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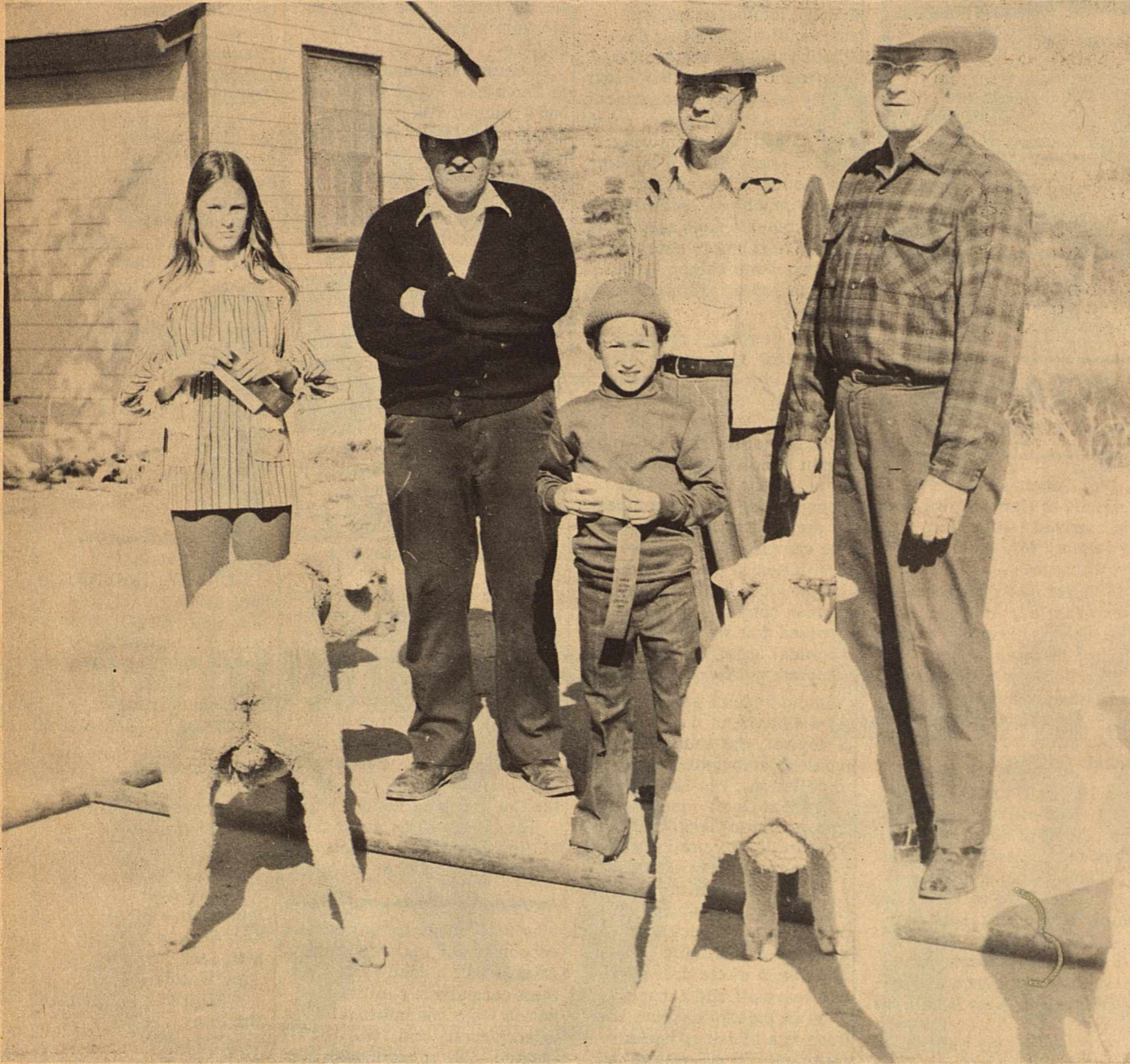
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KELLY WARD was first place exhibitor Monday in the Finewool Division of the Carcass Lamb Show. Breeder of her sheep was the Experiment Station. De Voe Smith came in second place with his sheep bred by Mayer & Rousselet. Other exhibitors were: 3, Gus Ward, Experiment Station; 4, Jane Wallace, Experiment Station; 5, Mark Van Hoozer, Experiment Station;

6, John David Cook, Philip Jacoby; 7, Marla Van Hoozer, Experiment Station; 8, Dennis Dunnam, Experiment Station; 9, Daphine Smith, Philip Jacoby, and 10, Tammy Van Hoozer, Experiment Station. Pictured with first and second place exhibitors are judges Frank Orts, Jack Groff and Jim Gray.

8th Graders Defeat Ozona 45 - 42

A tied score at the end of game caused the Sonora 8th grade basketball team to run into overtime when they played the Ozona 8th graders in Ozona Monday night. Sonora was victorious over the Ozona team, 45 to 42.

Good defensive playing was shown by the Sonora team. Johnny Creek, Danny Drury and Michael Kinard did an outstanding job of rebounding the ball.

Rick Hard, Tobin Joy and Billy Cash Taylor moved the ball to Creek to enable him to score 21 points in the game. Drury scored a total of 12 points with Kinard scoring 10.

Easy Ezell Buried Dec. 26

Graveside services were held December 26, 1973 for Mr. W. A. (Easy) Ezell who died in Midland Memorial Hospital December 24. The Rev. John Weston, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiated at the services.

Mr. Ezell was retired from the Texas Highway Department and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert Lawson of Midland and four grandchildren.

He was born May 15, 1896 and was married to Miss Stella Stokes March 14, 1938.

Services were under the direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home with interment in Sonora Cemetery.

Daylight Saving Time Brings Changes In Business Hour

The energy crises...how to conserve...these are the things that brought about the change to Daylight Saving Time that came back to us after only a short two month reprieve.

Beginning Sunday morning at 1 a. m., the nation changed to the time that is supposed to give us the most daylight in waking hours.

Governor To Speak At Conference

Governor Dolph Briscoe will be among major speakers addressing the 1974 annual conference of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station January 9-11 at the J. Earl Rudder Center at Texas A&M University at College Station.

Other speakers at the conference will be Dr. John A. Hopkin, general chairman and head of A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, director of the station; Dr. Robert Long, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture of Washington, D. C. and Dr. S. H. Wittwer, director of Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

Approximately 750 TAES scientists of the state's agricultural research agency and others are expected to participate in the professional meeting.

Attending the conference from the Sonora Research Station will be Dr. Leo B. Merrill, Joe R. Stewart and Charles Taylor.

Monday gave the school children and faculty the most drastic change, as the school board decided at a meeting held January 3 in the office of the superintendent, to change the hours of a regular school day to begin at 9:10 and dismiss at 4:40.

The Texas Highway Department will keep their regular hours for all office personnel but work crews will work from 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. and only take 30 minutes for lunch.

Those business places usually opening at 8 a. m. including Home Hardware and Furniture, C. G. Morrison's, The Ratliff Store, Sonora Electric, Barrow Jewelry and Sporting Goods, and Neville's Department Store will open at 9 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

Westerman Drug will open at 9 a. m. and close at 5:30; Foxworth-Gabraith Lumber

Company will resume their regular hours of 8-5:30; Branding Iron Smokehouse, 8-6; Morgan and Hunt Insurance, 9 a. m.-5 p. m. Ruth Shurley Jewelry will not open until 10 a. m.

First National Bank will maintain the same hours until such time as the directors of the bank meet. If any change is made in banking hours, it will not be until official action is taken. Banking hours at the present are 9 a. m. until 3 p. m.

City Commissioners met Monday morning and decided to change city office hours from 9-6. They will be closed from 1-2 for the noon hour.

All county offices located in the courthouse will observe their same hours of 8-5 for the present time pending a decision of the county commissioners on January 14.

Foodway Store will not change their regular hours of 8-6, and the Devil's River News will maintain their regular hours of 8-5.

Lifetime Sonoran, Bud Smith Dies Following Lengthy Illness

Lifetime Sonoran, Mr. George Edward (Bud) Smith died December 31, 1973 in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Sonora Lions Club, served as an adult leader of the Sutton County 4-H Club and was a past city manager.

Mr. Smith has for the past several years operated the Twin Oaks Motel after operating the Sonora Grocery for a number of years.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church January 2. Mr. Telefus Cawyer of Stephenville conducted the services with the Rev. J. C. Hancock, assisting. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Howard, one son, Eddie Smith; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor and Mrs. Manila Trainer and five grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were J. D. Cook, Fred Campbell, James Hunt, St Loeffler, Preston Love, Tommy Thorp, Don Grider and Philip Jacoby.



Mr. Smith was born in Sutton County October 3, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith. He married Miss Greta Cawyer in Brady February 12, 1932.

A member of the Church of Christ, he was a graduate of Sonora Schools and attended Texas Tech University.

He was also a member of the

City Officials-WTU Sign Agreement

The agreement of change of electrical service from the City of Sonora to West Texas Utilities Company was signed when members of the City Commission met Monday at the

City Hall. The change over of electrical lines is hoped by both West Texas Utilities and the City to be in readiness by February 1.

Commissioner Mrs. Dee Nevill and Mayor Norman Rousselet signed into agreement that effective April 1, city officials who have for the past several years been receiving \$10 for each meeting attended, will be raised to \$20 for each meeting attended and \$10 for each special called meeting. Commissioner Walter Pope did not vote on the increase. This increase will not be official until newly elected city officials take over subject to the April election.

Office hours of the City Hall were also changed with regard to the daylight saving time which went into effect Sunday. Office hours will be from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. with the office closed from 1-2 for the noon hour.

City officials reported that a total of \$12,756.54 was collected from the 1% city sales tax for the quarter ending September 30, 1973.



Erma Lee Turner Seeks Re-Election

Mrs. Erma Lee Turner, county and district clerk announced Monday that she will seek re-election to that office subject to the May Primary.

Mrs. Turner, has served as clerk since the November election in 1964.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Dixie Eldridge and the late Rev. J. E. Eldridge and has two sons, Ted and Tim Turner.

She is seeking re-election to this office on her past record of efficiency and economy in serving Sutton County citizens in the past years.

Serving as district clerk of the 112th district, her duties are to keep records for all domestic affairs and civil and criminal suits.

There are various duties as county clerk, in preparing for elections and as district clerk in furnishing and keeping election boxes. Other duties also include keeping records pertaining to jury action.

"I sincerely appreciate the past support of Sutton Countians and I hope that I can continue to serve in this capacity," stated Mrs. Turner.

County Offices To Expire

Several offices now occupied by county officials will be calling for re-election this year. County officers are elected to four year terms and run on alternate years. The office of County Attorney, normally not subject for re-election until next year, will,

because of the appointment of Adam Morris, be open to election this year.

The office of County Clerk, held by Mrs. Erma Lee Turner since 1964, is one of the many offices that is subject to the election. Mrs. Turner has already made public announcement that she will seek re-election to this office.

Other offices subject to the election are the office of County Judge, presently held by J. W. Elliott; the County Treasurer's Office, now held by appointee, Mrs. Louie Trainer, and two County Commissioners offices.

Gomez Baby Buried Jan. 1

Sonia Gomez, seven month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gomez died unexpectedly enroute to San Angelo in late December.

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Hilary Doran Will Not Seek Re-Election

State Representative Hilary B. Doran, Jr. of Del Rio has recently announced he will not seek re-election to the Texas House of Representatives. He has served Texans in this office for three terms.

Doran stated financial and economic reasons as the foundations for his decision. He stated that he feels that he must devote the next few years primarily to his family and business responsibilities.

Doran is a partner in a law firm in the Del Rio area and also stated that in the past years in association with the firm he has had to request others in the firm to take on the major share of the work.

Representative Doran said in closing, "I cannot find the words to express my gratitude to all you fine folks in the nine counties that comprise our Legislative District for allowing me to serve you in Austin. The memories I and my family share, will always be fond ones and the friendships we have made will continue throughout the years."

Funeral Services Held Jan. 4 For Mrs. Maggie Kiser

Funeral services for Mrs. H. C. (Maggie Jones) Kiser, 78, were held January 4, 1974 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. J. C. Hancock and the Rev. John Weston, officiating. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery.

Mrs. Kiser died January 2 in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was born June 18, 1895 in Burkett to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones and moved to Sutton County in 1919 following her marriage to Mr. H. C. (Dutch Kiser) January 7, 1917. She was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Kiser predeceased her death on August 9, 1972.

Survivors include a son, H. C. Kiser, Jr., of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Carl Harris of Fort Stockton and Mrs. Louis Powers; one brother, Damon Jones of Cross Plains; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Long of Baytown, Mrs. Grady Fowler of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Alfred Hall and Mrs. P. T. Reed of Brady; sixteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John Mayo, Jr. of Eldorado, Melvin Heam, Lee Roy Valliant, Clyde Hill, C. W. Taylor and Lewis Spraggins.

Winners Named In Carcass Lamb Show

Jeffery Barton showed the first place crossed carcass lamb in Monday's Carcass Lamb Show held at the 4-H Center.

The carcass lamb show kicked off the three-day 27th annual Sutton County Livestock Show and Sale. Other events of the show are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Others placing in the lamb show and their breeders are as follows: 2, Richard Dunnam, Mayer & Rousselet; 3, Duray Smith, Lea Allison; 4, Jane Wallace, George Wallace; 5, Susan Schwiening, Corky Schwiening; 6, Prissy Cook, Lea Allison and

7, David Wallace, George Wallace; 8, Dennis Dunnam, Mayer & Rousselet; 9, Charlotie Schwiening, Corky Schwiening, and 10, Suzanne Renfro, Walla Renfro.

School Board To Meet Jan. 14

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District has been scheduled for Monday, January 14 at 12:30 p. m. in the administrative office.

On the agenda to be discussed at the meeting is regular business, classroom bids, school calendar, the education trust agreement, board policies, reports and other miscellaneous items.

School Trustees Hire New Teachers

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District January 2, the resignation of Mr. Floyd Pierce who taught in the Junior High School, was accepted. Mr. Pierce gave his reason for resigning at mid-term, as going into business in the Crane area.

Mr. John L. Granado was employed to replace Pierce. He is a December graduate of Sul Ross University in Alpine, majoring in P. E. with a minor in government and history. Mr. Granado has completed his military service and is married and has one child.

Granado, a native of Fort Davis, will teach social studies and coach in Junior High School. Also hired at the special

meeting was Mrs. Keith Taliaferro who will teach first grade. The hiring of another first grade teacher was required due to the increase in enrollment.

Mrs. Taliaferro graduated from Angelo State University in December, majoring in elementary education with a kindergarten endorsement. She is a native of Fredericksburg.

Other action taken by the board set school hours from 9:10 to 4:40 p. m. effective January 7. School bus schedules were changed accordingly.

Lunch hours are as follows: elementary school at 11:50 a. m.; junior high at 1 p. m., and high school students at 1:10 p. m.

The Weather

COMPILED BY PAT BROWN

	RAIN	HI	LO
Tues., Dec. 18		73	33
Wed., Dec. 19		31	23
Thurs., Dec. 20		45	14
Fri., Dec. 21		57	11
Sat., Dec. 22		68	13
Sun., Dec. 23		65	23
Mon., Dec. 24		60	38
Tues., Dec. 25		56	32
Wed., Dec. 26		59	29
Thurs., Dec. 27		65	15
Fri., Dec. 28		73	34
Sat., Dec. 29		69	29
Sun., Dec. 30		80	35
Mon., Dec. 31		34	25

Rainfall for the month of December, .03. Rainfall for the year, 32.87.

	RAIN	HI	LO
Tues., Jan. 1		45	13
Wed., Jan. 2		32	19
Thurs., Jan. 3		27	18
Fri., Jan. 4		44	9
Sat., Jan. 5		58	19
Sun., Jan. 6		70	32
Mon., Jan. 7		67	31

Rainfall for the month of January, .7.



ICE COVERED THE ENTIRE COUNTY last Thursday, preventing the usual rush of morning traffic. School was dismissed for the day due to the bad weather conditions and a number of persons had difficulty in getting to and from their jobs. Temperatures dropped to a low 19 degrees during the night prior to the storm with the lowest of 18 recorded for Thursday night. Friday night saw the lowest in temperatures with a drop to a cold 9 degrees.

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Editorials-Features-Columns

The most effective single force in building a good community is a good newspaper

Canadian Thinks U.S. Due Appreciation

(The following was taken from the November 19 issue of U. S. News & World Report, and consists of excerpts from an editorial by Canadian radio and TV commentator, Gordon Sinclair, and broadcast from Toronto some time ago.)

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. . . . Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who pour-

ed in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris.

I was there. I saw it. When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help. . . . This spring, 59 American communities (were) flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in these countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

News Letter

By O. C. Fisher

A good many people have written me about alleged excessive profits being reaped by the big oil companies. I, too, have been disturbed about this allegation, which has been widely reported in the news media. As a result, I sought more reliable information. Here seems to be the more realistic approach:

Profit dollars become meaningful only when measured against equity, or investment. It appears that even with its improved earnings, the oil industry's return on equity for the first nine months of 1973 still was only 13.2 percent, according to Department of Commerce figures.

How does this compare with other industries? For the same period, appliances reported a 16.5% return on equity, automobile 17.5, building materials 14.5, chemicals 14.0, drugs 19.9, electronics 15.2, food 13.0, instruments 15.0, office equipment and computers 16.6, and publishing 13.9. From this it would appear the only industry with a rate of return lower than oil's were the railroads with 6.1 percent--and many railroads face bankruptcy today.

What must be taken into account is the fact that if we are to lick the fuel problem and eventually become self sufficient, the government, oil companies, or somebody, must put up an awful lot of money to find, develop, transport and process new oil and gas. Therefore, it is to the selfish interest of every American that oil companies be stable and reasonably prosperous. If windfall profits should result from the present crisis, then as excess profits tax may be in order--and that should apply to any others who profiteer unduly from shortages which today plague us.

Above everything, let us not do anything which might kill the goose that lays the golden egg. We must look to the vast array of American oil investors for our salvation during the years immediately ahead.

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas 10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the international lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles.

You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon--not once but several times--and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them--unless they are breaking Canadian laws--are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble?

I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian

who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of these.

A Bishop Looks at Life

THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY by Everett H. Jones, Retired Bishop of the Episcopal Church

One of the many functions of the Church today is to help people of all ages, with their different backgrounds and outlooks, to live together in mutual love and understanding as a family. This has been increasingly difficult in recent years, especially in regard to changes in forms of worship.

A clergyman friend of mine who was earnestly working on this problem asked two members of his congregation, one a young mother 34 years old and the other a woman in her late sixties, to write to each other expressing their honest concerns.

The young woman wrote: "I guess I can accept change easier than you, because life itself has been for me, a rapid, blurred series of changes. Changing morals, changing values, changing fashions, changing dreams. It's not a matter of going back to a time when things were solid, sure, and everlasting. I've never been there."

"The one substantial, real thing in my life has been my faith. Regardless of what hat I wear: wife, mother, neighbor, church member, part-time worker, I know in my heart of hearts that there is something in me God loves. It is from this secret place that my life takes its strength and meaning. In the midst of a life that is often frantic, sometimes frightening, I am secure in the constant, wordless knowledge that I am loved. I feel that I could pray by reading street signs; the words do not matter."

The older woman replied: "We older people are appalled by many of the changes that have been a way of life for you, our children and grandchildren. The permissive society in which we live we simply do not understand. At the same time we recognize that many of you are far better parents than we were. We have the advantages of having known both eras -- and wish that you could have known the peaceful years."

"You may possibly find, as I have, that as one grows older orderliness becomes important -- a retreat from the noises and distractions of a dizzyly changing world, frightening, yet fascinating when one thinks upon the advances of science with all its blessings and evils, in our time."

"May we all, quietly, take a long, deep look into our hearts -- to accept change when change is needed, to strive truly for the ultimate -- to worship God in true love and communion all our days."

Perhaps this kind of honest sharing is the first step toward a new spirit of love and unity in God's Church.

THAT'S A FACT



ONE ON ONE!
FOR EVERY KERNEL ON EVERY EAR OF CORN -- THERE IS A SEPARATE SILK STRAND!

DAY TO DAY...
...LIVING CAN EAT UP A LOT-- INCLUDING THE MONEY YOU SET ASIDE FOR THE FUTURE! BUT THERE'S A FOOLPROOF WAY TO AVOID THIS HAPPENING TO YOU-- THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN WHERE YOU WORK! AN AMOUNT YOU SPECIFY WILL BE SET ASIDE FROM YOUR PAYCHECK AND USED TO BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

FIRST COUSINS!
THE ONION IS A MEMBER OF THE LILY FAMILY... AND THE MOSS THAT GROWS ON SOME TREES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE U.S. IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO PINEAPPLES!

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

JANUARY 9, 1964
Bill Elliott, who tallied 20 points in the Big Lake Basketball tournament, was named to the all-tournament team. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skains celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary during the Christmas holidays.

A level border irrigation system was installed on the Rip Ward ranch south of the Sonora City Limits.
Rainfall for the past year of 1963 totaled 17.30 according to weatherman, J.E. Eldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt entertained members of the Wednesday night club with a Mexican supper over the holidays.
Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Howell attended the baptism of their granddaughter, Lesley Laurin, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring.

Billie Ann Stewart had a productive hunting season this year. She bagged two bucks. One had nine points. . . one point for each year of Billie Ann's life.
J.A. Ward, Jr., recently sold 15 Aberdeen-Angus bulls to Joe R. Lemley of San Angelo.

JANUARY 8, 1954
George Wright, Sonora's All District tailback, was named to the all-state Class A second team.

George Barrow was elected president of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.
The Municipal Light and Power Plant's new diesel engine arrived by train and was taken to the plant for installation.

Alvis Johnson, Sutton County rancher, attorney and county judge announced his candidacy for district judge of the 112th judicial district.
Miss Jayne Kiser has been employed as bookkeeper at West Texas Utilities Company.

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Hall and daughters, Cynthia and Carolyn spent last week in Dallas.
Lions and their guests Tuesday heard Albert Ward and Ralph Copeland discuss affirmative and negative views of the debate question, "Resolved, the President of the United States should be elected by popular vote". The high school speech teacher, Dan Blocker, introduced the debaters.

JANUARY 14, 1944
H.C. Atchinson, Jr., local county agent since 1937, will move to San Angelo this month to take the county agent's job in Tom Green County.
Rainfall for 1943 as reported by George D. Chalk was 18.83 for the year, which was the smallest yearly total since 1940. Announcement was made this week of the engagement of Miss Mary Elizabeth Elliott to F.L. McKinney of Long Beach, California.

Pfc. Robert Allen Simmons, stationed at Camp White, Oregon, arrived last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons.
Pfc. Harold Ray Briscoe, of Camp Barkley, Abilene, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Thelma Briscoe.

The heavy two day snowfall has measured almost eight inches, according to local weatherman at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.
79 YEARS AGO
C.J. Nichols, the carpenter and builder of Sonora, has secured the contract to build C.T. Tumeys ranch home.

J.W. Mayfield will move his family to the new ranch at Lost Lake Monday.
T.B. Birtrong bought Jess Mayfield's residence and improvements in West Sonora for \$1,000.
R.T. Baker, the cattleman, bought the David Adams ranch on Bee Hollow for \$1400.
L.M. Halbert this week sold to George Dunagan 20 acres of land at Hibemia Heights adjoining town.

Asa Robertson and James Halcomb have moved their families to Sonora.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 12:30 p.m., Sonora Woman's Club meeting at clubhouse 2:30-4:30 p.m., Miers Home Museum open

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 2-5 p.m., Sonora Woman's Club Library open
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 Services at the church of your choice

MONDAY, JANUARY 14 9 a.m., County Commissioners meeting in County Judge's office in courthouse 12:30 p.m., School Board meeting in superintendent's office in Central Administration building

3:00 p.m., Hudspeath Auxiliary in the Conference Room at the Hospital
3-5 p.m., Sonora Woman's Club Library open 7:00 p.m., Wesleyan Service Guild meeting in fellowship hall of First Methodist Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 12 noon, Downtown Lions Club luncheon in fellowship hall of First Methodist Church 7:45 p.m., Order Eastern Star
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 3-5 p.m., Sonora Woman's Club Library open

USE WANT ADS FOR QUICK RESULTS

Viewpoint

By T. Driskell
Looking around us, and remembering that man's greatest survival attribute has always been his adaptability, one must wonder if civilization has tamished that savior. It is rather clear that credit limits of questionable sensibility, ineane government subsidy, a general affluence, and an implication of personal inability to count, at all levels, has certainly dulled our sense of individual economic survival. Look, for example, at the petroleum problems. How much adjustment has the individual made? Looking at the school on week days -- the average number of private automobiles congesting the school yard area has decreased by a tremendous number -- four. Hardly an adequate adjustment. No worry -- it will come, regrettably enough to humans who have the capability of thinking and the much lauded, but seldom practiced, visualization and before-the-fact adaptation. Perhaps it is unfortunate that the school was chosen as an example, there are many more too many!

Is the petroleum shortage real? Yes! Our vast increase in demand is simply outstripping the supply. Odd is it not, however, when we look at the great price rise, that the implication of collusion between the oil producing states and the giant oil companies encompasses all the potential big gainers. One can only wonder if we have been bitten in the backside (wallet area) again by our gargantuan corporations. It is supposed that we must be philosophical about it -- the great corporate political donations,

(without hope of gain naturally for the health of democracy -- of course), the automobile monsters club-footed approach to pollution, The Labor Organizational Ogres, and the Import Control People have done it -- so why not the Oil Companies? We are left with a problem similar to the head-lighting poacher who sat in the prickly pear -- which thorn stuck the deepest? A more rational question is where does philosophy leave off and hunger begin?

In all probability, the energy crisis is a blessing, because ultimately it will restore our inventive adaptability, but unfortunately inflict punishment for lack of foresight and our human unwillingness to effect social change. If the energy crisis restores our individual economic survival consciousness -- we will be in better shape to combat the crises which loom on the horizon -- and there are plenty of them. Almost any market area you look at shows a severe unravelling of our distribution system. For example, pipes, brass items, certain cables, and even in areas where there are no shortages, the retailer finds that the retail price he collected for an item is below the wholesale price of its replacement. Changes must be coming, although their nature is difficult to predict, we can be certain that, interesting they will be -- perhaps too much so.

One can be certain that the Democrats will blame the Republicans, and almost as certain that you and I, as voters will forget that for the last 40 years the Democrats have controlled the legislative branch and the executive for 30 years.

The Devil's River Philosopher Sez.....

World Problem Is Trying To Find New Energy To Run Through Meter

Editor's note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-weed ranch on dry Devil's River explores the energy situation this week, more or less.

Dear editor: While it used to be, say two years ago, the world's main problem was trying to find a new source of tax revenue, everybody knows the problem now is finding a new source of energy. The Arabs may be on top now but some day when their wells run dry they may see the return of the camel and aid from Washington to buy hay.

I contend that man is going to find a new source of energy, but I contend also he's going to get caught with the same flaw present sources have. Somebody will figure out how to meter it.

Some experts are talking about harnessing the energy of the tides, and as sure as it's accomplished some smart alec will figure out a way to run it through a meter. Take electricity. Nobody knows for sure exactly what it is, you can't see it except when it shorts out, it travels down a wire which obviously is impossible since the wire isn't hollow, yet they've managed to run it through a meter.

You name it, water, electricity, gas, somebody has figured out how to run it through a meter. People are talking also about harnessing the energy from the sun, heating their homes from its rays, and as sure as you're sitting there somebody is going to figure out how to run the rays through a meter that automatically bills you before the rays hit your roof. Fail to pay your bill and they'll turn off the sun over your house.

The more I think about this, selling energy that doesn't cost anything to produce, the more

Who is to blame for our present economic and resource position? It looks like a dead heat. One must carefully survey the situation -- our congressional effectiveness, and, yes, efficiency. One must wonder if a vote can be cast to leave a congressional seat empty -- for a definite saving approximating \$100,000 per annum against the obvious alternative of a negative occupancy. It is plain that every voter should demand, if those are in other than name, our representatives answers to:

Where is a realistic tax reform? Is the autocracy of seniority in Congressional Committees to continue? Why foreign aid? Are we to finance the continuation of Southeastern Asian wars that have been in progress for 200 or more years? Considering the lives and national wealth we have spent in defense of world freedom, why cannot all Americans have freedom -- from want?

One can ask, but we don't expect nor demand answers. Looking at you and me, and our performance, it must be assumed that we are descended from an anthropoid type creature who fell out of the trees several million years ago and was too lazy to climb back -- a closer look, however, hints that the reascension deterrent might have been stupidity.

I'd like to find out who's working on it and if they have any stock to sell. I'd like to get in on the ground floor. Yours faithfully, J. A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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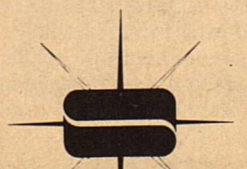
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POPE WED 50 YEARS
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pope celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary January 6. They married in Barksdale, Texas on January 6, 1924. Mrs. Pope is the former Lodessa A. Wilhoit. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pope were natives of the Barksdale area and lived in Rock-springs a short while. They moved to Sonora in 1953. The couple have 4 daughters, nine grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Daughters are Mrs. Mary Tanner of McAllen, Mrs. Donald (Helen) Bishop of Tucumcari, N. M., Mrs. Tommy (Shirley) Thompson of Austin and Mrs. Jack (Roy Jean) Johnson of Clovis, N. M.

Fire Department Elects Officers

Tim Thorp was elected Fireman Of The Year when members of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department met December 26 for a regular meeting and to hold an election of officers for 1974. Other firemen elected to serve are Carl Teaff, President; Joe Renfro, Vice-president; fire chief, Louis Olenick; first assistant fire chief, Buddy Brown, and second assistant fire chief, Cullen Luttrell. Harold Culver and Bob Riners were both chosen for trustee for a three year term. Wayne Bryant and James McLaughlin were chosen as directors and James Blackman was elected to serve as Chaplain. Gene West was elected to the job of secretary and treasurer.

Fireman's News

By Joe Renfro
On December 27 at 5:20 p. m. the Sonora Fire Department answered a call for a grass fire on a vacant lot at the corner of Wardlaw and Mesquite. The fire was quickly extinguished. Fourteen firemen answered the call. On December 30, at 1 p. m. the fire department answered another grass fire alarm. The fire was near the Primera Baptist Church and took approximately 200 gallons of water to extinguish the blaze. Eleven firemen answered this alarm.

Visiting

Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Phillips were Mrs. Wilborn Glasscock of Acuna, Mexico; Miss Bobbie Glasscock of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson and Ashley of Bridge City; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Briscoe and family of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Glasscock is the daughter of Mrs. Phillips.

Bunko Club

Mrs. Louis Olenick hosted the Scramble Bunko Club in her home January 3. Attending were Mmes. Kyle Donaldson, Carl Teaff, Mollie Hite, W. H. Hill, Ann Boyd, Carl Hard, Gene West, Lila Mae St. Clair and Jack Heam, Jr. Guests were Mmes. James Blackman and Bob Riners. Winning high was Mrs. St. Claire; bunko, Mrs. West; second high, Mrs. Hearn; and low, Mrs. Blackman.

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary, points out Dr. Jennie Kitching, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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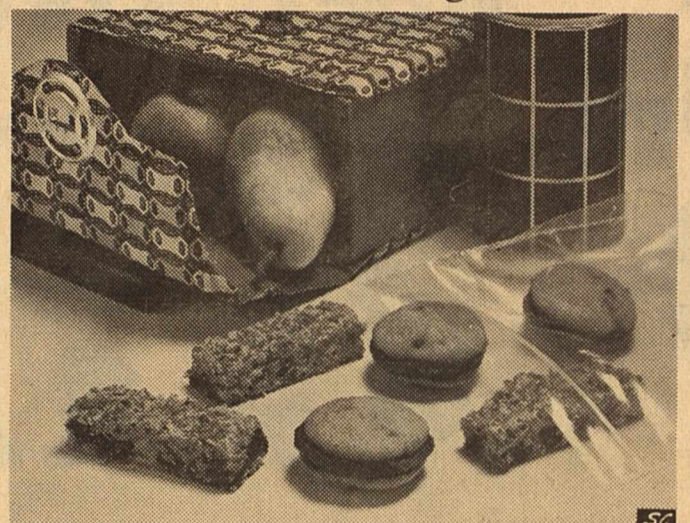
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BEATRICE BARRON was voted "nurses aid of the month" by patients at Hudspeith Memorial Hospital Nursing Home in ceremonies held December 31. Ms. Barron was awarded a gift certificate to Neville's Department Store. Each month patients select an employee for this award. Selection is made by secret ballot and counted prior to the patient-staff meeting each month. Ms. Barron has been employed at the nursing home six months.

Lunchbox Delights



- Applesauce Sandwich Cookies**
- 2 1/2 cups flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 cup butter, softened
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 6-oz. pkg. (1 cup) Nestlé's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
- Nutty Chocolate Chews**
- 1 1/4 cups flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup butter, softened
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Mr. and Mrs. Augustine S. Chavez are parents of a daughter, Juanita Tanya, born January 1 in San Diego, California. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valenzuela of Calexico, California. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Torivio R. Chavez. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Margarita Chavez of San Angelo and Mrs. Lupe Silvas.

7 at 7 Club Meets At Lane Home

A chili supper was served to members of the 7 at 7 Bridge Club when they met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane December 31. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savell, Mr. and Mrs. John Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Parker and guests Mr. and Mrs. Ken McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cade. Winning the high guest prize were the McAllisters; high club, the Savells; traveling prize, the Cades, and bingo, the Smiths.

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Faith, above all, means trust, a precious commodity in these uncertain times. And Emerson assures us that: "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."

Join the Faithful in church Sunday.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Bill Baykin

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Legislative leaders expressed optimism for success of the state Constitution Convention which opened at noon Tuesday (Jan. 8).

Planning committees have worked out a fast-paced 81-day schedule which may, or may not, hold up.

Optimists see at least a 50-50-chance of success, noting that 12 constitutions offered voters in other states during the last 12 years, half were rejected, frequently on a single issue. House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., projected presiding officer of the historic convention, the first since 1875, hopes to have committee hearings started by January 16.

Preliminary briefings by corresponding committees of the 37-member Constitutional Revision Commission will precede the committee hearings.

Daniel claims the convention, composed of 181 legislators, will be successful because delegates have a down-to-business attitude and are the best prepared group (thanks to work of the Revision Commission) ever to undertake such a task.

Such controversial issues as right-to-work inclusion in the constitution, legislative pay raises and appointive appellate judges, under Daniel's plan, would be submitted to voters as separate issues. That procedure, the speaker maintains, would prevent jeopardizing a largely non-controversial document because of a handful of hot potatoes.

Eight substantive committees and five procedural committees are proposed to handle the initial hearings and study starting next week.

POLITICAL SEASON ON — Major candidates are getting

Card Of Thanks

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in place for the 1974 primary races.

Attorney General John Hill announced for a second term. Agriculture Commissioner John White announced for a 13th.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe revealed his plans (back in late October) to seek a second term.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby will be doing the same. Others already on the starting blocks include Railroad Commissioners Jim Langdon and Mack Wallace, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and Treasurer Jesse James (although some haven't announced formally).

Comptroller Robert Calvert remains a question mark. Whether or not he retires, former Secretary of State Bob Bullock is running for his office, and State Sen. Jim Wallace of Houston is a probable.

Republicans have fielded in the governor's race Henry Grover, Jim Cranberry, State Rep. Ray Hutchison and Odell McBrayer.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE DUE — With President Nixon's signature of the nationwide 55 miles per hour speed limitlaw, Texas has no choice but to follow suit.

The State Highway Commission, under a new law passed in special session last month giving it authority to establish new speed limits to meet emergencies, scheduled a January 8 public hearing.

Result of the hearing was clear in advance: the limit will be lowered to 55 mph — probably enforceable by late January or early February.

The alternative: losing some \$240 million a year in federal highway assistance.

AG OPINIONS — political action committees have to report expenditures to influence elections, Atty. Gen. Hill held.

However, Hill said that determining whether such committees come under campaign reporting and disclosure law provisions is a question for factual determination in each case.

- In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:
 - A law requiring financial statements by public officials is constitutional, and district judges are covered.
 - A county commissioners court may transfer surplus road and bridge funds into the general fund.
 - A member of the Parks and Wildlife Commission is entitled to reimbursement for expenses for meetings which are not regularly scheduled.
 - A person who spends in excess of \$200 per calendar quarter by paying another to communicate directly with a legislator would not have to register under the new lobby act.
 - Texas Rehabilitation Commission can act on behalf of the state in entering an agreement with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to carry out provisions of the Social Security Act. The commissioner of TRC is the proper official to execute the agreement.

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committee on military and veterans affairs. Frank Hildebrand, Texas Tourist Development Agency executive director, is new first vice-chairman of the National organization of the U.S. travel industry, "Discover America Travel Organization."

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Confessing While Asleep

Situation comedies often depict a hapless husband, confessing—while sound asleep—to some sort of indiscretion. His wife, of course, is scandalized. But in real life, how reliable is such a statement? Would it stand up in court?

In a homicide case some years ago, a "sleeping confession" did indeed help to convict the defendant of murder.

The court said his statement, "though in sleep, was but the divulgence of truth springing from guilt which rested heavy on the soul, the half-conscious man revealing secrets which, if fully awake, he would fain have suppressed."



Modern courts, however, have generally refused to allow this kind of evidence. Thus, in a more recent murder case, incriminating exclamations by the defendant during sleep were held not admissible.

The court did not deny that his exclamations might be truthful. But it found other grounds for rejecting the evidence.

"Only the voluntary statements of the accused can be used against him," said the judge. "If the defendant was not conscious, the statement was not voluntary."

Not only sleeping words but also sleeping deeds are usually considered beyond the concern of the law. For example:

A weary hunter was dozing in a hotel lobby, his gun in his lap, when a hotel employee gave him a rough shake. Startled, the hunter grabbed his gun and fired a shot that killed the other man.

Charged afterward with manslaughter, he was able to convince the court that he had still been asleep at the moment he pulled the trigger.

Accordingly, the court found him not guilty. "Our law punishes only for acts done by responsible moral agents," explained the judge. "If the prisoner was unconscious when he killed the deceased, he cannot be punished for that act."

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GOOD PSYCHOLOGY



IF A CHILD MAKES A SPECIAL EFFORT TO DRAW A PICTURE, HANG IT UP ON THE WALL. EVEN IF IT ISN'T VERY GOOD. FEW THINGS GIVE A CHILD GREATER SATISFACTION THAN THE FEELING THAT HIS PARENTS ARE PRAISING HIM.



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A statewide tollfree telephone line which enables Texans all over the state to ask questions and offer suggestions on constitutional revision will continue to operate during the 1974 Constitutional Convention.

The telephone number is 1-800-292-9600.

The Texas Constitutional Information Center was originally established by the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission as part of its charge to inform the public of its activities.

The telephone line has averaged a high volume of calls from citizens with questions about the constitutional revision process or the Commission's proposed new Constitution for Texas.

The information center will continue to operate 24 hours a day. It will be manned by staff during the daytime and calls at night will be recorded for answers later.

Information Center staff is equipped to answer many of the questions asked. Other questions will be referred to appropriate Convention research staff for written answers.

The Constitutional Revision Commission found the Information Center valuable in accurately answering citizen questions and receiving suggestions from those wishing to help with the Constitution.

Callers to date have included a broad cross-section of Texans -- university professors interested in teaching material, lawyers trying to clear up technical questions, students writing paper on constitutional revision and a great number of citizens concerned about how a new Constitution would affect their lives.

The Convention Information Center will be located in the Convention Public Information Office in the Capitol.

The number will continue to be 1-800-292-9600.

WASHINGTON AND SMALL BUSINESS

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A Root Cause

There are all kinds of charges, counter-charges, accusations and denials stemming out of the energy crisis. Of course, none of this does one iota of good in solving the problem.

But there perhaps is a root cause that should be kept in mind. Early in the first Nixon administration, there was a great deal of discussion about eliminating many of the regulations which control large segments of the economy. So far, nothing of any consequence has been accomplished.

Freight service, utilities, oil and gas, and other basic commodities have long been subjected to controls by regulatory agencies which not only tend to substitute bureaucratic whims for sound management decisions, but also tend to maintain the status quo.

In other words, it is hard to reconcile free competition with control by regulatory agencies. Undoubtedly, the Penn-Central fiasco is a good example of government regulation overcoming good management sense. The operation of the postal service is nothing to cause loud cheering either.

And if it is true that part of the present energy crisis is due to a lack of refinery capacity in this country due to controls over the imports of crude by the Federal power people, this is a perfect example.

In other words, if crude oil had been permitted to enter @ National Federation of Independent Businesses

freely into free world trade, is it not possible that there would have been a lot of independent refineries built? As it stands now, the nation depends on a lot of product coming from European refineries.

Pursuing this reasoning even further, are not government regulatory agencies in direct conflict with the intent of antitrust law? The nation's independent business, people, voting through the National Federation of Independent Businesses, have long supported a more vigorous enforcement of these laws prohibiting the formation of monopolies.

Of course, it's possible that if oil had been in true free trade around the world, some refineries built in this country would have gone broke.

But in a true free enterprise system there is no such thing as a guaranteed profit. There is only a freedom to take risks.

Of course, there is the argument that regulatory agencies protect the public from being gouged, but in the light of current prices, this is a debatable thesis. There is probably no greater price discipline than that which occurs when a lot of competitors are seeking to take away the other fellows customers. Thus, the current energy crisis should be a convincing argument for the scrapping of all government controls in favor of simon-pure free competition, with antitrust laws employed to keep the competition free.

Ex-Sonoran, Claude Lee Prater Among States Largest Contractors

(Taken from December 6 edition of The Comanche Chief)

Claude Lee Prater, Comanche, has come a long way in a short time. . . . all the way from a small paving contractor in Sonora in the late 1950s to become one of the state's largest conservation contractors in the 1970s.

Prater, who is the owner of the Claude Prater Company, dealing mostly with dirt work, has built his operation into a multi-million dollar business in a few short years.

He and his wife, LaRue, and four children, Connie, Patsy, Pam and Billy, moved to Comanche from Sonora in the fall of 1959. His brother, Duane Prater, was operating a bulldozer business here, and Claude borrowed some money and purchased a dozer and the two brothers went into partnership.

They established a reputation for good conservation work and continued to grow. In 1964 Claude Prater bought his brother's share, which included four dozers and some truck equipment.

For the next three years the firm concentrated mainly on conservation work, and continued to expand.

In 1967, Prater decided to diversify and began to work helping develop lake resorts. His first development job was at Lake Whitney. He heard they were going "to move some dirt and build some roads" and he just hustled the business.

After this first development job, Prater established an excellent reputation. That brought his firm into extensive work at Lake Grandbury, Lake LBJ, Horseshoe Bay and Lakeway.

Most of the work around the lake area consisted of building roads, building up lots, and clearing land.

In addition to developing areas around the various lakes, Prater decided his company would tackle another field of dirt work. . . . building golf courses.

It must have been a wise decision for now the Prater Company has completed its tenth golf course and is in the process of building two more and even more are planned. They built one for Trent Jones (one of the nation's foremost golf course planners) at Horseshoe Bay and have another planned at Lakeway.

Last year, Prater again expanded, this time purchasing a Houston concern, and went into the stripping business. This operation deals with stripping gravel from pits around Eagle Lake. It is one of their largest projects, involving approximately \$20 million over a period of years. They have contracted to strip gravel from 1200 acres.

This is an involved operation which takes nine large scrapers, each carrying 45 yards of

gravel at a time, a dragline, plus various other equipment.

Recently Prater signed a contract with Lone Star Gas to strip some gravel for that company.

In addition to these projects, the local firm has constructed air strips and have done utility contracts, which deals with building sewer lines, water lines and burying TV cables.

They also use their equipment for other work. Prater stated they have cleaned up around 20 train wrecks, including the wreck which happened several months ago in Comanche.

All these various projects have helped the Prater Company become one of the largest dirt contractors in Texas.

The company works all over the state, but all but five or six of the firm's 39 employees are from Comanche County. Claude Lee explained that hometown boys just seem to

work out better.

Prater knows his business too; he still hops on a dozer when needed, and states that there is no better way to tell an employee than to show him yourself.

Claude is not the only one in this family who knows about the dirt contracting business.

His wife, La Rue, was "his girl Friday" . . . office manager, bookkeeper, and just-you-name-it for years before she retired to house hold duties in 1972.

His son-in-law, Mickey Scott, is one of his top men in operating a scraper.

Even his 15 year old son, Billy Paul, gets into the act. This summer, Billy bought and paid for a tractor and shredder by doing contract work on his own in Marble Falls.

The future looks bright for the local dirt contractor despite the fuel shortage. While some contractors have been shut down due to the shortages, Prater has had ample diesel, because he used so much last

year.

While the many and varied projects have made the Prater Company one of the big names in the dirt contracting business, conservation work is still the first love of the owner, and a job that he feels is one of the most important.

Prater stated that while they have many projects over the state. . . the majority of their jobs are fairly small conservation jobs. At present they have a good deal of equipment in the county, and plan to bring more back in the near future.

"Conservation is most important," stated Prater. . . "and we want to do our part."



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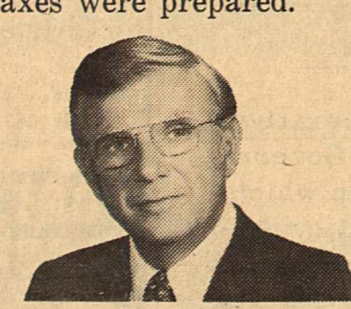
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