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Scouting Edition February 28

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Compiled by Pat Brown

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The Devil's River News

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Wednesday, February 7, 1979 The Devil's River News Sonora Texas

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These four Sonora Junior High students will be among those competing in the junior poetry category of the 33rd Annual Sonora Speech Tournament Friday and Saturday. Pictured are (left to right)

Michael Penalver, Jeff Barton, Louise Ingham and Zee Wooten. Also competing but not pictured is Ronnie Wipff. Chris Cassell is the advisor for the group.

33rd Annual Speech Tourney Opens

Students representing 26 schools from all over West, Central and Southwest Texas will descend on Sonora this weekend as the 33rd Annual Sonora High School Speech Tournament kicks off Friday.

Under the direction of Chris Cassell, S.H.S. speech and drama teacher, local students will run the events.

Pat Street will be the Student Director for the tournament, and Lance Reynolds and Linda Smith will act as host and hostess for registration.

Kent Cagle is the Director of Debate, and Becky Boyd is Director of Individual Events.

Other students and their assignments are Louis Humphreys, Senior Division Debate; Peter Gomez, Junior Division Debate; Valerie Tedford, Poetry and Junior Poetry; Gary Vick, Prose and Bible Reading; Pam Powers, Duet and Dramatic Interpretation; Steve Alley, Informative and Persuasive Speaking; Judy York, Humorous Declamation and Original Oratory.

Also, Jamie Condra and Duray Smith, judging; Wayne McLaughlin and Paige Pollard, timekeepers and room assignments, and Tony Hooper, Hillary Hunt, Karen Crownover and Paula Friess, registration.

Although there will be no Sonora High School students entered in the competition due to what Cassell feels might be considered a conflict of interest, five Sonora Junior High students will participate in the junior poetry division.

They are Louise Ingham, Zee

Wooten, Michael Penalver, Jeff Barton and Ronnie Wipff.

The various categories for the meet include original oratory, dramatic interpretation, junior poetry, reading, persuasive speaking, duet acting, bible reading, poetry reading, humorous declamation, prose reading, informative speaking, debate and novice debate.

Friday's schedule includes a general assembly at 8:30 a.m. with preliminary rounds starting immediately afterward, a Lions Club Barbecue from 5:30-7 p.m. and the Student Council dance at the Sutton County 4-H Center from 8-11 p.m.

Finals of all events will be held all day Saturday, with the awards ceremonies slated for 6:30. A special presentation by the winners of the duet acting and humorous declamation will highlight the ceremonies.

For the first time, trophies will be given to both first and second place sweepstakes winners, and trophies will be awarded to both first and second in each individual event will the third place winner receiving a gold medal.

Cassell expressed his thanks for the many people who had lent their support to the tournament, saying that all the judging positions had been filled by the faculty without having to go into the community for judges, and that housing for all students had been taken care despite the conflict with the Fling Ding.

"This is really a unique event," Cassell said. "Most schools really look forward to the Sonora meet because the school makes it a fun time with the various entertainment for the students. The coaches do not have to judge events as they do at most meets, and housing is provided for those who need it so that extra expense is not needed."

Schools participating in the annual event are Buena Vista, Mason, Water Valley, Midland High, Crane, Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Kermit, Christoval, Sonora Junior High, Brownwood Junior High, Brownwood High, Knippa, Roscoe, Miles, Menard, Andrews, Rocksprings, Lakeview, Eldorado, Ozona, Del Rio, Junction, San Angelo Central, Big Spring and Odessa Permian.

The Sonora High School Mighty Bronco Band swept through the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest at Howard Payne University in Brownwood last Thursday to pick up a record 97 First Division Awards.

Of the 81 members of the Bronco Band who participated, 51 will advance to the State Solo and Ensemble competition in June.

Sixteen individuals qualified for state competition in two events, while Angela Green and Janet Hanna both qualified in three events.

The Woodwind Medium Ensemble composed of Pete Badillo, Carol Brandon, Angela Green, Janet Hanna, Kari Hill, Marcie Mittel, Mickey Mooney, Denise Neal, Cathy Poloczek, Yolanda Reyna, Sonya Ridgeway, Homer Samaniego, Scott Savell, Julie Stewart, Mercy Stratis, Gina Thompson, Marla Van Hoozer, Tammy Van Hoozer and Jennie Wilson qualified for state.

The Brass Medium Ensemble also qualified for the state competition.

Members of the group are John Blankenship, David Creek, Cody Gold, Mary Hanna, Brad Johnson,

Donna Kellogg, Marche Lane, Lance Love, David Martin, Anna Martinez, Armando Martinez, John Pollard, DeVoe Smith, Linda Smith, Marney Sorenson, Allen Stewart and Sandie Wright.

Others qualifying for state were Flute Quartet, Mickey Mooney, Denise Neal, Gina Thompson and Tammy Van Hoozer; Clarinet Quintet, Carol Brandon, Angela Green, Janet Hanna, Linda Hamilton and Kari Hill.

Also, Clarinet Quintet, Paula Friess, Angela Green, Cathy Poloczek, Yolanda Reyna and Julie Stewart; Brass Sextet, Brenda Carroll, Craig Cooper, Edward Earwood, Cody Gold, Rex Surber and Mark Van Hoozer.

Also, Brass Sextet, Brett Johnson, Marche Lane, David Martin, Armando Martinez, John Pollard and Linda Smith; Percussion Ensemble, Emily Elliott, Nora Galindo, Benny Granger, David Jennings, Philip Kemp and Cody Savell; and Clarinet Solo, Janet Hanna.

Other entries receiving a First Division were Percussion Solo, Joe Shannon; Flute Quartet, Angie Bautista, Laura Cayce, Clalene Stewart and Gina Thompson;

Clarinet Quartet, Kelly Cooper, Tammy Hulsey, Anna Mata and Annette Wilson; Cornet Trio, Mary Hanna, Debbie Kemp and DeVoe Smith; Baritone Trio, Bryan Hunt, Jackie Johnson and Chris Reynolds; Trombone Quartet, John Blankenship, Sam Dunn, Brad Johnson and Anna Martinez; Percussion Ensemble, Randy Mounce, Joe Shannon, Philip Kemp and David Wills.

Entries receiving a Second Division rating were Saxophone Quartet, Mary Gomez, Marcie Mittel, Scott Savell and Jennie Wilson; Saxophone Quartet, Patsy Duran, Eric Neal, Rick Powers and Tonya Ridgeway; Coronet Trio, Lance Love, Robert Noriega and Bernardo Solis; Coronet Trio, Andres Acosta, Alex Noriega, and Debra Zapata; and Brass Sextet, Sam Dunn, Steve Jennings, Bryan Hunt, Donna Kellogg, John Pollard and Marney Sorenson.

"It's a real credit to the kids that they did as well as they did and that not one got lower than a Second Division," Bronco band director Ed Martinez said.

"All that extra work they did really paid off."

Bronco Band Sweeps Solo and Ensemble Contest 51 Head to State Competition

Fling Ding Set For Saturday

Sonora's social event of the year, the annual Fling Ding, is set for Saturday night with guests from all across the nation expected to arrive sometime this week.

Mrs. Maxine Browne, who is annually in charge of turning the 28,000-square foot Sonora Wool and Mohair building into a ball room, has set the theme of this year's decorations as "Old Sonora".

For the second straight year, the Ted Weems, Jr. Orchestra will provide dance music for the approximately 2,000 members and guests expected to attend, and the Levee Sisters will provide the intermission entertainment.

The open bar will be held in a grading room adjoining the warehouse this year.

Organized in the late thirties with a membership of nine, the Fling Ding was disbanded in the early days of World War II.

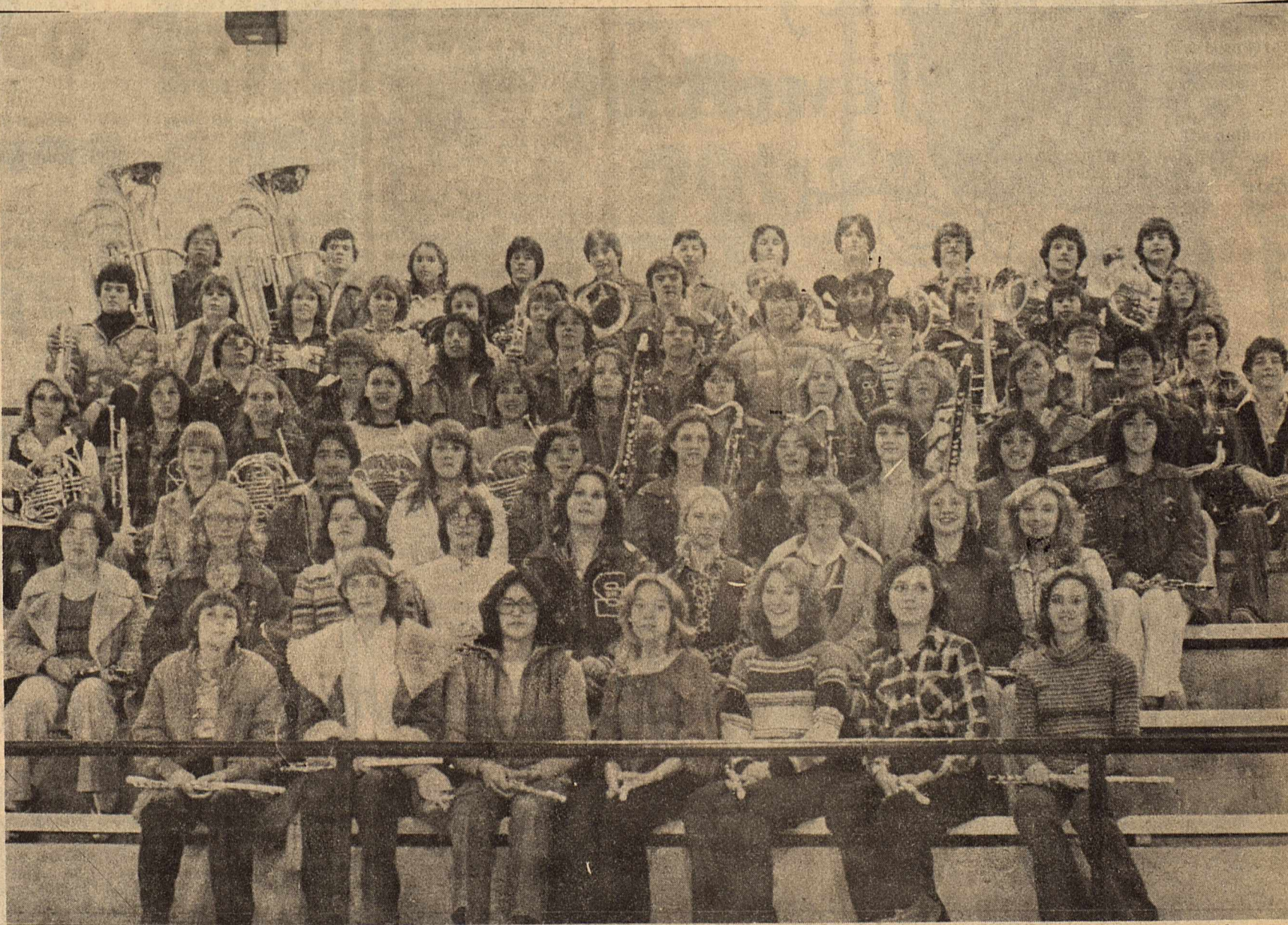
It was reinstated in 1954 with 55 members. The membership is now limited to 135.

Serving as officers of the club this year are Hershel Davenport, president; Ken Braden, vice-president; and Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, secretary.

Club directors this year include Glen Fisher, Bill Stewart, Tommy Thorp, Adam Morriss, Harold Schwiening, Jr., Mrs. Jimmy Condra, Sonny Anderson, Jack Sharp, Nolen Gibbs, Pat Buntyn, Herbert Fields, Albert Ward and Mrs. Lawrence Finklea.

Since 1954 only big-name bands have had the experience of playing at the Fling Ding.

These have included Blue Barron, Tex Beneke, Charlie Spivak, Jimmy Dorsey, Skinny Ennis, Russ Morgan, Jan Garber, Shep Fields, Ralph Marterie, Henry King, Johnny Long, Glenn Miller, Warren Covington, Les Elgart, Clyde McCoy, Bob Crosby, Claude Gordan, Paul Neighbors Orchestra, Gary Lee Archer Orchestra and the Mal Fitch Orchestra.



Members of the Sonora High School Mighty Bronco Band received 97 First Division awards at the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest in Brownwood last Thursday. Those winning First Divisions include Pete Badillo, Carol Brandon, Angela Green, Janet Hanna, Kari Hill, Marcie Mittel, Mickey Mooney, Denise Neal, Cathy Poloczek, Yolanda Reyna, Sonya Ridgeway, Homer Samaniego, Scott Savell, Julie Stewart, Mercy Stratis, Gina Thompson, Marla Van Hoozer, Tammy Van Hoozer, Jennie Wilson, John Blankenship, David Creek, Cody Gold, Mary Hanna, Brad Johnson, Brett Johnson, Donna Kellogg, Marche Lane,

Lance Love, David Martin, Anna Martinez, Armando Martinez, John Pollard, DeVoe Smith, Linda Smith, Marney Sorenson, Allen Stewart, Sandie Wright, Linda Hamilton, Paula Friess, Brenda Carroll, Craig Cooper, Edward Earwood, Rex Surber, Mark Van Hoozer, Emily Elliott, Nora Galindo, Benny Granger, David Jennings, Philip Kemp, Cody Savell, Joe Shannon, Angie Bautista, Laura Cayce, Clalene Stewart, Fran Friess, Hillary Hunt, Carla Lee, Kelly Ward, Kelly Cooper, Tammy Hulsey, Anna Mata, Annette Wilson, Bryan Hunt, Jackie Johnson, Chris Reynolds, Sam Dunn, Randy Mounce and David Wills.

SS Representative

Garland Gregg, representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, February 22nd between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits,

get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo. Residents of Sonora may call toll free by dialing "Operator" and asking for

"Enterprise 2058".

Women who were married at least 10 years before their divorce may be eligible for divorced wife's benefits from their divorced husband's social security record beginning January, 1979.

Garden Club Sees Slides

Members of the Garden Club met February 1 at the HNG Building. Jane Black of Ozona showed those attending slides of her award winning flowers of West Texas.

The valentine theme was carried out in the party rooms.

Hostesses for the evening were Ebbie Sutton and Mary Ann Shurley, presented members with spider plants.

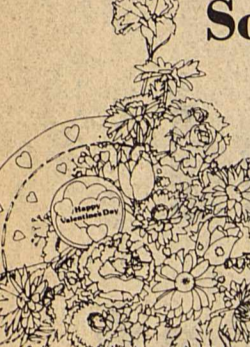


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These pledges of Kappa Gamma Chapter of E.S.A. Sorority were inducted as new members of the organization in rites Monday night. Pictured are (left to right) Diane Snider, Susie Ramirez, Karla Morriss, Debbie Morris, Ruthie Bounds and Paula Doran. Not pictured are Cheryl Kauffman, Marlene Evans, Pam Davenport and Cindy Cavaness. Jo Ann Wilkinsou was named outstanding first year member, and Nelda Mayfield was chosen outstanding club member of the year.

4-H Club Schedules Meeting

The February meeting of the 4-H Club will be Monday, Feb. 12 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Center. All parents leaders, and 4-H members are urged to attend.

During the summer from early June through August there will be opportunities for summer employment at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. From early June until Mid-August, two young

people will be needed to work as lifeguards. Each person must be certified, and experience is preferred. In addition, one person will be needed in a clerical assistant role.

This person will also help with registration and fulfill room clerk duties. The clerical assistant will be needed from early June through early August.

In July, 4 counselors will be needed to work

with the summer camping program. These 4 people need to be available for work from July 12 through August 3.

Any 4-H member or former 4-H member that has completed at least one year of college is eligible to be considered for these positions. For further information, contact the County Extension Agents office at 387-3604 or 387-3101 by Thursday, February 15.

Old Shop Moves To New Building

Linda Hunt's Old Shop has moved to its new location. The shop is now located

behind the Hunt residence and is open Monday thru Friday and Saturday by appointment.

Happy Birthday

Thursday, February 8
Leo B. Merrill
Mrs. Kenneth Stokes
Boy Scouts (founded 1910)
Laura Preston
Julie Elayne Jackson
Friday, February 9
Mrs. Jim Cauthorn
C.W. Taylor
Suzanne Morrison
Gregory Jungk
Pat Castro
Joyce Jimenez
Saturday, February 10
Robert Jodie Minnick II
W.J. Thompson
Billy Galbreath
Paula Gillet
Donald Thompson
Pauline Skains

Sunday, February 11
Homer Samaniego
Mrs. Bob Nevill
Heather Nevill
Monday, February 12
Bruce Baldwin
Sheila Marie Adams
Richard Sanchez
Viola Gonzales
Tuesday, February 13
Perry Mittel
Santana Noriega
Wednesday, February 14
Johnny Hill
Wayne McLaughlin
Louis Humphreys
Mrs. Frank Gallegos
Mrs. Pete Thompson
Jess David Esquivel

Bronco Bits

By Annabelle Gonzales
Congratulations to the Mighty Bronco Band. The band had a fine performance at the solo and ensemble contest held in Brady last Thursday.

A total of twenty events were entered and, out of the 20, 15 were awarded a first division and five were awarded a second division. Fifty-one students qualified for state. Out of the 51, 16 students will go in two events, and two students will go in three events.

The Annual Sonora Speech Meet will be held this Friday and Saturday. Any Students who are willing to help out with the meet should contact Mr. Chris Cassell.

Speech meet events will be going on all day Friday, and finals will be judged on Saturday. A total of only three basketball games were played this week. The games took place in Rankin last Tuesday night. The Broncos came back with two out of three victories.

The J.V., still going strong, came through with another victory as they easily defeated the Rankin Red Devils, 36-14.

The varsity girls' game was another story. The girls came from behind to take the lead at halftime and held it until the fourth quarter.

The Red Devils fought back to pull ahead in the final minutes, 51-44.

The varsity boys also defeated Rankin, 29-24, in a low scoring ball game for both teams. The Broncos were behind at halftime, 7-5.

Both J.V. and varsity boys traveled to Kermit Friday to play against the Yellowjackets.

All four teams will be traveling to Crane this Thursday to play another district ball game. The games will be starting at 4 p.m.

Though for the Week: "Self-discipline is the main factor in building character."

Proclamation

WHEREAS, heart attack, stroke and other forms of cardiovascular disease will kill more than 980,000 Americans this year, and

WHEREAS, this total exceeds all other causes of death combined, and

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

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases will cost the nation over \$35 billion this year in lost output due to disability and medical expense, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE I, Loyle Morgan, Mayor, proclaim the month of February as Heart Month in Sonora, and urge all citizens to support the American Heart Association in our country's number one killer.

New Arrival

A son, Everett Duane, Jr., was born February 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ogburn in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Welcoming the new baby are two sisters, Cindy, 7, and Christy, 6.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Gibson of Uvalde and Mr. and Mrs. Everett D. Ogburn of Dixon, Illinois.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Hazel Fry of Uvalde and Everett Ogburn of Davenport, Iowa.

Women's Softball Assn.

To Hold Bake Sale

The Women's Softball Association will have a bake sale Saturday, February 10. The sale will be held at 10 a.m. at Food

Center and on the corner in front of the City Hall.

All proceeds will go for lighting the softball fields.

Flair Lane Makes Honor Roll at Tech.

More than 4,000 students at Texas Tech University qualified for the dean's honor rolls in the six colleges during the fall semester.

Among them was Flaire Lane from Sonora.

To qualify for a dean's honor roll a student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or more on a 4.0 scale and must have

taken as many as 12 semester hours of work.

Texas Tech University has an enrollment of more than 22,000 students in six colleges: Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Home Economics. There are also a Graduate School and a School of Law.

Local 4-H'ers Judge At Livestock Show

The Sutton County 4-H Horse Team judged at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show on Thursday, February 1. Marshall Doran, team member, placed ninth over-all in the Performance Reasons portion of

the show. Additional team members included: Pam Merrill, Steve Hawkins, and Ricky Day. Serving as coaches for the group and chaperones to Ft. Worth were David and Maggie Walsh.

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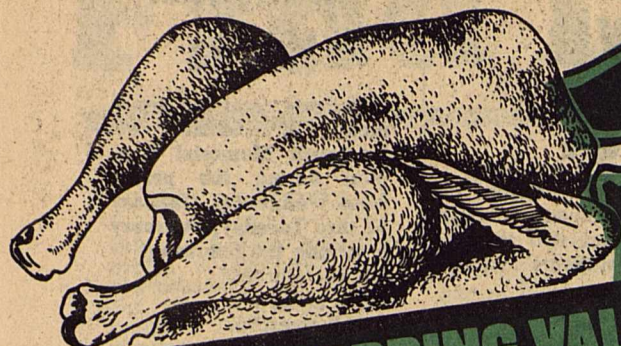


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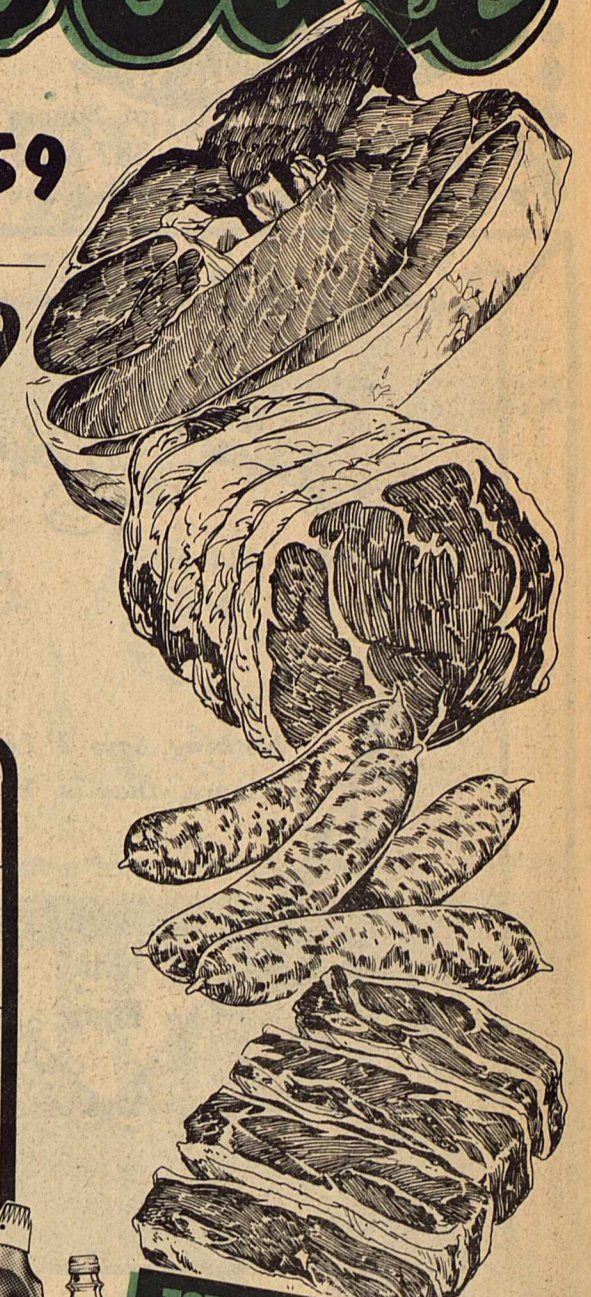
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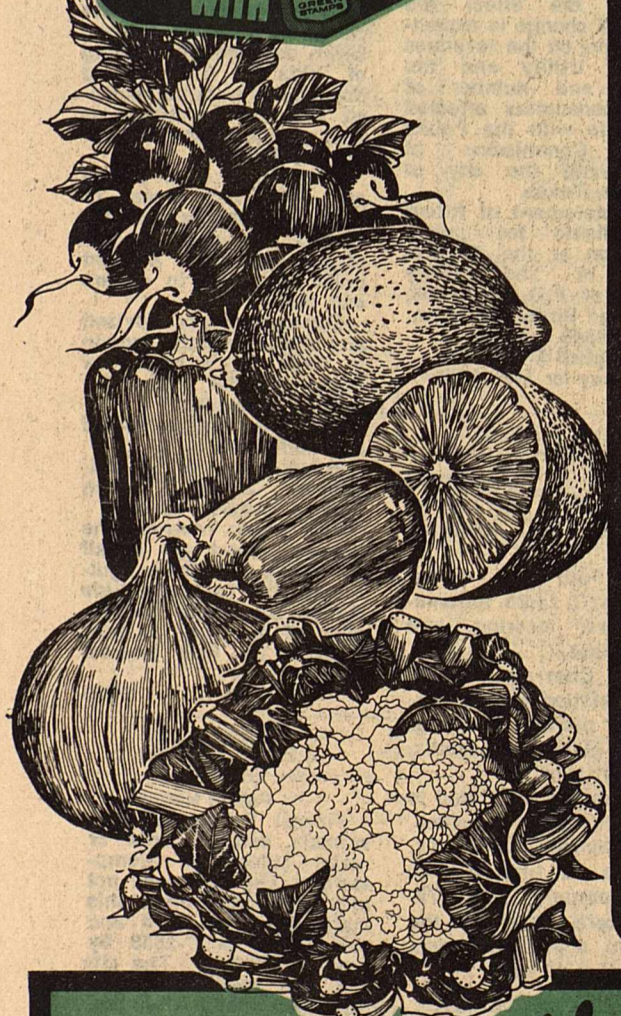
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Rodeo Association. Entertainment scheduled for the different performances will be Jim Ed Brown and Helen Cornelius, March 8 at 8 p.m.; Don Gibson and Johnny Carver, March 9, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Jack Green and Jeannie Seely, March 10, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Jack Clower, March 11, 2 p.m.

All seats for the rodeo will be reserved except for the March 9 matinee performance. Reserved ticket prices are \$4.50, \$4 and \$3.50 Friday matinee tickets will be \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 for adults.

Tickets will go on sale in the San Angelo Convention Center lobby box office February 19.

In addition to the stars performing in the rodeo, the Budweiser Clydesdales will be on exhibit every day of the stock show and will be in the downtown

parade. Other planned activities include the following: horse show, March 7-8; parade, March 9; commercial exhibits, March 7-11; and carnival, March 7-11.

Susan McBee Named Chairwoman

State Rep. Susan McBee (D) of Del Rio has been named chairwoman of the Elections Committee, vice chairwoman of the Calendars Committee, and as a member of the Agricultural and Livestock Committee by Speaker of the House Bill Clayton. Clayton said Rep. McBee would serve in these capacities during the next two years of the 66th Legislature.

SHS Students Place In Mason Speech Meet

By Don Jones
Eleven Sonora High School students traveled to Mason last Saturday to participate in Mason's annual speech and literary meet.

By the end of the tournament, Sonora High School had made an excellent showing by tying for second place sweepstakes awards with Wall High School. Mason High School took first place sweepstakes.

The S.H.S. students won first place honors in the final rounds of the tournament. They were Kent Cagle, first place in persuasive speaking; Valerie Tedford, first place in poetry; and Chase

Snodgrass, first place in sciences.

According to Mr. Chris Cassell, Speech and Drama director at S.H.S., "The purpose of Sonora participation in the Mason tournament was to sharpen the skills of our students in preparation for the upcoming district meet on March 31. The performance of our students is a very positive sign and something of which we may all be proud."

Our congratulations go to the students who represented S.H.S. so well in the Mason tournament and we are all looking forward to the upcoming district tournament.

Becky Boyd Takes First

Becky Boyd, local D.E. student, won first place in the Distributive Clubs of America Youth Conference held at Angelo State University this past weekend.

Miss Boyd was competing in food marketing. She will go the state competition March 15, 16,

17 and 18 at the Fort Worth Convention Center where over two thousand Texas students will be competing.

Miss Boyd is in her second year in the local D.E. Club where she serves as vice president. She is employed by Modern Way Grocery.

Hospital Notes

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Wednesday, January 31 thru Tuesday, February 6 include the following:

- Pauline Burnes*
- Reba Hudson*
- Lee Fawcett*
- Mildred Royce*
- Myre Alley*
- Ernestina Vasquez*
- Mattie Thornton
- Lupe Silvas*
- Dorothy Cusenbary
- Loraine Creek*
- Luis Vasquez*
- Betty Arnett*
- Charles Dee Ryan*
- Sylvia Hernandez*
- Gloria Leyva*
- Maggie Olivarras*
- LaDonna King*
- Karen Ogburn*
- John Harrison*
- Wilma Friend
- Ida Mae Kerbow
- Jo Nell Stokes
- Thomas Galan
- Dora Cruz
- Gertrude Murr
- Patrick McGeehee*

*Patients dismissed during the same period.

ICA Plans Barbecue

The Independent Cattleman's Association had their monthly meeting Thursday at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Plans for a barbecue March 24 at the Sutton County 4-H Center were

discussed. Ace Reid, nationally known cartoonist of "Cow Pokes", will be the featured speaker. Roy Wheeler, I.C.A. president, will also speak.

Tickets for the event are \$3 and may be purchased from any member. They will go on sale March 1.

Door prizes will also be given away. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1 for cuts of beef, goat or turkeys.

New local I.C.A. officers for 1979 are Cleve T. Jones III, chairman; Ruth Espy, vice-chairman; Joan Gardner, secretary; and George Wallace, treasurer.

Savings Bond Dec. Sales

December sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Sutton and Schleicher Counties have been reported by County Bond Chairman George H. "Jack" Neill and Leslie L. Baker.

Sales for the 12th-month period in Sutton County totaled \$1,361 for 87 percent of the 1978 sales goal of \$25,000.

In Schleicher County, sales totaled \$855 for 67 percent of the \$25,000 goal.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$23,849,667, while sales for the first 12 months of 1978 totaled \$304,168,293 with 99 percent of the \$306.6 million yearly sales goal achieved.

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Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the Utility and the classes and number of utility consumers affected is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and the city of Junction, Texas.

The statement of intent is available for public inspection at the General Office of The Utility located at P.O. Box 305, 702 Pecan Street, Junction, Texas 76849.

Campbell McMinnis Attorney for The Utility 4C22

Legal Notice

Sonora Independent School District will receive bids on the following vehicles:

1974 Ford LTD, 4-door sedan, A/C, radio, automatic, power steering, and tinted glass.

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Bids should be mailed to Superintendent's office, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Tx. Deadline for bids is 1:00 p.m. February 12, 1979. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals will be received in:

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Until the 23rd day of Feb., 1979 at 3:00 p.m. local time. Proposals shall be opened immediately and read aloud, for furnishing all labor and materials for:

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Center, San Angelo, Texas, and the office of the County Clerk in Sutton County Court House, Sonora, Texas. Other plans will be on file throughout the State of Texas, in the various plan rooms.

Copies of plans, specifications and proposal blanks, together with any further information desired may be secured from the office of the Architect, upon deposit of a check for \$100.00. Checks shall be made out to J.C. McDermitt, Architect.

Copies will be forwarded to prospective bidders upon receipt of deposit, shipping charges, collect, via Bus or United Parcel Service.

Deposit will be refunded upon return of bidding documents in good condition and with charges prepaid within ten days after date contracts are awarded for contractors submitting bids. Those who do not submit bids forfeit their deposit unless documents are returned seven days before opening of bids. All bidding documents must be returned in good condition, as they remain the property of the architect.

Accompany each proposal with Bid Bond or Certified Checks in the sum of 10% of the amount of the proposal. Amount must be stated in dollars and cents.

Contractors are advised any proposals must remain in force for a period of thirty calendar days after opening proposals.

Proposals shall be sealed and addressed to: Honorable J.W. Elliott, County Judge, Sutton County, Sonora, Texas.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept bids that embrace such combination of proposals as may promote the best interest of the Owner. 2C23

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Sendia Mason Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist Church for Mrs. Sendia Mason. The Rev. Clifton Hancock officiated. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery.

Mrs. Mason died at Hudspeth Hospital February 4. She was born January 5,

1897 in Johnson City and moved to Sonora in 1938. She married John Reese in Midland in 1921. He died in 1963. In 1972 she was married to Bill Mason in Big Springs. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one sister, Mrs. Della Lakey of Sonora;

one niece Mrs. Mae Harris of Big Lake; and a number of other nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Scottie Harris, George Thorp, Jr. and Jimmy Harris, all of Sonora; Kenneth Havens and Richard Havens of Uvalde, and Scott Murry of San Angelo.

Wayne Hill Joins Air Force

Floyd Wayne Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cavaness of Sonora, Texas recently enlisted in the United States Air Force in San Angelo, Texas. He departed Jan. 24, 1979,

enroute to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex., where he will attend a six week Basic Military Training Course.

Airman Hill selected the Electronics area for job

training according to Sergeant Mike Allums, the air force Recruiter in San Angelo, Texas.

Airman Hill attended Sonora High School.

Pat Brown Honored By DHT

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT) honored Pat G. Brown with a 25 year Certificate of Service and lapel emblem at a Safety Meeting held recently at the Sonora Maintenance Office.

Pat went to work for the DHT in 1953 as a common laborer. He advanced steadily through various jobs until he attained his present title of Maintenance Technician II. His Supervisors have frequent-

ly made the remarks that he is known as a good leader, truck driver, signman and as a very efficient and capable employee.

Soon after he went to work for the DHT he received his Certificate to be an instructor for first aid and has conducted many classes for the DHT. He received a 5 year Safe Driving and a 2 year No-Injury award in 1978.

Pat and Mrs. Brown (Santos) have 8 children and 10 grandchildren.

They belong to the Baptist Church. Pat is also an active member of the Texas Public Employees Association. When Pat has time from work he loves to go hunting and fishing.

Assistant District Engineer W.P. Harrington of San Angelo made the presentation, thanked him for his long service with the Department and "hoped that his continued service would be pleasant and productive."

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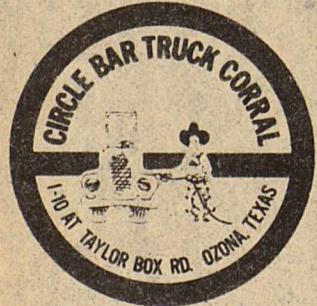
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A special thanks to Dr. Browne, Rev. John Fritts and the hospital staff. The family of Dayton Cain Maggie, Scott, Gragg and family Mrs. E.B. Cain Gloria Broomfield & family

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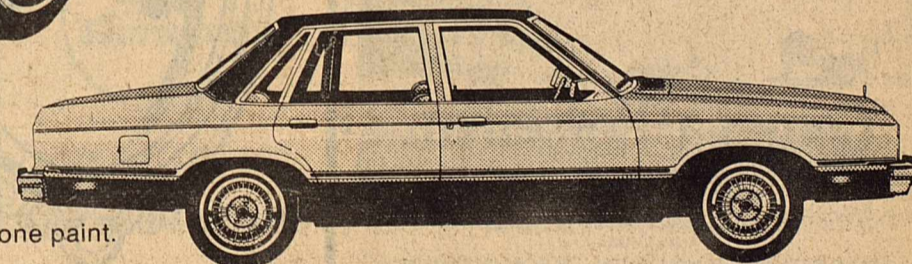


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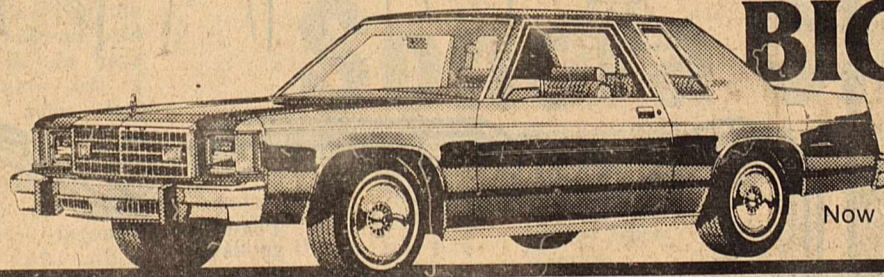
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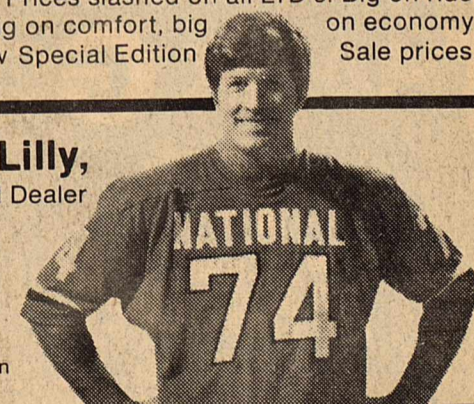
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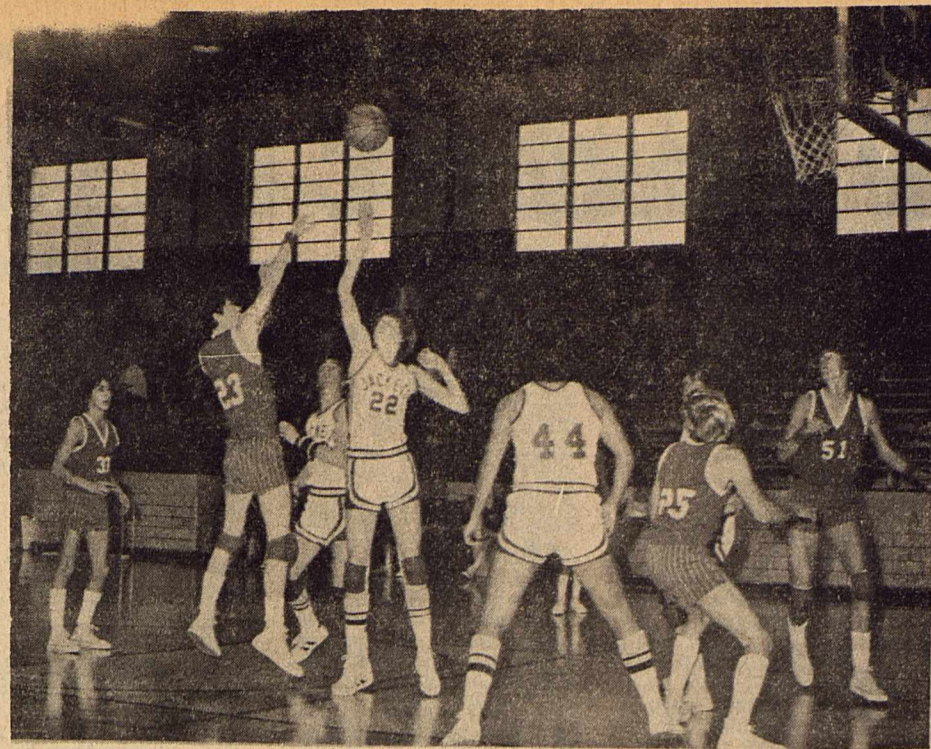
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Friday night in Kermit as they were downed by the Yellowjackets, 68-38. The last time these two clubs met, Kermit overwhelmed the Sonora squad, 53-20. John Pollard and John Blankenship put in the only scores in the first quarter, and the Broncos quickly fell to an 18-4 deficit at the end of that period of play. Blankenship added six more in the second stanza; Allen Stewart and Scott Savell each added two and the Broncos went into the dressing room down 30-14. In the second half the Sonora reserves saw

action, being shuttled in and out along with the five regulars, most of the teams scoring at least once. But the Kermit offense was just too tough, and

when the final buzzer sounded, the Yellowjackets were ahead, 68-38. Blankenship led the Sonora scoring with 12 points. Stewart, Savell and Perry Don Draper had four points apiece.

Jerry Don Glasscock, Pollard, Lee Burch, Armando Martinez, Joe David Favila and Frisby Bible each added two, and Lance Love and Tim Burnett had one point apiece.



Scott Savell puts up a shot in the Sonora junior varsity Broncos' 68-38 loss to Kermit. Also looking on are Joe David Favila (33), John Blankenship (25) and Jerry Don Glasscock (51).

J.V. Girls Thrash Red Devils, 36-14

The Sonora J.V. girls crushed the Rankin J.V. team for the second time this season in Rankin Tuesday night 36-14. The Red Devils were never in the game as the Sonora led 16-2 going into the second stanza and upped their lead to 27-12 at the half.

After intermission the Sonora reserves saw action, holding the hapless Red Devils to two points in the third quarter and keeping them scoreless in the last period of play. Jessica Robledo hit double figures for the Broncos with 19 points. Gina Thompson followed

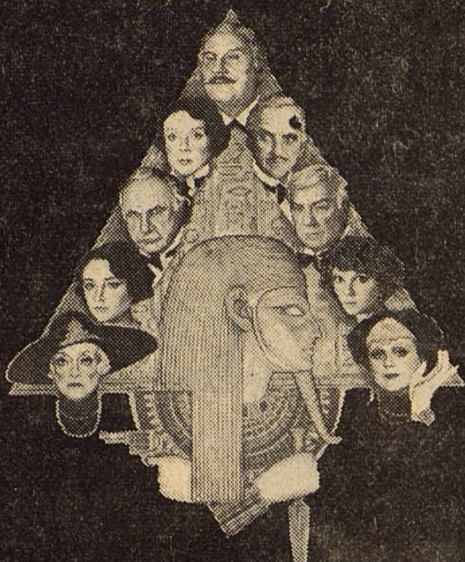
with five, Vicki Sheppard and Rosa Noriega had four each, Paula Friess had three, Daphney Smith-two and Maray West-one. The Sonora J.V. and Varsity Girls will travel to Lakeview Monday where they will face the Maidens for the first time this season.

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Women's Softball Meeting Slated

The meeting for the Women's Softball Association has been changed again. The meeting will be held at February 12 at 7 p.m., at the fire station. Two representatives from each team are

needed to be present. Sponsor fees and rosters are to be turned in at this time.

Sonora High School golf coach Oliver Wuest has released the 1979 schedule for his Bronco linksters. The Broncos first competition will be in Fort Stockton, Feb. 16 and 17, with four District 7aa tournament slated. They

Golf Schedule Set

will be: Crane, March 29; Kermit, Apr. 6, Ozona, Apr. 13; and Sonora, Apr. 18.

Other tentative tournaments where the Broncos will see action include Fredericksburg Hill Country Tournament, March 8; Kerrville Riverhills Tournament, March 14 and 15; and Brady, March 20.

Members of the team include Greg Tedford, R.B. Alexander, Johnny Doan, Billy Bob Galbreath, James Minatra, Peter Gomez, Wade Hopkins, Ric Powers and Tommy Sheppard.

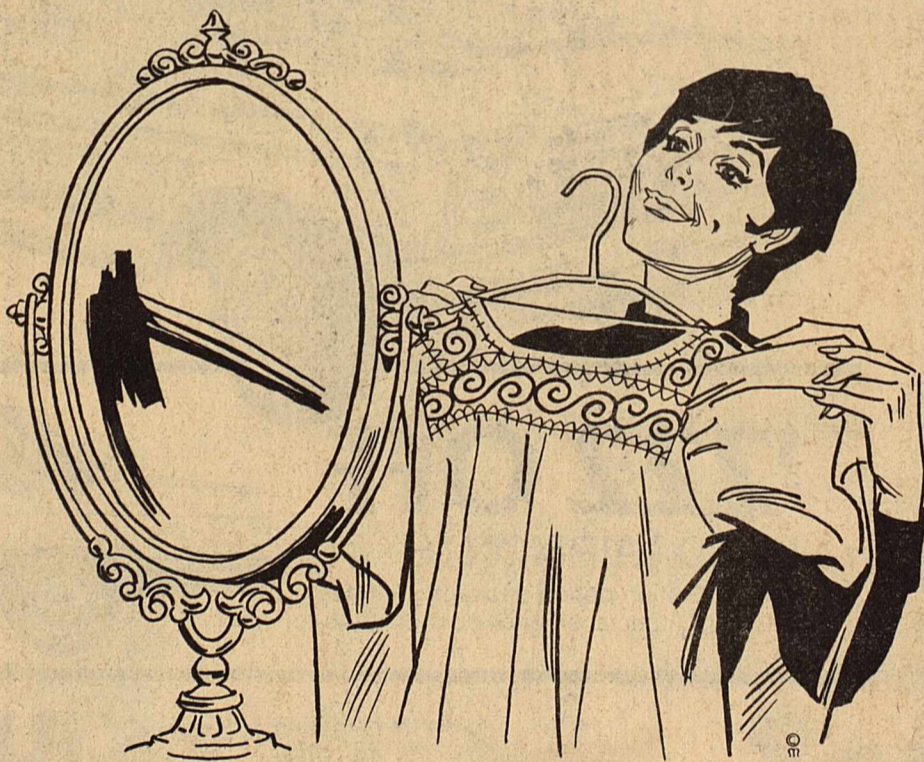


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Boy Scouts Distribute Energy Saving Hints

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The Concho Valley Council. The booklet was printed for the Alliance to Save Energy, a Washington-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to energy education and conservation, by the U.S. Department of Energy.

million people. Holtkamp said "This effort is very much like the conservation drives conducted by Boy Scouts during World War I and World War II; when scouts collected scrap metals, and even peach seeds which were used in the manufacture of gas masks. The local scouts and their leaders urge all local residents to read and follow the recommendations where possible.

The Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have a goal of 15,000 copies of a new booklet, "How to Save Money by Saving Energy", to residents of the 23 1/2 county area of

C.J. Holtkamp, Council President, said the Council's distribution effort is part of a nationwide drive by over 300 Boy Scout Councils to put the booklets in the hands of 5

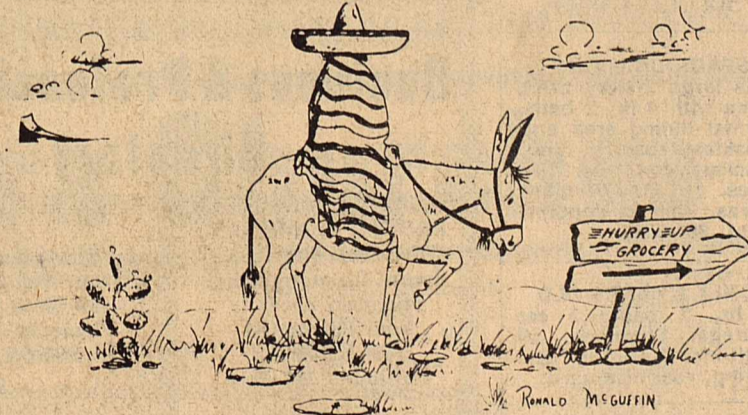
Men's Softball Sets Meeting

The men's softball association is having a basketball game on Feb-

ruary 15 at which time they will be challenging the coaches.

Everyone is urged to attend as spectators are needed.

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Bishop to Attend Services at St. John's

The Right Reverend Scott Field Bailey, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, will visit Saint John's Church on Sunday, February 11 for the purpose of administering the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation and will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. A parish luncheon will follow the service.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Field Bailey, Bishop of the

Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, is the son of William Stuart Bailey and Tallulah Prince Smith. He was born in 1916 in Houston, where he received his early education. Bishop Bailey received his B.A. degree in 1938 from Rice University in Houston, after which he attended law school at the University of Texas. He then entered the Virginia Theological Seminary, obtaining his B.D. Degree in

1942, and was first ordained deacon and then priest that same year by Bishop Quin. In 1953 he received the S.T.M. degree from the University of the South. The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred on Bishop Bailey in June 1965, by both the University of the South and the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Bishop Bailey began his ministry in 1942 at St. Paul's Church, Waco,

where he was associate rector as well as priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Church, Lampasas. From 1943-46 he served as chaplain in the U.S. Navy, having duty in Connecticut, New York, and the South Pacific. In 1946 he became rector of Christ Church, Nacogdoches and priest-in-charge of Christ Church, San Augustine. He left Nacogdoches in 1951 to become rector of All Saints' Church, Austin, and Director of Episcopal Student Activities at the University of Texas.

In August 1961, Bishop Bailey moved to the Episcopal diocesan headquarters in Houston as Administrative Assistant to the Bishop of Texas, the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, and as the Bishop's deputy administrator of

the Department of Missions. In February, 1962, he was designated by the Diocesan Council as Canon to the Ordinary.

He was elected Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Texas at a special session of the 115th Diocesan Council held in Beaumont on May 22, 1964. He was consecrated at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston on September 21, 1964. Bishop Bailey was the first native Texan to be consecrated a Bishop in the Diocese of Texas. His administrative responsibilities in the Diocese of Texas were the Department of Missions and the Department of Christian Education. He was chairman of the Examining Chaplains of the Diocese of Texas for ten years; a Fellow of the College of Preachers, 1949; a mem-

ber of the Cabinet of the Province of the Southwest, 1963-65; chairman of the Commission of the Four-year College; and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, 1963-66. Bishop Bailey has served on the Board of Protestant Charities of Houston, on the Evaluation Committee of the United Fund of Houston, and on the Executive Board of the Rice University Alumni Association.

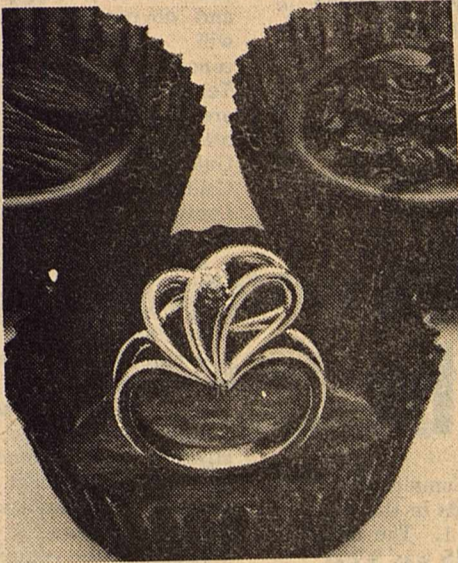
Bishop Bailey was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of West Texas on September 3, 1975, by a special session of the 71st Diocesan Council meeting in Christ Church, San Antonio. He assumed that status in the Diocese on January 15, 1976, and was instituted into the office at

the 72nd Council of the Diocese meeting in New Braunfels, February 5, 1976.

As Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Bailey received from Bishop Gosnell jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to Christian Social Relations, Christian Education, Communication; supervision and selection of candidates for the ministry, and supervision of the missions of the Diocese of West Texas. At the meeting of the 73rd Diocesan Council in Victoria, Texas, February 17, 1977, Bishop Bailey was instituted as the 6th Bishop of West Texas.

Bishop Bailey and his wife, the former Evelyn Louise Williams of Houston, Texas, have four children; Louise (Mrs. Allen C. Taylor), Nicholas, Scott Field, Jr., and Sarah.

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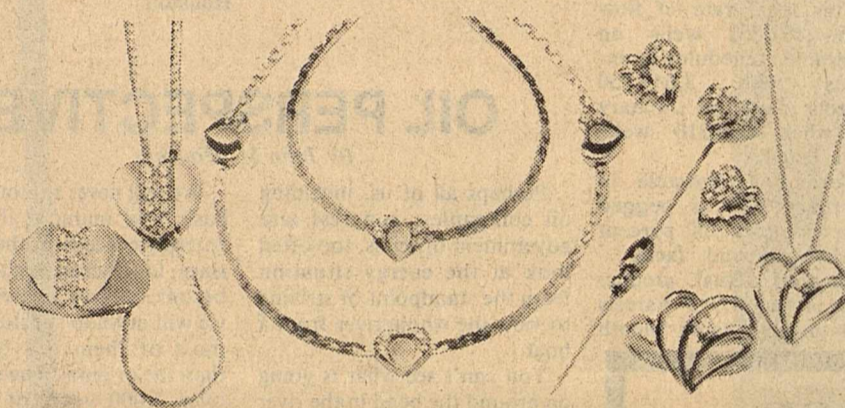
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Reflections....

By Jim Miles

In the course of a pastoral visit with an elderly person the subject of time entered the conversation. This person made the statement "Oh, the years go quickly...it is the days that go slowly." I doubt that this statement was original, for I have since seen a similar one in

print, but the statement is a cry of loneliness, a cry of despair.

A survey of elderly persons asked what they found to be the most difficult situation with which they must contend. Did they choose financial burdens? Would they consider failing health, or reduced physical strength

as the most frustrating element in their lives?

The shocking reply is that the vast majority of the aging chose loneliness as the saddest and most depressing problem they had to face. Even sadder is the fact that this is the one aspect of their lives in which you and I as Christians are best equip-

ped to be of help.

There are, in this community, many people living alone. Their limited physical strength, their impaired hearing and eye sight often keep them from taking the initiative in friendship. Should not we, as children of God, spend just a little more time with these who are shut-in, infirm, or handicapped? Should we not

use all the strength we have been given to make life richer or fuller for those we encounter? If we choose this course, and if we approach the task with the right mindset, acting out of love and compassion rather than some misplaced sense of patronizing piety, I believe we will find that it is our own lives that have been enriched by our touching someone else.

Trainer Rites Held Thursday

Funeral services for Manila Ann Trainer, 80, were held February 1 at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Clifton Hancock and the Rev. Jim Miles officiated.

Mrs. Trainer died January 30 in Hudspeth Hospital. She was born May 12,

1898 in Gillispie County and moved to Sonora as a child. She married Ralph Trainer in Sonora in 1918.

She was a member of the local First Baptist Church and was a member of the Eastern Star for fifty years.

Survivors include one son, James D. Trainer; six

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and three children.

Pallbearers were Glen Chadwick, J.W. Nevill, Clayton Hamilton, Wesley Sawyer, Granville Barker, Web Elliot, Tommy Thorp and L.M. Roueche of Hobbs, N.M.

Davis Services Held in Coleman

Funeral services for 6-year-old Jennifer LeeAnn Bird Davis, were held February 1 at the Central Baptist Church in Coleman with burial in Coleman City Cemetery.

The Sonora Elementary first grade student was killed January 30 when she was struck by a vehicle on her way to school. She was dead on arrival to Hudspeth Hospital.

Jennifer was born April 12, 1972 in Coleman. Her

family moved to Sonora from Coleman in 1974. She was a member of the Girl Scouts and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis; one brother, Gene Allen Davis, Jr., of the home; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Jones of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bird of San Angelo; and a great-grandfather, Jim Bird of Lake Coleman.

Local Jehovah's Witnesses Made Official Congregation

The local group of Jehovah's Witnesses have received word that they are now officially a congregation. The letter came from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, with International Headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. A minister of the group, Clint DeBorde, said that "Although we have been operating as a congregation since last May, this really makes us happy, because now we have the backing and approval of the legal organization through which Jehovah's Witnesses operate. There are over 2 1/2 million of Jehovah's Witnesses world wide now, all doing the same thing and preaching the same message, that of the Good News of God's Kingdom."

Jehovah's Witnesses are in 205 countries and island groups of the sea. "49 of those countries have banned the work of Jehovah's Witnesses in whole or in part now," DeBorde said, "so the preaching work has to be done more discreetly than it is in this country. But that is actually a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, because Jesus said, in Matthew 24:9 'You will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name.' Later, in verse 14, Jesus said that 'this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations'. That prophecy is being fulfilled now, and we are

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Lone Star Gas Company announced Jan. 26 that it has filed an application for a rulemaking with the Texas Railroad Commission seeking authority to recover 100% of purchased gas costs.

At present Lone Star is limited by the commission to an 85% recovery of increased residential and commercial gas costs at the city gate, not all of which is recovered by Lone Star from these Customers.

The company has operated under such a purchased gas adjustment provision since June, 1975. During the years 1976, 1977 and 1978, about \$30 million of legitimate operating expenses went unrecovered in gas costs alone. If the company had been permitted to recover full gas costs in 1978, it would have meant only a 2½% increase in consumers' bills. The most dramatic increase in Lone Star's cost of operations continues to be the escalating cost of gas.

According to Doug Williams, senior vice president, operations, the passage of the Natural Gas Policy Act has for the first time placed maximum lawful rates upon all gas produced in Texas.

"For the past three and a half years, we have been competing with other major intrastate gas pur-

chasers who have flowed through 100% of their increased gas costs to their customers," Williams said. "The new federal legislation now places us in direct

competition, in addition to the foregoing, with interstate purchasers. Today the interstate purchasers are acquiring valuable packages of gas by bidding maximum

lawful prices together with other contract considerations. The federally-passed legislation authorizes these interstate companies to recoup all expenses associated with the higher gas

costs which all result from the new legislation."

"The continued erosion of earnings through our inability to recover lawful operating expenses will

lead to reduced gas reserves for Lone Star customers and increased financial risk, which will most certainly affect rates and service," Williams continued.

Mitchell Energy Budget Set at \$134 Million for 1979

74 Gas, 20 Oil Discoveries Reported in First Half of January '79

Texas operators reported 74 gas and 20 oil discoveries during the Jan. 1-15, 1979, period, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division announced.

In the year-earlier period, 66 gas and 16 oil discoveries were filed with the state's energy regulatory agency.

Gas discoveries in the first two weeks of the new year included 22 in the Refugio area, 19 in deep South Texas, 12 in Southeast Texas, six in West Central Texas, five in the San Angelo area, three each in the San Antonio and Midland areas, two in the Panhandle and one each in East Central and East Texas.

Oil discoveries included six in deep South Texas, four in North Texas, two each in the Refugio and Midland areas, three in Southeast Texas and one each in the San Antonio, West Central Texas and San Angelo areas.

In the Jan. 1-15 period, operators reported 127 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

pipeline and contract drilling operations.

New applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests totaled 768 in the first half of January, compared with 811 in the same period of 1978. Applications to drill, deepen, plug back and for service wells in the Jan.

Current year energy division expenditures were

1-15 period amounted to 862 against 977 a year earlier.

Operators filed 172 amended applications to drill. A year earlier they submitted 179 amended requests.

budgeted at \$102 million. Mitchell said the reduction in fiscal 1980 recognizes the Texas intrastate natural gas surplus and resulting company plans to curtail expenditures for infill drilling and related activities at gas properties dedicated to the intrastate market.

During the upcoming year, he said, exploratory and development drilling will continue to be concentrated in North Texas, and programs also are planned onshore and offshore along the Texas Gulf Coast and in Ohio, California, Wyoming and Louisiana, among other states.

Real estate division capital expenditures, net of grants, are budgeted at \$44 million, compared with \$29 million in the current year. Mitchell said most of the increase is planned for development and construction of commercial properties to meet the strong demand and generate future income at The Woodlands, the company's new community north of Houston.

RRC Sets Allowable

Average calendar day allowable of Texas oil production as of February 1 is 3,593,019 barrels, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reports.

This legal rate of flow from 182,352 wells on allowable schedules compares with 3,649,750 barrels daily on January 15 when 183,218 wells were listed.

Texas oil allowable in February 1979 is pegged statewide to a 100 percent market demand factor. Estimated actual production of 2,898,912 barrels daily in the same month

last year. The Commission lists 9,147 fields in the state of February 1. The count of January 15 was 9,208.

OIL PERSPECTIVE

By John M. Houchin

Perhaps all of us, including oil companies, congress and government officials, too often look at the energy situation from the standpoint of striving to view the whole river from a boat.

You can't see what is going on around the bend in the river while on a boat. But, if you rise above the river in a helicopter, you can see all at once what in a boat is the "past," the "present," and the "future" of the bend. The pilot on the boat only sees the "present" which is where he is at any given moment. Maybe we are looking at the energy crisis from the boat instead of the helicopter.

An item recently noted in a small town publication pretty well sizes up the situation with respect to so-called energy crisis. It reads:

"History abounds with examples of corrected 'knowledge'! At one time everybody 'knew' that the world was flat. Only a few years ago everybody 'knew' that people couldn't fly. And not too long ago most of us 'knew' how absurd it would be to think that people could sit at home and watch a ball game on the other side of the continent."

Similarly, we "know" at the present time that we are about to run out of energy.

There seems to be a panic attitude regarding our oil and gas and energy problems in general. As much or more effort is being expended in trying to limit supply and find a scapegoat as in trying to solve the problem.

What we are running out of is not energy but "private enterprise." If given half a chance and if the law of supply and demand is allowed to operate, private enterprise will find new oil and gas and develop substitutes before fossil fuels can be used up.

We will never run out of any basic raw material if private enterprise keeps in the saddle, since, long before such material becomes scarce or disappears, we will develop substitutes and most of them will be better than the original. The world, in over 7,000 years of history, hasn't yet run out of any basic resource without developing a substitute.

When the Japanese cut off our supply of natural rubber (for tires, etc.) after Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, within a year private enterprise had an adequate synthetic rubber substitute. And we haven't gone back to what we used before.

What we need is enlightened co-operation between the government (which should only be a referee and not a producer) and the producing element, which is private enterprise.

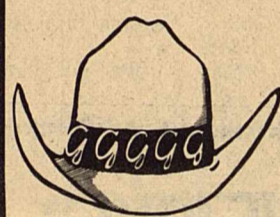

The Oil Industry created a non-profit exhibition in 1923, the International Petroleum Exposition, primarily to show improvements in equipment and technology for exploration, drilling and production. This Show has been held periodically ever since, and its next event is September 10-13, 1979, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

I include "U.S.A." because oil industry attendance from over sixty countries of the world and every state of the United States is expected.

Oil and Gas Industry manufacturers, service and supply companies, who will exhibit at the IPE, are developing new equipment and techniques which will be displayed to some 35,000 to 40,000 buyer and specifier oil men.

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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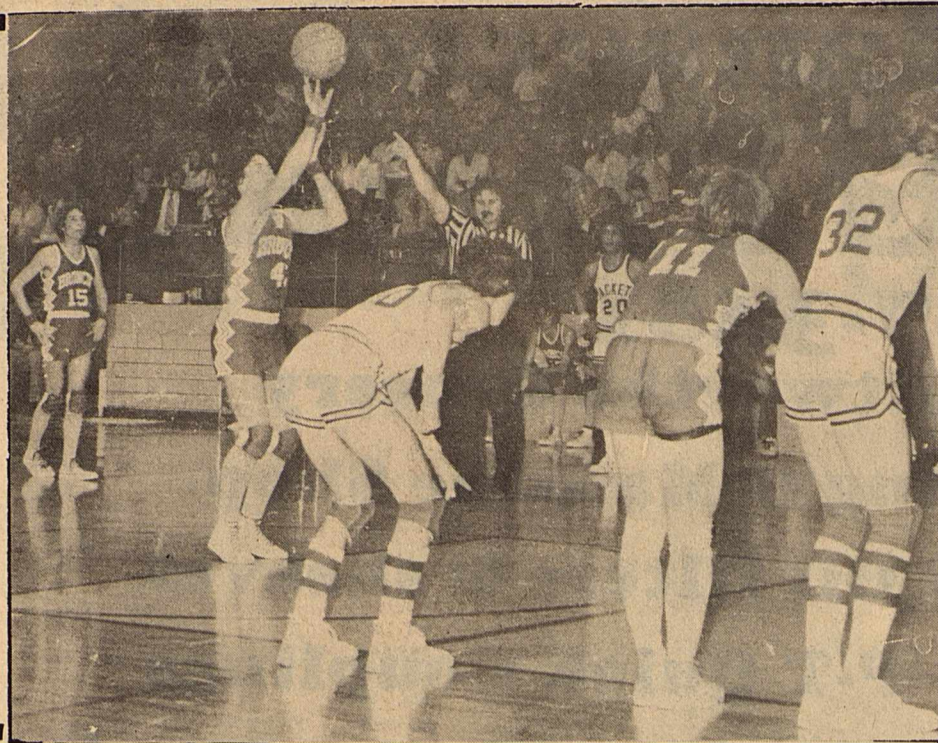
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Broncos Nearly Pull Off Kermit Upset



Cody Savell puts up a free throw in Sonora's 39-27 loss to Kermit Friday night. Pat Street [15] looks on as Kent Cagle [11] prepares to battle for the rebound. Cagle led the Bronco scoring attack with 10 points while Savell added seven and Street, six.

By Julie Pollard
The Sonora Varsity boys almost pulled one out of the fire and gave Kermit Yellowjackets the scare of their lives as they were finally downed 39-27 in action in Kermit Friday night.

Kent Cagle put in the first score for either team, and the Broncos lead 2-0 for most of the first quarter.

Cody Savell added two more in the waning minutes of the first stanza, however, Kermit's Deon Bryant put in two from the field, and Bobby Kimball

got two from the foul shot line to give the teams four apiece going into the second quarter.

The second stanza found the Sonora squad cold as most of their shots would bounce off the rim of the basket. Pat Street put in two, and Savell added two more points which were not counted because the referee called charging fouls both times. These scores would have given the Broncos an almost even shot going into the half.

The Sonora squad came out in the third stanza of play and hit four quick

points to close the lead to within one. However, their next six shots fell short, and the Yellowjackets came back to again take the lead by five points, 17-12.

As the fourth period opened up, Kent Cagle grabbed the tip off and made an easy two points to make it a three-point ball game.

Kermit answered basket for basket and with about four minutes left in the game it was still a three point ball game.

Then two turnovers by the Broncos and four quick points by the Kermit

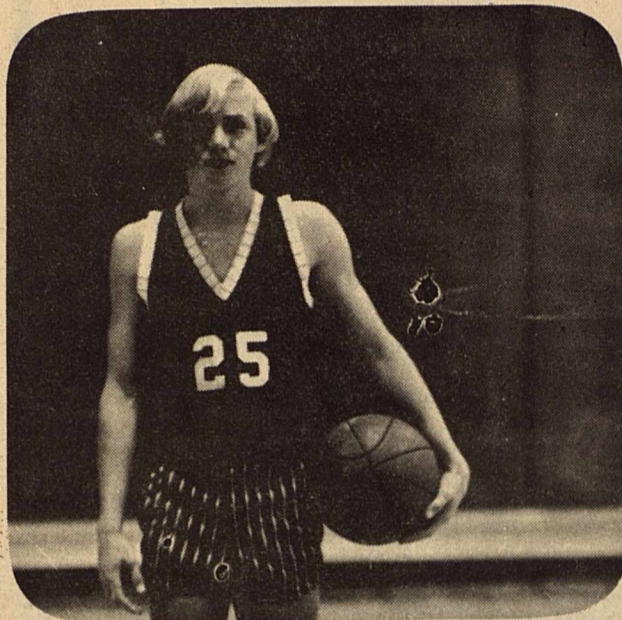
Yellowjackets proved to be a bigger deficit than the Mighty Reds could overcome. A last ditch effort by the Broncos fell short and the Yellowjackets emerged victorious 39-27.

The game was an exciting one and it was anybody's ball game until the end of the last quarter. Leading scorer for the Broncos was Cagle with 10.

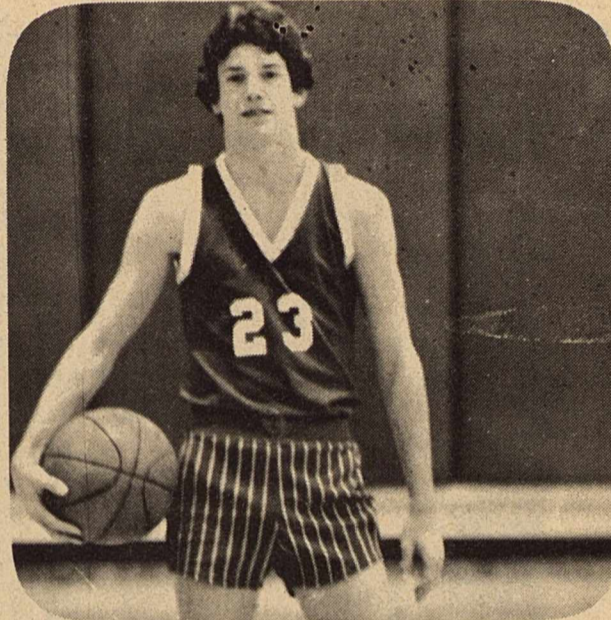
Savell followed with seven and Street with six. Johnny Doan and Dan Lawson each had two to round out the Bronco scoring.

Bronco Basketball Stars

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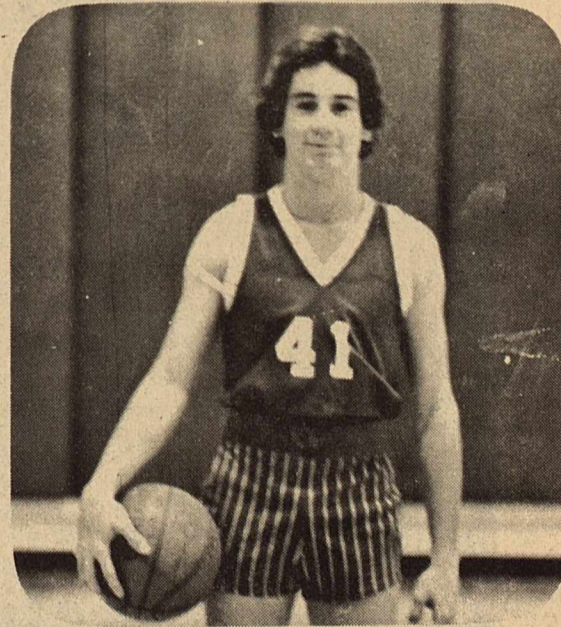
John Blankenship is a 5-7 1/2 point and guard for the Bronco junior varsity. He is also a member of the football team. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knight, he has lived in Sonora for five years.



Scott Savell is a 5-9 wing on the Bronco junior varsity. He is also a member of the football and track teams. The son of Bill and Barbara Savell, he is a lifetime resident of Sonora.



Perry Don Draper is a 5-0 point and guard for the junior varsity Broncos. Basketball is his only sport. The son of Raymond and Vallree Draper, he has lived in Sonora his entire life.



Allen Stewart is a 5-8 freshman guard for the junior varsity Broncos. He is also a member of the football and track teams. The son of Sam and Bettye Stewart, he has lived in Sonora for 11 years.

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Sutton County Ranch News

'Operation Dead Lamb' Lists Results

We've spoken recently (at length, we admit) about the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Operation Dead Lamb. We're going to mention it again, this time for an update on the project this year.

The first necropsies for 1979 were completed Jan. 20 at the San Angelo Research and Extension Center. Area predator specialist Dr. Dale Wade did the honors, assisted by Dr. Charles Livingston.

A total of 17 lambs and kids went under the knife,

thought in many cases a knife was totally unnecessary because of the extreme mutilation of the remains. Of the 17, nine were confirmed eagle kills, another listed as a possible eagle kill. Two were charged off to coyotes, one to a bobcat, three to exposure and a final lamb to unknown causes.

Nine of the carcasses had been collected on one ranch, six on another. Five of the latter six were eagle kills, the other a coyote

kill and eagle feed. (More on this ranch shortly)

Of the nine carcasses collected from the first ranch, three were definite eagle kills, another a possible eagle kill, one a bobcat kill, three exposure deaths and one a mystery. The possible eagle kill collected on the ranch was a definite eagle feed, but too little remained to prove an eagle kill; Wade speculated at the time that the lamb, evidently in good condition judging from bone marrow color, was hit while lying down and that the portion of the hide which would have revealed tell-tale hemorrhaging around talon marks was consumed. The three exposure-

death carcasses and the mystery carcass were collected after exceptionally cold and wet periods. All showed no feeding or other indication of either predation or scavenging...they were turned in out of curiosity and not as suspected predator kills.

The exposure-death lambs were all under 10 pounds, apparently almost newborns, and two appeared to have been from twin sets. The mystery lamb appeared to have been healthy in all respects, approximately 10 days old, fat, and untouched by either predator or scavenger. He had been feeding as well as milking; death was tentatively attributed to milk colic.

It is interesting to note that one of the eagle kills and two of the exposure deaths on that ranch were collected on the same day—here we have an eagle killing when at least two fresh carcasses are available for the taking. Considering the eagle's highly reputed eyesight and the fact that he forages from the air, it seems unlikely that he could have overlooked the two dead lambs, especially when a human managed to find both carcasses while scanning the rough country from ground level.

This same sort of thing occurred on another day when the possible eagle kill, the third exposure death and the mystery lamb were all collected.

But draw your own conclusions. Wade made not such suppositions during the necropsy session.

Meanwhile, back to the other ranch. Other than the one coyote kill and eagle feed, all carcasses collected there were classic eagle kills and feeds, right down to the expertly picked hide and neatly clipped ribs. Hemorrhaged talon wounds were abundant and unmistakable in what remained of the hides. Two kills, almost a week apart and within three or four miles of one another, showed one unusual similarity—in both cases, roughly half the brain was eaten. Wade remarked that it's

not all unusual for an eagle to eat the brain of a victim, but eating only half a brain in relatively uncommon; that two such carcasses were found in close proximity would appear doubly uncommon unless both were killed by the same bird. The possibility exists that this individual's depredations can be charted by careful attention to his particular modus operandi.

The two ranches accounted for all but two of the carcasses necropsied during the session. One of the two remaining kills were attributed to a coyote, the other a classic eagle kill and feed. The final eagle kill is notable in that it was collected

from Lampasas County, outside the 20-county area traditionally considered eagle-threatened and not even included among the 31 counties for which a blanket eagle control permit was requested in 1976.

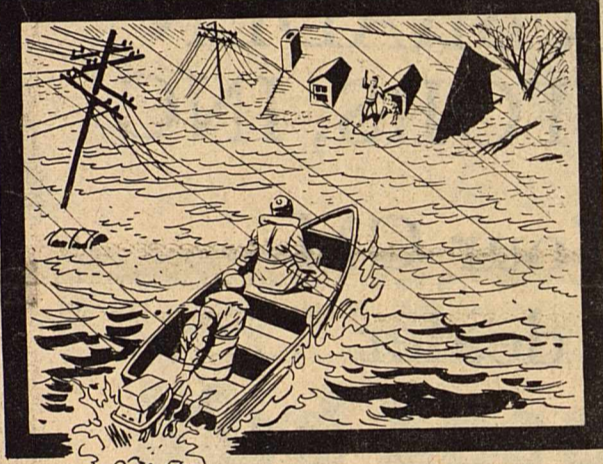
The results of the session pretty well follow trends set last year. Eliminating the three exposure deaths and the mystery lamb, all of which were included for only curiosity's sake, all but three of the carcasses were confirmed eagle kills. Of those, one was a suspected eagle kill and another a definite eagle feed. Roughly 70% of the kill were confirmed eagle kills and about 77% were either confirmed or suspected eagle kills.

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TS&GRA Schedules Winter Directors Meeting in Austin

Members and directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will meet in Austin February 5-6 at the Austin Marriott. The occasion is the winter directors' meeting. Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 5, and regular committees will meet on split session during the afternoon.

Ben Baisdon, Director of Marketing, Texas Department of Agriculture, will speak to the Marketing & Promotion Committee, and State Representative Tim Von Dohlen is set to speak

to the Tax & Labor Committee on enabling legislation for the constitutional amendment on tax relief.

Dr. H.Q. Sibley of the Texas Animal Health Commission will report to the Health & Product Development Committee, and Al Wilhite of the Soil Conservation Service is to report to the Natural Resources Committee on Kleingrass research. Wallace Klussman, wildlife specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will report to the Predatory Animal Com-

tee, as will Milton Caroline, State Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Monday evening the TS&GRA will host the members of the State Legislature to a reception at the Marriott from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is one small way the sheep and goat people can say thank you for the work the Legislature does, and also, it gives them an opportunity to meet and visit with the people who make the laws for the State and acquaint them with some of the problems facing the

industry. The general session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and conclude at noon. Main speakers for the general session will be Railroad Commissioner John Poerner and State Representative Susan McBea.

TS&GRA president Norman Rousselot of Sonora urged all sheep and goat producers to try to make the Austin meeting to keep abreast of current problems and activities as well as to visit with the members of the Legislature.

County Agent Langford Blames Gold For Lamb and Kid Losses

Sutton County Extension Agent Clint Langford continues to report losses of early lambs and kids from extremely cold weather. There also has

been some bitter weed poisoning of sheep in the county.

Land preparation has begun throughout the region when weather

permits, and Agent Langford said ranchers in Sutton County are bulldozing large acreages of cedar on the ranges there.

Fight for USDA Power Proposed by Farm Bureau

The Texas Farm Bureau is urging the Texas delegation in Congress to

reject any proposals to strip "vital functions" from the U.S. Department

of Agriculture. In a letter to the 24 Texas Representatives and two Senators, TFB President Carol Chaloupka said, "I want to place the Texas Farm Bureau squarely on record in opposition to the proposed transfer of major USDA functions to other departments."

Chaloupka referred to proposals by President Carter to create a new Department of Natural Resources and a new Department of Community Development, and have them take over certain functions of USDA.

"We believe that such transfers can only result in programs less responsive to the needs of Texas farmers and ranchers," Chaloupka said. "When farmers and ranchers are hurt, consumers invariably pay the bill in the form of higher prices for food and fiber."

Under the proposed reorganization, the U.S. Forest Service, all resource-related portions of the Soil Conservation Service, and the Rural Development Program would be taken from the USDA and transferred to the new Department of Natural Resources. Major functions of the Farmers Home Administration would be transferred from USDA to the new Department of Community Development which would be built around the existing Housing and Urban Development agency.

Chaloupka asked the Texas delegation to work with other members of Congress "to reject the proposed transfer of vital functions on the Department of Agriculture."

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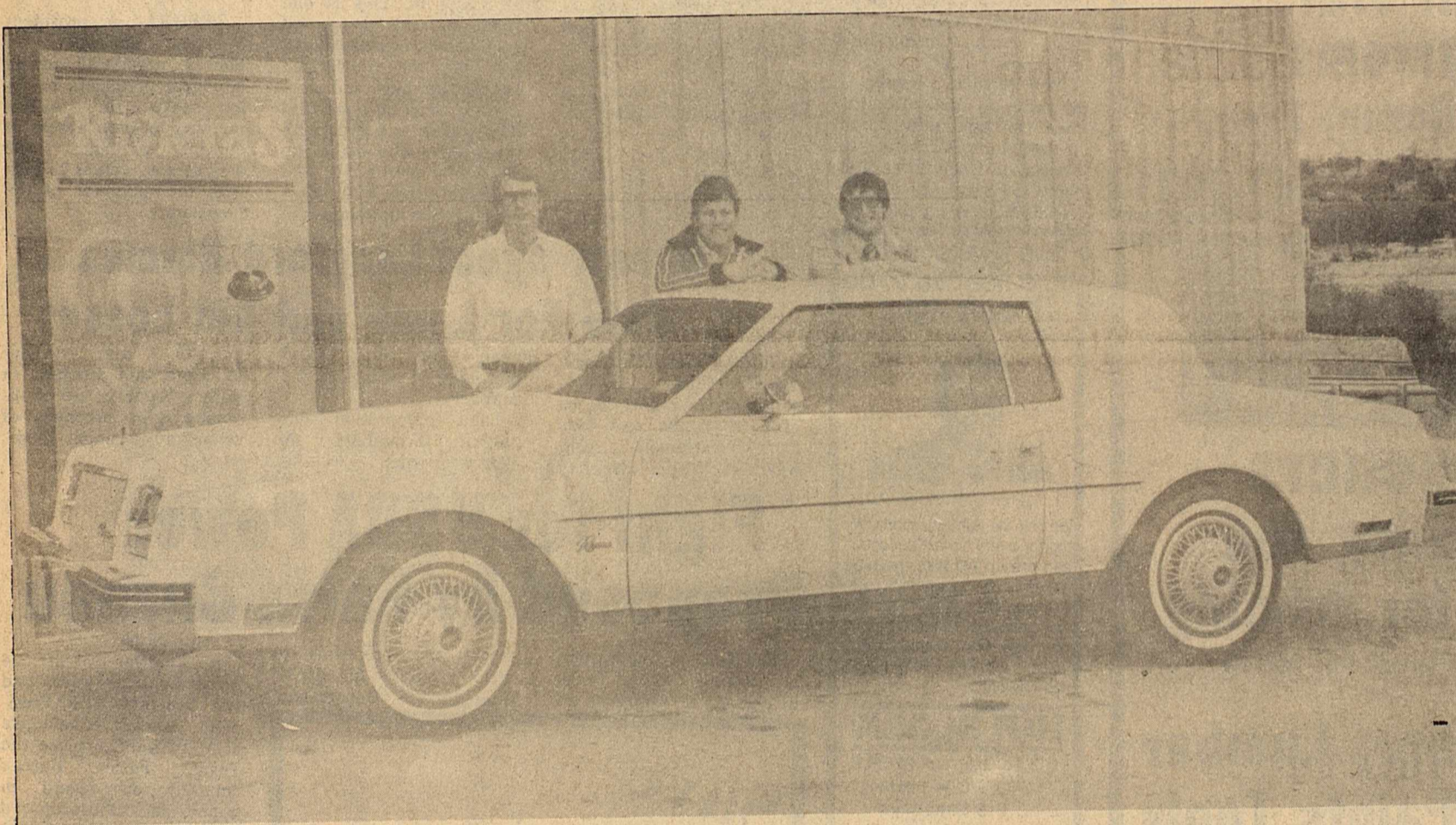
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