

# Town Meeting Set

City officials have scheduled an open meeting Thursday, May 1 with residents of both Loma Alta and Sinaloa Additions to discuss the upcoming city sewer project and the conditions of annexation.

The meeting will be held in the Elementary School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

All persons desiring pictures donated for the Sutton County Historical Society History Book are

requested to pick them up at the home of Mrs. Ben Cusenberry at 108 Manor Thursday or Friday.

# The Weather

DATE	RAINFALL	HI	LO
April 15		87	30
April 16		82	43
April 17		88	43
April 18		80	42
April 19		85	41
April 20		87	45
April 21		85	48

# The Devil's River News

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## Houston Oilers Arrive Saturday

Preparations are continuing for the Saturday afternoon arrival of the Houston Oilers here in Sonora. The Oiler plane is scheduled to arrive around 3:30 p.m. at the City Airport.

The Sonora Red Carpet Committee is in charge of the welcome for the team and anyone interested in taking part should contact the committee by Friday morning. Persons attending the arrival are urged to take pictures but asked not to obtain autographs at this time due to the tight schedule the players are on.

On Monday, softball president Jackie Sinks, confirmed the following names would appear in Sonora.

Billy "Whiteshoes" Johnson, all-pro kick return specialist; All-American Oklahoma linebacker, Darryl Hunt; running back Ronnie Coleman; offensive back J.C. Wilson; and future Oiler stars David Carter and Jeff Groth. Oiler trainer Joe Krekleberg also announced that one player will be added to the roster prior to game time.

The first game against the host Sonora Misfits will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. There will be drawings at half-time and an autograph session after the game. Oiler souvenirs will be on sale at the gym. The second game which begins at 8:00 p.m. will follow the

same format. The Oilers will fly back to Houston following the second contest.

The game is being played to help raise money for the Sutton County Ambulance Fund and to help the mens and womens softball league's.

All concessions will go to the Sonora School System. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from members of the Softball League. The game is not sold out but advance ticket sales are recommended in order to avoid a long wait at the door. Tickets are priced at 13.00 for students, \$7.00 for adult general admission, and \$10.00 for reserved seats.



Debbie Perez  
Valetorian



Jamie Condra  
Salutatorian

## 1980 Honor Graduates Announced

Sonora High School has announced the Honor graduates for the Class of 1980. Class Valetorian is Debbie Ann Perez, a life-long resident of Sonora who graduates with a four-year average of 96.7. Debbie is the daughter of Mrs. Irene Perez of Sonora and Mr. Emilio Perez of San Angelo. She is interested in music, reading, and being with her friends. Debbie is the president of the National Honor Society and plans to attend Angelo State University, where she will major in elementary education.

Second honor graduate and salutatorian is Jamie Sue Condra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Condra of Sonora. She was born in Fort Stockton and has lived in Sonora since she entered the sixth

grade. Jamie plans to attend Texas Tech and will major in a business field. She was captain of the basketball team and made all-district in that sport. Jamie also enjoys playing softball and both snow and water skiing.

Third honor graduate is a relative newcomer to Sonora, Carrie Sue Dobbs, who moved here from Pecos last summer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Dobbs and is employed by Radio Station KVRN. Following graduation, Carrie plans to enter a course of study in the health field.

Others graduating with honors (four year average of 90 or above) include Paige Ann Pollard, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Pollard,

Mary Jo Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lynch, Linda Sue Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil Smith, James Kent Cagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harle, Carla Rene Lee, daughter of Mrs. Patty Hukill of Farmington, N.M., and of Don Lee of Corpus Christi, Nora Lee Galindo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Galindo and Alissa Ann Adkins, daughter of Mr. Fred Adkins.

Graduating with honors (90 or above during the senior year) are Rae Ann Bible, Diana S. Green, Hillary Elizabeth Hunt, Michelle Marie Mooney, Maria B. Gonzales, Bruce Bartz, Stephanie Short, Samuel Lee Renfro, Emily Kathryn Elliott, and Enrique Torres Sanchez, Jr.

## Three Indicted In Local Drug Bust

\$300,000 worth of high grade marijuana was seized at approximately 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, in the southeast part of Sutton County by a team of Texas Law Enforcement officials. Participating in the seizure was the Sutton County Sheriff's Department, The Texas Highway Patrol, and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Due to the quick action by these agencies, three suspects were taken into custody.

The trio has been indicted on charges of drug trafficking and

possession. Indicted in the case were Gerald Millis Cady, the pilot of a twin-engine airplane which landed on a ranchers airstrip where the two other defendants were awaiting his arrival with a pick-up with which to transport the marijuana. The other two defendants have been identified as Phillip Ervin Goodman, an El Paso resident, and Arnold Clay Melton, of Austin, Texas.

The apprehension of the three subjects was applauded by Assistant District Attorney Bill Mason. Mason had the defendants before a

grand jury and indicted within less than 48 hours after their apprehension. The feat involved the selection of a Grand Jury and panel of jurors to hear the case.

When questioned on the rapidity of the hearing, Mason replied, "It had to be done for the simple reason that organized crime is looking for small, out of the way communities in which to land and drop off their drugs. We want these people to know that Sutton County is not a good place for activities of this sort," he added.

## Lopez Elected Mayor Pro - Tem

The Sonora City Council met Tuesday morning to discuss several items on their agenda.

A resolution rescinding the Juvenile Grant Program afforded to the City was passed by the Council.

The City Council then discussed the filling of two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Board. Several individuals have been considered for the positions, but the Council voted to make the appointment at their May meeting after the consideration of other persons who may be able to serve on the Board. The Councils efforts in the filling of these vacancies are so that the entire City will be represented by the planning and Zoning Board.

In other action, Lemuel Lopez was appointed Mayor Pro-tem by the acclamation of the entire Council.

The City Dads voted to approve the Tax Appraisal District and the collection of taxes by the centrally located organization in 1981.

The 701 Planning Assistance Program received much consideration by the Council members. The 701

Planning Assistance Program is a State grant to the City of \$12,000. The City will contribute \$6,000 to the projects under the 701 Planning Assistance Program.

This program will make it possible to have surveys done of the City and provide invaluable information for planning for future growth of the city.

The survey will include maps of the city electric, water and sewer systems. A housing survey and a detailed map of the corporate line of the limits of the city will be made.

Because of this planning assistance program, the City will be able to furnish sewer service to the Sinaloa and Loma Alta Additions of our city upon their annexation into the corporate limits of the City.

Sinaloa and Loma Alta are currently supplied with water and electrical services by the City of Sonora. The 701 planning program would pay for the installment of sewer systems in the Sinaloa addition.

The Council members discussed the possibility of the residents of

both Sinaloa and Loma Alta petitioning to come into the corporate city limits. According to City Councilman Lemuel Lopez, "The people of both Sinaloa and Loma Alta are concerned about the taxes that would incur after they vote to come into the corporate city limits." I have talked to some of the people in both Sinaloa and Loma Alta, and tried to explain that they would break even on taxes, and have increased service and improvement of such by the City," he added.

A town meeting was proposed to air views on taxes, insurance, and service benefits. All residents of Loma Alta and Sinaloa are invited to come and ask questions, and air their views on the possible annexation of their additions by the City.

The town meeting has been set for May 1, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting has not, as yet, been set, but is expected within the near future.

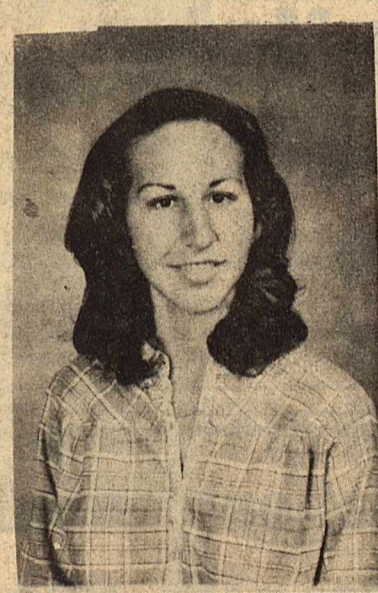
Cases 96 and 97 of the Zoning and Planning Commission were approved by the Council.



The Lions Club Ladies Night and Queen's Contest was held last Tuesday in back from left to right are Galvin Johnson, Jeff Spencer, Duray Smith, Rocky Gold, Charlie Carroll, David Gordon, Rickey Wright, Ed Hanna, Paula Friess, Steven Chandler, Clay Friess, Mary Lynch and Lance Reynolds. (Front from left to right) Linda Smith, Trina Powers, Janie Gold, Cody Gold, Marche Lane, Sheryl Brown, Paige Pollard, Eddie Favila, Annabelle Gonzales, Fran Friess and Both Bartz.



Nora Galindo



Marche Lane



Susan Allen

## Three Win In Regional UIL Meet

Three students from Sonora High School traveled to Lubbock to compete in the UIL Regional Literary competition held there over the weekend.

Placing first in the Ready-Writing competition was Susan Allen, a junior a SHS. Marche Lane, also a junior, took second in that event.

Nora Galindo, a senior, took first in the Spelling competition. These three girls will represent Sonora in the State UIL competition in

Austin on June 1. Congratulations to these young women, best wishes for their continued success in the meet in Austin.

## Blood Drive to Get Underway

All communities, services by United Blood Services, are asked to sponsor blood drives according to their usage and consentment level.

Fact 1. A consentment is a certain number of units (in this case 2 or positive and 2 or positive) kept at the hospital at all times. These units are exchanged every 5 to 7 days. This means 16 units a month of 192 a year are needed to keep blood available at Hudspeth Hospital. In 1979, there were 70 units drawn in the Sonora community.

Fact 2. realistically, to meet Sonora's 192 units needed to keep blood available at the hospital, there should be three blood drives a year drawing at least 64 each time.

Fact 3. There is the constant

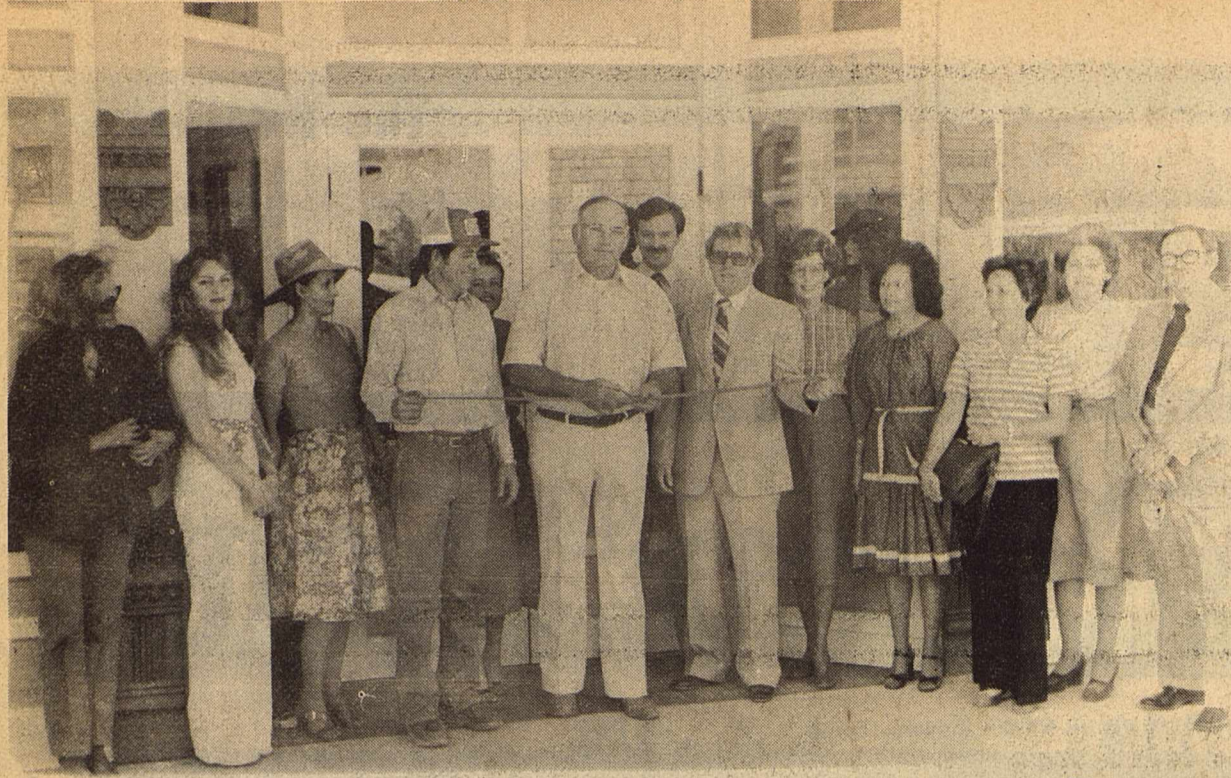
battle of time. Blood lasts only 21 days before it loses its oxygen carrying capacity. Unpredictable time - the accidents, emergency surgery, leukemia patients, aneurisms, etc. An average person has approximately 10 to 12 units (pints) of blood in their body. When a patient is bleeding and using 20-30 units, you must have blood available. For you haven't time to find donors, draw them and take 4 to 6 hours to process every unit so it can be labeled safe!

Fact 4. What does being a blood donor mean to you? If you or someone close to you has ever needed blood to either help them back to better health or possibly save their life, you already know.

The Sonora community is only being asked to help insure blood availability for its residents as is every community serviced. If each community will meet its needs, we could safely say "There will always be blood available to save lives!"

The facts are before you and the choice is yours. The opportunity to participate in your community blood drive will be Thursday, April 24th at the First National Bank between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The drive is being sponsored and coordinated by the Kappa Gamma Chapter of ESA International. If further information is desired, please call Shirley Goetz 653-1307 in San Angelo or Nelda Mayfield, locally at 387-3096.



Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held last week for the Sandwich Shoppe located in the Mercantile Building in downtown Sonora.

## Linda Smith Named Lions Club Queen

The annual Lions Club Ladies night and Queen's Contest was held last week at the snack bar area of the new Jr. High building. Lion President, Mr. J. T. Hill opened the evenings ceremonies and then handed the program over to Sonora's version of Bert Parks, Dr. Lonnie Pollard. Dr. Pollard introduced all the candidates individually, and each girl walked down the runway and back while the judges kept notes.

The girls participating in this year's contest were Beth Bartz, escorted by classmate Lance Reynolds; Sheryl Brown, with escort David Gordon; Fran Friess,

escorted by Clay Friess; Paula Friess, escorted by Ed Hanna; Cody Gold escorted by brother and classmate Rocky Gold;

Janie Gold escorted by classmate Duray Smith; Annabelle Gonzales escorted by Eddie Favila; Marche Lane, escorted by Charlie Carroll; Mary Jo Lynch, escorted by Steven Chandler; Paige Pollard, escorted by Rickey Wright; Trina Powers, escorted by Jeffery Spencer; and Linda Smith, escorted by Calvin Johnson.

The evenings entertainment was provided by SHS students Susan Allen, Paula Friess, and accompanying saxophonist, Scott

Savell. They performed songs by favorite soft rock stars. Olivia Newton-John, Anne Murray and Willie and Waylon's Lukenbach, Texas. The hit of the evening was a number from soloist Susan Allen accompanied by Scott Savell, "The theme to Ice

Castles". After the evening's entertainment, the announcement of the 1980 Lions Club queen was made. Taking second runner-up

in the competition was Janie Gold, first runner up was Beth Bartz, and the newly elected queen for the Sonora Downtown Lions Club was Linda Smith.

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Angelo Community Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel H. Mata Sr. of San

Angelo Texas, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lozano of Sonora.



Left to Right: Janie Gold, Second runnerup; Linda Smith, Lions Club Queen and Beth Bartz, First runner-up.

## Girls Compete In Regional Competition

Five members of the Sonora Girls Varsity Track Team traveled to Lubbock last week to compete in the Regional competition. Those girls competing in the Regional meet were Tonya Evans, Rosa Noriega, Jessica Robledo, Paula Friess, Marche Lane, and Annabelle Gonzales.

The 400 m. relay team, Noriega, Evans, Robledo, and Friess turned in a 50.7 to take sixth in that event.

The 800 m. relay team took fifth in that competition with a time of 1:46. The 800 m. relay team is Gonzales, Evans, Robledo, and Friess.

The 1600 m. relay team finished the competition in their event with a 4:06, and took third in that event.

The 1600 m. relay team was composed of Noriega, Lane, Robledo and Friess. In the individual events, marche Lane took fifth in the 800 m. run with a time of 2:24.07, and Tonya Evans turned in a 1.61 in the 100 m. hurdless for a fifth place in that event.

All the girls placed in the Finals, and the times quoted here are the times in the finals competition.

Coach Don Patton praised the girls efforts and commended them for their times in the events which

were, he said, the best that they had done all year.

The Bronco girls placed ninth in the Regional competition with the teams from Canadian and Slaton tying for first place. There were twenty teams competing in the Regional meet.

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## Second Part Of Food Preservation Set

The second meeting of the four-part Food Preservation Short Course will be this Thursday night, April 24 from 7-9PM at the High School Homemaking Department.

The program for this week will include making plum jelly, peach preserves, and plum jam. The program will be presented by Mrs. Faye Dunnam and Diann Keller.

These programs are be-

ing presented and sponsored by the members of the Sutton County Extension Family Living Committee, the High School Home Economics Teachers, and the County Extension Agent-Home Economics.

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.



Lilia Gonzales - Emilio Vallejo

## Gonzales - Vallejo Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Mariano Gonzales announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Lilia Gonzales of Eldorado to Emilio Vallejo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Vallejo of Sonora. The couple are planning a July 5 Wedding at

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Eldorado. Miss Gonzales is a senior in Eldorado High School. Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Sonora High School and is employed by Grider Trucking in Sonora.

## 4-Her's Participate In Range Judging Contest

Eldorado Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Range Judging held at Walter Pope's ranch April 15th. 25 Sutton County 4-Hers participated.

Jr. team composed of Joe Will Ross, Matt Miller, Wayne Hill and Cathy Doran won 1st place.

Joe Will was 2nd high individual and Matt was 3rd high.

Sr. team composed of Brad Johnson, Rex Surber, Marla Van Hoozer and

Miles Miller won 2nd and team composed of Julie Stewart, Lance Love, David Love, and Mike Phillips won 3rd. Julie was 2nd high Senior individual and Rex was 3rd high.

Also judging: Glen Love, Cindy Doran, Steve Love, Sean Matthews, Jim Cooper, Jeff Kimbrell, Preccia Miller, Mike Friess, Rachel Merck, Mary Ross, Todd Phillips, Julie Jackson and Robbie Dickenson.

## FHA Members Attend State Meeting In Houston

Representatives of the Sonora Future Homemakers of America Chapter attended the 1980 state meeting of the Texas Association of Future Homemakers held at the Astrodome in Houston, April 17 and 18.

'FHA/HERO-A Pocket of Life-Reach In and Find Yourself' was the meeting theme. Workshops on topics of concern to young people such as careers,

crisis, self-image, parenting, family, and teenage pregnancy were held.

Grant Teaff, popular coach of the Baylor Bears brought a message of inspiration and faith. Also speaking were Elvin Caraway, one of the 1979 outstanding young men of America and Laura Riggs of Purdue, a former National President of the organization.

Attending from the Sonora Chapter were Sulema Esquivel, Robert Noriega, Ervey Vallejo and their sponsor, Mrs. Prugel. Sulema is the local chapter president and she will also serve as Area 11 Treasurer next year. Ervey is program chairman next year. Robert was chosen first tenor in the All-State Choir which was composed of 150 members from all over the State.

The Future Homemakers is a vocational student organization sponsored by Homemaking Education and the Texas Education Agency.

## Boys Ranch Roping Is This Weekend

Don Stockbridge and Logan Stevens of Mason will be hosting a benefit team roping the weekend of April 26 & 27, at the Mason

County Fairgrounds Area. Proceeds will go to West Texas Boys Ranch in San

Angelo. Saturday's team roping action will be with one member over 40.

Sunday's action is open team roping. A barbecue and dance will round out

Saturday's festivities. For more information call Call Stockbridge at 915-347-

5291, Logan Stevens at 915-429-6319 or Mason Cattle Company 915-347-5996.

## Kylie Cheyenne Adams Born April 14

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Adams are proud to announce the arrival of their first-born child, a daughter, Kylie Cheyenne. Kylie was born in Hudspeth

Memorial Hospital on April 13, at 10:28 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 0 ounces and 20 inches long.

Kylie is welcomed by her maternal grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, both of Eldorado.

## Randy Hill And Men's Chorus To Present Program

Randy Hill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill will be joining thirty-nine other members of the Men's Chorus of the North Texas State University School of Music when they will present a program of religious music at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday April 22 in the NTSU Recital Hall.

Directed by Dr. Paul Roe, the chorus will open the concert with contemporary works by Griffith Jones, Robert Washburn, Knut Nystedt, and Pablo Casal's "O Ye People," which will be sung in Latin.

also on the program will be motets by Palestrina, Ruffo, and Monteverdi, and a series of Russian hymns, one of which Hos-podi Pomiloi' will be sung by the chorus in Latin.

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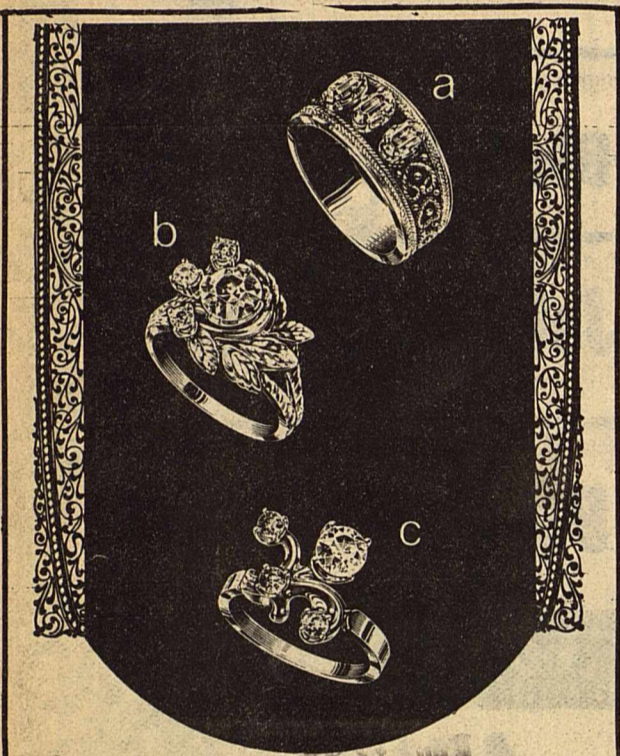
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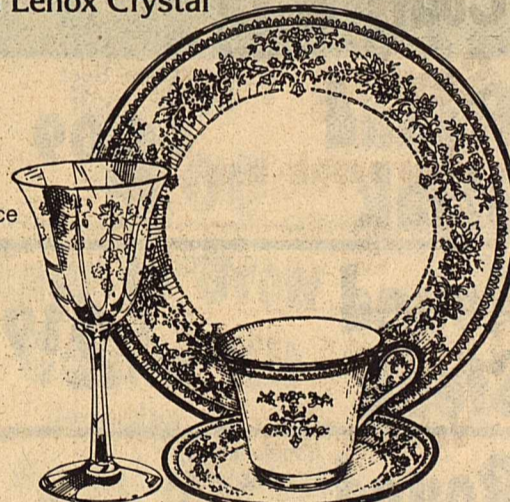
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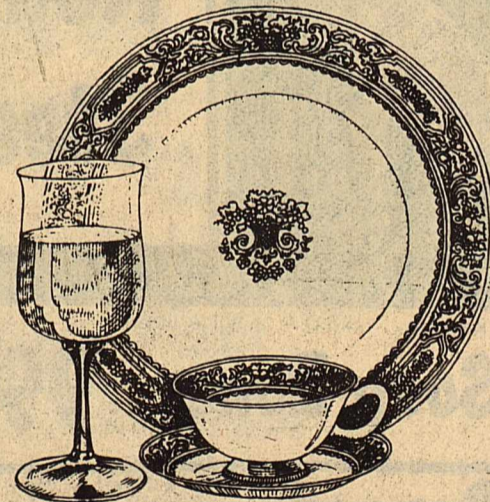
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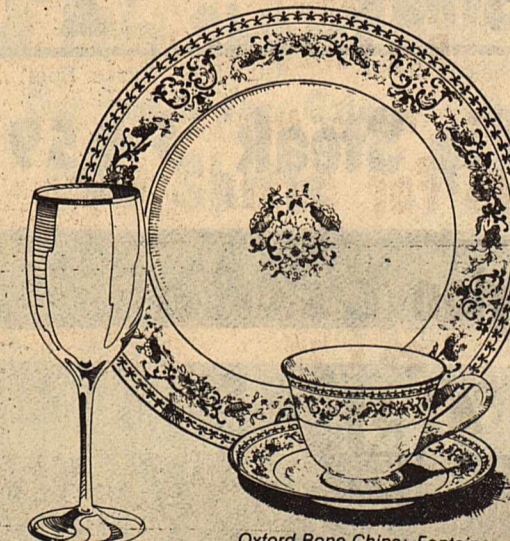
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Lenox Crystal: Moonspan  
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# Whiz Takes Opening Softball Tournament

The Whiz came out of the losers bracket and defeated the Strawberry Patch 14-10 and 26-11 to claim first place in the Mens Slowpitch Softball tournament which climaxed Saturday afternoon. The "Patchers" took second place while the Birds of Eldorado finished third and Ken Braden Motors won fourth.

Starting play Saturday only five of the eleven teams were still in the tournament. Hooper Trucking, which had beaten Casparis Wireline 16-9 Friday night, had to forfeit 1-0 to Braden's due to a lack of players. In the afternoons second game the Patchers used Jeff Doan's homerun to ignite a 13-3 victory over the Whiz. The "Birds" followed with

a 12-6 win over Bradens which cut the field to only three teams. The Whiz then exploded for four homeruns, two by Frank gamboa, to eliminate the "Birds" 21-4.

The Championship games began with a nine inning thriller which Bobby Granger ended with his grand slam homerun to give the Whiz their 14-10 victory. The Whiz then capped off the tournament in their fourth game of the day with the 26-11 thumping in the final game.

A total run down of the tournament is as follows:

**TEAMS**  
 Bradens 23  
 Whiz 25  
 HNG 14  
 Patchers 11  
 Birds 11  
 Dowell 3  
 Western 4  
 S&S 4  
 Bishop 6  
 Casparis 10

Bradens 8  
 Whiz 12  
 Patchers 21  
 Western 22  
 Casparis 4  
 Whiz 24  
 Birds 37  
 HNG 13  
 Hooper 16  
 Birds 14  
 Bradens 1  
 Patchers 13  
 Birds 12  
 Whiz 21  
 Whiz 14  
 Whiz 26  
**HOMERUNS**  
 Frank Gamboa, Benny Granger (Whiz)  
 Gary Doan, Allen Schneider (Patchers)  
 Bruce Kerbow (Whiz)  
 Jeff Doan (Patchers)  
 Tommy Shook, Randy Hutchins (Whiz)  
 Bobby Granger (Whiz)  
 Kenneth Land (Patchers)

Hooper 4  
 HNG 8  
 Birds 5  
 S&S 13  
 Bishop 3  
 Bradens 12  
 Dowell 13  
 Western 12  
 Casparis 9  
 HNG 4  
 Hooper 0  
 Whiz 3  
 Bradens 6  
 Birds 4  
 Patchers 10  
 Patchers 11

**The El Taco, owned by Robert Brown & Craig Collier, will be serving refreshments during softball season.**

## Little League To Sponsor Summer Camp

Little League Baseball takes pride in announcing the opening date for its eighth Annual Summer Camp Program on the beautiful and historic Baylor University Campus.

The camp offers a variety of activities including swimming, tennis, badminton, and volleyball but with special emphasis on baseball. All of the latest equipment and techniques for training in the skills of baseball will be used, including daily use of batting cages, pitching machines and other items approved by the Research Department of Little League. Basic and advance training is given in all baseball skills, for boys ages 9 through 15 years, in Junior and Senior Divisions. Applicants need not be Little League members.

The first of three two-week sessions begin on June 22. Applicants are still being accepted for all three sessions. Full information can be obtained by calling Waco 817-756-1816, or by writing Little League Baseball, 1612 South University-Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76706.

Larry Kirby fought in Andrews Saturday night.

## Larry Kirby Wins Unanimously

He won by unanimous decision over John Parra of Andrews.

Larry will fight in San Angelo Friday night at Sunset Mall.

## Softball Schedule

Women's Games Start at 5:30

Mon. Apr. 28	Producers Gas	VS HNG Oil
Tue. Apr. 29	Abest Const.	VS Casa Arispe
Wed. Apr. 30	Pearls Pizzeria	VS Payne & Beta
<b>Men's</b>		
Mon. Apr. 28 7 PM	Whiz at Bishop	
8:10 PM	Casparis at Halberts	
Tue. Apr. 29 7 PM	Bradens at Patchers	
8:10 PM	Dowell at Hooper	
9:20 PM	Western at S & S	
Wed. Apr. 30 7 PM	HNG at Dowell	
8:10 PM	Hooper at Whiz	

## Women's Softball Season Underway

The Sonora Women's Softball League Preseason Tournament got underway Monday night with two exciting games played. Abest took a win over Casa Arispe of Eldorado. The final score in the game was 15-4, Abest.

HNG Oil faced the 1st National Greenbacks in their pre-season opener. HNG won the match by the skin of their teeth. The

final score in that game, 11 to 10 HNG.

score in that game, 11-10 HNG.

Hooper and C & H Poyner faced off Tuesday evening as did Pearls Pizzeria and Producers Gas of Eldorado.

Eight teams are scheduled to compete in the Pre-Season Tourney which will last until Saturday. Games begin each day at 5:30.



## Sonora Boys Takes Fifth In District Golf


District 7-AA golf was completed Thursday in Sonora with Kermit taking first place with a total score of 308, Kermit JV 2nd place 334, Crane 338, Sonora finished in 5th place with a 344. Individual scores for Sonora, Wade Hopkins 80 which

finished tie for 4th in the districts. Johnny Doan 85, Tommy Sheppherd 86, Timmy Doan 88, Marney sorenson 90, Rick Powers 93, Cody Childress 93, DeVOE Smith 94, Myron Halford 99, Peter Gomez 103, Kevin West 102, Jeff Barton 109.

## Jack Schulze for law and order

Jack Schulze is one of us, a life-long West Texan who is a leader of our progress, but a defender of our traditions — like law and order. Jack Schulze supports our law enforcement officers, and he believes your district attorney should prosecute crime — not rely on plea bargaining.

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### REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 1980

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
Jury						109,812.99
Road & Bridge	62,813.42	106,802.93	75,000.00	134,803.36		244,569.08
General	325,921.45	140,573.56		201,925.93	20,000.00	
Permanent Improvement						
Park						
F. M. & L. Road	174,359.02	46,187.29		48,556.49	75,000.00	96,989.82
Road & Bridge Machinery						
Road & Bridge Special	15,489.91					15,489.91
Officers Salary						
Flood Control	9,491.89					9,491.89
Law Library	633.70	836.00				1,469.70
Interest & Sinking, 19						
Interest & Sinking, 19 79	4,279.96		20,000.00	17,377.50		6,902.46
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Rev. SHARING 10TH	82,776.00			3,000.00		79,776.00
Rev. SHARING 11TH		21,232.00				21,232.00
TOTAL	675,765.35	315,631.78	95,000.00	405,663.28	95,000.00	585,733.85
Social Security Account	2,952.49	15,000.00		13,761.82		4,190.67
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	678,717.84	330,631.78	95,000.00	419,425.10	95,000.00	589,924.52

STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF SUTTON)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Metha V. Trainer County Treasurer of Sutton County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14th day of April, 1980

(SEAL)

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Metha V. Trainer County Treasurer.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk,  
 County Court, Sutton County, Texas.



# Chamber Chatter

by Lou Thomas

Thanks to these Petrettes who helped sell tickets to the Chamber of Commerce banquet: Mary Christie, Glenda Short, and Rande Thompson.

Has everyone noticed the bright new paint on the back of Labenske's and

Sonora agency? And the new sign on storefront of Television Enterprises, Inc.? And the sign of freshly cut weeds and removal of debris from vacant lots?

The Jaycee's Goat Cook-Off and the Sutton County

Days 1980 was listed in the April-September Calendar of Events of the Travel and Information Division, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. This is a widely distributed calendar and when this brings in non-residents, it benefits everyone in Sonora, noting that for every one dollar that is spent, it supposedly means seven dollars of circulating.

Received help from the following, in gathering information for the C of C brochure: City Manager Jim Dover, Don Dooley, James Dickason, Bill Shurley, Judy Webster, Shirley Hill. Dickason and Webster designed and completed an updated map - highlighting Sonora and number of miles from outlying cities from Sonora.

Glad to announce that Bill Gosney, Mayor, will be added to the list of Honorary Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Friendly face around town this week is Ron Cox. Thanks to the Sonora Garden Club who donated prize money in our Shine Sonora poster contest.

Posters have been placed around town. Winners were: 1st prize: Dina Grav-

es, 2nd prize: Mark Esche and 3rd prize in Kindergarten through Grade 5 winner was Jari Todd. Winners in the high school division were: 1st prize: Nereida Perez, 2nd prize: Sulema Garza and 3rd prize was awarded to Martha Valdez.

Travel indicators for 1979 have been issued by the U.S. Travel Data Center: Lodging receipts \$2.2 billion, up 17.0 percent from 1978; Amusement and recreation: \$2.3 billion, up 11.3 percent over 1978 and Eating and drinking places, \$6.8 billion, up 9.0 percent over 1978; Domestic demand for gasoline is down 4.7 percent from 1978 figure and highway traffic volume is down 2.1 percent from 1978.

Effie Harle busy last week coordinating with service clubs for the city-wide effort slated April 18, 19th and 20th.

Note of appreciation to Joe David Ross, who helped gather site information for an industrial brochure and met with an individual representative of a large company in St. Louis last week, on behalf of the Industrial Committee, Chamber of Commerce.



Helen and Earl Hokit were caught in the act of cleaning up the ditch that runs by their property off Hwy. 277. Many other Sonora citizens are participating in the City-wide beautification project titled "Shine Sonora". All citizens are urged to take part in this beautification project as it will not only benefit the city, but the people who live here.

## Jane Thomas Hostess For Stitch and Stew

Jane Thomas was hostess for the Stitch & Stew Extension Homemakers on Monday, April 14. Jane presented an excellent program on using a food processor. The ingredients for a chef salad were prepared by Jane in the process. Each of us then prepared our salad, seeing who could have the largest and best! Over the salad we enjoyed sharing our views and surprises to be met in a marriage.

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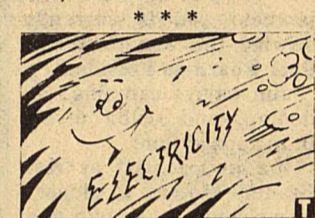
**May: Thursday - 1, Friday - 2, Saturday - 3,**  
**Daily 10 A. M. - 6 P. M.**  
**Saturday 10 A. M. - 5 P. M.**

**Hiway 277 North Sonora**

**PERRYS**

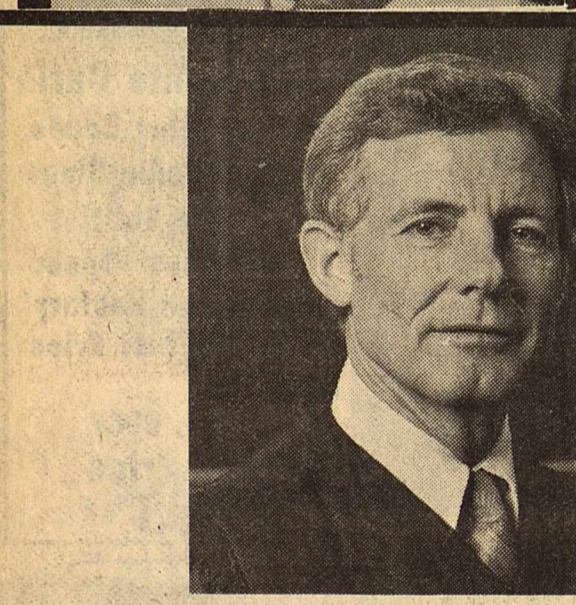
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### School Menu

- Monday, April 28**  
 Tacos  
 Lettuce/Tomatoes  
 Pinto Beans  
 Cinnamon Rolls  
 Milk
- Tuesday, April 29**  
 Bar-b-que Sausage  
 Macaroni & Tomatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Hot Rolls  
 Brownies  
 Milk
- Wednesday, April 30**  
 Corn Dogs  
 Cheese Strips  
 French Fries  
 Pork & beans  
 Ice Cream  
 Milk
- BREAKFAST**  
**Monday, April 28**  
 Apple Juice  
 Corn Flakes  
 Milk
- Tuesday, April 29**  
 Grape Juice  
 Cinnamon Toast  
 Milk
- Wednesday, April 30**  
 Tomato Juice  
 Cheese Toast  
 Milk
- Thursday, May 1**  
 Applesauce  
 Glazed Donut  
 Milk
- Friday, May 2**  
 Apple Juice  
 Sausage  
 Hot Biscuits/Jelly  
 Milk

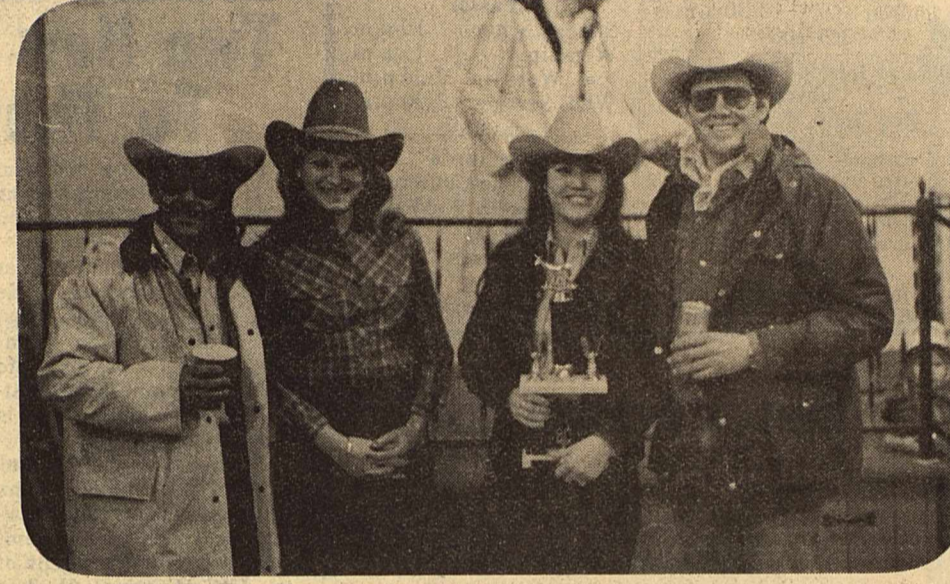
### School Menu

- Monday, April 28**  
 Chicken Pot Pie  
 Blackeyed Peas  
 Hot Rolls  
 Pineapple-Lime Gelatin  
 Milk
- Thursday, May 1**  
 Italian Spaghetti  
 Buttered Corn  
 Tossed Salad  
 Cornbread  
 Raisins  
 Milk
- Friday, May 2**  
 Corn Dogs  
 Cheese Strips  
 French Fries  
 Pork & beans  
 Ice Cream  
 Milk

### New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Calobreves proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Brandy Elizabeth. The new arrival was born on April 16 in the

Medical Center in Eldorado, Texas. Brandy weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.



Last week we did not have room for a picture of the third runner-up in the Goat Burning Barbecue and Hootenollar. This week, we would like to correct that error and make the members of the C.C. Citchens happy. (And all their fans too). The members of the C.C. Citchens won third runner-up in the third annual Barbecue and Hootenollar held April 12.

### A Tribute To A Blood Donor

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 From yawning brink of early grave,  
 That child, so weak and small today,  
 A hero's role may later play.  
 Or one, a prey to accident,  
 By his blood new strength is lent.

His blood may help a surgeon's knife  
 Bridge the gap from death to life.  
 No, none of these will know his name,  
 Nor see it carved on walls of fame;  
 But we who toil that men may live,  
 A hearty, humble, "Thank you" give.  
 Give Blood!  
 Give Life!

Author Unknown  
 Sonora will be conducting its Spring community blood drive Thursday, April 24th, 1980. The drive will be at the First National Bank with hours of 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. The drive is being sponsored by the Kappa Gamma Chapter of ESA International. Anyone wishing further information may call Shirley Goetz in San Angelo (653-1307) or Nelda Mayfield, locally at 387-3096.

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Pd. Pol. Adv. paid for by Jack Schulze Campaign Fund, Box 807, Big Lake, Tex.

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- SENIORS - ALL A's**  
 Debbie Perez  
 Bruce Bartz  
 Linda Smith  
 Hillary Hunt  
 Paige Pollard
- Diana Green**  
**Mary Lynch**  
**Jamie Condra**  
**SENIORS-ALL A's ONE B**  
 Sheryl Brown  
 Stephanie Short  
 Mickey Mooney
- JUNIORS - ALL A's**  
 Kandis Carta  
 Yolanda Avila  
 Annabelle Gonzales
- ALL A's - ONE B**  
 Beth Bartz  
 Leticia Chavez  
 Paula Friess  
 Kari Hill
- SOPH. - ALL A's**  
 Gina Thompson  
 Julie Stewart  
 Cathy Poloczek
- SOPH. - ALL A's ONE B**  
 Eric Neal  
 Scott Savell  
 Nannette Sanchez  
 Angie Bautista  
 Steve Jennings
- FRESHMEN ALL A's**  
 Anna Mata  
 Albert Chavez  
 Marney Sorenson
- FRESHMEN ALL A's - ONE B**  
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# Sutton County Ranch News



## Cattle Raisers Testify In Washington On Predator Controls

Legislation that would strengthen controls on the needless slaughter of livestock by predators was strongly endorsed by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in testimony presented in Washington recently by TSCRA President John S. Cargile of San Angelo. He spoke before a House subcommittee reviewing H.R. 6725, the Animal Damage Control Act of 1980.

Cargile, himself a cattle rancher in predator-infested West Texas, spoke for 14,000 livestock producers in Texas, Oklahoma and surrounding states. Calling for control and not total eradication of predator species like the coyote, he said existing programs are ineffective in stemming the multi-million dollar problem. Proposed new legislation, submitted by Texas Congressman de la Garza

and Loeffler, would not only protect livestock, but predator sensitive wildlife. In the Southwest, as documented by a 1978 study conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an estimated 92,000 baby calves out of 8.38 million born annually are killed by predators. On today's market, these calves have a value of \$350.00 a head. The resulting loss to cattle producers

alone then is \$32,268,000. Cargile asked that the chemical compound 1080, used successfully for 20 years to control predators, but not banned, be reinstated until suitable alternative be found. He wholeheartedly supported "accelerated research and the development of new chemicals effective in control, but harmless to the environment." Recent policy statements

on predator control by the Secretary of the Interior, Cecil Andrus, were condemned as "unacceptable" and "politically motivated." Until animal damage control programs are extended to public lands like Fort Hood, in Central Texas, no effort to stop free-roaming predators will be successful, Cargile said. The mammoth military reservation, like other fed-

erally-controlled land pockets, represents a breeding ground from which predators can reinfest control areas, he added. Additional funds to prevent what may become a \$90 million loss for beef producers in the next three to five years were requested. "The predator situation, as you can see, is very serious, and quite frankly, is out of control," he said. TSCRA also supported

provisions in the legislation establishing an ad hoc committee with livestock producer representation to coordinate and review all federal efforts in ADC. He re-emphasized a long-standing cattleman request that the U.S. Department of Agriculture be given complete responsibility for ADC programs instead of the U.S. Department of Interior, considered by cattlemen to be biased against their needs.

"Economists agree that increased productivity is one of the best tools we have to combat inflation. It is in the public interest to control predators effectively, so the livestock can help stem unnecessary losses and can do its part in producing more food for our country. H.R. 6725 provides the direction for an effective ADC program and we urge your support of its passage," Cargile said.

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counties, which make up District Five, are encouraged to attend the annual district meeting April 30, at the Menard Country Club. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and be followed by the noon meal hosted by friends of the TS&GRA in Menard. Bill Sims, TS&GRA executive Secretary, and association officers will be on hand to report on the oversight hearings in the U.S. Senate and House in regard to predator control, as well as on the results of the study by the U.S. Army on the desirability

of wool in military uniforms. These and many other items to be discussed should be of interest to all sheep and goat producers. Currently serving as directors from District Five are: Roy Jacoby, Murph Compton, Wayne Davis, Alton Williamson, and Buddy Wilkinson of Menard; Ted Hokekamp, H.K. Farmer, Robby Robinson, E.S. Herring, Jack Hoggett, and Aubrey Kothmann of Junction; Bobby Sykes, Jim Cawley, Ben Epps, Bob Page, Gary Derick, Walter McGregor, Ray Willoughby, Jr. and

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## Texas' Longest Screwworm Free Period Ends After 205 Days

The 205 days the Texas livestock industry enjoyed without a laboratory confirmed screwworm sample, longest on record, ended April 14. Screwworms invade open wounds in warm blooded animals to feed on living flesh. Dr. James E. Novy, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Screwworm Laboratory, says one worm of the sample Harold Bragg took from the docking wound of a lamb April 5 was a screwworm. The other four larvae in the sample were *Phormia regina* commonly known as the black blow fly. Dr. Steve Smith, an epidemiologist with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Screwworm Lab, and two fly trappers, have gone to Bragg's Coleman County ranch. They are working the area to see how any wild screwworms are there and collect evidence as to their origin. The nearest known screwworm case to this

central Texas collection was in the Villa Union community of Mexico's State of Coahuila, about two months ago, says Dr. Novy. That is about 40 miles south of Eagle Pass, Texas, and an estimated 180 miles from Bragg's ranch in the Glen Cove area of Coleman County. Fly trappers collected a wild screwworm fly along the Rio Grande near the El Indio community south of Eagle Pass about March 5. The screwworm lab will distribute Screwworm adult suppression system (SWASS) pellets in the west Coleman County area. APHIS planes will also disperse sterile screwworm

flies in the area. Odors attract adult screwworm flies to the SWASS pellets. They then feed on the pellet. A small amount of insecticide in the pellet almost immediately kills the adult flies. This selective tool is used to bring adult screwworm populations to a low level. Sterile screwworm flies are released in the area of known wild populations to mate with the fertile flies. Females of this species usually mate only once in their lifetimes. Any eggs a female produces after mating with a sterile male will not hatch—thus ending the life cycle. To date New Mexico has recorded 213 screwworm free days, Arizona 160, and California 242.

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Dry and windy temperature patterns with erratic weather switching from hot to cold and dry and sporadic rainfall. Only .25" of rain fell in Uvalde compared to 3" reported in isolated spots in Kinney County and 1" in the area north of San Antonio. Heavy hail was reported in some western counties. Young tender plants are showing wind burn damage from the over 40 MPH wind gusts. Cool weekend temperatures

further slowed the growth of the already drought stressed plants. Monday's temperature dip to 33 degrees narrowly missed a disastrous freeze, but some freeze damage was reported to corn and tender vegetables crops growing in low spots in Uvalde, Zavala and Medina Counties. Pastures are not responding to normal spring green up, surface water is very short, supplemental feeding continues.

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# Sutton County Petro News

## RRC Halts Venting And Flaring Of Wells In Giddings Field

The Railroad Commission has directed operators and venting gas or face the in the Giddings (Austin Chalk) Field to halt flaring prospect of having their

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wells shut in and sealed by RRC personnel.  
 Under an order signed Monday by Chairman John Poerner and Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and Mack Wallace, flaring or venting gas in the Central Texas field was prohibited effective June 1, for oil wells completed prior to March 1, and 90 days after completion for oil wells completed on or after March 1, unless exceptions have been obtained. The field has about 400 producing wells.

The prohibition was recommended by General Counsel John G. Soule of the Oil and Gas Division during the weekly conference on oil and gas regulatory matters. Soule presided at a Feb. 12 public hearing on occurrences of gas flaring and ventings in the field.  
 Monday's order further

directs:

1. Wells from which gas is flared or vented in violation of the ban shall be shut in and sealed by RRC personnel pending pipeline connection or the availability of some other system for gathering gas, unless an exception has been obtained from the Commission.
2. Generally, exceptions to the "no flare or vent" requirement will be granted only after notice and hearing.
3. If requests for the flare/vent ban are filed prior to the time after which flaring or venting is prohibited, the Oil and Gas Division director may grant administratively exceptions not to exceed 120 days pending notice and hearing and final decision by the Commission.
4. Exceptions to the "no

flare or vent" requirements can be granted by the Commission or the Oil and Gas Division director only upon proof that costs of gathering, by the nearest pipeline or by truck, exceed the revenues to be derived from sales of gas or that compliance with the order is impossible.

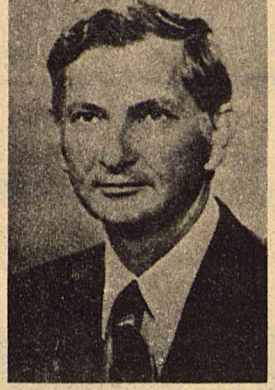
Contained in the order were these findings of facts:  
 --In excess of 12 million cubic feet of gas per day were flared or vented in the Giddings (Austin Chalk) Field during December 1979.  
 --Some gas is being flared or vented because of inability to overcome line pressure in the gathering systems.  
 --Gas is being vented instead of flared where volumes and pressures are insufficient to keep a flare ignited.

--Wells producing commercial volumes of gas can be connected to a pipeline within 90 days of well completion unless the well-site is usually remote.  
 --Operators have not always sought a connection with the pipeline closest to a well.  
 --Line pressure in the gathering systems in the field varies from a low of approximately 25 pounds per square inch to a high of approximately 65 psig.  
 --At line pressures of 60 psig, a number of wells in the field are unable to produce into the pipeline without a compressor. Hence, significant volumes of gas are being flared or vented.  
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## Rising Prices Combat Consumption

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Mexico gas production for 1979 was 1 billion 162 million mcf. Last week's rig count was 309 and last year's was 224.

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## Poerner Speaks To Petroleum Association

Railroad Commission John Poerner today said Texas' oil regulatory agency is maintaining concern surveillance over developing federal environmental controls programs that could affect petroleum production.  
 The Railroad Commission's vigil is focused in particular on proposals of the Environmental Protection Agency which deal with hazardous waste management, Poerner reported in

a speech before members of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association at their annual meeting here.  
 As the program now stands, Poerner explained, fluids produced in oilfield operations and drilling muds are classified as hazardous wastes subject to regulation. EPA is scheduled to publish the final regulations for its hazardous waste program by the end of April.  
 The Railroad Commission has not yet decided whether to accept delegation as the agency to implement the program in Texas, he advised.  
 Poerner said a hazardous waste bill has passed the U.S. House and a different version has cleared the Senate which would exempt fluids produced with oil and drilling muds from the hazardous waste regulations for at least two years.  
 Differences in the bills remain to be resolved by a House-Senate conference committee.  
 Meanwhile, Poerner related, the Railroad Commission has been very active in reviewing and commenting on EPA's proposed regulations on hazardous waste disposal of fluids from oil and gas operations.  
 Final regulations of EPA's program on underground injection controls also are expected to be published by the end of April.  
 After reading the final regulations, the Commission will decide whether to accept delegation of the program, the RRC chairman stated.  
 Poerner said the Commission is "working hard to make sure that the regulations which are ultimately put into effect are as reasonable as possible."  
 The RRC chairman insisted that the energy outlook for America is encouraging despite setbacks like the recently enacted federal "windfall profits" tax of petroleum industry earnings.  
 "Energy self-sufficiency will not be easy to achieve, but it can be done as long as there are individuals such as yourselves willing, ready and able to search for our resources," Poerner declared.  
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1:35 a.m. Passage West 1951.

Tuesday, April 29  
9:00 a.m. Task Force 1949. A naval officer fights for appropriations for carriers in the face of heavy Air Force opposition.

11:30 a.m. Comanche 1956. Two scouts attempt to find the Comanche chief and present him an offer to bring peace to the Mexico-U.S. border and prevent an all-out war.

7:00 p.m. Chuka 1967. A gunfighter arrives at an isolated fort and warns that unless the Indians are given food there will be trouble.

9:00 p.m. Atlanta Braves Baseball Atlanta Braves vs. San Diego Padres

11:35 a.m. Santa Fe Trall 1940. A pre-Civil war historical fight for "bloody Kansas" with Jeb Stuart and George Custer beginning their military careers.  
2:05 a.m. Bombardier 1943.

Wednesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Interlude 1957.

An American librarian working in Germany falls in love with a world famous conductor whose mentally ill wife would rather commit suicide than lose her husband

11:30 a.m. Meet Danny Wilson 1952. A singer's rise to success in the world is hampered by gangster affiliates.

7:00 p.m. The Man From Laramie 1955. A man seeking revenge for his brother's death sets out to destroy the men responsible and finds the same men have been illegally supplying guns to Indians.

1:35 a.m. Ride Lonesome

1:10 a.m. Conflict

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SONORA - I wasn't in this dyed-in-the-wool-and-mohair ranching town since the wild game dinner four years ago (about the time it was hit by the gas boom that alarmed old-timers until the checks started coming in), so it was both instructive and fun to get back to judge the Jaycees' goat barbecue.

(I remember Jerry Lackey got some flack for referring in print to the quarter coffee and homes on wheels, but the quintessential frontier home of Will Carver is weathering the 400 percent growth nicely, and the genteel townhouses on the hills around the old jail - and the classy new one across the street - are being surrounded by sleek new office and retail building and rejuvenated service stations of this crossroads between the Hill County

and the Big Bend and the Concho Valley and 'Cuna.)

I once called it a town of "texture" in an OBESTE Magazine analysis, and that scope from Willie Mier's big game trophy room to the trophy cases at Sonora High School has only been enhanced by the "gas people" and such ancillary newcomers as young Art Foster and his crew at KVRN Radio.

But even I wasn't prepared for the scope of its musical talent (although I knew Sonorans could cook heavenly cabrito) until City Attorney Al Elliott talked me into staying over for the apres-cook-off dance fueled by young Bill Green and the "Texas Greats".

Bill is a native, and the handsome collegiate type with the Merino hairdo is not only a virtual pop symphony himself - rang-

ing from a lambent harmonica on "Lord, You Gave Me a Mountain" to a Bob Wills fiddle on "Faded Love" and a more violsque rendition of the hauntingly beautiful "Westphalia Waltz" - but an obviously top-star-bound vocalist-composer and frontman for a band featuring Austin's Mossbergs and Angelo's Charlie Walton) that can cut a rug from the Neches River to Nashville.

(In fact, with usual Pendergrast Timing, I was the last to realize such numbers as "Austin on a Saturday Night" had already been cut - on celluloid rugs - by the San Antonio based Green, along with the finale hymn to a Texas morning already in the works.)

I suspected Green and the Greats had some scope when they opened with a schottische and a polka and

a waltz and "Cotton-Eyed Joe", then whipped out a rocky "Johnny B. Goode" for the kids and me. But they almost literally played the gamut of western classics from a wailing "Fraulein" and "Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down" to Willie Nelson's "Whiskey River" by way of an innovative "Orange Blossom Special."

No wonder brand-new Sonora Mayor Bill Gosney (seated five days before the goat-off) was grinning from ear to ear.

And the Jaycees have much of which to be proud, both for their sponsorship of the Goat Burnin' in its second year and for their efforts to turn the area around the agricultural complex into a full-blown park for Sonora youth.

(I would only suggest to Jaycees Prexy Steve Swift and his men that they add

some other events to the major cabrito cookery to interest a wider spectrum of area visitors. That and, of course, guaranteeing better cook-off weather than the blizzard in which Judges Sam Lewis of Angelo, Roy Love of Ft. Mc. Kavett, the lissome Susie Parks and Tamara Beasley of Angelo, and I did our thing this year. I would not, however, change the

date, since there are so many summer cook-offs there would be onerous competition for crowds later in the year.)

But goat dishes the likes of the winning Thompson Brothers sweet, tender taste treat of 1980 ought to bring Southwestern gourmands out almost any time.

And the outdoorsy cook-off is a great counterpoint

to the classy elbow-rub called the "Fling Ding"

that's been going on in Sonora's wool barn for some 40 years with big name bands and such ex-

clusivity I haven't even been invited since I haven't had my picture on somebody's front page.

But the first guy to invite me to the Sonora Goat Cook-Off (two years ago in the snow at our St. Valentine's Day Massacre at the

Circle Bar Truck Corral near Ozona) was Sonora's Oscar Galindo, and I still want to hear Oscar play the guitar, the drums, and the harmonica all at once.

See you at the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry in San Angelo the 26th.

# West Texas Gadabout

By Sam Pendergrast

## Boys Regional Track Qualifiers



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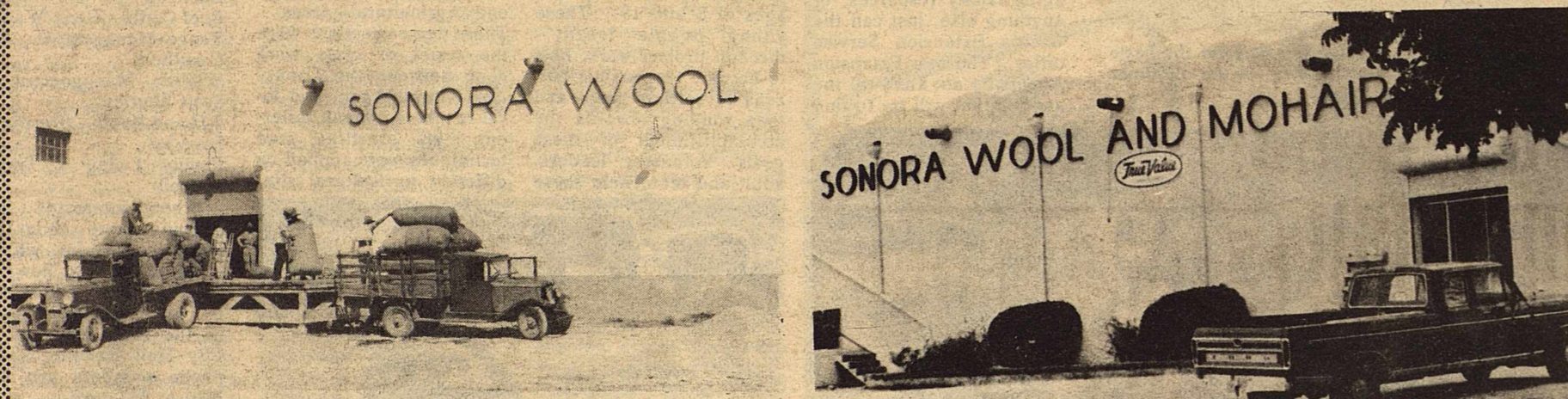
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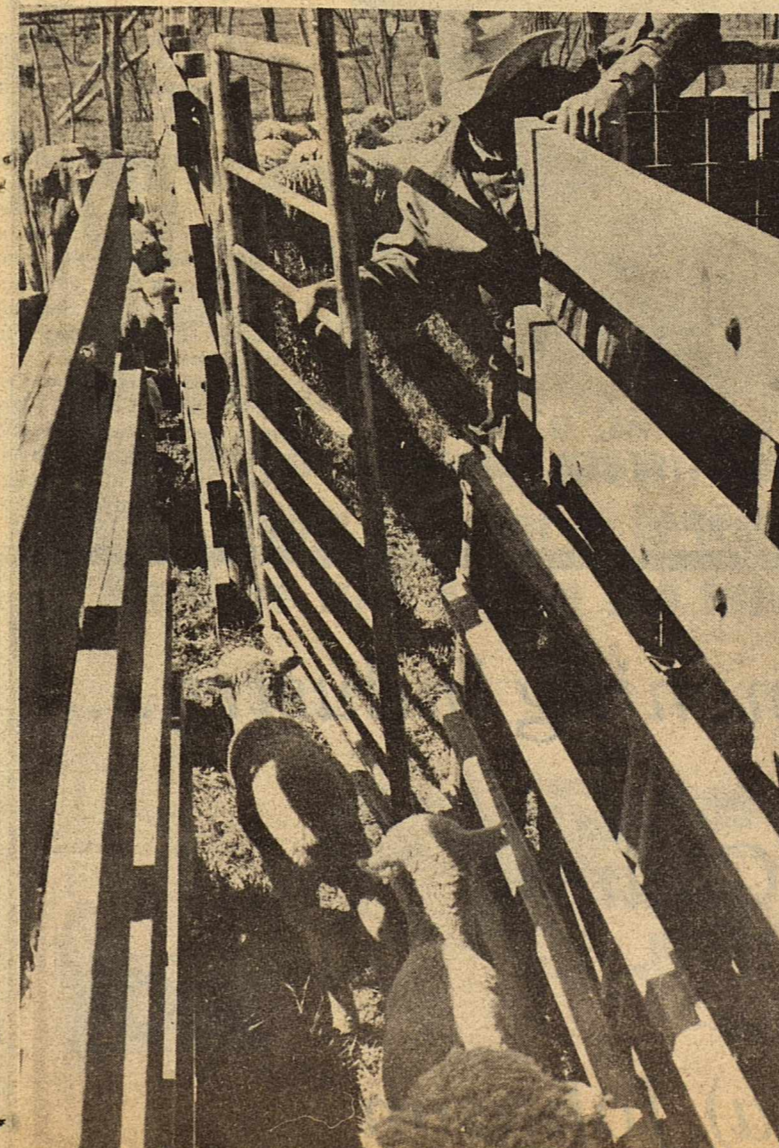
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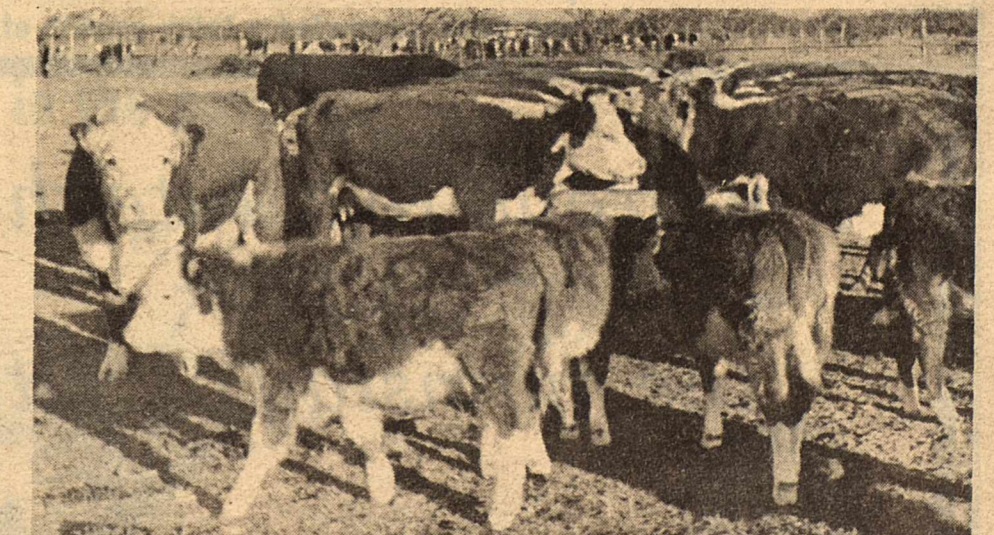
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By Becky Ponsetti

The story of the ranching industry in and around Sutton County is one of hardship, profit and constantly imminent disaster.

In the early 1870's when grazing was first begun in "the Devil's River Country," the countryside was abundant in many varied types of grasses and palatable shrubs.

Stirrup-high grass covered the hills - sideoats grama, feathery bluestem, Texas wintergrass, curly mesquite and others. Flowering herbs such as eglemannais, bush sunflower, galliards, blue bonnets and others were abundant.

Devil's River Country was, in fact, perfect grazing land for sheep and cattle. Prior to 1890, the area was open rangeland.

With four waters wells drilled by 1887, livestock grazing was chiefly concentrated around these permanent water holes.

Wildlife was abundant in those days. Early Sutton County Settlers' diets included venison, squirrel, turkey, quail, dove, prairie chicken plover and curlew. The inventory of wild animals did not stop with the edible.

The ecosystems of the hills and canyons of the area were balanced by Nature's providence of predators. Timber wolves and bobcats kept the delicate balance of nature by killing of deer while smaller varmints kept the bird population in check. Nature kept this balance with her providence of lush, tall grasses to give the birds cover and by giving the deer its keen eye and swiftness of foot.

In those early days, it was necessary for the rancher to protect his livestock from the menace of the wolf and bobcat.

As time went on and the population of both humans and livestock increased, it became necessary to wage an all-out war against that menace.

Just after the turn of the

century, the war began. In terms of its purpose, the war was a highly successful one. The wolf was practically eliminated in five years, and, while the bobcat has never been eliminated, the cat population was considerably reduced and kept under control.

Aside from its primary purpose this war resulted in the loss of almost all the deer in Sutton County. A few remained in the extreme south end of the county.

The introduction of packs of Walkerhounds used by ranchers during this war on the bobcat and wolf was the main cause of the decline of the deer population. The continual harassment of the deer by these dogs and the sharp decline of grazing areas for deer after the introduction of a heavy population of sheep caused the deer to leave this area.

By 1916 there were practically no deer in Sutton County.

While the bobcat, wolves and deer were disappearing, the sheep had all the grass they could eat. The

grasses which had provided cover for game birds were reduced to the point that the quail, curlew, and prairie chicken ceased to use this area for their annual migration. For reasons unknown, the prairie chicken disappeared about 1907.

With the decline of competition for foraging land, the sheep population soared.

Soon Sutton County adopted the slogan "Capital of the Stockman's Paradise."

Only a short time passed before nature began to rebel against man's mismanagement.

Internal parasites, particularly stomach worms, increased relentlessly to plague the sheep industry.

A two year drought in 1917-1918 killed many of the already overgrazed grasses and opened the virgin topsoil to the invasion of the poisonous bitterweed and unpalatable brush.

A vicious cycle was started. Herds of sheep and team pulled freight wagons traveling from the bitterweed infested playlakes

northeast of Sonora leaving a few bitterweed seeds around each camp on their way to the wool market and banking center in Kerrville.

The pretty yellow-flowered plants produced abundant seed which were tracked by sheep into the high bed grounds. There they produced new seeds which washed down the hillside to the streams.

Heavy stocking was continued following the 1917-1918 drought, and in 1925 bitterweed was found to be the poison weed responsible for heavy livestock losses.

Stocking rates were reduced from the 100-125 animal units per section, but continued grazing exceeded the lowered capacity of the declining range.

Drought struck again in 1933-34. During this time severe damage was done to the overworked rangeland.

With most grass competition removed, the rains of 1935 boasted the speed of the bitterweed unit - the poisonous, yellow flowered weed blanketed the entire area.

Bitterweed was the

downfall of many a sheep rancher during that era.

The hillsides which were once blanketed with grasses were now exposed to wind and erosion.

Liveoak, cedar, mesquite, and prickly pear - less succulent than the palatable grasses and forbs took advantage of the sparse ground cover and spread rapidly.

Seed that had been gradually scattered for years by birds, livestock and water sprouted and thrived as the grass cover was weakened and killed.

The 1950's brought the worst drought yet, and the infestation of these non-palatable plants deteriorated the rangelands even more.

In 1946, the Edwards Plateau Conservation Service was created by county landowners by a vote of 83 for and 1 against.

Organized under state law, Soil Conservation districts are operated by five landowners. When the district received its certificate of organization dated October 31, 1946, two district supervisors were appointed. Those supervisors

Edwin Sawyer and Joe B. Ross, called an election at which Fred T. Earwood, Joe M. Vander Stucken, and Frank Bond were elected. In October of 1953, W.B. McMillian was elected to succeed Vander Stucken.

With the assistance of 30 or 40 local committee members a district program of work was developed. The program set out the physical, social, and economic problems affecting soil, water, plant and wildlife conservation in the district. The plan outlined the proposed solution and listed conservation practices that were needed.

Many federal agencies lent assistance to the conservation program. The Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, State Parks and Wildlife Service and many other such agencies joined in with the ranchers of Sutton County to repair the damage to the land wrought by the misuse of the land.

90 percent of the area ranchers have used soil and water conservation programs mapped out by these agencies.

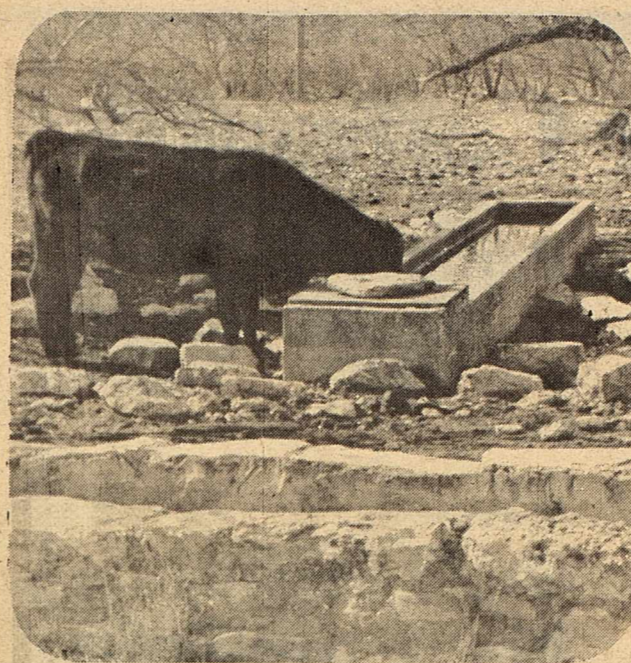
Only years of planned, dedicated conservation have brought the range-land up to its present quality, though much of the damage from poor management will never be undone.

The ranchers of Sutton County have learned a valuable lesson from their folly with Nature.

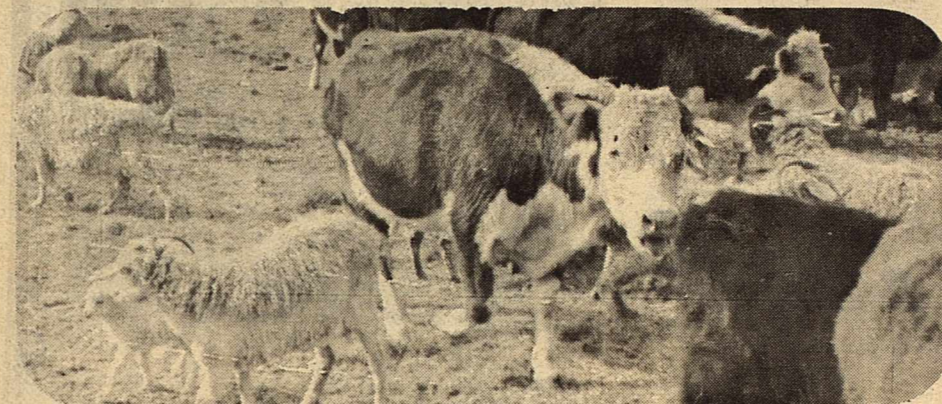
With the advent of the Sonora Gas Play, ranchers received much needed funds. Many dedicated ranchers have put their money back into the land passed down from generation to generation through drought, flood, disease and pestilence.

By this means, the Devil's River Country has been greatly repaired and will produce through stringent conservation measures, for many years to come.

Water troughs built years ago still perform the basic function of serving livestock. Many of the old-time troughs are still in use today.



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During feeding time goats and cattle are frequently fed together. With the current dry spell Sutton County ranchers have turned to supplemental feeding.

## Extension Service Serves All People

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is a public educational service for all residents. Most counties in the state have "county agents" - agricultural and home economists.

These county agents have access to all kinds of information to help find solutions for different situations. When help is needed with a problem in gardening, agricultural activities, insect damage, planning special diets, clothing construction, managing family resources, or anything else, just call the County Extension Service office. The two Extension Agents do not know all the answers but will try to find

a solution. There are subject matter specialists located in different locations all over the state that can be referred to.

Two organizations are sponsored by the Extension Service throughout the nation - 4-H and Extension Homemakers Club (formerly called Home Demonstration clubs). Both of these groups meet on a regular basis in Sutton County.

4-H is a youth development program open to all young people between the ages of 8 and 19. These young people learn, through project work, how to become responsible citizens by setting goals and then working towards the accomplishment of these goals. Volunteer leaders, adult and teen, help these

young people develop. Extension Homemakers clubs membership is open to anyone who seeks fellowship and wants to learn how to improve their home life. Club members present programs which meet the needs and desires of the group. Last year, there were 168 4-H members and 74 4-H leaders in Sutton County. Also, there were 42 Extension Homemaker Club members.

This past year there were 13 Result Demonstration done in 16 different Agricultural areas. These demonstrations were the result of close work done between the County Agricultural Agent and local ranchers. Many different tests practices, and techniques were applied on different agricultural situations.

When interested in learning more about the Extension Service, what it has to offer, and how you can benefit just call or stop by the office. It's located on the Third Floor of the City Hall Building. The phone numbers are 387-3101 or 387-3604. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.



SUTTON County ranchers are putting their knowledge of range management to work and helping the ranching industry survive in spite of drought and economic instability. We salute their efforts...



This picture was taken in 1954, by the U.S. Soil Conserveice. It shows poison bitterweed in a thick stand on a plateau soil. The deep plateau soil once supported a thick growth of sideoats gramma.

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vidual members were doing. This message was printed on the cover of the November issue of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine.

**"DO YOU NEED HELP? THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IS TO BE HELD IN DEL RIO DECEMBER 15 and 16.** If you need help and counsel, you should not fail to be there. The industry has its back to the wall, and only united effort can save thousands from disaster. There is only one organization in the world that is vitally interested in your problems, and that is doing its utmost to serve your interests. You are a part of this body. Your help, your counsel, your criticism, your very best efforts are needed as never before to save your business....Don't think that some mythical and mysterious something will happen to help you-God Helps Those Who Help Themselves."

It was the personal insistence of Kincaid that caused goats to be included in the government livestock buying program of that drought-stricken day. Attorney Carl Runge, representing the Association in Washington, succeeded in expediting feed loans. A complete reorganization took place in 1935. The

main work continued to be as before: legislative, educational, and the campaign against thieves and predators.

With World War II came new regulations aimed at furthering the war effort but often actually working against the efficiency of the industry. The Association was active in fighting inequities and unnecessary regimentation so that the maximum production was assured. TS&GRA succeeded in getting adult mohair removed from the category fixed by the War Production Board's allocation orders, which had set aside 55 percent of mohair for military uses which actually did not exist.

A wartime labor shortage became critical for ranchmen. The Association managed to get permission to use Mexican labor on the ranches.

A tax committee found certain inequities in tax laws affecting sheep, goat and cattle producers. In cooperation with cattlemen, the Association helped obtain changes in these laws. Through the years these changes have saved until millions of dollars for stockmen.

New outbreaks of sheep scabies in the early 1950's caused ranchmen to go back to the same old treatment methods they had used 30 years earlier, including lime sulphur and nicotine sulphate dip. Persistent Association efforts brought about official re-

cognition of the new chemical BHC, which did the same job with less trouble and no wool damage. Since, other new chemicals have been approved.

The long drought of the 1950s gave Texas ranchmen a new view of an old, old problem: water shortage. It was TS&GRA which initiated the work that led to organization of the Texas Agricultural Water Committee, a watchdog for rural water rights. TS&GRA spearheaded a move which resulted in a modernized Texas feed control law in 1957.

In terms of dollars and cents, TS&GRA's two biggest successes probably have been the screwworm eradication program and the National Wool Act of 1954.

TS & GRA donated the very finest check to the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation, which then took on the responsibility of administering the eradication program. TS&GRA, in concert with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, was plugging for screwworm eradication at a time when even many scientists were skeptical. The results are too well-known today to require elaboration. Suffice it to say that the average sheep and goat producer in Texas saves enough in a

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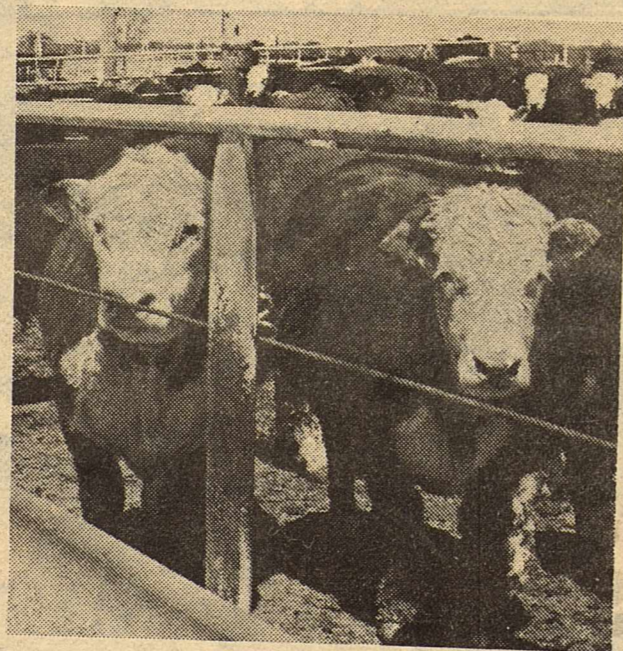
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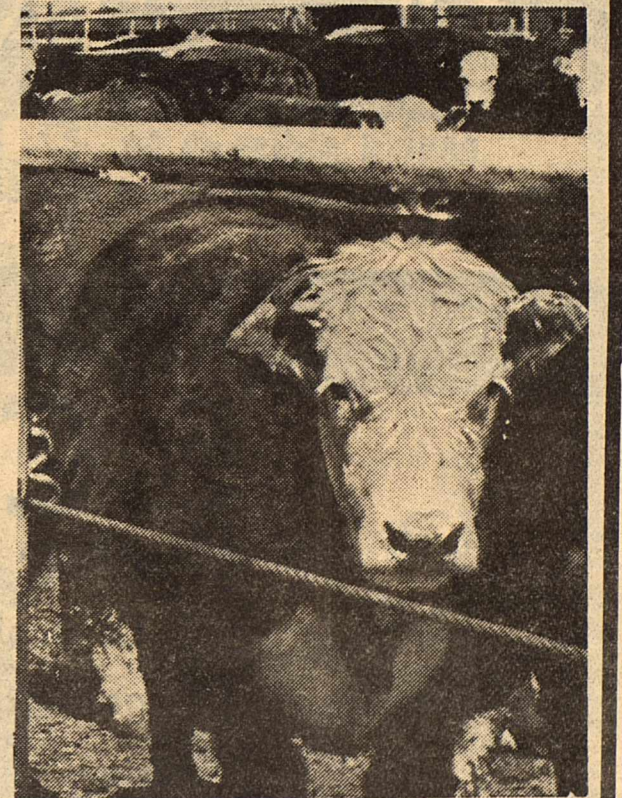
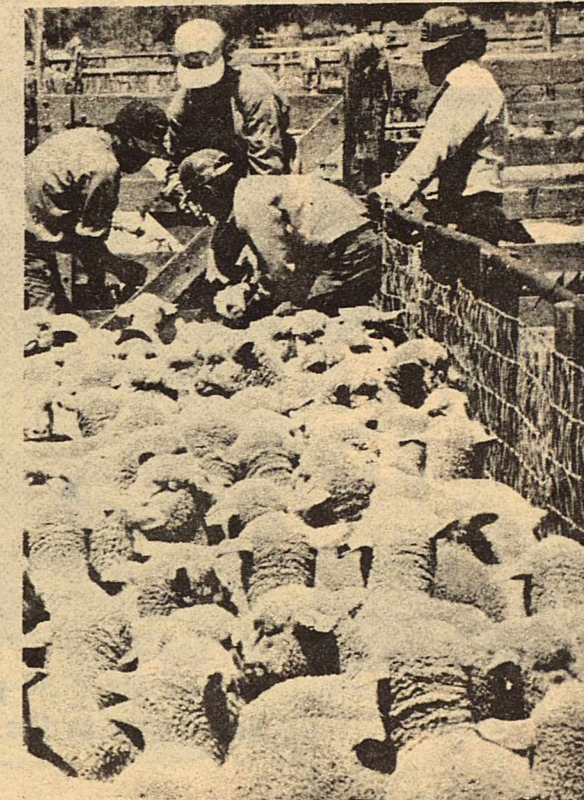
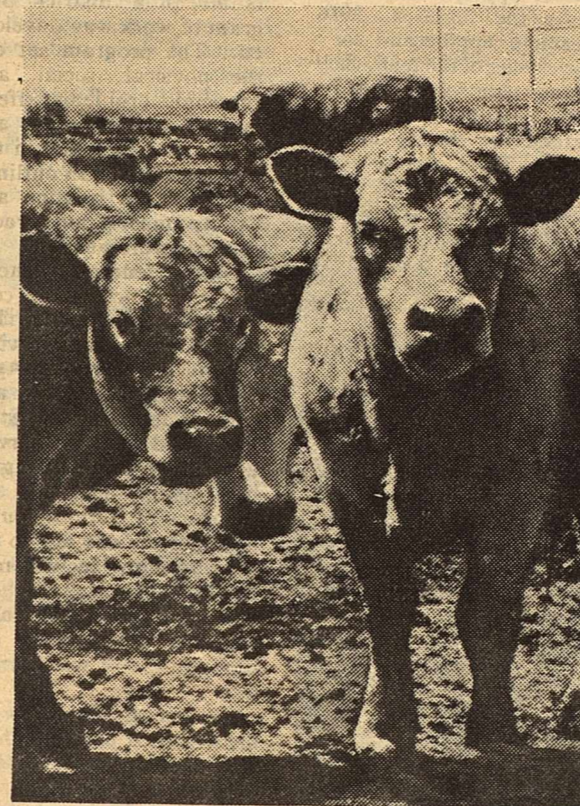


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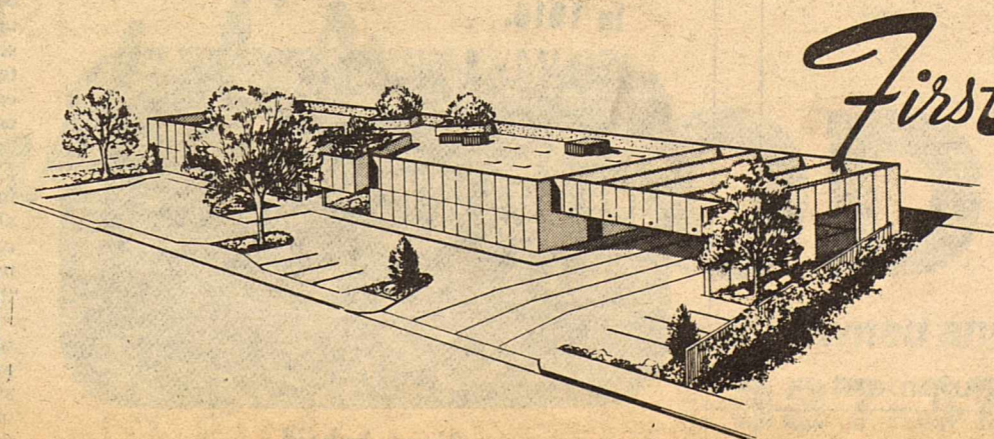


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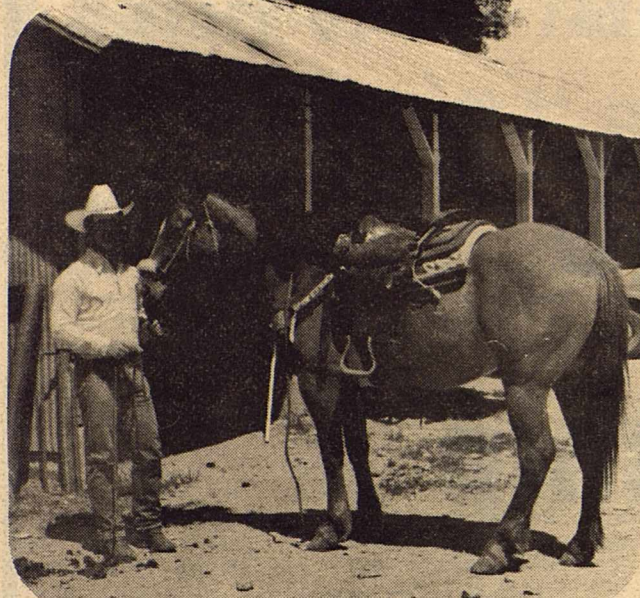


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# Discoveries Of Sonora - Texas Experimental Station Invaluable

By Lynda Parry



**Terry Brooks and his working companion.** Terry has been with the Sonora site for two years.

R. E. Taylor; President, and B. M. Halbert; Secretary, originally formed up as the Stockman's Protection Association of Sutton County in 1912.

As 1914 approached, these two men realized the decided need of an experimental station in this area to assist the ranchers with the disease problems that plagued the area.

J. M. Jones; animal husbandryman and D. R. B. Youngblood; Director, gave their assurance of support for the project of forming an area branch of TAES in the Edwards Plateau.

Johnson Robertson presented the problems of the industry and as a result of Robertson's appearance before the 34th Legislature in Austin, an appropriation of \$10,000 was granted, with an additional \$5,000 for 1916-1917 operating expenditures.

After receiving the grant the search for a proper location began, and after much deliberation it was decided they would purchase five sections of the Cusenbary Ranch at \$6.50 per acre. The state assumed \$2,000 liability for

the land purchase, however, with the stipulation that West Texas Ranchers would be obligated to raise an additional \$8,000 to supplement the original \$10,000 appropriation.

As the June 1, 1916 deadline approached for the closing of the land, they found themselves faced with a \$1,000 deposit to extend the closing for 60 days. Final closure took place June 22, 1916.

September 1, 1916, E. M. Peters became the first superintendent, assisted by O. L. Hunt, animal husbandryman.

As they stocked the station with sheep and goats, the need for a centrally located well developed. Fred Hull drilled near the center of the area and the headquarters were moved. As time progressed B. H. Bennett undertook the studies of sheep and goat disease.

In 1923 E. M. Peters was replaced as superintendent by W. W. Thomas. He remained until 1926, at which time W. H. Dameron was appointed until his sudden death in 1950. W. T. Hardy then filled the position.

In 1945, Dr. Leo Merrill, joined TAES as a researcher, until 1968, when he was placed in his present position as Professor in Charge.

Major discoveries stemming from the establishment of the site are as follows.

Swellhead was found to be caused by Sachuista. They also discovered that unless the plant was consumed in the presence of sunlight, that it was harmless.

Soremouth vaccine was discovered at Sonora and is still manufactured and distributed from the site.

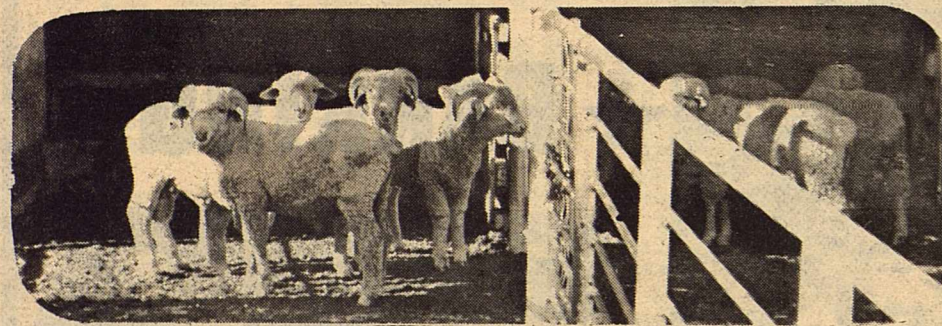
Studies for wool and mohair improvement in sheep and goats, as well as research in animal husbandry, relating to inheritance characteristics in Angora Goats; adaptation of crossbred sheep. Ram progeny tests to develop rams have received wide recognition.

Blue Tongue, a virus which primarily affects sheep, was first recognized by the Sonora station.

Dr. Merrill's four pasture rotation system was developed and has proven so effective it claims international attention. Brush control problems in Sutton County have been partially answered by the four pasture system. It is still being analyzed by using different methods of brush control in conjunction with reseeding of desirable vegetation and controlling the animal units placed in the pasture.

Bison Hybrids, (19 percent buffalo), are presently under observation at the site. The staff placed a tube in the esophagus to enable them to do a chemical analysis of the protein content and digestibility of Cannual Ruman. It was found that the hybrids were able to use a lower protein coarser diet, and were able to consume more due to their buffalo influence.

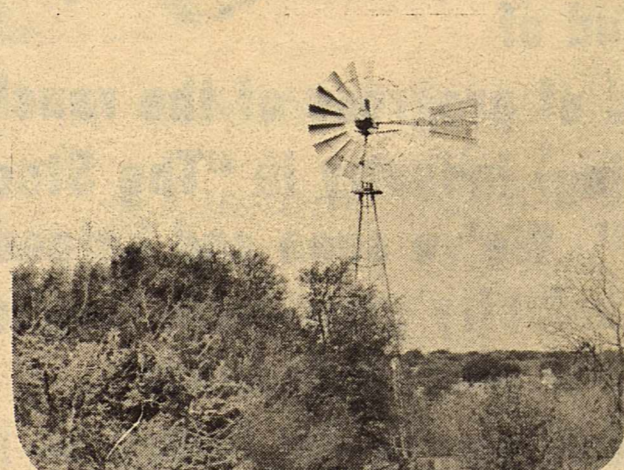
At present there are nine families living on the site and the staff at the Sonora station of the Texas Experimental Station are vigilant daily in their efforts to discover new methods to aid ranchers.



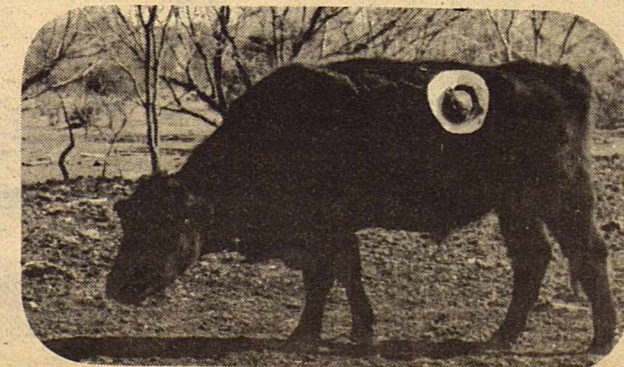
Ram Progeny tests conducted at TAES have received wide recognition.



**Dr. Leo Merrill, Professor in Charge.** He has given 34 years of invaluable knowledge to the ranching industry.



This well was drilled by Fred Hull in 1916.

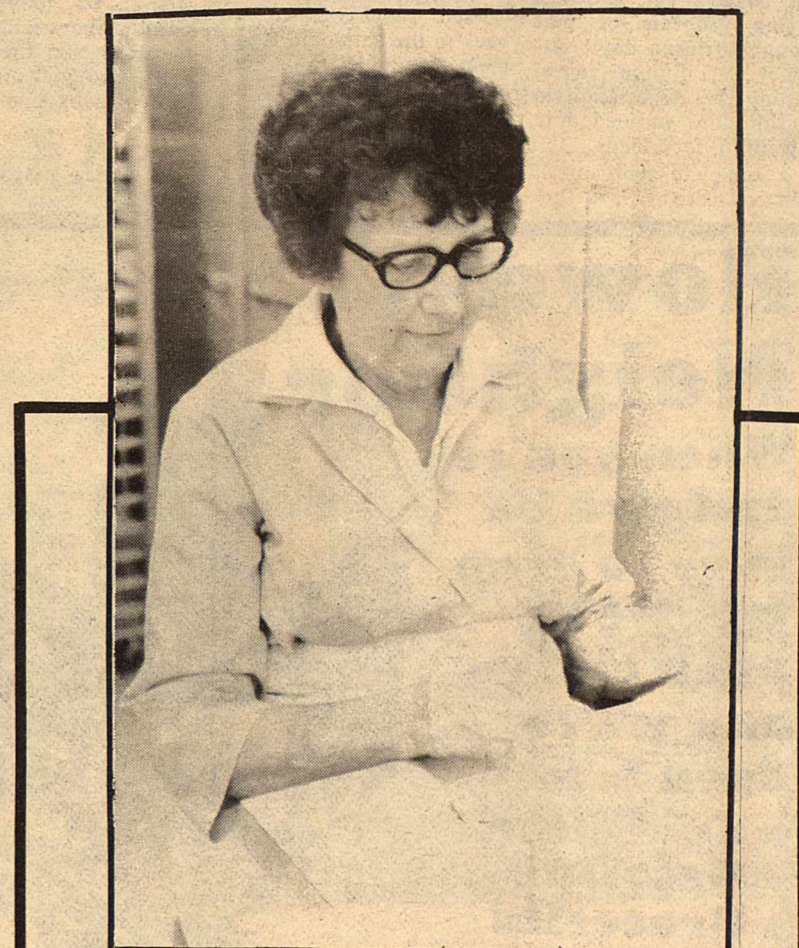


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## A History Of The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association

**EDITOR'S NOTE--**The history of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association had its beginning in Sutton County. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association for their support of the Rancher, and for their history of the organization. This article was published in December 1965, on the Fiftieth anniversary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

If it hadn't been for sheep thieves, there might not have been a Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. Certainly, it would not have been organized so early.

The forerunner of the present TS&GRA was a Sutton County protective organization started at Sonora in 1912. A wave of sheep and goat stealing caused ranchmen to call mass meetings. This Sutton County group achieved enough results to encourage ranchmen elsewhere to want a statewide organization.

Thus, five prominent ranchmen issued a call for a meeting in Del Rio October 16, 1915, at the old Princess Theater. The five were J.B. Murrah, Johnson Robinson, E.E. Stricklen, V.A. Brown and B.M. Halbert. Sixty stockmen were there, and 30 signed

the charter, which then was left open indefinitely. Out of the meeting came the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association of Texas, the original name of the group. The Sutton County body disbanded and turned its funds over to the state group at the suggestion of B.M. Halbert of Sonora, secretary.

One of the first actions of the Association was to send a delegation of six Val Verde County men and three from Edwards County - headed by Senator Claude Hudspeth - to Austin. They conferred with Governor James E. Ferguson about appointment of Rangers to help run down thieves. The governor said the state was unable to pay such Rangers, so the Association assumed the expense. (The state did post a \$200 reward for arrest and conviction.)

Five thousand people attended the first annual convention in Sonora, according to a study made later by Studley E. Hughes at Texas A&M. Governor Ferguson addressed the convention. B. Youngblood, director of experiment stations in Texas, spoke on livestock experiments. Main address was given by James Callan, prominent cattleman.

At that meeting the Association thanked the 34th

Legislature for establishment of a sheep and goat experiment station, which had become an Association project along with work against thievery and predatory animals.

By 1919, membership had reached 648. The Angora and Milk Goat Journal, then published in Rocksprings and a forerunner of the present Sheep and Goat Raiser, gave this account:

"Executive committee report showed thefts of sheep and goats had been few and the splendid and thoroughly efficient work of the inspectors, John Gillow and Nat P. Jones, received commendation of all members."

The Association about that time proved its mettle in legislative work, too. In World War I the federal government took over control of the wool and mohair clips, arbitrarily assessing values and which were often too low. The Association managed to prevent a takeover of the 1918 mohair clip. Then it succeeded in getting the federal government to refund close to a million dollars to ranchmen who had suffered unduly low assessments.

Its growing size and prestige enabled the TS&GRA to exert influence in the fields of transportation

and tariffs.

In 1920 came the first issue of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine, official publication, to let the membership know what the Association was doing.

In 1922 the late Bob Davis of Rio Frio, then president of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association, wrote James T. Elliott, editor of the magazine:

"The Association (TS&GRA) has helped in a thousand ways. It has helped to get out mohair and wool back to where it appears it will pay for its production. It has helped to increase our flocks in quality and quantity. It has protected them from all kinds of thieves, and more especially it has been a channel through which the sheep and goat men could get better acquainted and could study their business more intelligently."

By now, recognizing that improvement of the breeds meant improvement of income, the Association was helping promote shows and sales and dissemination of information on production of better sheep and goats.

After two years of work, the Association succeeded in March, 1923, in getting a state truth-in-fabric bill passed to prevent false labeling.

In the late 20's the facilities of TS & GRA were used to advertise Texas feeder lambs and bring Northern and Midwestern feeder buyers to Texas.

In 1924 T.A. Kincaid Sr. was elected president of the Association, a post he was to hold for 11 years. Much of this was during the Depression era of hard times, tight money and pressing need.

Probably the first major crisis he faced was a quarantine against Texas sheep and goats by other states because of foot and mouth disease in Harris County. An estimated 125,000 sheep from Fort Stockton east to Coleman were under contract for delivery in 30 days. Both buyers and sellers were faced with certain loss. Working with the federal Bureau of Animal Industry, TS&GRA was able to get some of the states to lift their embargoes because the only federal quarantine was in deep East Texas.

Trying to popularize Texas goat meat, the Association came up with a good name "chevon." It was a good try, though today most ranchmen themselves still refer to goat meat as kid or cabrito.

As far back as 1924, the Association was working with educational institut-

ions and passed a resolution asking for a course in wool and mohair grading at Texas A&M.

In 1925, the trade was beating down prices of wool and mohair. The Association passed a resolution urging ranchmen to resist and saw to it the word was spread to the forks of the creek. Ranchmen did resist. Prices rose from 27 to 28 cents to a level of 40 to 45.

Working through the Livestock Traffic Association of Fort Worth, the TS&GRA was instrumental in getting rail freight reductions on fat sheep and cattle shipped to the Fort Worth market. In cooperation with other livestock groups, TS&GRA kept a full-time traffic counsel to watch the freight rate problem.

Despite its enlargement of activities into the legislative, educational and economic fields, TS&GRA did not lose sight of its original purpose: suppression of thievery. By the late 1920's sheep and goat theft had dropped to no more than 10 per cent of what it had been a decade earlier. Hard times had hit with a vengeance by 1932. The Association was struggling to survive, just as its indi-

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# Johnny Fields Ranchers Assistant

By Lynda Parry

Dr. Johnny W. Fields, DVM, set up practice in Sonora eight years ago, after practicing one year in the Dairy Practice in Cloquet, Minnesota. Dr. Fields graduated from Sonora High School. In 1970 he graduated from Texas A & M with honors. During 1970-1972, Fields did graduate work in bovine reproduction at the University of Minnesota Veterinary College. He earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech. He is the son of Herbert and Loise Fields, of Sonora. He resides in Sutton County with his wife, Jeryl; High School Guidance Counselor, and two children Amy 6, and Becca 2.

Dr. Fields specialties are bovine reproduction and herd health management. He is a strong believer in Dr. Leo Merrill's rotation systems. He has combined a modified version of Dr. Merrill's high intensity, low frequency system to suit his own specific needs to further bovine reproduction in his own herd. He follows stringent policy in his herd.

Dr. Fields breeds virgin heifers giving them only 30-45 days; and cows 60 days to conceive. If at the end of this specified time the

animal has not done so, it is sold. He emphasized, if a cow does not calf one in twelve months its costing, rather than making money.

Recently there have been fifteen positive cases or rabies in Sutton County. The first case was in the southern portion of the county. Eleven fox, one dog, one cow, and two skunks account for the cases. Nine people have had the rabies series. One young boy was merely standing in a pasture and was bitten by a rabid fox. Two others found a sick cow, and examined the cows mouth and tongue and therefore were exposed through their hands, and had to submit to treatment. One other was bitten by a dog and the other five became exposed after skinning rabid animals.

He estimated that fifteen cases go undiagnosed yearly. Dr. Fields accounts the cause of the recent outbreak due to the animals searching for water. In 1973-1974, Sutton County had 44 positive identifications of rabies. This outbreak he termed the worst in Sutton County history.

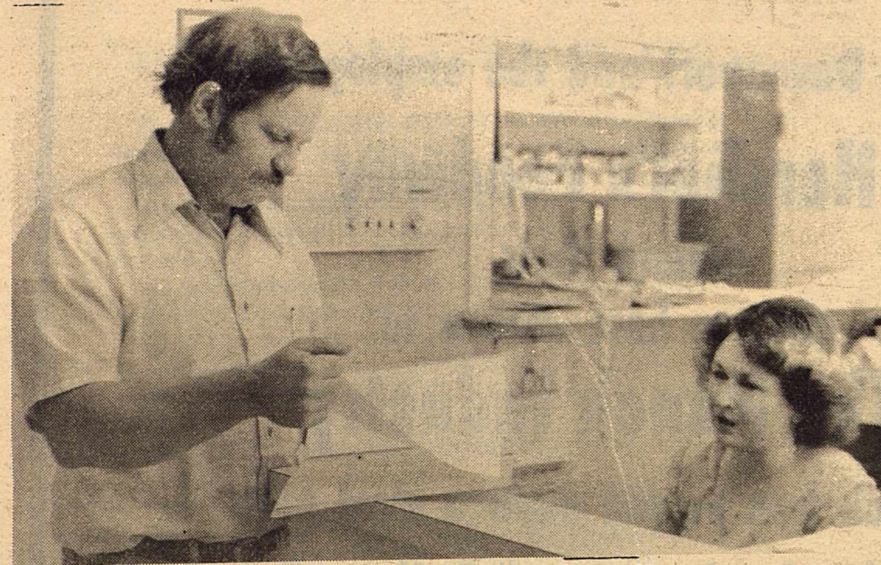
Dr. Fields achievements are many. He does consultation work with ranchers for bovine reproduction.

In 1977, he was awarded with induction into the Cattle Breeders Hall of Fame Publication. Dr. Fields has also been honored by being

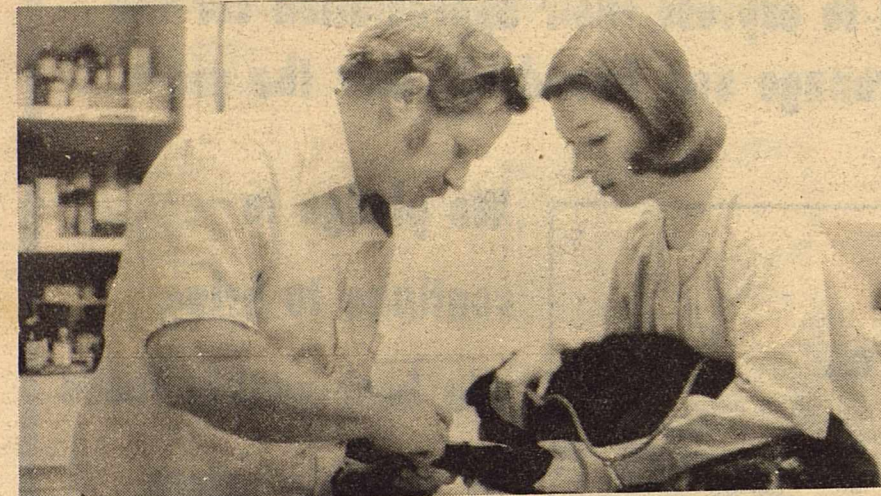
included in the last three editions of Who's Who in the South and Southwest. He is a Diplomat to the International Bovine Practitioners; Vice President of Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice 1980-1981. He is serving on the Ethics and Grievance Committee to the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, 1978-1980. Fields is Vice Chairman of the Constitution and By-laws committee, Texas Academy Veterinary Practitioners, and is currently the Vice Chairman of Credentials and Membership Committee of TAVP; locally was the past Director of Air Port Planning Commission and past Director of the Downtown Lions Club.

Dr. Fields is known for his bovine reproduction and herd management systems internationally, and participates actively as speaker at both national and international symposiums.

Dr. Fields assistance and knowledge of animals has been invaluable to the Sutton County ranching industry.



Dr. Fields, DVM, and Carolyn Chandler, Surgical Assistant confer.



Dr. Fields and Donna Keese, Small Animal Assistant prepare Goober for x-rays.

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## Weak Calf Syndrome

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of antibodies in the cow's bloodstream and also in the colostrum which will lead to increased infection and scours in addition to weaker, smaller newborn calves.

Several steps can be taken to eliminate any risk of having weak calf syndrome in a herd.

Producers can feed and manage pregnant cows so that they are in a moderate condition 30 to 45 days prior to calving. Then

increase their energy intake during the last month so they will be gaining weight prior to calving. This is especially critical for first-calf heifers and thin cows.

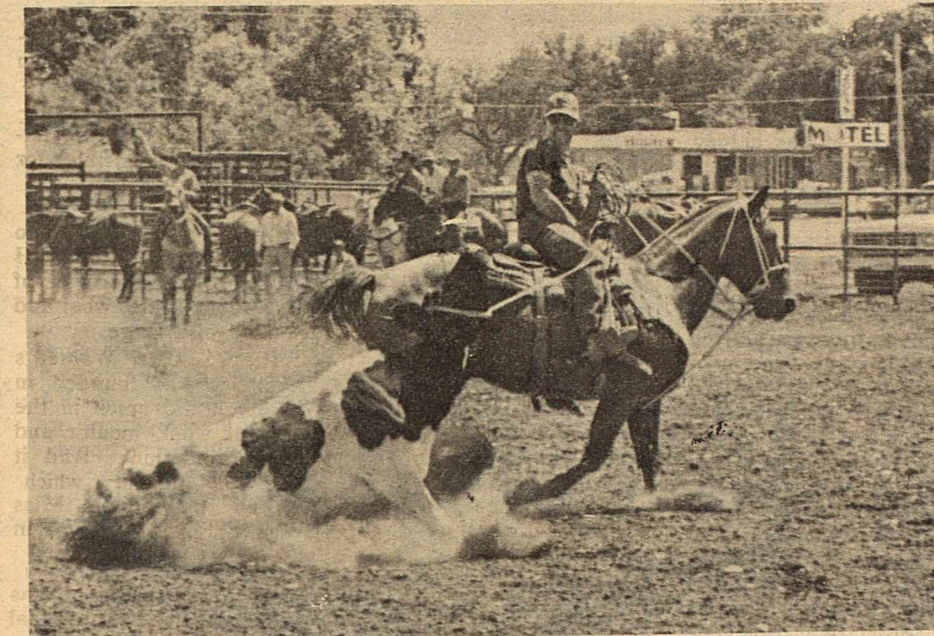
It is a good idea to separate first-calf heifers and older, thinner cows from the herd. Feed these animals a higher quality feed that will provide a greater concentration of protein and energy, the specialist suggests.

The amount of crude protein intake of the animals should be up to two

pounds per head daily, 30 to 45 days before calving. Mature cows should consume this amount of protein from forage that contains 10 to 12 percent crude protein.

Younger females should be provided higher quality rations which contain 12 to 15 percent crude protein.

It is a good idea to test crude protein and energy content of forages used in wintering rations. By following these procedures, producers can greatly reduce the risk of this killing weak calf syndrome from



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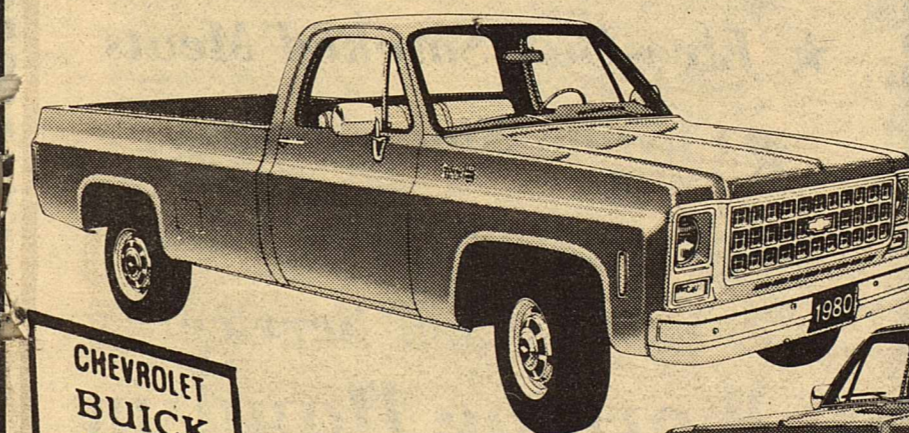


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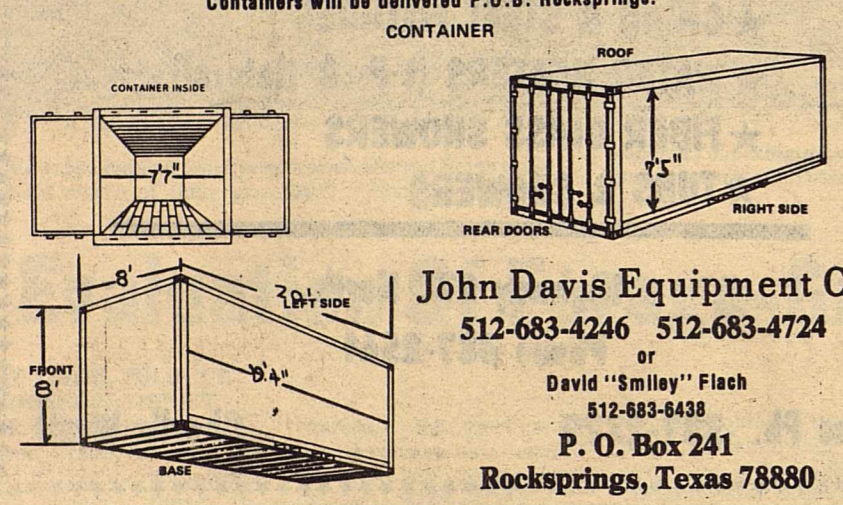
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dismissed, the attorney representing the State said she fully expects other suits to be filed as a result of the recently adopted regulations. Another concern in the early months of 1980 was the national Beeferendum. Ica believes very strongly that beef should be promoted but felt that the Beeferendum was too closely tied to government controls.

year now on screwworm medicine, labor and livestock loss, to pay his TS&GRA dues for a lifetime. TS&GRA, working with other state organizations, obtained the National Wool Act of 1954 after it was made abundantly clear that the free-trade trend then sweeping Washington was making it impossible to receive adequate tariff protection. Under this program, incentive payments are made on wool and mohair to whatever extent is necessary to bring the national average up to support levels.

The new 1965 version, signed in November by President Johnson, provides a higher support level for 1966-65 cents a pound on wool, about 76 cents on mohair. In the educational field, TS&GRA was primarily responsible for establishment of the forestry and range management school at Texas A&M, and the wool scouring plant there. Findings of the scouring plant long ago caused Texas wool buyers to alter

land held the hearing for the purpose of obtaining direct input from Texans affected by foreign ownership of Texas farm and ranch land. Many ranchmen have benefited by use of a pasture deferment and rotation system developed on the Sonora Experiment Station under a range program which the Association was responsible for setting up. For many years TS&GRA has given awards to outstanding FFA and 4-H Club youths in the fields of sheep and goats, wool and mohair, and range. Texas, this program has grown into one of national scope, a major promotion vehicle. This, in brief, is the history of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Its future is up to YOU!

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Independent Cattlemen's Assoc.

The Independent Cattlemen's Association was founded in 1974 by T.A. Cunningham of Goaliad. The Association's purpose was two-fold: provide forum for ranchers and farmers not represented adequately by any existing agriculture organizations and establish a working relationship with government officials in Texas and Washington to improve the cattlemen's future.

Despite the pleas for understanding, the YAHCC by a vote of 7-2 adopted the new state version of brucellosis regulations, which followed the federal program. At the present time, ICA is monitoring a lawsuit filed against the TAHC by a Sabinal rancher which deals with the brucellosis issue. On March 26, 1980, the State of Texas asked the Texas Supreme Court to dismiss the suit based on the fact that "new" regulations have been adopted and the suit was filed against the previous regulations. The justices should reach a decision within a month or six weeks.

ICA does not count adoption of the UM&R as a loss and is keeping an eye on possible ramifications that the lawsuit will have. Even if the lawsuit is merely a sugarcoated

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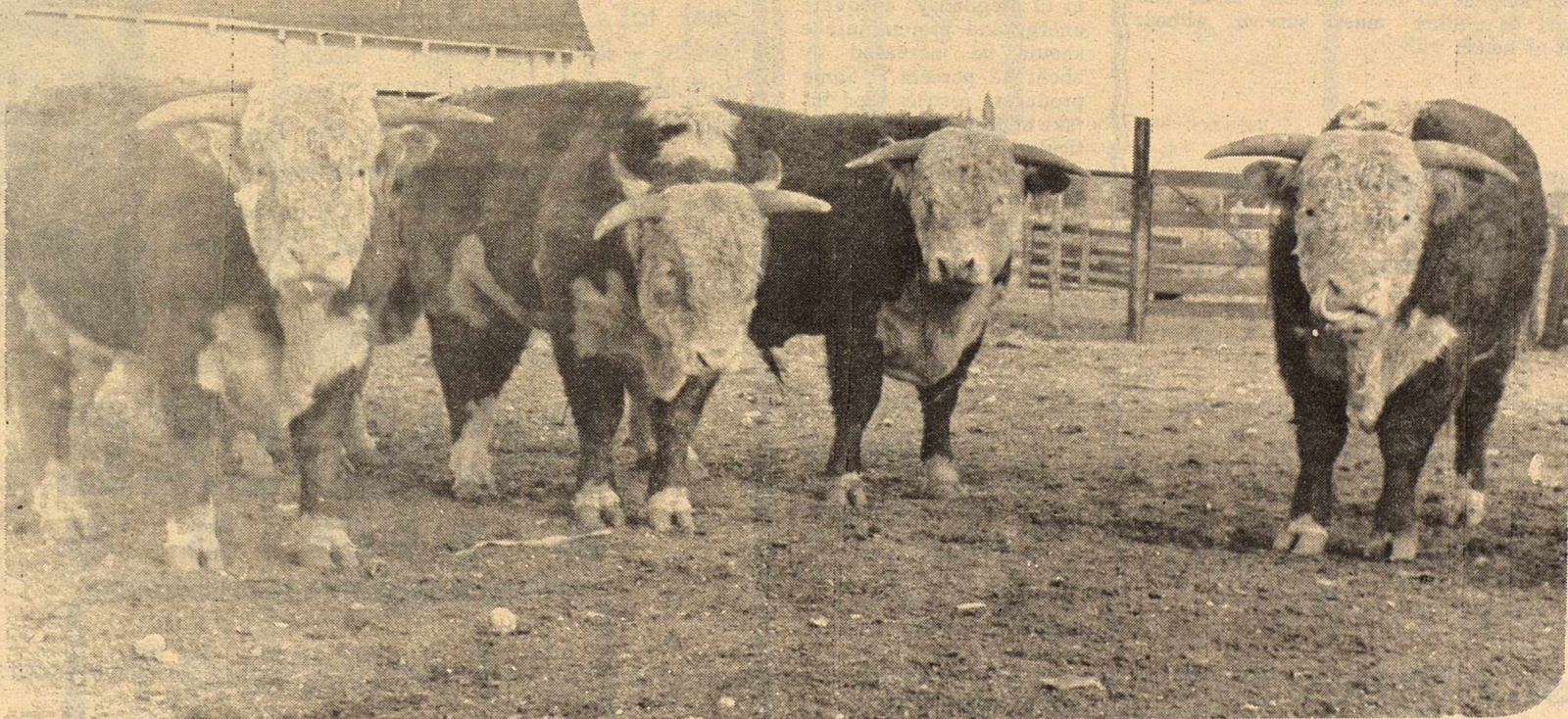
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### Weak Calf Syndrome

**WHAT IS A RANCHER?**  
By Larry H. Humphrey

Ranchers are usually found where there's cattle-feeding, dehorning, branding, trading, roping, and doctoring. Bankers hate to see them coming; Little boys admire them; The Secretary of Agriculture confuses them; City Folk visit and don't understand them; Meals wait for them; Barbed wire cuts them; Television glorifies them; but nothing discourages them.

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 dose 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.

He is the epitome of the American ideal, and knows that he either must survive without government or perish with it.

Many cow-calf producers have experienced losses of newborn calves, which result from a condition known as "weak calf syndrome."

This problem is more frequent with first calf heifers than older cows and is characterized by several symptoms, explains Dr. LeRoy Hoermann of Uvalde, area livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The calves may be small and weak and may die shortly after birth, or develop scours and respiratory infections and die a few days later.

No definite cause of weak calf syndrome is known. Efforts to relate it to brucellosis, leptospirosis, IBR and other bacterial and viral agents have been inconclusive. The problem is more prevalent in herds that calve during late winter and spring when the amount and quality of the rations are poor, and cows have lost weight and are in poor condition prior to calving, the specialist says.

Research trials have shown that inadequate energy and protein intake by a pregnant beef female the last 30 to 45 days prior to calving is associated with the weak calf syndrome. It can be either reduced or prevented with proper nutrition and management.

During this last trimester of pregnancy, adequate energy and protein intake should be increased by about 15 percent. Some producers restrict feed intake of pregnant cows—particularly heifers—during the last part of gestation in an attempt to reduce calving difficulty. However, research with both heifers and mature cows has shown no relationship of reasonable feeding levels and calving difficulty.

Overall, these studies I have shown that under-feeding during the last third of pregnancy affects six important areas. Underfeeding lowers calf birth weight without decreasing difficulty, increases calf losses at birth, increases susceptibility to calf scours, decreases weaning weight, increases the interval from calving to first estrous for the cow and reduces milk production.

Therefore, a large percentage of death loss can be attributed to increased susceptibility to infection, since more than half of the calves from the underfed cows were treated for scours.

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Things to make note in particular are status of gullies, soil deposition, pedestal plants, drifts of organic matter, exposed plant roots, and surface crusting.

The last item for determining range adjustments is closely related to the other four. Too heavy grazing of the better plants reduces their vigor, stops their ability to increase, limits their contribution to the mulch cover, and may affect their ability to protect the soil.

Don't wait to make adjustments in livestock until it begins to tell on livestock. The grass in the pasture will tell you ahead of time before livestock begin to show it. By determining the degree of use during the grazing season, a landowner can estimate the amount of forage available for the remainder of the grazing season.

For example, if he finds that more than half of available forage has been used midway through the grazing season, he can replace livestock numbers to the length of the planned grazing period to prevent overuse. Changes in kinds or classes of livestock can often result in more efficient forage use and promote an upward trend because of certain plants are more attractive to some kinds of animals than others. One should remember there is no one factor that is a positive indicator.

Landowners should know that it is to their long-time advantage to use and manage their land so that range trend is always toward the development and maintenance of the most productive and highest quality forage his land is capable of.

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Proper year-round management of beef breeding herds is essential if cattle-men are going to stay in business during these inflationary times and drought periods.

If cows are to stay in good shape and calve regularly, they will need attention and proper management, say Dr. LeRoy Hoermann, are Extension livestock specialist at Uvalde.

"Cows should be grouped so as to calve during the cool season months. South Texas records indicate that up to 37 pounds more calf can be weaned if they are born during the six cooler months. Grouping calving dates is especially important in heifers to get the reproductive cycle off to a good start," he notes.

Cattle herds that breed and calve year-round should be separated into

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ranchers checking growing plant samples in an adult grass judging contest. District supervisors gave grass seed for prizes.

usually gradual and often subtle, and it may take years for these changes to become obvious. The rancher needs to be able to recognize these changes when they begin to happen, so he can take immediate steps to prevent deterioration or to profit from improvement.

There are many indicators that can be used in determining range condition. The most easily interpreted by a landowner are: (1) plant vigor; (2) evidence of changes of different grasses; (3) accumulation of mulch; (4) condition of the soil surface; (5) present grazing use.

Plant vigor is one of the important factors in forage production and the most difficult to evaluate. The state of vigor of a plant significantly affects its ability to compete with other lush plants for sunlight and moisture. Landowners should not be fooled with a lush green growth which would indicate high plant vigor of merely having a favorable growing season. Likewise, a reduced plant growth resulting from a poor growing season can be mistaken for low plant vigor. One of the best ways to evaluate plant vigor is to compare plants grazed regularly with plants of the same species growing under the same conditions but protected from grazing. Also length of rhizomes, stolons, and root systems, rate of growth following grazing or dormant periods and other ways of determining

plant vigor. Evidence in changes in different grasses can be observed at any time of the year and is one of the most reliable indicators of trend. Landowners are interested in improving both the quality and production of their resources.

Some factors to note are: (1) If grasses are improving, there are plants of different ages among the desirable species; (2) Abundant seedlings of weeds may be an indicator of decline; (3) If inferior grass plants are reproducing much more rapidly than desirable grass plants, usually the range condition is downward. Temporary increases in inferior plants can be expected during favorable years where the desirable plants do not provide a dense cover.

The accumulation of litter on the ground is especially important in maintaining or improving the condition of rangeland. It protects the soil from raindrop splash and crusting, aids water intake and reduces evaporation from the soil surface. Litter also regulates temperature in the plant crowns and in the upper part of the soil and increases soil fertility and tilth.

On many range areas, some soil movement is normal. Accelerated or abnormal soil movement of soil surface is a definite indication of range decline.

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## Evaluation Of Forage-Grasslands

BY VIRGIL POLOCEK, CONSERVATIONIST

Most rangeland in the United States is privately owned. It is the landowner who manages these re-

sources. He must make the decisions for needed changes and carry them through. One of the day-

to-day problems that confront the landowner is to determine if the condition of the grassland is improving

or declining under his present stocking rate and management methods. Changes in grass are

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The dream that was the Frisco Railway came to an end in 1978 when the tracks through Sonora were taken up and the railroad ties sold. The old depot still stands as a reminder of days gone by.

## The Frisco Railway

**By John Eaton**

Back in the beginning, getting from here to you was a problem. In the year of its birth, 1889, the baby town of Sonora bawled out for a railroad. Building materials for the fast growing city, clothing, food, and all of the essentials to a happy and continuing growth, including a considerable amount of stimulating beverages, must be brought in on slow freight wagons over bad roads, at times impassible.

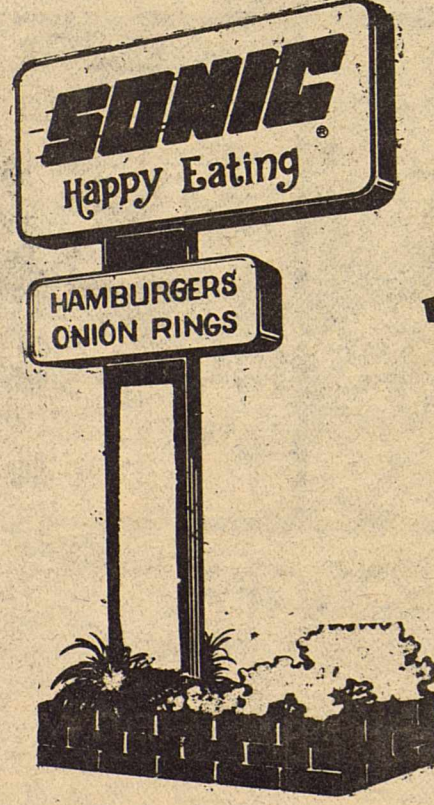
By close of the century, roads had improved a bit but a new hazard had arose, causing a traveler to note, "no sooner is a road laid out in this country than someone stretches a fence across it." The Devil's River News of March 13, 1897, reports, "20 freighters with 50 wagons are hauling 200,000 pounds of freight from San Angelo to Sonora". The editor failed to say if this 100 tons of freight was hauled daily, weekly, or what. Fifty wagons, with good weather, might have made it in a week. Although possibly exaggerated this tonnage is impressive, convincing us of the need for better transportation.

The wish for an all paved road to San Angelo came true just before the dream of a railroad was fulfilled, three decades later in 1930. Can you recall back in about the twenties when a merchant was asked "Why are prices so high in Sonora?" and he answered, "because freight costs are high"? Sonora also had exports; wool, mohair, sheep, goats, cattle, horses, etc. If the freight wagon had trouble over unreliable roads, subject to closure with a fence, at the land owners will, how much greater would this land owner object to herds of animals passing through, grazing along the way? Our country was beginning to suffer from growing pains, the misery of seeing fences kill the open and free land, the custom of free grazing. With the number of livestock increasing daily, each and every land owner must stretch barbed-wire to protect his domain.

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article in the San Angelo Standard pointed out their need for a holding pen. The idea was advanced somewhat in another article of March 1898. Our Devil's River News printed both. Local interest was high. This new idea was to provide an unfenced lane, pay lease on land crossed, and mark the route with a plowed furrow. Wire gates would allow passage for vehicles and large stock and sheep passed by simply "lifting the lower wire" of the barbed wire fence.

San Angelo had the idea but nothing developed. As late as August, 1902, our Devil criticises that town and the Sante Fe for urging us to trade with them without providing any conveniences. "Stockmen all over the west are getting sore at having to fight their way to reach this point and then having no place to hold their cattle". Then he proudly points out the great advantages Sonora enjoys through use of the Trailway to Brady.

San Angelo was no doubt held back by plans the Orient was making to extend their rails to Sonora and on to Del Rio. In 1910 they did complete laying a grade along this route to a point some 8

miles south of Sonora.

Certainly Sonora wanted a railroad far more than it wanted a good open stock trail. In that day being on the railroad was considered positive assurance a town would quickly grow into a thriving city. Apparently various companies were competing for our business and went as far as plans and promises but doing nothing. Fencing continued, stock increased and the shipping problem worsened. Then E.L. Tillman, agent for the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Co., appeared with his scheme. His company, commonly known as the "Frisco" ran from Fort Worth to Brownwood and was extended to Brady in 1901.

Tillman was not stranger in Sonora when we find his name in the Devil of May 19, 1900, mentioned as visiting and "prospecting". For several years his company had carried a nice ad in our weekly, saying his road was best route for shipments to the Indian Territory. We might guess editor Mike Murphy bought the drinks and this was the day Tillman's scheme began to hatch.

The hatching was slow but a year later the Devil of June 22, 1901, carried a warning headlined, "WAKE UP". Challenging our friends to the

north, the article ran, "Negotiations are on foot to open a 100 mile lane from Sonora to Brady, to accomodate stock shippers over the Fort Worth and Rio Grande, which road will also buy tracts of land at intermediate points for temporary holding of stock. It is up to San Angelo and the Sante Fe to get a double-deck hump on. What are they going to do about it?"

Our County Records verify the statement that "negotiations are on foot". From 1900 thru 1903 Tillman purchased or leased much land in his or some other agents name. On our north edge he bought several sections in the old Billie Cauthorn place and at least ten more on south in present Robert Halbert ranch. This was far more land than needed for right of way and scattered holding traps and we wonder if Tillman was not doing some high speculating. Did he hope his Trailway to develop into a railway? Did he dream of riches to be gained in founding a new town on the line? We will never know the full extent of his plans, or the magnitude of his dreams.

Rumors, like dreams, come and go to drift far from the point of becoming facts. In a Devil of June 1904, rises a rumor that tracks will be laid

from Menard to McKavett, only 45 miles from Sonora. A thrilling thought but the fact is that rails did not even reach Menard until 7 years later. It was a time of dreaming. Dreams of prosperity to the tune of the long, loud whistle of a steam locomotive.

E.L. Tillman's dream of the Frisco Trailway became a fact several years before 1904. Beginning south of town, the first trap was a section in present Ruth Shurley ranch. The Trail headed north to go through town on Poplar street, pass our courtyard and a few miles out swing northeast toward the holding trap now on Frank Bond's ranch. Continuing it passed into Schleicher county to the Twenty Mile waterhole, present Jack Mann place. In general it followed the old Ft. McKavett road to a 770 acre trap on east city limits of Ft. McKavett. So it was all the way to Menard and on to Brady, traps conveniently spaced and a supply of water at each.

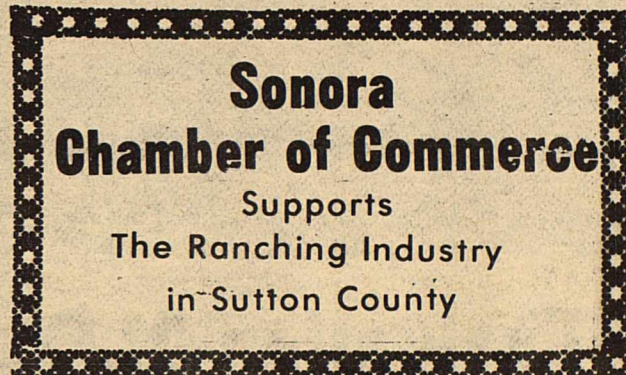
Years later Tillman described his 100 mile Trailway as being "generally fenced and 250 feet wide". He said the total investment for land, fencing, wells and windmills ran about \$60,000,

and for first ten years the project was very profitable. He recalled that at several times in the spring there were as many as 50,000 cattle enroute to Brady.

His idea was not entirely original, as we have found, and a somewhat similar setup was used between Ozona and Barnhart. Yet his Trailway is the longest known to be planned, built and paid for by a railroad company. It's singularity was publicized in Ed Syer's Off the Beaten Trail column (1967). As a historical fact it is recorded in The Handbook of Texas. As an oddity in transportation it is featured in the Texas Transportation Museum at San Antonio. As an asset to Sutton County stockmen it served for more than two decades before falling

to progress and returning to the grazing land from which it came. Years ago the last herd went up this Trail to pass our courtyard and disappear over the rise. With it the last sound of bawling cows and shouting cowhands drifted far beyond our hearing. When the great cloud of dust settled the last sign of that last herd was gone forever.

It is proper and fitting that our Historical Association and our State Survey Committee in cooperation with our County Commissioners, have placed a Historical Marker in our courtyard at side of the old Frisco Trailway. It honors those pioneer builders whose work was a great contribution to the growth and progress of Sutton County.

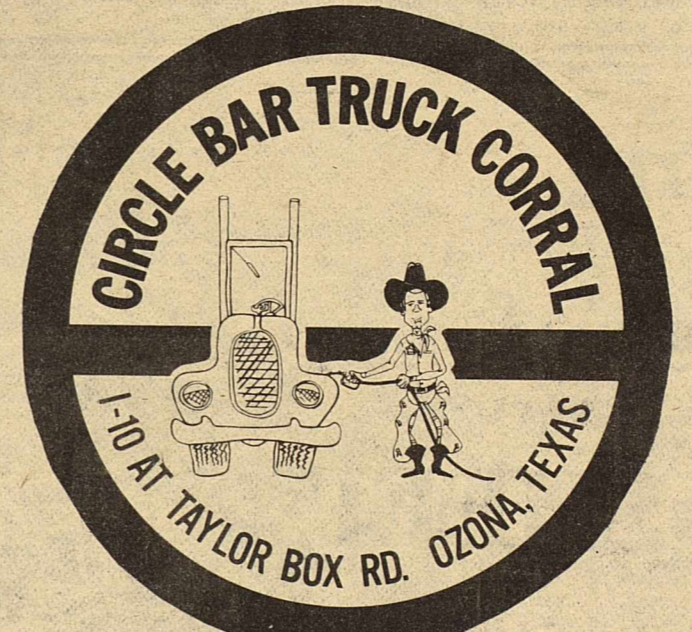


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