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These Sutton County 4-Hers took second place in the Senior Livestock Judging competition at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show. Pictured are (left to right) Brett Johnson, Clay Friess and Lance Love. Also a

member of the team, but not pictured is Fran Friess. Turney Friess (right) and Bud Arendt are coaches for the team.

Dog Poisonings Show Increase

In the past two months several dogs have been poisoned in Sonora. This is occurring over all sections of the city. On some occasions the poisonings have occurred inside a fenced in yard. Police suspect the poison is being thrown from a moving vehicle.

Police Chief Jerry Kemp says they have a description of the vehicle suspected to be involved in the events.

The poison being used is strychnine, a poison not only fatal

in small amounts to animals but also to humans. This poison is being concealed in meats such as canned meats, canned sausages and other foods that might be attractive to small children.

The penalty for such an offense, according to Kemp, is a fine not to exceed \$2,000 and one year in jail.

Police urge any citizen who sees anything related to the incidents to try to get a description of the vehicle of the license number and to call the police department.

Bronco Band Takes Sweepstakes Award

Sonora's Mighty Band came home from Coleman Saturday bringing with them a Sweepstakes trophy.

A total of 35 bands from Region 7, South Zone participated in the UIL competition. Sonora and Brady were the only two bands in AA competition to come away with a

sweepstakes rating.

To qualify for this award band must have made a one in marching contest in the fall as well as a one in sight reading and concert at the Saturday contest.

Sonora's Bronco band has not been named to this honor since 1972.

FM Station to Broadcast in Mid-April

Walton A. Foster, president of Sonora Broadcasting, Inc., has announced plans for the formal operation of an FM radio station in Sonora. Mr. Foster said that the new facility should begin operation no later than mid-April.

"We are happy to be able to finally set the date and begin broadcasting on KVRN-FM," said Foster. The construction of the FM station has been in the planning

stage for nearly three years but has been delayed for a variety of reasons. Foster said the FM station "will provide a much needed nighttime radio facility in Sonora." The new station will be licensed to operate 24 hours daily if desired.

"It is our feeling that Sonora will continue to grow and prosper for many years, as will the surrounding area, and for that reason we feel confident in offering this new

service to the community," said Foster. KVRN-AM began operation in April of 1976. The company hopes to mark its third anniversary with the addition of the FM outlet.

Tom Metzger, General Manager of KVRN, said that the new transmitter was delivered March 19 and is in place at the studio. Work is in progress now to install the necessary additional equipment needed to make the station

operational. In addition to connecting the transmitter to existing facilities, a new antenna to be installed on the present tower and a consulting engineer will need to reevaluate the signal of the AM station. Metzger said "it is an involved process that will probably take about three weeks to complete."

The General Manager said current plans call for the FM station to operate until 10 each

night, "or perhaps a little later on weekends." Initially the FM will duplicate all AM programming until the AM signs off at sundown. Programming will then continue live on the FM. "We're happy to have this new outlet not only because we can provide entertainment for our listeners later in the day but also because we can provide much needed localized information, particularly concerning weather, where none is now

available" said Metzger.

KVRN-FM will operate at 92.1 MHz with a power of 3,000 watts. The antenna system is circularly polarized vertical and horizontal to provide the best possible signal at the present location.

Plans will be announced soon for a formal open house to mark the anniversary of the AM station and the inauguration of the FM.

Sonora Broadcasting, Inc., is owned by Foster and Donald W. Griffis.

U.I.L. Literary Events Set Saturday

Sonora High School will host the District 7-AA University Interscholastic League Literary Competition at Angelo State University this Saturday, while the junior competitors will travel to Kermit for their contest.

The one-act play contest was held yesterday in Midland. Sonora students performed the melodrama, "Foiled by an Innocent Maid". Members of the cast were Valerie Tedford, Kent Cagle, Tony Hooper, Hillary Hunt, Beth Bartz and Pam Powers.

Members of the debate teams to compete Saturday are Kent Cagle and Pat Street, Peter Gomez and Ricky Wright and Bryan Hunt and Louis Humphries.

Other Sonora entries include Steve Alley and Lance Reynolds, informative speaking; Lynne Nadrachal and Nora Galindo, persuasive speaking; Becky Boyd, Beth Bartz and Valerie Tedford, poetry interpretation; Hillary Hunt, Gary Vick and Jamie Condra, prose reading;

Also, Kim Jolly, Bruce Bartz, feature writing; Bruce Bartz, editorial writing; Kim Jolly, Alma Gonzales and Bruce Bartz, news-writing; Alma Gonzales and Maria Perez, headline writing;

Also, Marche Lane, Denise Neal and Linda Smith, ready writing; Nora Galindo and Lee Renfro, spelling and plain writing; Valerie Tedford, Gina Thompson and Sandi Wright, number sense; Chase Snodgrass, Steve Alley and Louis Humphries, science;

Also, Paula Friess, Becky Boyd and Nanette Sanchez, typewriting;

and Carla Lee and Lydia De Hoyas, shorthand.

Junior high teams entered include Edmond Martinez, Mike

Polocek, Zee Wooten, Donna Moore, Nancy Benson, Diana Arrevalo, Edmond Martinez and Judy Merrill, spelling; Veronica Garza, Eugene Gonzales, Espy

Whitehead and Kathryn Parker, ready writing;

Also, Zee Wooten, Tanna Tyler, Darren Smith, Lora Lea Kordzik

and Randy Metzger, number sense; and Zee Wooten, Joe Shannon, Nancy Benson, Eugene Gonzales, Darren Smith and Barry Graves, science.

IH-10 Completion Date Nears

Joe Lane, engineer with Sonora office of Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, told a meeting of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club that completion of IH-10 in Sutton County was expected to be complete sometime late this summer.

Lane, addressing the weekly meeting of the Lions, gave a report on the departments current activities and future plans. He also said the Kimble County portion of the interstate near Junction should be completed by the summer of 1980, giving a full four-lane interstate highway all the way to San Antonio.

Lane said the total cost of the highway in Sutton County would be \$32.75 million, an average of \$608,892 per mile. Original estimates on the highway were expected to average over \$1 million a mile.

Lane told the audience several projects were planned in the future by his office, including an FM road connecting 864 and 2596, giving residents in the eastern section of the county easier accessibility to other areas.

The project of widening bridges and culverts on Highway 277 S. should also be complete sometime this summer, Lane said.

Future maintenance projects in the area will include an overlay of a

eight-mile strip of IH-10 between the Crockett County line and Taylor Box Road.

The same thing will be done from the Crockett County line back into Sonora in about two years, Lane

said.

Lane also explained several new techniques to be used in highway maintenance to help the roads last longer, thus cutting the upkeep or replacement expenses.

Weather

Compile By Pat Brown

Date	R	HI	Lo
March 20		T 78	58
March 21	.05	79	52
March 22	.60	71	49
March 23		69	41
March 24		70	33
March 25		78	31
March 26		83	49
Rainfall for the month, 1.64; rainfall for the year, 3.18.			

Fernando Gamez Killed in One-car Accident Monday

24-year-old Fernando Gamez was dead at the scene of a one car accident early Monday morning approximately five miles north of Eldorado.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Donaldson of Eldorado said Gamez was travelling south on U.S. 277 when his vehicle missed a bridge and overturned in the culvert.

Investigating officers said the accident occurred at or around 5 a.m. and was discovered by a Eldorado man at 9 a.m.

Funeral services for Gamez will be held today at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church followed by burial in Sonora Cemetery.

He was born November 23, 1954 in Sonora and had been a lifetime resident of this city. At the time of his death he was employed by J&S Electric Company.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Eloisa Gamez of Sonora and two brothers, Joe Gamez of San Angelo and Pete Gamez of Fort Worth.

Rabies Clinic Set

There will be a rabies clinic Wednesday, April 11 at the 4-H Center.

All pet owners are urged to have their animals vaccinated at this clinic. It will be open to the public from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

While there have been no confirmed cases of rabies in the county for a good while, rabies is still a threat.



Angela Green warms up before a meet at the Eldorado Invitational Tennis Tournament last Friday. Green and partner Fran Friess advanced to the consolation finals before falling to teammates Carol Brandon and Emily Elliott, but the Broncos took the overall championship.

4-H Play Days Begin Saturday

4-H Playdays will start Sunday, April 1st, and will continue on each Sunday following through May 27, 1979. The schedule of training events are as follows:
 2 p.m.-Showmanship at Halter; 2:30 p.m.-Western Pleasure; 3 p.m.-Western Horsemanship; 3:30 p.m.-Reining; and 4 p.m.-Poles and Barrets.

The leaders are David Walsh, Birl Davis, and Robert Zapata with Junior leaders-Marshall Doran and Nancy Benson. They will attempt to hold to the schedule of training events but will allow more time for events where more interest is shown. The playdays will take place at the Sonora, Sutton County Arena.

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

4-H Leaders To Meet Monday

The April meeting of the Sutton County 4-H Club and Adult Leaders Association will be Monday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H Center.

All 4-H Club members, parents, and adult leaders are urged to be present. The two organizations will hold separate meetings and both will elect officers.

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April Designated As Cancer Month

April is a special month because the American Cancer Society's educational and fund raising Crusade gives people a chance to DO something about cancer.

"This is a time of very concentrated action," Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Crusade Chairman explained. "Governor Bill Clements, President Jimmy Carter and the members of Congress, have officially named April as Cancer Control Month."

During this time Sonora ACS volunteers will be trying to teach their friends, neighbors, families, and business associates the facts about cancer, including the essential fact that cancer is most curable when detected early and treated promptly.

An understanding of cancer safeguards, warning signals -- and the importance of physical checkups including cancer tests--could save thousands of lives each year.

"While we are trying to save more people with the knowledge we have today, we will be asking Sonora residents to support the

three fold ACS program of research, education, (both for the public and the medical and allied health professions) and service rehabilitation for the cancer patient and family.

"As our slogan puts it, we are asking everyone to 'fight cancer with a checkup and a check.'"

Cancer treatment today often includes the skills of many specialists -- surgeons, radiotherapists, chemotherapists and immunotherapists. "For many forms of cancers there are treatments approaches, and drugs that didn't exist a few short years ago," she said. "While our ability to diagnose and treat cancer has sharpened, we have been giving more and more attention to the emotional needs of the cancer patient and family."

"On one hand, the ACS is supporting highly sophisticated research into the nucleus of the cancer cell, on the other, we are trying to answer simple human questions like this one: 'How do you keep a family going when one child is struck by leukemia?'"

Sonorans' Father Dies March 19

Funeral services were held March 21 for VOLLIE WAMPLER, 83, of Breckenridge. Burial was in Newcastle Cemetery in Breckenridge following services in the Chapel of Grace.

Mr. Wampler died March 19 at Stephens Memorial Hospital shortly after being admitted.

He was born February 19, 1896 in Thurber and married Calthey Funderburk October 9, 1915 in Palo Pinto. Following their marriage they lived in Newcastle and Brecken-

ridge. Mrs. Wampler died September 24, 1960. He is survived by seven sons, William of Ibex, Charles and Edward of Breckenridge, Claude and Carl of Odessa, Harold and Donald of Sonora; four daughters, Alvia Mac

Smith of Laguna Park, Moveldia Wilks of Brookings, Oregon, Darlene Petty of Loving, and Donna Reeves of Newellton, La.; two sisters; 34 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.



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Presbyterians To Hold Lord's Supper

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian, will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

All baptised christians are invited to come and join in the holy event, according to the Rev. Jim Miles, pastor of the church.

Bronco Bits....

The people and city of Sonora have plenty of reason to be proud of Sonora High School and several students who attend there. Many have represented S.H.S. and Sonora in several activities very well and they still are.

The Mighty Bronco Band attended U.I.L. Concert and Sight reading competition last weekend in Coleman. The band received number one ratings in both reading and concert competition along with a number one rating received in marching earlier this year.

The band received number one ratings in all three divisions, thus enabling them to win the Sweepstakes title. Brady and Sonora were the only AA bands which received this honor.

In the Bronco Relays held last Friday, all three Bronco teams captured the championship title. The track meet was run in three divisions: girls, J.V. boys and varsity boys.

The girls won two out of the three relays and the boys' relays placed in the top three. The girls will travel to Junction next Friday to participate in the Junction Relays. The boys will have an open date and will not run in competition until the District track meet to be held in Ozona April 7.

S.H.S. students were provided with entertainment last Tuesday morning as the drama class performed a play which they will enter in competition Tuesday in Midland. Tony Hooper, Valerie Tedford, Kent Cagle, Hillary Hunt, Beth Bartz and Pam Powers were the students who performed in the play.

A trailer house has been added to the high school campus. The trailer is for home economics students. It is to give them practical experience and a chance to redecorate it.

Thought for the Week: "A smile on your face is the signal that your heart is home."

Police Reports

11:43 p.m., A family disturbance call was answered at a local mobile home park.

12:32 a.m., Police investigated the alarm at San Angelo Savings.

March 22
 8:15 a.m., A Poplar Street resident reported his dog had been poisoned.

5:07 p.m., A minor accident was reported in the 400 block of West Main.

March 23
 6:33 p.m., A local resident reported his daughter missing.

1:52 a.m., A prowler was reported at a local mobile home park.

2:58 a.m., The night clerk at a local motel reported possible run-aways.

March 24
 10:14 a.m., An accident at Crockett and 277 South was reported.

2:29 p.m., A theft at a local motel was investi-

gated.

8:23 p.m., A resident of a local mobile home park reported a disturbance involving a gun.

1:48 p.m., A minor accident was reported at the traffic light.

March 25
 8:03 p.m., An employee of the theatre reported subject harrassing her.

8:25 p.m., Caller reported theft of his possessions.

March 19
 12:50 p.m., Caller reported a goat in the Hunt Apartment area.

7:43 p.m., An unknown caller reported a man disturbing the peace.

11:09 a.m., Caller reported man harrassing other persons.

March 20
 10 a.m., A Wilson Street resident reported dogs running loose with no tags.

3:50 p.m., A Poplar Street resident reported a man lying in her yard with no shoes.

3:58 p.m., Another resident of Poplar Street reported the above call.

12:36 p.m., Police answered a call to a lounge parking lot where a disturbance was going on.

March 21
 12:30 p.m., A dead animal in the street was reported by a resident of Hwy 277 South.

8:32 p.m., Police were advised of a sick cat in the area of the La Tienda Grocery.

11:16 p.m., A one car roll over was reported on Del Rio Highway. Two police units and one unit from the sheriff's depart-

3 Sonorans To Participate In Homemakers Convention

Sutton County Extension Homemaker Club members Cindy Feagin, Diane Jacoby and Elizabeth Robertson will participate in the upcoming District Extension Homemakers Association Convention.

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 in Uvalde, the convention will focus on "Living, Learning, Sharing in Century III". Also participating in the convention will be County Agent, Sarah Mahon.

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First United Methodist Church Rev. Paul Terry, pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday Public Talk 10:00 am Watchtower Study 10:50 am Tuesday: Theocratic Meeting 8:30 pm Thursday Bible Study 7:30 pm	St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. John Waldron Sat. Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Sunday Masses 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7 p.m.	Sonora Tabernacal United Pentacostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.	Church of Christ Bible School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. 7:00 p.m.	Saint John's Episcopal Church The Rev. John W. Fritts, Rector Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Holy Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sun. MP) Wednesdays 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist Holy Days as announced	

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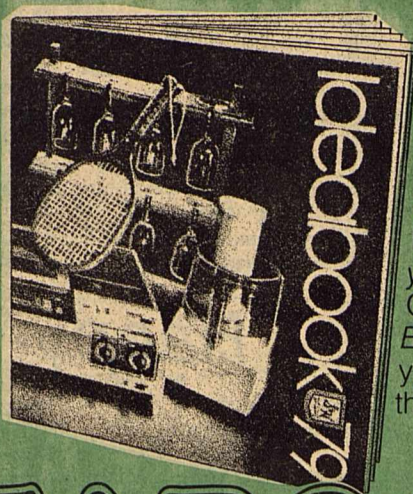
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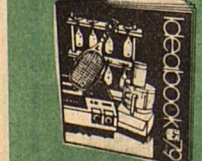
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Cancer Society Starts Kick-off Drive April 3

The American Cancer Society will have its annual "kick-off" drive April 3. Local workers in the society wish to extend their appreciation for the

support given them in the past. Cancer memorials received recently are as follows:

IN MEMORY OF:

BRADEN WHITEHEAD by Mr. and Mrs. Curt Schwiening, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Vestel Askew.

MANILA TRAINER by Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Barker.

JAMES CHILDRESS by Mr. and Mrs. Curt Schwiening, Jr.

RUBEL GLIMP by Mrs. Henry Wyatt, Mr. Guy Askew.

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MRS. J.B. DOCKAL by Charline C. Terry.

F.J. COOPER by Mr. and Mrs. William L. Galbraith.

MR. N.B. JOHNSON by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vicars.

DAYTON CAIN by Mr. and Mrs. Curt Schwiening, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Stubblefield, the Rev. and Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bon Vicars, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nichol, Mrs. Adele Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. Tom White, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Barker.

MR. JOE STRIETY by Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Seidel.

RAYMOND A. WILSON, SR. by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hearn.

TRAVIS SPILLER by Mrs. Ben Cusenbary.

BEN CUSENBARY by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fawcett.

EUGENE LINTHICUM by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fawcett.

MRS. JAMES EPPERSON by Mr. and Mrs. Vestel Askew, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chadwick.

Red Sox Schedule

March 18 Balcones Coah. here, March 25 Eldorado A's here, April 1 San Angelo 306 here, April 8 Eldorado A's there, April 15 Ozona Rookies there, April 22 Big Lake Tigers there, April 29 Eldorado A's here, May 6 San Angelo Lions there, May 13 Big Lake Tigers here, May 20 San Angelo Lions here, May 27 San Angelo

Tournament there, June 3 San Angelo Diablos Rojos here, June 10 Ozona Tournament there, June 17 S.A. Diablos Rojos there, June 24 S.A. 306 there, July 4 Big Lake Tournament there, July 15 Big Springs Red Sox here, July 22 Ozona Rookies here, July 29 Sonora Tournament here, August 5 Big Springs Red Sox there.

Green News

By Sammie Espy

Wanda Neville made a hole-in-one on number nine last week. Two of her sisters and a brother-in-law arrived just in time to witness the excitement. Playing with her were Jo Neville and Sammie Espy. Since Wanda collected the pot, everyone needs to anty up a dollar again at the pro shop.

The Sonora ladies entertained the Roadrunners, March 20 with a luncheon and play. Johnnie Rowaldi, Jodie Finklea, and JoAnne West won first in a scramble after a score card play-off with Sammie Espy, Bernice Elwanger and Roselle Waggoner. Wanda Neville, Fay Wood and Tommie Hulling came in third. There were 23 members present and it was announced that the next meeting would be held in San Angelo at Riverside Golf Course in May.

Wednesday, March 21 was the regular luncheon

date for the auxiliary and there were 35 present. Debbie Hill came as a guest and we are glad to welcome Cynthia Keel as a new member. Rose Ann Albritton received a ball for low score of the month.

There will be a four man team low ball on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1. A hamburger supper will be held at 7 o'clock Saturday night. The entrance fee is \$80 per team.

This is our first tournament of the season so everyone come out and enjoy watching or playing some good golf.

Seven teams participated in a scramble Sunday, 25th. After a playoff Mike Story, W.H. Hill, John Cotten and Willie Gutierrez, came in first.

In second place were Harold Martinez, Sonny Edminston, Elaine Luttrell and Ken Land.

David Nadrchal, Sammie Espy, Jeff Miller and Joe Turner were in third place.

Happy Birthday

Friday, March 30
Horace Hill
Mrs. Fred E. Fields
Gordon Wartenbach
Pattie Merrill
Joyce Noriega
Mitzi Joy

Traci Donaldson
Ted Bailey Joy
Carmen Chavez

Monday, April 2
Pascal Allison
Ronny Jones
Mrs. Clayton Hamilton
Jack Kerbow
Mary Gallegos Martinez
Mrs. Donald Rains

Tommy Raye
Derrrel Alley
Randy Favila
Felipe Virgen
Marlene Sanchez

Wednesday, April 4
Lesla Whitehead
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Mrs. Henry Wyatt
Lester Byer
Samuel Mata

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April 3
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Redman

April 8
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April 10
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Letsinger

April 19
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April 11
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spraggins

April 17
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On March 21 the following persons were

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Beebe and Mary Lois Brown; fourth, Mrs. J.B. Ross and Mrs. Oscar Carpenter; and fifth, Ethel Olson and Sammie Espy.

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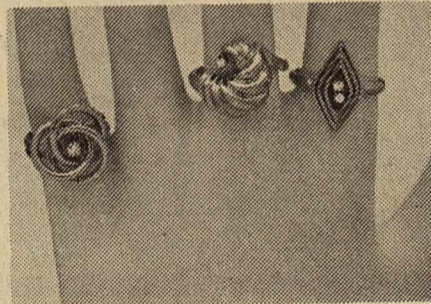
Mrs. Betty Weant host- Monday night and served ed the Chaos Bunko Club cake, chips, dips and

drinks.

Bunko was won by Kim Hardin; high by Melissa Slusher; second high by Kathy Hearn; and low by Patricia Parker.

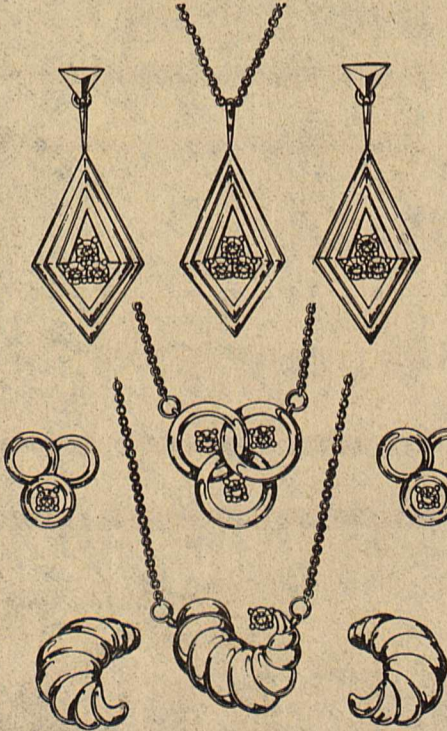
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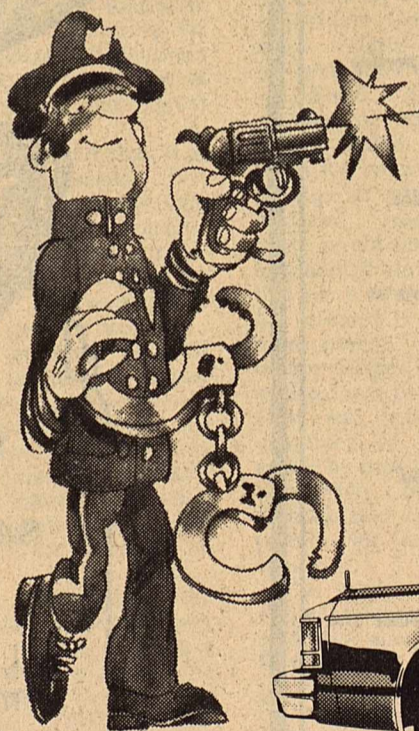
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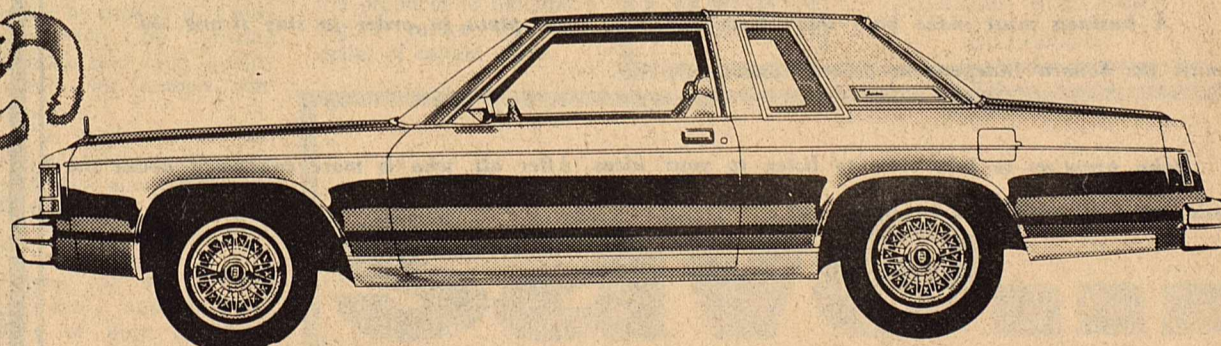
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Bronco Netters Take Eldorado Championship

Benny Granger downed teammate Lee Burch in the finals, and the Bronco tennis team took home the championship from the Eldorado Invitational Tennis Tournament last Friday.

Granger defeated Burch in two tough sets, 6-3, 6-3,

after easing by Rodriguez of Eldorado in the opener and slamming Jeff Moreland of Ozona in the second round.

Burch eased through his opener by skunking his Menard opponent, 6-0, 6-0, then took Ed Willoughby of Eldorado in the

second round, 6-3, 6-2, to set up the match with Granger.

Janie Gold and Cody Gold advanced to the finals, only to fall to Toni Fatheree and Lorrie Powell of Eldorado, 6-4, 6-2.

The Gold sisters ran by Brame and Willike of Eldorado in their opener, 6-1, 6-1, then edged Chris Carlile and D'Anne Koerth of Ozona 6-4, 6-2.

Mary Hanna also lost in the finals to Mary Byrd of Eldorado, 6-4, 6-4. Hanna won her opener by default, then squelched Holt of Ozona, 6-1, 6-1.

Hillary Hunt also won her opener by downing Lisa Davis of Menard, 6-4, 6-1, but also fell victim to Byrd in the semi-finals, 6-1, 6-1.

Jerry Don Glasscock and Eric Neal took the consolation bracket of the boys

doubles competition as they thrashed a Menard team, 6-4, 6-2.

They dropped a heart-breaker in the opening round, falling to the other Menard squad, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, then blasted Perry and Kirby of Ozona, 6-1, 6-3.

Carol Brandon and Emily Elliott also won the consolation basket in girls doubles as they took

teammate Fran Friess and Angela Green in the finals, 6-0, 6-1.

Brandon and Elliott lost their first round match to eventual champions Fatheree and Powell, then skunked a Menard squad 6-0, 6-0, to advance to the consolation contest.

Green and Friess fell to Carlile and Koerth in the opening round, 6-3, 6-3, then pulled out a laugh-

er Menard, 6-0, 6-1.

Armando Martinez and David Martin also dropped their opener to Huffman and McDaniel of Ozona, 7-6, 6-1.

Ozona was the runnerup behind the Bronco netters, followed by Eldorado in third place and Menard in fourth.

The Broncos will host the Sonora Invitational Tournament this Friday and Saturday with a strong

field on hand, including powerhouses Junction and Mason.

Other teams in the meet include Big Lake, Del Rio, Lakeview, Brady, Ozona and Rocksprings.

The tourney will include varsity and junior divisions, and competition will begin at 8 a.m. Friday and semi-finals and finals expected to start around 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Jr. High Boys Win Colt Relays

The seventh and eighth grade Colts took championships in the boys divisions, and the eighth grade girls took third and the seventh grade girls, fourth, in the annual running of the Colt Relays last Saturday.

The eighth grade boys, their ranks depleted by several team members at band contest, pulled out a victory in the final event, the 1320 relay, to edge second place Ozona by one point, 111-110.

The boys had lots of ground to make up as they came out of the field events with only nine points.

Chris Reynolds took sixth place in the pole vault at 7-6, and Curtis Lipham was fifth in the shot put at 34-1.

David Chandler was fourth in the long jump at 16-5, and teammate Albert Chavez was sixth at 16-1½.

Francisco Gonzales picked up the only other point with a sixth place finish in the high jump at 5-0.

The 440-yard relay team quickly made up the gap, though as the Colt team breezed to a 50.5 first place clocking.

David Buitron garnered the only other first place ribbon for Sonora as he won the 1320-yard run in 3:45.5, with Rene Porras in third at 3:58.0.

The Colts also made a strong showing in the

330-yard dash as Chavez was second at 41.1, Tom Schabel took third at 42.1 and Reynolds finished at 44.2.

Reynolds also took second in the 660-yard dash with a 1:39.2 time.

Eddie Vallejo added a fourth place finish in the 100-yard dash at 12.0, and Andres Acosta was sixth at 12.5.

Vallejo was also third in the 220-yard low hurdles with a 29.5 clocking, while Chandler tacked on a 26.4 effort in the 220-yard dash for third place.

The seventh grade boys, on the other hand, walked through their division, coming out of the field events with 47 points.

Jeff Brittain set a new record in the pole vault with his 9-0 effort.

Terry Vickers won the shot at 35-6½, while Russell Munns was fourth at 32-5.

Vickers was second in the discus at 100-10½, and Munns was again fourth at 97-10.

Eugene Gonzales added a victory in the long jump at 15-7, while Scott Miller tied for fifth at 14-7.

Tony Garza took another first place finish in the 660 as he broke the tape at 1:45.3. Jay Thomas was third at 1:46.8, and Jessie Guerra was fifth at 1:50.3.

Sixth grader Scott Miller set a new standard in the 1320 run to lead a 1-2-3 Colt sweep in that event.

Miller finished at 3:56.5, followed by Zeke Ramos as 4:06.8 and Drew Wallace at 4:07.7.

The sprint relay unit finished fourth at 55.0, and the 1320 relay was third at 3:02.9.

Vickers took third in the 330 at 44.4, while Mike Polocock was fifth at 45.3, and Garza took sixth at 47.0.

Ronnie Pollard added a fifth place finish in the 70-yard intermediate hurdles at 11.7 and Brittain was sixth in the same clocking.

Theresa Marlow picked up the only first place finish for the eighth grade girls as she finished the 330 in 47.2. Marlow also took second in the triple jump at 29-5¼ and third in the long jump at 14-1½.

Alicia Herrera added on a fourth place finish in the discus at 68-5¼ and a tie for fifth in the shot at 21-0¼.

Ella Longoria took third in the discus at 71-2½, and Mirasol Ramirez was fourth in the triple jump at 27-8.

The 440 and 880 relay teams were both third in 57-3 and 2:04.5 respectively and the 1320 relay unit was fourth at 3:28.3.

Gina Reyna was third in the 330 at 52.1 and Veronica Martinez added a sixth place time of 2:06.3 in the 660.

As were the boys, the girls depth was hurt with several runners gone to band contest.

The seventh grade girls failed to pick up a single first place, but still showed some strong depth.

Dianna Halton took fifth in the shot put at 20-11½ and second in the discus at 64-2½. Lisa Herrington was also fourth in the discus at 59-10½.

Kristi Hill took third place efforts in both the triple jump and long jump

with 26-8½ and 13-1½ leaps respectively.

Leah Evans was also fourth in the triple jump at 26-1½.

The sprint relay and 1320 relay were both third with 61.2 and 3:40.3 times.

The 880 relay was fourth in 2:13.2.

The Colts took a 4-5-6

finish in the 1320 run as Shawn Williams was timed at 4:59.5, Judy Merrill at 5:00.7 and Debbie Shannon at 5:06.4.

Lora Lea Kordzik was fourth in the 660 at 2:10.3 and Donna Rapp was sixth at 2:16.6.

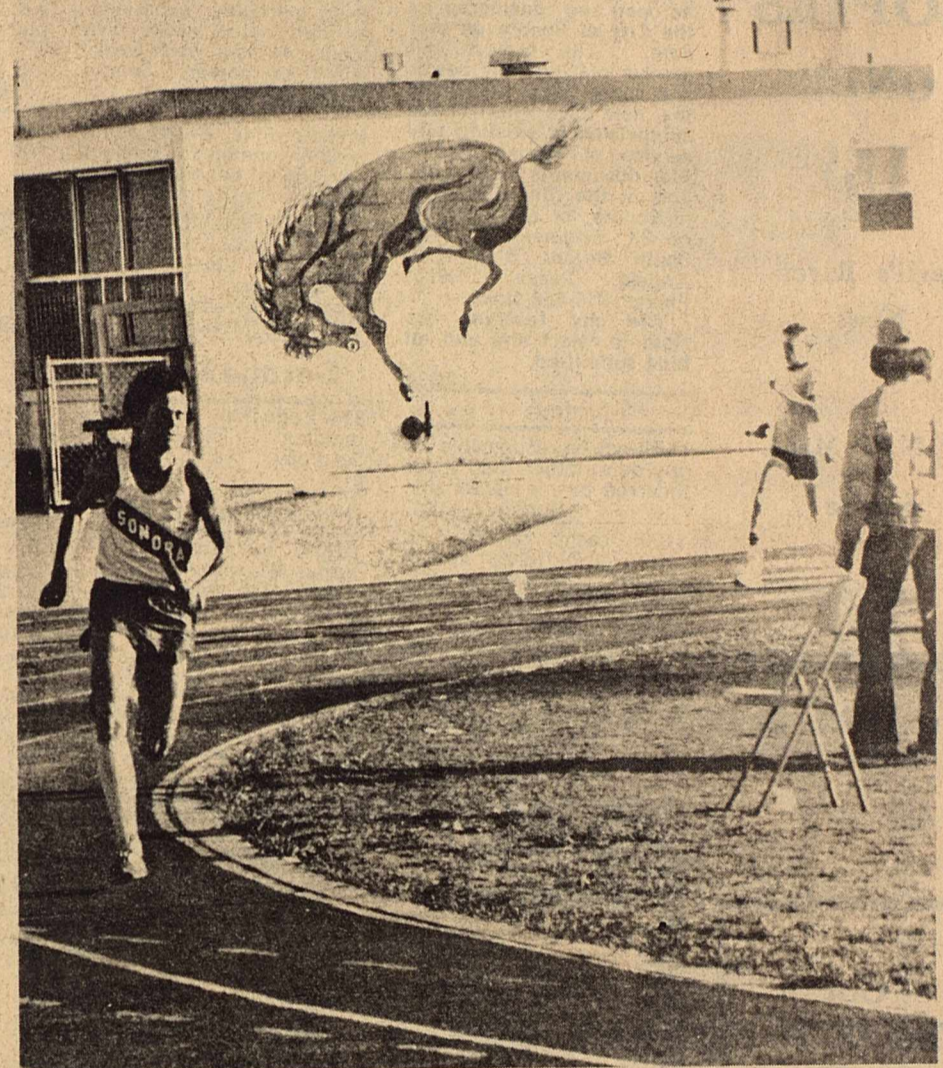
Evans took fifth in the 100-yard dash at 14.3, and

Angela Renfro was sixth in the same time.

Anita Balch was sixth in the 330-yard dash at 55.7, and Hill took sixth in the 80-yard hurdles at 15.3.

Kathryn Parker was also sixth in the 220-yard dash at 33.7.

The Colts will run in Brady this Saturday.



David Chandler brings home the baton on the final leg of the 1320 relay Saturday at the Colt Relays. The eighth graders won the event to give them a narrow meet victory, 111-110, over second place Ozona.

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District 7-AA Golf Starts

The first round action of the District 7-AA District Golf Tournament will start Thursday at Crane, according to Sonora Bronco golf coach Oliver Wuest.

All teams will play 18 holes on the Crane course as they will do on the home course of all the other district teams—Kermit, April 6; Ozona, April 12; and Sonora, April 18.

Wuest has divided his squad into two teams according to their average on the local course for 18 holes.

First team members will be Greg Tedford with a 75 average, R.B. Alexander with a 77 average; Wade Hopkins and Billy Bob Galbreath, each with an 85 average and Johnny Doan with an 86 average.

Second team members are Peter Gomez with an 89 average, Tommy Shepard with an 89 average, James Minatra with a 90 average, Ric Powers with a 97 average and Mark Doan with a 100 average.

Little League Dates Set

Registration for the upcoming Sonora Little League season will be April 2, 3, and 5 from 7 till 8:30 each night at the school cafeteria.

Anyone between the ages of seven and not sixteen before July 31, is eligible to sign up. There will be three leagues this year, Pee Wee, Major Little League and Senior Little League.

A parent will need to accompany the child and sign a permission slip to play. Each player is asked to donate \$3 to help defray the cost of equipment.

Sutton County Ranch News

EPA's Suspension of 2-4-5-T Full of Holes

The Environmental Protection Agency's recent suspension of 2-4-5-T isn't supposed to affect range-land uses of the herbicide, but the federal agencies aren't supposed to go around banning products on ridiculously weak evidence either. That's exactly what they did in this case.

The whole situation business, which is in effect for forest, right-of-way and "pasture" uses, is based on a paper study with more holes than a peg-board.

EPA says the study, conducted by the University of Colorado and the University of Miami medical school, indicates 2-4-5-T may have increased the rate of miscarriages in a localized area of Oregon. They quote miscarriage figures compiled over a six-year period in the Alsea, Oregon area as proof. The figures appear to indicate that miscarriages are highest during June, the time of year

following traditional forest spraying with 2-4-5-T.

As a comparison to the Alsea figures, the study also includes miscarriage rates from another rural area and from an urban area near the Alsea region.

The two "control" areas are supposed to help uphold EPA's contention that the relatively high June miscarriage rates in the Alsea area are caused by 2-4-5-T and not simply a normal occurrence tied to seasonal changes of some sort. Pencil-wise, they appear to do that, the Alsea area shows a June peak of 130 miscarriages per 1000 live births compared to 46 per 1000 in the rural control area and only 44 per 1000 in the urban study area.

Spraying, says EPA, is done mostly during March and April, at that time when babies miscarried in June would have been conceived. Such a difference in figures would look bad for 2-4-5-T—except that such circumstantial evidence alone doesn't prove nor even reliably hint at a concrete tie-in with the herbicide.

For one thing, the Alsea study area and the other rural area have little in common except maybe their governor. Figures for the urban control area are so far out of line with either of the rural areas as to be totally useless for comparison.

But back to the rural areas. EPA says it chose the rural control area on advice from the Oregon health department, but that its main consideration was to find someplace where 2-4-5-T was not used during the six-year study period.

As for the similarities between the two areas, Alsea sits on the Pacific coast and is generally described as a rain forest. It attracts so much vacation trade that local observers estimate its population doubles during the warm months.

The Malheur County control area, on the other hand, is an agricultural region along the Snake River 300 miles away in far eastern Oregon, receives only a fraction of the Alsea rainfall level and has no forests. In short, environmental conditions in the two areas could hardly be any more different.

Even one EPA staffer admits there could be "literally hundreds" of environmental factors affecting the different miscarriage records of the two areas.

Oregon State University

Environmental Health Center director Dr. Virgil Freed says even the woman whose complaints spurred the study has gone on television to question the results. She supports the ban but doubts the study.

Freed says the higher Alsea miscarriage rates could reflect something as simple as the vacation trade—undoubtedly many pregnant women vacation in the area, he figures, and some among them are bound to overexert themselves and bring on miscarriages that end up reflected in the hospital records from which the study was taken.

Freed doesn't suggest that this explains all or even much of the June miscarriage peak, but he says it is at least as good an explanation as EPA has come up with.

Other factors—"back-to-nature" types are common in the Alsea area as everywhere else in the Pacific Northwest and these often well-educated but disillusioned people are prone to take much of their diet from "natural" sources such as wild forest plants.

Two favorite food plants are Comfrey and bracken fern, both of which contain dangerous alkaloids at certain stages in their growth cycle. Those dangerous stages could align very well with

June miscarriages. These are just theories, of course—but so is EPA's indictment of 2-4-5-T. The only thing different is the EPA can force national regulations based on its theories, and in this case it has.

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Cattlemen Meet in Houston

The average American consumer, despite inflation and rising beef prices, can buy more beef today with one hour's wages than he or she could 30 years ago. This startling statistic did not fall on deaf ears at the 102nd annual convention and trade show of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association March 11-13 in Houston at the Albert Thomas Convention Center. TSCRA President John B. Armstrong of Kingsville, Texas, who speaks for 13,000 cattlemen in Texas, Oklahoma and surrounding states, told the 1,550 cattlemen in attendance that "the American public needs to be aware that one hour's wages, after taxes, will buy one and two-thirds pounds of beef today, compared to nine-tenths of a pound in 1949."

"I'm talking about average per capita disposable income today," he said. Refuting claims that beef prices at the retail level are "too high", the South Texas rancher said, "Beef today is a better buy and more nutritious than at any time in recent history." Unsure of what cattle and beef prices may do in the months ahead and concerned about consumer reaction to retail prices, the cattlemen heard conflicting reports from economists and market analysts speaking at the convention.

Dr. Ed Uvacek, agricultural economist from Texas A&M University, predicted that cattle prices will drop sharply in the next few months and will recover to about \$65 mark for fed cattle in the second and third quarters of 1979. Currently, fed cattle are selling for \$72 per hundredweight. Deanna White, marketing analyst with CattleFax, Denver-based marketing arm of the National Cattlemen's Association, agreed live animal prices will drop soon, but predicted a very strong rebound—\$80 per hundredweight for fed cattle. For consumer, either prediction means beef prices at the supermarket will not drop below current level for the rest of the year.

Cattle, who have endured "bankruptcy" prices for their cows and calves for the last five years, however, can look forward to a strong market for the next three or four years, while they rebuild their herds. Texas Governor Bill Clements, also a cattleman and the first Republican governor of Texas ever to speak to the cattlemen's association, said, "The final and only long-term answer for prosperity for our farmers and ranchers is open, free markets of the world, at fair market prices."

Clements said that U.S. Trade Ambassador Bob Strauss has assured him that farmers and ranchers were ahead in the international trade talks, but he added, "I'm waiting for him to prove it to me."

The governor revealed plans to take a Texas agricultural trade mission to Russia in 1979. His entourage would include Tobin Armstrong, his state agency appointments advisor, a South Texas rancher and TSCRA director, he said.

Also addressing the convention's general sessions were Shana Alexander, the distaff side of CBS news' "60 Minutes" and "Point-Counterpoint"; Dr. Charles Jarvis, humorist and John Armstrong. U.S. Congressman Tom Foley (D-Wash.), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, told the board of directors Sunday that passage of a counter-cyclical meat import bill is quite likely this year. President Carter vetoed similar legislation, favored by cattlemen, provides for

more foreign beef when domestic supplies are low, and less imports when American cattlemen are producing more beef.

In Tuesday's final session, the cattlemen approved resolutions calling for the National Cattlemen's Association to join chemical companies and other user organizations in filing a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency for banning the use of the herbicide 2,4,5-T on forest, cultivated pastures, rights-of-way and in domestic areas. Ranchers, who use the chemicals agent in brush control, are challenging EPA claims linking the herbicide to an incident in Oregon where woman allegedly exposed to it had miscarriages.

TSCRA members also urged that the carryover basis of the 1976 Tax Reform Act be repealed because it is "an administrative nightmare and an unfair tax burden."

The Carter Administration's plan to reorganize the U.S. Department of Agriculture also came under fire. TSCRA strongly opposed the transfer of the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies to the Department of Interior and recommends, instead, that the Bureau of Land Management be transferred from Interior to USDA to improve and consolidate land management related agencies. reorganization of USDA is considered as further erosion of the department's cabinet status.

TSCRA voted to support passage of a cooperative rangeland research act which would provide funds to qualified state universities on a matching basis for research in rangeland management. Rangelands occupy 50 per cent of the surface area of the United States and produce large quantities of forage inedible by man, but readily convertible by grazing animals into high quality protein for human consumption.

The cattle raisers re-elected Armstrong as their president, along with John S. Cargile of San Angelo as first vice president, Frates Seeligson of San Antonio as second vice president, and Don C. King of Fort Worth as secretary general manager. They elected as new board members Chip Briscoe of Cotulla, John W. Carpenter III of Irving, John M. McGregor of Wichita Falls, Chris Scharbauer of Midland, and Richard Traylor of San Antonio. In his secretary-general

manger's report, King noted that TSCRA field inspectors, the law enforcement arm of the Association, recovered or accounted for livestock and ranch property with an estimated market value of \$2,643,457.79 in the calendar year 1978.

"The average value of property recovered or accounted for each day amounted to \$7,242.35," he said.

At the committee level, the cattlemen discussed in great detail the controversial brucellosis program now under consideration, impending legislation at the state and national levels, land use and the environment, other animal health issues, soil and water resources, taxation, agricultural research, wildlife and marketing.

Range Management Practices Beneficial

Range management practices such as proper grazing and planned grazing systems on rangelands are beneficial to wildlife species as well as domestic livestock. Brush management should be planned in such a manner that it will not be detrimental to the food and cover needs of the wildlife. Naturally, of primary interest to every land owner are the economic aspects of a management system. Applying high quality supplemental feeds to wildlife on a scale large enough to effect higher body weights and antler development is not economically feasible.

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Sonora Dominates Bronco Relays Friday

Boys, Girls, J.V. Boys Win



Eddie Favila blasts out of the blocks in the preliminaries of the 100-yard dash at the Bronco Relays Friday. Favila took second in the finals, then tacked on a third place finish in the 220 besides running a leg on the second place 440 relay team. The Broncos were rude hosts for the visiting teams as they captured all three division titles by a large margin.

The Sonora Broncos continued their domination of area track meets as they swept all three division championships—boys, girls and junior varsity boys—in their own Bronco Relays Friday.

The girls put on their top performance of the season as they once again came out of the field events in first place and never looked back.

A 1-2-4 finish in the long jump pushed the Broncos to the front as Paula Friess went 16-3, Jessica Robledo went 16-2 and Rosa Noriega went 15-10½.

Friess and Robledo did a turnabout in the triple jump as Robledo took the win at 34-7, and Friess was third at 34-1¾.

Stacy Chandler added a second place finish in the

shot put at 33-7½, a personal best, and then tacked on a fourth place finish in the discus at 96-11. Teammate Judy York was sixth in the shot at 30-5 5/8.

The sprint relay team of Annabelle Gonzales, Tonya Evans, Robledo and Friess picked up the victory that had eluded them all season as they blazed to a 51.56 clocking.

Marche Lane eclipsed her old 880-yard dash record in her victory as she pushed to a 2:25.84 time. Pam Powers was fifth at 2:35.29.

The Broncos took a 3-4-5 finish in the 440-yard dash as Friess, Noriega and Denise Neal all hit their personal bests for the year.

Friess finished 1:01.3, Noriega in 1:01.4 and Neal in 1:03.68.

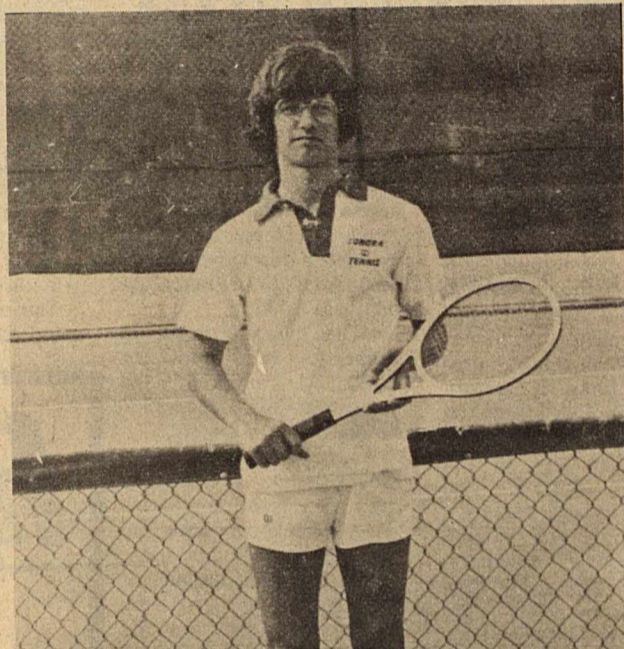
Paige Pollard finished fourth in a fast field of the 80-yard hurdles at 12:09, and Evans took third in the 100-yard dash at 12:46.

Despite two less-than-perfect exchanges, the 880 relay team of Evans, Gonzales, Robledo and Noriega turned in their best time ever at 1:49.88, but had to settle for second place behind Llano at 1:48.0.

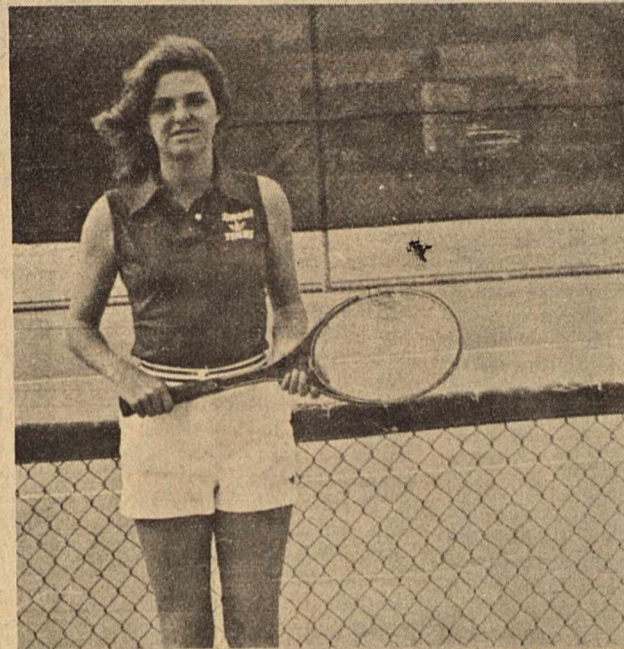
Diana Harding added on a fourth place finish in the mile run as she also had a personal best of 6:04.9.

The mile relay team of Noriega, Lane, Robledo and Friess was the big standout of the night, though as they zoomed to a 4:10.79 first place

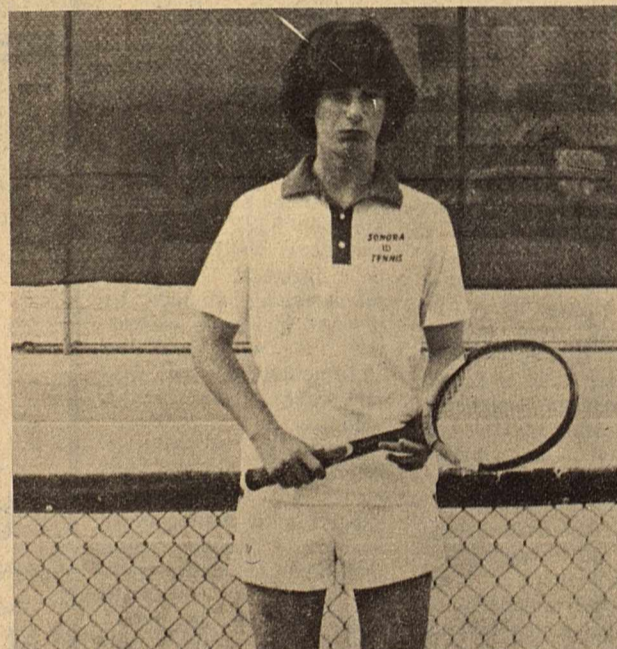
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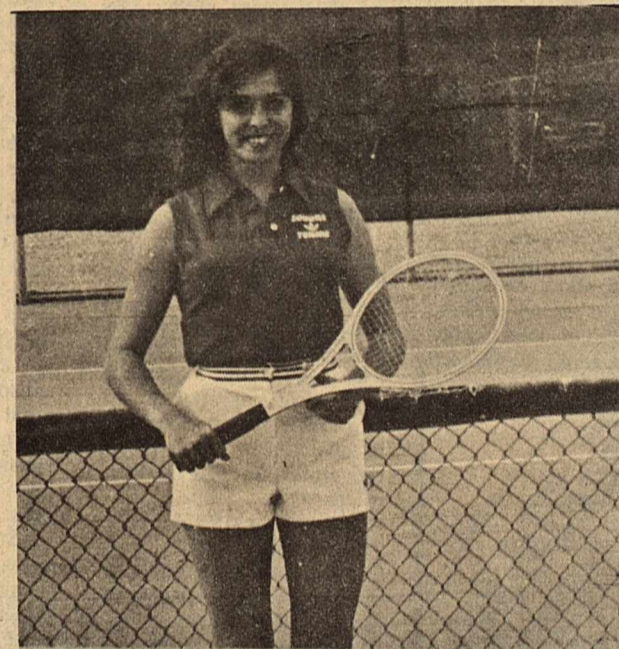
David Martin is a 15-year old sophomore on the Bronco tennis team and is in his second year on the varsity. He is also a member of the Bronco band. He lists serve and overhead as his game strength and backhand as his biggest weakness. The son of Max and Judy Martin, he has lived in Sonora for five years.



Angela Green is a 15-year old sophomore on the Bronco tennis team and is in her first year on the varsity. She is also a member of the Bronco Band. She lists her net performance as her game strength and her backhand as her biggest weakness. The daughter of Billy and Camile Green, she is a lifetime resident of Sonora.



Lee Burch is a 16-year old sophomore on the Bronco tennis team and has lettered two years. He is also a member of the basketball team and is the student trainer for the football team. He lists volley as his game strength and serves as his weakness. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burch, he has lived in Sonora 11 years.



Janie Gold is a 17-year old junior on the Bronco tennis team and has lettered two years. She is also a member of the basketball team and is a cheerleader. She lists serve, strokes and the net as her strength and backhand as her weakness. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Gold, Jr., she has lived in Sonora three years.

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clocking—the best time by any school in West Texas. All together, the Broncos rolled up 145 points. Other finishers were Mason with 114, Llano with 95, Junction with 54, Eldorado with 53, Ballinger with 33, Ozona with 18 and Menard with 9.

As this was the first year for a girls' division,

all first place efforts were records.

The boys once again dominated the field events, going into the running events with 70 points and a strong lead.

Wayne McLaughlin picked up his usual win in the shot put with a new record 53-6, and teammate John Paul Bautista finished third at 44-5.

McLaughlin took second in the discus at 146-9½ although his effort broke the old record. Bautista was third at 124-10, and Mike Jones was fourth at 119-1½.

Cody Savell added a victory in the long jump at 20-4½, and McLaughlin was third at 19-11¼.

Joey Kirby was second in the high jump, and Savell was third. Both cleared 5-10.

Kirby again edged Savell in the pole vault for fourth place as both went 12-6. Eldorado's Mickey Nixon set a new standard in winning the event at 13-6.

The Broncos managed only one first in the running events, but it was a double as Enrique Sanchez and Juan Mendoza crossed the finish line in the 880-yard

dash almost simultaneously. Sanchez was clocked in 2:06.55 and Mendoza in 2:06.58.

Sonora's 440-yard relay of Jones, Joe Longoria, Eddie Favila and Savell was second at 45.13, and the mile relay unit of Sanchez, Mendoza, Savell and Jorge Sanchez was third at 3:36.22, a season best for the unit. Jones added a second

place finish in the 120-yard high hurdles at 15.93, then took the top end of a 4-5-6 finish in the 330 intermediates by the Broncos at 45.34.

Other Bronco players were Rocky Gold at 45.35 and Robert Ponsetti at 45.5.

The Broncos also had a 2-4-5 finish in the 100-yard dash as Favila was nailed in 10.67, Longoria in 10.93

and Cades Pope in 10.94. Favila was also third in the 220-yard dash at 23.39.

Rodolfo Ramos posted his best time of the year in the mile run at 4:49.59, placing third, while Robert Noriega was fourth at 4:57.83.

Jorge Sanchez also added a sixth place finish in the 440-yard dash at 55.41.

The Bronco piled up 162 points enroute to their victory. Other teams in their order of finish include Junction at 127, Ozona at 79, Eldorado at 59, Ballinger at 49 and Menard at 18.

The junior varsity boys, with some last minute recruiting, pulled enough depth to totally dominate their division.

Wesley Barton took second in the shot put at 41-9 7/8, David Sanchez was third at 37-3½ and Hector Samaniego was sixth at 33-4½.

Samaniego was second in the discus at 104-1½, and Sanchez was third at 97-8½.

Johnny Doan took top honors in the high jump at 5-8, while John Blankenship was second at 5-6 and Lance Love tied for fourth at 5-4.

Doan was also second in the long jump at 18-4, while Wade Hopkins was sixth at 16-2½.

Mark Doan also took third in the pole vault at 10-0 to give the Bronco

J.V. 65 points coming out of the field events.

The sprint relay team of Allen Stewart, Frisby Bible, Joe David Favila and Mike Villanueva was second at 47.76.

Scott Savell took first place in the 800 at 2:13.41, and Mark Doan was sixth at 2:20.66.

The Broncos added a 1-3-4 finish in the 100-yard dash as Villanueva was first at 11.09, Stewart was third at 11.28 and Johnny Doan was fourth at 11.29.

Doan took second in the 220 at 25.61, followed by Blankenship, fourth at 25.72 and Bible, fifth at 26.26.

Fernando Ramos took another Bronco Victory in the mile run at 5:00.93, and David Beserra was sixth at 5:17.36.

Ed Hanna also added on a 55.35 time in the 440-yard dash for second, and Favila was fifth at 56.99.

The mile relay finished the night in winning style as Savell, Favila, Hanna and Villanueva eased to a 3-48.53 victory.

The J.V. Broncos finished the meet with 167 points, followed by Ballinger with 114, Ozona with 92, Eldorado with 67 and Junction with 48.

The boys have an open date this weekend, and the girls will run in a tough field at the Junction Relays in preparation for the District 7-AA meet April 7 in Ozona.



Marche Lane hands the baton to Jessica Robledo as she begins the third leg of the mile relay at the Bronco Relays Friday night. The Bronco girls posted a 4:10.79 clocking, the best of any team in West Texas. Other members of the relay unit were Rosa Noriega and Paula Friess.

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Girls Division
Shot: 1. Turner, Ballinger, 33'10 5/8"; 2. Chandler, Sonora, 33' 7 1/2"; 3. Starks, Mason, 33' 1 3/4"; 4. Schooley, Eldorado, 30' 7"; 5. York, Sonora, 30' 5 5/8".
Discus: 1. Schooley, Eldorado, 113' 6 1/2"; 2. Keyser, Mason, 104' 11"; 3. DeHoyos, Ozona, 99' 4"; 4. Chandler, Sonora, 96' 11".
Long Jump: 1. Friess, Sonora, 16' 3"; 2. Robledo, Sonora, 16' 2"; 3. Ramon, Mason, 15' 11 3/4"; 4. Noriega, Sonora, 15' 10 1/2".
Triple Jump: 1. J. Robledo, Sonora, 34' 7"; 2. Roman, Mason, 34' 2"; 3. P. Friess, Sonora, 34' 1 3/4"; 4. L. Gentry, Eldorado, 32' 11"; 5. Whitaker, Eldorado, 32' 6".
High Jump: 1. Patton, Eldorado, 5'0"; 2. (Tie) McFarland, Mason 4'10"; 3. (Tie) Overstreet, Junction, 4'10"; 5. Jay, Eldorado, 4'8".
440 Relay: 1. Sonora, 51.56 (Gonzales, Evans, Robledo, Friess); 2. Llano, 51.93; 3. Mason, 53.17; 4. Eldorado, 53.30.
880 Run: 1. Sonora, Lane 2:25.84; 2. Mason, Ramon, 2:28.5; 3. Ballinger, Droll, 2:30.66; 5. Sonora, Powers, 2:35.29.
440 Yd. Dash: 1. Junction, Davis, 53.45; 2. Mason, Keyser, 1:01.27; 3. Sonora, Friess, 1:01.30; 4. Sonora, Noriega, 1:01.40; 5. Sonora, Neal, 1:03.68.
220 Yd. Dash: 1. Llano, Poblete, 27.27; 2. Eldorado, Gentry, 27.52; 3. Junction, Sloan, 27.83; 4. Eldorado, White, 28.4.
80 yd. hurdles: 1. Llano, Simpson, 11.05; 2. Mason, Hahn, 11.69; 3. Menard, Nasworthy, 11.70; 4. Sonora, Pollard, 12.09.
880 Relay: 1. Llano, 1:48.0; 2. Sonora, 1:49.88 (Gonzales, Evans, Robledo, Noriega); 3. Mason, 1:50.56; 5. Eldorado, 1:51.68.
100 yd dash: 1. Mason, Stacks, 12.31; 2. Llano, Aycock, 12.43; 3. Sonora, Evans, 12.46; 6. Eldorado,

Ganano, 12.72.
Mile Run: 1. Ozona, Thompson, 5:47.09; 2. Llano, Lang, 5:58.33; 3. Llano Stephenson, 6:04.86; 4. Sonora Harding, 6:04.90.
Mile Relay: 1. Sonora, 4:10.79 (Gonzales, Lane Robledo, Friess); 2. Mason, 4:15.65; 3. Junction, 4:15.69.
Boys Division
Mile Relay: Junction, 3:34.10; 2. Ozona, 3:35.84; 3. Sonora, 3:36.22 (Sanchez, Mendoza, Savell, Sanchez).
Shot: Record 1. McLaughlin, Sonora, 53'6"; 2. Rebelez, Ozona, 46'6"; 3. Bautista, Sonora, 44'5"; 6. Nixon, Eldorado, 40' 9 1/4".
Discus: Record 1. Casillio, Junction, 152'4 1/2"; 2. McLaughlin, Sonora, 146'9 1/2"; 3. Bautista, Sonora, 124'10"; 4. Jones, Sonora, 119'1 1/2".
Pole Vault: Record 1. Nixon, Eldorado, 13'6"; 2. Murr, Junction, 13'; 3. Davis, Junction, 12'8"; 4. Kirby, Sonora, 12'6"; 5. Savell, Sonora, 12'6".
Long Jump: 1. Savell, Sonora, 20'4 1/2"; 2. Portis, Ballinger, 20'4 1/4"; 3. McLaughlin, Sonora, 19' 11 1/4".
High Jump: Record 1. Akins, Ballinger, 6'2"; 2. Kirby, Sonora, 5'10"; 3. Savell, Sonora, 5'10"; Tie 5/6; Garza, Ozona; Morrison, Eldorado; Ramos, Junction, 5'10".
440 Relay: Record 1. Junction 44.47; 2. Sonora, 45.13 (Jones, Longoria, Favila, Savell); 3. Eldorado, 45.71 (Wertz, Martinez, Nixon, Whitten).
880 Run: 1. Sonora, Sanchez, 2:06.55; 2. Sonora, Mendoza, 2:06.58; 3. Ozona, Martinez, 2:10.57; 6. Eldorado Griffith, 2:15.04.
120 HH: 1. Junction, Smith, 15.74; 2. Sonora, Jones, 15.93; 3. Ozona, Garza, 15.96; 4. Eldorado, Joiner, 16.01.
100 yd dash: 1. Ballinger, Portis, 10.22; 2. Sonora, Favila, 10.67; 3. Junction, Ramos, 10.78; 4. Longoria, 10.93; 5. Sonora, Pope, 10.94.
330 IH: 1. Junction, Hughes, 40.13; 2. Ozona, Borrego, 42.83; 3. Eldorado, Joiner, 43.67; 4. Sonora, Jones, 45.34; 5. Sonora, Gold, 45.35; 6. Sonora, Ponsetti, 45.50.
220 yd dash: 1. Ballinger, Portis, 22.97; 2. Junction, Soward, 23.34; 3. Sonora, Favila, 23.39; 4. Eldorado, Martinez, 23.66; 5. Eldorado, Whitten, 23.71.
Mile Run: 1. Ozona, Rodriguez, 4:42.02; 2. Junction, Jetton, 4:47.52; 3. Sonora, Ramos, 4:49.59; 4. Sonora, Noriega, 4:57.83.
440 yd dash: 1. Ozona, Ramon, 52.65; 2. Menard, Barnes, 54.72; 3. Eldorado, Minor, 55.05; 4.

Eldorado, Garlitz, 55.07; 6. Sonora, Sanchez, 55.41.
Shot: 1. Stubblefield, Ballinger, 43'7 1/2"; 2. Barton, Sonora, 41'9 7/8"; 3. Sanchez, Sonora, 37' 3 1/2"; 6. Samaniego, Sonora, 33'4 1/2".
Discus: 1. Stubblefield, Ballinger, 121' 1/2"; 2. Samaniego, Sonora, 104' 1 1/2"; 3. Sanchez, Sonora, 97'8 1/2".
Pole Vault: 1. Watson, Junction, 11'6"; 2. Davis, Junction, 11'; 3. Doan, Sonora, 10'; 4. Jackson, Eldorado, 10'.
Long Jump: 1. Shaw, Ballinger, 18'8 1/2"; 2. Doan, Sonora, 18'4"; 3. Manley, Ballinger, 17' 7 1/2"; 6. Hopkins, Sonora, 16'2 1/2".
High Jump: 1. Doan, Sonora, 5'8"; 2. Blankenship, Sonora, 5'6"; 3. Copeland, Ballinger, 5'6"; 4. Tie: Love, Sonora, 5'4"; 47.60; 2. Sonora, 47.76 (Stewart, Bible, Favila, Villanueva); 3. Ozona, 48.05; Eldorado, 48.34.
880 Run: 1. Sonora, Savell, 2:13.41; 2. Ballin-

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Gov. Brown Charged With Scrapping Alaska Pipeline

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace charged California Gov. Jerry Brown with causing last week's scrapping of a thousand-mile, billion-dollar pipeline project that would link the flush Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, oil province with the nation's heaviest energy-consuming areas.

"I lay the blame directly at Jerry Brown's doorstep," declared Wallace in a speech before their annual meeting of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association.

Wallace said Brown blocked the California-to-West Texas project of Standard Oil Co. of Ohio and vowed, "I am not

going to let the country forget it." The pipeline, he noted, would have required the construction of some 230 miles of new line along with relatively minor engineering to reverse existing gas lines.

The pipeline from Long

Beach, Calif., to Midland, Tex., initially would move 500,000 barrels of Alaskan crude oil to Midland where the oil would be channeled into pipelines to Gulf Coast, Midwest and Northeast refining centers. The pipeline would have ulti-

mately transported a million barrels of crude oil per day to Midland.

"The Governor (Brown), who as we all know is running for President, would have taken credit for the project had it been successful," Wallace ob-

served. "The governor would have claimed that he 'approved' the pipeline and had solved the energy crisis.

"But Brown blocked it, and I am not going to let the country forget it," Wallace maintained

there is "a one-word common sense solution" to the nation's energy dilemma and that is "production."

Yet, he said, "not one national leader with which I am familiar has promoted the idea of production as a

solution." Federal policies are not providing the answers to U.S. energy problems, he said.

"On the one hand they tell us to convert to coal and on the other hand to convert back to gas," cited Wallace in pointing to the absence of "dependable direction" by Washington officials in dealing with energy matters.

Because of the "narrow vision and poor hindsight" of national leaders, the U.S. today is more dependent on foreign crude oil suppliers than it was in the Arab oil embargo in 1973.

Wallace expressed resentment over "weak

solutions our national leaders have offered to solve" the energy situation, and noted:

"Various administration officials have told us that we must now drive 55 miles per hour; that we must be hotter in the summer and colder in the winter; that we are going to closing filling stations on Sunday; if that does not work, we are going to close them on Saturdays; and if that does not work, we are going to close them on Friday afternoons," he said.

Wallace described the Carter Administration's plan for gasoline rationing as "equally ineffective and unique."

Poerner Says Energy Future Bleak

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman John H. Poerner has urged local government leaders to remain in close contact with the Railroad Commission about their energy supply and demand conditions at home.

"In times of shortage or curtailment, citizens often call on their local officials for guidance and assistance," the energy and transportation regulatory official told a gathering of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association in Lubbock.

Poerner emphasized to the county officials that America's energy picture today and in the future is a bleak one unless federal energy policies change to encourage all our domestic production and conservation.

"Before a totally unworkable, nightmarish system of gas rationing is thrust upon us, why not do everything we can do to help ourselves?" Poerner asked. "Why don't we make it worth the producers' time and effort to explore and produce our yet untapped reserves at home?"

This kind of approach to the nation's energy dilemma, the RRC Chair-

man stressed, "seems infinitely more reasonable and desirable than becoming more and more vulnerable on some of the most politically volatile nations in the world."

Poerner reiterated to the county judges and commissioners his strong belief that price controls on natural gas and crude oil must be eliminated immediately.

Statistics on the number of drilling rigs operating in Texas and the nation pointedly tell the story

that price controls are not working to produce more energy supplies, Poerner said.

"On Jan. 8, 1979, there were 805 rigs operating in Texas. As of the fifth of March, the number of (active) rigs was down to 694. Nationwide, on the eighth of January, 2,242 rigs were in operation. On March 5, only 1987 were operating," Poerner noted.

Although U.S. dependence on foreign crude oil supplies is still on the rise, Poerner said there are

hopeful signs at home that conservation in spreading, a practice which the RRC official said the county leaders should stress in their areas.

"While many of us still feel free to raise or lower our thermostats freely as the season dictates, drive with abandon and burn lights when nobody is in the room, energy efficiency has become a primary method of American conservation," he said.

Finally, Poerner relayed the message to the West

Texas county officials that the availability of crude oil is on a decline worldwide.

"Even if we estimate demand very conservatively, cumulative consumption between 1978 and 1990 will reach almost 300 billion barrels, or an annual average of 23 billion barrels.

"Compared with such demand, experts have recently predicted that the oil-discovery rate during the next ten years will fall to between 12 billion and 18 billion barrels yearly."

Texas Oil and Gas Discoveries Far Exceed This Period Last Year

Texas operators reported 88 gas and 22 oil discoveries during the March 1-15, 1979, period, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division announced today.

In the year-earlier period, 45 gas and 21 oil discoveries were filed with the state's energy regulatory agency.

Through the first two

and one half months of 1979, Texas operators have reported 333 gas and 90 oil discoveries, against 210 gas and 98 oil discoveries in the year-earlier period. Successful exploratory and field completions in two and one-half months of 1979 total 1,581 oil and 1,264 gas, against 1,724 and 1,154 gas completions in

the same period last year. Gas discoveries in the first half of March of the new year included 25 in the Refugio area, 24 in Southeast Texas, 17 in West Central Texas, East Texas, and the San Angelo areas and one in the Midland area.

Oil discoveries included five in deep South Texas, three in Southeast Texas,

two each in the Refugio, West Central Texas, San Angelo, Lubbock, North Texas and Panhandle areas and one each in the San Antonio and Midland areas.

In the March 1-15 period, operators reported 118 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

New applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests totaled 798 in the first half of March, compared with 822 in the same period of 1978.

Applications to drill, deepen, plug back and for service wells in the March 1-15 period amounted to 943 against 965 a year earlier.

Operators filed 181 amended applications to drill. A year earlier they submitted 232 amended requests.

There have been 3,560 applications to drill new oil and gas tests this year, against 3,868 in the same period of 1978. Applications to drill, deepen, plugback and for service wells so far this year total 4,213 against 4,528 in the first two and one-half months of 1978.

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Oil Production Average Told

Average calendar day allowable of Texas oil production as of March 15 is 3,543,894 barrels, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reports. This legal rate of flow

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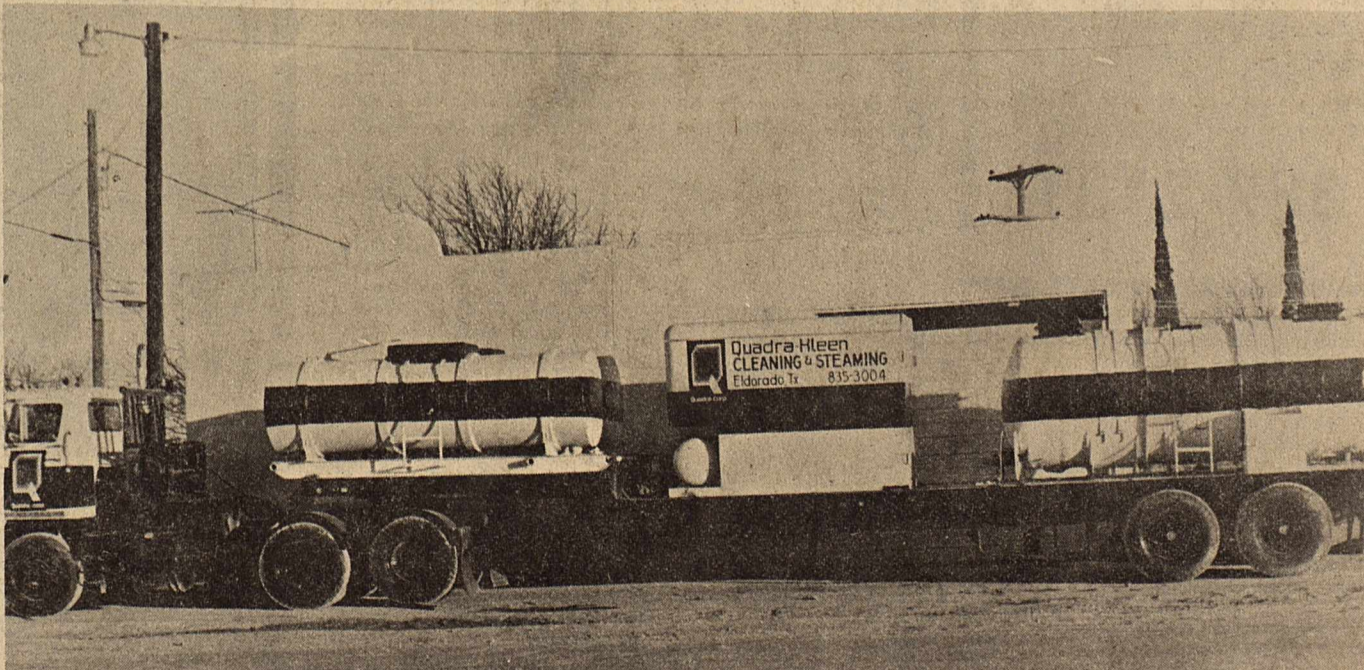
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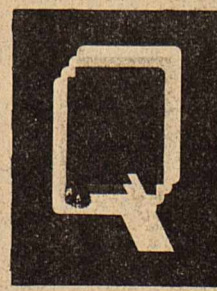
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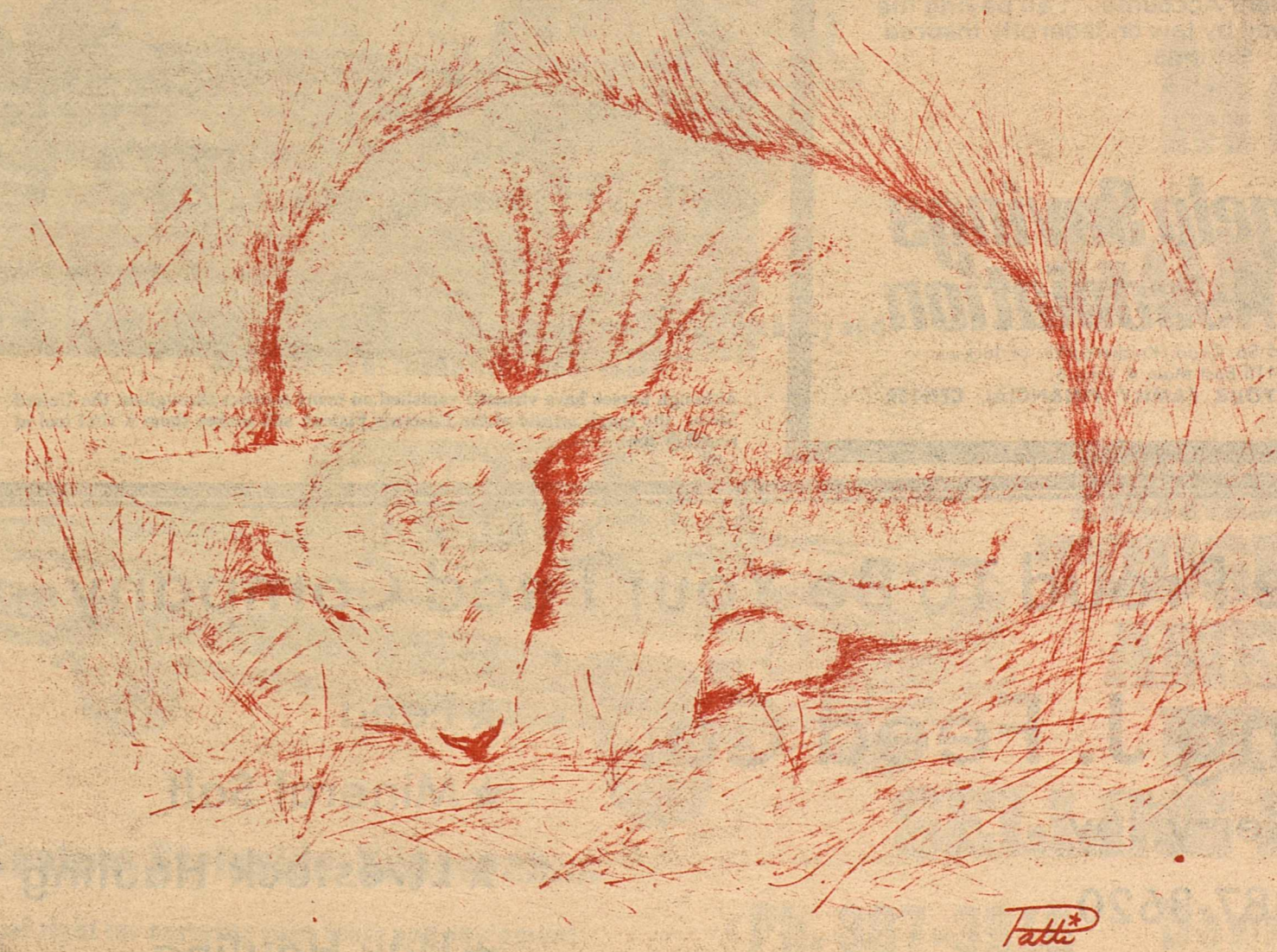
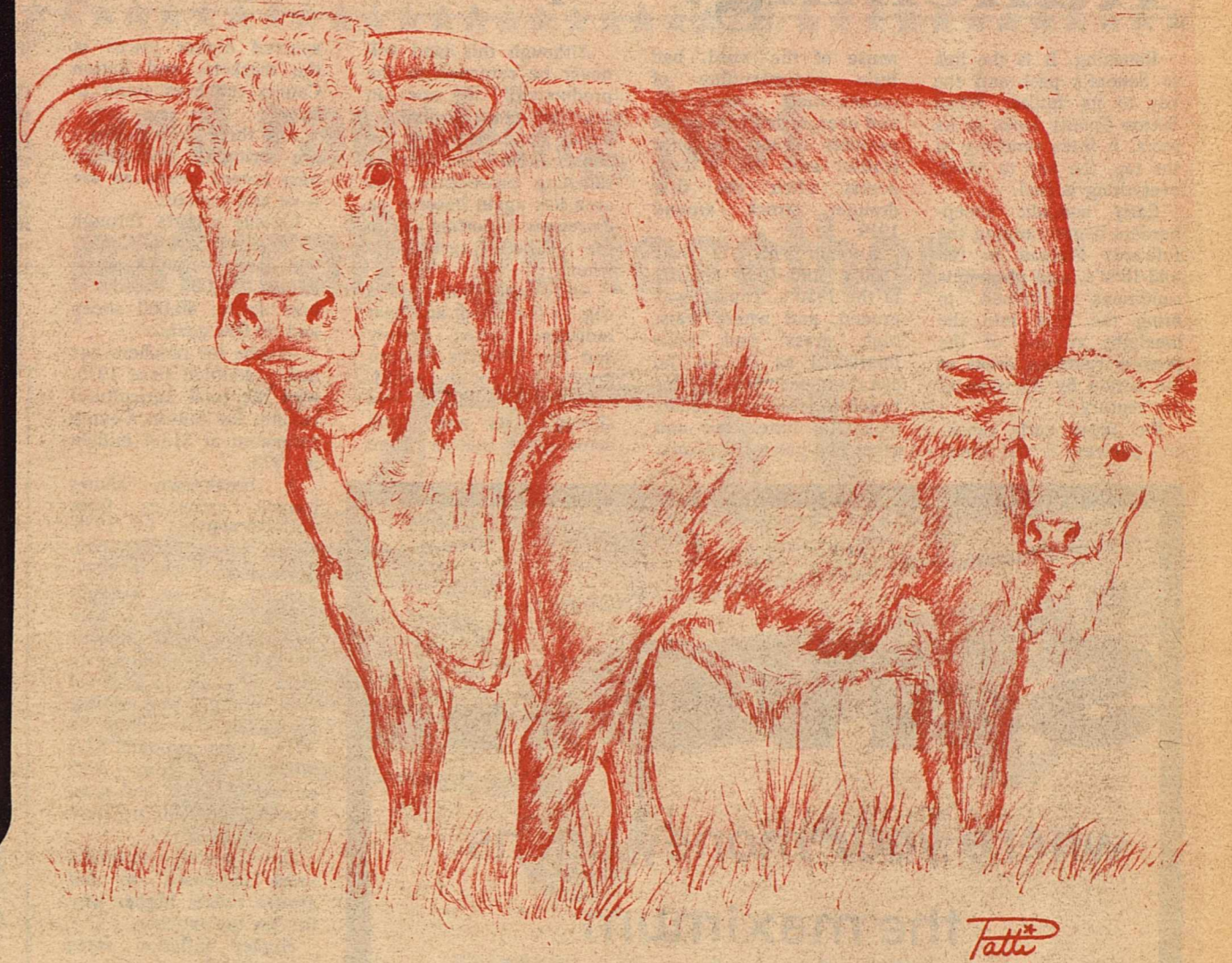
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Ranching: Important Cog in Agricultural Wheel

Ranching. It is the link to Sonora's past and the key to its future. When Sutton County looks to its roots, it finds ranching at the tap, the key to which everything is tied.

Early nomadic sheep-herders began ranging the Edwards Plateau in the mid-1850's, and numerous conditions combined to bring the area into the limelight as one of the premier ranching areas of the nation by the turn of the century.

But these early ranchers, pioneers in the truest

sense of the word, had little understanding of conservation measures, and overgrazing of the rich pastures turned the once fruitful area into a near desert when the first drought struck around 1919.

Another hit in the 1930's, and then another in the 1950's. Topsoil was eroded, and where waist high grass had once flourished as far as the eye could see, new species began to take root...cedar, mesquite, bitterweed and other non-palatable plants.

Although this land will never be returned to the productivity it saw in another era, through a better understanding of conservation and newer ranching procedures, the area has again become an extremely important cog in the world's agricultural wheel.

And more than just a cog, in the sheep and goat industry, Sutton County and the Edwards Plateau are the hub for the world.

Falling numbers in sheep, goats and cattle across the nation have

spurred higher prices in the markets, and Sutton County ranchers stand to benefit.

All three commodities are bringing record or near record prices as are wool and mohair.

Census reports through 1977 show Sutton County with large livestock populations...35,000 head of beef cattle, 80,000 sheep and 80,000 goats.

Income for ranchers has nearly doubled since 1975, with the total agricultural income for Sutton County estimated at \$13.4 million in 1978.

A breakdown shows income estimates from various sources for 1978. Goats brought \$640,000, up from \$542,200 in 1977; hunting income brought \$680,000, up from \$670,000 in 1977; mohair brought \$2.9 million, up from \$2.1 in 1977; beef cattle brought \$5.2 million, up from \$3.0 million in 1977; sheep brought \$2.7 million, up from \$2.5 million in 1977; and wool brought \$864,000, up from \$857,000 in 1977.

Unfortunately, dramatic sales increases do not always reflect higher profits for the rancher.

Higher inflation rates have hit the rancher as hard as any single group,

if not harder.

Luckily for most Sutton County ranchers, however, the boom due to the petroleum industry has meant an invaluable source of income for most of them. Wise ranchers have put much of this money back into the land...building new fences

and facilities, improving their ranges, doing whatever is necessary to get an edge on whatever hard times may lie ahead.

Ranching has never been easy. But to those who have stood fast through the thick and thin, there is no better way to live.

Special Thanks

In putting this second annual edition of 'The Rancher' together, there are several people who deserved special recognition. One of these is Herb Jones who once again has used his special talents with the camera to provide us with pictures. Another is Dr. Patti Strauch who drew the beautiful artwork for the cover. Others include Dr. Leo Merrill at the Experiment Station, Clint Langford and Sarah Mahon at the County Extension Office and Virgil Polocsek and Joe Ellis with the Soil Conservation Service. All of these people have given freely of their time in helping us prepare this special tribute to the ranchers of Sutton County. And of course, our advertisers. Without their support of the ranching industry in the area, none of this would have been possible.

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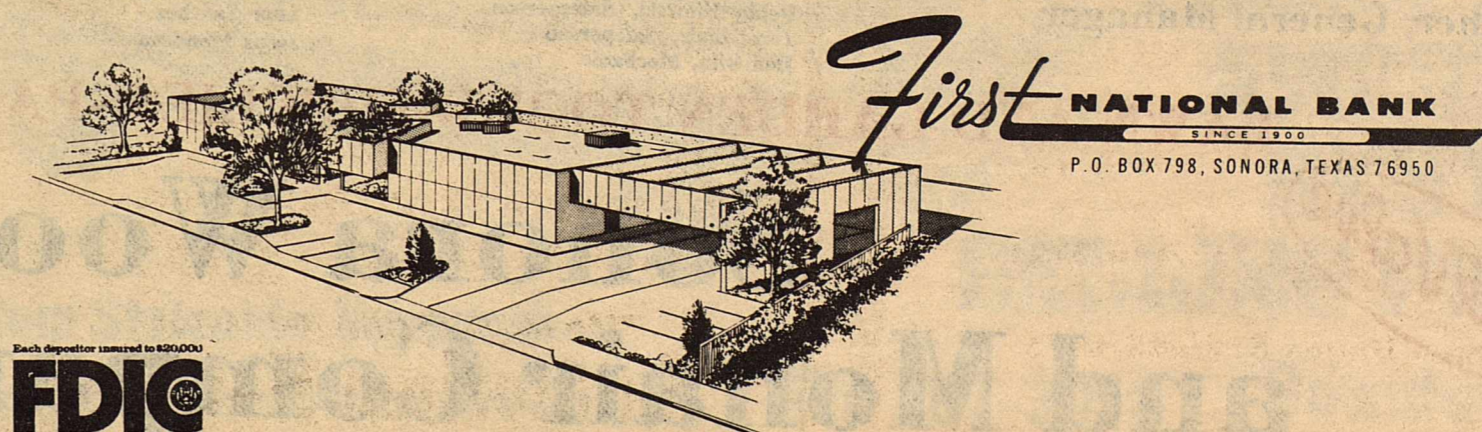
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Inadequate Energy Supplies For Farmers and Ranchers Fearful For All Americans

Texas Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent has warned that inadequate supplies of energy on the nation's agricultural front means woes for all Americans.

"None of us can escape the problems caused by a lack of energy supplies for our farmers and ranchers," Nugent declared in a statement at a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hearing on a proposed permanent rules pertaining to agricultural and other high priority gas users under the new Natural Gas Policy Act.

"The farmer feeds us all, and if we let our food and fiber production get into the same shape as our domestic energy production, then we are all in a heap of trouble," observed the Texas oil and gas regulatory official.

Nugent told the farmer-rancher audience the FERC needs experience factors in order to draft practical and effective rules to protect agricultural users in the event of gas curtailment by interstate pipelines.

Specifically, the hearing was called to discuss Section 401 of the federal gas policy act. The section is intended to provide some protection to agricultural users during gas cutbacks. That

priority can be withheld if alternate fuel is economically practical and reasonably available.

Nugent said a primary issue in promulgating sensible rules is the amount of gas needed for agricultural purposes.

"It's easy to agree with this position but unfortunately he did not tell us just what 'on-farm requirements' include," Nugent observed, adding:

"Obviously, irrigation wells, crop dryers and feed lots ought to be included in the protected category. It gets a little more difficult to include florists in that category."

The FERC proposals would allow agricultural and high priority users to make direct purchases of natural gas from producers and arrange to have the gas transported to them by interstate pipelines. Agricultural protection would be limited to a fixed volume of gas based on prior usage or to the amount set out under current curtailment plans.

Nugent explained that the Railroad Commission regulates intrastate pipelines and determines priorities for agricultural users on intrastate systems.

"In fact, the State of Texas has a statute--Article 6066f--which prohibits curtailment of agricultural gas unless the gas

is needed for homes, hospitals, or similar vital use," he noted.

Nugent ticked off several statistics supporting Texas' protection of agricultural gas.

Railroad Commission research, he related, shows:

--"Nearly 90,000 gas-fueled irrigation wells sit on more than 35,000 gas-fueled irrigation farms."

--Forty-eight billion-plus cubic feet of gas is sold for agricultural use by Texas intrastate pipelines.

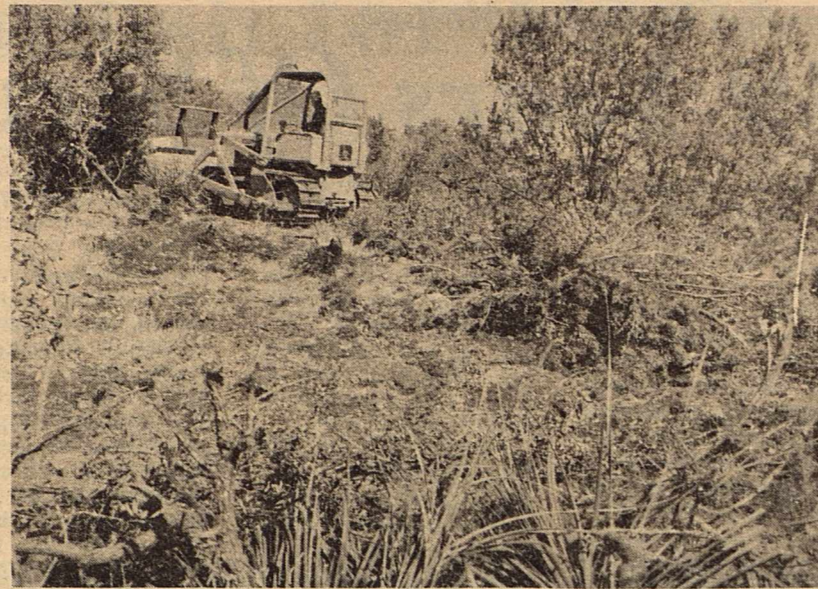
--"In the Texas High Plains area, alone, irrigation farming accounts for three-fifths of the grain sorghum, two-fifths of the wheat, and one-fourth of the cotton."

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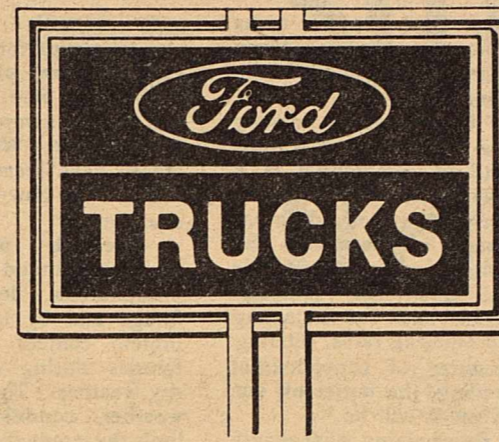
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conditions, says Clint. Deferment of native pasture will allow plants to maintain vigor and produce seeds. Many types of rotation systems can be used. Systems with little or no additional fencing and water development can be adapted by many ranchers.

Langford notes that the county Extension office, Soil Conservation Service or Experiment Station can provide assistance in planning grazing systems.

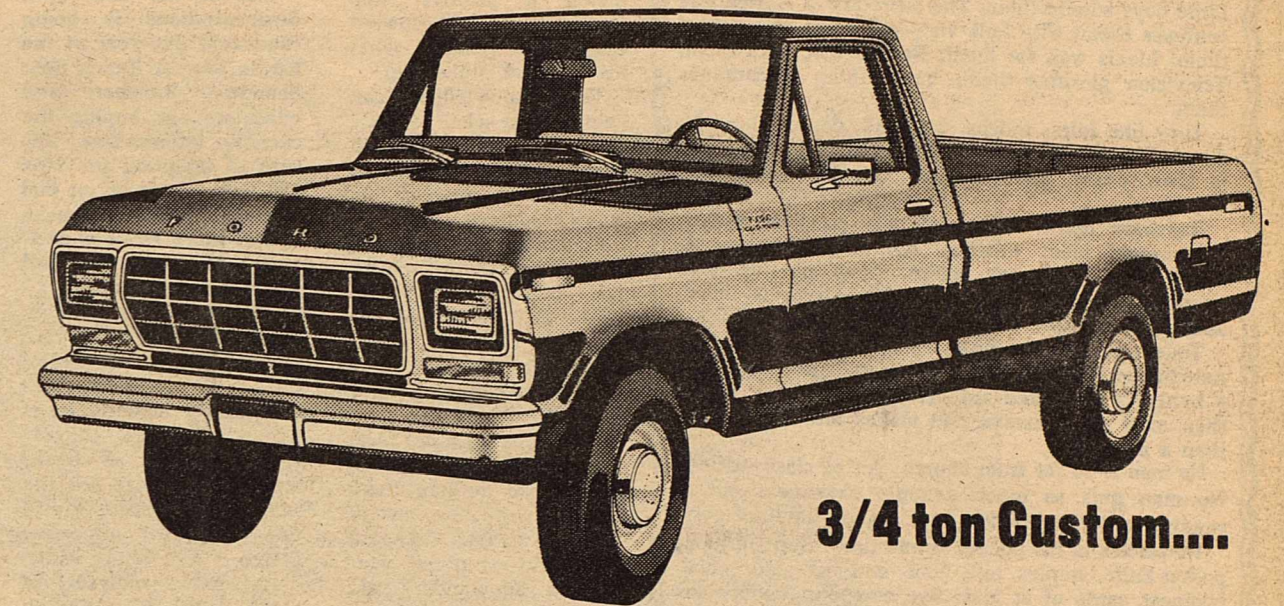


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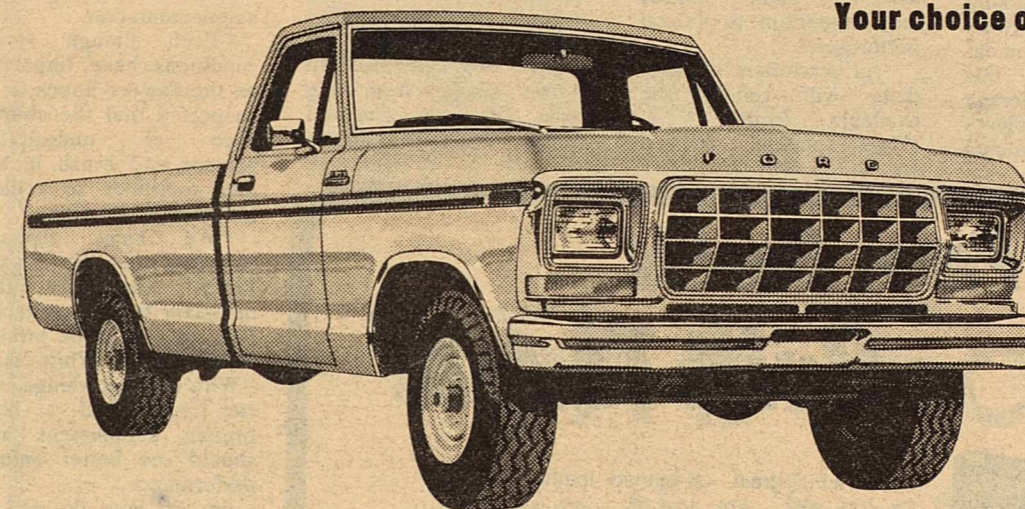
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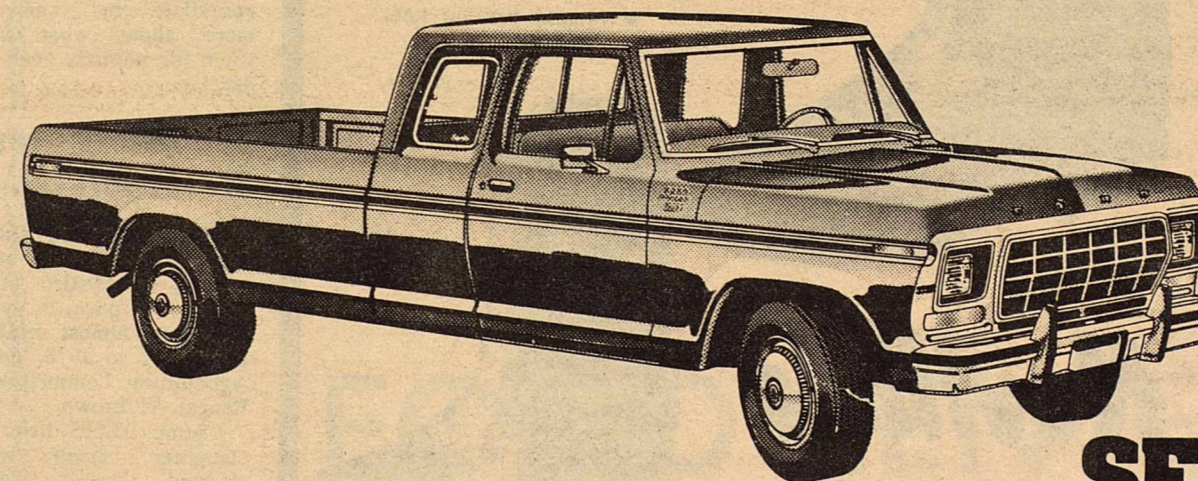
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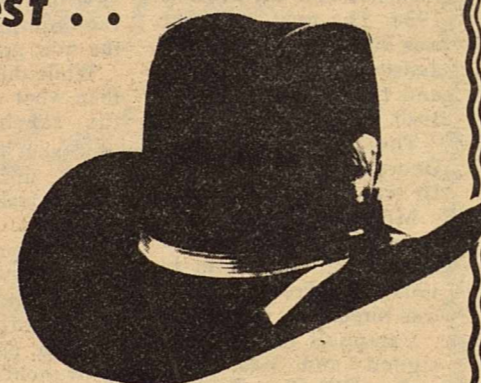
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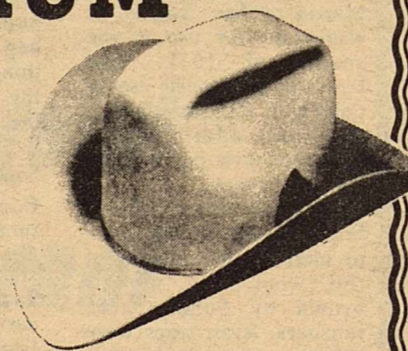
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That knowledge can help the rancher quickly determine the needs and future performance of his animals and develop his range resources.

Actually, ranchers are likely to be taking samples from both ends of the animal in order to get the information they needed for decision-making.

"We are finding now that the combination of forage collections and fecal analyses are both useful to ranchers in helping them decide on the best mix of cattle, sheep, Angora goats and white-tail deer on their rangelands," said Dr. Larry White, an area range specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Uvalde.

Dr. White is working with ranchers in Southwest Texas to set up demonstrations on how this combination of forage samples and fecal analyses can help improve animal

performance.

"The way animals perform on the range is influenced mostly by the range forage species available, plant nutrient value and the diet of the animals using it," the range specialist said. "Fecal analysis is just another tool to help ranchers to get this knowledge."

One of the first such demonstrations is being conducted this year at the Edwin Sawyer Ranch near Sonora. Ranchers and educators are hoping the current information this kind of sampling provides will help personnel on this and other ranches or make faster, more reliable decisions on livestock and range management.

"When animals begin eating plants that are poisonous or that are of poor quality, then ranchers can know something is wrong, because microscopic analysis of fresh, fecal material can tell the rancher these plants are in the animal digestive system," Dr. White said.

He said analysis of cattle, sheep, Angora goats and white-tailed deer diets also will help the rancher identify the seasonal plant species most important to animal performance.

"As conditions change, diets will reflect the available foods," Dr. White explained. We can

then spot trouble areas when the animal diets start including more of the same plants.

"Our research already has taught us that this kind of competition is a major factor in limiting the performance of different classes of livestock. The quicker we can find this out and take remedial action such as adjusting our stocking rates, rotating pastures of supplemental feeding, the better off our livestock will be."

Determining what plants are being eaten by the fecal analysis method is not new to science, but until now it has not been applied widely to practical situations such as ranching.

Dr. White said the method has long been used to identify diets of birds, grasshoppers, and even extinct animals. It has been widely used in North America from Alaska to Mexico.

Here's how the method works:

--Fresh fecal material is collected from the range or a particular pasture in question.

--In the laboratory, the fecal material is dried, ground up and transferred to microscope slides.

--Plant fragments in the sample are compared to known plants from the area. Often the size and shape of hairs, cell shapes

and crystals provide characteristics for identification of many plants.

By using fecal analysis and forage samples, here is what Dr. White and others have learned from work on the Sawyer Ranch near Sonora:

--Livestock production there is limited by low phosphorous levels in forage and by low crude protein content in these forages during cold and dry weather. These same weather conditions also limit the production of key plants.

"Monthly analyses of forage samples revealed a decline in crude protein through 1977 and the winter of 1978," Dr. White said. "Not until late spring rains in May and June were protein content of samples above maintenance requirements for dry cows. Following good growing conditions, the phosphorous content of samples was sufficient to meet dry cows or ewe requirements only during Sept., 1978."

This information offers the rancher an opportunity for better decisions on his ranch management, and suggests the need for a year-round phosphorous supplementation.

--Even though range conditions have improved on the Sawyer Ranch, it is suspected that the abundance of undesirable grasses and brush in the diet continues to reduce livestock production.

"We know through sampling that the Sawyer Ranch has had this adequate forage available, but with low crude protein content," Dr. White said. "With that knowledge, we can recommend a high protein supplement and should see better animal performance."

So, if you do see a rancher scooping up dung for a fecal analysis, you know that he is not just another pseudo-humorist trying to create yet another Aggie Joke. He's out there trying to cut costs in his livestock operation by knowing more about what and when his animals need to eat.

Slaughter Sheep Move to Mexico

Texas slaughter sheep and goats have been moving to Mexico at a brisk pace, with shipments almost tripling from 1977 to 1978, notes Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

"Some 23,555 head of slaughter sheep were shipped through Texas Department of Agriculture border export pens alone last year, compared with 8,061 head in 1977," Brown said. "We also saw 11,551 head of Spanish slaughter goats move through our pens last year, up from the 3,649 shipped during the previous 12-month period."

Sonora Wool and Mohair

49 Years Of Service to Ranchmen

by Glen Fisher

In March of 1930, Sonora area ranchers met to form the "Wool and Mohair Cooperative Marketing Association". Both wool and mohair from this area, even in those early days, had a reputation for quality and this association was formed to take advantage of the higher quality through cooperative marketing.

Soon after organizing, the group renamed the association, "The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company". That first year, without facilities, the company (now commonly known as "The Woolhouse") successfully marketed 2.7 million pounds of Wool and Mohair. Coincidentally, that is very close to the volume handled today.

The officers and directors were elected in April of 1930. They were Ed C. Mayfield, president; W.A. Miers, vice president; J.N. Ross and Robert Halbert, vice presidents.

The directors of the Association were C.T. Jones, A.C. Elliott, E.C. Beam, Alvis Johnson, Fred T. Earwood, Roy E. Aldwell, Sam Allison, Ben F. Meckel, Sam Karnes, J.M. Vander Stucken, Dan Cauthorn, Lea Vander Stucken, L.W. Elliott and S.M. Vander Stucken.

The first manager was Mr. Charlie Evans, who remained until his death in 1934. The next manager was Bill Fields. Fields was assisted by George Allison and they remained until 1940.

Their bookkeeper was George D. (Sally) Chalk. He was there until 1950. Mr. Fred Earwood became manager in 1941 and served until his death in 1968 when Fred Campbell was hired.

Campbell recently resigned and has been replaced by Glen Fisher. The first building was constructed by S.H. Martin of San Angelo. It was ready for use in the spring of 1931. The building still looks essentially as it did initially, but numerous additions and changes have been made over the years.

Gradually the woolhouse began to initiate programs to increase the quality of the wool and mohair grown by Sonora area ranchers. Also, steps were taken to put up a more desirable and attractive product for the buyers. Sheep selection programs based on fleece uniformity, fineness, length and weight were set up on many ranches, primarily as a result of the encouragement from the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

The first step of producing a better product was certainly not the end of the line. Without proper handling at the shearing pens and marketing, the selection programs would not have been near as

fruitful for the ranchers.

The woolhouse initiated wool grading programs in order to offer a more uniform bag of wool to the buyer. The initial program is basically intact; however, several refinements have been made and no doubt, new ones will be added in the future.

Records indicate the program has been very profitable. Over the past 7 years, the graded wools have averaged about 15 cents per pound better price than the original bag wools handled by the warehouse.

The grading of the wool at the ranch requires the warehouse to keep several grades in its employ so that they are available when needed during the shearing season. This fact led to the addition of other different products and services for the customers of The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

Mohair grading at the ranch has become profitable in many instances and also utilizes the crew during goat shearing, which mostly precedes the sheep shearing season.

The warehouse also has a trained crew of mohair graders who operate within the warehouse on a seasonal basis. The mohair grading in the warehouse is accomplished by placing the mohair on a conveyor belt, having the graders sort out the various grades as it moves by them, then rebagging the mohair in the new grades.

While this is more costly than what can be done at the ranch, it is still profitable and produces a more uniform product highly desirable to mohair buyers.

Other products or services that have resulted either partially or totally as spinoffs of the wool grading program include: a drenching service for sheep and goats; manufacturing of water and feed troughs, gates, panels, wool tables and bag racks, etc; and other things designed to utilize the available labor during the off season.

The "Other Side" of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is the ever increasing retail sales department. What was started as a small sideline and primarily as an added service to the ranchers has become about half of the business. This process has taken many years of small additions to the product line.

Today Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is the local "True Value Hardware Store", with access to their complete line of products and services. The warehouse does not handle a large percentage of the overall line but has an excellent supply of hand tools and supplies, lawn mowers, edgers, sprayers, ice chests and water coolers, paint and painting supplies, chainsaws and

most hardware items.

The ranch supply business has also grown considerably. A full line of livestock remedies, vaccine, health products, sprays and drenches, is available. Fencing and fence supplies including manufactured gates are also available. Pipe and pipe fittings for both iron and PVC as well as used construction grade pipe is another large line kept by the warehouse. Horse-shoes, nuts and bolts, nails, and most other ranch necessities are readily available.

Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is a certainly changed business from its beginning in 1930. It has become almost a "one-stop" shopping center for many ranchers and thru its affiliation with the True Value Chain, more and more non-ranchers will be added to its list of customers.

Pesticide Users

Should Read

Labels

When buying a pesticide and again prior to use, be sure to read the label carefully, advises Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A pesticide label contains a considerable amount of beneficial information. First, look for the EPA registration number which will indicate that the Environmental Protection Agency has found the material effectively controls certain pests (insects, weeds or diseases). The number also indicates that the substance is safe to use when directions are followed.

The next thing found on the label is the pest that this material is effective against. Only those pests listed can be controlled with this material, says Clint.

Rate of materials to use is also on the label. This rate must be followed closely. If you exceed the recommended rate and problems occur, the company is no longer responsible. Also, you waste material and stand a chance of polluting an area with a chemical.

The pesticide label also lists the interval at which the materials should be applied. This may vary with materials but will generally be between 5 and 21 days. The label may indicate that this is a one-time application for a certain pest.

How soon can you eat a crop after a material has been applied? That information is also found on the label. On many labels there are special precautions such as washing fruit or not spraying past a certain development stage. Read this warnings closely, cautions the county agent.

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WHAT IS A RANCHER?

By Larry H. Humphrey

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They like fairs, rodeos, auctions, dogies, hounds, dances, neighbors, forty-dollar boots, Saturday night in town, poker, good weather, fist fights and rank horses.

Ranchers don't care much for poodles, dudes, government men, weather, lightning, dairy cows, sheep bush, or weak coffee. They put up with relatives, worms, flies, floods, blizzards, feed salesmen, drought, bad luck and bad weather.

Today a rancher must be a salesman, animal nutritionist, yet be a biologist, weather prophets, and a banker's calculated risk. He handles more money than most businessmen and makes less clear profit than a paper boy.

No man is so far from church, yet so close to God. No man gets so much genuine enjoyment out of running water, television, and a good game of pool.

He carries in his pocket at one time; Bull Durham, pocket knife, staples, tally book, one-inch lead pencil, business cards of at least five competing politicians (all of whom he has promised to vote for), cattle ear tags, fencing pliers, piggin' string, \$1.98 watch, billfold (empty), and a curry comb.

No one gets kicked, run over, stepped on, bruised, cut up, or as mad as he does in a single day's work. He is overly optimistic in the cattle market, next year, the ten-year old cow that has never calved, range conditions, the hay crop, and his twice-renewed livestock loan.

No one is as generous, big-hearted, friendly, dependable, wise or honest; and he will swap anything except his spurs, rope or bits.

He trusts his fellow man. The rancher is the producer of meat, the hope of the future, the self-made man of today. Big business doesn't fear him; the government doesn't subsidize him. He relies on free enterprise and the hope that next year will be as good (or better) as last. He doesn't cry on shoulders when hard times hit, but resolves to do better if he can.

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Beef Prices Look Bullish for 1979

Under normal circumstances, supply and demand explain most of the variations which occur in cattle prices. During recent years, however, we have been operating in a highly psychological pricing situation. This represents a market that is influenced greatly by factors and statements, futures market reactions, business conditions and even international events seem to have an impact on the beef market.

In general, the beef price picture looks quite bullish for the long-run. There seems to be some aspects of the situation, however, that could hold price recovery down dur-

ing 1979. Among these are: considerably larger pork, broiler and turkey supplies; actually larger and veal imports than last year; increased use of vegetables protein extenders to make up for the short ground beef production; consumer pressure to hold down inflation; possible government price controls; and increased friction between farmers, cattlemen and government.

Total beef supplies during the year should be down just a little from a year ago. Although beef production could shrink as much as 3 percent, the 5

percent in pork supplies, 10 percent larger broiler production and 25 percent more turkeys could easily push total red meat and poultry supplies close to year-ago levels. It is interesting to note that pork and broiler supplies alone may be greater than beef production this year. Further herd liquidation, reduced feeder supplies and continued strong demand for beef seem to point toward continued higher prices for beef and cattle in 1979. Because of the changed cyclical production, however, the make-up of beef available for consumers will be considerably different than it has

been in recent years. Slightly less fed beef, together with much less nonfed and cow beef, are in store. While fed cattle represented only 70 percent of the total commercial slaughter in 1978, they should account for close to 75 percent this year. Because of sharply reduced non-fed cattle production, ground beef and processing type beef will be in short supply. This lack of cheap hamburger and ground

beef may create some consumer resistance for the industry. Such beef is highly visible and frequently leads retail store ads. A substantial rise in price of this type of beef, therefore, could stimulate government controls. Consumers will, of course, have some alternatives to beef. Larger supplies of pork, broilers and turkey in 1979, together with the increased use of textured vegetable proteins (TVP)

or meat extenders, could relieve some of this consumer pressure. Increased use of these substitutes, however, would decrease the need for as much beef and soften the market prices. In general, 1979 should be a very good one for cowmen, just fair for feeders, unsettled for packers and wholesalers, a rough one for retailers, and a year of considerably higher priced beef for consumers.

Basics of Range Management Can Overcome Drouth Results

Basic principles of range management must be applied to overcome range deterioration caused by drouths the past few years, says Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Rains may help solve the problem, but that is not enough. Clint says changing the kind of grazing animals can help in some cases. However, such changes may be

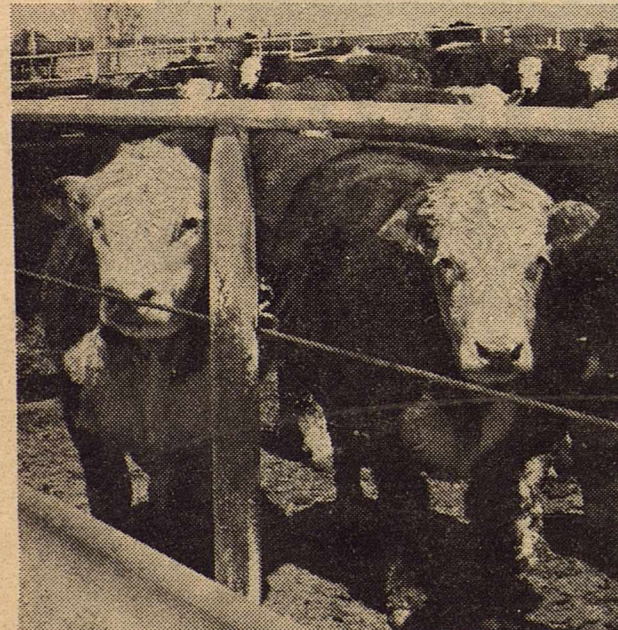
restricted by tradition, economics or predators. Balancing the number of grazing animals with forage being produced is a "must," stresses Clint. Rangeland inherently produces a certain kind and amount of forage under climatic conditions present from year to year. Since climate is not constant, the number of grazing animals cannot remain the same each year. Distribution of grazing

must be uniform over pastures. Proper placement of salt, minerals, water and fencing can alleviate problems, suggest Clint. Grazing plants at the proper season is another "must" to provide sustained production of native forage plants. A properly planned and executed rotation grazing system can help improve range cont'd on page 18c



Due to a smaller number of cattle in 1979, prices should be high for beef in the next year.

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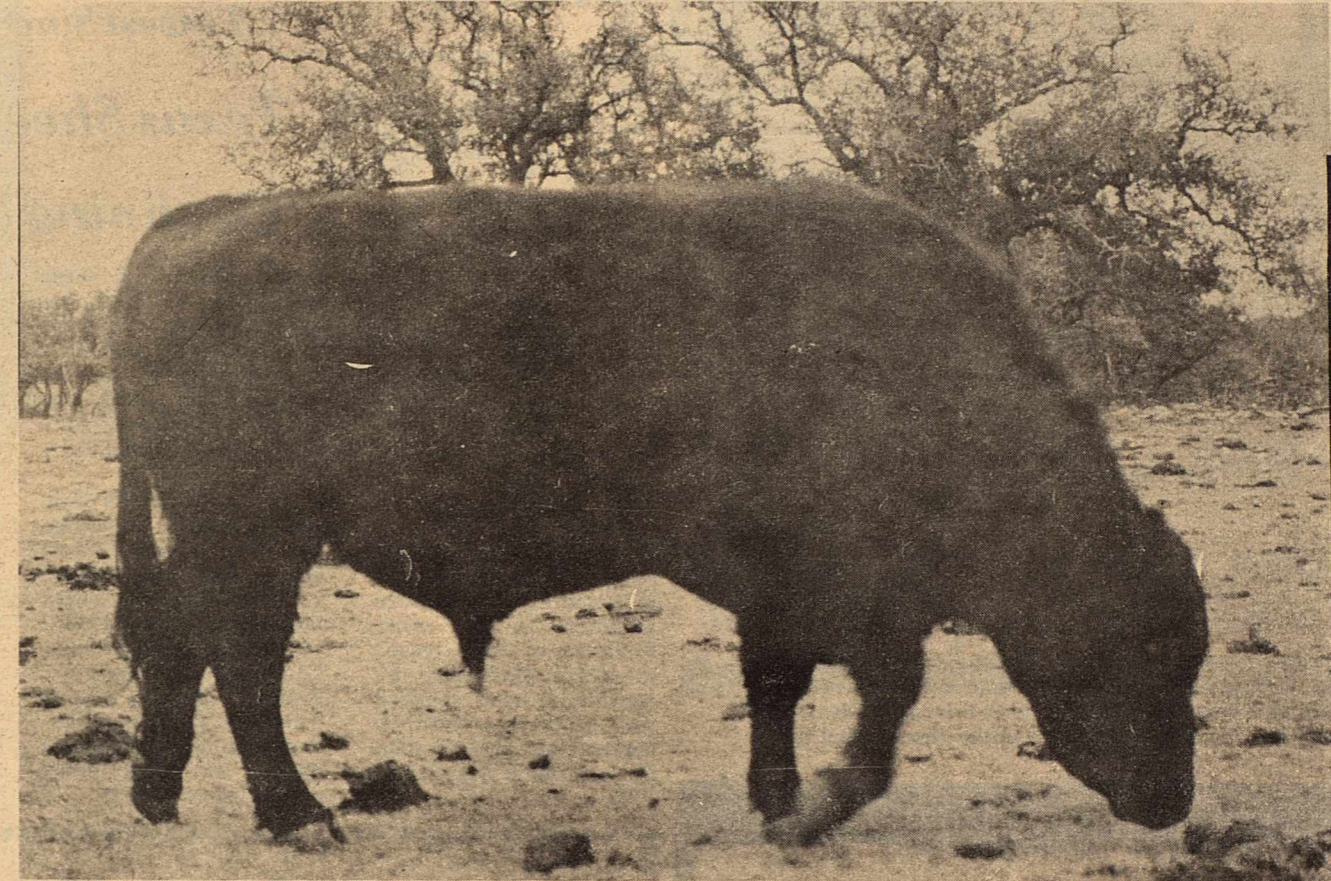
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Higher Production Costs Lower Sheep Numbers



On most ranches, shearing is a twice-a-year event, and the current high prices for both wool and mohair have made it a time most ranchers look forward to. Although horses have virtually vanished on many ranches throughout the United States, the rough terrain of the Edwards Plateau still makes them a vital tool at roundup time.

Sheep and lamb numbers in both the United States and Texas have declined since 1961. The past year was no exception. The inventory of all sheep and lambs declined 1 percent nationally, and dropped 2 percent in Texas during 1978. On January 1, 1979, sheep and lambs number in the U.S. totalled 12.2 million head. This is the smallest inventory since records were begun in 1867.

Texas sheep numbers were 6.140 million head in 1961. Only 2.415 million head were reported on the state's farms and ranches January 1, 1979. The largest number of sheep ever recorded in Texas was 10.829 million head in 1943.

Major reasons for the decline in sheep numbers include rising production costs brought on primarily by the increased requirement of labor to prevent predator losses. There is much competition for the land resource for recreational uses. Increased taxes also have added to the burden of the sheep producers in the state. Reflective of the increased production problems, the amount of lamb supplied per capita was over 50 percent less in 1978 than the per capita supplies of 1970.

Because of lower supplies of lamb for 1979 and a generally higher price for most red meats caused by the smaller beef supplies and the strong demand for red meat, lamb prices are expected to be very strong during 1979.

For example, during the first half of 1979, the prices for Choice slaughter

lambs at San Angelo are expected to range from \$72 to \$82 per hundredweight. It is quite possible that peak spring prices will reach or exceed \$90 per hundredweight for Choice lambs. During the last half of 1979, slaughter lamb prices should average at least \$70 per hundredweight.

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Texas Sheep, Lambs Declining Steadily

The number of sheep and lambs in Texas has been declining steadily over the years, and hit a new low point at the beginning of 1979, the Texas Department of Agriculture has reported.

"The latest Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service inventory of Texas sheep and lambs shows 2,415,000 head, the lowest inventory since 1918," commented Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. "This is a drop of 2 percent from last year, and continues the steady decline of Texas flocks evident since 1971."

The 1978 lamb crop will do little to help the situation, since it was the smallest crop since estimates began in 1924 he noted. The 1978 crop, at 1,242,000 head, reflected a 14-per-cent drop from a year ago.

However, as total sheep and lambs declined from a year earlier, the number placed into feedlots for fattening was up at the first of this year.

"Sheep and lambs on feed in Texas on January 1 totaled 165,00 head up 10 percent from 1978 and 3 per cent above 1977," noted Brown.

TAES Range Program Provides Answers

Rangeland under heavy, continuous grazing is slower to soak up water and faster to lose soil in runoff than rangeland under a 4-pasture deferred-rotation grazing system, research shows.

Decreased infiltration and increased erosion have been shown to be directly related to increased grazing intensity, particularly under continuous grazing. But the impact of deferred-rotation grazing has not been known.

Prior to the establishment of three study pastures in 1948 by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, this land in the Edwards Plateau had been subjected to long-term heavy, continuous grazing.

Two 80-acre grazed pastures and a 40-acre ungrazed enclosure were selected for study by Dr. Leo Merrill, Station range scientist at Sonora. One pasture has been heavily stocked (11.5 to 13.5 acres per animal unit) and continuously grazed for the past 27 years with a 60-20-20 AU (Animal Unit) ratio of cattle, sheep and goats, respectively.

Common curly mesquite was the dominant grass with lesser amounts of three awns and red grain, according to Dr. Fred Smeins, plant ecologist with the Experiment Station and the Department of Range Science at Texas A&M.

Total standing edible plant production averaged 1134 pounds per acre in June 1976. Soil depth varied from 1 to 23 inches and slope ranged from 0 to 4 percent.

Another pasture, under the Merrill four-pasture, three-herd, deferred rotation system since 1969, was stocked at 12.8 acres per animal unit with a 60-20-20 AU ratio of cattle, sheep and goats, respectively.

It was grazed between 1949 and 1969 with cattle and goats at a moderate 40 acres per AU. Grass was dominated by common curly mesquite with lesser amounts of three awns, sideoats grama and cane bluestem.

Total standing edible growth averaged 1964 pounds per acre and litter 2410 pounds per acre in June 1976. Soil depth and slope were similar to the heavy continuous pasture.

The 40-acre enclosure has been protected from domestic livestock grazing for the past 28 years, but wildlife, primarily deer, had access to the area. Dominant grasses were common curly mesquite, cane bluestem, sideoats grama and three awns.

Total standing edible growth averaged 1785 pounds per acre and litter 2678 pounds per acre in July 1976.

Depth and slope were similar to the other two pastures; all soils were

sandy clay loams.

Final rates of water infiltration for one pasture in the 4-pasture deferred-rotation grazing system and the 27-year enclosure were found to be similar (10.40 and 10.24 cm./hr.; about 4 inches per hour, respectively).

A heavy continuously grazed pasture soaked up water at a much slower rate (4.41 cm./hr.; about 1.72 inches per hour).

Though grazed pastures were stocked at about the same rate (12.35 acres per AU per year), the continuously grazed pasture had a

higher soil loss (188 pounds per acre) than either the rotation pasture or the enclosure (119 and 143 pounds per acre, respectively).

"It appears from this research that deferred-rotational grazing can contribute to the mainten-

ance, and possibly the improvement, of range condition, water uptake and lessened erosion," Merrill said.

"Yield of grass actually increased so there need be no sacrifice of livestock production, Merrill concluded.



Rotation of pastures, a program started at the Texas A&M Experiment Station, has resulted in better growth of grasses and better nutrition for livestock. A

system whereby sheep, goats and cattle are grazed on the same pasture at the same time has proved the most satisfactory.

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Early Ranchers Knew Little of Grass Management

By Joe Ellis
Brush was not a problem in this area back in the early days of ranching. Wildfires set by Indians and/or lightning kept cedar, mesquite and other brush species from getting a strong hold on the land.
Also, the grazing pat-

terns of the buffalo were ideal for the growth of grasses. They would graze an area out and then move on allowing the grazed area an extended rest before they returned.
The early rancher, a pioneer in his field, knew little about grass management. Soon great herds of

Longhorn cattle grazed the land, a very little, if any rest was given to the grazed areas.
The ranching industry continued to develop, and more production was needed from the land.
Fences were put up, confining herds to certain areas, and wildfires were

controlled to some extent. These combined with one of the worst words in the ranchers' dictionary, drought, brought on a slow but steady change in the vegetation. Undesirable brush species began to increase, and desirable grasses decreased.
Cedar and mesquite

cover a great deal of our rangelands, and we are faced with controlling them or giving up productive grasslands.
Mesquite and two species of cedar, redberry and blueberry, are the main brush problems in this area.
Mesquite is controlled primarily with chemical sprays which are usually applied by airplanes. The spray is absorbed into the mesquite's system and causes it to defoliate.
The defoliation stops the mesquite from using valuable soil moisture which desirable forage plants can use more efficiently.
Some trees will die completely, but many resprout and need retreatment in six to ten years to maintain control.
Cedar is controlled mainly by mechanical methods such as hand cutting with an ax or chain saw or grubbing with bulldozers.
In Sutton County, most control is done by dozing. This year, approximately 3,000 acres of cedar will be controlled by dozing through the Great Plains Conservation Program administered by the Soil Conservation Service.
An additional 3,000-plus acres will be controlled either by landowners using cost share assistance from the Agricultural Stabiliza-

tion and Conservation Service or by bearing the cost alone in their effort to control undesirable brush.
Tree-dozing, in addition to controlling cedar, also prepares an excellent seedbed for seeding adaptive high quality forage plants to obtain a rapid improvement in range condition.
Brush invasion is a real concern to area ranchers, but through experience and research, we are gaining a better understanding of the capabilities of our rangeland forages.
We know much more today about range management than the pioneer rancher, and we are steadily reversing the swing of the pendulum. Brush infested land is being restored to productive grassland.

Experiment Station

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and bob white quail.
Naturally, not all problems facing the staff of the Experiment Station will be solved immediately, as they often involve very complicated factors.
But the record of the staff has been incredible, and they have proved themselves a valuable asset in the scheme of agricultural production.



Directors for the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District are (left to right) George Brockman, Vestel Askew, Armer Earwood and Albert Ward. Not pictured is Bob Carruthers.



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Progress Evident in Planned Grazing

By Virgil Polocsek
Real progress is being made in the application of planned grazing systems. The Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District has a number of ranchers applying different kinds of systems of which each is tailored to meet the needs of ranch, livestock and landowner desire.

Grazing plans are an organized guide or framework of grazing management to enable consideration for needs of plants, seasonal growth, efficiency of harvest, needs of livestock such as lambing, calving, milk flows, rates of gain and supplemental feeding.

Grazing plans are not schedules. The length of the grazing period or season of grazing are nearly always modified in application according to the varied growths and needs of livestock.

There is no need to prescribe "date in" and "date out" because grazing periods are not that precise.

In most cases sheep are spread out into several pastures during the lambing period. On a ranch in dry country, spread sheep out into all pastures from

lambing time until weaning and shipping. Many variations can be used to seasonally harvest forage and still provide for the needs of the vegetation and needs of the livestock. A pasture having half of the area in a valley and

in limestone hills, fairly steep, had concentrated overgrazing in the valley part. This called for shortening the grazing period to fit the forage available on the preferred area. The forage on the hills would

likely be grazed during a different season. Usually the grazing period can be shortened and still provide long enough rest, but sometimes additional pastures are needed. Cross fencing may be

needed to separate different kinds of country. Grazing distribution should be observed and proper use obtained on key areas as well as on key species of grass.

In some instances, it is obvious that stock were kept too long in each pasture. The herd had harvested the milk producing forage the first two weeks, yet they remained in the pastures another four to six weeks longer. This resulted in light-weight calves and lambs.

Stock prefer different species and range sites in different seasons. It is important on mixed composition range pastures that the grazing period be at a different season or stage of growth each year. It is not difficult to stagger the season of the grazing period. The length of the grazing period will vary for each pasture at different seasons.

The production and available forage varies by season and by site and kinds of plants.

The animal requirements will vary. Cows and seven-month old calves will consume more forage than dry cows or

cows with baby calves. These are just a few examples of how a planned grazing system might fit into your ranch operation. The Soil Conservation Service personnel in Sonora will be glad to discuss grassland management and improvement with ranchers at any time.

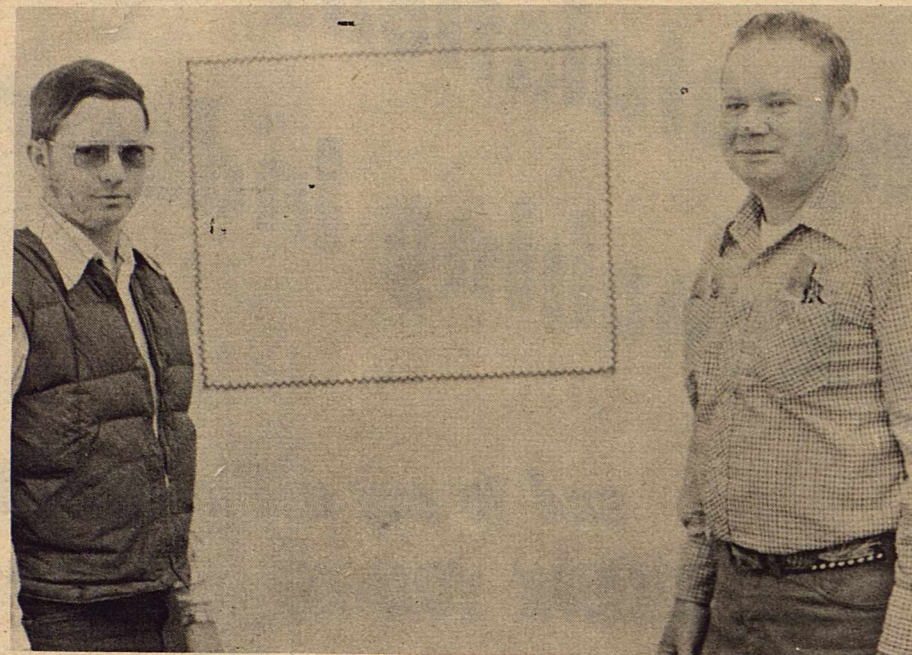
Predator Losses Plague Stockmen

Predator losses have plagued Texas livestock producers since the industry began, but an upcoming survey by the Texas Department of Agriculture will help shed some new light on an old problem.

"The mail survey is being conducted by the TDA at the request of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and will focus specifically on sheep and goat producers," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown said. "There is no question that this industry is one of the hardest hit by predators, but we need to know the actual extent of the damage on a statewide basis."

Brown noted that questionnaires are scheduled to be sent out at the end of February, and that the results will be published in April. Mail sampling will be done based on the methods used by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service to gather other statistical data. The Crop and Livestock Reporting Service is a cooperative project of the Texas and U.S. Departments of Agriculture.

"The current survey will update data from a previous enumerative survey taken some 10 years ago," Brown said. "With the predator question becoming more controversial, it is important that we gather as much factual information as possible."



Helping ranchers through the Soil Conservation Services are Joe Ellis, Range Conservationist, (left) and Virgil Polocsek, District Conservationist.

A Pioneer Rancher's Recall of Sutton County

[Mrs. Thelma Johnson who still lives on the ranch in Sutton County where she was born some 82 years ago, submitted the following article. It was found among her husband's, the late Mr. Alvis Johnson, personal papers following his death. It was written by Mr. Johnson as told to him by Mr. C. W. Adams, a pioneer rancher of Sutton County.]

"I came to Sutton County in the year 1884. At that time John Rainey and Dr. J. D. Fields and Chas. E. Davidson had about 2000 head of cattle running on the North Llano River. JDF on left side. Dr. Fields owned a tract of land across the Llano River from present school house in Sutton County. On that land a house of one 16 foot room with a lean to. The people used to gather at this house for dances as it was only house with a plank floor. They had big corrals at this place for holding and working cattle. But had ceased to use this place and the cattle camp was at the 8 mile water hole.

The house on the river was vacant and people gathered there to dance. Phil Yarborough worked for Rainey and stayed at

the camp during the winter looking after the horses and branding any calves that might have been missed at regular branding.

W. J. Fields came out about 1888. He was just out of school. He stayed at the camp at 8 mile. He always lived in Sutton County after this, never going back to Austin except for visits.

In the fall of 1888 they started to gather the JDF cattle for the purpose of dividing them but about that time and before getting them all gathered and divided, they sold the whole bunch to W. A. Fields ranch near Sonora. At about the same time Dr. J. D. Fields bought the W. D. Carrington cattle which had been running on the N. Llano, consisting of about 2000 head and placed W. J. Fields in charge of them. About 1889 they were moved to the ranch near Sonora. Before bringing them he had the ranch surveyed and fenced. A man by the name of Beard built the first fence. At that time there were only a few fenced pastures in Sutton County and the Fields pasture fence did not touch another fenced pasture. The first fence I believe in Sutton County

was a pasture below 8 mile water hole for P.H. Wentworth. Roy Hudspeth and I both helped build this fence. The Fields pasture was the second fenced pasture in Sutton County.

The town of Sonora was

not started until 1889. P.N. Wentworth who owned Ft. Terrett was a strictly sheep man. He was a peculiar man who didn't seem to care to have many friends. He lived in San Antonio. He liked John Rainey very

much and would do anything for him. He built the first fence at the request of John Rainey and in order for Rainey to use it as a gathering pasture for the JDF cattle. John Rainey was a well liked and popular fellow.

He spent considerable time out here in summer but only came occasionally in the winter. His family lived at Austin or Manor. He was a buyer of cattle and would get together large bunches of steers for men of other sections."

Homemakers Learning More Home Economics

Within the past year thirty-seven homemakers have been meeting monthly for informal education programs so they can learn more in all areas of home economics. This particular group of homemakers are all members of three Sutton County Extension Homemaker Clubs (formerly called County Home Demonstration Clubs).

Club members meet in each others' home and hear problems about foods and nutrition, clothing, home management, housing, health, and family

living. Some more specific programs last year were: Vegetable Gardening, Homemade Games and Toys for Children, Fall Fashions, Quick Sewing Tips, Freezing Food, Canning Food, Simple Home Repairs a Homemaker Can Do, Microwave Ovens, and Decorating Ideas for the Home.

The clubs are each guided by a group of officers. In the Borderline Club the President is Elizabeth Robertson; Vice-President-Nelle Graham; Sec. Treas-Melinda Niell;

and Council Representative-Anna Eustace. Serving as officers in the Happy Homemaker Club are: Pres.-Barbara Arendt; Vice - Pres. - Karen McAnally; Sec.Treas.-Sharon Whitman; and Council Representative-Diana Anderson. Finally, officers in the Stitch & Sew Club are: Pres-Ebbie Sutton; Vice-Pres.-Nancy Brockman; Sec.Treas.-Mary Ann Shurley and Council Rep.-Kathy Rivers.

These elected officers co-ordinate club activities.

Also giving leadership, training, and guidance to the clubs is the County Extension Agent in Home Economics. The services of the County Extension Agent are available through the combined efforts of Sutton County, the Texas A&M University System, and the U.S.D.A.

For more information about Extension Home Economics Clubs feel free to call the County Extension Office at 387-3604 or come by the office which is located in the 3rd floor of the City Hall Building.

Texas Cattle Herds Down From Last Year

It will probably come as no great surprise to cattlemen or consumers to learn that there are a lot

fewer cattle in the state today than at this time last year.

In fact, figures from the

Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show that as of January 1 there were 13.9 million head of cattle and calves on Texas farms and ranches, the smallest number since 1972.

"For the consumer

looking for a partial answer to why beef prices have risen, this is a good place to start," commented Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

As of January 1, the U.S. cattle herd totaled 111 million head, a

5-per-cent decrease from last year and down 10 per cent from January 1, 1977.

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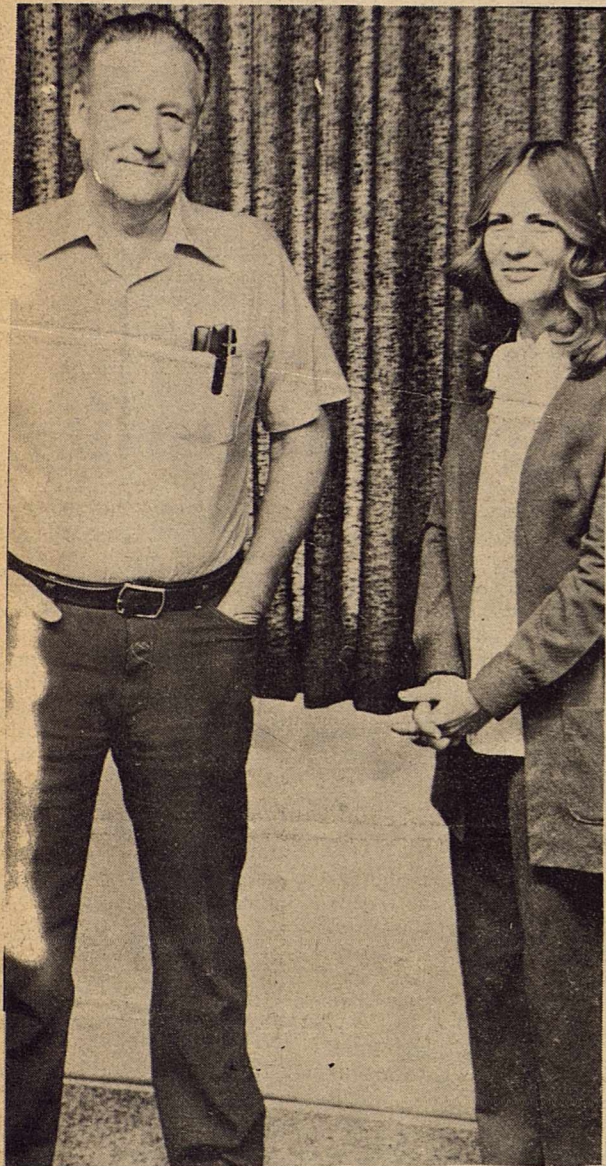
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Dr. Leo Merrill is the head of the Texas A&M Experiment Station which provides a large service to ranchers. Also pictured is secretary Vicki Cearley. Other staff members not pictured include Charles Taylor, Don Spiller and Trevlin Luttrell.

Experiment Station...Valuable Asset

Established in 1915 by a group of Edwards Plateau ranchers, the Texas A&M Experiment Station has time and time again proved an invaluable asset to ranchers and livestock owners.

Funds to establish the station were generated by a \$10,000 state appropriation with another \$8,000 dollars donated by ranchers and businessmen in Sutton and Edwards Counties.

Encompassing a five-section spread, the facilities are located on Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The accomplishments of the station are almost too numerous to mention.

The experiment station determined the cause of bighead in sheep and goats. Prevention measures were established, thus accomplishing on the primary objectives in the establishment of the station.

A soremouth vaccine was developed for sheep--a development that has saved millions of dollars for sheep producers.

An extensive study of livestock diseases has been made.

Also included are intensive studies of livestock parasites and their control, particularly stomach worms, tapeworms and lice.

Poison plants in Texas

were the subject of another extensive study.

In cooperation with ram breeders in the Edwards Plateau and other areas, ram progeny tests were developed.

With higher sheep and wool prices, this year's ram test and sale was the largest in the history of the Experiment Station.

The scoring system in the test is complicated, but most sheepmen feel the test has done more to improve the quality of the Rambouillet breed than anything else, and even just a quick look at test figures since 1948 will prove it.

To determine the point value of a ram on test, the average daily gain is multiplied by 60, plus the wool staple length multiplied by four, plus the clean wool weight multiplied by four, minus the face cover index multiplied by three, minus the body fold index multiplied by four.

Thus a ram having an average gain of .793, a staple length of 4.86, a clean wool weight of 9.37, a face cover index of 1.3 and a body fold of 1.6 would have a rating of 94.2, a fairly high rating and would qualify as a certified ram provided the sifting committee did not cull him on the basis of several other factors.

Another important study now underway included

the problems of animal nutrition.

In 1948, following a resolution by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, a range research project was initiated.

Due to the grave deterioration of the range on the Edwards Plateau, this study was direly needed.

It was through this study, Dr. Leo Merrill and his associates at the experiment station have received their greatest recognition--on a state, national and international basis.

Representatives from over 40 foreign countries and practically every state west of the Mississippi have visited to observe the project first-hand.

The study has also served as a model for range research projects all over the Western United States.

Despite numerous contributions made by the Experiment Station in the past, there still remain other pressing problems upon which the staff has focused its attention.

Among these problems with sheep and goats are:

(1) Establishing selection guides for sheep and Angora goat improvement under range conditions, including resistance to diseases and parasites;

develop animals resistant to various parasites; and

(3) Studying methods of more effective chemical control of parasites.

Numerous problems still confront the staff in the area of range management. Among these are:

(1) The effect of grazing on plant food storage and reserves;

(2) The study of additional systems of grazing management;

(3) Range trials of native legume and forb cultures;

(4) The study of soil organisms under different grazing systems;

(5) The study of inter-relationship of brush control, involving management of livestock in combination with deer; and

(6) The study of the development of desirable browse species for livestock and deer.

Three main goals are underway in the area of wildlife research.

The first of these is to determine the value of wildlife under different systems of grazing.

The second is to determine relative values of various deer species for optimum deer production.

Another problem is to determine the best means for the management and harvest of turkey, javelina

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Langford Enters 30th Year As County Agent

Clint Langford began his 30th year as Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent on Jan. 1, 1979, but the length of his tenure has certainly not decreased his enthusiasm for the job.

In his capacity as County Extension agent, Langford works closely with ranchers throughout the area along with other area agencies which are

also concerned with agriculture in the County.

The Sutton County Program Building Committee is a group initiated through his office which helps with overall planning for county and community improvements.

Members of the executive committee include Vestel Askew, chairman; Turney Friess, vice-chairman; James Hunt,

secretary; and Norman Rousselot, immediate past chairman.

Several agricultural sub-committees also fall under the jurisdiction of the Program Building Committee.

Members of the Sheep and Wool-Angora Goat and Mohair Committee include Armer Earwood, Preston Love, James Hunt, Glen Fisher, Vestel

Askew, Philip Jacoby and Norman Rousselot.

Members of the Beef Cattle Committee include Gene Wallace, George Wallace, Robert Zapata, Bob Carruthers, Bill Wade, Jerry Don Balch and Joe David Ross.

Members of the Range Management Committee, who are also the directors of the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District, include Vestel Askew, George Brockman, Armer Earwood, Albert Ward and Bob Carruthers.

Members of the Wildlife Management Committee include Bob Brockman, Scott Shurley, Ken Rosford, Bill Stewart and Albert Ward.

In co-operation with area ranchers and other agencies, the County Agent is also responsible for numerous demonstrations, both to gain information on existing conditions and to gain insight into the effectiveness of new methods and techniques.

These demonstrations are useful, not only for the co-operating ranchers, but for other ranchers who may apply the knowledge gained to their own operations.

Some of the various range demonstrations completed during 1978 include a redberry juniper (cedar) control program on the Hudspeth Hospital Ranch; a mesquite control pro-

gram on several ranches including Philip Jacoby, Clay Carta, Margaret Galbreath and the Hudspeth Hospital ranches;

Also, a pricklypear control program on the Ruth Espy Ranch, a range forage quality program at the Edwin Sawyer Ranch, a cattle, sheep, goat and deer diet study on the Sawyer Ranch, and a Kleingrass fertilization demonstration at the Texas A&M Experiment Station.

The sheep and wool demonstrations done in 1978 include a lamb implant study at the Vestel Askew Ranch, a sheep selection program at the Edwin Sawyer and Hospital ranches, a study of sheep management on bitterweed on the Bill Stewart Ranch and a wool marketing study conducted by Sonora Wool and Mohair.

Angora goat and mohair programs include a study of supplemental feeding on Angora goats at the Experiment Station, an Angora goat selection program by Frank Fish and Lawrence Bledsoe of the Juno Ranch Company and a study to improve kid crops at the Ruth Espy Ranch.

Other programs conducted by the County Agent's office include a beef cattle selection program on the Edwin Sawyer

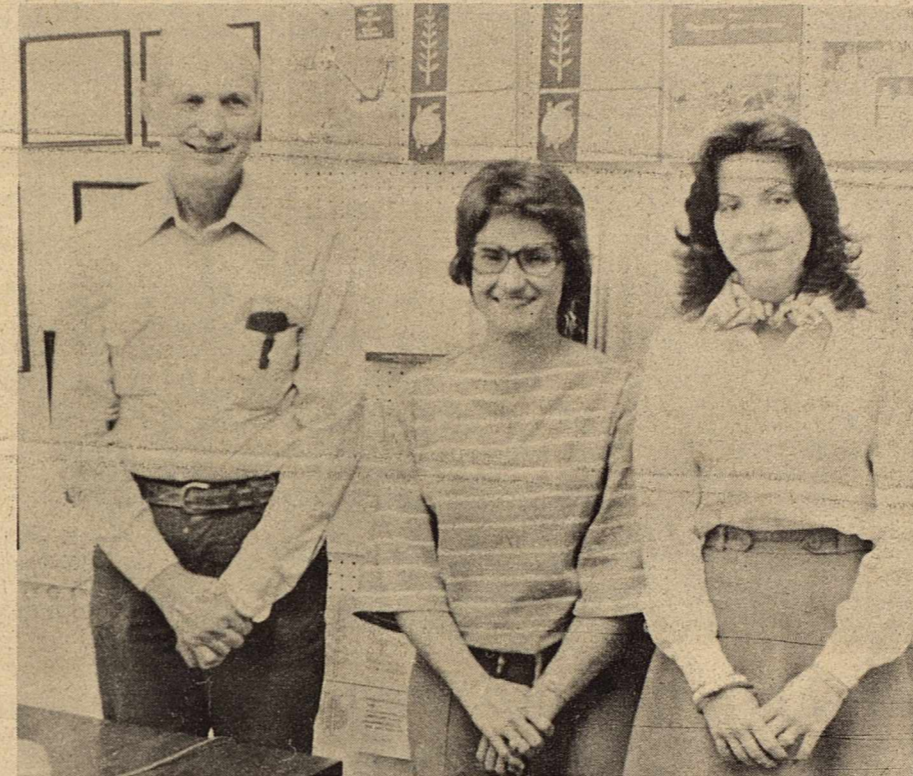
Ranch, a deer management study conducted jointly on the Edwin Sawyer, Wesley Sawyer and Bob Carruthers ranches, and a ranch management demonstration on the Edwin Sawyer Ranch showing the profitability on proper livestock, wildlife and range management in the operation of an ongoing ranch in the Edwards Plateau.

In addition to these duties, Langford is also responsible for many other activities, including the Sutton County 4-H Club, by its record, one of the strongest local units in the nation.

Through the 4-H program Langford is responsible for various agricultural programs including range judging, livestock judging, wool and mohair judging, livestock production and many other related activities.

Among the many programs and activities sponsored for 4-H include the Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show and the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

The Sutton County team of Paula Friess, Lance Love, Rex Surber and Tammy Van Hoozer took top honors at the National Show last year. Their team coach was Cleve T. Jones III.



Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent Clint Langford began his 30th year at his post in January. Other members of his office includes Sarah Mahon, [center] Extension Agent for Home Economics, and secretary Melissa Blair.

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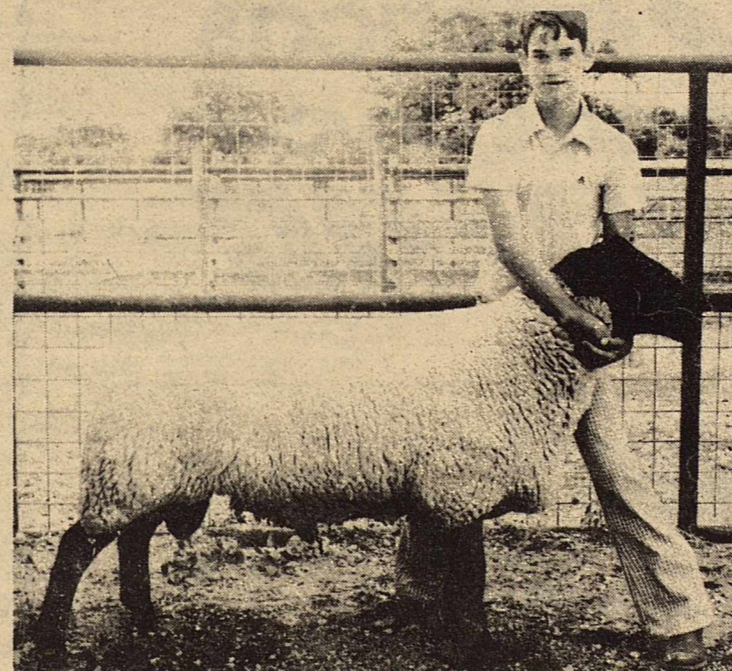
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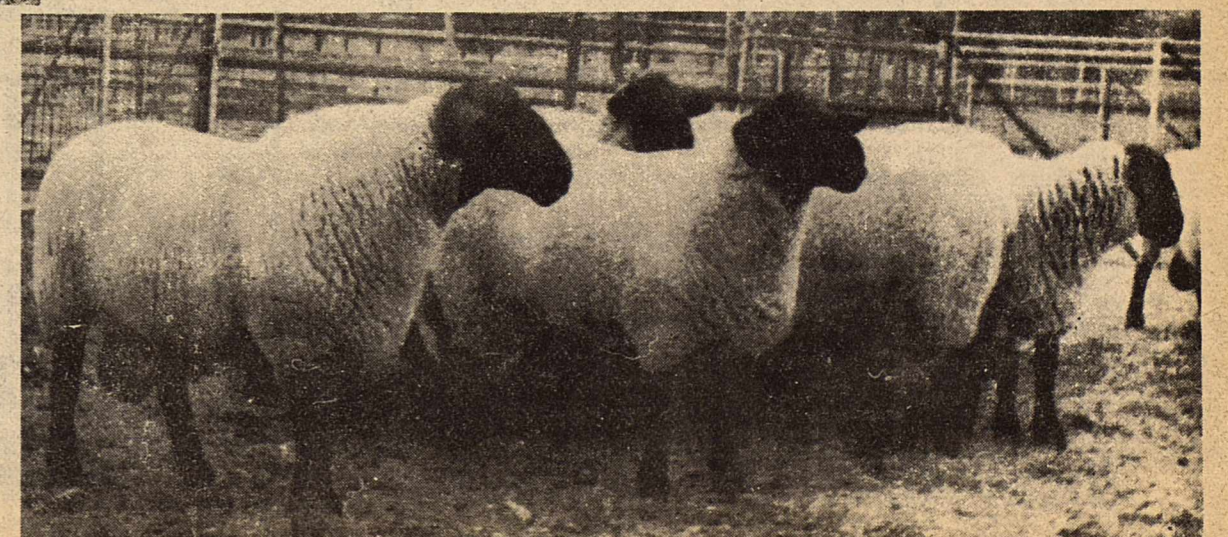
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Haynie Davis, 75 Years A Rancher

By Shirley Hill
More than seventy-five years on the same ranch and living in virtually the same spot, has not dampened the spirit of Haynie Davis who still oversees the operation of his business.

Getting around now mostly with the aid of a cane, Davis' wife, Florence, says he still goes to the pens and can out do the younger ones when it comes to counting stock.

Both the Davises are among the most cordial and interesting people one could visit with in this day and time. We sat by a large wood-burning fireplace and swapped stories of old Sonora. Of course by swapping was all arsy but Haynie came Sonora in 1899 as a small child and he knew the real story behind the story.

Most of his stories were for print he told me. He wants to remain friends with the ones mentioned in those early day accounts, he added jokingly.

When I asked him to describe the real Sonora back when he was a teenager, he said Sonora was just a one street town. He laughingly added that now we are a two street

town. "There were lots of drunks then," Haynie said. "Mostly because Sonora was a pretty wide open place with two saloons on Main Streets and lots of half-outlaws."

On numerous occasions he told of he and his father, who came to town on horseback, riding down Main Street on their way home, only to be side-tracked by a fight in the street. One particular fight he recalled lasted more than thirty minutes. Both parties, being slightly under the influence, had to rest on occasion, have one more drink, and talk some of other things, before they could get back to the serious business at hand. Consequently neither party suffered lasting results.

Work was a serious and time consuming business in the ranching industry then. Six days were devoted to work from early morn until nightfall. But Sunday at the Davis home was a time for rest and to always attend church services.

Haynie recalled one particular Sunday morning when he was the ranch horse wrangler. Being sent by his father to gather the horses for their

weekly trek into town for church services, he got somewhat detained as some young fellows will. Fearing the wrath of his father, who, according to Haynie, was a strong disciplinarian and a good Methodist, he was delighted to find three bobcats in his traps. "My dad was so glad to see the dead cats, which had been giving us loads of trouble killing our young goats, I didn't even get in trouble."

There were other things in early Sonora besides work, he added. There were celebrations through the year. They were rare but some lasted a week. At Christmastime, he added, a week long celebration was common. There was a huge Christmas tree upstairs in the courthouse. During this time there were dances every night and lots of other things to keep everyone amused and look forward to the next one.

"We had a dance hall where the scout houses are now located," Haynie said. "There were dances every Saturday night and great times were had by all except when Lowrey

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Florence and Haynie Davis

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Haynie Davis....

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Draw came down and we had to bodily carry the ladies to dry ground."

Haynie also spoke of box suppers. Most of us aren't familiar with box suppers with exception of what we've read but Haynie reports these suppers were held for the most part at the Mercantile Building and when you bid on the basket of food it was not its contents but for its cook. Naturally the prettiest girls got the highest bids, whether they could cook or not.

In the Spring of the year, there were picnics. These were usually sponsored by the Sunday School class, and were oftimes held in the Davis ranch pasture.

The Davis ranch at one time belonged to the Haynie's uncle. He sold the ranch to Haynie's father, the late R. Walter R. Davis, in November 1903. The ranch was later run as a partnership between the late Mr. Davis and his two sons, Haynie and Tom. At that time they ran registered stock, but when the ranch was divided Tom moved to the ranch they had purchased from Jim Brown in 1916, and took the registered stock with him.

"Too much book work with registered stock," Haynie stated.

The Brown ranch owned by Tom Davis, who died

some years ago, was sold by his son to the Cahill Estate. The Cahill addition just north of town sits on part of the ranch.

Mrs. Davis, the former Florence Matthis, came to Sonora in 1921 with her family. Her father was to serve as pastor of the Methodist Church for a number of years.

She married Haynie in Ballinger March 30, 1922 and they set up house-keeping at the ranch where they still live. Although the house is different, it is located within a few yards of the original house site. In fact some of the better inside lumber from the original family house was used in construction of the new house. Two additions have been made since they first built the home where they now live. A painting of the old home place hangs in the formal dining room of the Davis home and they were both eager and proud to show it.

Haynie is a graduate of Sonora High School. He attended high school in the building where junior high students now attend classes. His graduation was in 1915 with a class of five receiving diplomas. Following graduation he went to Texas A&M and attended college for one year before joining the Navy where he was to

serve in World War I. On March 30 of this year Florence and Haynie will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary. Memorabilia of their early

years of marriage and of marriages generations before, adorn their home. They are lovers of antiques, which they said started from their home

being a family dump ground. Now they cherish the things of the past as any would who look around at the lovely smooth, satiny wood fur-

nishings that is found in tables, chairs, ornamental pieces and decorative items that has come to be a part of the Davis Ranch home.

Federal Land Bank Loans Serve the Ranching Community

Sonora's Federal Land Bank Association opened in 1943 as the result of the consolidation of three smaller associations...Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona.

At that time Mr. A.E. Prugel worked for the Extension Service in Eldorado. He accepted the job of manager of the Sonora branch of the Federal Land Bank, and still serves in that capacity.

Prior to the Sonora opening in '43, the land bank business was operated from the office of the late L.W. Elliott. It was customary at that time to operate the land bank as a second business.

When the consolidation of offices was made and personnel hired on a full time basis, a vast advertising program was initiated and a statewide movement started to get the function

of the land bank over to the American farmer and rancher. This function was to issue long term loans to farmers and ranchers, using their land as collateral.

That year the local land bank issued loans in the amount of \$2,800,000.00. Today that total has increased to more than \$21,000,000.00 While this office is not the smallest in the state, it is by no means the largest. A good year for the land office is loaning over \$3,000,000.00

During the early years Prugel said they loaned on the average of \$5 per acre. Now loans are made up to \$150 per acre.

Prugel stated that throughout Texas, about 35 percent of all farm and ranch loans are made through land banks. A

vast percent of loans are made by land owners who prefer to carry the mortgage on land themselves and there also some insurance companies who make land loans.

In 1972 the Farm Credit Act changed to some extent allowing land banks to make loans to rural housing projects. These loans can be made in towns where the population is under 2500. Also under the change approved sub divisions were included. Prugel gave the DeBerry and Cahill subdivisions as examples, saying that his office has made one such loan.

The Federal Land Bank is not a government agency as one would suppose because of its name. It is supervised by the Farm Credit Administration which is a govern-

ment agency, but monies to be loaned are obtained from bond sales on the open market purchased by individuals, investment companies and banks.

The Land Bank seldom forecloses on loans. Prugel stated that usually the land bank tries to assist the land owner in meeting his mortgage payments or by helping him sell his land. No foreclosures have ever been made through the local office.

In addition to Mr. Prugel, Linda Johnson works in the local office as office assistant.

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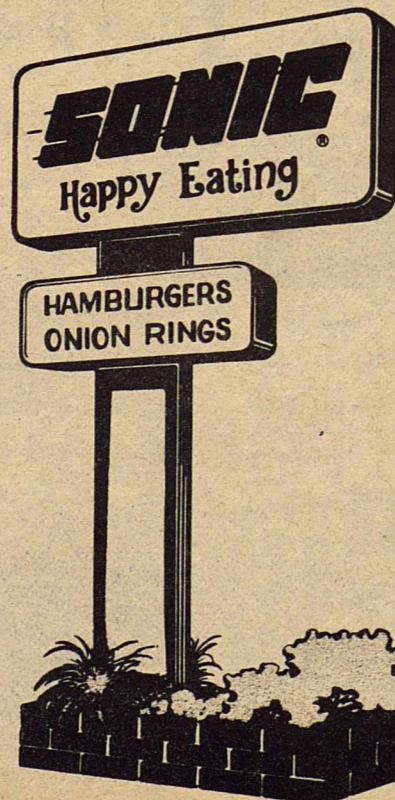


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