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Compiled by Pat Brown
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Rainfall for the month,
2.91; rainfall for the year,
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Ozona vs Sonora

Reagan County vs Eldorado

This Weekend in the

WEST TEXAS SUNDAY SHOPPER

Energy Bill Could Provide Boom for Eldorado and Sonora

Story by Wes Burnett
on page 8A

The Devil's River News

Eighty-Eighth year, Twelfth Week

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Annual Game Dinner Set For Tuesday

A Sonora original, the 18th annual Game Dinner and Hunter's Party is scheduled for Tuesday night at the Sutton County 4-H Center.

Radio and television wildlife personality Harley Berg of Waco will be the guest speaker for the event which begins at 6 p.m. according to Corky Schwiening.

The dinner features various delicacies such as antelope, buffalo, wild boar, cabrito, venison, smoked turkey, quail, venison chili, elk, and rattlesnake.

Tickets for the event are \$4, and additional tickets may be purchased to qualify for the valuable door prize drawings.

The annual event, originated in 1960, is sponsored by the Sutton County Game Dinner Association, Downtown Lions Club, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Jaycees and the Kappa Gamma Chapter of ESA.

Officers of the association are Schwiening, president; Bob Brockman, vice-president; and Ken Rosford, secretary-treasurer.



Harold Miller, vice president of the Sutton County Chapter of the American Heart Association, handles registration during last Saturday's Turkey Walk. Shown

facing the camera (left to right) are Scott Miller, Harold Miller, Mitzi Matthews, Marlene Evans, Edna Duren, Matt Miles and Rev. Paul Terry. (Photo by Jim Miles)

Mrs. Olson Leads Fight to Save Eldorado Ambulance

by Jym Trimble

What is all this about Eldorado losing its ambulance service?

One of the biggest problems facing the town right now is the fact that insurance on the ambulance runs out the first of the year, and according to City of Eldorado officials, there is no money to renew the policy.

But we can all forget about it if Mary Lou Olson has her way.

"I'll drive it myself before I'd ever let it fold," Mrs. Olson said recently.

But she can sleep more easily at night as there are now 14 volunteer drivers standing by at any time to assist the injured.

Mrs. Olson stated there is no chance of folding. Since the death of the late Phil Olson who single-handedly managed and supervised the service, the service has been reorganized by Mrs. Olson.

Assisting Mrs. Olson are Mrs. Porter and acting chairman Rusty Meador.

"It's just a matter of getting people involved. I've said that I would take donations in Phil's name for the ambulance."

"The maintenance on the ambulance is high, and we will soon need a new one."

"If you would like to give to a charity, this is as good as any," Mrs. Olson said, "and besides it goes for all the townspeople's use."

Coin Flip Site Named

The decision on the location of the coin flip to decide the district championship was announced shortly before presstime, provided Sonora beats Ozona and Kermit beats Crane.

According to Sonora Superintendent Dr. Joe Andrews, Sonora and Kermit officials will meet in Rankin following the games Friday night for the coin toss.

If Sonora wins the flip a meeting with either Alpine or Fabens, who are in a similar tie situation in District 8-AA, will be held Saturday at lunch to determine the playoff site.

Commissioners Approve Jail Plans

Approval for the plans for the new Sutton County Jail was granted by the Sutton County Commissioners Court in their meeting Monday. With county approval out of the

way, the plans must now be submitted to the Texas Jail Standards Board for final approval, according to Sutton County Sheriff Bill Webster.

The plans were submitted by J.C. McDermitt and Associates architectural firm.

Last November inspectors found a total of 113 violations in the

present jail building, built in 1890.

The jail was originally modeled for eight prisoners where the jail now has to accommodate around 40 prisoners a month.

The present facility also contains no place for female prisoners or those listed as top security.

When approved and completed the jail will include these facilities plus offices for the justice of the peace, the drivers license testing officer, the Department of Public Safety, the Parks and Wildlife game wardens and the Sutton County Sheriff's Department.

The Court also canvassed the votes of last Tuesday's election and discovered 50 uncounted ballots although these made no difference in the outcome of the elections, either statewide or locally.

Kappa Gamma Sponsors Third Deer Stomp

Epsilon Sigma Alpha, International, Kappa Gamma Chapter, will host the third annual Deer Hunter's Stomp Saturday night at the Sutton County 4-H Center from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Ice and cups will be furnished. Tickets are \$5 a person and may be purchased from any Kappa Gamma member or by calling Linda Cayce at 387-3750 or at the door.

Music will be provided by Carl Hutchinson, and all proceeds from the dance will go to charity.

Reyna Wins Football Contest

Eugene Reyna is the winner of last week's football contest, missing only the Abilene Christian over Southwest Texas game. For being the only entry to miss only one game, he will receive \$20.

Tony Hooper won second place, missing only two games, and edged

Joe Luttrell into third on the basis of the tie breaker. They will win \$10 and \$5 respectively.

Also missing only two games were Elva Martinez and another entry of Reyna's. Another 15

entries missed only three games.

The most often missed games besides the Abilene Christian-Southwest Texas contest were Houston over Texas, Nebraska over Oklahoma, Houston over New England and Los Angeles over Pittsburg.

Old Shop Sets Opening

"Hear Ye!" "Hear Ye!" "Hear Ye!" The opening of The Old Shop is here! "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire," "White Christmas" and "Christmas In Williamsburg" will all be rolled into one to greet you when you come to the front door of the James Hunt home and come inside. An opening was promised for this fall, and it is here on Monday, November 20 from 4 in the afternoon to 8 in the evening. Everyone is invited.

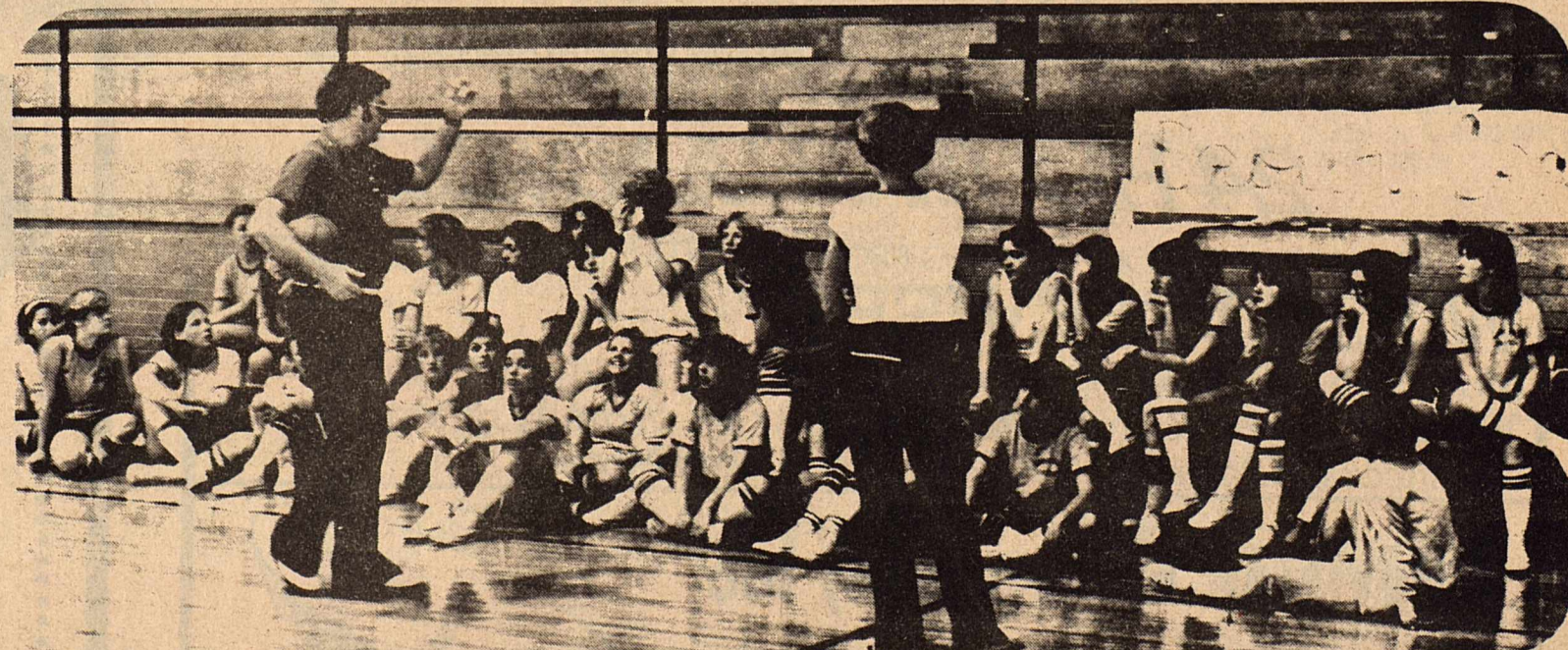
Christmas will be in the air and an array of items too good to be true have "your name on them". Antiques, poipourri, candles, little French dolls, cooper kettles, and old lustre pitchers.

The most adorable little primitives of children with pull toys and kitty cats painted in the wonderful old colors you will love. Exquisite old world Christmas music boxes that you won't believe! Delightful

decorations and antique reproduction books and paper dolls that are a child's dream on Christmas morning. And wait until you see the real Hummel rubber dolls! Pinnerchio will be there too to greet you and all the wonderful things that make Christmas "the way it used to be". Lots of wonderful looking pillows out of old quilts. In fact, everything your heart desires. And don't forget the original incomparable Spode Christmas China with all the pieces as well as the old. And you won't be able to resist the chicken that lays the egg!

The basket collection is unbelievable and the linens and children's reproduction furniture is irresistible. There is something for all ages and interests.

And did you know The Old Shop is going to have a bit of a "cakery" with all sorts of goodies to eat. It's all to be at the opening, so don't forget the date. November 20 from 4 to 8 p.m.



Coach Walter Hollek discusses game strategy and procedures with the Sonora High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls' basketball teams during practice this week. Junior Varsity and Assistant Varsity Coach Gay Adams works with Coach Hollek in preparation for the girls'

opening game Thursday, November 16 against McCamey here. Game time is 5 p.m. for Junior Varsity with Varsity immediately following. Watch for continuous basketball photos and stories in your Devil's River News and your West Texas Sunday Shopper.

Reflections...

by Rev. Jim Miles
Two men were riding Amtrak from coast to coast, and they had each purchased a banana from the snack bar. Neither of them had ever eaten this fruit before, and there was a certain amount of apprehension about how it should be done.
Just as the first of the two bit into his banana the train entered a tunnel and he cried, "Don't eat it! Don't eat it. One bite and I'm blind."
Once the train had exited the darkness the other soul became brave enough to attempt it and when asked how he enjoyed his snack he replied, "It was pretty good, but it had such a big cob!"
In each case the men did not know what they

had, and could therefore, not appreciate what they had.
Such is our situation. We are approaching the Thanksgiving holiday, and I sincerely believe that most of us are blind to all the blessings that we have. Gifts of love and liberty and life itself.

Now is the time for "counting our blessings", for appreciating that which we have been given.
It is a time in which we should first be thankful to our God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer and we should express that thanks.

Then too it is a time in which we should be thankful for those people who make life easier and more joyful for us. These kind words of thanks need very much to be said.
Let this Thanksgiving indeed be a time for each of us to be giving thanks.

Jewel Brown Services Held

Funeral services were held October 30 in Harmony Baptist Church of Arlington for Mrs. Jewel A. Brown, 68. Graveside services were held in the Winfield Cemetery.
Mrs. Brown died October 29 in Arlington

Hospital. She was born September 28, 1910 in Winfield and was a member of Harmony Baptist Church where she had been a member for three years.
Survivors include her husband A.J. Brown of Arlington; two sons,

Harvey Brown and John Brown, both of Arlington; two daughters, Mrs. Ann Deel of Sonora and Mrs. Doris Wright of Arlington; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
The family requests that memorials be made to the Tarrant County Cancer Society.

Sonora Churches

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| Primera Baptist Church Rev. Guadalupe G. Pena Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:30 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wed. Services 7:00 p.m. | Hope Lutheran Church John E. Hafermann, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Adult Inquirer's Class 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 9:00 a.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. | Church of God of Prophecy Kenneth Cook, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Eve. 7:30 p.m. |
| Methodist Church Rev. Paul Terry, pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.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. Wed. Eve. 7:00 p.m. | St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. John Waldron Sat. Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Sunday Masses 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7 p.m. Holy Day Mass 7 p.m. | The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian The Rev. Jim Miles Sunday: Church School 10:00 a.m., Fellowship 10:45 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Communion on first Sunday of each month) Inquirer's Class 7:30 p.m. (Session and Diaconate meet at 7:30 on the 3rd W-ed. of each month) |
| First Baptist Church Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m. W.c.d. Services 7:00 p.m. | | St. John's Episcopal Church Holy Com. 11:00 a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays Morn. Prayer 11:00 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays | |

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A successful football season was completed last Friday by Sonora's Band Parents as record numbers of fans were served at the concession stands.

Heart Association Offers Thanks

The American Heart Association would like to thank the following people who participated in the Turkey Walk Saturday.
Despite threat of cold weather, about 30 persons turned out.
They were Scott Miller, Jim Miles, Terry Duren, Stacy Miller, Mrs. Edna Duren, Ricky Sanchez, Belinda Sanchez, Sean

Matthews, Jody Luttrell, Tooter Olenick, Jesse Lynch,
And Beth Bartz, Wesley Skains, Brenda Carroll, Dianna Harding, Mrs. Marlene Evans, Victor Fuentes, Tanna Tyler, Zane Dunnam, Michael Benson, Timmy Schabel, Andrew Rangel, Fay Terry, Lori Webster,
And Lisa Webster,

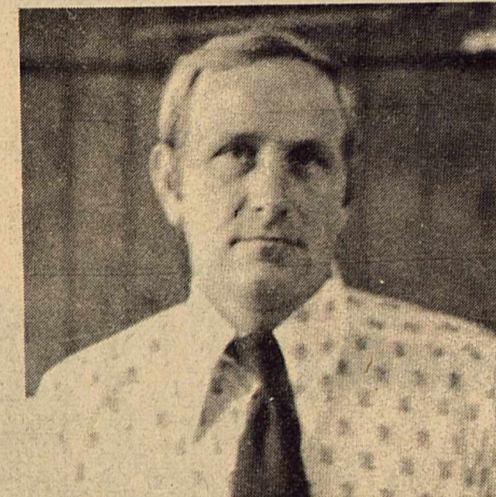
Leslie Webster, Mercy Stratis, Johnny Ramirez, Mrs. Dianne Chabel and Coach Charles Russell.
A special thanks is extended to sponsors who pledged money, to those who walked, Dr. Lonnie Pollard for the use of his recreation vehicle, Charles Graves for meals, and

Jerry Kemp, Bill Webster and Joe Fincher for escorting the walk.
Appreciation also goes out to KVRN and their announcers Marlene Evans and Johnny Ramirez for a great job of coverage of the walk and special advertising.

Fireman's Report

October 30, 1978
8:00 p.m., Units 40, 60, and 70 responded to a pickup wreck 4 miles from town on the old Ft. McKavett Hwy. Men on the trucks were Blackman, Guerra, Guzman, Humphreys, Keese, Land, Luttrell, Malicoat, Martinez, Odom, Ogburn, Olenick, Smith, Taylor, Teaff, Thorp, West and Zech.
November 1, 1978
Units 20, 30, 40, 60, and

70 responded to a pickup fire at S&S Casing Crew Headquarters. Approximately 1,000 gals. of water was used to extinguish the blaze which was burning from a mixture of gasoline and oil. Men on the trucks were Blackman, D. Cearly, R. Cearly, Donaldson, Guzman, Land, Luttrell, Martinez, McLaughlin, Odom, Ogburn, Smith, Thorp, West, and Zech.



Jack M. Hearn, Jr. is now associated as an agent for Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company Serving Sutton, Crockett, Schleicher Counties. A lifetime resident of Sutton County, Junior is married to Linda Jackson Hearn, formerly of Menard, and has one son, Jason Lee, age 9. Junior will be offering a complete line of insurance services to these counties. Fire, auto, home owners, farm ranch owners, general liability. Also, life, IRA, HRIO and estate plans. Junior Hearn can be reached at 387-2764 or 653-1287 San Angelo. Mailing address is Box 334 Sonora Texas 76950. Call Junior for all your insurance needs!

Alliance Holds Family Dinner

The Ministerial Alliance met Monday night in the Presbyterian manse for a family pot luck supper.
Those present included Rev. and Mrs. Paul Terry, First United Methodist Church; Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Hancock, First Baptist Church; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fritz, St. John's Episcopal Church; Rev. and Mrs. John Hafferman, Hope Lutheran Church;
Also, Rev. and Mrs. Jim Miles, Good Shepherd Presbyterian; Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Whitman, First Baptist Church; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perez, Primera Baptist Church.
Routine business was discussed including plans for Sunday's community Thanksgiving service.

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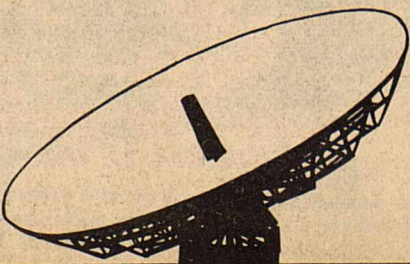
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Ozona Bazaar Set

The annual Ozona Woman's League Bazaar will be held November 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Ozona Civic Center. The bazaar will have

four booths. They will be Christmas, food, childrens and a miscellaneous items booth.

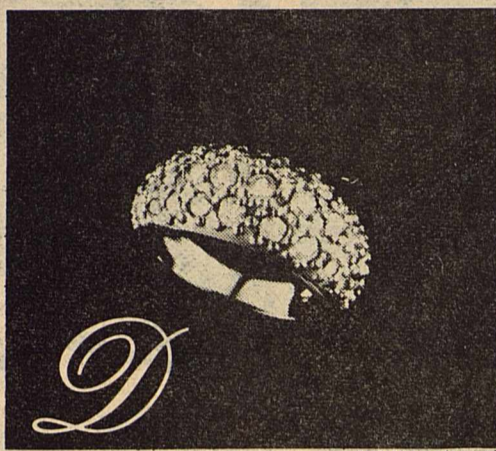
Refreshments will be served to the public.

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Ball Members Must Submit Guest List

Members of the Peppermint Ball are reminded that their invitation list must be in by December 1 to Mrs. Bobbie Smith at 615 Allen Drive.

All lists must be legible and complete with address and zip codes. Any names without complete mailing addresses will not receive invitations. This includes those invitations going out to Sonora residents as well.

Beta Sigma Phi To Hold Bake Sale

A bake sale will be held Saturday, November 18 by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The sale will begin at 10 a.m., and will be held at the Jug and at Food Center.

Proceeds from the sale will go to benefit the Hudspeth Nursing Home. The sorority will also be selling tickets for a quilt to be given away at a December 11 drawing.

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Senior Center Planning Dinner

The Sutton Senior Center will have a Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday, Nov. 16 at 12 noon. Turkey and dressing will be served.

Anyone over 60 is welcomed to come and bring a covered dish. For transportation call 387-5657.

Turkeys for the dinner

Art Club Bake Sale

Members of the Sonora Art Club will hold a bake sale Tuesday, November 21 beginning at 9 a.m. at Sonora Electric Company. The sale will last until all baked goods are gone.

Methodists Bake Sale

The annual holiday food sale, held by the Women of the First United Methodist Church, will be held Wednesday, November 22 at the Ruth Shurley Jewelry Store. The sale starts at 9 a.m.

Demo Club To Meet

Happy Homemakers Home Demonstration Club will be meeting Friday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Barbara Arendt, 1201 Glasscock.

The topic of the meeting will be Christmas Decorating Ideas. All interested persons are urged to attend and bring any decorating ideas they have.

A nursery will be provided.

were donated by Hershel's Foodway, Food Center, and Ricky Sanchez, who got his turkey from the walk-a-thon sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Kappa Gamma Initiates

Three New Pledges

Three new pledges were initiated when Kappa Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International met at the HNG Building Monday.

Those initiated were Pam Davenport, Susie Ramirez and Cindy Cavaness.

Plans were discussed at the meeting in the upcoming "Deer Hunter's Stamp" planned for November 18 at the 4-H

Happy Birthday

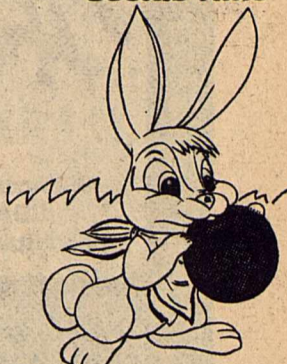
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Odelia Baltazar
Charles Draper
Lola Morales
Friday, November 17
Mary Gayle Glimp
Jack B. Allen

Happy Birthday

Saturday, November 18
Mrs. George H. Neill
Brenda Browne Vandivar
Mrs. W.D. Kerbow
Curtis Howard
Julian Eugene Henderson
Sunday, November 19
Alfred Schwiening, Jr.
Mrs. Wanda Neville
Jessie McCutchen Kerbow
Mrs. Calvin Cole
Monday, November 20
Drew Wallace
Tuesday, November 21
Bill Elliott
Stephen Bolt
Debbie Morriss
Michael Barton
Kathy Perkins
Wednesday, November 22
O.L. Richardson, Jr.

Betty S. Jones
Mrs. Melvin Glasscock
Bill Finklea
Larry Bob Moore
John Clayton Hill
Bernice Granger Street

Girl Scout Cookie Time



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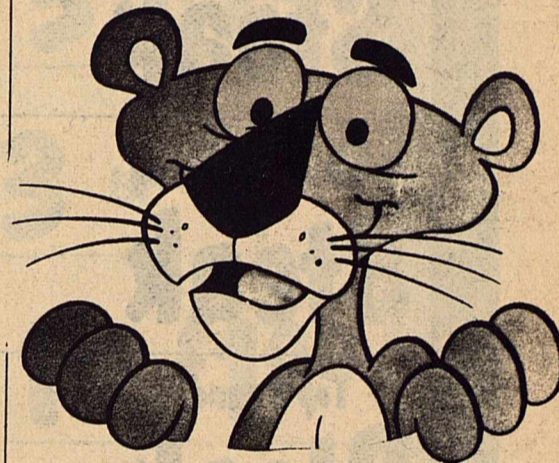
Bridal Registry

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Karen Hemphill, bride-elect of David W. Rooker
Becky Cavaness, bride-elect of Jeff Doan
Mrs. Leo Lozano, nee Jennie Mata
Mrs. Mark Holt, nee Janice Grider

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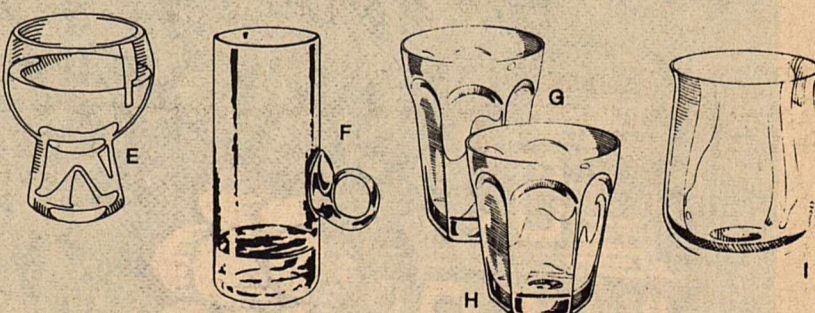
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I. Dimension Double On-the-Rocks, \$22.40



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Heart Memorials

Heart memorials have been made recently in memory of the following persons:

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FRANK PETERS by Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Simpler.

ESTES ADAMS by Mr. and Mrs. Davis C. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vicars.

MRS. MONNIE ELLIOTT by Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Mrs. W.J. Fields, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thorp.

MR. Farmer by Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Surber.

MRS. KAREN BASKELL by Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Surber.

MRS. GRACE PALMER by Mrs. Belle Steen.

CLIFF JOHNSON by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thorp.

O.L. CARPENTER by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thorp, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hardegree, the Rev. and Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell.

MARY L. SHURLEY by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thorp, the Rev. and Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vicars, Dr. and Mrs. Tom White, Mrs. Davie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Langford.

W.E. FRIEND by Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Langford.

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| Tenderized Round Steak | \$179 lb | Ground Round | \$139 lb |
| Top Round Steak | \$189 lb | Ground Chuck | \$129 lb |
| Bottom Round Steak | \$179 lb | Dankworth's Smoked Ham Shank Portion | \$129 lb |

Sunco Turkeys 89¢ lb

Swift Premium Butterball Turkeys 98¢ lb

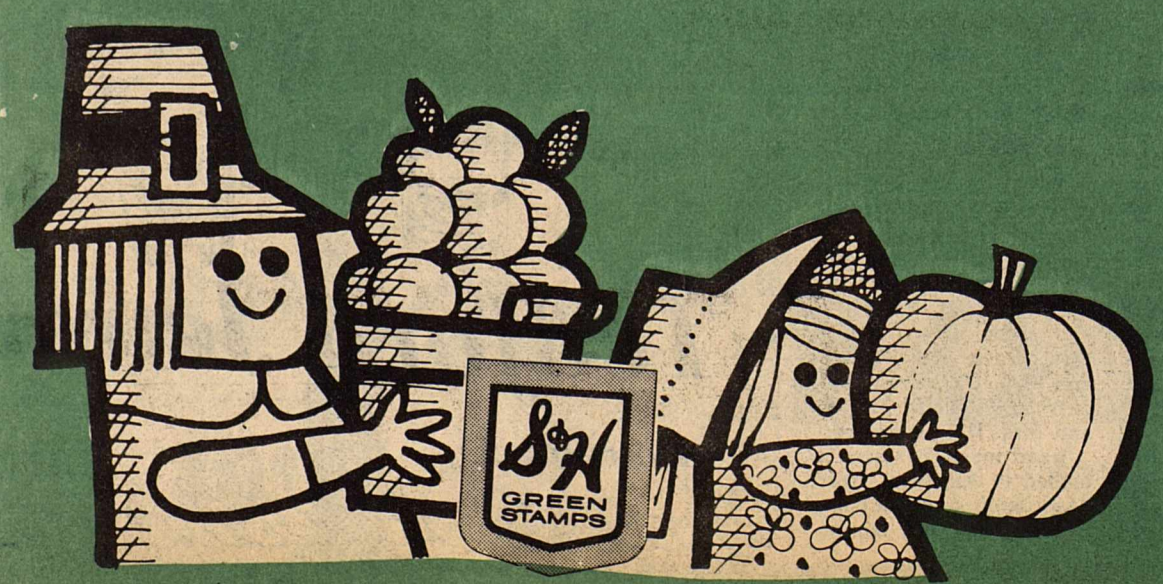
Royal Rock Turkeys 89¢ lb

GREEN STAMPS

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| Sirloin Tip Steak | \$209 lb | Swift Premium Bacon 12-oz pkg | \$119 ea |
| Cubed Steak | \$209 lb | Dankworth's Smoked Ham Butt Portion | \$139 lb |
| Sirloin Tip Roast | \$199 lb | Swift Premium Franks 12-oz pkg | 99¢ ea |
| Pikes Peak Roast | \$129 lb | Dankworth's German Sausage 12-oz pkg | \$109 |
| Dankworth's Summer Sausage | \$109 lb | Rump Roast | \$129 lb |



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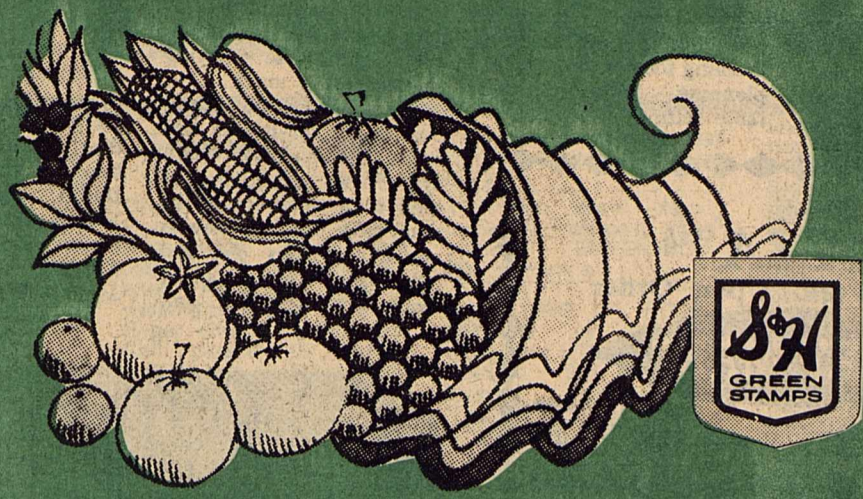


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| Cool Whip | Birdseye 9-oz Tub | 69¢ |
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| Mrs. Smith Pumpkin Pies | 26-oz Box | \$119 |

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| Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce | | 2 303 cans for | 88¢ |
| Gladiola Flour | | 5-lb bag | 59¢ |
| Imperial Sugar | | 5-lb bag (Limit Two) | 88¢ |
| Imperial Powdered Sugar | Powdered or Brown | 3 1-lb box for | \$1.00 |
| Del Monte Mandarin Oranges | | 2 11-oz cans for | 88¢ |



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| U.S. No. 1 Potatoes | | 10-lb bag | 79¢ |
| Home Grown Green Onions | | 19¢ bunch | |
| Golden Ripe Bananas | | 5 lbs for | \$1.00 |
| Calif. Celery | Large Stalk | 3 for | \$1.00 |
| Medium Size Cucumbers | | 10 for | \$1.00 |
| Mexico Tangerines | | 3 lbs for | \$1.00 |
| Texas Navel Oranges | | 4 lbs for | \$1.00 |
| Apples | Washington Red and Golden Delicious | | 39¢ lb |



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| 3 303 Cans for | \$1.00 |
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| Paper Plates | Diamond 9" 40-ct pkg | \$1.19 |
| Paper Towels | Viva Jumbo Roll | 59¢ |
| Cake Mixes | Duncan Hines Layer | 59¢ 18.5 Box |
| Coca Cola Drinks | 2-liter Btl | 89¢ |
| Shortening | Crisco 3-lb can (limit 2) | \$1.49 |



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| Golden Krust Bread | 1 1/2 lb Loaf for | 2 88¢ |
| Golden Krust Brown N Serve Rolls | | 2 88¢ |
| Aluminum Foil | Arrow | 3 \$1.00 |
| Kraft Miniatures Marshmallows | 10 1/2 -pkg | 39¢ |
| Marshmallow Cream | Kraft 7-oz jar for | 2 88¢ |
| Yams | Bruce Cut 303 cans for | 2 88¢ |

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| Napkins | Viva 140-ct pkg | 49¢ |
| Chicken Broth | Swansons 13 3/4-oz cans for | 3 88¢ |
| Margarine | Red & White 2 quarters for | 88¢ |
| Margarine | Red & White 2 1-lb Tub | \$1.00 |
| Beer | Schlitz 6-pk 12-oz cans | \$1.49 |

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| Mix or Match Gandy's Whipping Cream or Sour Cream | 8-oz Cartons | 2 88¢ |
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4-H Foods and Nutrition Planning for Food Show

4-H Foods and Nutrition Project groups have been meeting for the past month and members are busily preparing different

dishes of food. Not only that, but the 4-H'ers are learning food buying, meal planning, nutrition, and table setting.

It's no accident, however, that these children are learning and enjoying themselves so much.

Twenty women from Sonora are serving as 4-H foods and nutrition leaders. These are giving of their time at no charge so that boys and girls who are eight years old and older may learn about foods and nutrition and

also what it means to be an actively participating 4-H member.

Serving as leaders this year are Mmes. Irene Arredondo, Louise Barlemann, Vickie Cearley, Alice Cox, Edna Duren, Beverly Gilley, Wanda Halford, Glenna Hulse, Linda Joy, Gwen Kordzik, Trevlin Luttrell, Johnnie Merrill. Also, Debbie Morriss,

Allison Powers, Susie Ramirez, Francis Ross, Ilene Stewart, Mary Anne Shurley, Melissa Teaff, and Wanda Van Hoozer.

The County Food Show will be Saturday, December 2 at the 4-H Center. The judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the awards program and tasting party will be at 12 noon. Mrs. Wanda Halford is

chairman of the show this year. Also, a great number of the 77 boys and girls that are enrolled in the project will compete in the show.

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Old Shop Renovation

Renovation work nears completion at the James Hunt home where The Old Shop will temporarily be located. Grand Opening at The Old Shop is set for Monday, Nov. 20 starting at 4 p.m.

Hospital Report

Patients received treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, November 7 thru Tuesday, November 14 include the following:

- Eva Kuykendall*
 - Manila Trainer
 - Esther Richardson*
 - George Kisselburg*
 - Glenda Jouce Hail*
 - Willie Andrews
 - Wilma Friend*
 - Estella Sanchez*
 - Baby Boy Sanchez*
 - Jackie Jones
 - Jessie Stockard*
 - Randy Hardesty*
 - Ysaura Sanchez*
 - Juan Gomez*
 - Worth McDonald*
 - Ralph Lozano
 - Wendel Dietz
 - Bob Vicars
 - Mario Gamez
- *Patients dismissed during the same period.



Sonora High School Band Parents completed another successful year's work at the football concession stands...as record numbers of fans enjoyed the treats at the stadium. Band parent J.T. Hill helped cook hamburgers last Friday night and managed to keep pace with the demand.

Bronco Bits

by Annabelle Gonzales

Bronco Mania hit in full force this last week as the Broncos cremated the Crane Golden Cranes, 31-0.

The Broncos played an excellent defensive ball game, and their offense didn't look bad either. The Broncos placed the Cranes' ashes in crates and shipped them home. The Broncos will travel to Ozona this Friday to play against the Lions. Kickoff time will be at 8 p.m. Go Red!

Both high school and junior high bands performed at halftime during last week's game. The band featured the cornet and saxophone sections to "Rocking in the 40's" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water." There seems to be quite a few Mighty Bronco Band players to be coming up in the future. Last week's pep rally seemed to be the best one for SHS this year.

The cheerleaders each wrote a nursery rhyme using the Broncos and Coach Hopkins in place of the original words.

Many parents also attended the pep rally and many more are welcomed.

Winning the spirit plaque yell last week was the band. This is the third time the band has received the plaque.

The cheerleaders presented flowers to Mrs. Kordzik and Judy York for the help and cooperation they had given the cheerleaders.

Even though football season isn't completely over yet, basketball season has begun. The high school girls will be playing their first game of the season against McCamey this Thursday night. The J.V. will start playing at 5 p.m. followed by the varsity.

Those girls playing varsity are: seniors, Pam Powers, Judy York, Mary Gomez and Jery Dunn; juniors, Jamie Condra, Paige Pollard, Janie Gold, Prissy Cook and Emily Elliott; and sophomores, Annabelle Gonzales, Cody Gold and Trina Powers.

School will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving holidays. Teachers will have a workday on the following Monday and students will return on Tuesday. This will be a good break because quarter exams are Nov. 20-22.

Thought for the week: "Fail to prepare and prepare to fail."

Amoco Goodwill Benefit Opened

by Al Henson

The time has come again or the Amoco Goodwill Benefit Program to provide help to a few of the many needy families in the Sonora Area.

We wish to extend an invitation to all of you to participate in the "Goodwill" part of this program and to have fun and fellowship the same as we have had the past three years at Christmas time.

We have had a tremendous response the past three years. Let's all get involved and make this a bigger and better Christmas time for needy children and families again this year.

One of the greatest pleasures at Christmas is giving to someone who is in need and the primary

purpose of the Benefit Program is to reach as many children and as many needy families as possible. You may donate (1) Food items, (2) Toys or (3) Cash.

Please hand any cash to one of the Sonora Area Goodwill Program representatives.

If you know of some family in need of help, give their name, address, number of children and their ages and sex along with details of their plight to your representative who will report this information to a Committee for consideration.

Your gifts and donations could help some family during a very difficult time in their life and might make Christmas possible for some needy children that would not otherwise be possible.



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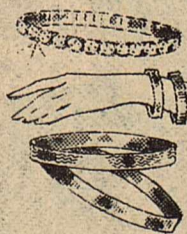
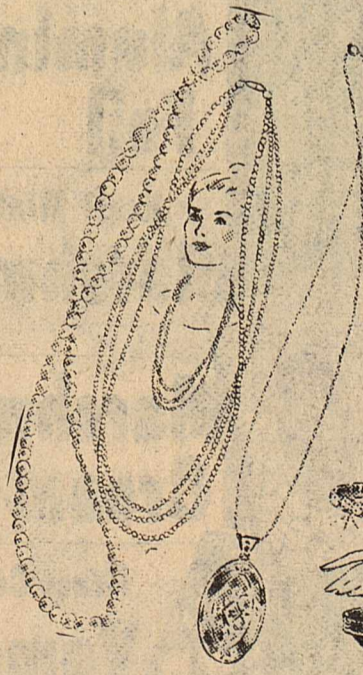
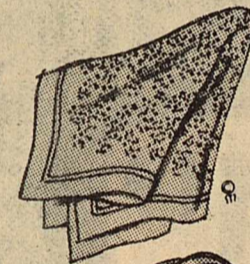
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Energy Bill Could Start Sonora, Eldorado Boom

by Wes Burnett
Eldorado and Sonora are in for a strong boom in the next few months if all the reports from the petroleum industry are correct. The strength of the boom will depend to a great deal on several factors...the most important seems to be tied to the national demand for natural gas. The new energy bill recently signed into law by President Carter, raises the price for new natural gas sold on the interstate market to \$2.04 (mcf), depending on how new gas is defined. This \$2.04 price is equal to current intrastate gas

price...and according to industry observers, this is a good incentive for increased exploration. A major factor in holding back production will be the part of the energy bill which calls for increased use of coal in major industrial plants now using natural gas. "If this industrial demand for gas slides, or decreases," one Sutton County producer comments, "then we expect the sale of natural gas to grow at only about 10 percent per year." But even with a 10 percent growth rate in drilling, the seven county gas field serviced from

Sonora and Eldorado will see a steady, if not dramatic, growth. There's a lot of gas to be found, and if there's a cold winter up north, there's going to be a big demand for the gas...and with the current price it is

expected someone will find it profitable to drill. And with increased drilling comes more services...and for several reasons, including "quality of life" the service companies have found our area appealing for locating their people.

Yes, we're going out on a limb and we're predicting a new surge of people and drilling in the first quarter of 1979...while the rest of the country suffers from a major recession... Schleicher and Sutton counties are in for another boom...and this time the

price is right. Most of our producers are giving their "experts" at the home offices time to

study the monstrous energy bill...our guess is they'll find more reasons to drill than not to.

Next: where will we put the new people who'll want to live and work in our communities?

Green Thumb Project Opportunity for Senior Citizens

Sonora has a new opportunity for its senior citizens...it's called Green Thumb. The objective of this project is to provide temporary, part time em-

ployment in meaningful, essential jobs that contribute to rural community development, for older low income persons who are chronically unemployed, with poor employment prospects because of age, and to assist such workers to obtain other employment.

Green Thumb workers may observe holidays, such as other workers, along with paid vacation, paid sick leave, social security, workman's compensation and unemployment insurance and medical examinations, all of

which are in addition to their hourly wage.

The goal of Green Thumb is to be of maximum benefit to the community by working for the community through the community. Questions may be answered by contacting Elvira Holquin at 387-5657. At the present time a van driver is needed.

Ms. Nita Rodriguez is the area field supervisor for this area. She may be contacted at 215 Riverside, San Angelo, or by calling 655-8427.

Deadline Nears For History Book

The Sutton County Historical Commission is presently working on material for the general history section of the Sutton County History Book.

According to chairman of the book project Bill Stewart, all materials should be ready to submit to the publisher within the next few weeks.

After this selection is submitted, the entire Sutton County History Book manuscript will be in the hands of the publisher as the family histories and special pages were sent in some time ago.

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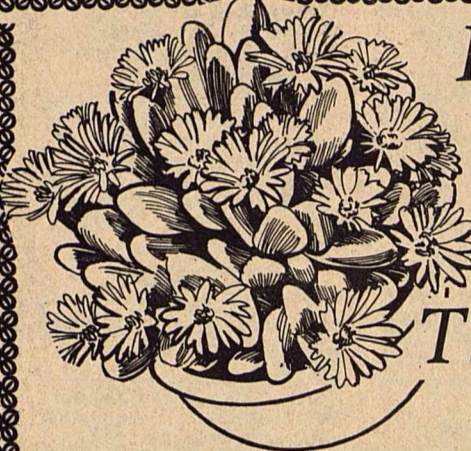
GASO Set Thursday

GASO (Great American Smoke Out) takes place this Thursday, November 16.

This is a nationwide observance by the American Cancer Society, dramatizing the fact that more than half of the preventable lung cancer discovered every year in the United States is caused by cigarette smoking.

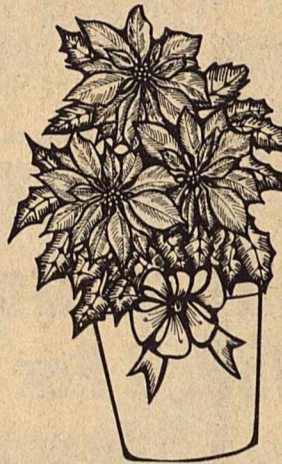
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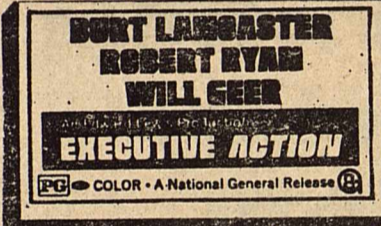
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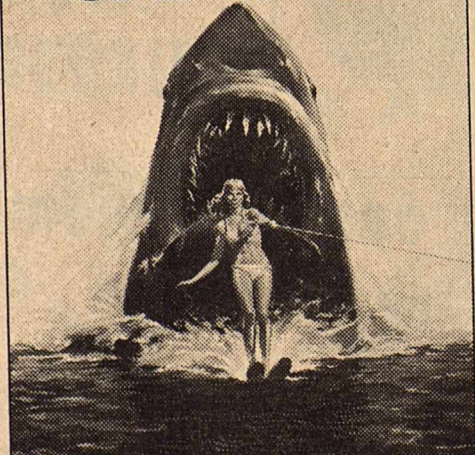
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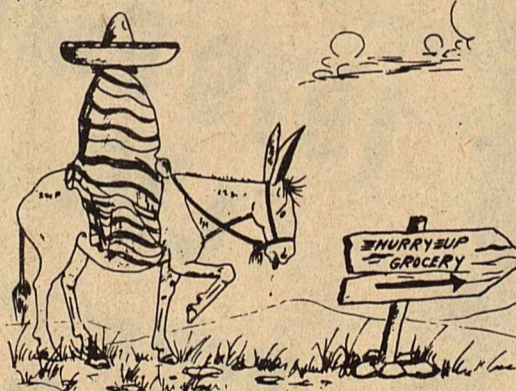
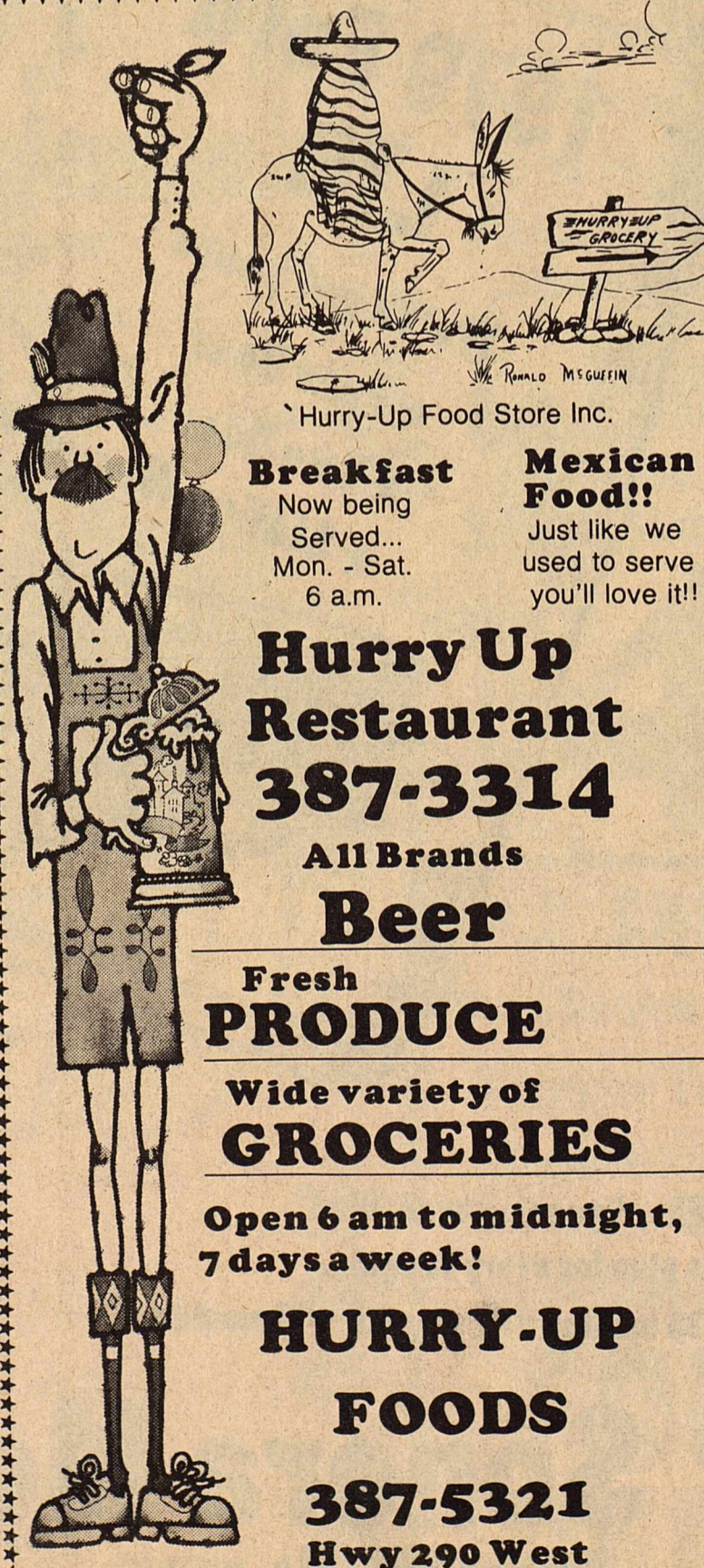
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Sutton County Ranch News

Nutrition Vital To Cut Kid Crop Losses

Glen Fisher's Wool and Mohair Report

There is little activity in the Texas wool and mohair markets as most quantities of both have all been sold. There still is about 100,000 pounds of yearling hair left unsold but it has been moving rapidly the last week or so. We finally have sold our yearling. The South African sale last Tuesday remained strong with the general price levels being up about 5% over their previous

sale. Another sale of Basuto mohair was held yesterday but no reports are available on that lower quality hair. They now have only 2 more sales to finish their spring clip-one on November 21st and one on December 5th. This should mean that spring prices in Texas will open strong. Contracting is picking up with several companies trying to contract spring hair.

Mohair is one of the most desired and expensive fibers in today's fashion world. And the bulk of U.S. production is from the Angora goats in Texas. It's estimated we have about 1,250,000 head at present and wish we had twice as many, with mohair bringing \$5.30 to \$8 per pound and a single animal capable of producing 10 or 11 pounds per year.

At present price levels, Angora goats will produce on the average about 12 percent higher returns than beef cattle or sheep, according to Dr. Leo Merrill, professor of range science with The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas A&M University.

A major problem producers face in trying to expand Angora numbers to meet demand is poor reproductivity. A kid crop of 40 to 50 percent is the

general picture, with some flocks suffering a near total loss of the kid crop each year. Predators cause a high percentage of kid losses. But the size and development of the doe appears to be a major source of variation in kidding rates. Since development of the doe is the dependent on proper nutrition, good range management coupled with proper supplemental feeding is essential to improve kidding, according to Charles Taylor, Station range scientist at Sonora.

Hundred percent kid crops have often been obtained on pastures under deferred rotation on the Sonora Station when kid crops on a state-wide average have been less than 50 percent. Mohair is primarily made of protein, and protein levels of goat diets on the Sonora Station have been found to be marginal

in the fall months. High protein levels are especially needed by Angora goats during this period since does are carrying young and producing hair. Quality of nutrition is also important to growing kids since they need to make steady gains in order to weigh over 60 pounds when bred as yearlings, Taylor says. For 2 years, supplements of 41 percent cottonseed cake; corn; or 20 percent range cubes were fed to different groups of Angora doe kids on native pasture. At 1976 prices, the first year the cake group showed a net mohair income advantage of \$1.65 per head over the corn group and \$0.45 over the range cube group. The second year, the C.S. Cake group gained 17.8 pounds per head versus 9.7 pounds and 10.4 pounds for the corn and range cube groups, respectively.

Screwworm Case Reported In County

Another screwworm case has been reported in Sutton County, according to County Agent Clint Langford. The screwworm was found in the navel of a calf on the Billy Galbreath Ranch. The screwworms have been on the increase throughout the state with 323 cases identified in October, bring the state

count for the year to 1,140 far above the 39 cases recorded last year. Langford warns ranchers to keep a close watch on all livestock until the first killing frost when the problem should be ended until next spring. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has dispersed 1.8 billion sterile screwworm flies by airplane throughout the state this year.

Station research on goats seeks to increase dollar yields, while studying best methods of maintaining brush at desirable levels for maximum forage production. Goats, if managed effectively, are efficient producers of food and fiber, plus an effective control of brush.

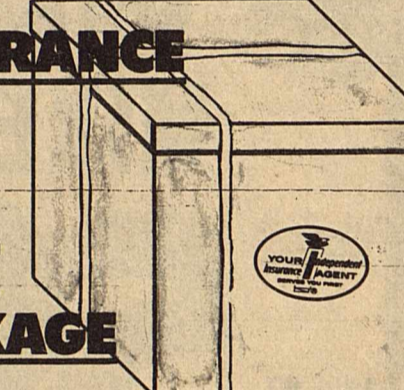
When goats are used in critical times during the year to control specific browse plants. One example is undesirable juniper species which goats utilize more heavily during winter months. Spanish goats have also been used to eat ripe fruit of the prickly pear to

prevent sheep eating them. Heavy death losses often occur with sheep in such pastures if they eat prickly pear fruit. Both sheep and Angora goats will develop photosensitivity and death losses from eating the bloom or fruit of the sachaista. Spanish goats can eat both with relative impunity; apparently the dark pigmentation of their skin protects them. However, the current swing in goats is to the Angora since at 1978 price levels, they returned about 15 times more net profit than Spanish goats.

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Good-neighbor stock hauling deals can get a fellow in trouble. Out of necessity, many gooseneck trailer owners have been hauling stock part-time for pay. The necessity is often that of helping neighbors whose loads can't attract a bigger rig, combined with the necessity of getting enough service out of the gooseneck to justify its cost. Whatever the reason, a lot of these good-neighbor haulers have recently found themselves paying out considerable premiums to their local peace justices because the man who patrols the highways discovered that they had no legal permit to haul for hire. These permits, known as Specialized Motor Carrier Certificates, are issued by the Texas Railroad Commission and are not to be had on a whim.

They've tried to get them have given up on the often difficult and expensive endeavor and either quit hauling or resigned themselves to paying fines. It's not that the permits themselves cost so much—a total of \$25 for filing fees and \$11 per vehicle for registration—in fact, that expense is as little as a tenth or twentieth of what some fines have reportedly cost. The real expense comes in, apparently, when an application is protested by already established haulers. Answering a protest means appearing before a hearing examiner in Austin, proving the public necessity of the desired permit, etc. A certificated hauler must also carry RRC-approved insurance, maintain certain records and follow established rate tariffs. These last three items in themselves are not

overly unreasonable or prohibitive, but added to the hassles and expense of battling a protest, they're enough to convince many part-time small-loud-haulers that fines are friendly by comparison. The end result? A lot of extralegal hauling. Cooperative efforts by the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers, the Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn. may be shedding a little different color of light on the subject, however. Representatives of the three groups met recently with RRC officials to seek a solution to what's come to be called the "gooseneck situation". The outcome may not be apparent right away, but

cause it involves no regulatory, legislative or interpretative change by the RRC. What the commission did offer was a suggestion, and it's one of those pleasant cases where a simple suggestion may eliminate the need for a difficult change. What the RRC suggested was that prospective applicants voluntarily restrict their own hauling authority. A standard permit might allow a hauler the right to use any size of equipment, move unlimited loads and serve a board territory when all he really intends to do is pull an occasional gooseneck load to the local auction. It's generally best to get all the authority you can

when the price is the same anyway, but such a broad request is sure to generate protest from established competition. The RRC suggests instead that applicants specify that their authority be limited to such vehicles as gooseneck trailers and that their operating range be limited to their own local area. Other restrictions might include prohibitions against hauling to or from commercial feedlots or packing houses, limits on the number of head of stock hauled in one load and limits on the number of loads to be hauled in one day. These limitations, again, are not mandatory, but may be handpicked by an applicant at his own choosing. In fact, he himself must request that they be applied against him. The RRC simply says that the more restrictions,

the less chance of a protest; larger volume truckers know all too well that they can't service the small loads and have no logical reason to protest competition from a fellow who's been obviously restricted out of competition at his own choosing. There are no reported plans to lower minimum insurance requirements or alter tariff compliance. The insurance coverage, required, however, does not appear out of line anyway, and one RRC spokesman says special low-volume rate tariffs could be considered upon request. In short, the situation is not perfect, but the outlook is rosier. The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Assn. has application forms available and would be willing and eager to assist low-volume livestock haulers who wish to apply for permits.

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Things are still brewing in the golden eagle department. There is of yet no definitive word on the proposed eagle management plan that's been gathering dust in various Washington offices, but at least one federally-funded eagle predation study makes pointed reference to the need for more than passive control. Along this line Bill Sims, executive secretary of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Assn., recently wrote Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, "Texas sheep and goat producers are approaching another fall and winter without any program to protect their lambs and kids from golden eagles. To you this is not important...so what if some yahoo down in Texas loses a few animals. The important thing to you and Jimmy Carter is to placate a small number of very vocal protectionists." The letter went on to outline the results of a study conducted by the Interior Department. The study covered eagle predation during the spring lambing season on the Temperance Creek-Snake Sheep and Goat Grazing Allotment in the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area of Oregon. Observers of predation there determined without much room for doubt that the level of eagle depredation during lambing depends on the number of eagles present during lambing. They also stated positively that eagles will prey on sheep or goats specifi-

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Newton Expresses Concern Over Energy Bill Confusion

Texas Railroad Commissioner Jon Newton said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is expected last Monday to unveil proposed rules and regulations with which to implement the newly enacted Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

"It is my understanding that the FERC plans to meet on November 13 for the formal presentation of the proposed rules," Newton told a meeting of the Pipeliners Club of Houston.

Newton told the pipeliners that a seven-day period will be allowed for comment on the proposals draft.

"Then," he explained, "on or about November 27, the interim rules will be adopted to take effect December 1."

Industry and other interested parties will have a 60 day period in which to respond to the interim rules, he advised.

On the heels of the federal proposals, Newton advised his audience, the Railroad Commission plans to circulate a set of rules and procedures for Texas producers to use in complying with the new federal act.

"We plan to issue a preliminary set of procedural and substantive rules designed to implement the (Natural Gas Policy) Act at about the same time the FERC issues theirs."

Newton reported members of the Railroad Commission staff, in recent weeks, have been working with FERC staffers to avoid both conflicts and confusions in the federal and state rules and procedures.

In these conferences, Newton related, "our approach was to persuade the FERC that it would be

possible for the Commission, and consequently a producer, to utilize existing Railroad Commission records as the essential evidence to be used in making the various determinations under the Gas Policy Act.

Newton ticked off a number of problems to be resolved in implementing the gas policy act.

"The Act, for example, defines stripper well gas as 'non-associated natural gas' but fails to tell us what 'non-associated' means," the Texas official observed.

Also, he reported, the FERC staff has recommended that "non-associ-

ated" be defined as one barrel of oil or less per 60 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) or gas. "The gas-oil ratio was reached through a process of 'arbitrary but not random,'" he said.

Newton said members of the FERC are aware that such an arbitrary figure has no basis in the realities of the gas industry and want help.

"I would suggest that they consider not using the ration concept at all," Newton recommended and further observed.

"If, for example, a well produced 20 Mcf per day and one-half barrel of oil, it would not qualify as a 'stripper well' because the ratio would be exceeded. Yet, this is exactly the kind of well which must get stripper well prices if it is to be kept in production.

"It might make much more sense to say that a non-associated gas well was any gas well which produced less than five or ten barrels of oil per day, regardless of the amount of gas produced."

Newton said the absence of explicit language on some contractual prices in the House-Senate conference report and act, itself, points to potential problems.



Members of the Cowboys are Junlor Ramirez, Eddie Ramirez, Mike McBride, Alfred Luna, Mark York, Alberto Luna, Gilbert Martinez, Ricky Mesa, John David Martinez, Brian Cascadden, Curt Kneese, Chad Stewart, Joe Castillo, Jack Sykes, Marcus Simpler, Wesley Skains and Wayne Jackson. The Cowboys are sponsored by Harris Rathole. Coaches for the team are James Blackman, Bill Cascadden and Gene Jackson.



Members of the Chiefs are Larry Smith, Doug Martin, Tim Schabel, Edward Mata, Shannon Russing, Victor Lira, Donnie Tankersley, Danny Farmer, Wayne Hill, Randy Kellogg, Dan Garza, Ruben Garza, Javier Fores, Ronnie Wright, David Dodd, John Young, John Ponsetti

and Jody Luttrell. The Chiefs are sponsored by Dairy Queen. Coaches for the team are Randy Hill, Dale Tankersley and Tim Ponsetti, and Sammy Mata is the manager. Cheerleaders are Anita Balch, Rebecca Powers, Janice Gomez, Janney Cearley, Lori Marlow, Anna Gonzales and Lane Cayce.

Poerner Wins Election

Railroad Commissioner John Poerner won the two-year unexpired term on the Commission by almost two to one in last week's election.

Poerner was appointed to the Commission by Gov. Dolph Briscoe after the resignation of Jim Langdon, who entered private law practice.

A three-term state representative from Hondo, Poerner later served as an aide to the governor and headed two different state-wide commissions.

Poerner said that much of the credit for his success was due to the fact that so many newspapers endorsed his candidacy, both in the primaries and in the general election.

He placed ads in most of the state's weekly and daily papers, and believes

it is an excellent way to campaign.

Poerner said "Winning a statewide election is a gratifying experience, and I am deeply grateful to the voters of Texas. With such an overwhelming vote of confidence, I am determined to serve the people of Texas in a way to make them proud of their choice."

"Special thanks must go to my wife and family,

who have been so helpful during this long year of campaigning. I must also express my gratitude to my campaign staff members, whose long hours of work and dedication did so much to make victory possible."

"I will continue to fight for the Texas position on energy matters, and will do all in my power to secure fair treatment for the consumers and producers of Texas."

Gas Production For August Down

Texas oil and gas wells produced 595,164,715 Mcf of gas in August 1978, down 6.37 percent from

field runs a year earlier. Marketed gas production totaled 503,737,118 Mcf and reflected a 7.22 percent decrease from the August 1977 volume. Marketed production is the total gas to transmission lines, carbon black and plant fuel and lease use.

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OIL PERSPECTIVE

By John M. Houchin

A lady purchased the other day, in a grocery store, a gallon of distilled water for use in an electric steam iron, and paid 69¢ for it.

A gallon of gasoline, at most any price you find today, including some 8¢ to 10¢, and sometimes 12¢ in government tax, is less than a gallon of distilled water, which has no tax built into the price. The 69¢ did not include even the sales tax.

To obtain distilled water is a simple process that most students learn in high school physics. Equipment costs a few hundred dollars. To get oil you have to drill 5,000, 10,000, sometimes 20,000-foot wells. And, if seeking new oil reserves (in "wildcat" territory) you might find one well as a profitable producer out of every 10 drilled, on the average. Then you have to transport this in costly pipelines to expensive refineries to turn it into gasoline (and other products). Further, you have to get the gasoline to the market at a cost totaling about 50¢ to 55¢ per gallon, exclusive of the government tax, at service stations — all of which means millions and billions of dollars in investment and expense to the oil industry.

Yet, there are some who think that the Oil & Gas

industry is a "windfall" industry and one which should be hampered by government rules and regulations, and even nationalized.

I don't hear anybody complaining about 69¢-per-gallon distilled water. We need to get our perspectives straight on what we are complaining about. And we should be very thankful that we are getting oil, gasoline, fuel oil, etc., for less than it costs to get a gallon of distilled water.

To display what type of equipment it takes to drill for and produce oil, the Petroleum Industry puts on, every three years, the International Petroleum Exposition in Tulsa. This Show is attended by oil men from every state of the United States and over sixty foreign countries.

Some 35,000 to 40,000 oil men come to this Show to see new and improved equipment for finding and producing oil and gas.

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Note: Mr. Houchin is retired president and chairman of the Phillips Petroleum Company and current President of the International Petroleum Exposition.

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Quarterback Benny Granger [30] pulls away after the snap from center R.B. Alexander during last Friday's 30-0 victory over Crane.

Sonora Faces Old Rival Ozona

Throw the records out the window. When the Sonora Broncos and Ozona Lions meet nothing matters but the age-old rivalry.

Although this year's contest appears to have the greatest chance of being a runaway, the Lions do have some dangerous weapons despite their 0-9 record.

Dan Sewell, son of long-time Ozona coach Rip Sewell, has gained more yardage passing than any other quarterback in the district.

He has connected on 70-164 passes for 782 yards, but unfortunately has failed to hit on a single scoring aerial and

has been intercepted 14 times along the way.

Jay Huffstader and Jeffrey Young have been Sewell's favorite receivers, snaring 20 and 26 receptions respectively.

Running back Fred Garza is the fifth leading rusher in District 7-AA gaining 543 yards on 93 carries, and is also the fourth leading scorer in the district with 30 points.

As a team their statistics are disastrous. They have averaged only 182.8 yards per game while giving up 313.1 against a relatively weak schedule.

The Lions have only scored 47 points through nine games while giving up 266.

On the other side of the coins, the Broncos looked almost unbeatable in their 31-0 win, except for a few nagging penalties.

The Bronco defense held a highly regarded Crane offense to just 103 yards and did not allow the Golden Cranes their second first down until only four minutes remained in the game.

Meanwhile, the Red Hoss offense moved almost at will as the offensive line manhandled the Cranes, churning out 313 yards rushing.

The Broncos carried a small, but safe 10-0 lead to the dressing room on the strength of a two-yard quarterback sneak by

Benny Granger and a 37-yard field goal by Mike Jones.

The Bronco offense, held in check only by penalties in the early going, exploded in the fourth quarter for 21 points as fullback Joey Kirby scored on runs of five and nine yards while Granger tacked on a 17-yard tally.

Coach Jerry Hopkins expressed his pleasure with the Broncos performance, noting that Dan Lawson on defense and Jesse Vela on offense had outstanding games although it was really a concentrated team effort. Injuries could be a problem this week for the

Broncos as both Wayne McLaughlin and Benny Granger could miss the game with back injuries, although their roles probably will not be decided until later in the week.

If Kermit does beat Crane and Sonora overcomes Ozona, the coin flip to break the championship tie will be held either Friday night or sometime Saturday.

Shown Hopkins luck in the past, Kermit might not show up for the toss. As a long-time Sonora coach said, "There's no way Jerry Hopkins is going to lose that coin flip."

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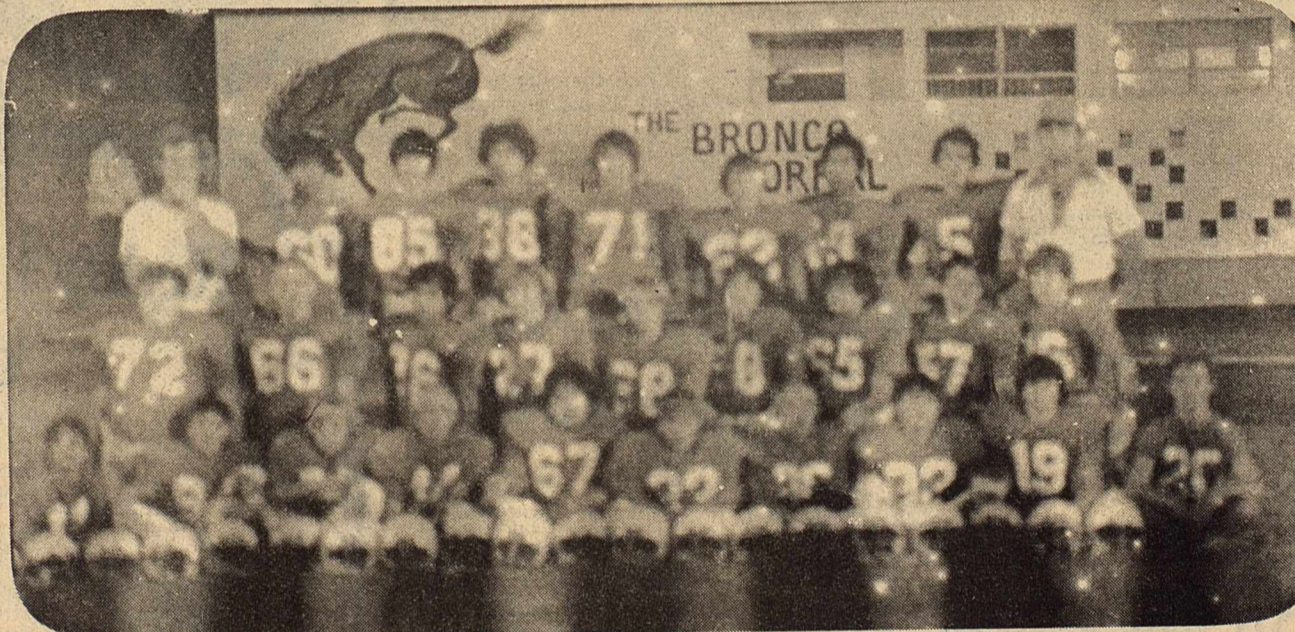
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By Don Holdridge

Most people around Sonora are talking money these days—not about making it but about which side some now-anonymous coin will land on.

Although the odds of Sonora tying for the district crown with Kermit are probable, the chance of Crane upsetting the Yellowjackets still remains a distinct possibility.

Back to business. Last week I managed to hit 15 of 22, bringing my season forecasting record to 150 to 200 for a 75 percent accuracy rating.

Ozona vs. Sonora

Crane beat Ozona 35-0. Sonora beat Crane 31-0. Total 66 points. Subtract a touchdown because of the Ozona rivalry. Subtract a touchdown because of injuries to several Broncos. It should add up to Sonora 54-0.

Crane vs. Kermit

Judging by what I've seen the last two weeks, this should be a runaway. But Crane is really a better team than what it showed last Friday, and Kermit's lack of pass defense could make the difference, but I doubt it. Kermit 17-14.

Reagan County vs. Eldorado

Eldorado has a young team that could be prepping for the future. They get to end the season by starting a win streak. Eldorado 14-6.

East Texas vs. Angelo State

Although the Rams have wrapped up the LSC title, they better not relax too much or the Lions will turn

the lights out. Angelo State 24-10.

Texas A&I vs. Southwest Texas

This is a real tossup. The way LSC teams keep knocking each other off it's anybody's guess. Southwest Texas 21-17.

Arkansas vs. Texas A&M

Tom Wilson may be the target of the Aggie Alumni's wrath next. The Razorbacks want a bowl bid. Arkansas 28-20.

Rice vs. Baylor

Grant Teaff gets a chance to save his pride—and maybe his job along with it. Baylor 31-24.

Texas Tech vs. SMU

If Lubbock were in Hawaii, people might think there was a recreation of Pearl Harbor going on. With all the bombs from the aerial attack, they might be right. SMU 42-34.

TCU vs. Texas

If the Longhorns can't have Cotten, then maybe they'll settle for Sugar or Bluebonnets. When Fred Akers is upset, people better get out of the way. Texas 38-7.

Nebraska vs. Missouri

The Cornhuskers spoiled a national championship for Oklahoma last week. They might be thinking about it for themselves now. Nebraska 28-10.

UCLA vs. Southern Cal

The Bruins were on the bottom side of the disastrous upset last week. This week they're on the

Dallas vs. New Orleans

The Cowboys are looking like Super Bowl champions again, but how long can they keep up the act. Dallas 34-17.

Houston vs. Miami

Bum Phillips has made a believer out of me. Anybody that can be down 26 points to New England then come back to win is bound to be doing something right. Houston 17-16.

New York Giants vs. Philadelphia

This could be one of the best games of the year, and then again it could be one of the worst. The Eagles are aiming at the playoffs. Philadelphia 10-7.

Washington vs. St. Louis

The "Cardiac Cardinals" have regained their confidence, but everyone knows the Washington bureaucrats pay off the officials at Redskin games. You don't believe me. Name someone they haven't bribed. Washington 21-17.

Denver vs. Green Bay

The Packers have been this year's Cinderella team, but last week the Cowboys cheated. They changed the game's starting time to midnight. Denver 17-13.

Other Picks...

Baltimore over Cleveland, 28-27; Los Angeles over San Francisco, 21-3; Minnesota over San Diego, 28-20; and New England over New York Jets, 35-27.

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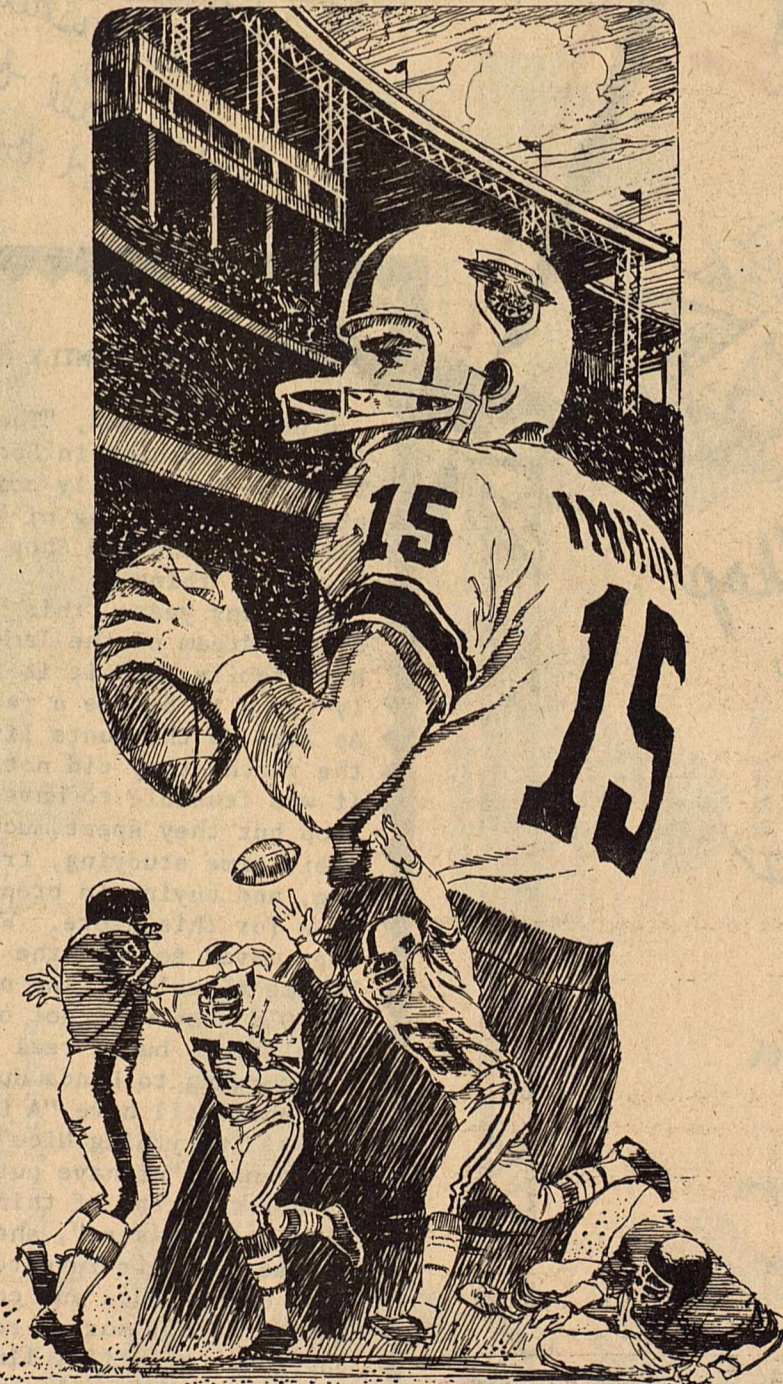
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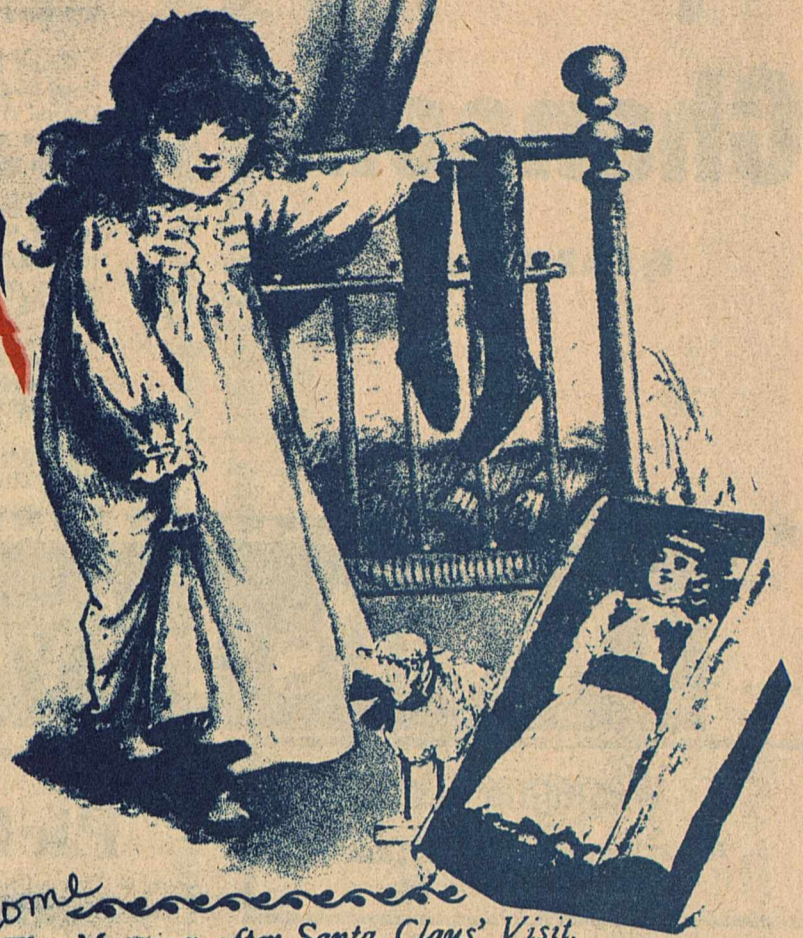
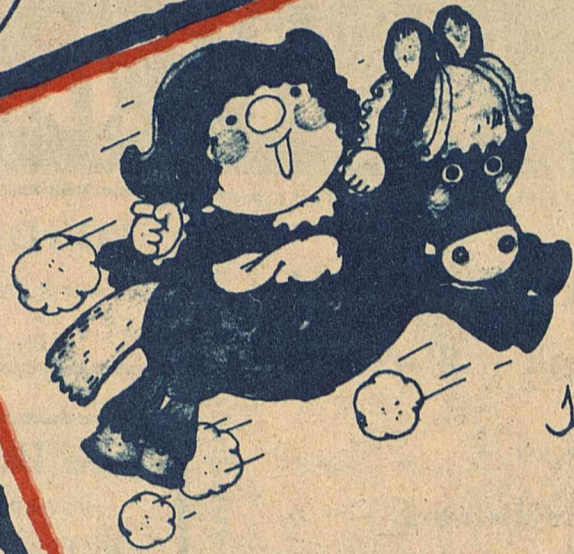
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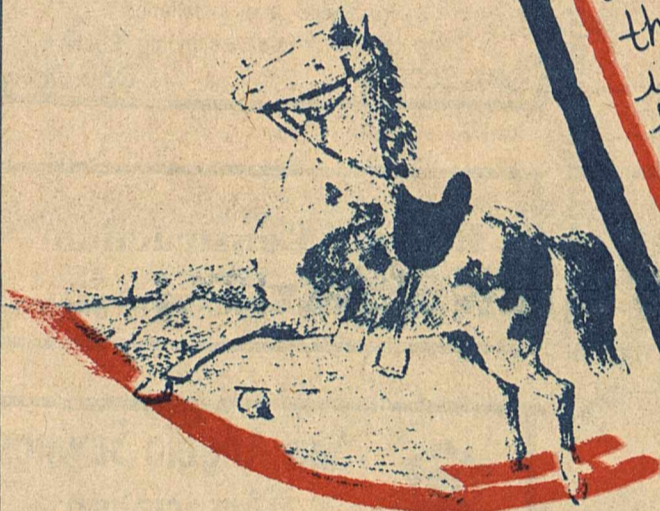
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Everyone is invited to the grand opening on November 20th from 4:00 to 8:00 in the evening.



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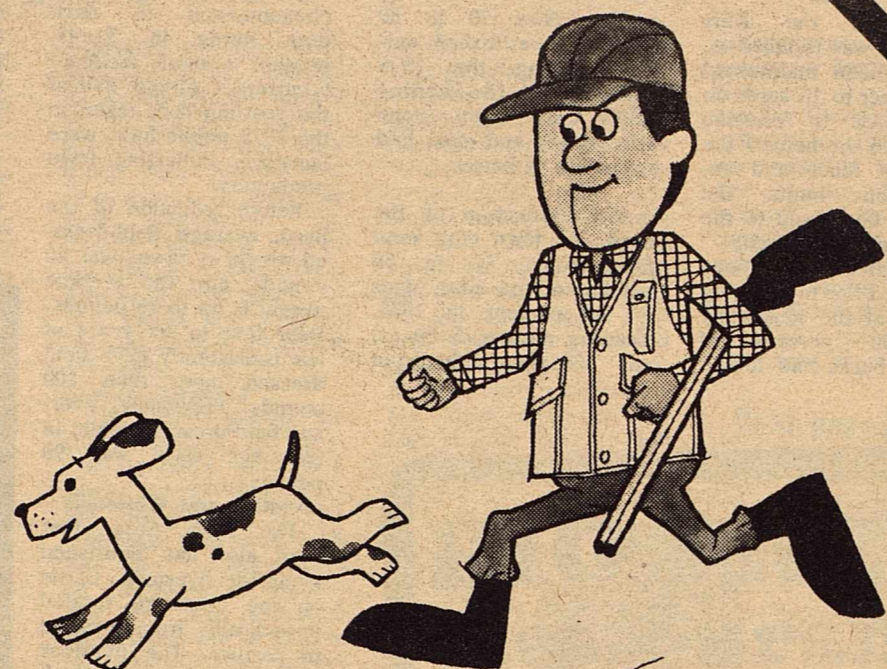


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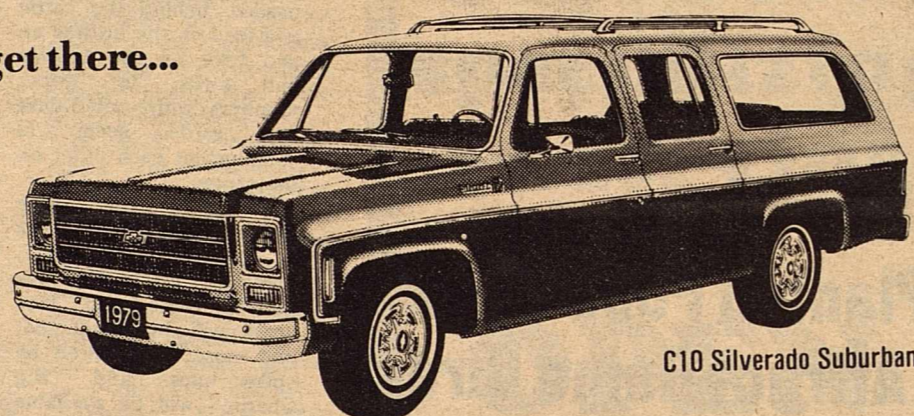
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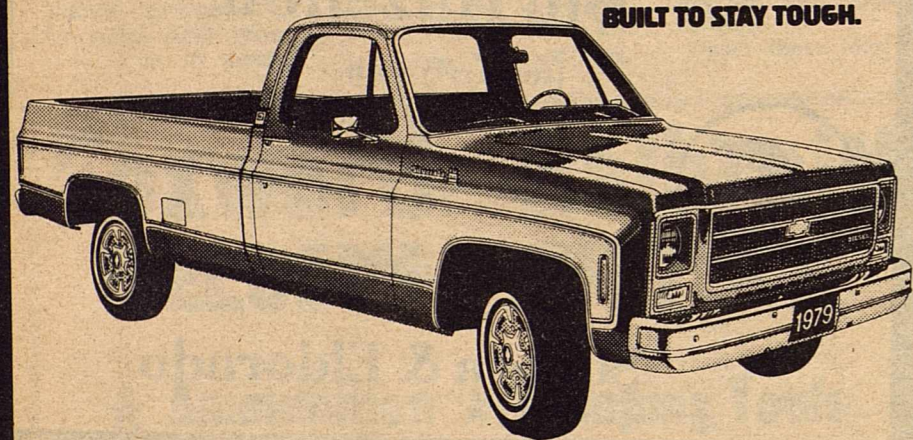
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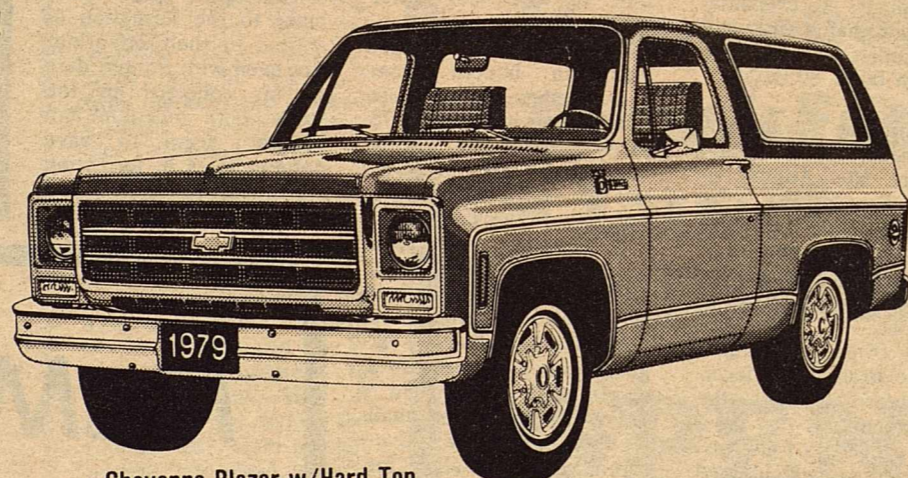
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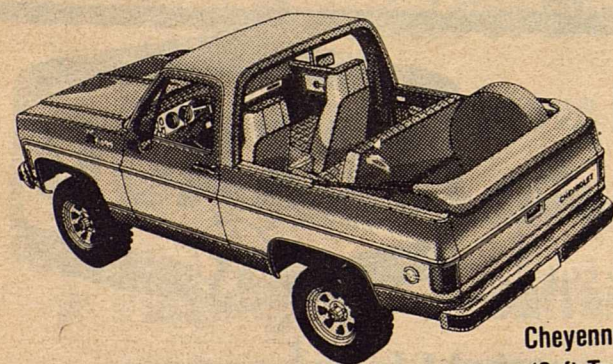
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Some special thanks are due at this time to those who helped make this publication possible.

First, a big thank you goes to Patti Strauch who did the beautiful artwork on the cover.

Second, a thanks goes to Herb Jones for his fantastic photography. Anyone who

has ever tried to snap pictures of wildlife can realize what patience and persistence is necessary.

The County Extension Office, Clint Langford and Sarah Mahon, are also due our gratitude for the information they provided for us.

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Subsequently, the Kerr Area herd was reduced to, and has been maintained at, one deer to 10 acres on a one-buck to one-doe ratio. With the help of the deer-proof fence and annual public hunts, the herd has been held to the land's carrying capacity.

The effect has been dramatic. Prior to reducing the size of the herd only some 30 percent of yearling bucks had forked

antlers. Now 70 to 80 percent have forked antlers. During the 1975 public hunt 18 yearling bucks were taken, none were spikes and most had six points or better.

After reduction of the herd, the fawn crop went from some 40 to 50 percent of the adult does to 119 percent in 1975. Yearling does with fawns, an almost unheard-of

phenomenon in most deer herds in Texas, became a more frequent occurrence. Almost half of the yearling does taken in the 1975 public hunt were lactating, indicating fawn production.

Before reduction of the herd, average field-dressed weight of fawns was 26 pounds; now the average weight is up to 36 pounds. Deer four to six years of age consistently have field dressed more than 100 pounds. Previously, average field-dressed weight in this age class was 90 pounds.

Livestock and Whitetails
The Kerr Area deer herd also has flourished alongside livestock. Cattle on the area are rotated periodically from pasture to pasture. The livestock eat grass in an area which allows browse and forb (weed) plants to grow. Deer move into the pasture behind the cattle and feed on the browse and forbs. In proper numbers, white-tailed deer and cattle seem to complement each other on the range.

More of the same nutrition and genetic work is planned for 1977. Switches from high to low protein diets and vice versa will be conducted; and more fawns sired by spike bucks and "Big Charlie" will be available for genetic studies.

Thus far in the early stages of the study, the biologists have not been able to determine what contribution doe deer make to the formation of antlers in their offspring. But even with limited data so far collected in the study, both nutrition and genetics seem to have definite roles in formation of antlers in white-tailed bucks. The study has



Planted Food Crops Attract Game Birds

There's still time to plant food crops to attract dove and quail this fall.

If there is adequate soil moisture, such quick maturing plants as browntop millet, German millet and Proso millet will produce seeds in 60 to 80 days.

To improve dove hunting, these crops should ripen in late August or early September. For quail, they need to mature much later, a couple of weeks before quail season opens or just prior to the first frost.

Food crops for wildlife must be strategically located according to the requirements of the species. Food crops for doves are generally best utilized if planted within a mile or less of a farm pond or other water source, because doves need water daily.

The most attractive fields are those of at least five acres. Smaller fields in a relatively open area often provide good, but limited shooting, and doves seldom stay around very long.

Doves like to feed on open ground. Strip plantings, with disked areas between the stripes, re-disked some two or three weeks prior to dove season, are usually attractive to doves. Doves will not search for food in rank vegetation.

Doves will continue to use a preferred field, if hunts are limited to one-half day per week.

Field observations have determined that afternoon shooting generally causes less abandonment of fields

than morning shooting, especially if shooting is halted about 45 minutes to one hour before sunset. This will give the dove time to feed and water before going to roost.

In order for quail to get maximum benefit from food patches, these plots should be within 50 to 75 yards of good low, woody vegetation which the birds can use as protective cover (the closer, the better).

A number of food stripes or patches of small size (one-fourth to one-half acre) well distributed over a pasture and always near good cover is superior to a single large plot or field.

Food plantings and quail feeders have been advocated as cure-alls for increasing quail populations, but they are not.

Bobwhite populations will increase if food is limiting and if planting or feeds can correct the deficiency at the right time.

But, if food is not limiting, additional food patches will have no effect on quail numbers.

The limiting deficiency (such as escape cover, nesting cover, etc.) must be corrected to increase quail numbers.

Additional food during the fall may help to hold the birds in the area where they were hatched.

During the "fall shuffle", birds frequently move from their summer locations to areas with better food supply and good winter cover. This may be completely off of small landholdings since a covey requires about 20 to 25 acres of habitat.

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Spike Buck Harvest Proves Controversial

Spike buck harvest has been one of the most controversial issues in white-tailed deer management in Texas. Many hunters are reluctant to take these deer with nonforked antlers despite 15 years of legal harvest in most Texas counties.

Why? Opponents to harvesting spikes maintain the animal should be spared with hopes he will be a forked-antlered buck next year. Proponents, on the other hand, say the formation of spike antlers is related to nutrition and genetics, that they are inferior deer and should be harvested.

Wildlife biologists at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Kerr Wildlife Management Area in the Hill Country recently completed a third year of work in an attempt to settle the question once and for all. The study is far from over, but through the controlled feeding of groups of penned deer, Kerr Area biologists already have found a distinct relationship between nutrition and genetics and antler development.

Studies conducted in other states have shown a 13 to 18 percent

protein ration is best for maximum body and antler growth in white-tailed deer. Protein requirements for deer are similar to those of domestic animals. If protein content in deer forage falls below the 13-percent level, body growth, antler growth and production will be impaired.

The protein content of deer foods in the majority of Texas habitat is well below the level suggested for optimum deer growth. Protein level on Texas ranges varies from year to year, season to season and locality in the state.

For an example, the nutritional quality of South Texas Brush Country deer forage is closer to the optimum level than forage from the Hill Country. Hill Country ranges produced forage which varies in protein from a high of 12 percent in a wet spring to much less during extremely dry conditions.

In 1974, a group of 16 yearling deer (1½ years of age with their first set of antlers) was obtained from different parts of the state. These deer were placed in pens on Kerr Area and have been maintained solely on a 16-percent high-protein ration, which is considered best for

maximum body growth and antler development. Nine of these bucks were spikes and seven had forked antlers.

These 16 bucks have been maintained on identical high-protein ration and antler measurements were taken in 1975 and 1976 to determine the size racks each had developed under optimum diet conditions.

In 1975 at 2½ years of age, the nine deer that were spikes as yearlings averaged 6.78 points per animal, with an average antler spread of 11 5/8 inches. The seven deer that had forked antlers as yearlings averaged 8.57 points, with an average inside spread of 14 3/8 inches. Antler weights of these seven deer averaged 73 percent more than the nine deer that were spikes as yearlings.

At 3½ years of age in 1976, the spike yearlings averaged 7.22 points per animal, with an average inside spread of 14¼ inches. Fork-antlered yearlings averaged 8.33 points, with an average inside spread of 16½ inches. The antler weights from these seven deer averaged 68 percent more than the ones that were spikes as yearlings.

Under these ideal diet

conditions, the deer which were spikes as yearlings developed inferior antlers at 2½ and 3½ years as compared to the ones which were fork-antlered as yearlings. In fact, one buck, nick-named "Big Charlie" by area personnel, had an 11-point rack, with an outside spread of 21¼ inches and weighed 211 pounds (live weight) at 3½ years.

Genetic Influence
The genetic part of the study involves six, 3½-year-old bucks which were spikes as yearlings. They are being kept in six individual pens each with five does and maintained on the 16-percent protein diet. Doe fawns born from the matings will be kept in the pens with their fathers for future breeding seasons to concentrate the spike antler gene if it does exist. Male offspring from these does then will be placed on the high-protein diet with the biologists closely monitoring their antler development.

In 1975, seven buck fawns were obtained from the six groups of deer that were bred to spike bucks. These seven bucks were placed on the high-protein diet. After developing their first set of antlers, four had forked antlers and three were spikes, even with good nutrition.

Tentative plans have been made to try just the opposite. If a spike or inferior gene can be concentrated, perhaps the gene for superior deer could be passed on. "Big Charlie," by far the superior buck in the study, will be separated from the herd and allowed to breed a group of does. His offspring will be studied in much the same manner as those of the spike bucks.

High & Low Nutrition Study

In another aspect of the Kerr Area work, a group of 16 two-year-old bucks has been isolated in individual pens. Half of the bucks are being fed rations of eight-percent protein, and bucks in pens directly across from them are being fed 16-percent rations. The antler development of the bucks on the high-protein ration obviously is better than those on the low protein.

In February 1976, some of the deer were switched from high to low-protein rations, some from low to high and the remainder kept on one of the two diets. In the fall of 1976 there were four distinct types of antler development as a result of the ration switch: (1) the worst antlers were on deer maintained by low-protein rations, (2) slightly better antlers were on bucks switched from high to low, (3) better antlers were found on deer switched from low to high-protein rations, and (4) the superior antlers were

developed by deer kept on high-protein diets.

So far, deer on higher protein diets have one to two more points on their racks, spread of two to three inches more and antlers nearly 50 percent heavier. One buck, a six-pointer as a yearling, has been maintained on a low protein diet since 1975 and in 1976 he produced only a four-point rack. Average body weights for the eight deer on the high-protein diet are 143

pounds compared to 117 pounds for deer on the low diet.

Aim For Carrying Capacity
Key to good deer management is keeping the size of the deer herd reduced to the carrying capacity of the land. In order to effect the necessary experimental control of the deer herd, the Kerr Area was enclosed by a deer-proof fence in 1969.

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Various Factors Affect Venison Flavor

Deer hunting provides many hours of outdoor recreation for Texas sportsmen each year. Besides providing recreation, deer harvested also yield a huge resource in terms of table fare-venison.

The potential yield runs in the neighborhood of 11 million pounds of boneless deer meat annually, points out Dr. Milo Shult, area wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Quality of venison is not determined solely by the culinary talents of the homemaker, Shult emphasizes.

"The entire process of handling the carcass from field to table can add or detract from the desirability of the final product. The hunter, plays an important role in determining whether a deer steak is tender and tasty or tough and bad-flavored," says Shult, who is headquartered in Uvalde.

In January of 1976, a group of specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service conducted a result demonstration emphasizing the effects of handling on deer meat quality.

Thirty-six deer were collected on a permit obtained from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. These deer were

treated in several ways with each group of six deer receiving the same treatment.

"Since the hunter cannot control all factors which affect deer meat quality—for example, age of the animal harvested and the like—the treatments were designed to look at only those things which the hunter can control," Shult said.

Variables considered in the result demonstration follow.

1. Sex—whether or not a difference exists between male and female animals with respect to meat quality.

2. Delayed skinning—the animals were not skinned for 12 to 16 hours after harvest.

3. Delayed field dressing—if an animal is not found right away, can delayed field dressing cause decreased quality in the meat? These animals were not field dressed for four to 11 hours after harvest.

4. Stress—will shot placement which causes immediate death provide higher quality venison than one in which the animal runs off before dying?

5. Aging—does aging a carcass in a locker for one week enhance the flavor?

Of the tests run on the carcasses, one of the most

interesting was the taste panel test.

A panel, consisting of five to eight people, was trained to evaluate meat quality, then given samples of venison from the various treatment groups.

"Only ham and back-strap muscles were used for testing and each sample was cooked to uniform internal tempera-

ture."

"At no time did panel members know what sample or samples they were evaluating. The panel rated each sample on the basis of flavor intensity, flavor desirability, juiciness, tenderness and overall satisfaction," Shult points out.

Based on the evaluations by the panel, the

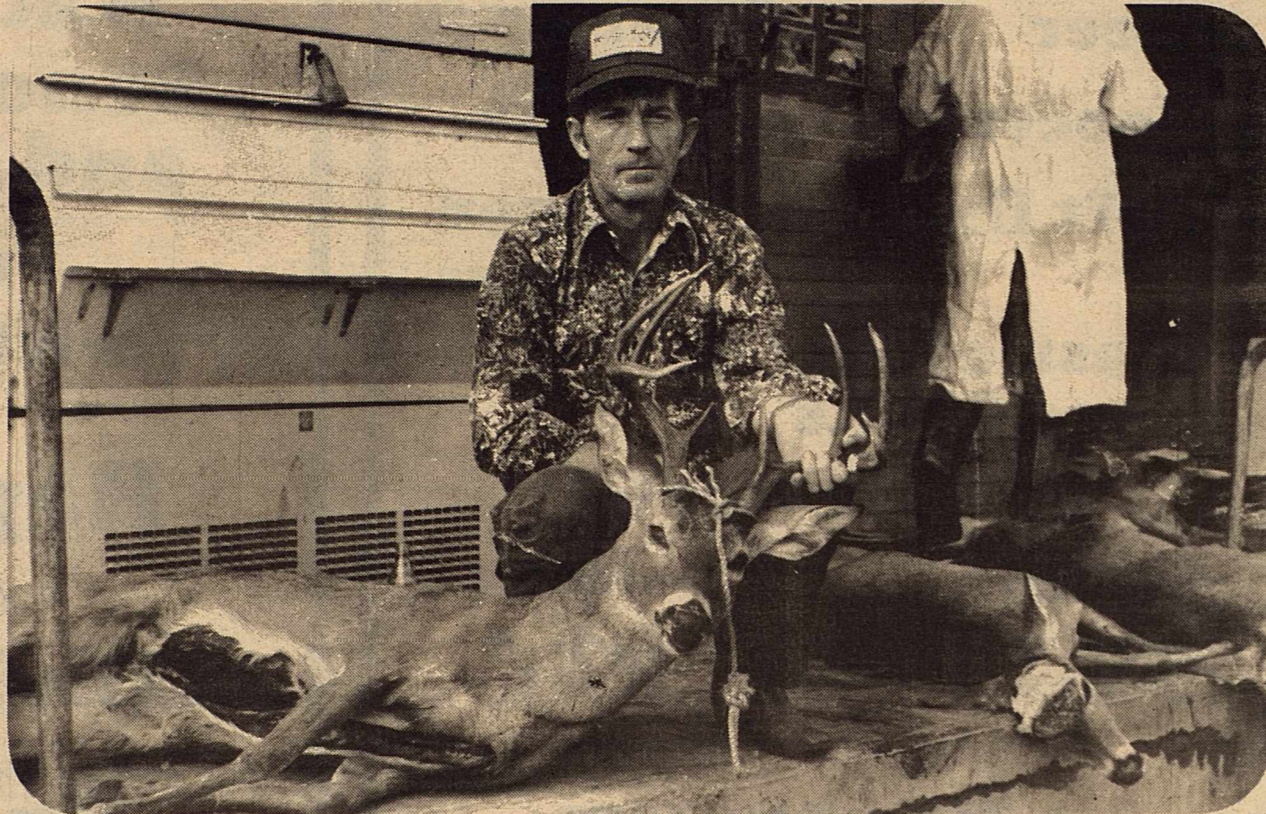
following general recommendations can be made for Texas conditions, says Shult.

1. Whenever a choice is available, select a female animal for less flavor intensity (gaminess). This does not mean that male animals provide undesirable meat but rather that most consumers may prefer the less intense flavor

of the female.

2. Whenever possible place the shot in the neck or head to insure a clean, rapid kill. This prevents post-shot stress and also reduces tissue damage considerably.

3. Field dress the animal as soon as possible. If contents of the



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Regulation For Area Counties

Crockett [I-10]: Regulatory.

Deer-Archery, Oct. 1-Oct. 31; regular, Nov. 18-Jan. 1; 3 deer, limit 2 bucks (archery, either sex, no antlerless permits required); regular buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit only).

Mule Deer-Archery, Oct. 1-Oct. 9; regular, Nov. 25-Dec. 3; 2 mule deer, 1 limit buck (archery, buck only; regular, buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit).

Javelina-Oct. 1-Jan. 1; 2 javelina.

Squirrel-No closed season; no bag limit.

Quail-Oct. 28-Jan. 28; 12 per day, 36 poss.

Turkey-Archery, Oct. 1-Oct. 31; regular, Nov. 18-Jan. 1; 2 gobblers or bearded hens.

Fish-Limit 100 hooks all devices, limit 2 trotlines 50

hooks each, except in the Pecos River there is no restriction on the number of hooks on any device.

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Record Keeping Can Improve Deer Herds

What can a landowner do to improve deer quality on his ranch? Where have all the big bucks gone? Why are all the deer smaller than they used to be?

These questions and others like them are frequently asked by deer hunters and landowners, says Dr. Milo Shult, Area Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"There are no simple answers and the changes seen in deer herd quality may be due to a variety of reasons. Whatever the reason(s), any management changes should be monitored to see if they are having the desired effects," he emphasizes.

"The hunter and landowner are partners in deer management and one important partnership element to determine the effects of management is a good set of records on animals harvested. Records kept on a year-to-year basis are valuable tools which the hunter can help provide," Shult says. "While records need not be elaborate, some items should be included to make the information useful. For example, all deer should be weighed. Usually weights are recorded on field dressed animals (internal organs removed)."

"In addition to weight, the general body condition (good, fair, poor) should be recorded based on some predetermined criteria," the Extension specialist suggests. "The antler characteristics of males are important to note."

"For example, the hunter might record the number of points on each beam, the circumference of the antlers at the base above the burr, and the inside spread at the widest

point of the main beam. A small steel tape is all that is necessary to accomplish this," he says.

Probably the most important information to record is the age of the deer.

"Without this, the other data tell very little about the input of management on a herd. We don't know if we have young animals doing well on good range or older animals doing 'fair to middlin' on poor to marginal range," Shult emphasizes.

Deer are aged on the basis of replacement and wear of the jaw teeth (not on the incisors of front teeth).

The local county Extension agent or an Extension wildlife specialist can assist the landowner or hunter in learning the

Venison with Almonds

2 cups cooked, cubed venison
1/2 cup crushed pineapple
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1-1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup pineapple juice
2 cups meat stock
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup slivered toasted almonds
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
Brown pineapple in the

margarine or butter for about 5 minutes. Mix cornstarch with pineapple juice. Add this mixture and meat stock to the browned pineapple.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Boil 2 minutes, then add meat, celery, almonds and salt. Allow to heat through and serve with rice or chow mein noodles.

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To prepare fried wild turkey breast, slice the breast meat as you would in carving a turkey, cutting the pieces no thicker than 1/2-inch.

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Deer Nutrition...

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areas of the state, these are the times when forbs are most abundant," he says.

If deer are doing poorly and preferred plants are overused or absent, steps should be taken to remedy the situation.

The most obvious are to reduce competition through an increased harvest of deer in the hunting season and to adjust livestock numbers.

"These are probably the best tools available to the deer manager," says the specialist who is located at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde.

Another method is to increase the available food supply. This is associated with planting food plots.

For example, oat patches are planted for deer and livestock to provide high quality forage in the cool winter months.

Plantings can be a problem, however, points out the specialist. Land preparation and seed necessary to establish the plantings cost money and

are not appropriate for all range sites.

The entire investment can be lost if adequate and timely rainfall does not occur.

Research in Texas and other states has shown that applications of commercial fertilizer on rangelands may increase both quantity and quality of forage.

Based on this research, two results demonstrations were established by county Extension agents in Llano and Gillespie counties, in cooperation with Extension wildlife and range specialists and private landowners to determine whether or not range fertilization could be used as a tool in deer management.

The Tennessee Valley Authority cooperated and provided the fertilizer used on the demonstrations.

Soils of the Gillespie County demonstration sites are of limestone derivative, somewhat typical of a large part of the Edwards Plateau.

The Llano County site soils are of granite origin typical of the Llano Basin.

Both areas have relatively high deer densities, explains Shult.

"Test plots were established using various combination nitrogen-phosphorous applications do increase production on those soils. The highest rate on the Llano County demonstration is 180 pounds of actual nitrogen and 90 pounds of actual phosphorous.

On the Gillespie County demonstration, the highest actual rate is 120-90-0.

These combinations seem to give greater diversity coupled with production than either element alone, Shult notes.

Livestock are attracted to these plots for grazing. Deer droppings indicate a heavy attraction for the plots also.

Unlike plantings, the plots provide some response whenever it rains, even if those rains occur after the fertilizer is applied.

"Deer managers may wish to use these results to experiment on their own rangelands. Small plots of

one or two acres in size scattered around a ranch can be evaluated on their ability to attract deer."

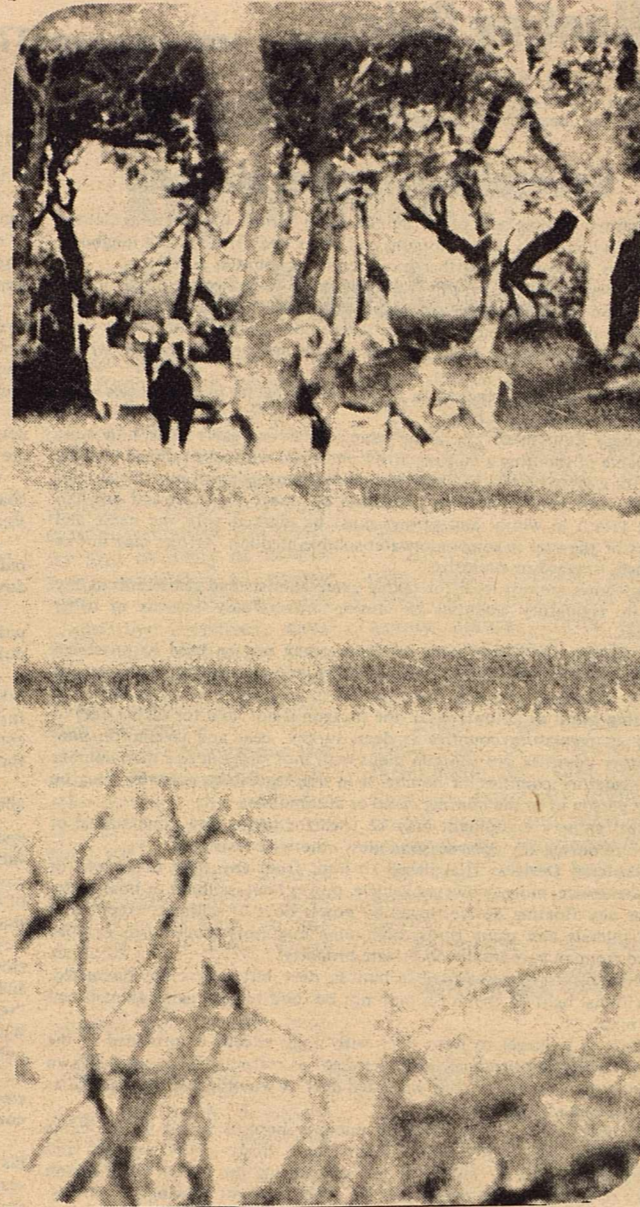
"While similar results to the Llano and Gillespie County demonstrations may be predicted on similar soils, other soil types may not be as productive," cautions the specialist.

The fertilizer food plot-attractant concept will not substitute for a well-rounded deer management program, says Shult.

It is but a single technique which will not show increased animal performance without the proper matching of animal numbers to habitat.

The plots will be ineffective for wildlife without some livestock deferment.

"Livestock grazing is an important tool to keep the fertilized areas from becoming covered with grass at the expense of forbs, however, continued grazing by livestock without deferment will not provide much in the way of food for deer," contends Shult.



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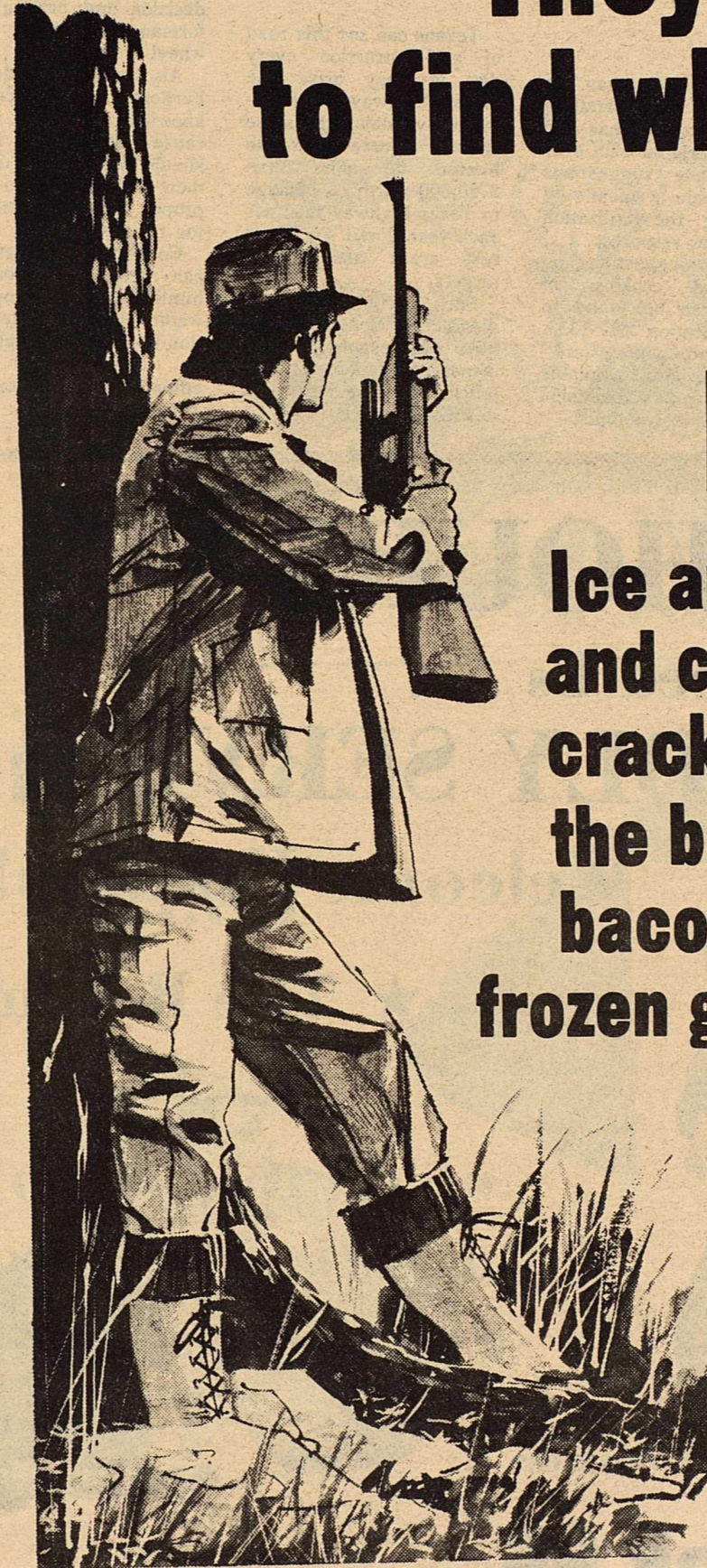
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Vandalism With Guns Threatens Everyone

"A principle factor in the minds of everybody, in the saving of hunting as a form of recreation, is the performance of the hunter," said John Gottschalk executive Vice-President of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, recently in a speech.

He stressed if some guy goes out and vandalizes a farmer or insults the intelligence of a citizen, we have helped sell ourselves down the road to oblivion.

Texans can see this road of self-destruction every day as they drive the State's highways. Currently, gun vandals, who some citizens equate with the hunters do more than \$750,000 worth of damage to Texas highway facilities each year. Road signs and rest areas are special targets.

Such actions are a disgrace to decent sportsmen and responsible gun owners. For it doesn't take much shooting skill to destroy a yield sign or flashing light with a firearm at close range.

And this wanton vandalism is borne by the taxpayer. Even the smallest highway sign costs about \$10 to replace, not counting labor. A 48-inch stop sign costs the State a minimum of \$65 to replace when labor and equipment costs are included.

But monetary cost is only one side of a more serious story. Vandalism can cost human lives.

The obliteration of signs and flashing lights can alter a person's decision and driving performance behind the wheel.

Also, living under a burdened conscience by knowing their acts might cause death or injury should cause all decent men and women to seek proper and more challenging targets.

Concerned sportsmen can help the sport of hunting and help stop this wanton theft and destruction by reporting such acts to their nearest law enforcement officer or office.

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intestine or paunch have been spilled the carcass should be rinsed with water. A publication, L-634 entitled "Field Dressing Big Game," is available from local county Extension offices and provides more information.

4. If weather permits, leaving the skin on the carcass will help conserve moisture. However, a little common sense dictates that carcasses should be skinned and covered with

a fly proof bag in hot weather if a cooler is not accessible. Also, a male in the rut may have a strong urine odor on the hind legs and probably should be skinned prior to storage.

5. If the family prefers a somewhat more intense flavor which is similar to aged beef, the carcass may be hung in a locker for about a week before final processing. Again, common sense dictates

storage in a clean locker which eliminates contamination of odors from poorly handled carcasses.

These recommendations are not the only way to handle carcasses, Shult emphasizes.

For the hunter who has a preferred method which differed somewhat from these recommendations but whose family is very satisfied with the venison brought home, change is unnecessary.

"If a hunter has no experience in handling deer carcasses or has had a bad experience with deer meat, these suggestions may provide a means of increasing the utilization of the deer resource.

Further suggestions on care and cooking of venison can be found in the publication MP-1333, "Big Game Cooking Care," which is also available from the county Extension office," Shult reminds.

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tagged and this tag must remain attached to the bird until arrival at its final destination. In counties where bearded turkeys (gobblers or bearded hens) are legal, the beard must remain on the turkey until reaching final destination.

General Hunting Regulations

Firearms: Taking of game animals and game birds in regulatory counties is limited to rifles, shotguns and other legal firearms and longbows and arrows. Firearms are further restricted in all counties as follows:
 It is illegal to use a jet gun or rocket gun or any firearm using rimfire ammunition in taking deer, antelope and elk. These methods are also prohibited in certain Panhandle counties for taking sound sheep.
 It is illegal to shoot migratory game birds and prairie chickens with a rifle.
 Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity in all counties when hunting migratory game birds.
Archery Equipment: In taking game animals and game birds, bow must be capable of shooting a hunting arrow equipped with a broadhead hunting point for a distance of 130 yards; broadhead hunting point must be at least seven-eighths inches (7/8") in width and not more than one and one-half inches (1 1/2") in width, and arrows must be marked with the name and address of the user in some non-water-soluble medium. Arrows may not be poisoned, drugged or explosive.
 Crossbows are not legal for taking game animals and game birds at any time in regulatory counties or during archery-only seasons in other counties.

In all counties firearms or crossbows may not be used or possessed while hunting deer or turkey with longbow and arrows during the special archery season, except a shotgun may be in possession on the person or in a hunting camp or automobile if the shotgun is not used for taking deer or turkey in regulatory counties or deer, turkey, bear and javelina in non-regulatory counties. No shotgun shells with shot larger in size than number 6 in regulatory counties, or number 4 in non-regulatory counties, may be on the person or in the hunting camp or automobile.

Legal archery equipment may be used for taking any game animal or game bird during any open season unless otherwise restricted.
Restricted Devices: It is illegal to hunt from any type of aircraft or airborne device, motor-powered vehicle, power boat, sailboat or boat under sail, or any floating device towed by power boat or sailboat, except that game animals and game birds other than migratory game birds may be hunted from an automobile on private property.
Deer calls may not be used in hunting deer, but antlers may be rattled.
Artificial light of any form may not be used to take game animals and game birds.
Dogs: It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs, except as provided in the county listing. In all other counties except as restricted no more than two dogs may be used for trailing wounded deer. A wounded deer is defined as a deer leaving a blood trail.
Falconry: Persons holding valid falconry permits issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department may hunt game birds, game animals and fur-bearing animals by means of falconry during the regular open season subject to bag limits and regulations for other forms of hunting.
Restricted Areas: Hunting is prohibited on any areas designated as a wildlife sanctuary, refuge, nesting or propagation area and in state or federal parks except as may be provided by special state or federal regulations.

Hunting is prohibited on any public road or road right-of-way.
 Hunting is prohibited on any lands of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

It is illegal to hunt or fish on privately owned lands without the consent of the owner or the owner's agent.
 It is illegal to shoot or take turkeys from a roost by any means in regulatory counties.

Game Animals and Game Birds: All of the following wild species listed are game animals or game birds and may be taken only during the seasons provided and as otherwise restricted in the following county listing.
Game Animals: Antelope, black bear, deer, desert bighorn sheep, elk, javelina (collared peccary) and squirrel (grey cat and fox or red squirrel) and in Armstrong, Briscoe, Donley, Floyd, Hall, Motley, Randall and Swisher Counties only, aoudad sheep and in Bexar County only, non-individually owned wild axis deer.
 In all counties except those with specified restrictions, a buck deer is a deer with a hardened antler protruding through the skin and all other deer are antlerless or doe deer.
Game Birds: All wild varieties of turkey, prairie chickens, pheasants, chachalacas, grouse, partridge, bobwhite quail, scaled quail, Gambel's quail, Mearns quail, hand-tailed pigeons, red-billed pigeons and shore birds.
Migratory Game Birds: All wild varieties of ducks, geese, brant, coot, rails, gallinules, plovers, snipe, woodcock, mourning doves, white-winged doves and sandhill cranes.

Note: Migratory game bird regulations are not available when this publication is prepared. A supplement containing this information will be published prior to the open seasons for these species.
Fur-bearing Animals: Badger, beaver, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, skunk (polecat) and wild civet are designated furbearers and are regulated when taken for their pelts. Regulations concerning open seasons and certain other county restrictions concerning furbearers are covered on page 4.

Other Species: Hawks, owls, eagles and other nongame migratory birds, alligators, horned toads, some turtles and tortoises, certain rare and endangered species and many other nongame species are protected by various state or federal laws. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, good conservation practices and to avoid possible prosecution for violating one of these laws, hunters should not shoot at or kill any species not listed in this publication as legal to take.
Open Seasons: Dates included in the county listing are opening and closing dates for the open seasons. The open season includes both dates and all days between. Unless otherwise specified the open season is the "regular" season and all legal means may be used in taking the species. Where the open season is specified as "archery," legal archery equipment only may be used. Elk, which are not included in the county listing, have no open season in the counties designated as non-regulatory, and have no closed season with a bag limit of one elk by special permit in all regulatory counties.
Bag and Possession Limits: Bag limits for antelope, aoudad sheep, black bear, deer, javelina and turkey are season limits, and where "archery" seasons are provided, the bag limit is both the "regular" and "archery" seasons combined.
 In all regulatory counties the statewide bag and possession limit is no more than 4 deer, no more than 2 mule deer (only one of which may be a mule deer buck) no more than 2 white-tailed bucks, and no more than 3

antlerless deer of all species combined.
 Bag limits for squirrel, chachalaca, pheasant, prairie chicken and quail are the maximum number that may be killed during the legal shooting hours in any one day whether picked up and kept or not. The possession limit is the maximum number that may be in any one person's possession at any time. On the first day of any open season the possession limit is the same as the daily bag limit.

A reasonable effort must be made to retrieve all wounded game animals or game birds and these animals or birds shall become a part of the legal bag limit. All animals or birds taken into possession must be kept in an edible condition. In all counties having open seasons for pheasant, heads and feet must remain attached to pheasant until reaching final destination. It is illegal to refuse a game warden permission to search your automobile, game bag or other receptacle.
 Legal shooting hours for all game animals and game birds, except migratory game birds, are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Migratory game bird shooting hours will be specified in the migratory game bird supplement to this publication.

Game Storage, Shipment and Sale: Game birds or animals may be stored indefinitely. Shipment may be made to one's home or to a taxidermist if an affidavit is attached showing that the game was legally taken. Taxidermists may sell deer antlers and unclaimed mounted heads or hides of antelope, deer and Rocky Mountain sheep only. All other sale of game birds or animals or parts thereof (except deer hides) is prohibited except as provided for licensed game breeders.

Fur Bearing Animals

Fur-bearing animals may be taken at any time for any purpose other than to obtain pelts for sale, except as noted below.
Open season for taking pelts for sale: mink, November 15 through January 15; muskrat, November 15 through March 15; and all other fur-bearing animals, December 1 through January 31. Possession of green or undried pelts, except muskrat, by licensed trappers after February 5 of each year and by licensed retail fur buyers after February 15 of each year is illegal. Green or undried pelts of muskrat may not be possessed by licensed trappers after March 20 of each year and by licensed retail fur buyers after March 30 of each year.
 In all regulatory counties it is unlawful to take river otters by firearms or shoot at or take any fur-bearing animals from a boat on public waters.
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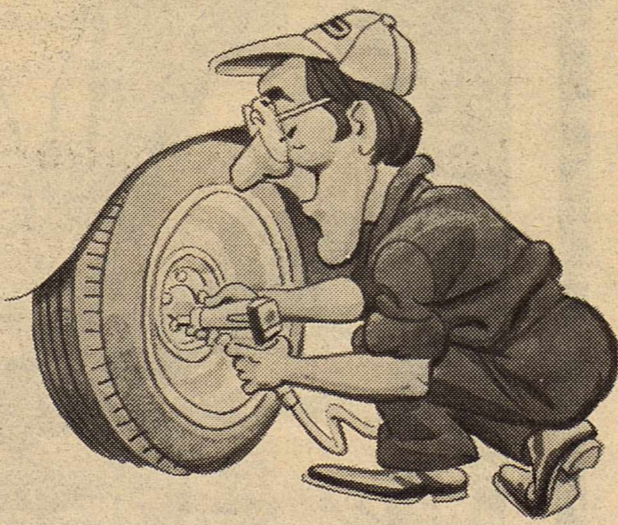
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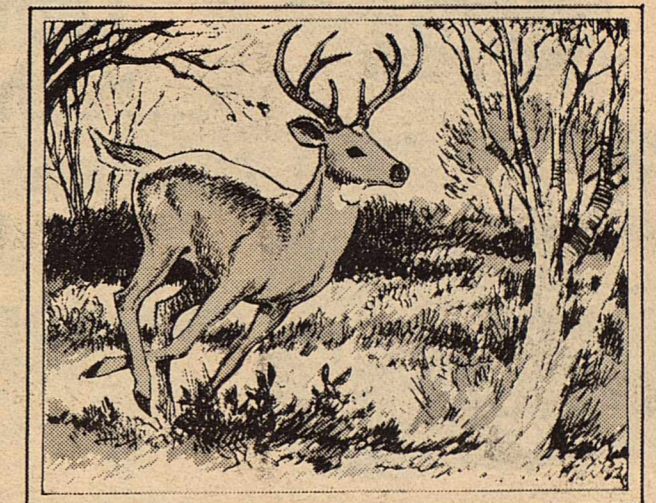
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Good Nutrition Key to Healthy Deer Population

High quality nutrition is important to the maintenance of healthy populations of white-tailed deer. Deer managers and wildlife enthusiasts—including hunters—should carefully monitor the quality and quantity of usable forage available to white-tails in accordance with population densities, says Dr. Milo Shult, Area Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"In order to monitor the value of vegetation available to deer, the manager should first ask 'what do they eat?'"

"Food habit studies throughout Texas show that deer do best on and depend on a wide variety of plants."

"No single plant can be singled out as the best. Therefore, looking for plant diversity is the first step," Shult emphasizes.

These studies also indicate that deer rely seasonally primarily on browse and forbs at mealtime.

"Browse is simply the twig tips, leaves, and seeds or a production of woody plants. Forbs are the broad-leaved plants frequently (although incorrectly) called weeds."

"These high quality forbs can be important throughout the year and they are especially important in spring and summer when body requirements are high for growing antlers and nursing fawns."

"Fortunately, in most

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never be used, however, without first notifying neighbors and the local game warden that the count is going to be conducted. Firearms shall not be carried in vehicles for spotlight counts," Shult warns.

These and other techniques can all be employed to estimate deer numbers. Assistance in establishing the appropriate technique for a given ranch can be obtained by contacting an Extension Service wildlife specialist through the local county Extension agent's office.

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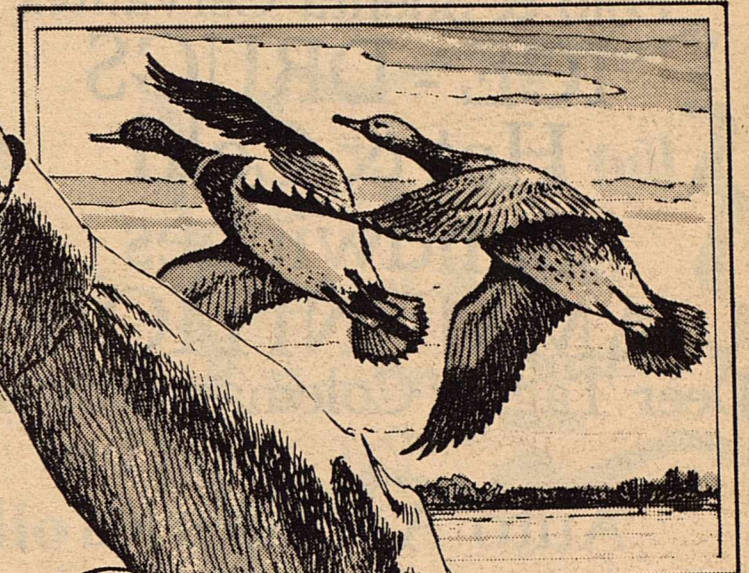
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It is unlawful to hunt or fish under the license of another, or allow another person to hunt or fish under your license or to possess more than one hunting license.

COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING: \$8.75. A single license which is valid for all Texas citizens required to have either/or both resident hunting and fishing licenses as listed at the beginning of the sections below marked "Licenses - Hunting" and "Licenses - Fishing."

DUPLICATE HUNTING, FISHING OR COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING: 50 cents, if original is lost or destroyed.

RESIDENT HUNTING: \$5.25. Required of all Texas citizens who hunt outside of the county of their residence or who hunt deer or turkey except that: persons under 17 or over 65 years of age persons hunting on land where they reside or certain disabled veterans, may hunt deer or turkey if a holder of the \$1.25 Resident Exempt Hunting license. A citizen is any person except an alien who has been a bona fide resident of Texas for more than six months immediately preceding application for a license. Members of the armed forces with proof of assignment on active duty at any federal installation within the state for a period of more than 30 days may purchase a resident license.

NON-RESIDENT SMALL GAME: \$3.75. Not valid for turkey or any game animals except squirrel.

ARCHERY STAMP: \$1.25. Required, in addition to a valid hunting license of all persons who hunt wild deer, bear, turkey and quail during any open archery season in which only long bows and arrows may be used. Must be signed on face of it by person using the stamp.

WHITE WINGED DOVE STAMP: \$3.00. Required of all persons who hunt white winged doves, in addition to a valid hunting license unless exempted.

NON-RESIDENT LIVE-DAY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING: \$10.25. Not valid for chachalaca, pheasant, prairie chicken, quail or turkey.

NON-RESIDENT SHOOTING RESORT HUNTING: \$5.00.

NON-RESIDENT RETRIEVER DOG TRAINING OR FIELD TRIAL: \$8.25. Required of non-residents using licensed "Retriever Dog Training or Field Trial Areas" where captive reared chukar, mallard duck or pheasant are killed.

RETRIEVER DOG TRAINING OR FIELD TRIAL AREA: \$25.00. Required of owner or manager of any area used for training or holding American Kennel Club licensed or sanctioned field trials with retriever dogs where captive reared chukar, mallard duck, or pheasant are killed.

PRIVATE BIRD SHOOTING AREA: \$25.00. Required of anyone operating a private bird shooting area of not more than 300 acres on which privately owned or pen-raised banded game birds are released for hunting.

SHOOTING PRESERVE: Less than 500 acres, \$10.00; 500 acres or over and less than 1,000 acres \$25.00; 1,000 acres or more, \$40.00. These licenses required of any owner or manager of a shooting preserve accommodating hunters for pay.

SHOOTING RESORT: \$25.00. required of owner or anyone who acts as manager of shooting resort as defined by law (600 to 2,000 acres on which pen-raised birds are released for hunting purposes).

GAME BREEDER: \$5.00. required of every person propagating or placing in captivity any game animal. Valid for one year from date of issue.

CLASS I COMMERCIAL GAME BIRD BREEDER: \$50.00. required of every person propagating game birds for the purpose of sale or to hold more than 12 game birds in captivity.

CLASS II COMMERCIAL GAME BIRD BREEDER: \$5.00. requirements same as for Class I except that no more than 1,000 birds may be held during a calendar year. No license required for persons possessing 12 or less game birds for personal use only.

IMPORTATION PERMIT: \$1.00. required for the importation of wild game birds and animals from the Republic of Mexico. Valid for a maximum of 30 days.

FALCONRY PERMITS: Original Apprentice Falconer's Permit, \$20.00. Original General Falconer's Permit, \$30.00. Original Master Falconer's Permit, \$40.00. The holder of a Falconer's Permit may take, possess or transport only the number of raptors allowed by Department regulation. An Apprentice Falconer must be at least 14 years of age and be sponsored by a General or Master Falconer. The holder of a General Falconer's Permit must be at least 18 years of age and have at least two years of hunting experience with raptors under an Apprentice Falconer's Permit or its equivalent. Holder of a Master Falconer's Permit must be at least 21 years of age and have five years of hunting experience under a General Falconer's Permit or its equivalent. A Falconer's Permit expires on June 30 of the second calendar year following the date of issuance. Renewal fee is \$10.00. Buying, bartering or selling of raptors is illegal. A valid hunting license is also required. Non-resident hunters who are entitled to a non-resident hunting license may hunt with legally held raptors for five consecutive days (\$5.00 fee).

RESIDENT TRAPPER'S LICENSE: \$5.00. required of those who take for the purpose of barter or sale, and those who sell or offer for trade the pelts of any fur-bearing animals of the state.

NON-RESIDENT TRAPPER'S LICENSE: \$200.00. Entitles non-residents to take for the purpose of barter or sale the pelts of any fur-bearing animal in Texas.

BEAVER-OTTER TRAPPING LICENSE: \$50.00. required for any resident of Texas to trap or take beaver or otter outside the county of his residence.

FUR-BEARING ANIMAL PROPAGATION PERMIT: \$10.00. required of any person who wishes to take alive any of the fur-bearers of the state for the purpose of sale.

RETAIL FUR-BUYER'S LICENSE: \$5.00. Entitles the holder to purchase pelts of fur-bearers from the trapper only and handling pelts for the purpose of shipment and sale.

WHOLESALE FUR-BUYER'S LICENSE: \$25.00. Entitles the holder to purchase pelts of fur-bearers from trappers, retail fur buyers and

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DUCK BLIND LICENSE: \$5.00. required for any person, firm or corporation to construct any blind or blinds to be rented to the public for the purpose of killing or taking waterfowl in the waters of Harrison and Marion Counties.

HUNTING BOAT LICENSE: \$25.00. required for individuals who own or navigate a powerboat or sailboat who receive on board for pay anyone engaged in hunting.

Permits and Tags

GENERAL: No person may take pronghorn antelope, antlerless deer or elk without first obtaining a permit from the landowner where such animal is killed. No special permit is required for deer harvested during any special archery only season except as noted in county listings.

In Webb County permits are also required for buck deer. In Armstrong, Biscoe, Donley, Floyd, Hall, Motley, Randall and Swisher Counties a permit is required while hunting aoudad sheep. In all other counties aoudad sheep are not game animals.

It is unlawful to attach the bonus antlerless deer tag on the hunting license to any deer except an antlerless deer, or to attach the buck mule deer tag on the hunting license to any deer except a buck mule deer. The other two deer tags on the hunting license may be used for any other legally taken deer.

All tags and permits, other than those contained as part of the regular hunting license, are issued to landowners by local officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

All tags and permits must be completely filled out and attached to animals immediately upon possession and remain attached until the carcass has been finally processed. Recommended procedure is to fasten tags and permits to antlers or forelegs with string or wire.

Any deer or portion of a deer shall be considered as legally tagged if all necessary tags and permits are properly completed and attached. If head and cape are sent to a taxidermist for mounting, a receipt must be obtained from the taxidermist and attached to the remainder of the deer. Any deer killed by one person but in the possession of another person must have all necessary tags and permits attached and signed by the person who killed the animal. Any portion of the deer given to another person must have attached a legible document signed by the person who killed the deer, stating his name, address, date of kill, hunting license number and name of county and ranch where the kill was made. The antlers from a buck deer or the antlerless permit attached to an antlerless deer shall remain attached to the carcass or parts of the carcass until it is finally processed at the residence of the person who is in possession or at a commercial processing facility.

TURKEY TAGS: It is unlawful for any person to kill and possess a turkey without attaching the turkey tag from their valid hunting license to the bird. No person may possess any turkey that has not been properly

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Ethics, Courtesy Important to Hunters

This particular column is directed at the legions of deer hunters who will take to the field this fall. It's about ethics, hunting ethics in particular, and common courtesy.

In recent times, the hunter has been the subject of mounting criticism, especially from wildlife protectionist groups.

Such groups have depicted hunters as a slovenly group, uncaring, cold-blooded and sadistic. Appealing as they do on a much distorted emotional level, these groups have gained considerable support among the general public and even among members of Congress.

But the war is just begun. The hunter is now on the defensive and is beginning to organize and answer his critics. The facts are convincingly on his side, yet his critics remain unmoved.

"Don't bother me with the facts," the opposition says as they continue their emotional barrage and gain additional support. The hunting public seems frustrated by it all. Facts may not be enough to stem the tide of mounting anti-hunting sentiment.

Something else is needed; which brings me to the subject at hand. I suggest a simpler approach: a grass-roots effort by each and every person who calls himself a hunter.

As a first step, each hunter must accept the fact that much of the criticism directed his way is pretty much of his own making. Hunting is not a right; it's a privilege and a privilege which carries with it a great deal of responsibility.

Consider the damage that is done to the image of hunting by the people in the following example. **Cleaning Up Our Act**

It was Saturday morning and John was reading the classified ads section of the local newspaper over a cup of coffee. Spotting an ad offering

a deer lease for the upcoming season, he immediately calls the landowner to get the details. Then he calls his hunting buddies and they decide to drive out and see the lease the following day.

On Sunday, John and his friends show up at the lease unannounced. The landowner is a little put out that they hadn't shown enough courtesy to call beforehand.

As a result, the hunters' first contact with the landowner is a negative one. However, the landowner consents to show them around even though he hasn't had time to clean up the hunting cabin or get the deer feeders in shape.

Despite all that, the hunters and the landowner reach an agreement and the hunters leave for home and make plans for the big hunt.

The landowner wasn't particularly impressed with the hunters and the hunters weren't particularly impressed with the landowner, but a place to hunt is a place to hunt.

On opening day of the season, the hunters return. They find the hunting cabin has been given a cursory cleaning and some of the feeders have corn in them.

But the landowner didn't really put out much effort since the hunters weren't too concerned and hadn't even offered to pay for the corn used in the feeders.

Besides, one of the hunters apparently had left a gate open when they visited before and some of his cows had gotten out. Why should he put out the extra effort? The hunters hadn't.

The hunters did manage to kill some deer, between poker games and drinking sessions. The deer were small, not many points, and two of those had been gut shot.

Those two deer were immediately taken to a

locker plant before field dressing. That didn't make the locker plant employes too happy either. What's more, the hunters seemed to expect to get back a 100 pounds of venison from that 65-pound, hog-dressed deer. Think how disappointed they were to get back only 40 pounds.

From the locker plant, the hunters go to a local cafe for a bite to eat. By this time they are a little "tanked up" and boisterous.

They pinch the waitress, carry on like immature schoolboys and at the end of their meal leave a 50 cent tip to a waitress that they have nearly reduced to tears.

Do you think that waitress is going to have a good opinion of hunters? And what about what she tells her friends?

Is it any wonder then that the hunter's image is tarnished? Look at all the people those hunters in this example turned off because of their inconsiderate and irresponsible actions.

Is that how we as hunters want to be thought of? I hope not. So, let's begin this fall to clean up our act with a little common courtesy.

Venison Spanish Rice

2 slices bacon, chopped
1/4 onion, chopped
1/2 pound ground venison
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1 16-ounce can stewed tomatoes
Steamed rice
Saute bacon, Add onion and venison. Brown lightly. Mix in seasonings. Add tomatoes and simmer 20 to 30 minutes or longer. Serve hot over steamed rice. Serves four.



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One question that always concerns both the hunter and landowner—how many deer should be harvested from a particular area to ensure healthy populations and continued harvestable surpluses?

The answer to this question can be partially determined by estimating the number of deer present on a given piece of rangeland. Such estimates can be arrived at through census techniques, explains Shult.

“Because of their wild characteristics and relatively wide dispersal, numbers of animals like deer are estimated by sampling.”

That is, deer are counted in a given area and the density figures are applied to all area land that has basically the same vegetative type and land use patterns.

Such estimates are subject to some error since all animals present cannot be counted.

Nevertheless, information gained from counting deer in the same way and at the same time of the year will show population trends through time which are suitable for management purposes,” Shult adds.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department conducts deer counts in all

areas of the state where the animals range. These figures are available for hunters and landowners to make management decisions, the specialist explains.

“Some individuals may wish to have specific records for land on which they hunt on or own.

If that is the case, these individuals can set up their own deer census program and keep their own records on which to base harvest decisions,” contends Shult.

“The most popular census methods involve counting deer on a predetermined strip of land. Based on the method to be used, one or more census lines are established which will give a representative sample of the deer habitat on a given ranch.

For example, if a ranch is one-fourth dense cover and the remaining three-fourths relatively open cover, the estimate should reflect both these habitat types,” Shult points out.

The Hahn walking line is perhaps the most widely used technique in Texas for estimating deer numbers. It is most accurate in areas of relatively high deer densities such as the Edwards Plateau, he adds.

The technique involves establishing a line as an east-west axis and marking the line (such as spray painting rocks) so that it can be used again and again.

The line should be 1 to 3 miles long with a two mile line being optimum. Two people can establish the line and determine how much acreage it covers.

At each 100 pace-mark on the line, one observer stays on the line and the other walks out at a right angle. When the walker

disappears from view in the brush, the line man signals him to stop and the distance walked gives the visibility at that point.

“The procedure is repeated on the other side of the line,” Shult explains.

When all the visible distances have been determined, an average width of the transect can be determined. When the length of the strip and average width are known, the area or acreage visible on the line can be easily calculated.

“The line is walked at least twice (and preferably more times) in September or October. The walker starts 30 minutes prior to sundown and walked from west to east (with the sun at his back).

All deer seen are recorded as bucks, does, fawns, or undetermined. Dividing the number of deer by the number of acres will give the density in acres per deer.

“The ration of bucks to does is equally important to determine the desirable sex ration in the harvest,” the wildlife specialist says.

Vehicles can be used to count deer along ranch roads in a manner somewhat similar to a walking line. The procedures are the same except visibility distances are estimated at one-tenth mile intervals.

An evening mobile count is good for composition date (i.e., buck: doe ratios and doe: fawn ratios), he adds.

Density figures can also be determined after dark with the use of a spotlight. Aircraft or high intensity lights are used with the count starting 45 minutes to one hour after sunset.

“This technique should

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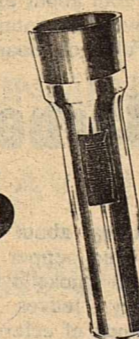


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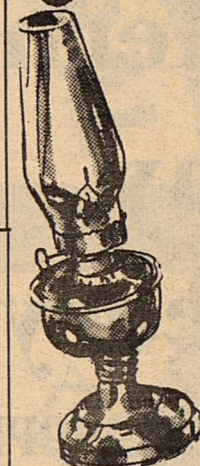
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Ground Cover For Bobwhites Can be Improved

Summer is a good time to improve cover for quail. A little work with an ax or chain saw and some fencing can begin to show dividends by fall.

As most quail hunters know, quail are found in areas with a good mixture of grass, weeds and woody vegetation, explains Charles W. Ramsey the wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

An old house site, for example, frequently has a right combination of cover and hence a covey of birds.

"Cover" is a term used in a general way to describe all kinds of vegetation, Ramsey adds.

Vegetation might be divided into three categories according to growth habits: 1, the overstory, principally trees; 2, the understory, mainly shrubs; and 3, plants that grow close to the ground, for the most part grasses and forbs or weeds.

To have good quail ranges, each of these vegetative types must grow in association with one another. This means that the plants are growing in a suitable pattern over the land.

The overstory of trees must be thin enough to allow an understory to grow and make ground cover of proper density," Ramsey says.

Proper density is not a fixed ration of overstory, to understory, to ground cover.

The Rolling Plains, East Texas and South Texas all provide good quail range, but have different vegetation.

"Proper density is determined by quail in that eight-inch ground level layer in which the bird lives.

They look at the range from a level of about four inches above the ground, walk most of the time rather than fly, and are not built to negotiate a jungle of grass or even wade a shallow bog," Ramsey emphasizes.

Quail throughout the year prefer to range where about half the ground is exposed and the other half has an upright growth of herbaceous and woody plants.

Cover of this type is found in idle fields, open woodlands, crop fields such as corn with weedy growth, some grass or brush land.

Ramsey points out that seeds which quail eat can generally be found where the soil is exposed.

"Cover for quail protection consists of small shrubby thickets of woody vegetation. A checker-board pattern of woody cover 50-to-150 feet apart allows full use of an area by quail," he adds.

Quality cover for bobwhites provides concealment from above, freedom of movement from underneath, and good visibility. It should be located on well-drained ground.

Coveys like to loaf, dust and move about freely under woody cover which protects them from above.

Such quality cover is frequently furnished by clumps of blackberry, wild rose, yaupon, cedar, plum, young pine, privet, sassafras, and sumac, says the specialist.

It is seldom provided by huisache, oaks, mesquite, haws, hackberry, elms and most other native shrubs that are grazed.

However, existing woody vegetation can be improved to provide suitable quail cover, Ramsey notes.

"A brush shelter can be constructed by half-cutting a tree about 12 feet tall and bending until the top rests on the ground."

"Additional brush and logs are then piled on the half-cut trunk until a thick covering is provided."

"Trees covered with grape vine or greenbriar can be half-cut so that it will continue to live and pushed over similar to the brush shelters."

"Purpose in half-cutting trees is to put the tops close to the ground, yet encourage continued growth. Stacks of completely cut brush deteriorate rapidly as weather and boring insects quickly reduce them to useless piles of sticks," says Ramsey.

Although live vegetation is more durable, artificial cover can be used in grassland devoid of suitable woody plants.

Shelters--built of poles, boards or heavy brush--should be constructed with the roof about eight inches above the ground.

Poles or boards in the

roof are spaces about two to three inches apart. Overall size of the structure should be about six to eight feet square.

"Plantings of woody vegetation may require several years to develop, since it is best to work with existing woody vegetation if possible," Ramsey emphasizes.

Fencing to exclude livestock may be appropriate to rejuvenate a thicket area which has been opened excessively by grazing.

Corners in fence lines can be fenced for quail relatively easily. More extensive fencing of gullies, shelter belts, and odd areas may be required if cover is severely limited due to clearing or heavy livestock grazing.

"Quail need islands of woody cover in large open pastures. These spots should be approximately one-quarter acre and protected from grazing.

Quail also have some specific nesting cover needs. Well-drained ground, with moderately open stands of tall grass and brush, is preferred by quail for nesting sites," the Extension specialist adds.

Quail seem to want a place where they can see what is going on near the nest, which is constructed on the ground. The nest is about six inches across, with one entrance constructed with dry grass.

For nesting, grass from the previous season six to eight inches high is needed. If pastures are mowed or grazed short, the birds will be unable to nest in that particular area.

"A general reduction in livestock numbers may be the most permanent solution to absence of nesting cover. However, excluding grazing by fencing small plots and key areas offers another alternative," Ramsey says.

Barbecued Turkey

1 turkey, about 8 pounds
Salt and pepper
Liquid smoke if desired
Celery leaves from 1 bunch of celery
2 coarsely chopped onions
1/4 to 3/4 cup salad oil
1 recipe barbecue sauce, below

Remove turkey neck if still attached, but leave skin. Rub cavity of bird with salt and brush with about 1-1/2 teaspoons liquid smoke.
Stuff with celery leaves and onion. Truss bird. Add 1 teaspoon liquid smoke to salad oil; brush on bird. Sprinkle well with salt and pepper.

Place on rack in roasting pan and roast at 325° F.

for about 3 1/2 hours or until tender.

Brush with oil mixture several times during cooking. Add remaining mixture of hot barbecue sauce 30 minutes before cooking is completed. Brush bird with sauce several times during last 30 minutes.

Barbecue Sauce

1 cup catsup
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 cup water
1/4 cup vinegar
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1 tablespoon sugar
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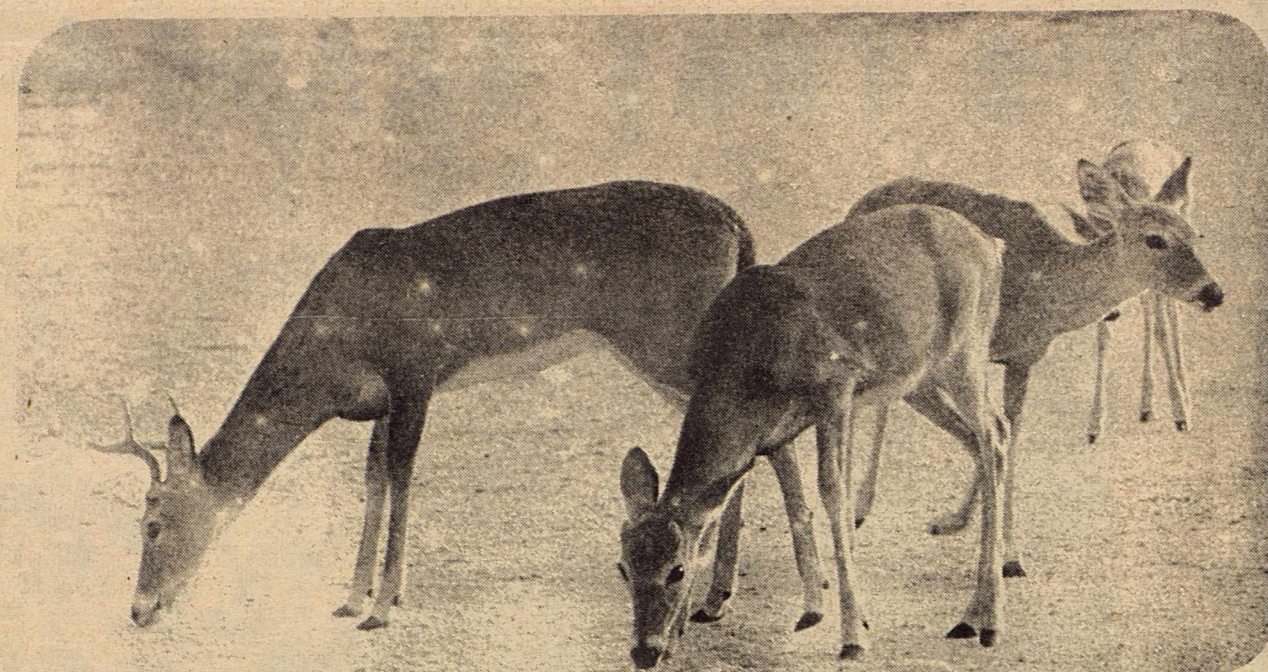
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Proper Field Dressing Gets Better Results

Deer season is here and hunters are ready! Part of the preparation involves learning how to care for the venison.

Successful deer hunters have learned that for the best quality of venison, the time that is shortened between the kill and the freezer becomes the critical factor, emphasizes Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

There are two basic ways of field dressing deer, and both require a sharp knife with a large handle so that it can be held firmly. The first method is usually recommended for game that is to be mounted later.

The second way is slightly quicker and is used for game that is not prior to the open seasons for these species.

The first method begins by placing the animal on its back and securing it by placing stones on either side. Remove the external sex organs first.

Then make a vertical cut from the pelvic bone to the middle of the breastbone. Turn the knife blade up to prevent cutting into any of the internal organs.

Hold the entrails outside the rib cage and cut the outside layer, the diaphragm, to expose the inner organs. Sever the esophagus and windpipe and pull them down.

Pull the entrails free to the pelvic region. Finally, cut the skin and muscles around the anus but use care not to cut the bladder. Then remove the intestines.

The second method requires two basic cuts. Begin the first cut at the belly and slightly to one side of the breastbone to make cutting easier. After completing the cut up to the neck, sever the esophagus and windpipe.

Pull the lungs and heart free of the diaphragm and then cut the diaphragm. While still holding the esophagus and windpipe, lift out the remainder of the viscera.

Make the second cut along the thin seam that holds the two pelvic bones together. The seam is pronounced on younger animals and can be cut easily with a sheath knife. Next set the animal in a spread-eagle position with one foot on each of the hind legs.

A pull on the tail should

then break open the pelvis so that the intestinal and reproductive tracts can be pulled from the body. Finally, cut the viscera free from around the anus.

If the head is to be mounted, hang the animal by its hind legs to allow the remaining blood to drain free of the body.

Otherwise, hang the animal by the head or antlers. Place a stick between the halves of the rib cage to speed the cooling of the carcass, suggests Langford. Skinning the animal is

easiest as soon as possible after the kill. After skinning, wrap the carcass with a solid cloth material rather than cheesecloth because flies can deposit eggs through the cheesecloth.

Keep the carcass clean and put it in cold storage as soon as possible to insure high meat quality, adds Langford. Additional information on field dressing big game is available at the county Extension office.

AMA Directs Safety Warning to Hunters

Some millions of American males along with more than a few females are taking to the woods this fall, firearms in hand, in search of live targets.

These are the hunters among us.

The American Medical Association has a note of caution for those who are planning a fall safari into the fields and woods in search of birds, small animals, deer and other game.

Before you pull the trigger, know what you're firing at.

The hunter who blazes away at everything that moves is a highly dangerous animal. His quarry might well be another hunter.

Each year several hundred hunters return from fall outings via hearse.

Thousands of others return with a load of bird shot or a rifle bullet to be dug out. Behind almost every hunting accident is one cause-carelessness.

Never cross over or through a fence or climb a tree with a loaded gun. It might fall and discharge. Unload first and reload after crossing. Don't shoot at a hard, flat surface. Glancing bullets can carry long distances.

Even a small bore rifle has considerable range. Know where your bullet will stop before pulling the trigger.

Keep guns away from children. Never leave a weapon unattended without unloading it. Store guns and ammunition beyond reach of youngsters, preferable under lock and key.

Always carry a gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle if you stumble. Be sure the

barrel is clear of mud, snow or other obstructions. A clogged barrel may burst. Keep the safety catch on until ready to shoot.

Leave your liquor bottle at camp, and wait until you're through the day's hunting and the guns are unloaded to take that first drink.

There is a special hazard for rabbit hunters. This is rabbit fever-tularemia. It is a serious illness. Many wild rabbits are infected.

One rule of thumb is-if the rabbit doesn't run briskly when he is flushed, leave him alone. The bunny who lopes slowly along, or stands and waits, likely is sick.

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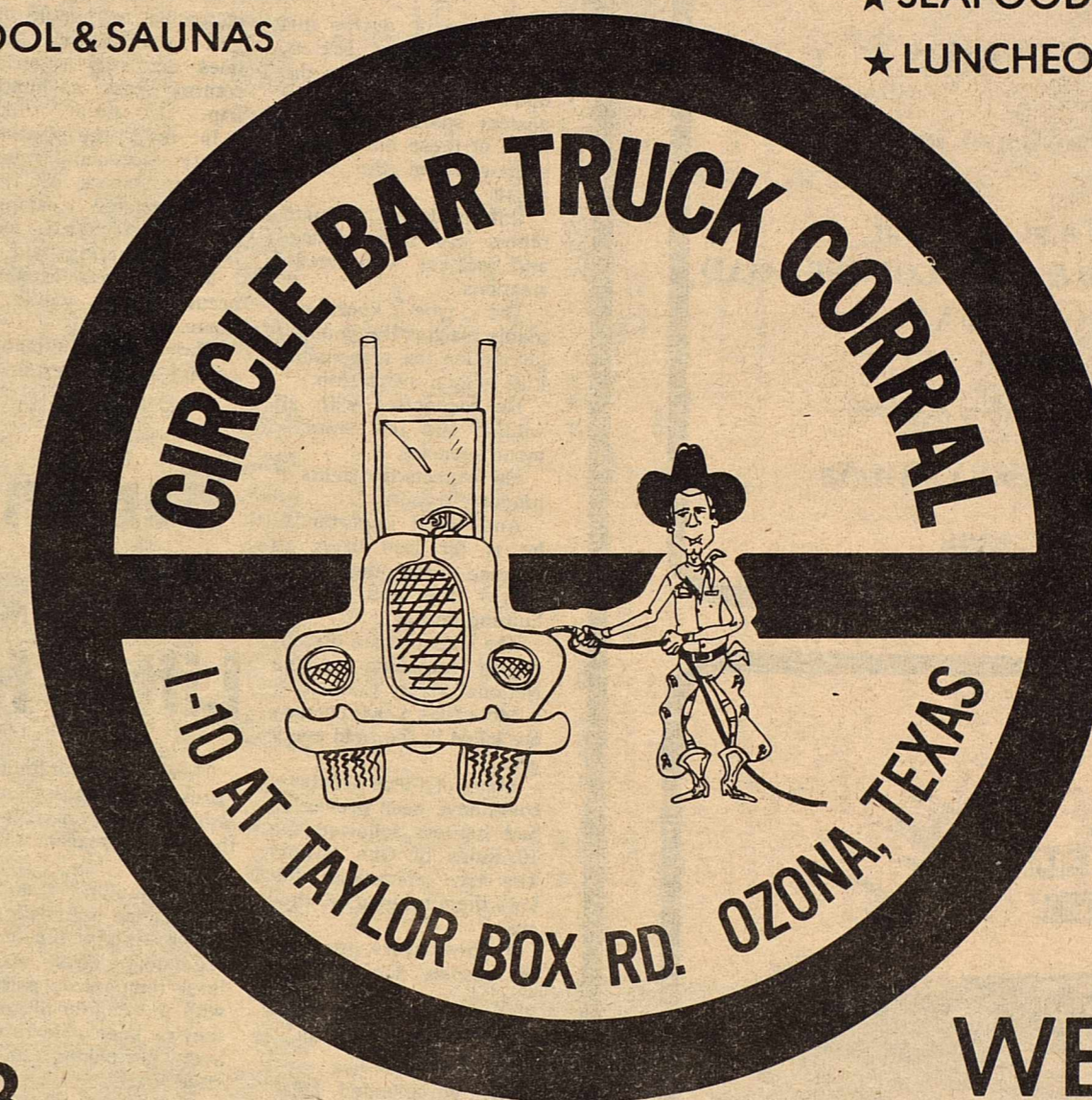
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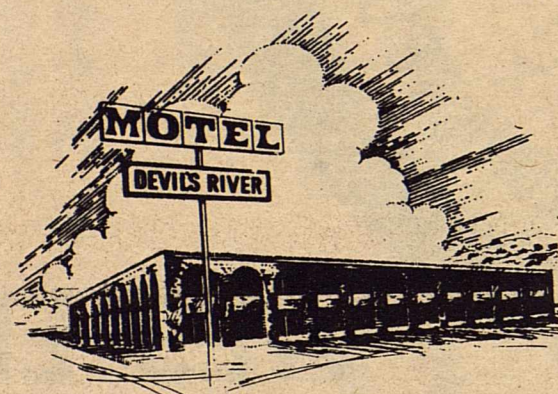
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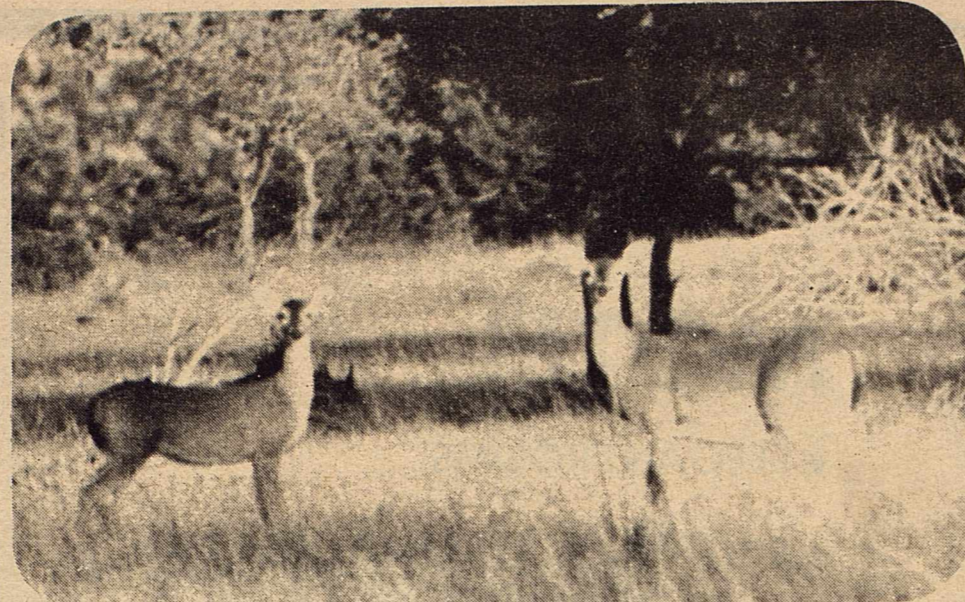
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10 Rules of Gun Safety

Once again, during this fall and winter season, Americans will take to the open country to enjoy the ancient sport of hunting. Most of these hunters are sportsmen in the truest sense.

Unfortunately, many others are inexperienced and reckless with deadly weapons.

The true sportsman gladly teaches the younger generation the responsibilities of gun ownership.

He cooperates with all wildlife and law enforcement agencies.

He respects the rights of property owners.

And, most importantly, he is far less likely to become just another statistic by the end of the hunting season.

The statistics are discouraging according to the National Safety Council.

More than 1,000 persons are killed in the field every year.

Many of these accidents could have been prevented had hunters followed the 10 Rules of Gun Safety. The true sportsman follows them religiously, they are:

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.
2. Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded. Unattended guns should always be unloaded.
3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Wear a safe color. The best color is daylight fluorescent orange.
8. Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or at the surface of water.
10. Avoid alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

The true sportsman also knows a hunter's

obligation to handle this gun safely at all times does not stop when he returns from a hunting trip.

In fact, the National Safety Council reports that an excess of 1,400 firearm-related fatalities occur every year away from the hunting field.

Most of these accidents occur in or about the home.

The true sportsman is careful to make certain his

gun is unloaded before bringing it into the house. He promptly cleans and locks the gun in a safe place.

He stores and locks ammunition in a separate place and is careful the keys are not where children can reach them.

The household of the true sportsman is safe because he has taught all members gun-handling procedures and respect for all firearms.

**Ban on Export of
Bobcat Pelts
Lifted for 1978-79**

There will be no limit on Texas bobcat pelts allowed into the export market for the 1978-79 season.

It wouldn't do to become too optimistic, but it appears that the federal regulatory boys are at least temporarily satisfied with the degree of control they've been able to exert over lawmaking at the state level.

As you may recall, Texas was for a time threatened with a bobcat pelt export ban during the 1977-78 season. We eventually managed to work out a 10,000 pelt quota, but it took an executive order from Gov. Dolph Briscoe enabling the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish a pelt tagging program.

The quota is no longer hanging over our heads and neither is a threatened ban, but the fact remains that our state government was coerced into passing management regulations that it most likely would not have passed otherwise.

The federal agency applying the pressure was the Endangered Species Scientific Authority, another of those mushrooming regulatory bureaus that the politicians keep promising to eliminate but persist in creating instead.

Most of the regulatory outfits look for something less than Ivory-pure about a product or a practice and then ban it, but ESSA does things the other way around. They have veto power over the international export of certain plant and animal products, and their ban is automatic unless it can be proven to them that such export should not be prohibited.

Never mind that "guilty until proven innocent" violates the most sacred and basic principles of American law and tradition. Those same basic principles prohibit the federal government from forcibly meddling in the internal legal affairs of the states, and we've just seen how the same agency treated Texas in that regards.

Possibly the most galling thing about it is that the proposed ban had a temporarily disastrous effect on the price of bobcat pelts, and for no justifiable end; ESSA acknowledges that its purpose was to force passage of state-level harvest control measures on the bobcat, a predator that is well known to be in absolutely no danger of extinction in the State of Texas or the United States as a whole.

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