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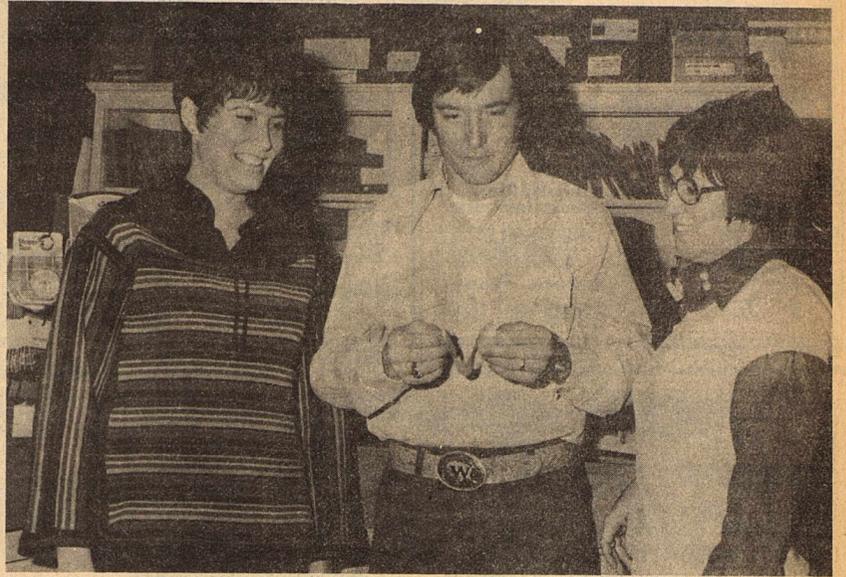
Welcome To the 31st Annual Sonora Speech Tournament

Richardsons, Honor Students At A & M

Two students from Sonora, Wade C. Richardson and Wesley G. Richardson, have earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

"Distinguished Student" ranking is limited to 10 per cent of Texas A&M's undergraduate enrollment.

Both students are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Richardson.



Petro-etts Mrs. Elton (Maxine) Holt and Mrs. Dennis (Jean) Hughes, presented Kit Weaver with a check last week in the amount of \$1600 to be used for playground equipment at the Sonora Community Park. Weaver is treasurer of the Park Association.

FIRST MARTINS SIGHTED SUNDAY

Mrs. C.W. West sighted probably the first Martins of the season Sunday morning when Scouts seeking out homes began to circle over the many Martin houses on the West property. Martins are one of the first signs of Spring.

This Week's DEVIL

Carrier Delivery for
city subscribers

Shearing Time see page 7

Girls Win Title see page 4

Coming
Next Week
Angora
Range Study

Showers,
Sunshine
and Warm

Outdoor activities in Sutton County should be in good shape Friday through Sunday, according to the National Weather Service outlook.

It should be partly cloudy Friday, with scattered showers and clearing from the northwest on Saturday. Sunday is expected to be clear and continued warm afternoons and mild evenings throughout the period are anticipated. Highs are expected in the 50s and 60s and lows in the 30s and 40s.

D.E. Students Attending ASU Contest

Five D.E. students and their sponsor Lewis Ferguson, will attend the Area I DECA Leadership conference and contest February 11 and 12 at Angelo State University. Winners of the contest will go to Dallas March 11, 12 to compete in state competition.

Local students participating are Abby Sanchez, public speaking; Thomas Adkins, job interview; Mike Stokes, salesmanship; Karen Brown, display; and Janie Welch, general merchandising.

Gas Rate Increase Passed Monday

The rising cost of doing business was the primary reason given City Aldermen Monday when Lone Star Gas representative J.T. Morgan was asked why the gas rate increase.

After much deliberation and questions by aldermen the increase demand was passed in the amount of 1.3488 as the set rate. This increase should amount to approximately 67c a month for the average customer, according to Morgan.

Although this is the first official raise for Lone Star Gas in Sonora since July, 1972, a fuel adjustment cost did raise gas cost consumption in the city in July of last year.

Along with this rate increase comes the discontinuation of the discount offered by Lone Star if paid by a certain time of the month. This discount amounts to as much as \$7 for some gas users, therefore their gas increase is going to be considerably more than

those persons who don't take advantage of the discount. Morgan noted that the discount is discriminatory against those in the lower income bracket who are unable to pay by the date designated on their bill each month.

The increase will become official thirty days after passage by the council or thirty days from Monday which will be reflected in the statement customers receive in March.

When asked what would happen if the City Commission did not approve the increase, it was learned that Lone Star Gas Company, being regulated by the railroad commission, would appeal to that organization. The city does have the opportunity of hiring a rate analyst at Lone Star's expense. This expense would eventually be passed on to the consumer.

City Manager Bob Nevill did state that of all increases being sought by

the gas company, Sonora's rate was the slightest.

Another question asked Nevill was if there were other supplies of natural gas available to which he replied no. A franchise agreement entered into with Lone Star, at the time of entering into agreement with them, contained a non-competitive clause.

"The only other alternative would be for the city to develop its own supply, which would be totally unreasonable," stated Nevill.

The Weather

Compiled by Pat Brown

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
February 1	51	24	
February 2	53	42	
February 3	57	38	
February 4	62	23	
February 5	66	28	
February 6	63	28	
February 7	.10	53	38
Rainfall for the month,	.10;		
rainfall for the year,	.25,		

29 Schools Entered In Annual Speech Tourney

Twenty-nine schools will be participating when the 31st Annual Speech Tournament gets underway Friday and Saturday. Schools large and small, from Abilene, Alpine, Del Rio, Kermit, Odessa, Clyde, and others, will be entering competition.

A mixer will be held Thursday night at the school cafeteria to entertain early guests and local speech students. The Sonora High School stage band will provide entertainment.

Tournament guests will be treated to a barbecue supper Friday evening in the cafeteria at 6 p.m., followed by the all school dance at the 4-H Center.

The Sonora student council is sponsoring the dance. The awards program is scheduled for Saturday at 6:30 in the elementary auditorium.

"This speech meet gives our students a chance to meet and make new friends with people from other towns in the state," commented Lynne Vancil, speech and drama director. "The speech club has always taken pride in hosting this tournament, and through the efforts of all we are looking forward to another successful year," added Ms. Vancil.

Bo Carroll will serve as student director, aided by assistants, Toyah Jones, Suzanne Dillard, Gary Wuest, and Brenda Boyd.

Aldermen Set Election

Aldermen called the city election to be held Saturday, April 2 in their meeting held Monday morning at City Hall.

Terms of city aldermen Jack Kerbow, Hershel Davenport and Lemuel Lopez will expire and all three have indicated they will seek re-election.

City Manager Bob Nevill was asked to contact

suitable persons to serve as election judge and two clerks.

In other action of the council, they made purchase of a tractor from Anderson Machinery Company for \$74,000. Ed Daniels and Reed Alderman, representing the company, appeared before the council to explain the mechanics of the machinery.

In lieu of purchasing the machinery, Aldermen noted that contractors would have to be hired to dig pits at the sanitary land fill, dig ditches for sewer and water lines and to compact refuse at the land fill, agreeing that the use of such contractors would amount to as much or more than payments on the four year loan acquired on the tractor.

A two year old machine purchased by the city for the same useage, has given city employees constant maintenance problems as well as being too small for most jobs needed to be done by the city. This machinery was taken into trade-in allowance by the machinery company.

Armer Earwood appeared before the commission and requested the city clean up the old dump ground area which was purchased by the Stockpens in July of last year. At that time the city did agree to have the area

filled and cleaned in two months time. Earwood was told however, that the reason the matter had not been attended to, was lack of manpower and bad weather. It was agreed a local contractor would be hired to finish the job.

City dads also agreed to continue to support the local ambulance service, which they consider a service to the community, at the revenue of \$200 per month.

City Police Chief Jerry Kemp asked the commissions' support of a communications operation to be entered into with the county. The city's contribution would be the salary of one of the 2 1/2 persons needed to fill positions of dispatcher. The request was okayed by the council although this expense had not been budgeted into the '77 allotment.

Kemp also told city officials of the progress of the city police department and of the close working communication with the county sheriff's office, helping both offices run more efficiently.

Mixed Drink Revenue Received

Comptroller Bob Bullock announced recently he has sent checks totaling \$3.3 million to 313 cities and 197 counties for their share of mixed drink tax collections for the October-December quarter of 1976.

Total tax revenue for Sutton county totaled \$3,764.58 with the county's 15 percent remittance totaling \$564.69.

Total city tax revenue amounted to \$1,874.09 with the city's 15 percent remittance being \$192.99.

Bullock explained that the comptroller's office remits to counties and cities 15 percent of the total mixed drink tax collected within their boundaries. The balance remains in the state general revenue fund.

February Proclaimed American Heart Month

In a proclamation issued recently, February was designated American Heart Month and all residents of Sonora are urged to support the 1977 Heart Campaign to be conducted across America.

Support for efforts of the local Heart Campaign in fighting the nation's Number One Killer, cardiovascular diseases, is asked for. These diseases claim more than 950,000 lives each year and account for over one-half of the deaths from all causes.

During American Heart Month, Sonora volunteers will join more than two million volunteers nationwide to distribute heart-saving information and collect funds for research, educational and community projects dedicated to combating diseases of the heart and circulatory system.

"WHEREAS, heart and blood vessel diseases this year will kill 950,000 Americans, a total which exceeds all other causes of death combined, and,

"WHEREAS, more than five out of every six of these victims die of heart attack or stroke, and,

"WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases cost the nation over \$26.7 billion this year in lost output due to disability and medical expense, and,

"WHEREAS, the Heart Association's relentless battle against this American Epidemic has helped reduce the death rate from these diseases through advances in research, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation,

"NOW THEREFORE I Norman W. Rousselot, Mayor of the city of Sonora, proclaim the month of February as American Heart Month and urge all our citizens to support the Heart Campaign of the Sonora Heart Association in their fight for our lives. Gifts and voluntary service will speed more advances in the conquest of the scourge of heart and blood vessel diseases, our nation's leading killer and disabler."

City Subscribers Due Home Delivery

Sonora subscribers to the Devil's River News will have their newspapers home delivered by contract carriers in the near future, DRN Publisher Wesley W. Burnett has announced.

"We will select city carriers in the next few weeks," Burnett explains, "and our goal is to have our home delivery system started in time for the March 2 edition."

The new delivery method will affect only subscribers who live in the city limits of Sonora. Out-of-city subscribers will continue to receive the "Devil" by mail.

"We're asking our city subscribers to help us get our system organized," Burnett continues, "by completing the form in this week's paper."

The subscriber form will help identify city subscri-

ers' street addresses, which will enable the DRN to establish accurate carrier routes.

"Many of our subscribers in the city currently receive the newspaper in their post office boxes and we need to find out their street addresses in order to get their newspaper delivered to the home on Wednesday afternoon," Burnett adds.

"We believe that by delivering the Devil's River News to our city subscribers on Wednesday afternoon, we will be able to serve the community and our advertisers more effectively," Burnett emphasizes.

The annual subscription rate for the Devil's River News will remain at \$5 per year, with all subscriptions expiring Sept. 1.

The new system will have eight carrier routes, manned by young boys and girls at least 12 years old.

The newspaper will be delivered to the porch of each subscriber rolled in a rubber band and during rainy weather will be enclosed in a plastic bag.

Carrier applications are being accepted at the DRN offices starting Monday, Feb. 14. Phone calls by carrier applicants will not be accepted.

Carriers will be selected on the basis of personal interviews and references and will be assigned routes in their neighborhoods.

"We will stress to our contract carriers the importance of prompt, efficient delivery of the newspaper," Burnett

points out, "and we will expect our carriers to follow our procedures exactly."

Carriers will be paid weekly by the DRN and all subscriber collections will be conducted by the newspaper. "None of our carriers will be collecting money," Burnett adds, "we are contracting with the carriers to deliver the newspaper and to solicit new subscribers...it's our job to collect payment."

"We ask our current city subscribers to please fill out the form on page 2 and mail it or bring it by the office," Burnett requests, "and if you aren't a subscriber and want to start your subscription, call us and we'll take your order by phone."

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Wesley W. Burnett, Publisher
 Shirley Hill, Editor

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Sunday-Monday
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Tuesday-Wednesday
 Roger E. Mosley
 "Leadbelly"

Oil & Gas Report

Drilling applications have been filed with the Texas Railroad Commission on the following sites:

CROCKETT
 Operator Shell Oil Co., Field Wildcat, Well No. Mitchell 18, 34 miles southwest of Ozona, 6,500'.
 C.F. Lawrence and Associates Inc., Ecklaw (San And), Eck "58" no. 2, 10 miles north of Ozona, 1,500'.
 Anderson Petroleum, Inc., Ozona (Canyon SD), Crystelle Childress "6" no. 2, 18 miles southwest of Ozona, 6,600'.

SCHLEICHER
 NRM Petroleum Corp., Cheaney, Enow no.1, 24 miles northeast of Eldorado, 4,650'.

SUTTON
 HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon), Johnson "62" no.3, 18 miles southeast of Sonora, 4,600'.
 HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon), Sellman "21" no.1, 27 miles southeast of Sonora, 4,750'.
 HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon), Fields "11" no.1, seven miles southeast of Sonora, 5,400'.
 HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon), Wallace "90" no.1, 12 miles southeast of Sonora, 5,200'.
 HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon SD), Fields "23" no. 2, four miles southeast

of Sonora, 5,600'.
 Cadasco, Inc., Sawyer (Canyon), Alice Jones "A" no.1, nine miles northwest of Sonora.
 HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon), Stewart "78½" no.2, 26 miles southeast of Sonora, 4,850'.
 R.L. Burns Corp., Aidwell Ranch, Keene "30" no.1, 17 miles southwest of Sonora, 9,000'.

A. Gonzales Speaks At D.E. Banquet

Adam Gonzales, state president of DECA, was the main speaker at the recent employer-employee banquet held by the local DE class of Sonora High School. The affair was held in the local school cafeteria January 31.

17-year-old Gonzales, is a senior at Crockett High School in Austin, and is running for president of the national organization.

Joyce Noriega, local DECA president, presided at the meeting. Certificates of appreciation were given to local employers attending the banquet, and to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hull for donating storage space for fruit sales.

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4-H Judging Activities Getting Underway

Spring 4-H judging activities are getting underway in Sutton County. Teams will be trained in range, plant, horse livestock, mohair and wool judging.

Mrs. Mickey Powers will be in charge of the range and grass judging training program and will be assisted by Virgil Plocek, District Conservationist; Joe Bill Averitt, Range Conservationist, and other volunteer adult leaders. The range and plant judging training meetings will be held at the 4-H Center, Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Turney Friess will be in charge of the livestock judging training program and will be assisted by Joe Friess and Mrs. Ricky Bounds. Livestock judging practice sessions will be held at the Powers Livestock pens at 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

Billie Gabreath will be in charge of the horse judging training program and will be assisted by other adult leaders. Horse judging practice sessions will be held at the Powers Livestock pens on Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Cleve T. Jones, III, will supervise the wool and mohair judging training

program and will also be assisted by other adult volunteer leaders. The wool and mohair judging training meetings will be held at the 4-H Center on Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. The starting date of wool and mohair judging training will be announced at a later date.

Boys and girls who will be participating in range, grass, wool and mohair judging, may ride the west bound school bus to the 4-H Center. Boys and girls who will be participating in livestock and horse judging may ride the south bound school bus to Powers Livestock pens.

All boys and girls between 9 and 19 years of age are invited to participate in all of the Sutton County 4-H training programs.

Interested boys and girls should contact one of the adult leaders or the County Extension Agent's office.

D.E. Students of the Week



Gilbert Capuchina, senior at Sonora High School, is employed at Elliott's Exxon Station where he services automobiles.

Chinese Auction Donors Added

Morris Brothers Cattle Company and Westerman Drug have been added to the list of donors to the Chinese Auction.



Scott York is an employee at White's Auto where he works mostly in the automotive department. Scott is also a senior.

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 PHONE NUMBER _____

If you live in the city limits of Sonora, and are currently a Devil's River News subscriber, please complete this information and return the form to us.

Sonoran's Sister Dies

Mrs. W.P. (Vera) Edwards, Sr., 87, sister of Sonora druggist, Cecil Westerman, died February 3 in a Big Spring Hospital.

Services were held Friday in the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

Mrs. Edwards was born January 30, 1890 in Callahan County and was married to W.P. Edwards, Sr., in Wauka, Oklahoma. He died in 1949. He was a pioneer Big Spring area ranch and oil field developer.

Other survivors include a son, W.C. (Connie) Edwards of Big Spring; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Cooksey of Christoval, and two grandchildren.

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Sonora Minister Speaks

by Rev. Ray Nations
 Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church

Although the church has been known for many years as the unchanging rock upon which man could always depend, this does not mean that the church has not changed at all, for it has. These changes have not been fast nor unconsidered but as scholars have studied, new insights have been found in the Gospels and as man has come to learn more about himself, the church has adapted itself to this new knowledge

also. It is in the response to the human needs where we find the greatest change. There was a time when the act of joining a church meant instant sainthood and to attain a position as the leader of a church group was supposed to confer the ability to forever resist temptation and thus never again sin.

Practical experience has shown that this was not true and the modern church tends to accept the fact that man is going to sin, be he leader or follower, and that the church is the source of forgiveness for all, as well as being the source of strength to resist new temptations.

Thus the church in its newfound understanding of man has come to be more concerned with his present condition and his future instead of concentrating upon his past. Attendance, the key to understanding these new trends, is of paramount importance for without it one can never know of the progress that the church has made over the years.

Attend the church of your choice on a regular basis and find out where your church is now.

St. Ann's Catholic Church
 Rev. Michael Fernandez
 Weekday Mass: Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8 a.m.
 Evening Mass: Mon., Wed., Sat. 7 p.m.
 Sunday Mass 8 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
 Holy Day Mass 7 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Rev. Ray Nations, Rector
 Holy Com. 8 a.m., 11 a.m.
 1st and 3rd Sundays Morn. Prayer 11 a.m.
 2nd and 4th Sundays

First Baptist Church
 Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m.
 Training Union 6:00 p.m.
 Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
 Kenneth Cook, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Eve. 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Eve. 7:00 p.m.

Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal
 Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.

First Latin American
 Rev. Luis Estrada
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 5:30 p.m.
 Worship 7:00 p.m.
 WMU, Monday 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
 Bible School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m.
 We. Eve. 7:30 p.m.

The Church Of The Good Shepherd Presbyterian U.S.
 Jim Miles
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 Fellowship 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
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J. Gonzales Dies Feb. 4 In Calif.

Former Sonoran Jesus Gonzales, 60, died February 4 in Memorial Hospital in Modesto, California. Burial was in Los Banos, California Wednesday.

Surviving him are his wife; five sons, Ricardo, Arturo, and Carlos of Houston, Jimmy and Michael of Los Banos; one daughter, Susana Gonzales; his parents, Estevan and Refugia Vasquez of Del Rio; four sisters, Aurora Cardenas of Del Rio, Luz Galindo of Los Banos, Elosia Crstillo of Uvalde and Elida Castro of Sonora, and 16 grandchildren.

Sonorans Attend El Paso Presbytery

The Rev. Jim Miles and Elder-Trustee Nelson Stubblefield of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian, leave today for El Paso where they will attend the winter meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery.

The Presbytery will meet in the El Paso Faith Church Friday and Saturday with the consideration of the denominations proposed Book of Confessions among items to be considered.

FOODWAY

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Lb.

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USDA Choice Beef Bone In
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USDA Choice Beef Sirloin Tip
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Boneless Chuck Steak Lb. **\$1.39**
USDA Choice Beef Round
Boneless Steak Lb. **\$1.89**
USDA Choice Beef
Boneless Rump Roast Lb. **\$1.98**

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Kold Country
Fish Portions 22-oz. Pkg. **\$1.49**
Delicious
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59¢
Lb.

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Pork Steak
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Lb.

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Bologna
99¢
1-Lb. Pkg.

USDA Choice Beef EZ-Carve
Rib Roast
\$1.79
Lb.

W/D Premium Quality Sliced
Bacon
\$1.19
Lb.

USDA Choice Beef Tenderloin
Boneless Steak
\$2.89
Lb.

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Strawberries
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5-Lb. Bag

Sunkist Navel Oranges
5 \$1
Lbs.

Grapefruit	TexasSweet Ruby Red	18-Lb. Bag	\$1.89
Juice Oranges	TexasSweet	18-Lb. Bag	\$1.89
Grapefruit	TexasSweet Ruby Red	4 Large Size	\$1.00
Juice Oranges	TexasSweet	5 Lbs.	\$1.00
Tangerines	Sunkist Toney	Lb.	39¢
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Arrow Med. Grain Rice 32-oz. **57¢**

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32-oz. Btl.

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Dressing 1000 Island Italian 8-oz. **2 \$1**
Ranch Style
Beans 4 15-oz. Cans **\$1**

Lasting Hold
Miss Breck Hair Spray
99¢
8-oz.

Earth Born
Shampoo
59¢
8-oz.

Vick's Formula 44
Cough Mixture 6-oz. **\$1.57**
Hungry Jack
Pancake Mix 2-Lb. **69¢**

Thrifty Maid Macaroni & Cheese
Dinner 4 7 1/4-oz. Boxes **\$1**

Girls' Varsity Wins District

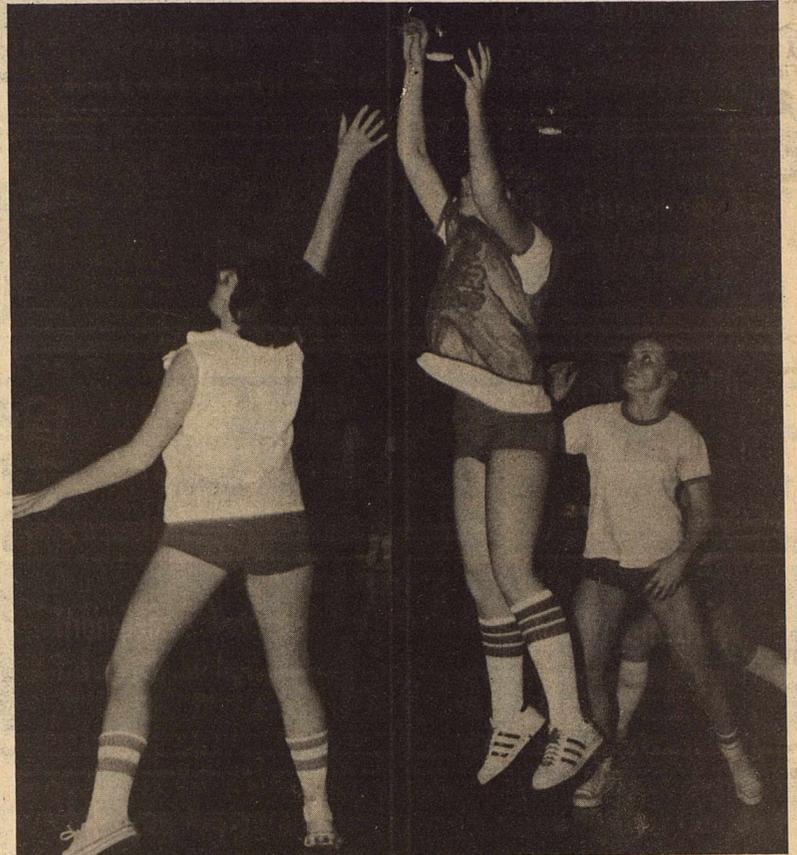
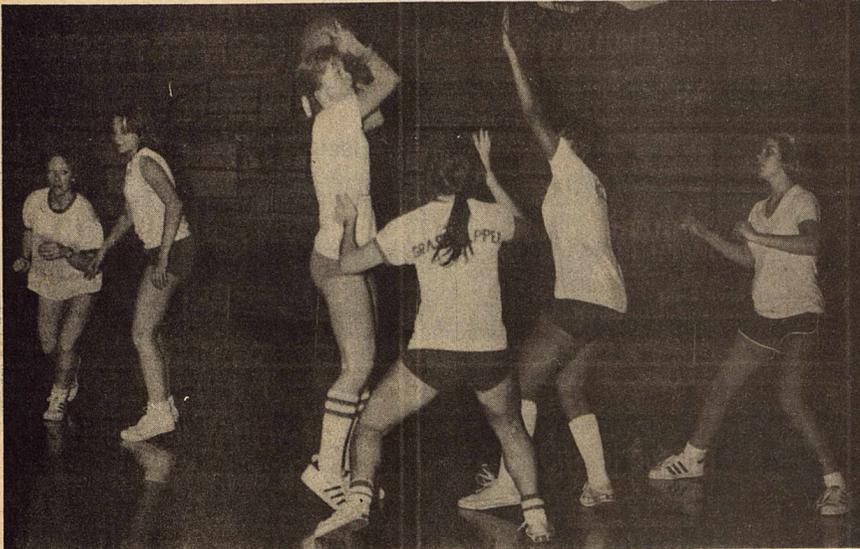
Outscores Crane 49-45

First District Basketball Championship for Sonora Girls Since 1952

Sonora High School's Girls' Varsity Basketball team captured their AA district title Tuesday evening by defeating Crane 49-45 in a "cliff-hanger" at Crane. This is reported to be the first girls championship team since 1952

for Sonora. The bi-district game has yet to be determined, but is expected to be announced next week. Becky Caveness was high scorer at the Crane game with 25 points, followed by Gloria Gomez with 16

and Jamie Condra with eight. Our thanks to Mrs Judy Pollard for her assistance in getting this late news to our readers. The Devil's River News will be following the champions on their drive for the coveted state title.



Girls' Varsity team members prepare for the big match with Crane. Jr. Varsity girls helped in the practice sessions earlier this week.

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Dee's Notes

by Dee Nevill

CITY COUNCILMEN called the election Saturday, April 2 for the purpose of electing three Aldermen. Terms of Jack Kerbow, Lemuel Lopez and Hershel Davenport terminate. The councilmen have until March 2 to decide if they will be

candidates for re-election. The three incumbents in the School Board election have announced they will be candidates for re-election. Office-seekers in the City election should file with City Secretary Pat Robbins and in the school election, filing is at the

school administrative offices. We appreciate the devotion to duty as concerned citizens of these men and women who choose to serve our community in these important (and sometimes thankless) jobs.

IN OTHER CITY business Monday, councilmen decided to purchase used paving equipment for seal coating of city streets. They also discussed a joint city-county dispatcher system with City Police Chief Jerry Kemp.

THE DELIGHTFUL rain Monday, coupled with arrival of Purple Martin scouts Friday, heralds the imminent approach of Spring! Mrs. C.W. West spotted the first scout, then reported several more Purple Martins came in Sunday afternoon. She says this is the earliest the birds have been seen in the past several years. If this is an indication of an early spring -- most of us welcome their arrival!

TELEVISION crewmen were busy Saturday extending the cable out to the Haynie Davis ranch, with the cost being borne by the Davises. Know Florence and Haynie will very much enjoy this service.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY to Frances Ross who has been ill in Clinic Hospital in San Angelo, but should be coming home very soon. Robbie Morris has returned from Houston, where she went for a checkup at M.D. Anderson, City Secretary Pat Robbins is home and doing fine following surgery. Tony Stokes remains in a San Angelo hospital, but is reported to be improving. Our prayers for these who have been ill.

MEN! MEN! -- are you a young 18 to 35?...and do you need a place to burn up all that energy? The Jaycees invite you to attend a membership drive Thursday night at 7:30 at the Commercial Restaurant. The Jaycees perform many community and civic duties and they are encouraging all young men to become a part of the organization.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PLAN A MEETING Thursday night at 7:15 at the Fire Hall for the purpose of electing officers. Everyone is urged to attend this important gathering.

NUMEROUS REQUESTS for season hunting leasing are arriving daily at the Chamber office. As a landowner, if you have season leasing available you might wish to look over our list of

requests and contact some of these people -- or if you call us we will pass the information along.

WE EXTEND WELCOME to all the young contestants coming into Sonora Friday and Saturday for the annual Speech Meet. Several hundred students will be participating in the events with townspersons serving as judges.

HERE FROM Duncanville is Mrs. Lois Young who is visiting with her daughter, Cissy Nevill and family. Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Pollard have returned from a cruise to the Bahamas, and a dental seminar last week in Dallas, which was attended by all the staff in Dr. Pollard's office.

WE WELCOME the Coy Ziehe family to Sonora. Mr. Ziehe comes as the new manager at the Municipal Airport. He and his wife, Carolann, and their two-year-old son, Jeremy, moved to the airport Friday from Del Rio. Their mobile home is parked at the airport.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH... 'lucky kid'... six-year old Kevin was down in the dumps after being teased about losing two front teeth. He looked enviously at his 12-year-old cousin who wore braces on his teeth and said, "Well, you'll never lose any of your teeth. They're chained on!"

Happy Birthday

Thursday, February 10
Robert Jodie Minick, II
W.J. Thompson
Billy Galbreath
Paula Gillet
Donald Thompson
Jeremy Hill

Friday, February 11
Jo Lynn McCoy
Homer Samaniego
Mrs. Bob Nevill
Heather Nevill

Saturday, February 12
Bruce Baldwin
Sheila Marie Adams
Richard L. Sanchez
Viola Gonzales

Sunday, February 13
Santana Noriega
Monday, February 14
Johnny Hill
Mitzi Friend
Wayne McLaughlin
Louis Humphreys
Mrs. Frank Gallegos
Mrs. Pete Thompson
Jimmy Butterfield
Jess David Esquivel

Tuesday, February 15
J.M. Vander Stucken
Sue Rosford

Wednesday, February 16
Jeanette Prater
Mrs. R.W. Wallace
Sherry Saunders Berger
Mrs. Deral Moody



Adkins, Bowman Rites Read

Vicky Kay Adkins and Steve Bowman were married February 5 at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bowman of Abilene.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Don Hooper of Sonora.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

John Clark, pastor of the 27th Street Church of Christ in Abilene, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Dane Alexander and Tammy Hooper were the bride's honor attendants. Dane Alexander and Rickey Adkins attended the bridegroom.

A reception, hosted by the bridegroom's parents, followed the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Abilene where he is employed.

Parties Honor Bride Elect Molly Morriss

Miss Molly Morriss was honored with a luncheon Saturday in Kerrville by two great-aunts, Miss Ruth Morriss and Miss Patti Beall Morriss. The luncheon was held at the Inn of the Hills.

On Sunday Miss Morriss was feted with a Spice and Recipe shower at the Fred Campbell home.

Hosting the event were Mmes. Campbell, Gene Wallace, R.W. Wallace, and Glen Richardson.

Miss Morriss is the bride-elect of Jess David Cook.

Trainers Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Trainer were honored February 5 with a baby shower and supper at the V.J. Glasscock ranch.

Hosting the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glasscock and Mr. and Mrs. Jack David Wardlaw. Approximately twenty-four couples were in attendance for the country-style supper with barbecue and trimmings.

A color scheme of green and yellow was used in the party rooms.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, February 14
Beef Tacos
Pinto Beans
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions
Sweet Rolls
Milk

Tuesday, February 15
Smothered Beef Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Corn Bread
Oatmeal Squares
Milk

Wednesday, February 16
Barbecued Beef on Bun
Tator Tots
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion
Cake
Milk

Thursday, February 17
Turkey, Dressing, Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Buttered Peas
Fruit Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Milk

Friday, February 18
Chicken Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Green Salad
Hot Rolls
Ice Cream
Milk

Party Honors Bride Elect

Miss Molly Morriss, bride-elect of Jess David Cook, was honored February 7 with a miscellaneous shower. The event was held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

Hosting the event were Mmes. Ray Barleman, Clara Cooper, W.O. Crites, Dennis Dunnam, A.C. Elliott, Clifton Hancock, Pearl Martin, Smith Neal, Erma Lee Turner and Rip Ward.



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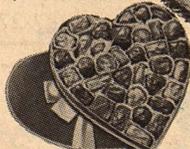
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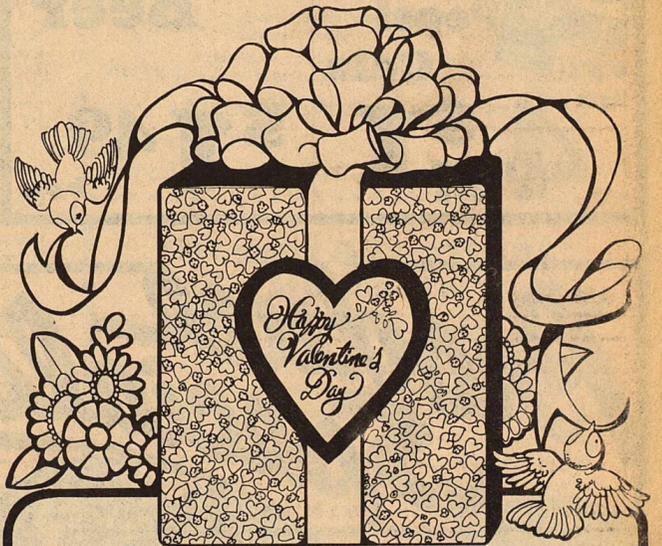
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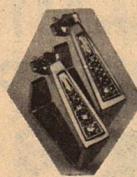
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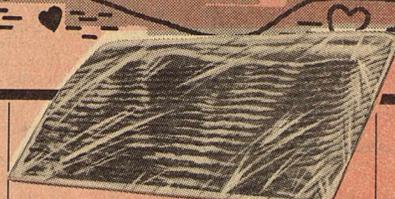
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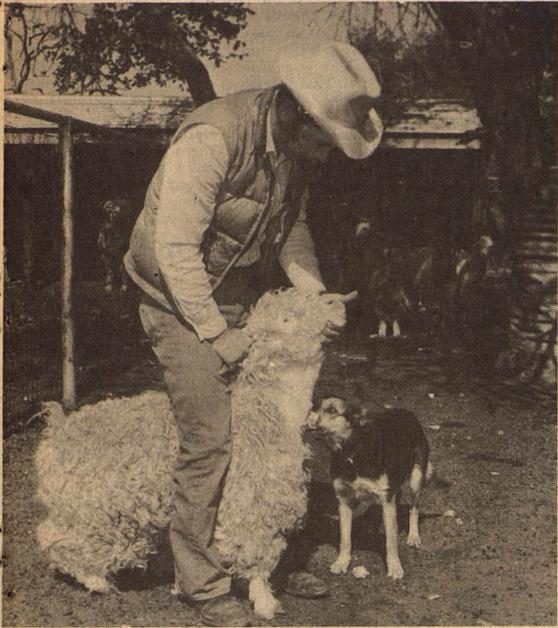
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Margarine
1 lb tub **59¢**
Staff Homestyle or Buttermilk
Biscuits 10 ct 8 oz **14¢**

Contadina
Whole Tomatoes
15 oz cans **3 \$1**

Sutton County Ranch News

Angora Study

Experimental Station Provides Supplemental Feeding Data



Texas Agricultural Extension Service Research Associate Charles "Butch" Taylor holds one of the Angora test goats at Sonora's Experimental Station. The test animals have been fitted with a surgically implanted device which is used to determine the exact diet of the goats.

By attaching a small bag to the device, Taylor is able to collect food samples and in the laboratory determine precise data on what the test animals are eating, how much and its nutritional value.

by Wes Burnett
"When should we start supplemental feeding, what type of feed should we use and how much should we feed?"

Angora goat producers will find some new information to help answer these questions from two research projects at the Sonora Texas A&M Experimental Station. Under the direction of Charles "Butch" Taylor, research associate, a recently completed four month supplemental feeding study showed that the best results on the test animals came from cotton seed cakes and range cubes.

This test used 54 Angora kids, approximately nine months old, placed into three equal groups. "We also selected three pastures to carry the animals throughout the study," Butch explains. "Group A was fed 1/4 lb. of corn per head per day; Group B received 1/4 lb. of 20 per cent range cubes per head per day; and Group C was fed 1/4 lb. of 41 per cent cotton seed cake per head per day."

Each group of kids was rotated

through all three of the pastures in an attempt to reduce pasture differences. Angora kids in the cotton seed group gained significantly more weight than the corn group.

The corn-fed group gained 4.3 lbs. compared to the cotton seed group with 7.8 lbs. Mohair weight also was more in the cotton seed group with 4.7 lbs. compared to the corn group with 4.1 lbs. The range cube group showed an increase of 6.7 lbs. in animal weight and 4.4 lbs. in mohair.

Pasture Differences
"Differences of pastures played an important role in individual gains," Taylor adds, "which indicates the importance of proper range management as a tool to improve the nutritional level of Angora kids."

Since mohair is almost all protein, the Angora must have a good level of protein to produce good hair.

The test feeding program costs were tabulated during the period with corn at \$22.50 per head, range cubes also \$22.50 per head, and

cotton seed cakes \$30. Corn has nine per cent crude protein, range cubes 20 per cent and cotton seed 41 per cent.

The other study, which was started in July 1974 and is still active, researches the grazing patterns of Angora and Spanish goats.

So far the study shows that Angoras do not feed as well as Spanish goats in poor range conditions. The main difference seems to be the ability of the Spanish goat to get more forbs (desirable weeds), which have high protein levels.

Under good range conditions, Angoras do much better with digestible protein grazing and are more efficient in selecting forbs and grasses.

"This study shows how good range rotation systems can help the goats find the more desirable weeds," Taylor explains.

The research project also tracks the protein level of the goats through the year. One of the findings of this part of the project indicates that supplemental feeding programs might be started earlier in the fall.

"We have found that the protein content of the animals begins to fall below desirable levels in the early fall," Taylor comments, "and it slides downward until early spring."

[Next week...a more detailed look at the grazing pattern study].

Fred Campbell's

Wool and Mohair Report

Wool demand eased somewhat in overseas markets this past week. Prices paid in auctions were two to five per cent less on almost all types of wool. The reason given for the weakness was that retail sales were somewhat less than had been anticipated.

In the U.S. retail sales of all kinds of goods made from natural fibers are reported to be good, and with the cold weather we have had, sales of the heavier kinds of clothing should be especially active.

Shearing is underway in the Western U.S. and a few sales have occurred in Arizona and California.

Basically the market is unchanged from fall prices.

In our area, some 30,000 to 40,000 pounds of new 12 month wool has come into the warehouse. It is a pleasure to report that the new clip is beautiful. The length, color and condition appears to be outstanding. Interest in buying wool just now is sluggish but will pick up as more of the wool comes in.

There were two mohair sales this past week. Producers Wool and Mohair in Del Rio took bids on two lots of adult mohair on Wednesday.

One lot sold for \$3,066 and the other brought \$3,111. On Thursday, Sonora Wool and Mohair

Co. offered about 40,000 pounds which sold as follows:

25,000 pounds spring adult, \$3,236
7,000 pounds spring young goat, \$3,776; 6,000 pounds spring kid, \$4,376; 2,600 pounds low spring kid, \$4,004.

This sale is actually the first sale of the season and gave us a chance to look at the strength of the market. While these prices are not record prices, they are very strong. Just how long the demand will hold prices at this level is anyone's guess. It is our feeling that we should be sellers at these prices. Feed those goats.

Angora Numbers Appear to Rise

It may come as a surprise, but Angora goat numbers are rising.

Sheep people have realized their low-numbers predicament and have begun to work toward reversing the trend, but statistics are still saying "sorry". Not so, apparently, with goat producers. The difference may have something to do with \$4 mohair.

Most hair raisers say their numbers improvement can be attributed to increased longevity... old goats are living longer. They're not getting healthier, necessarily, it's just that the value of another clip or two has raised the compassion level of their two-legged mentors.

In the world of domesticated beasts, a longer useful life often corresponds to a longer life, period. At any rate, Angora numbers, say the U.S. government, are higher now than they were a year ago, and the 1976 kid crop falls far short of praise as the determining factor.

The goat populations report was revealed during the recent annual meeting of the Mohair Council of America in San Angelo.

The report was obviously of great personal interest to MCA members present, including a few who had placed bets on the outcome, but of no less interest was a marketing report by Executive Director Ed McManus of New York.

McManus took the opportunity to bring hair producers up to date on the status of synthetic fibers in the textile world. Such fibers, derived from non-renewable petroleum products, are losing ground today almost as rapidly as they gained it after World War II.

They are, in McManus' words, "inextricably overcapacitated".

Translated into West Texan, synthetics bought a lot of big britches, and now they're losing weight. We're running short of synthetics about like New Yorkers are running short of gas. The obvious solution is a return to natural fibers, and McManus said that mohair "will get its share of the cake."

McManus went on to call the present scarcity of mohair a "mixed blessing"...on one hand the scarcity places mohair in the high-priced luxury field, but on the other hand, luxuries can be done without.

Right now the luxury aspect seems acceptable. Eleven-month sales of hair during 1976 totaled eight million grease pounds at \$20 million dollars, while the same period in 1975 netted nine million pounds worth only \$15 million.

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USDA Proposes Information Order

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that evidence received at a public hearing justifies proposing a nationally coordinated research and information order for beef.

Under the recommended order, a Beef Board composed of producers would have the power to collect assessments on the sales of cattle, and to use the funds for research, producer and consumer information, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for cattle, beef, and beef products.

Producers not wishing to participate in the program could have

their assessment refunded by the Board.

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) set a Feb. 24, 1977 deadline for filing written exceptions to its recommended decision on the beef research and information order.

After that date, a final decision will be made. If the final decision

Screwworm Case Reported

Only one sample submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Screwworm Eradication Program laboratory during January proved to be screwworms...and that one had been collected last year.

Dr. James E. Novy, director of field operations for the program, says this is the best January record since 1971. He credits January's improvement over the same month the past several years to colder than usual winter weather.

Novy reports the program has contracted with a private aviation firm to distribute sterile flies over south Texas this winter. This will free program aircraft to distribute sterile flies produced in Mexico over that country.

The veterinarian urges ranchers to perform all necessary surgery... such as castrating, branding and dehorning...on their animals before warm weather comes with additional danger of screwworm infestation.

is favorable, beef producers will vote on the proposed program in a national referendum.

A&M Offers Beef Cattle Short Course

Discussions on breeding and marketing of cattle will be among the highlights of the 27th annual Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University, April 4-5.

Among featured speakers will be Dr. Peter Chenoweth of Colorado State University and Dr. K.C. Williamson of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Chenoweth, an authority on reproductive performance of beef cattle, will discuss breeding soundness in bulls as well as libido and mating behavior in bulls.

It's Shearing Time In Sutton County



Sutton County ranchers took advantage of the dry, sunny weather last weekend to shear their goats. Julio Garza (left) trims one of 300 at the 3 Bar Ranch, as young Louis Ramirez, Jr. helps. The Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. has received approximately 50,000 pounds of mohair in the past few weeks.

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Bob is doing a fine job. Kenneth Cook, minister of the Church of God, conducted the Tuesday afternoon church services. He also pleased the residents with his singing and piano playing of religious songs.

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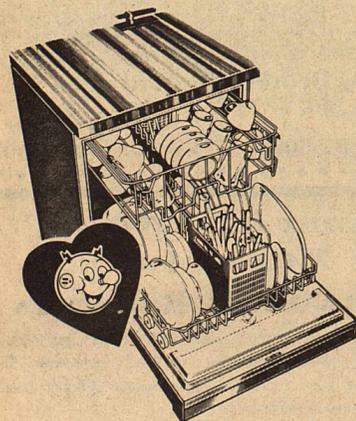
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Watering House Plants... You May Be Overdoing It

Wednesday, Ms. Brownlee was assisted by Mmes. Mabel Vander Stucken and Ruth Shipley of Eldorado who was visiting Mrs. Mattie Thornton.

Prize winners were Manuel Lopez, Juanita Mejia, Olean Ramsey, Delores Estrada and Ethel Cardwell.

In the Thursday morning gab session and koffee klatch, residents had much to talk about in getting to know each other better.

Resident spectators had as much as or more fun than the players in a "wild" domino game between Mmes. Marilee Heiser, Ethel Cardwell and Pat Shroyer.

As our activity director continues to convalesce from surgery, activities at Hudspeth Nursing Home will increase.

Besides her group session, Mrs. Brownlee routinely helps with breakfast, visits residents, writes letters for them, passes out juices in the morning and coffee in the afternoon.

Always they are encouraged to do things for themselves and to participate in joint activities to the limit of their abilities.

Recent signers of our guest register were R.L. Day of Coleman, Dorothy and Ray Woods, Mike, Barbara, and Christi Comings, all of San Angelo; and Alta Schuder, Jack Kerbow, Mr. and Mrs. Teleforo Gonzalez, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Victor San Miguel and Mrs. Eulogia Flores, all of Sonora.

We have many visitors who do not sign our guest register. We urge them to do so.

Many home gardeners may be wondering why their favorite house plants die when they have been getting plenty of water. Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says the problem may be that the plants are being drowned.

Watering indoor plants is really a matter of restraint, notes Clint. Most people feel their plants should be watered the minute the topsoil even looks dry. A few simple steps will keep your plants from wilting away.

The first item to keep in mind is that although the soil on top may be dry, the bottom layer where the roots are may be sufficiently moist. It is easier to tell the water level of a potted plant that has a good drainage system.

Soil in clay pots tends to dry out faster, reminds Langford, while soils in larger containers have a longer period of "drying out".

When is overwatering evident?

The first signs are the color change in the upper leaves of the plant from rich green to a pale green or yellow tinge. This is due to damage to the plant roots.

To prevent overwatering, the County Agent offers a few more guidelines for those difficult plants.

Often a container that has a capacity for a quart of soil requires only one-half pint of water for adequate moisture. Of course, this also depends on the soil mixture,

cautions Langford.

For larger containers, one aid may be to extend a 3/8-inch copper tube through the soil from the bottom of the container to an inch or so above the soil. The water level in the pot can then be checked like oil in an automobile.

When saucers are used under pots to catch drainage water, such excess water should be discarded to prevent lower soil from becoming waterlogged, adds the County Agent.

A pile of leftovers after the season's vegetable harvest is the beginning of nature's perfect fertilizer -- compost. Compost can include grass clippings, leaves, vines, flowers and even kitchen leftovers. All these items and more decompose quickly.

Compost provided plants with all the essential elements needed, whereas even the most complete store-bought fertilizer will not. Compost has "staying power" and will not burn or melt away in the soil like commercial fertilizers will, adds Langford. Compost also adds organic matter which is vitally needed by most soils.

Since compost will not burn plants, it can be added throughout the entire growing season. This makes it a natural timed-release plant food.

As a soil conditioner, compost helps aerate tight soil and allows water and nutrients to flow freely. Compost also increases the water-holding and nutrient-holding capacity of loose, infertile sandy soil, notes the County Agent.

Health Tips

Plodding away from the holidays, many people notice they've picked up a few extra pounds. The next step often is a crash diet that could be more harmful than a little fat, the Texas Medical Association says.

Fasting has gotten a lot of attention with its promises of dramatic weight losses. However, several medical authorities stress that the technique can be dangerous unless

supervised by a doctor. This extreme form of dieting most often is recommended only for extremely overweight people, say three physicians writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Another doctor writing in the American Journal of Medicine says fasting causes large losses of potassium and sodium. Loss of body chemicals and lack of food can make a person weak and irritable. Short-term fasting can even cause death if it aggravates an existing medical problem, another doctor writes in Practitioner magazine.

Overweight people often turn to fasting only after other diets fail. People

waste more than \$100 million annually on useless reducing products. Taking drugs for dieting can be useless and dangerous unless very closely monitored by a physician even after the drugs are prescribed.

A combination of exercise and eating less is still

one of the best ways to lose weight. Even this approach can hurt the body if a person doesn't select from the four broad categories of the milk group, vegetable and fruit group, meat group and bread and cereal group. Eating sensibly from all these groups adds variety and makes it easier to lose weight and form sensible eating patterns.

Vandals Declare War On Highway Property

While San Angeloans slept or watched late night Television recently, a shooting war was declared by vandals that reached into the pocketbook of every Texas citizen. A rain of bullets on highways in the San Angelo District destroyed seven luminaires -- the high 1000 watt lights like those on U.S. 87 south of San Angelo -- to the tune of an estimated \$2,870.00 in damages. The destructive artillery ranged from shotguns to .22 caliber rifles, to heavy rifles that tore through cast aluminum housings as if they were cardboard. This night of violence climaxed an increasingly frequent destruction of every type of traffic control and safety device in the San Angelo area of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT).

Maintenance Foreman Gene Heise, who oversees such damage repairs, quotes some replacement costs that may be startling to most of us. For example, the 1000 watt mercury vapor replacement bulb -- cost \$60.00; the heavy glass lens that covers the reflector -- \$60.00; the luminaire head and reflector in which the mercury vapor bulb is mounted -- \$72.14 to \$150.00 each; the luminaire head which operates the newer sodium vapor (dusty colored) bulbs -- cost \$250.00 each; the 4-way flashing beacon (bouncing ball) familiar at rural intersections -- cost \$356.70; one 12" shatter-proof plastic flashing bea-

con lens -- cost \$12.00. All of these costs are replacement figures and to them must be added the cost of operation of specialized repair trucks, labor and lost time. These factors are readily accountable in dollars and cents, but a hidden factor remains that may in one blinding moment of catastrophe far outweigh this evident damage. What value shall we give to a life or lives snuffed out, because the intersection signal had been destroyed? How shall we calculate the distress and inconvenience to every motorist who must pass through a suddenly darkened area, where safety lighting is required, but which is now inoperative because of vandals?

Even the control panels at traffic signals, or on groups of luminaires have been destroyed by rifle fire, at a cost of \$300.00 each. Once Foreman Heise approached a damaged panel to unlock it, and found the entire metal pole electrified with 440 volts because of the vandalism. Fortunately a momentary contact warned him, and prevented serious injury or death. What would have happened to a pedestrian, bicyclist or disabled motorist, had he touched this pole before its repair?

Another time Foreman Heise repaired a damaged intersection beacon, and drove down the highway a short distance in order to drive back through the signal and observe its operation. Upon his return it was not working, but

had been shot out almost in his presence.

Highway signs of every type are constant targets of vandalism throughout the 13 county district. The ordinary metal stop sign costs about \$40.00 to replace, including labor, others may be more or less expensive, depending upon size and type.

"Gun vandals currently do more than one-half million dollars worth of damage to Texas highway facilities each year," according to San Angelo District Engineer D.R. Watson.

"Such actions are a disgrace to decent sportsmen and responsible gun owners," said Watson. "Concerned citizens should report any such acts of vandalism, and Parents might help to prevent these occurrences among juveniles by showing increased interest in where, when and at what, their children are firing guns."

Texas law provides that such vandals should pay replacement costs for the property destroyed plus court costs, plus criminal penalties to be imposed by the judge. One recent district court example totaled \$344.00. The man involved paid \$150.00 in property damage, court costs of \$44.00, plus a \$150.00 fine. Add to this the hidden costs of the culprit of embarrassment, legal fees and lost time, and any "fun" involved in shooting at highway facilities quickly fades away.

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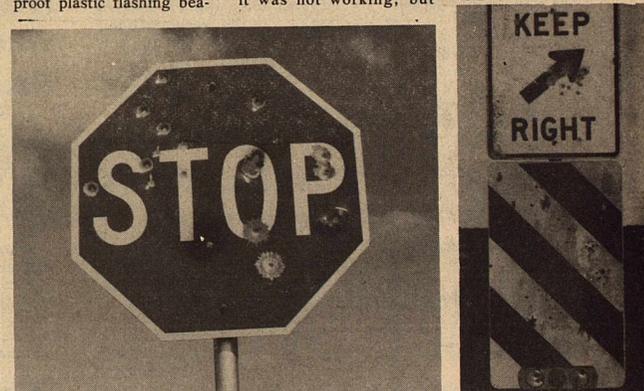
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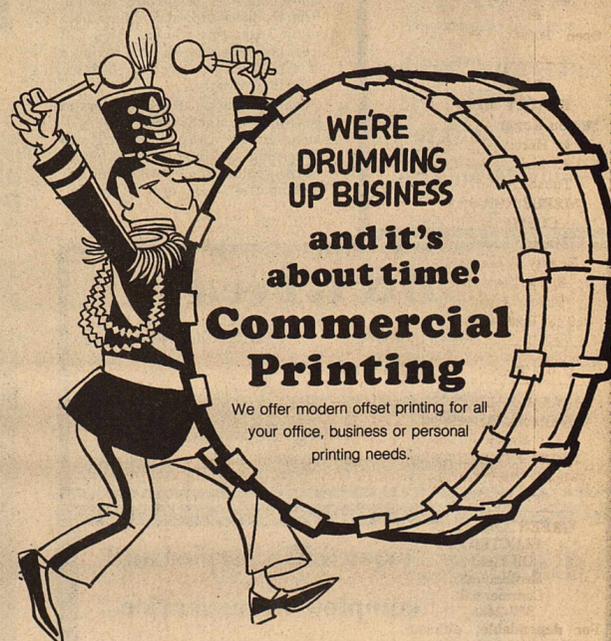
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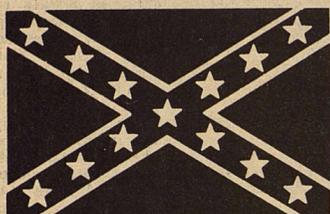
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Time To File 1977 Motor Vehicle Registration

February is a month of memorable dates -- Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day.

But Texans will observe most closely February 1, first day for filing 1977 motor vehicle registration applications. The registration period continues through April 1.

Throughout the state, county tax assessors-collectors have on hand sufficient registration stickers for all vehicles within their jurisdictions.

Last year was the first during which registration was verified by the attachment of non-detachable stickers to regular metal plates issued in 1975.

The 1977 stickers will be affixed in the upper right-hand corner of rear license plates. Motorists will leave the 1976 sticker in the upper left-hand corner of the same plate.

Between February 1 and March 1 motorists may order their registration stickers by mail. They can save time, energy and frustration by visiting or sending mail applications to the county tax office in the county in which they live.

Deadline for having the 1977 stickers affixed to metal plates is midnight April 1.

Robert W. (Bob) Townsley, director of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation motor vehicle division, advised motorists to read closely all instructions on renewal applications before applying for stickers by mail or in person.

Townsley also recommended that the instructions be reviewed before affixing the new stickers to

rear license plates. Renewal applications were mailed to all owners of registered motor vehicles shortly after Christmas. All should be in the hands of motorists by now, unless postal delivery problems -- such as changes of address -- resulted in their return to the DHT offices.

Any questions should be referred to local tax assessor-collector offices for clarification, Townsley said.

Petro-etts Name New Officers

Mrs. Stephanie Brown was elected president of the Petro-etts when they met at her home February 1. The election was held by out-going president, Maxine Holt.

Other officers elected were Dolores Hodges, vice president and program chairman; Toad Ivy, secretary and reporter; Gloria Gordon, treasurer; Bobbye Thompson, ways and means; Betty Carrie, scrapbook; Shirley Faull, parliamentarian; Nancy Robinson, food chairman; and Margie Hensen and Jerry Harold, contact.

Each outgoing officer was presented with a silver plate engraved with their name and duty, during the program. Those officers honored were Maxine Holt, Jean Hughes, Susie Maddox, Beverly Howard, and Margie Hensen.

During the past year the Petro-etts have done many worthwhile things to benefit the community and hope to do more during the new year. Some of the things they have participated in are having a benefit dance to raise money for the Sonora Park playground equipment, had hobby and soft drink booths at Sutton County Day celebration, donated \$500 to the Youth Football league, conducted the local Cystic Fibrosis drive, walked for cancer and Mother's March, donated potato salad for park benefit barbecue, and helped several families in time of need.

The next meeting of the Petro-etts will be held February 17 at the Commercial Restaurant. Anyone interested in meeting new people and aiding the community is invited to come.



Clayton Hamilton, lifetime Sonoran, and recently named president of First National Bank, talks over the business of banking with George H. (Jack) Neill. Neill was named chairman of the board of directors of the bank after serving Sonorans at the First National Bank for more than 50 years.

ASU Sets Second Annual Livestock Judging Contest

Angelo State University February 19 will hold its second annual livestock judging contest at the ASU Management, Instruction, and Research Center.

Four separate divisions, senior colleges, FFA, 4-H, and junior colleges, will compete. Interested county agricultural agents and vocational agriculture teachers are invited to enter one four-contestant team in the contest.

The contest will be held

before the February 9 entry deadline.

Two classes of breeding sheep, one class of market lambs, one class of breeding cattle, two classes of market steers, one class of breeding swine and one class of market swine will be judged by contestants in all four divisions. In addition, contestants in the junior and senior college divisions will judge two classes of horses.

in the heated, indoor arena at the MIR Center located off U.S. Highway 87 north of San Angelo, adjacent to the O.C. Fisher Reservoir. Registration at the event will begin at 7:45 a.m. and the contest will start at 8:30 a.m.
 An entry fee of \$5 should be mailed along with a letter of application to Dr. D.R. Shelby, P.O. Box 10888, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas, 76901

Community Calendar

Thursday, February 10 3-5 p.m., Sutton Senior Center open

7:30 p.m., Jaycees meeting, Commercial Restaurant

Friday, February 11 School dismissed due to Speech Meet

Saturday, February 12 Speech Meet

Sunday, February 13 Services at the church of your choice

Monday, February 14 Valentine's Day 9 a.m., County Commissioners meeting, Judge's office, courthouse

3 p.m., Hudspeth Auxiliary meeting, Conference Room at Hospital

3:15 p.m., Brownie Troop 150 meeting, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 15 12 noon, Downtown Lions Club luncheon in fellowship hall of First Methodist Church

2:30-4:30 p.m., Miers Home Museum open

7:45 p.m., Order Eastern Star meeting

Wednesday, February 16 1-5 p.m., Community Action Council representative in judge's office, courthouse

The Devil's River Philosopher Sez..... Scientists Undecided Whether World To Freeze Or Melt

Editor's note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitterweed ranch on the Dry Devil's River discusses the weather this week. Why not? Everybody else is.

Dear editor: Some weather scientists are predicting another Ice Age may be on its way across the earth. Apparently they haven't been outside this winter as most of us thought it was already here.

According to them an Ice Age hits every 10,000 years and it's now been 12,000 years since the last one. This is about average for weather predictors; they missed it by 2,000 years. I have always contended that weathermen are excellent when it comes to telling us what happened yesterday, but a little slip-shod about what's going to happen tomorrow.

When a forecaster says it's going to be fair tomorrow and it turns out rain comes down in torrents, he wasn't wrong, the weather was. The first requirement of a weatherman or a Congressman is to be able to ignore today what you said yesterday. I suspect when weathermen

retire they become economists who predict the economic index is going to take a turn upward in the next quarter.

Speaking of this winter, I'm sure the suggestion that we should turn down our thermostats to conserve energy ought to be endorsed by everybody. It's already been endorsed by the makers of sweaters, overcoats and long-handle underwear. Makers of cold remedies will be next. And as soon as they hear about it, people who sell firewood at \$75 a cord will come out for it too.

Back to the possibility of another Ice Age. Opinion is divided. One group of scientists says it's coming. Glaciers will creep slowly over the earth and we'd better get ready to do something about it. Another group says no, the weather isn't turning colder, it's turning warmer and there's danger of that permanent ice at the North Pole and other places melting and sending the oceans flooding over the coastal cities of the world.

This leaves us where we've always been. We don't know what the weather next week is going to be.

Hospital News

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, February 1 thru Monday, February 7 include the following:

- Isabel Esquivel
- Rosene Gibson
- Lottie Baker
- Frank Wipff
- Carl Matthews
- J.T. Simpler
- Scott Brasher
- Ronnie Hooper
- Ann Nations
- Jack Lawson
- Cynthia Keel
- Mary Pace
- Thomas Nix
- Edna Cunningham
- Emmitt Wilson
- Willie Andrews
- Brenda Rhodes
- Elvia Samaniego

*Patients dismissed during the same period.

4-H Club To Hold Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Sutton County 4-H Club will be held February 14, 7 p.m., at the 4-H Center.

Mrs. Nancy Lester, County Extension Agent and three 4-H members all from Eldorado will be presenting the program.

Judy Pitts will present a method demonstration on Family Resource Management. Also, Kara Homer and Lou Ann Turner will present a method demonstration on vegetable use and preparation.

All 4-H'ers, parents, leaders and interested persons are urged to attend this meeting.

The Sutton County 4-H Livestock Show Committee will meet at the 4-H Center at 6 p.m., Monday to make plans for the 1978 show.

All members of the livestock show committee and other interested persons are urged to attend.

White Bass

Tourney Date Set

The Kingsland Chamber of Commerce's annual white bass tournament will begin March 12 and run through March 20 with daily prizes and grand prizes in both the adult and junior division.

An entry fee of \$1.50 per day or \$10 for the tournament, will be charged. Children under 12 will not be charged but must be registered.

Only white bass caught from Lake LBJ will qualify in the adult division. For complete rules write the Kingsland Chamber of Commerce, Box 465, Kingsland, Texas 78639.

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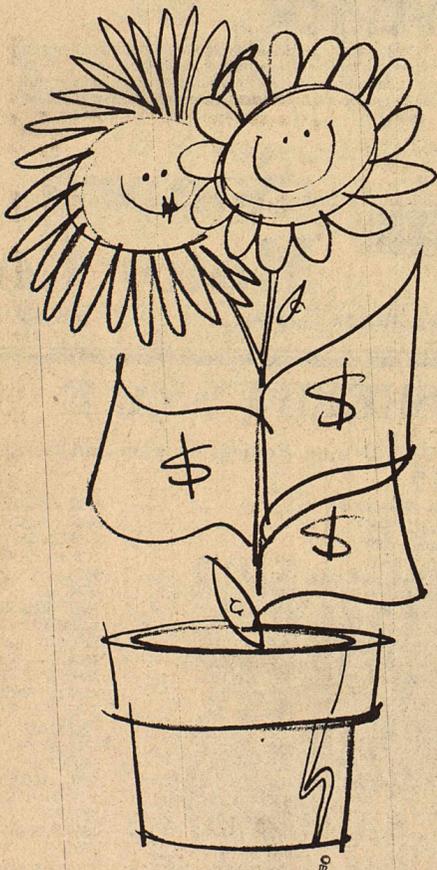
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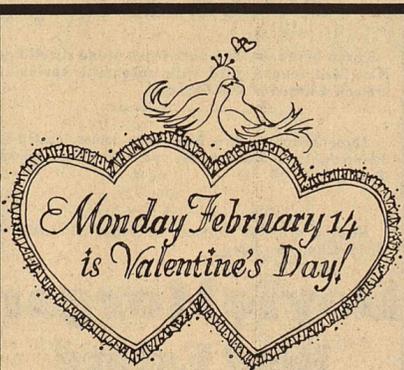
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