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May 30, 1985

County ok's bid and insures Jaws of Life

The Commissioner's Court met this week and accepted the bid of MCKay and Lossing, Contractors, of San Angelo, with a bid of \$168,513.14. Renovation should begin soon.

Firemen are going ahead and order the Jaws of Life. The County will pay balance needed after donations.

They made a contribution to Meals for Friends and agreed to purchase two water troughs for rodeo stock.

The County will take bids on gas, oils, and propane for County at the next regular meeting.

Rodeo Arena Rules were set up,

effective immediately. Following is a list of rules:

Rules for Rodeo Arena

Due to the increased use of the Rodeo Arena and the expense incurred by the county for upkeep, it will be necessary for any individual or organization to have permission of the Commissioners Court for use of the Rodeo Arena.

1. A deposit for use will be required for any activities requiring entry fees, jack pots or pay back money.

The deposit will be returned upon inspection of the arena.

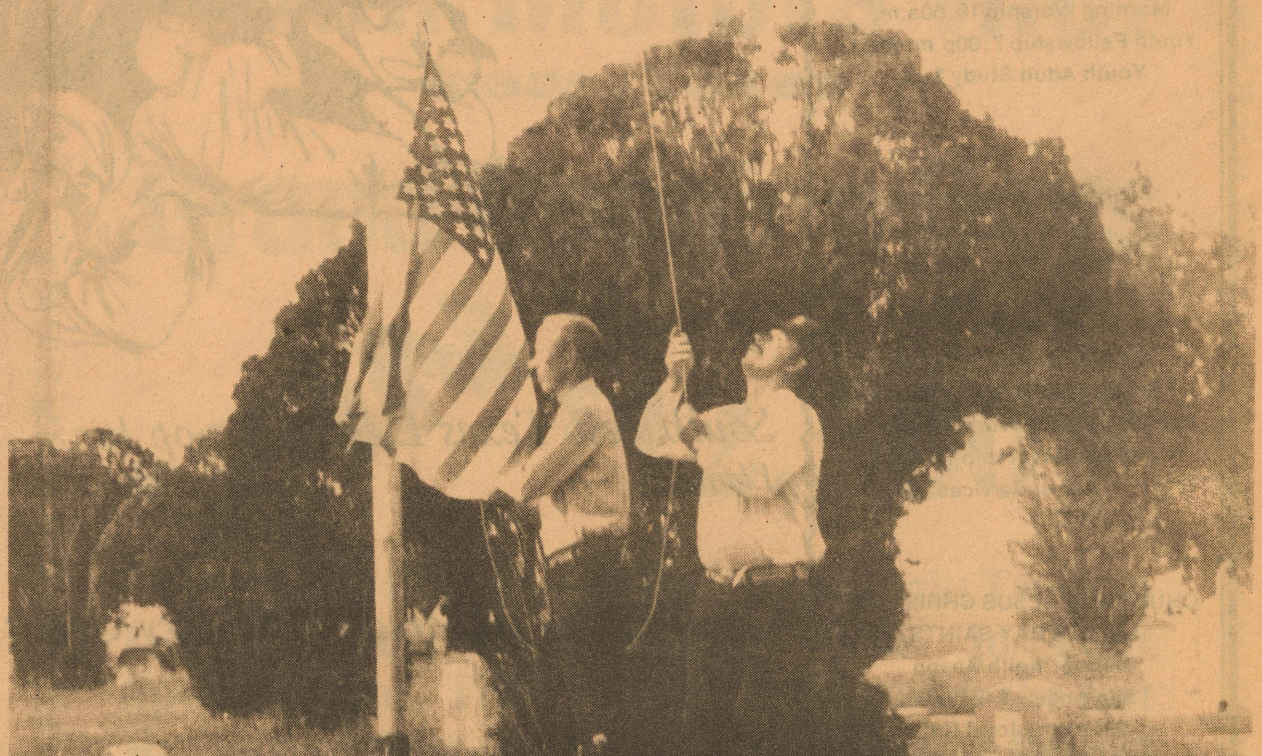
2. No livestock shall be left overnight at the arena without prior Court approval.

Memorial Day observed

Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. number of people gathered at the Cemetery to observe the V.F.W. Post conduct a Memorial Service in memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country. Before the ceremony began a flag had been placed on the grave of each serviceman who is buried in the cemetery. A flag representing each man who had lived here but was not buried here was in line in front of V.F.W. members during ceremony.

Jerrold Sanders, Senior Vice Commander, directed the raising of the flag, then he called the roll of all the Servicemen who were being honored. He gave a short message stating, "On this day forever consecrated to our heroic dead, we are assembled once again to express sincere reverence. The graves represent the resting places of many departed comrades who served in all wars. Wherever the body of a comrade lies, there the ground is hallowed. Our presence here is in solemn commemoration of all these men an expression of our tribute to their devotion to duty and to their courage and patriotism. By their services on land, on the sea and in the air they have made us their debtors—for the flag of our nation still flies over a land of free people". Clyde Thackerson, Chaplain, asked the divine blessing.

After the prayer, the flag was lowered to half mast as taps was played by Pat Ragsdale.



Crop Insurance

BIG SPRINGS*TX May 31 is the final planting date for insured grain Sorghum in Schleicher County, Texas according to Dottie Sampley, District Representative for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

Insured Grain Sorghum planted by May 31 must be reported by June 15 in order to receive full Crop Insurance Coverage. The acreage report reflects the actual acreage planted and reported by the farmer.

In order to provide some flexibility on planting dates, A late planting option may be exercised by farmers who find themselves unable to plant their crops on time due to adverse weather. The late planting option provides insurance coverage

for the late planted crop, but at a lower guarantee.

For insured farmers, "Entering into the late planting option is not automatic," Sampley said. "Farmers wishing to use the late planting date in order to have coverage under the late planting option." "Increasingly, our insured production discovering that with yield guarantees which reflect production capability, crop insurance establishes a farm income floor. Thus, cash flow and the ability to repay a loan can be more accurately projected," explained Sampley.

Farmers wishing to discuss local conditions that may affect planting should contact their local, authorized crop insurance agent.

Car Wash

Boy Scout Troop 18 of Eldorado will have a car wash Saturday, June 1, in front of the Memorial Building.

Dancers Graduate



A class of dancers taught by Joe Miller of San Angelo graduated May 18th in a Candlelight Service at the EXHIBITION Building in Eldorado.

This is a very enthusiastic group of dancers. We were royally entertained with a surprise guest. They had a contest that proved very entertaining just ask Flora Hubble

and Jim Holley about it.

The Candlelight Service lead by Joe Miller was very impressive and the Kountry Kausins extend a yellow Rock to our new dancers.

The evening was very enjoyable with dancing and entertainment. As always we welcome visitors to our dances.

A sandwich supper was served after the dance and a very good time was had by all.

The Kountry Kausins give a hardy welcome to the graduates into our club. Left to right: Joe Miller, teacher, Melissa and Ray Loyd, Dorothy and Ray Eaton, Marie and Ray Pierce, Callene and Bill Noland, Nancy and Bob Lester, Cindy Miller.

Bullock's no.'s show upswing for area

A total of \$109.2 Million in local tax payments were mailed out last week by State Comptroller Bob Bullock. One thousand three cities recieved the welcomed tax rebate.

These checks reflect the one percent tax collected by cities for the Month of March and reported to the State Comptroller's office by April 20.

Mertzon is showing a 32.31 percent increase over what they were receiving this time last year when they had earned \$22,798.26. Whereas, for this year to date the city has earned \$30,164.33. Their latest payment totaled \$5974.56. The 56 reporting outlets showed a year end increase in 1984 of 9.2 percent.

The gross sales for 1984 in the last quarter totaled \$4,198,761.00 as compared to 1983's last quarterly gross of \$3,846,451.

Eldorado is showing somewhat of an upswing with a 2.30 percent over last year. Their last check was

for \$8505.53 which brings the 1985 total to date to \$24,606.52. Last year's check for the same period totaled \$24,054.06 for a 1984 total to date. In the 1984 year end figures released by Bullock, Eldorado's 100 reporting business outlets showed a 10.7 percent increase for the year with \$6,69,425.00 in gross sales as compared to 1983's total of \$6,050,489.00.

Sonora received a check for \$34,687.80 bringing them up 22.08 percent. \$27,445.54. This latest check brings the total 1985 payments to date up to \$115,670.37.


The 1984 gross sales for the 286 Sutton County outlets totaled \$14,568,179.00 for a decrease of 10.1 percent when compared to \$16,203,097.00 for 1983.

Bullock sent Menard a check for \$5163.59 which still doesn't

bring them up from their 13.18 percent decrease. This latest check brings their 1985 total to date to \$16,026.30. The 111 reporting outlets reported gross sales in 1984 of \$7,155,818.00 for a 16.3 percent increase.

Regan County's 155 reporting business outlets reported gross sales in 1984 of \$13930,48400 for an \$8.6 percent increase. Their latest check of \$27,799.29 brought their 1985 payments to date to \$86,388.46 as compared to \$81,738.76 for 1984's payments to date.

San Angelo reported a check for \$673,617.84 from Bullock for this period. This latest check brings them up 8.43 percent. Their total payments to date for 1985 are \$2,326,657.74 The 1984 gross sales for the reporting 3286 outlets came to \$515,139,785.00 for a decrease of 21.9 percent.



Bridal Selections
at
McCallas
Main St. Eldorado

Dusti Murph
Bride Elect of Kelly
Charboneau

Susanne Johnston
Bride Elect
of Don Garlitz

Grupo Amistad helps "JAWS"

Grupo Amistad met May 20 for their regular meeting. They voted to give \$100.00 to Jaws of Life. There will be a dance June 8th on slab at Ag Barn from 9:00p.m. to 1: a.m. In case of rain they will meet in Exhibit Bldg. All graduating Seniors are invited free! La Machina from Uvalde will furnish music.

Gas Beer

Stop By
12 Mile Bait Stand
for Fishing and Picnic Supplies!!

Wine Bait

Snacks

Mertzon Hwy. 67 949-5039

Homemakers give Scholarship

Miss Kristi Rivers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rivers, Route 4, San Angelo was awarded the 1985 Irion County Extension Homemakers Scholarship at graduation ceremonies May 15th.

Mrs. Donna George, Club Vice President, made the presentation to Ms. Rivers. The scholarship is awarded each year on the basis of academic achievement, citizenship, and financial need to an Irion County High graduate who plans to continue his or her education at college or elsewhere. Members voted on nominees by secret ballot.

Ms. Rivers had accumulated a 109.19 grade point average (based on the difficulty of high school courses) and plans to attend Angelo State University. She has been active in 4-H, FHA, Beta Club, and served as cheerleader. She received the 4-H Gold Star Award this year for her achievements in that organization.

Barbeque at Harris'

Members of First Baptist Church were guests of the Jackie Harris Family at their Ranch Home Monday night May 27. Memorial Day. Their spacious back yard was a wonderful place for all ages to play games or visit. About seven o'clock a delicious Barbequed Brisket, beans, potato Salad, pickles and onions was served to about one hundred thirty people. Following the barbeque homemade ice cream of all flavors was served.

Many games of 84 and 42 was played, along with washer toss and horseshoe pitching. Some went swimming in the tank.

Mittels, Deals and Williams on cruise

Mr and Mrs. Arch Mittel, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Deal and Mr. and Mrs. James Williams have just returned from a trip to San Juan Puerto Rico. St. Thomas and St. Martin. They flew to Puerto Rico and took a cruise to the other islands, then flew home. They report a wonderful trip.

Little League schedules set

The Little League and Pee Wee Baseball teams have been organized and schedules made out. There will be 7 innings or 2 hr. time limit this year. The first game will be Tues. June 4, at 6:00p.m. with COUGARS VS* White Sox. Thursday June 27 will be awards night for Little League.

In Pee Wee League the games will be 5 innings or 1 hour time limit. Monday June 24, will be awards Night for Pee Wee League.

Following is the Schedule for Little League and Pee Wee Games: Little League (Home Team Listed First!)

Tues. June 4 6:00 Cougars vs white sox
8:00 Tigers Vs Red Sox
Thurs. June 6 6:00 Cougars VS Red Sox
8:00 White Sox VS Tigers

Tues. June 11 6:00 Red Sox VS White Sox
8:00 Tigers VS Cougars
Thurs. June 13 6:00 Red Sox VSTIGERS

8:00 White Sox VS Cougars
Tues. June 18 6:00 Tigers VS White Sox
8:00 Red Sox VS Cougars
Thurs. June 20 6:00 Cougars VS Tigers

8:00 White Sox VS Red Sox
Tues. June 25 6:00 Cougars VS White Sox
8:00 Tigers VS Red Sox
Thurs. June 27 6:00 Cougars VS Red Sox

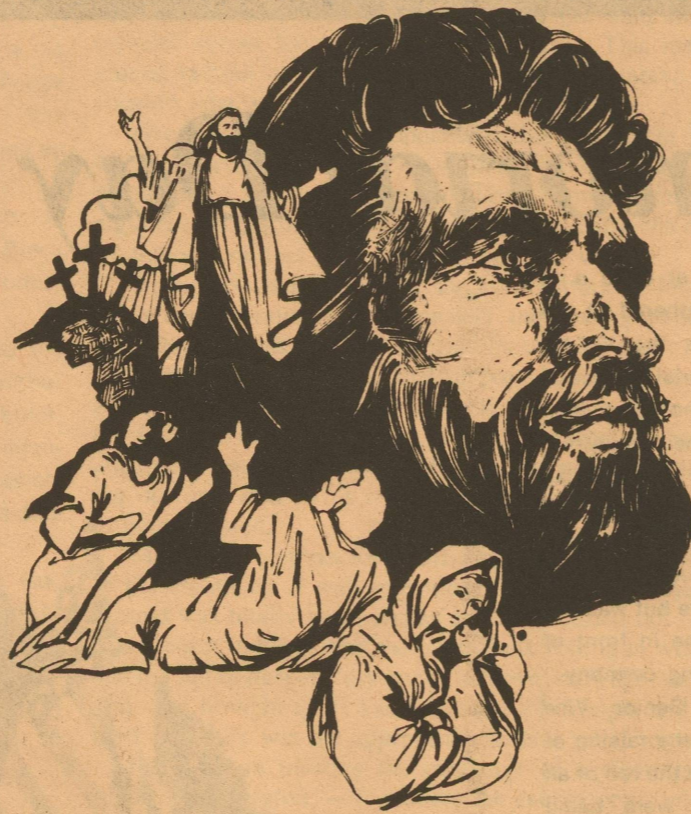
Thurs. June 27 6:00 Cougars VS Red Sox
8:00 White Sox VS Tigers
IN CASE OF RAIN OUT* GAMES WILL BE RESCHEDULED

PEE WEE LEAGUE
Mon. June 3 6:00 Astros VS Rattlers
7:30 Rangers VS Cardinals
Man. June 10 6:00 Rangers VS Astros

7:30 Rattlers VS Cardinals
Mon. June 17 6:00 Rattlers VS Rangers
7:30 Cardinals VS Astros
Mon. June 24 6:00 Astros VS Rattlers

7:30 Cardinals VS Rangers
FIRST TEAM LISTED IS HOME TEAM!
IN CASE OF RAIN OUT* GAMES WILL BE RESCHEDULED

Red Wings
RED WING SHOES
McCalla's
Dept. Store
You've earned your Wings!



South west Texas Electric Co-op Inc.
Eldorado

Hargraves - Mildred Parks Dry Goods
Mertzon

Shelton Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
Mertzon

C & M Consultants
C.C. Word - Mertzon

Lawdermilk Service Co.
Mertzon

KH & F Fence Company
Mertzon

B&H Maintenance Company
Eldorado

J&L Hardware
Mertzon

Plum Perfect Gifts
Mertzon

Mertzon Locker Plant
Mertzon

R & H Well Service
Eldorado

Jerry's T.V. Service
Eldorado

The Green Apple Florist
Mertzon

OK's Country Stop
Mertzon

Western Company
Eldorado


Food Center
Sonora

Tom Thorp Transports
Mertzon

Trey Trucking
Eldorado

First National Bank of Eldorado
Eldorado

Jaguar Oilfield Service
Mertzon



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Fred Brown
Hwy. 277
across from courthouse
853-2721 853-3030
Church School 9:50a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50a.m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00p.m. Wed.
Youth Adult Study 7:30

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF MERTZON
Pastor: Randy Messer
2nd & Lake Ave.
835-5571
Sunday School 9:45a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00a.m.
Sunday Evening Worshp 7:00p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:30p.m.
Praver Services

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF
LATTER DAY SAINTS
Bishop: Keith Knepp
San Angelo 949-6894
2817 Christoval Rd.
Priesthood 11:00 a.m.
Primary 10:00 a.m.
Relief Sec. 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00a.m.
Sacrament 9:00 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Joe Partlow, Minister
Sunday School 9:45a.m.
Morning Service 11:00a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.
853-3101

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rev. Raul Tirado, Pastor
El Paso and Concho St.
Sunday School 9:45a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.
Training Union 6-7p.m.
Evening Worship 7-8p.m.
Sunbeams Wed. 3:00p.m.
Prayer Service 7:00p.m.

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

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OF MERTZON
Jay Surlin
Hwy. 67
Sunday 10:45a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Ronald J. Sutto
7 N. Cottonwood
Sunday School 10:00a.m.
Fellowship Time 10:30a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.
Ecumenical Bible Study
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Every Monday Morning
Nursery Provided

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277
Sun. Morning Service 10:30a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 6:00p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:30p.m.
Mike Sokoff, Minister



Energy audits

Home energy audits described as "simple, free and easy" are being offered to customers of West Texas Utilities Company.

The program is called QUEST—short for Quick Energy Savings Test—and is designed to show just how energy efficient a home really is.

"QUEST is a vehicle through which our customers can find out how they can control their energy use," said Leroy Reeves, WTU local manager. "Most people could conserve more energy in their homes if they knew what to do."

QUEST actually is a quick energy analysis of a home. All a customer has to do is to obtain a questionnaire from the local WTU office, fill in the blanks, and send it back to WTU by postage free-reply mail.

The questionnaires are received by WTU's Customer Technical Services Department in Abilene for evaluation. With the customer's prior 13-month electric billing, accurate analysis of the home energy efficiency can be made. A less accurate analysis can be done without the 13-month billing.

Nancy Johnson of Abilene, supervisor of residential audits, said a customer can expect to get results on a questionnaire back in about two or three weeks.

She said customers will receive a report consisting of three parts:

- Estimates of monthly utility cost comparisons for similar-sized homes, occupancy and appliances.
- Graphs indicating annual utility costs for an energy efficient home and for an average home.
- Estimated potential dollar savings and ranges of cost for energy conservation measures which may be appropriate for the home based on information the customer supplied through the questionnaire.

It doesn't take long to fill out the questionnaire, but for proper results the customer should be as accurate as possible, Mrs. Johnson said. QUEST is available to all WTU customers, but it does not supplant the more detailed Residential Conservation Service (RCS) audit that has been offered by all electric utilities for the past several years. The RCS audit is still available for a \$15 charge.

Letter to the Editor

We wish to take this opportunity to "Thank" the citizens of Eldorado for their warm welcome and their hospitality extended to us while we were organizing the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their ladies auxiliary. Which will be known as, Schleicher County Memorial Post 9842, instituted April 12, 1985. The auxiliary was instituted on April 29, 1985.

We want to "Thank" all the ladies that helped us organize, institute and who furnished and serve the refreshments on the night of instituting the V.F.W. Post and ladies auxiliary.

Our special "Thanks" go to the Fire Chief, all the people at the County Courthouse for their help. You were all just great and we have found a new place to visit.

We "Welcome" you to District # 22 and the great organization to which you have become a part of. May continue to be a proud of "ole Glory" The United States Flag. For which you gave us "Freedom" We are proud of you for that!

Your in Comradship:
Lloyd E Bradley
Edith Bradley
Boy Scout Troop 18 will have a car wash Saturday June 1, in front of Memorial Building.

4H'ers to Show Off

Irion County 4-H'ers will "show off" their handcrafted garments at the Senior Citizens luncheon in Mertzton on June 18th.

The culmination of this year's 4-H Clothing Project will be the 4-H Fashion Show, held during the weekly luncheon. Judging will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the back room of the Community Center. Eight Irion County 4-H'ers will be eligible to go to the District 4-H Fashion Show on June 24th in San Angelo, explained Mrs. Tedra Ulmer, Extension Agent-Home Economics.

Ulmer explained that the 4-H'ers had attended workshops in Mertzton and Barnhart, where they learned about pattern selection, fabric, stain removal, and constructed a Fashion Sash. One group learned on a trip to Grigsby's Rag Doll in San Angelo that the same sash they had made for about 50 cents could cost from \$5.00 to over \$30.00 on the retail level, depending on the fabric.

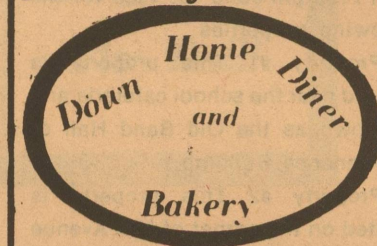
"The 4-H Adult Leaders deserve the credit for making our project a success; without them, we couldn't have a 4-H program," said Ulmer.

For more information on becoming a 4-H member or leader, contact the Irion County Extension Office at 915/835-2711, or come by the office

located in the County Courthouse at Mertzton.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic levels, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Menu For June 3rd—7th



Soup of the Day

Monday - Potato
Tuesday - Nacho Cheese
Wednesday - Broccoli & Cheese
Thursday - Chicken Vegetable

Daily Specials

Friday - Cornbread & Beans
MONDAY -- GRILLED RUBENS
TUESDAY -- CABBAGE ROLLS
WEDNESDAY -- PORK CHOPS
THURSDAY OPEN FACE
CHICKEN SANDWICHES

FRIDAY -- BEEF ENCHILADAS

853-3022

853-3157 (Home) 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

107 Main

Mon. - Fri.

Attention:

WHEAT GROWERS!

Schleicher County Co—op is

handling Program Wheat. We also

will purchase Non Program Wheat

at competitive prices.

Schleicher
County Co—op
Eldorado, Tx.

Call:
853—2881
853—3114
Leave Message

Good Neighbor Club Meet

The Good Neighbor Extension Club met in the home of Flora Riley last week.

Those attending were Ruth Baker Ruby Hight, Mary Gausenmier, Margaurite Gillapsy, Ola Ruth Barbee and Hettie Bryan.

Roll call was answered with Our Favorite Vegetable. The Commissioner's luncheon will be June 10 at the Exhibit Building. Each person will bring a covered dish. The meat will be Fried Chicken.

A report was given on the State Meeting by Ola Ruth Barbee and Ruby Hight.

Refreshments of sandwiches and cookies was served by Flora Riley. Next meeting will be June 17.

Last Week Starts Friday Quitting Business Rummage Sale

50 to 80

PERCENT off

All colors Enamel spray paint QT Paint All colors Gal. paint all colors wood stains 50to80% off	ALL Toys cars puzzles etc. games dolls 60tc80% off	ALL Bicycle accessories Tubes ,tires,lights peddals etc. 50tc80% off
All xmas decorations Tree stands Ice cycles tags lights treeballs etc. 80% off	ALL Electric supplies flash light batteries utility light fuses plugs etc. 50tc80% off	ALL chain saw cases ,cutting chains, hand tools-oil etc. 50tc80% off
ALL Kitchen wares Freezer bags glasses cups, curtain rods,etc 60to80% off	AUTO SUPPLIES Oil filters air filters car polish wax Fuel line cleaner 50 vinyl top cleaner to mirrors ,radios 80% battery charger Head lights etc. off	ALL plumbing supplies, pipe fitting, nails, screws, tacks, bolts, brads, hand tools gloves.

Western Auto 853-2251
201 S. Divide

Iraan Motors Inc.

Iraan, Texas

Grand Opening Days

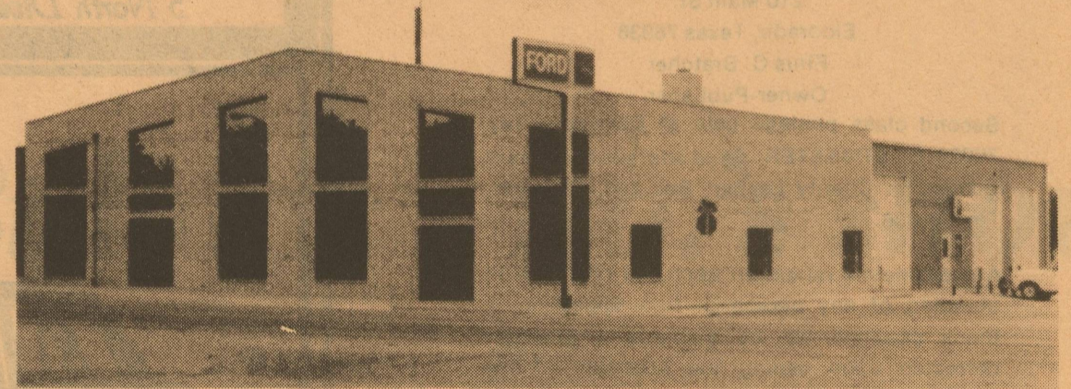
WIN \$12,500⁰⁰

Toward The Purchase of any Car or Light Truck in Our Inventory or You May Order to Your Specifications. The first person to match the last six digits of their Social Security Number to the last six digits of VIN No. of chosen vehicle of the day will be the winner. Winning VIN No. will be changed daily — 3 CHANCES TO WIN!

(Must Be Present To Win)

June 6, 7, & 8

Consolation Prizes for 4 Digit Matchups Will Be Awarded.
Open Daily 7:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. During Grand Opening
Refreshments Will Be Served!
Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies 1:00 P.M. June 6th



Visit Our All New Facility Designed To Serve You Better

- ★ New Vehicle Inventory Designed Especially For West Texas. We Understand Your Trailer Towing Requirements.
- ★ Computerized Hunter Wheel Alignment
- ★ Factory Trained Certified Mechanics
- ★ Clean-Up & Washes Anytime
- ★ Excellent Parts Inventory
- ★ Full Service - Modern Shop

New Phone No. - (915) 639-2567
New Hours - 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Heavy Duty Trucks in Stock Now or in Route To Us Include
4x4's, Diesels, 460's, Super Cabs, Crew Cabs, and Cab-Chassis
We Listen and We Understand Your Needs

C. Mike Turk
Owner/Sales

Burl Pringle
Sales



David Stacy
Service Manager

Dale Mathes
Parts Manager

Classifieds

Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE: Separate two car garage and apartment on two large lots. \$18,000.00 Call 853-2338 or 853-2079 13-tfc-c

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 Bed. & Bath Dining room & utility room. Fenced yard & trees. Good neighborhood. 853-2081 10-nc

FOR SALE: 29 X 80 Cinder block building; 6 city lots (1/2 city block), 20 X 32 2-car shop with plumbing; 1980 14 X 80 trailer split-level model; fenced backyard, landscaped with underground water sprinkler system. Call 853-3200, if no answer Keep Calling 11-tfc-c

1981 14X70 Mobile Home 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath. Must sell. Just assume payments. Does not have to be moved. 853-2341 20-21-22-p

MOVING MUST SELL
Reduced by owner 3 bedrooms, central heat and air over 1500sq. ft. living area. Fruit trees. 215 Dixi 38,000 853-3103. 22

HOUSE FOR SALE: Two bed., one bath, carpet, large lot. Reasonably priced. 306 E. Hill. Phone 853-2190 or 915-597-3608 after 6:00 p.m. 7-tfc-c

FOR SALE 160 acres assumable loan will consider subdividing in 40 acre plots. Call 853-3239 tfc

For Sale

SET OF 1.94 Chevy small block heads for sale or exchange. Also, set of 390 Ford heads for sale. Rebuilt and ready to go. Ask for Steve 835-4771 or 835-4751. tfc-nc

FOR SALE: 3 complete propane systems. Call 387-5094 15-tfc-nc

FOR SALE: Quail, live or dressed and quail eggs. Call 387-5094 15-tfc-nc

FOR SALE: 1962 International Scout Custom built Roll Bar and Tow Bar New Tires. 4 Wheel Drive Call 835-4771 tfc-nc

FOR SALE: 1982 Kawasaki 550 LTD. Phone 853-3437. 20-21-22-p

MOVING SALE
Yard and Houseware Sale. Furniture, Dishwasher, Gas Heaters, Misc., Sat. June 1st 8:00 A.M. 406 W. Fields Richard and Jill Preston

DOC'S LIQUORS
Dispersal Sale on All Hard Liquors Liberal Discounts 22

Public Notice

Sealed proposals will be received by the Schleicher County Independent School District at the Superintendent's office in Eldorado, Texas until 7:30 pm June 10, 1985 for the following properties.

Property #1 This property is located near the school cafeteria and is known as the Old Band Hall or Maintenance Building.

Property #2 This property is located on the corner of Hill Avenue and West Street. It is occupied as a residence. The garage is included and must be removed also. This residence is presently occupied by the Mario Sanchez family.

Property #3 This property is located on the corner of Fields Avenue and West Street. The property was previously occupied by the Fred Morrison family.

Property #4 This property is located on "Lots 5B and 6A, Block 55, Fields Avenue. This is the former Bradley property.

Bids shall be addressed to the Board of Trustees, Schleicher County Independent School District, in care of Guy Whitaker, Superintendent. The bids will be publicly opened and read at the time and date mentioned above.

In compliance with public law, Schleicher County Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The properties are to be removed from the lots and grounds left in good repair by August 1, 1985.

Mis.

ODD JOBS:
Lawn Care, Pet Care, Ect. 853-3345 Hunter and Trey Preston 22

FOR SALE
16 Pairs Good Used Unbleached Curtains and Curtain Rods, Cheap. Jewel Van Dusen 111 Doris 853-2678 22

Lost:
Ladies Clutch purse Turquoise color Between Doris and Calendar. If found call 853-2722 or 8532620 Anna A. Buitron.

VFW Notice

VFW Auxiliary will meet Mon. June 3, in basement of Baptist Church unless notified other wise.

by Tom Loeffler

Adequate Water Supply Essential for Future Growth

The declining availability of a clean and adequate water supply is clearly emerging as a crisis with the potential to rival the energy crisis of the past decade. Considering the time it took for this nation to recognize and begin to address the energy crisis, it is apparent that we must now turn with the same vigor to the issue of water.

We tend to take a safe, affordable, and abundant supply of water for granted. Yet in approximately 75% of the world where clean water is lacking, an estimated 10 million people can die in a year because of water-borne diseases.

There is no mystery to our developing water problems. The critical statistic is not how much water is used, but how much is returned to the system that can be used again. Additionally, in Texas, the demands placed on our state's water supply are compounded by Sunbelt growth. According to the Texas Department of Water Resources, Texans currently consume 5.9 trillion gallons a year and, if growth projections hold, we could be using almost 95% more by the year 2000.

In Texas we already have to contend with the possibility of water shortages due to our diverse geography and climatic conditions. Our annual rainfall rate diminishes on the average, about one inch for each twenty miles traveled across the state from east to west. This means that while the annual rainfall on our eastern border averages about 56 inches, the far western edge receives only eight inches a year.

Over the years, Texas responded to this insufficient distribution of water by constructing reservoirs — with 192 now supplementing our natural resources. A water source map of Texas shows 15 major river basins and eight coastal basins supplying surface water and seven major aquifers and 17 minor aquifers providing underground water.

Fortunately, some of Texas' largest aquifers are found in the areas with below average rainfall. Unfortunately, the slow replenishment of water into aquifers threatens their future usefulness. In greatest danger today is the enormous Ogallala Aquifer that supports life and agriculture for the Great Plains states, which stretches down into the High Plains of Texas, and stops not far north of Midland. The plight of the Ogallala has received national attention as well as careful study by those states directly affected, including our own state. This is only one example, however, of the problems to be addressed.

My special concern for a sufficient water supply goes back to the days of my childhood. I well remember the drought of the Fifties, when the ground was totally bare, creeks and rivers dried up, and we would look to the north in hopes that the cloud bank rolling in would be full of rain, and not full of dust and dry wind. Just two years ago, the West Texas economy was brought to its knees because of drought and I fought long and hard to finally win the appropriate federal relief required.

Foresight in meeting the challenge of a clean and adequate water supply is imperative — for unlike the energy crisis which led us to seek and develop alternatives to our conventional energy resources — the only alternative to water remains water.

WE'VE CLEANED UP THE MESS
OUR FACE IS LIFTED
THE FLOUR IS SIFTED
COME SEE THE NEW LOOK
AND MEET THE NEW COOK.

★ JOIN US JUNE SECOND
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