auxiliary meets

The Hospital Auxiliary met Thursday morning in the lobby with Pat Pfister, president presiding.

Treasurer, Duge McDonald reported that sales tax had been paid and also that a scholarship for Jo Helen Kotsch to attend A.S.U. as a Nursing Student had been paid for the Spring semester.

It was voted to buy trays, cups, forks, and cake servers to use for parties when they are needed.

The February birthday party honoring ones with birthdays this month, will be held Feb. 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Teresa Westbrook, the Activities Director, was introduced. She is replacing Sue Jones who has been the director.

Telephone gets new Electronics system

Telephone trouble is never pleasant, but this week General Telephone has introduced a system that will make getting it fixed a lot faster for all Concho Valley customers.

The new system feeds customer trouble reports into a computer, displaying them on video terminals at GTE's repair headquarters in San Angelo.

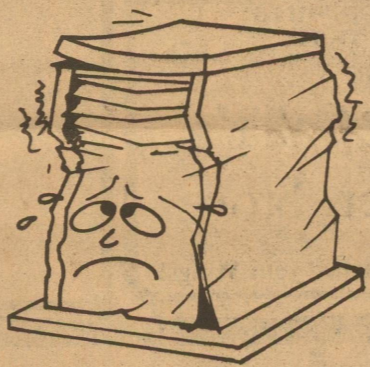
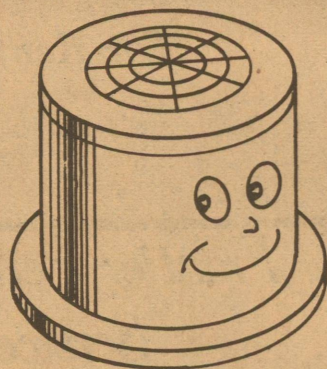
"Prior to this, we used the traditional paper forms when people called us to report telephone trouble," said GTE General Manager E. O. Cambern. "Now it's all electronic, and the repair information is instantly available to all related departments."

Prior to this week's conversion to the new system, GTE officials said it took about an hour from the time the customer called until the information was ready to be dispatched to a repairman. Now it takes just seconds.

"Our actual repair time once in the repairman's hands has not changed," notes Cambern. "But the time-consuming paperwork up front has been eliminated. This means more convenience and speed for the customer."

The "Trouble Analysis System", or TAS, becomes operational for all Concho Valley area GTE customers this week.

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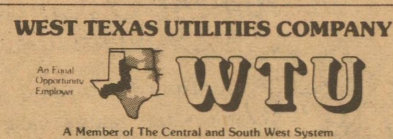
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12,000 BTU and Above.....\$ 75 Per Unit	12,000 BTU and Above.....\$ 50 Per Unit
Solar-assisted Electric Water Heating \$100 Per Unit	Heat Recovery For Electric Water Heating \$100 Per Unit



Doctors and Medicare

People in the San Angelo area who have Medicare can get a copy of the Medicare Participating Physician Supplier Directory by calling the Medicare carrier that serves their area. Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo,

said recently.

Doctors and other suppliers who signed an agreement with Medicare are listed in the directory. Under the agreement, doctors agree in advance to accept assignment on all Medicare claims for at least 1 year, which started October 1, 1984.

Doctors and other suppliers taking part agree to accept Medicare's approved charge as the full charge for all services they provide to Medicare patients during the year. The doctors and suppliers can bill Medicare patients for the \$75 annual

deductible and coinsurance amounts not paid by Medicare, but can make no other charge.

Doctors and suppliers who did not sign the agreement can continue to get payment from Medicare, but their fees are not limited to the Medicare-approved charge. These doctors and suppliers cannot increase their fees above the amounts they charged Medicare patients during April, May and June 1984 through September 30, 1985. Failure to comply with this freeze could result in fines or expulsion from Medicare.

Medicare patients treated by doctors taking part will have the advantage of knowing in advance that all services will be provided on an assigned basis and that Medicare payment will be made directly to the doctor. This also means that the patient will not have to worry about filling out a Medicare claim form.

Although the directory can be reviewed at the San Angelo Social Security Office, copies can be purchased from the Medicare carrier, Upp said. The San Angelo Social Security Office is located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

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The Upcoming Arms Talks

By Tom Loeffler

President Reagan believes that there is no more important goal to be achieved during his second term than to reduce and ultimately eliminate nuclear weapons.

To underscore the importance he places on this issue, the President chose to meet early on the first official working day of his second term with the three Americans he has charged with pursuing the goal of true arms control.

The negotiating team, which begins discussions with the Soviet Union in Geneva on March 12, is composed of individuals who bring a unique blend of substantive diplomatic and political acumen to the bargaining table. It is a bipartisan team which offers the skills necessary to achieve their goal.

Heading the team is Max Kampelman, noted lawyer and seasoned negotiator, who will lead discussions on space weaponry. Senior Foreign Service Officer Maynard Glitman will lead the talks on reducing intermediate range weapons. And, leading negotiations on the reduction of strategic weapons is the former senior Senator from our own State of Texas, John Tower, who chaired the Senate Armed Services Committee until his retirement in January.

As one who first came to Washington to work for Senator Tower — and who considers him both a mentor and close friend — I know personally of the unique and exceptional strength he brings to the team.

John Tower's intimate knowledge of weapon systems, his firm determination to protect our nation's military strength, and his much-recognized military expertise, honed over 24 years in the Senate, will prove invaluable assets in the months ahead. More than any other negotiator, John Tower's name sends a clear signal to the Soviet Union — and to the world — that the United States, while seeking genuine reductions in arms, will not make any concessions that might jeopardize our nation's security. Furthermore, as a realistic skeptic on arms control agreements of the past, John Tower's support of any final agreement would be a clear indication that the President's goals are attainable.

As we proceed, it must be with the clear understanding that the negotiating process will be lengthy. Due to today's increasingly-sophisticated weapons technologies, the problem confronting the negotiators is how to accurately verify that both sides are in compliance with agreed-upon reductions. Additionally, I do not believe that it is in our nation's best interests to even consider unilaterally abandoning such systems as the MX or our research into the Strategic Defense Initiative — as some suggest.

These weapons advances are what brought the Soviets to the bargaining table. To abandon them now would give the Soviets what they want and would give us nothing in return. Only by negotiating from a position of strength can we ensure that it is in the Soviet's best interests to reduce — and eventually eliminate — their nuclear arsenals.

More future water shortage

Expanding industry and a growing population in Texas are exerting increasing pressures on our limited water supplies. In 1984, adverse weather forced several major cities, including San Antonio, Austin, and Corpus Christi, into water rationing.

Our rangeland watersheds provide water for most of the State's major aquifers as the Trinity, Edwards-Trinity, Edwards, Carrizo-Wilcox, and Gulf Coast are recharged by rangeland. And about 60 percent of the surface flow in rivers comes from rangeland watersheds.

Cities such as Dallas, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Waco, Temple, Austin, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and others are directly dependent on range watersheds for water supplies. All these regions are projected to have severe future water shortages.

Most of these rangelands are heavily infested with brush, according to range scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. More than a dozen major brush species that infest 82 percent of Texas rangelands use an estimated 38 percent of the average annual water budget of the State.

It has been estimated that about

ten million acre feet of water could be saved annually by reducing brush density on rangelands. That's 3,258,510,000,000 gallons of water per year!

Brush competition with other plants for available water supplies also reduces forage yields, cuts livestock production, and increases soil erosion potential.

Intensive studies are needed to develop vegetation management systems that will result in more efficient water use in forage production and increased water yields for cities and towns.

Watershed management studies have been proposed, by range scientists with the Agricultural Experiment Station, to be conducted in the Edwards Plateau, Rio Grande Plains, and Rolling Plains regions. Water consumption rates will be determined for native brush and grass species to aid in estimating the impact of vegetation control on water-use efficiency and forage production.

Range management strategies will be tested to assess their influence on soil erosion and water yield and quality from range watersheds.

From this information, downstream impacts that result from different management strategies can be estimated. And management systems can be developed for rangeland regions where vegetation manipulation can result in favorable forage and water productions.

All Texans will benefit if the brush that has invaded our rangelands can be brought under control

and appreciable diminished. Urban dwellers will benefit from more available water and an increased food supply.

Livestock growers on the improved rangeland watersheds will be able to produce more cattle, sheep, or goats from increased forage supplies and water.

And all of us will benefit in the long run from decreasing soil erosion and the resultant silting of our waterways.

Editor's note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Obituary

Mrs. Mimmie Coker, 88 died February 1st in Kerrville Nursing Home.

Services were held Monday morning, February 4th in Kerrville Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Rev. Don Dale. She was a Baptist.

Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Kerrville.

She is survived by several grand children, three sisters, Bessie Clifton of Eldorado, Katie Lindholm of George West, Inez Welty of Kerrville, several nieces and nephews.

Bessie Clifton and Jimmy Doyle attended the services.

Library board

The County Library Board met Wednesday morning in the Library for the purpose of selecting a librarian. Mrs. Hal Whitten (Jerr) was hired to begin work immediately.

The Board asks each of you to visit the library.



Bridal Selections for
Teena Williams
Bride Elect of
Rodney Cash Taylor

Christi Cornelius
Bride elect of
Carl Robbin Crisp

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Main St.

School Menu Eldorado

Lunch	Friday Feb. 15th
Monday Feb. 11th	Hot Dogs with Chili
Beef & Bean Burritos	Corn Chips
Spanish Rice	Stuffed Celery
Cheese Strips	Mixed Fruit
Letttuce & Tomato Salad	Rice Krispie Cookies
Brownies	Breakfast
Tuesday Feb. 12th	Monday Feb. 11th.
Turkey-A-La-King	Peaches
Whole Kernel Corn	Pancakes-Syrup
Sliced Peaches	Tuesday Feb. 12th.
Peanut Butter Cookies	Prunes
Wednesday Feb. 13th	Buttered Rice-Toast
Beef Stew with Vegetables	Wednesday Feb. 13th.
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches	Pineapple Juice
Lime Jello	Hot Biscuits
Cornbread	Sausage - Jelly
Iced Cupcakes	Thursday Feb. 14th.
Thursday Feb. 14th	Grape Juice
Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy	Eggs - Toast - Jelly
Creamed Potatoes	Friday Feb. 15th.
English Peas	Apple Juice
Carrot, Pineapple, Raisin Salad	Cinnamon Toast
Cherry Cobbler	

Library to host speaker

Schleicher County Extension Agent, Jerry Swift, will be speaking on various garden and lawn tips at the Eldorado Public Library February 21st from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Swift will be informing the public on the measures they should be taking at this time in order to prepare their lawns, trees, shrubs and various other plants for the remaining winter months; what to do concerning the upcoming Spring planting season and various other informative horticulture tips.

The Library features all types of books on gardening and lawn care for the interested reader plus all types of "How-To" books. Hopes are that the Library will be featuring various speakers throughout the year on topics ranging from canning to quilting. Suggestions are also welcome concerning programs on topics of interest.

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AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T Communications"), in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for the new Southwest Texas Electric rates will be effective February 1, 1985. The rates are determined by the PUC. A customer would be affected by these rates if he or she is a customer of AT&T Communications in the area of the new Southwest Texas Electric Co-op Manager, A. G. (Sonny) Turner. Assuming his new title and duties, February 1st, he found himself in New Orleans February 3rd where he remained until the past Wednesday at the 43rd National

Also proposed is the institution of a charge for directory assistance to begin to recover access costs incurred for such service, and increases in rates for operator assisted AT&T Long Distance calls.

AT&T Communications is proposing to restructure its AT&T Long Distance Service and to reduce its overall revenues from basic long distance approximately \$25 million.

While long distance rates will, in most instances, be reduced, certain AT&T Long Distance rates are proposed to be increased to more nearly recover the access charges approved by the PUC for such service.

The proposed new rates for all services would result in an increase in adjusted test period revenues of \$123.4 million, or 11.3 percent.

A complete copy of the proposed tariffs are on file with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene or participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Rev. Fred Brown
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Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Wed.
Youth Adult Study 7:30

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Rev. Nick Robledo
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Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Services 5:00
Wed. Prayer Services 7:00
Friday Services 7:00

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Bishop: Keith Knepp
San Angelo 949-6894
2817 Christoval Rd.
Priesthood 9:00 a.m.
Primary 9:00 a.m.
Relief Society 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rusty Kwast, Minister
Mertzön Hwy.
Sunday Services
Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Assembly-11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Bible Class 8:00 p.m.

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Rev. Raul Tirado, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6-7 p.m.
Evening Worship 7-8 p.m.
Sunbeams Wed. 3 p.m.
Prayer Service 7 p.m.

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Rev. Clive Johnston
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Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.



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Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
853-3101

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Rev. Walter Ford
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

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Public Notice

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Notice is hereby given that ELDORADO WOOL COMPANY, whose principal business office is at 114 Depot St., Eldorado, Texas, 76936, intends, effective January 1, 1985 to become incorporated under the name of ELDORADO WOOL COMPANY, INC. This notice is made pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes.

Dated January 21, 1985.

ELDORADO WOOL COMPANY
By: Jo Ed Hill
Partner
4,5,6,7-c

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF THE FOLLOWING WORK FOR IRION COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MERTZON, TEXAS

RECEIPT OF BIDS:

Sealed proposals will be received by the Irion County Independent School District at the Superintendent's Office in Mertzson, Texas, until 4:00p.m., February 14, 1985, for construction of a New Band Hall.

Bids shall be addressed to the Irion County Independent School District, and will be publicly opened and read at the time and date above mentioned. Bids may not be withdrawn or modified after time and date set for receipt of bids.

BID REQUIREMENTS:

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check on a state or national bank in the state of Texas, payable without recourse to the Irion County Independent School District, or an acceptable Surety Proposal Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bonds as outlined in the Specifications and Instructions to Bidders. A Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder.

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All work, including general construction, will be awarded under a single contract.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

The General Contractor may obtain Plans and Specification from Gary Donaldson Architects & Planning Consultants, 223 S. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo, Tx 76903, (915) 655-4805, upon deposit of \$150.00 for each set of Plans and Specifications. The full amount of the deposit will be returned to each bidder immediately upon return of the Plans and Specifications, prepaid, in good condition; except a refund for documents returned later than ten (10) days after the date of bid opening will not be obligatory.

BID ACCEPTANCE:

In compliance with House Bill #1612, 66th Legislature, Regular Session, the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities in bids or bidding. The Owner may accept any bid deemed advantageous.

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Sealed proposals for contract mowing in various counties will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation; San Angelo, Texas, on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

February 27, 1985, 10:00a.m.
Contract #075XXM1002 Sutton Co.
Contract #075XXM1010 Crockett Co.

February 27, 1985, 2:00p.m.
Contract #075XXM1007 Coke Co.
Contract #075XXM1001 Runnels Co.
Contract #075XXM1003 Concho Co.

February 28, 1985, 10:00a.m.
Contract #075XXM1008 Kinney Co.
Contract #075XXM1005 Edwards Co.
Contract #075XXM1009 Val Verde Co.

February 28, 1985, 2:00p.m.
Contract #075XXM1006 Tom Green Co.
Contract #075XXM1004 Sterling Co.

Plans, specifications and proposals are available at the office of Charlie F. Low, District Maintenance

Engineer, San Angelo, Texas. Pre-bidder Conference for all contracts will be held at the State Department of Highways & Public Transportation, San Angelo, Texas on February 13, 1985 at 10:00 a.m.
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Call for action

Perry Bolger, President, the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, Midland, Texas issued the following statement, asking the Association membership to take action opposing the so-called Tax Reform for Fairness, Simplicity and Economic Growth proposed by Treasury Secretary Regan.

The recent proposals by the Treasury Department concerning repeal of percentage depletion and expensing of IDC's should be of great concern to the members of our association. This disastrous proposal comes at a time when the independent industry is already crippled from lower prices and decreased demand. Not only is it detrimental to domestic drilling but could also endanger our national security and economic prosperity.

As indicated earlier, we, like the IPAA and other Associations, are going to offer objections to the proposal, before it becomes a bill. We do not believe that anyone, in good conscience, should support the elimination of percentage depletion and intangible drilling costs, while continuing foreign tax credits on imported oil.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's statement, that, "As far as independent oil and gas producers, this (tax plan) may hurt them," exposes his ignorance as to the source of independent's drilling funds. His statement, that "...investment money withdrawn from the oil and gas sector would be employed more productively in other industries," further shows his lack of concern for the importance of the domestic petroleum industry to this nation.

If the Secretary's comments are indicative of the administration's attitude toward the domestic independent petroleum industry, the longer term consequences to the nation could be severe. What happens to the nation's security and

economic prosperity if the independent sector, which drills 90% of the wildcats and finds 70% of the new reserves, is eliminated? This sector could be eliminated if such proposals are adopted.

This nation's consumer should be aware that buried in the proposal are indications that the Treasury concedes that the effects which might occur in the "short run" would be reduced domestic production and increased American dependence on foreign sources of oil. They also concede that one of the effects longer term would be higher domestic prices for oil and gas. Under such a scenario, however, the prices might be even higher than we expect because the sources will be controlled by a few surviving large companies.

We fully agree that the present tax system needs to be reworked. We do not agree that destroying the domestic independent petroleum industry is the way to do it.

Sewing Club

The Sewing Club met with Opal Meador in her apartment in San Angelo Monday February 4, with 13 members from Eldorado, one from Ozona and three friends from San Angelo attending.

The group took their crochet, cross stitch, chicken scratch and other types of handwork with them. They enjoyed visiting while they worked.

They were served lunch at the South Fork restaurant, then returned to the apartment for a time before returning home.

Bits

A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself. Arthur Miller

The emergence of the press as a power in American life is directly proportionate to the failure of other branches of our society to perform their historic assigned functions. Norman Cousins

Freedom of the press is limited to those who own one. A.J. Leibling

A newspaper is the lowest thing there is. Mayor Richard Daley

Some newspapers are fit only to line the bottom of birdcages. Spiro T. Agnew

One does not escape taxes or death or win arguments with the city desk. Warren Hickle

Writing a letter to a newspaper editor is the easiest way to gain prestige in America. Harry Golden

We've uncovered some embarrassing ancestors in the not too distant past. Some horse thieves, and some people killed on Saturday nights. One of my relatives, fortunately, was even in the newspaper business. Jimmy Carter

Democracy depends on information circulating freely in society. Katherine Graham

The newspaper must be one of the strangest avocations known to mankind. Finis Bratcher



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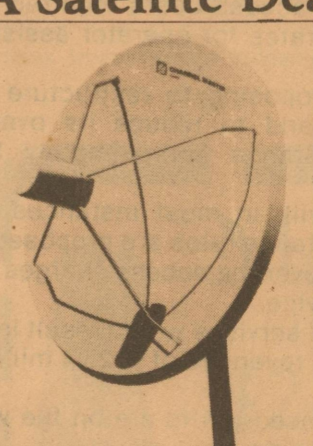
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