

Charity Cage Game Slated Thursday

Two charity basketball games will be held Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Bronco Gymnasium to help raise funds to erect lights at the baseball parks at the Sonora Sutton County Community Park.

Members of the Men's Softball Association will contest the men coaches from Sonora High School,

while members of the Women's Softball Association will tangle with the women coaches and senior Bronco players.

Admission is 50 cents and a large attendance is needed to help start the erection of the desperately needed lights.

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Compiled by Pat Brown

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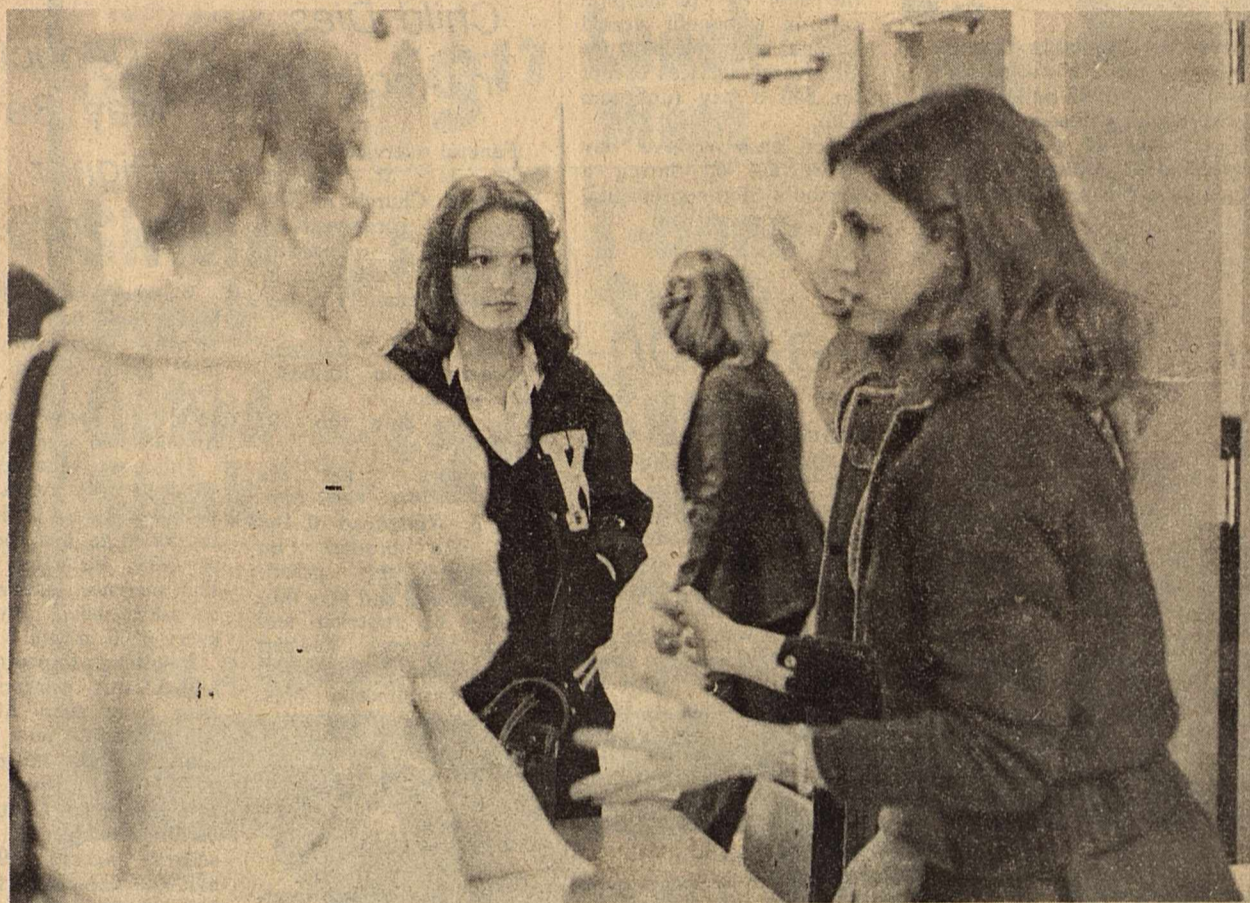
Rainfall for the month, 1.17; rainfall for the year, 1.54.

The Devil's River News

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Hillary Hunt, Sonora High School student, gives instructions to a Knippa student and her teacher following registration at the 33rd Annual Sonora Speech Tournament. Numerous favorable comments were heard from both students and advisors from

other schools on how well the tournament was run, and Sonora speech and drama teacher Chris Cassell handed the credit to his students who worked so hard.

33rd Speech Tourney Labeled Big Success

Midland High School, under the direction of former Sonora teacher James Buchanan, far outdistanced all competition to take the Sweepstakes Trophy in the 33rd

Eldorado Students Place in Meet

Ten students from Eldorado High School participated in the 33rd Annual Sonora Speech Tournament last Friday and Saturday.

Anna Robledo, an eighth grader, took top honors as she placed third in junior high poetry reading.

Also qualifying for semi-finals were Susan Crippin, persuasive speaking; Jeannie Redwine, poetry interpretation; Martha Adkins, junior high poetry reading; and Jym Trimble, persuasive speaking.

Also attending were Jerry Byrd, Heidi Church, Troy Heffernan, Patricia Trimble and Sandra Willeke.

Annual Speech Tournament last weekend.

The Midland crew amassed 140 points in the 26-school meet to easily slide past second place Abilene Cooper and third place Brownwood.

Jeff Barton, a Sonora eighth grader, advanced to the finals in junior poetry and was the only Sonora Junior High Student to do as well.

Peter Hale of Abilene Cooper, winner of the Humorous Declamation and the Midland High Team that won the Duet Acting both performed at the awards and received standing ovations.

Sonora speech and drama teacher Chris Cassell who acted as director for the meet had high praise for his

students for doing such an excellent job of running the tourney.

Cassell also offered thanks to the people of Sonora who helped, especially the Lions Club members who helped with the barbeque.

"The barbeque and Student Council dance are what makes the Sonora meet special," he said. "Sonora is the only place that has anything like this."

"We still had a few problems," Cassell said, "but fortunately we were able to anticipate them, and the ones we had we will be able to correct next year. The real credit goes to the kids. Some of them are just like teachers; they are so dependable."

Over 400 students participated in the meet.

Wool, Mohair Price Level is Set

An ASC official has said the support price for 1978 shorn wool marketing is \$1.08 per pound and \$1.64 per pound for mohair. "Pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to

the support price for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs."

Shorn wool payments are based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. The percentage is the amount required to raise the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool in 1978 up to the support price of \$1.08 a pound. In 1978, a shorn wool price are expected to average 75 to 80 cents a pound.

Mohair payments will be calculated in a manner similar to wool. "However, the payments for 1978 probably will not be necessary as it appears that the average price received by producers in the open market will be higher than the support prices."

According to the Sutton County ASC Office, 125 producers had filed for their 1978 wool price support payments as of Feb. 1.

Subscription Drive Starts

The Devil's River News is starting a subscription drive in the month of March. At the same time, local non-profit organizations will be able to raise funds for their yearly projects.

If your organization is interested in making money this might be the ideal way.

For every new 18 month subscription sold, the Devil's River news will pay your organization \$3.50.

If your charitable organization is interested, contact Shirely Hill or Nan Friend at the Devil's River News.

Task Force Meets To Plan Strategy

By Don Holdridge

Sonora members of the Highway Task Force met Tuesday afternoon to consider alternatives in pushing ahead for the designation of the proposed interstate-type connector highway through Sonora.

Although the Task Force consists of members from Eldorado and Del Rio also, the members met in order to discuss the best methods for proceeding.

Charles Graves was named chairman of the local group in order to try to establish guidelines for the best methods of presenting the plans to the State Highway Commission and to maintain communication between members in other cities.

Glen Fisher reported he had been in correspondence with State Representative Susan Gurley McBee, and she stated the State Highway Commission had granted approval for the highway and was now in the process of studying the various routes.

It was decided to contact Rep. McBee to have the group placed on the agenda for the T.H.C. and in

the meantime to try to put the group's ideas into a form that members of the Commission expect to see.

The proposed local route, which would follow basically the same route as U.S. 277, has numerous advantages over others that would go through either Eden to Menard to Junction or through Brady to Fredericksburg--namely expense.

The San Angelo to Sonora route would cover only 66 miles, while building the highway through junction would cover 97 miles or Brady, 170 miles.

Should the cost of the road, service areas, traffic control devices and right of way be only \$1 million a mile, the savings would be obvious--a \$31 million savings over the Junction route and over the Brady route, a savings of \$104 million. The \$1 million per mile figure is generally considered a conservative estimate.

Also, since the route from San Angelo through Sonora is much flatter and would require fewer cuts through rock mountains than the other two proposed routes, this

could mean a savings of possibly another \$10 million.

Another important factor to consider is maintenance costs.

Last year it was costing \$4,000 a mile to maintain a four-lane highway in a rural setting; by 1981 this will be at least \$5,000 a mile.

The average cost over the next three decades is certain to be at least \$10,000 a mile. Using this figure the savings by using the Sonora route would be \$310,000 a year less than the Junction route, or a savings of \$9.3 million over 30 years, or \$1,040,000 a year less than the Brady route, or a savings of \$31.2 million over 30 years.

Traffic flow patterns also show much heavier traffic already on the Sonora route, proving a greater need for the highway.

The Sonora route would also provide better access to the upper Rio Grande Valley and border areas of Texas including Del Rio, Eagle Pass and the some 100,000 people south of Sonora.

Visitors to Lake Amistad now total more than 1 million annually and the total is growing constantly. This is another factor to be considered.

However, one of the most important factors to be considered was brought up at the meeting by Fisher. In a check with all the Sutton County landholders along the route, none were opposed to it, and several in Schleicher County have already stated they will offer no opposition to the highway.

If the same position holds true with other property owners along the route, members of the Sonora Route Task Force will hold a very strong bargaining position when they appear before the T.H.C. to plead their case, according to Charles Sherrill.

Sherrill said the time delay and high costs of condemnation proceedings were something no government official relished.

Members of the task force have also learned that monies have already been appropriated for a bypass around Christoval regardless of the outcome of highway plans.

This additional savings combined with the other reasons listed point to a strong possibility that Sonora may very well receive the designation for the highway.



Former Sonoran Dick Black has taken over management at Rough Canyon Marina on Lake Amistad near Del Rio. Black says he plans several improvements between now and spring and hopes to see many of his friends from Sonora when fishing season starts.



Johnnie Hooper [right] serves one of the many guests of the Petro-etts when they held a coffee Tuesday morning at the golf clubhouse. The Petro-etts are beginning a drive to re-organize and a large number of women were on hand at the coffee to express interest in joining. The club, has in the past, been involved in many community activities and has donated generously to the Sonora Sutton County Park.

Comptroller Rep. To Visit Feb. 21

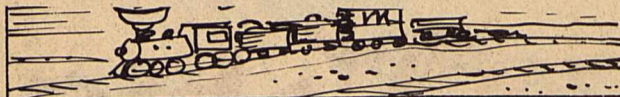
State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Sonora on Wednesday, February 21, 1979, to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Esther Esparza will meet with local taxpayers in the Driver's License Room in the Sutton County Courthouse from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If Sonora area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Ms. Esparza will be there to assist them," Bullock said.

"We're trying to cut the red tape in this office, and we believe these face to face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added.

The San Angelo office, headed by Thomas M. Goff, serves San Angelo and surrounding counties.



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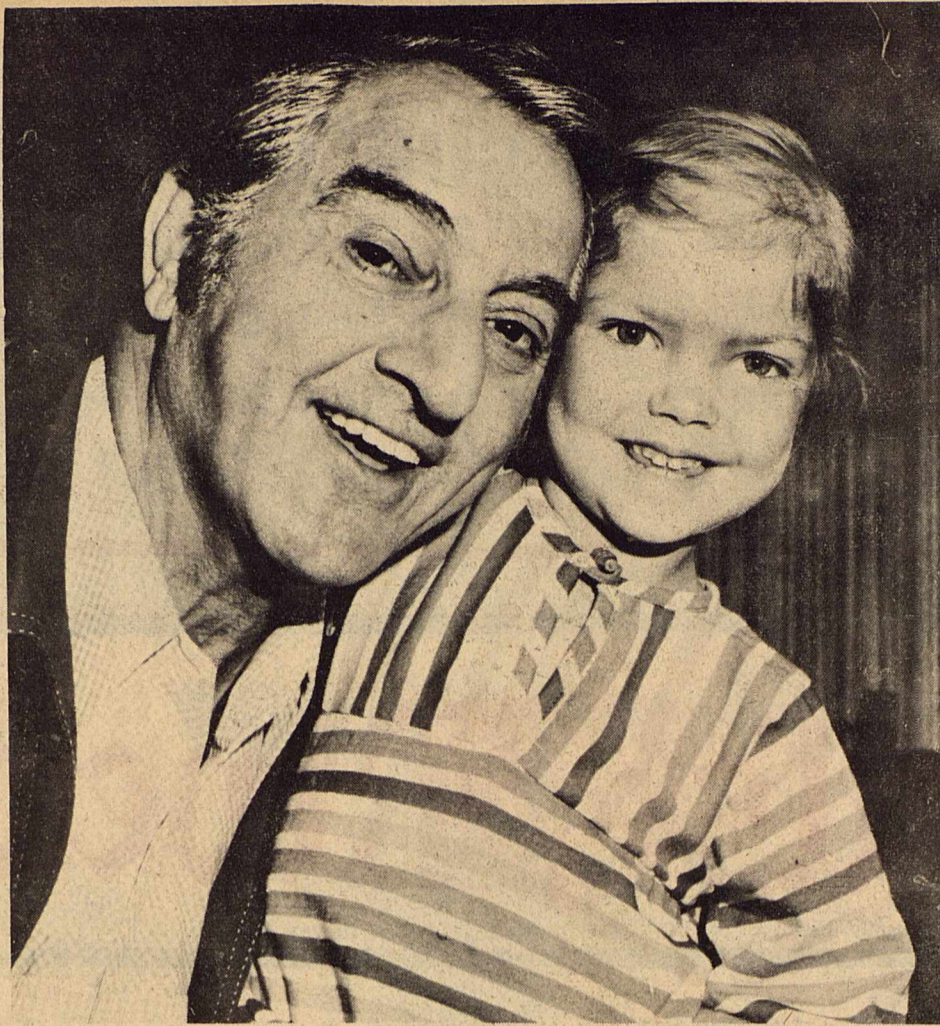
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Holding a "little" patient of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is Danny Thomas, Founder. Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, a women's leadership-service organization of 30,000 members has raised over \$2 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to aid in the ongoing research and treatment of children's catastrophic diseases. In honor of their 50th Anniversary, members of ESA have pledged an additional \$1 million for this great institution. Funds are being generated through benefit Bike Rides and other events.

Kappa Gamma Plans Walk-a-thon

Plans are well underway for the Walk or Bike-a-thon sponsored by Kappa Gamma of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. On the morning of March 31 Kappa Gamma members will set out on foot or riding a bike with intentions to travel at least ten miles. Proceeds will benefit the St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, which is the largest childhood cancer research center in the world, in terms of number of patients and treatment successes. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was established to care for

children stricken with catastrophic diseases and to conduct medical research on those diseases. Children are admitted to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital without costs and without regard to race, creed or religion. Admission is limited only be the requirements that

the disease be under study at the hospital and that the patient has been referred by a physician. Kappa Gamma members will be seeking sponsorship from area residents for a set amount for every mile they walk or ride. We urge you to give generously in support of this worthy cause. Help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital find the answers that will someday eliminate catastrophic diseases as a cause of death for children. For more information on how you can sponsor a Kappa Gamma member in their Walk or Bike-a-thon or on the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, call 387-3096.

Medicare Coverage Increased to \$160

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible—the cost of covered services in each benefit period not paid by Medicare—has been increased to \$160 for benefit periods beginning in 1979 from the 1978 figure of \$144, Franklin H. Upp, social security manager in San Angelo, said recently.

The deductible is intended to be roughly equal to the cost of one day of care in a hospital. The increase was necessary, Mr. Upp said, because of the continually rising cost of medical care.

The deductible is the only amount a Medicare patient is responsible for during the first 60 days of hospital care in a benefit period for covered services.

The increase in the deductible also affects other 1979 per-day costs under hospital insurance, Mr. Upp said.

From the 61st through the 90th day of hospital care in a benefit period hospital insurance pays for all covered services except for \$40 a day (up from \$36).

For each reserve day (there are 60 during a person's lifetime) hospital

insurance will pay for all covered services except for \$80 a day (up from \$72). For the 21st through the 100th day of care in a skilled nursing facility during a benefit period, hospital insurance pays the cost of all covered services except for \$20 a day (up from \$18).

Mr. Upp said that these increase apply only to benefits before 1979.

More information about Medicare covered services and costs can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security Office located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608. Residents of Ballinger, Big Lake, Brady, Junction, Mason, Ozona, Sonora, and Winters may call toll free by dialing "Operator" and asking for "Enterprise 2058".



Pvt. E-2 Armando V. Avila, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Armando P. Avila, Sr., of Sonora, recently graduated his basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. earning his expert granade, rifle and airborne wings. He is now stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne Division. The private was born in Sonora 1961 and lived in San Jose, Calif., where he attended Mt. Pleasant High School.

Whitehead Child Dies In Accident

Funeral services were held at St. James Episcopal Church in Del Rio for three-year-old Braden Cooper Whitehead. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio.

The child drowned February 9 in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

He was born July 15, 1975.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Whitehead of Del Rio; one brother, Bo Whitehead; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper of Junction and Mrs. Emma Fawcett Whitehead of Del Rio; and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Clara Cooper of Sonora.

Hospital Notes

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Wednesday, February 7 thru Sunday, February 11 include the following:

- Dorothy Cusenbary
- Wilma Friend*
- Mattie Thornton
- Ida Mae Kerbow
- Gertrude Murr
- Everett Ogburn*
- Lupe Silvas
- Edward Barber*
- Wayne McLaughlin*
- Jackie Harris
- Chris Deel
- Arthur Carroll
- Nelva Rojas

*Patients dismissed during the same period.

SS Deduction May Be Higher In 1979

Workers may notice a higher deduction for social security when they get their paychecks in 1979, Franklin H. Upp, social security manager in San Angelo, said recently.

This is because the social security tax rate for 1979 will be 6.13 percent, compared to 6.05 percent in 1978, Mr. Upp said. The increase amounts to an additional 8 cents on every \$100 in pay.

In addition to paying the higher rates, workers who earn more than \$17,700 will pay the tax on a larger share of their income in 1979, Mr. Upp said. The maximum amount of earnings subject to social security taxes in 1979 is \$22,900, compared to the \$17,700 maximum in 1978.

People who earn \$22,900 or more in 1979 will pay \$1,403.77 in social security taxes, which is \$332.92 more than the maximum payable in 1978, Mr. Upp said. But, they also can count on higher social security benefits later. Monthly benefit amounts are based on average covered earnings; so, higher earnings generally mean higher benefit rates, he said.

Employers match the social security taxes paid by employees on a dollar for dollar basis.

The increases in the tax rate and the amount of earnings taxable in 1979 were part of a new financing package enacted by Congress in 1977 to keep the social security system on a sound footing until well into the next century.

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Methodists Schedule Family Program

First United Methodist Church will begin their Family Life Programs Sunday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

The Rev. John Kahl, Chaplain of Students, at McMurray College in Abilene will be guest speaker of this first meeting. This first program will focus on the family life and the church.

Rev. Kahl is a graduate of McMurray College. He holds a Master's Degree from Perkins School at SMU in Dallas. He came to the Abilene school after spending several years in the New Mexico Church Conference. Rev. Kahl is married and has two young children. The public is invited to participate in this program.

Information on other programs available at the church.

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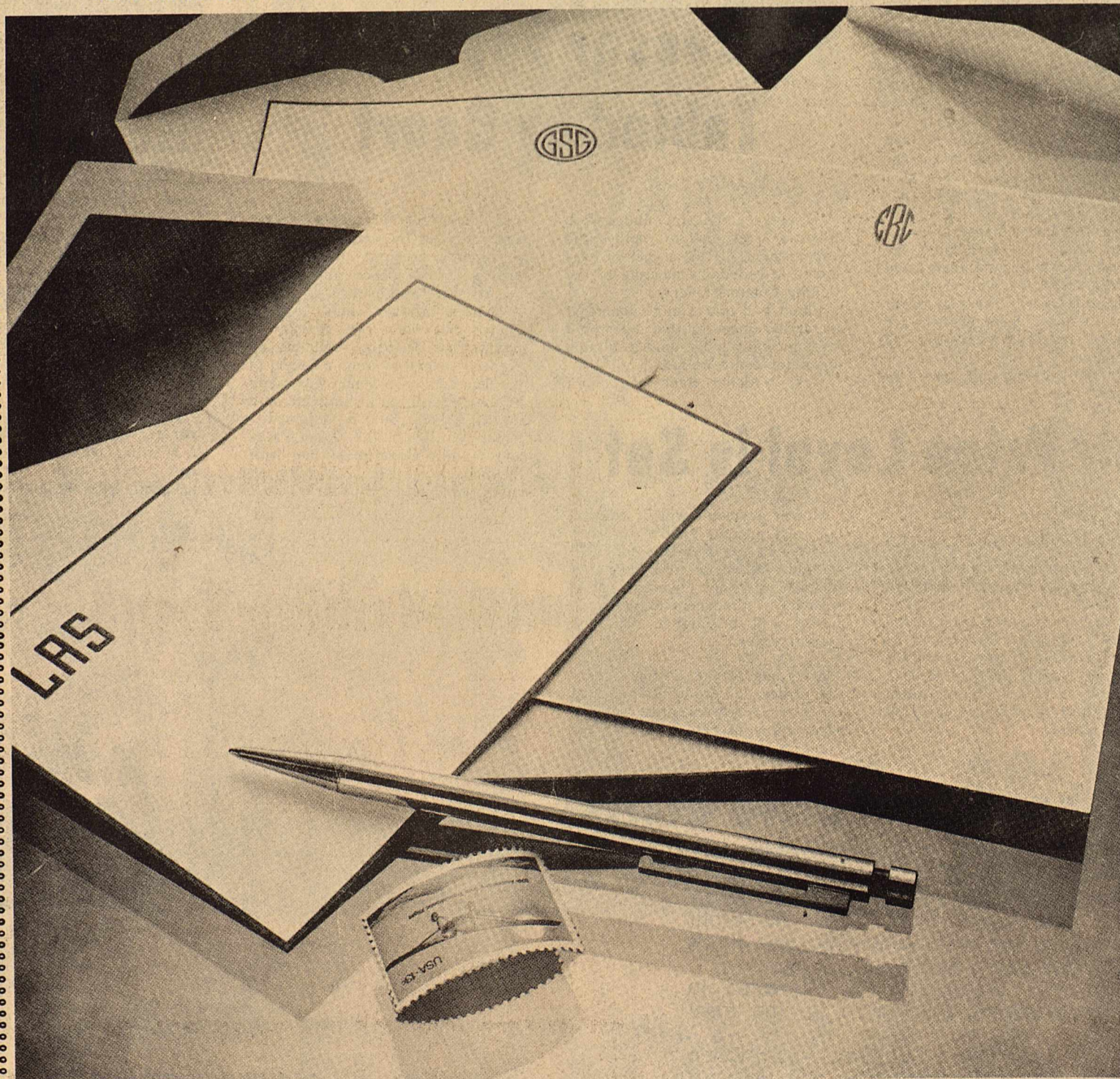
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Ground Chuck LB \$1.49	Bottom Round Steak LB \$2.09
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ESA Holds Ceremonies

Kappa Gamma Chapter #4646 of E.S.A. Woman's International held their monthly meeting February 5 at the Church of the Good Shepard. Hostesses for the meeting were JoAnn Jones and Paula Doran.

Members present were Jan Berry, JoAnn Jones, Pat Burnett, Debbie Kemper, Debbie Kiowski, JoAnn Wilkinson, Jan Robertson, Linda Young, Paula Doran, Debbie Morriss, Karla Morriss, Diane Snider, Suzie Ramirez and Ruthie Bounds.

Two ceremonies were held. Ruthie Bounds received the Lamp of Learning Pin during the Pledge Ceremony, and Suzie Ramirez and Ruthie Bounds received the Jewel

Pins. Jan Robertson announced that awards at the district meeting for first in most donated hours and second in most donated monies.

An interesting and controversial programs on Family vs. Career was presented by JoAnn Jones, Pat Burnett and Ruthie Bounds. Different attitudes and life styles of working mothers were the main points of discussion.

While refreshments were being served, members surprised Debbie Morriss with a baby shower.

Business discussed included plans for a bake sale on February 14 and for a blood donor drive on March 6. Details for a walk-a-thon for St. Judis were also discussed.

ESA Names Outstanding Members



Nelda Mayfield
Outstanding Member



JoAnn Wilkinson
Outstanding 1st Year Member

By Judy Milles

Nelda has brought new dimensions to Kappa Gamma. Her unique talents and social understanding of etiquette and social affairs have transformed our ceremonies and socials into things of beauty.

Her winsome manner and graceful charm have been invaluable to us; within the chapter, in the community and beyond.

Nelda gives freely-going beyond the expected-giving generously of time, energy, and money wherever a need arises.

We could all learn as we watch her devotion to and her love for her family.

Being a dedicated christian, Nelda works tirelessly as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. Her faith and determination give strength to her sisters, family and fellow church members.

The final jewel in our outstanding member's crown is humility, for it was she who thought everyone worked equally hard this year; yet she was the overwhelming choice for this award.

By Judy Milles

Often new members begin with an enthusiasm which dwindles or is sporadic; but, JoAnn personifies the model of the first year member.

Her quiet steadiness has never wavered from her first rush social to this day.

She must drive forty-five miles to attend a meeting, but she arrives faithfully and punctually. Her grace and poise exemplifies a young lady who has it all together.

JoAnn has many talents, not the least of which is organization. She has continually undertaken thankless tasks and seen them to completion cheerfully taking up the slack when others have been unable to function.

As our young and resourceful Ways and Means Chairman, she has led us to new horizons with her creative ideas.

JoAnn, a dedicated wife and homemaker, can also be seen lending a hand outdoor maintaining the ranch.

The final jewel in our outstanding first year member's crown is her ability through her quiet strength to bring differing sides together in love.

Happy Birthday

Thursday, February 15
J.M. VanderStucken
Robert Loeffler
Sue Rosford

Friday, February 16
Jeanette Prater
Mrs. R.W. Wallace
Sherry Saunders Berger
Russell Hays
Mrs. Deral Moody

Saturday, February 17
George Wallace

Mrs. V.J. Glasscock
Mrs. Wesley White
Mrs. J.L. Martin
Selma Nelle Glasscock
Sammy Prater
Peggy Prater
Nelda Nevill
Marc Alfred Gonzales

Sunday, February 18
Mrs. J.B. Renfro
Carol Hopf Howell
Bryan Link Hunt
Mrs. Buck Skains

Sammy Mata, Jr.
Michael Reiley Street, Jr.
Eddie Virgen
Monday, February 19
Mrs. Bill Fields
Julie Pollard
Carlos Estrad

Tuesday, February 20
Nancy Reed Dannheim
Wednesday, February 21
Sheronna Lynn Kingston
George Phillips
Karen Allen

Susan Dunnam Engaged

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Susan Renea Dunnam has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dunnam.

Miss Dunnam is to wed Terry Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wallace of Miles, June 16 at the local First Baptist Church. The bride-elect is presently attending Angelo State University and is a

graduate of Sonora High School. She served as assistant pianist at the First Baptist Church and was a member of the choir for six years. She was also a member of the 4-H Club

where she showed four champions in the market lamb shows and was recipient of the 4-H Gold Star Award. Also a member of the National Honor Society for three

years, Miss Dunnam was salutatorian of her graduating class and was active in tennis and basketball.

The prospective bridegroom attended San Angelo Central High School where he was active in football and basketball. He graduated from Lake View High School and is attending Angelo State University.

Garden Club Sponsoring Horticulture Program

The Sonora Garden Club and the County Extension Office are sponsoring an educational program on "Ornamental Horticulture" on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. at the Sutton Co. 4-H Center.

Mr. Everett Janne, an Extension Landscape Horticulturist from Texas A&M will present the program. Information on indoor and outdoor plants suited for this area will be given. Mr. Janne will also

discuss some plant diseases and their cure. There will be a question and answer session following the program.

Garden Club members, homeowners and all interested persons are urged to attend.

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

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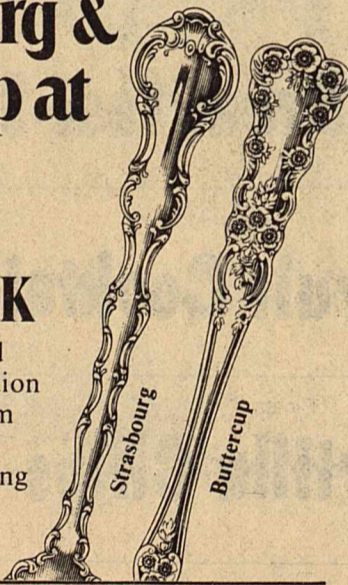
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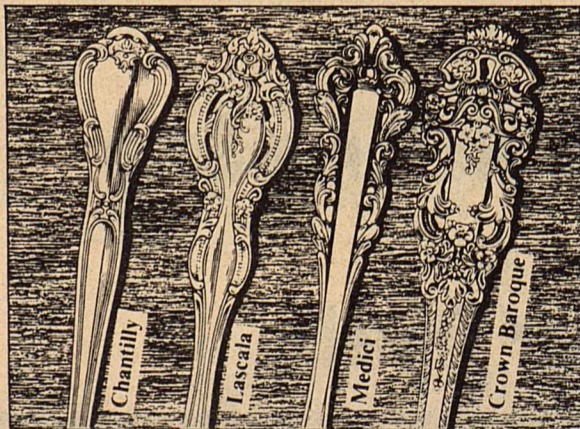
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Home Demo Club Plans Feb. 16 Meet

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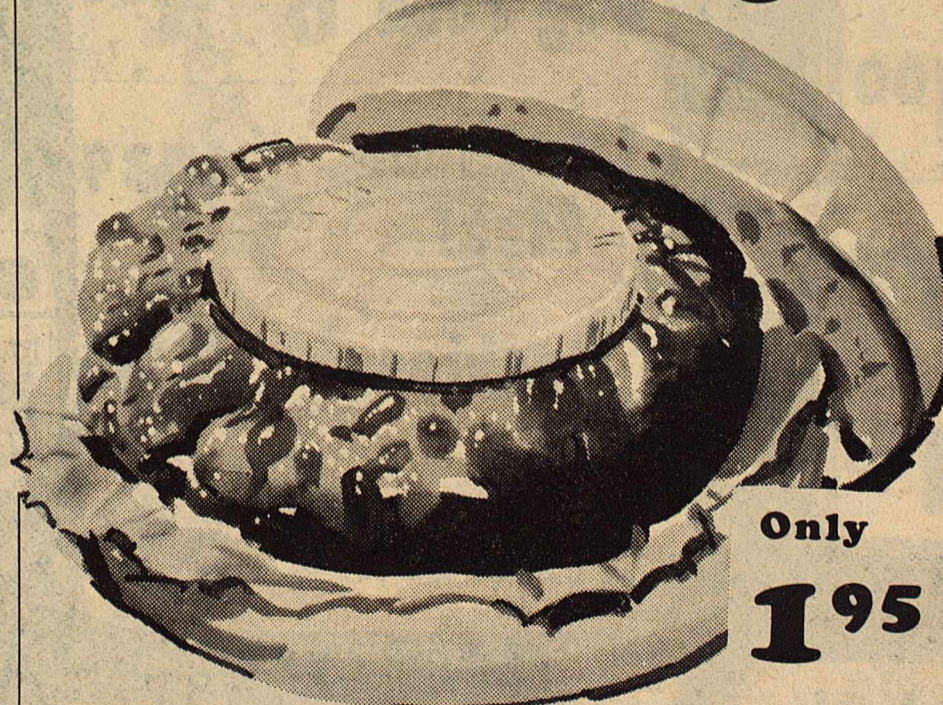
The program will be on low calorie foods and all members are asked to

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Sarah Mahon, County Extension Agent, will also be presenting a short program on homemade sewing aids.

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Susan Modgling To Wed Dennis Dunnam

Miss Susan Modgling of San Angelo and Dennis Ray Dunnam have announced plans to be married March 24 in the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Modgling of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dunnam of Sonora.

The bride-elect is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School where she was a member of the Anglettes. She is presently employed in the San Angelo Public Library.

Her fiancé is an honor graduate of Sonora High School and is attending Angelo State University and working in a parttime position with the Texas Highway Department.

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E.J.H.S. Takes Three Trophies

By Jym Trimble
Misfortune plagued the Eldorado Junior High roundballers last weekend in the annual District 9-A Junior High Basketball Tournament.

However the teams did manage to succumb these problems and clinch three trophies.

The seventh grade girls led by Davinna Vannett took the championship in their division. They advanced to the final game by defeating Wall 34-14 in the opening round.

Vannett was high point with 12. The second round saw Eldorado sweep past

Junction on a 26-11 tally. Laura Lazano led with eight points.

In the season finale the girls raced to a 27-22 convincing victory over Menard for the District 9-A Championship.

Things weren't nearly as bright for the eighth grade girls as they dropped an

intense first round game to Wall on a 19-16 score.

Dannett Dunagan paced the Eagles with six points followed by Julie Cash with four.

After running past Junction in the second round by a 25-13 result, the eighth grade girls overcame Mason by a 21-6 tally and took the Consola-

tion Trophy.

In the last game of the year Margie Logan led the Eagles with six points.

The seventh grade boys also managed to win a Consolation Trophy as they ran past Mason, 27-12. Sammy Santellano led the Eagles in all three games.

The seventh grade boys advanced to the consolation finals on a 32-19 count over Reagan County. Also leading the Eagles was Luke Brame.

A fine eighth grade boys team took an opening round win over Wall, but fell to future District 9-A Champs, Reagan County, in a close 32-27 score.

Gene Edmiston led the eagles past Wall with a 10-point surge that sparked the Eldorado victory. Craig Griffin led the Eagles against Reagan County with nine points.

Final results was Reagan County took the eighth grade boys title with Mason second and Wall taking Consolation. In the eighth grade girls

division, Wall took first followed by Menard and Eldorado.

In the seventh grade boys division Wall took first followed by Menard and Eldorado.

The seventh grade girls division saw Eldorado take first, Menard second and Wall consolation.

Tax Break for Energy Conservation

Taxpayers who take certain steps to save energy in their homes can cut their income tax bills up to \$2,500 as a result of recent legislation.

The law, which is retroactive to April 20, 1977, provides for a tax credit of up to \$300 for energy conservation mate-

rials installed in the home, with a separate credit of as much as \$2,000 for taxpayers who install "renewable" energy source devices such as solar or wind equipment.

The smaller credit is figured at 15 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on such items as storm or thermal windows and doors, insulation, weather-

stripping and caulking. Also qualifying are furnace replacement burners, flue-opening modifications, electrical or mechanical ignition systems to replace gas pilot lights and clock

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The "renewable" energy credit is available for both existing and newly constructed homes. Renters as well as homeowners are

eligible for the credit.

Taxpayers need not itemize deductions to claim the residential energy tax credit. They do, however, have to file Form 1040 attaching IRS

Form 5695, showing how the credit was computed. Form 5695, "Energy Credits," is available at IRS offices and many banks and post offices.

Scholarship Nominees Chosen

By Hillary Hunt
The National Honor Society has voted on two nominees for the National Honor Society scholarships. The two nominees from Sonora will be Denise Neal and Steve Alley.

A money making Valentine project has been approved. The money made from this project will be used to give a scholarship from the NHS to a senior member. This

project will be done within the highschool. A committee of Denise Neal, Carol Brandon, Linda Latta, Pat Street, R.B. Alexander and Steve Alley are in charge on this

project. Janet Hanna, at the last meeting, was elected treasurer of the national Honor Society. The new constitution required a treasurer be added to the officers.

Bass Club Tournament Results

The Dry Devil's River Bass Club held their February tournament at Amistad Lake with Richard McCusition taking top honors.

McCusition had two pounds, 12 ounces of fish. Other finishers in the tournament were Spotty Gibbs with one pound, 14 ounces; and Todd Churchill with a 1-pound fish. Gibbs won the big bass honors.

The previous tournament held in December was also fished at

Amistad. Carl Teaff won that tournament with two fish weighing two pounds, 8 ounces. Don Hooper of Odessa tied Teaff for big bass honors with a one pound, eight ounce bass.

Also finishing in the points was Robert Taylor weighing in a one pound fish.

The club now has 24 members and welcomes interested parties to attend a DDRBC meeting held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Larry Kirby Wins Three-Round Decision

Larry Kirby of Sonora won a three-round decision in the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Odessa Monday night to capture the 160-pound weight classification in the

Novice Division. The win gave Kirby the right to advance into the Open Division. Kirby won his opening round fight with a knockout.

Mail Deadline

Post Master Charlie Steph told the News Monday that any out-going mail must be in the post office - Mondays thru

Fridays by 3:30 p.m. instead of the usual 3:50.

This change becomes effective February 19.

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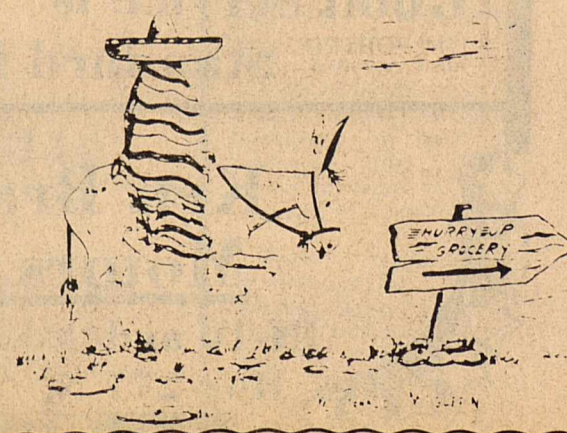
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Bronco Bits....

By Annabelle Gonzales
Eleven S.H.S. students represented Sonora High School very well when they participated in Mason's annual speech and literary meet held Feb. 3. Sonora High school tied for second place with Wall High School.

S.H.S. students who won first place honors were Kent Cagle in persuasive speaking, Valerie Tedford poetry and Chase Snodgrass in science. These students are preparing for the district meet to be held on March 31.

Becky Boyd was another S.H.S. student who represented Sonora High School well. Becky won first place in food marketing in the Distributive Clubs of America Youth Conference held at Angelo State University. She will go to State Competition March 15-18 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

The Annual Speech Tournament which was held last weekend was a success. The students should be congratulated on the hard work, time and effort they contributed. Students representing 26 schools attended the tournament and entertainment was provided for them Friday night at the 4-H Barn from 8 till 11 p.m.

The varsity girls basketball team lost their chance to win District title as they lost to Crane, 53-34. This was the second time the Golden Cranes have defeated the Sonora Broncos. They played the Ozona Lions here Tuesday night. This was their last ballgame of the season.

The girls will be losing three seniors: Pam Powers, Judy York and Mary Gomez.

The varsity boys also lost to the Golden Cranes, 55-50, but gave the Cranes a run for their money. The boys played a good game, and have every reason to be proud of themselves. The boys also played their last game against Ozona Tuesday night.

The boys will be losing seniors Dan Lawson, Pat Street, Preston Love and Cody Savell.

The J.V. girls came through with another victory as they defeated the Cranes, 55-24. The J.V. boys weren't as lucky as they were defeated 54-45.

Now since basketball season is over, everyone will head to the track. The girls team will be coached by Donal Patton and Gay Adams. The boys will be coached by Roy Evans and Terry Campbell.

Thought for the Week: The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay; love isn't love until you give it away.

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Varied Topics Highlight TS&GRA Meet

Well, you've gotta admit he had nerve. They both had nerve. State Rep. Ronald Coleman, El Paso, and Raptor Preservation Fund head Shawn Ogburn, Austin, came before the Predatory Animal Committee during the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association winter meeting in Austin last week to announce a Coleman-

sponsored bill that would protect golden eagles at the state level. So far no one's saying much about the measure's chance of passage, but there was considerable private mumbling about its merits. TS&GRA executive secretary Bill Simms says Coleman and Ogburn "were not very well received."

It was one of many interesting episodes at the Austin meeting. Texas Railroad Commission Chairman John Poerner, one of two key speakers, told TS&GRA that the Texas energy regulatory agency opposes federal attempts to siphon off gas produced within the state.

Poerner objected to federal energy czar James Schlesinger's attempts to encourage home builders to design for natural gas heating systems over coal or fuel oil appliances. He

contended that gas supply may at some time fall short of demand nationwide, a situation that would militate toward mandatory takeover of Texas' intrastate gas supplies.

Poerner said resulting shortages within Texas, the state that produced the gas in the first place, would hit agriculture head. OPEC price increases and other fuel-inflating moves are already causing changes in agriculture production methods and

intentions, he noted. Poerner said he is "tired of Texans getting the short end of the stick."

State Legislator Susan McBee, Del Rio, voiced her support for pending land tax reform measures, school funding proposals that would remove some of the burden now carried by rural school districts, and a measure allowing taxpayers to roll back tax increases voted at the local level.

Ms. McBee opposed certain other proposals including the golden eagle protection bill and one that would disallow legal use of county equipment for soil and water conservation work. Echoing a long-held West Texas philosophy, Ms. McBee noted that the most important thing in a legislative session is not how many bills are passed, "but rather how many are killed."

TS&GRA members passed resolutions calling

for a Texas Department of Agriculture survey of sheep and goat marketing practices and death loss causes, opposing reorganization of USDA and requesting that ACP brush control program decisions be made at the local level.

Another resolution called upon the U.S. Agriculture secretary to advance mohair support levels to the allowable maximum, 15 percent above the parity equivalent for wool.

TS&GRA also expressed its appreciation to retiring Animal Damage Control state supervisor Milton Caroline for his years of dedicated service to the sheep and goat industry. Caroline perpetually found himself caught in a crossfire between livestock industry needs and official state and federal animal control policy but strove always to maintain a reasonable balance between the two often opposite demands. He will be difficult, if not impossible, to replace.

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Dead Line for Census Return Nears

Farmers and ranchers are reminded that the deadline for return of the 1978 Census of Agriculture report forms is Feb. 15.

A large portion of those who received forms nationwide already has mailed them back in postage paid envelopes, according to the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, which is conducting the census. Those

who have not done so are urged to return the forms by the deadline. Bureau officials say they cannot extend the due dates for filing the forms except in individual cases where undue burden is involved, but they note that best estimates will be acceptable from operators lacking records.

Assistance also may be obtained from county

officials who are prepared to answer questions which may arise regarding the form. These include agricultural agents, executive directors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, supervisors in USDA's Soil Conservation Service, and vocational agriculture instructors. The Census Bureau is

mailing follow-up letters asking prompt return of the forms, noting that cooperation is required by law, delay sharply increases the costs, but, more important, a true picture of the Nation's agricultural industry cannot be achieved until the forms are in. A state cannot start until virtually all the forms have been returned. Data for

each of more than 3,000 counties will be published on a schedule calling for early release of county statistics beginning in October and continuing through March 1980, followed by publication of state and national data within the next two years.

A "Were You Counted," publicity campaign has been

launched by the Bureau in an effort to locate any farmer or rancher who may have been inadvertently missed in the census. Those who failed to receive a form may call (812) 335-1271 or write WYC, Bureau of the Census, Agriculture Division, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47132, and a form will be forwarded.

Blood Typing Provides Answers to Many Questions Concerning Cattle Breeding

Did a scrub bull get to your purebred cow? How much bison is there in your bison-cattle cross? Or is there any at all? Blood testing is a valuable tool that can answer these and a host of other questions for the cattle breeder.

For example, the technique can also identify identical twins or a free-martin (non-breeder female born twin to a male). Or it can establish parentage in cases where

identity of one or both parents is in doubt.

Breed Associations, with a responsibility for keeping records of animals to maintain the genetic purity of the breed, utilize blood typing extensively.

The blood-typing laboratory at Texas A&M University, officially termed the Immunogenetics Laboratory, does more than testing on cattle than any other laboratory in North America.

According to Dr. Jerry

Caldwell, the laboratory's Director and an immunogeneticist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the facility tested over 9,000 samples of animal blood in 1978.

This past year the lab completed a 5-year blood-typing contract with the National Society of Livestock Record Association and started another 5-year contract serving 23 different breed associations.

By now you're probably wondering what is a "blood type" and how is "type" determined?

"Blood typing is a process which identifies different antigens or blood

factors contained on the surface of the red blood cells," according to Caldwell.

He explains that the surface of a red blood cell has many different combinations of proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates, each with different functions.

These blood group factors are inherited in combinations called "phenogroups," which indicate the genetic makeup of an animal as to blood type.

Different breeds of cattle are characterized by the groups which exist in each breed and their

frequency of occurrence in that breed. The cattle population may contain an extremely large number of combinations of blood group factors, since additional factors are still being discovered.

The inheritance of these factors from parent to offspring makes possible the identification of an animal and the determination of whether its blood factors could have come from its supposed sire and dam. Such information makes possible parentage verification.

The A&M blood-typing laboratory routinely tests for 58 different blood group factors, according to Caldwell. These factors, inherited either singly or in groups within 10 genetic systems, help identify the individual animal and its heritage.

Caldwell says that blood typing should be used as a tool in the proper identification of cattle, for maintaining their genetic purity.

But, he cautions, blood typing will not solve all cases of parentage uncertainty, though blood-typing labs can resolve 80 to 90 percent of them.

"Blood typing can be a valuable tool in maintaining accuracy of pedigrees," Caldwell says.

One extremely interesting aspect of blood typing, Caldwell relates, is one bison-cattle crosses. American buffalo (bison) have certain blood types which are distinctly different from cattle.

Caldwell has developed five tests which determine the presence of bison in specific crosses. While he can tell very reliably if an animal is part buffalo, he can't tell, as yet, the exact percentage.

"The probability of detecting the presence of bison genotype with one specific test depends upon the actual percentage of bison genetic make-up in an animal.

"For example, assuming a specific genetic marker is fixed in the bison population (and some do appear to be fixed; that is, all bison tested possess the marker), then one would expect 100 percent of both 1/2 and 3/4 bison to show the bison marker.

"On the other hand of those animals that are 3/8, 1/4, and 1/8 bison, one would expect to observe 75 percent, 50 percent, and 25 percent of the animals to be positive in the test.

"These percentages have been remarkably consistent in our tests," Caldwell concluded.

The lab routinely tests animals to be registered in the Bison Hybrid International Association. However, these animals may vary considerably in their percentage bison (ranging from 1/8 to 7/8 bison).

The American Breed Association is another organization for which the lab does blood typing for bison markers, parentage verification, etc. The American Breed, developed by Mr. Art Jones, Portales, N. Mexico, after many years of crossing and testing, has 1/8 bison.

Caldwell says it is the only recognized breed with a stabilized percentage of bison confirmed by blood testing. In addition, Mr. Jim Burnett of Luther, Montana, another pioneer in this field, has been successful in crossing the bison with cattle; lab testing verified it.

"Emphasis has been placed on another well-publicized bison-cattle cross reported to have 3/8 bison; however, from the half bloods (supposed 3/16 bison) tested in this laboratory, we have no evidence from blood typing of bison in these animals," Caldwell says.

Blood typing, or immunogenetics, is a growing science that is already serving the beef cattle and dairy industries. And the variety and validity of these services increase every year.


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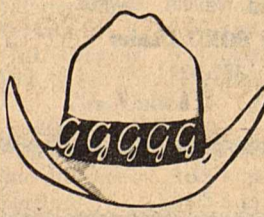

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Sporting Chance....

By Don Holdridge
Looking back over the past basketball season, I have seen enough to know that I am very excited about the future of basketball in Sonora.
Lord knows I've seen more games this year than a N.B.A. referee, but I still couldn't get around to all of them. (Once this season, Sonora teams were involved in 27 games in a one-week period. 'Nuff said.)
Our varsity teams were still not the caliber of many other teams in the area, but Sonora has never been a basketball town, and programs must be built up over a period of years.
Coach Bill Shaw has done an outstanding job with the Bronco boys, and although they didn't win as many games as they lost, their performances at the end of the season showed vast improvement from the beginning.
Mental and physical discipline was vastly improved over past seasons, and many of their losses were close games which could have been simply with the confidence that a winning tradition builds.
Coach Walter Holik's girls showed spurts of

brilliance this year, but injuries, illness and weather that caused the cancellation of several games at key points in the season kept the Broncos from ever living up to their potential.
Inexperience also played a big role in the team's record, and the change from the six-player game to full court proved more easily adaptable for some teams than others.
Despite the fact that Terry Campbell's junior varsity boys were hard hit by flip-flops between the varsity and J.V. by some players and moves to other towns, the predominantly freshman roster should produce several players that will be quality varsity team members in future seasons.
Coach Gay Adams junior varsity had the best record of any Sonora team as they blistered nearly every team they faced this year, and except for a slight slump at midseason, stayed at a peak almost the entire year. The J.V. girls even gave Eldorado varsity, a state ranked team, a run for their money through the first half of their contest in the Sonora Tournament.
Several of the players had the natural ability, but

just needed the experience and maturity that regular playing time brought in order to be genuine varsity threats, while if several others make as much improvement between now and next season as they have in the past year, may push some of the current varsity players for a starting berth.
But the junior high program is where the greatest progress has been made this year. Take a look at the teams in any sport that consistently have winners, and every one on them will have a strong junior high program where fundamentals are drilled over and over until they become second nature.
The increased schedules for the junior high squads meant more playing time for more players and will make a big difference by the time these players get to high school.
Both Virgil Burge's eighth grade boys and the seventh grade boys under Charlie Adams and Charles Russell had great seasons and showed great promise for future Bronco teams.
While Pam Shultz' eighth grade girls were inconsistent at times, they proved they have talent, and with more experience should make some

excellent high school teams.
Coach Shultz' seventh grade girls came on strong at the end of the season, and although they had trouble scoring points at times, they seemed to have a good grasp of roundball fundamentals.
The only thing lacking in the Sonora basketball program is the parent and fan support. It is almost embarrassing when at times the visiting team has more fans in the stands than Sonora.
Another thing needed is parent support of the coaches. In numerous discussions with the coaches this year, I have come to believe we have coaches who know the game of basketball, and given half a chance, will provide Sonora with an outstanding basketball program.
But the support of the parents is needed, too. If parents constantly criticize coach's strategy in front of their children, there is no way the coach will be able to gain that player's respect and trust.
Our school administration seems dedicated to building a strong athletic program in all areas, but money or facilities alone will not do it. Everyone's help is needed.

Bronco Basketball Stars

Meet the 1978 - 79 Bronco Cagers



Tonya Ridgeway is a 5-3 1/2 freshman post on the Bronco junior varsity. She is also a member of the band and tennis team. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ridgeway, she has lived in Sonora for three years.



Gina Thompson is a 5-4 freshman guard and wing on the Bronco junior varsity. She is also a member of the band and tennis team. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Thompson, she has lived in Sonora for three years.



Jessica Robledo is a 5-4 freshman guard on the junior varsity Broncos. She is also a member of the track team. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Castilleja, Sr., she has lived in Sonora all her life.



Celia Hernandez is a 5-0 sophomore corner for the junior varsity Broncos. Basketball is her only sport. The daughter of Santos and Oralla Hernandez, she has lived in Sonora her entire life.

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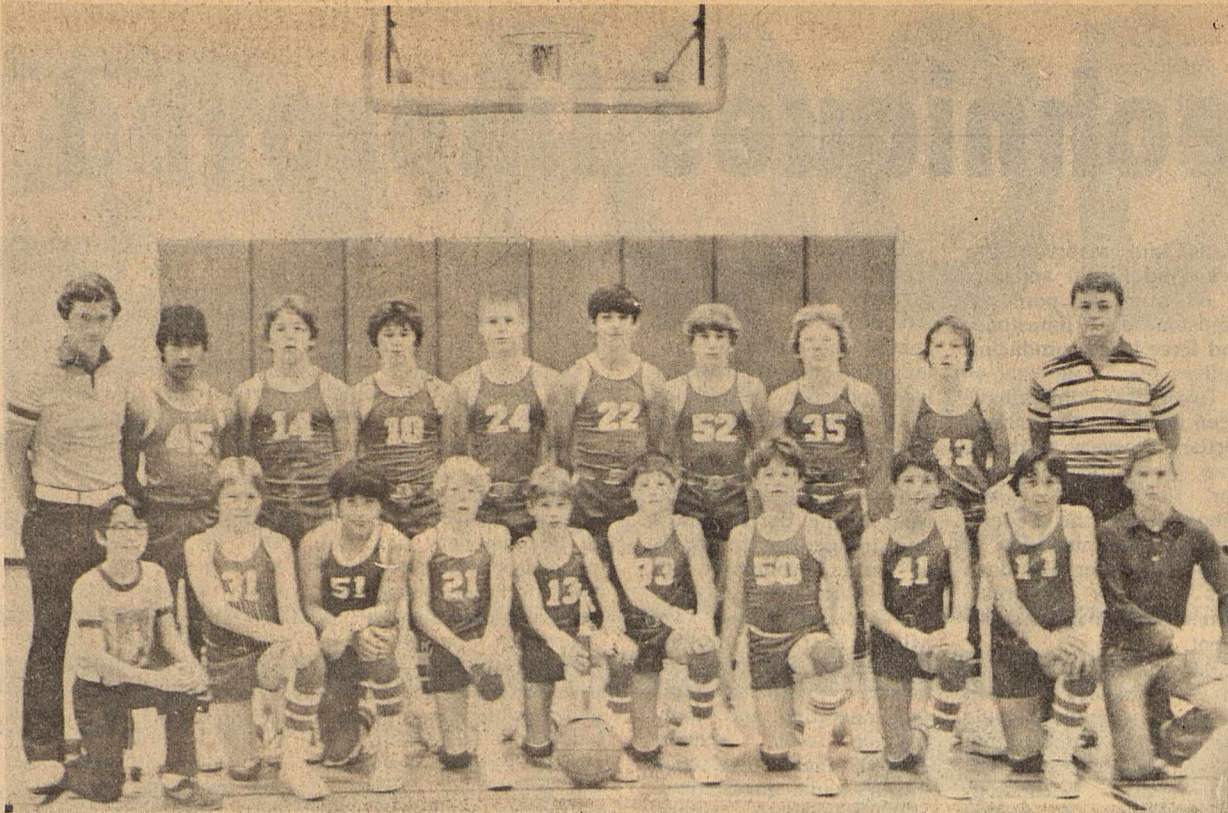
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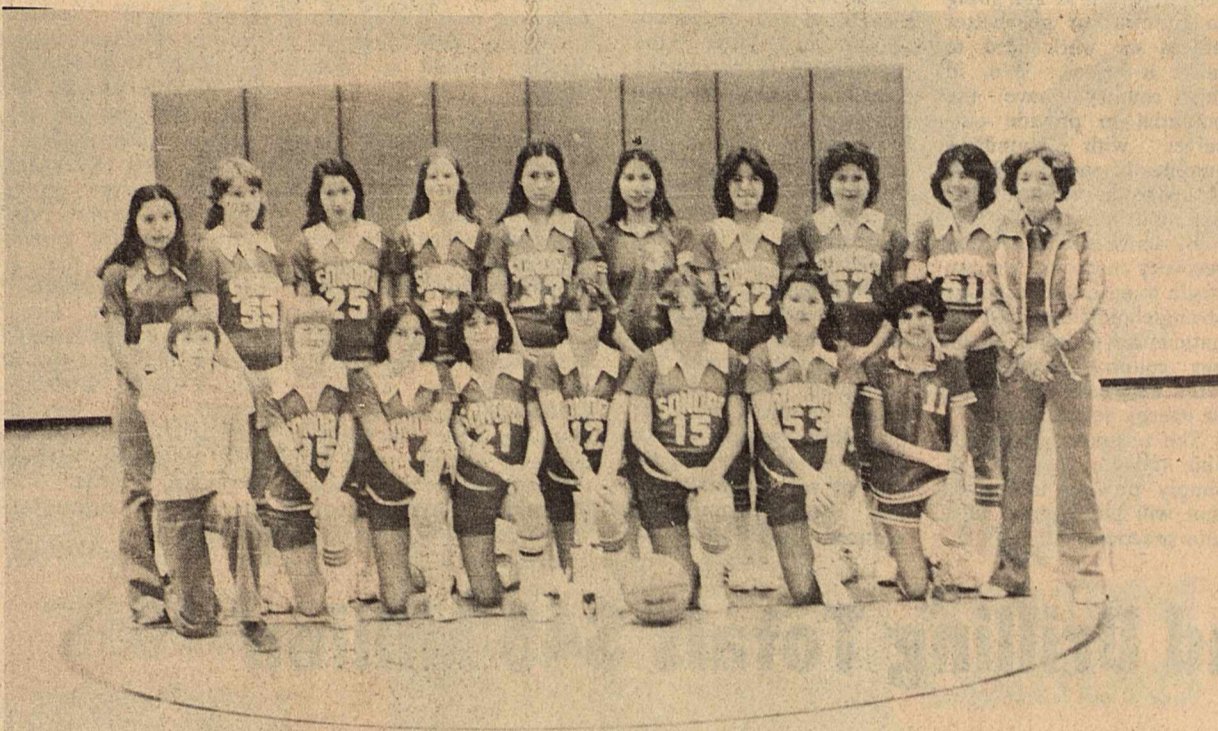
Members of the seventh grade Colts are coach Charles Russell, Eugene Gonzales, Jeff Brittain, Wendell Yarborough, Ronnie Pollard, Matt Favila, Mike Poloczek, Jay Thomas, Barry Graves, coach

Charlie Adams, and [bottom row] manager Edmond Martinez, Darren Smith, Tino Martinez, Miles Miller, Drew Wallace, David Love, Houston Powers, Larry Jennings, Adam Hernandez and manager Doug Mounce.



Members of the Sonora eighth grade Colts are [top row, left to right] Timmy Doan, Kevin West, Justin Gray, Jeff Harlin, Andres Acosta, Tom Schabel, Espy Whitehead, Chris Reynolds, David Chandler, Phillip

Kemp, Marney Sorenson, Dennis Mauldon, Cody Childress, Alex Noriega, DeVoe Smith and [bottom row] manager John Mitchell, coach Virgil Burge and manager Joe Shannon.



Members of the Sonora eighth grade Colts are [top row, left to right] manager Andrea Guerra, Sonya Ridgeway, Mirasol Ramirez, Zee Wooten, Gina Reyna, Alicia Herrera, Anna Mata, Ellis Longoria, Delma Noriega, coach Pam Shultz, and [bottom row] manager Clalene Stewart, Tammy Hulsey, Veronica Martinez, Elvira Flores, Debra Zapata, Tanna Tyler, Clarabelle Arredondo and Norma Badillo.



Members of the Sonora seventh grade Colts are [top row, left to right] manager Laura Preston, Maria Lira, Lisa Webster, Nancy Benson, Theresa Marlow, Kristi Hill, Tammy Tidwell, Tammy Duren, coach

Pam Shultz, and [bottom row] Deanna Haltom, Lora Lea Kordzik, Tammy Butler, Patricia Bible, Kathryn Parker, Allison White, Judy Merrill, Angela Renfroe and Olivia Ramirez.

Spring Track Schedule for High School, Jr. High

The spring track schedule for Sonora High School and Junior High has been officially set for the 1979 year.

The Bronco girls will begin their season March 2 at Mason, while the boys will travel to Junction the following day, March 3.

The Bronco Relays, set for March 23, will for the first time feature both boys and girls division

with several schools already signed up, promising to make the largest field ever for the annual event.

Sonora Junior High squads will host the annual Colt Relays on March 24.

The District 7-AA junior high meet will be held in Crane April 6, with the high school meet set for April 7 in Ozona.

Both boys and girls will compete in Ballinger March 10 and Ozona March 17.

The girls will compete in Junction March 30, and although boys have an open weekend on that date, they are still looking for a meet.

Region 1 competition will be held in Lubbock on April 27-28 for the boys and April 20-21 for the girls.

The state track meet for boys is slated for May 11-12 with the girls competing May 4-5.

Other junior high meets include Ozona March 10, Junction March 16 and Brady March 31.

Coaches for the high school boys will be Roy Evans and Terry Campbell, while Donald Patton and Gay Adams will handle the girls.

Charlie Adams and Virgil Burge will handle the junior high boys chores, and Walter Holik will take the junior high

girls. An effort is being made

this year to divide the grade teams as is currently being done with the separate seventh and eighth




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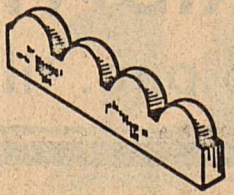


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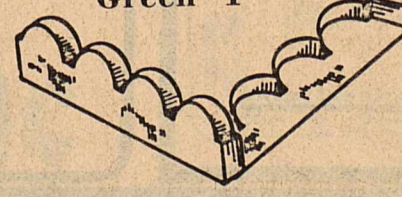
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Exploration, Drilling Techniques Improved

Editors Note: The following article was written by Sen. Bentsen especially for the Devil's River News Petroleum Edition Jan. 31. However, due to delays, the article was not received in time. By U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen

The business of exploring and drilling for oil is a different game today than it was 40 and 50 years ago. In those days, not much was known about earth sciences or the geology of oil-bearing structures. When Pop Joiner sunk his first well into the East Texas Oil Field, he didn't have today's sophisticated geophysical equipment to help him find the reservoir. Fortunately for him, he didn't need it. The East Texas Field was hard to miss—it covered 203 square miles and contain-

ed an estimated 5.6 billion barrels of oil.

There are still plenty of individuals like Pop Joiner around today, striking out on their own in search of oil and gas. In fact, independent producers presently drill nearly 90 percent of the nation's exploratory wells. But they no longer look for gigantic pools of oil like the famous Yates, Wasson, Slaughter, Hawkins and Seminole fields of Texas. They realize that the days of the easy find have long since passed. Although other major discoveries may await us in the Outer Continental Shelf or the frozen expanses of Alaska, they will require greater ingenuity and expense to locate and produce.

To be sure, there are still vast amounts of oil to be found and produced in the United States and its

coastal waters. But the bulk of our domestic production will no longer come from a handful of gigantic fields, but rather will come from thousands of small and deep pockets of oil. Our energy future is strongly tied to our success and to our ability to squeeze from them every last drop of recoverable oil.

Accordingly, I have introduced two bills in the Senate that, if enacted would represent a major step forward towards maximizing energy production from our current petroleum reserves. One bill, the Tertiary Recovery Incentives Act of 1979, would increase U.S. oil production by as much as 2.8 million barrels a day in 1990 by simply encouraging wider use of exotic new oil recovery methods.

What are these promising new production techniques? Some background might be in order.

There are only two oil recovery methods currently in wide use. The first is primary recovery, in which oil is simply pumped to the surface. Man is usually aided in this by pressure from the oil of from natural gas inside the reservoir. Sometimes oil in higher elevations in the reservoir drains down into the well to be pumped out.

The other method is known as secondary recovery. When the natural pressures diminish or when the oil stops flowing into the well from

higher elevations, this method comes into play. Fluids—usually water or natural gas—are injected into one series of wells in an effort to force the oil toward another series of wells.

In wells where they have first used primary recovery then secondary recovery techniques involving waterflooding they now produce an average of between 38 and 43 percent of the oil in place.

About half of our domestic crude oil today is produced through secondary recovery techniques.

But it is clear that even with secondary recovery a lot of oil is being left in the ground.

Some 450 billion barrels of crude oil have been discovered in the United States. Only 115 billion barrels of that have been recovered to date.

According to the best estimates, by using primary and secondary recovery techniques, we will be able to produce only another 30 billion barrels of oil in the United States.

This is where the techniques, or Enhanced Oil Recovery, comes into play. My bill, encouraging use of tertiary recovery methods by lifting price controls on oil produced by these methods, could more than double our proven oil reserves: from 30 billion barrels to as much as 65 billion barrels.

Enhanced Oil Recovery processes generally inject either heat or chemical

fluids into reservoirs to sweep additional amounts of oil from the pores of sandstone and limestone, and force it into producing wells.

Two recent studies have been done into the various tertiary recovery methods. One, by the firm of Lewis and Associates, was prepared for the Federal Energy Administration in 1975. The other was done this year by Congress' Office Technology Assessment.

Both studies conclude that Enhanced Oil Recovery techniques could more than double our proven oil reserves. The Office of Technology Assessment further concludes that the best way to spur development of this new technology would be to remove price controls from oil produced through these methods.

The energy shortage continues to be very real today. And it is not going to go away or get better unless we work hard to make it better. We, in this country, have the potential to provide ourselves with boundless supplies of energy. But it is up to us to turn that potential into a reality.

By active use of tertiary recovery methods, we can begin to ease the economic stranglehold that OPEC nations have tightened on our country during the '70's and turn the corner to energy self-sufficiency.

The technology is available today. My bill will simply provide incentives that will put a good idea into practice.

The second bill I have introduced, the Deep Stripper Well Incentives Act of 1979, will provide special incentives to prolong the useful lives of low-production properties which otherwise would be plugged and abandoned.

Today the average daily production for the 500,000 wells in the United States had dropped to 16 barrels of crude, compared to 5,500 barrels per day for the average well in the Middle East. As production rates decline, well owners frequently find that operating and maintenance costs actually exceed their production income under governmentally controlled prices.

When this happens, the owners are forced to plug their wells and abandon the remaining oil, even though the property may still have several more years of steady, low level production.

Congress has already recognized that we cannot afford to lose the contribution of marginally economic wells to the total domestic energy supply.

In an amendment to the Energy Production and Conservation Act of 1976, we established a permanent category of "stripper wells" which produce less than 10 barrels of oil per day. To help prolong the life of these wells, their crude oil production was exempted from federal price controls.

By providing world market prices for stripper oil, the rate of well abandonment has been significantly reduced. In 1976, the last

year for which data is available, well abandonments were cut by 42 percent over the average for the previous 5 years.

Today stripper wells yield about one million barrels of crude per day, or 14 percent of our total domestic production. Much of this oil would otherwise have been lost to abandonment had not price incentives been provided for these marginally economic properties.

However, despite the success of the stripper well provision, many marginal properties are still being shut in because the current stripper definition fails to take differing production conditions into account in determining eligibility for price incentives. It should be obvious that a 6,000 foot well producing 11 barrels a day is more expensive to operate than a 1,500 foot well producing less than 10 barrels. The cost of pumping, maintaining and reworking wells are all directly related to well depth.

For this reason, I introduced legislation to address this problem by establishing a new category of "deep stripper" properties which, like the present class of stripper properties, will be exempt from federal price controls. To account for differences in operating conditions, the average production ceilings for eligibility under this category will vary according to the depth of the well. My bill defines a deep stripper well as one that produces:

less than 20 barrels per day from a depth of 2,000-4,000 feet, or less than 25 barrels per day from a depth of 4,000-6,000 feet, or less than 30 barrels per day from a depth of 6,000-8,000 feet, or less than 35 barrels per day from a depth greater than 8,000 feet.

The effect of this bill will be to significantly prolong the life of thousands of deep wells which would otherwise be the victims of rising production costs. Approximately 14 percent of our current domestic production will qualify for price incentives is enacted, this percentage will gradually increase as more and more deep stripper wells are saved from abandonment. Over the next 8 years, this legislation would lead to the production of an additional 1.5 billion barrels of oil equivalent of crude and natural gas, and by the end of the eighth year would increase domestic crude production by 700,000 barrels per day and natural gas by 800 billion cubic feet per day.

In the years ahead, a major portion of our total domestic energy production will come from tertiary recovery projects and from wells that are currently marginally economic under today's controlled energy prices. I am convinced that the two bills I have introduced present a sensible approach toward realizing the maximum possible production from our current petroleum reserves.

Dowell Holds Safety Day

A major oilfield company said today it is taking extraordinary action to help stop an increasing trend of accidents.

Dowell Division of Dow Chemicals U.S.A. said it will pull all of its field personnel of their jobs for a full day of special safety instruction during the week of February 4.

Some 4,500 Dowell employees at about 170 locations will be affected. The company said the accidents are not being caused by faulty or improperly operated equipment but rather by lack of awareness of increased hazards in the workplace.

It blamed the accident increase on a combination of a lot of new people working under adverse weather conditions this winter.

A company spokesman said the accident increase had been slight but still serious enough to indicate a trend that requires this kind of concentrated action.

The special instruction, the spokesman said, it also open to Dowell customers.

Dowell, with headquarters in Houston, is one of the largest suppliers of cementing, acidizing and fracturing services to the petroleum industry.

State Owned Land Drilling Totals \$45 Million

Texas taxpayers had another \$45 million added to their "savings account" last week when State Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and the School Land Board concluded the most productive sale of mineral leases to oil and gas companies in the

state's history.

The \$45 million was the cash in bonuses paid by companies for the right to drill for oil and gas on state-owned land—much of it coastal waters. The previous high was \$39.2 million in 1965.

The bidding also produced another record—for the largest single bid. Houston Oil & Minerals Corp. set that record by paying \$4,166,294 in premiums to obtain a lease on a Gulf of Mexico tract off Matagorda County. In all, about one-third of the

1.2 million acres offered for lease by the state attracted successful bidders.

"This record-high total of bonuses is more evidence that oil and gas exploration in Texas is hot and heavy," Armstrong

said.

"The people who benefit most are our taxpayers, because they will have this \$45 million in a 'savings account' during the years to come. These funds will be added to the nearly \$2 billion we have in our Permanent

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Petty Named Chairman of El Paso Company

The El Paso Company announced today that Travis H. Petty will become chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Company succeeding Howard Boyd. Boyd will become chairman of the newly formed executive committee of the board. These changes will

become effective in May.

George D. Carameros will continue as vice chairman of the board and chairman of El Paso LNG Company, a principal subsidiary.

Petty joined the Company in December 1946. He was named a vice

president in 1969, was elected to the board of directors in 1971, and became executive vice president in 1973. In 1978 he was named vice chairman of the board. He also serves as chairman of El Paso Natural Gas, one of the Company's principal subsidiaries.

Petty is a director of the American Gas Association, a director of the Gas Research Institute, chairman of the Pacific Coast

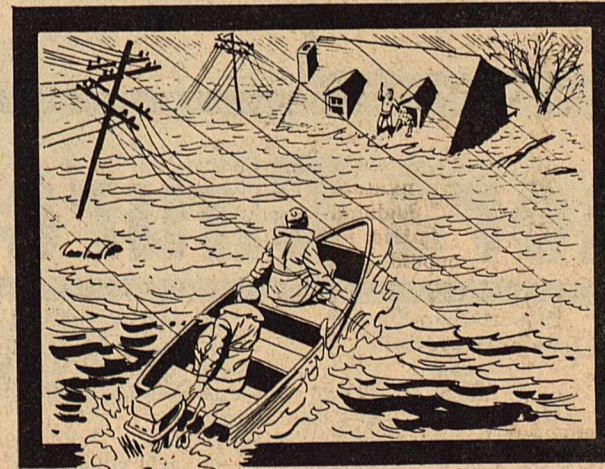
Gas Association, and past chairman of the Advisory Council of the Southern Gas Association. He is a director of the El Paso

National Bank and of the Trans-Texas Bancorporation, its parent. He is also a director of the Richmond Commerce Bank of Houston.

Oil, Gas Production Down 7.48 Percent from Year Ago

Texas oil and gas wells produced 548,005,969 Mcf of gas in November 1978, down 7.48 percent from field runs a year earlier. Marketed gas produc-

tions totaled 458,997,446 Mcf and reflected a 8.25 percent decrease from the November 1977 volume. Marketed production is the total gas to transmission lines carbon black and plant fuel and lease use. Gas exported from Texas in November totaled 239,085,719 Mcf and included 78,354,520 Mcf of imported gas. Exports of Texas-produced gas in November totaled 160,731,199 Mcf and reflected a 12.96 percent decrease from the year earlier month. Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America was the month's largest exporter, moving 79,491,988 Mcf of gas of which 40,373,450 Mcf was Texas-produced gas.



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