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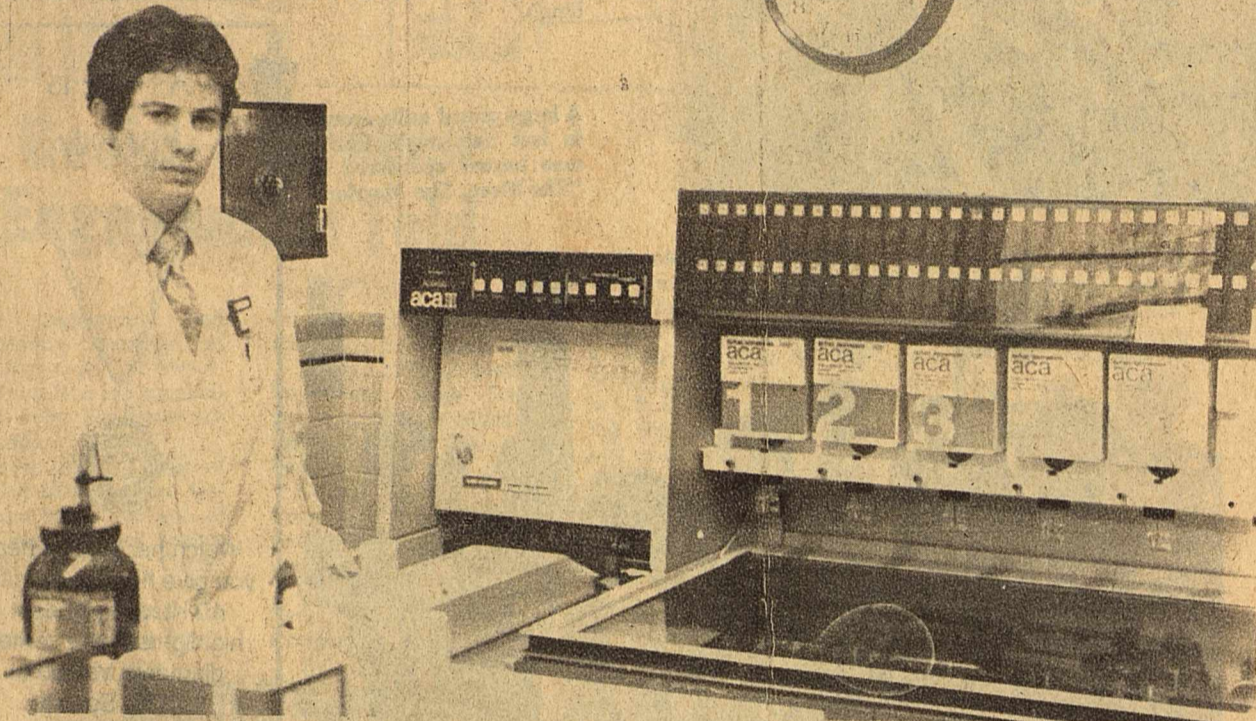
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Dan McWhorter, lab technician at Hudspeth Hospital (above) displays the new ACA II analyzer while Hospital Manager Dennis Robertson (below) shows off the new defibrillator during open house at the Hospital Sunday afternoon. The open house was hosted to show approximately \$300,000 in new purchases made by the hospital to give better health care. For more pictures, see page 9A



Owensby, Watkins Volunteer To Help Film Sutton County

President Glen Fisher, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that Dr. David Owensby and Bill Watkins will be videotaping a story on Sutton County.

"The tape will be used in a presentation to prospective industrialists and will portray segments of Sonora including agriculture, oil

industry, industrial, cultural and social organizations and other interesting sites in Sonora," informed Fisher.

Dr. Owensby began with the taping of the Sonora Community Arts & Theatre production on Tuesday evening and he also taped the Open House at the Hospital on Sunday.

Stolen Auto Recovered

A 1978 El Camino stolen from Kenneth Love last Friday night was quickly found abandoned six miles from Sonora by Game Warden Rodney Knight. Love had parked at the Long-

ranch Saloon around 6 p.m. with the keys in the ignition.

The vehicle was reported missing at 8:15 p.m. and Knight, while making his patrol, spotted the vehicle unoccupied around 8:50 p.m.

"A professional contracted to videotape a presentation of this sort would cost thousands of dollars, so we're fortunate to have Dr. Owensby and Watkins donating their time and energy toward this project," concluded Fisher.

Watkins, manager of TV Enterprises, Inc. will be writing the script and both Watkins and Owensby will edit for final presentation.

Santa Claus Schedules Local Visit

With the aid of the Sonora Jaycees and Volunteer Fire Department, Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Sonora to make sure he gets all his gifts to the right children.

Santa will arrive by firetruck at the Courthouse Saturday at 3 p.m., and candy will be given away during his short stay.

Jaycee Tree Decorating Set

The Sonora Jaycees this year will hold their annual Christmas tree decoration on the Courthouse lawn, only this year they will be planting a tree to be left permanently.

The Jaycees will plant the tree at 1 p.m. Thursday, and Sonora kindergarten students will be bringing decorations they have made to hang on the tree.



Les Robertson of Food Center calls the numbers as the first drawing was held in Sonora last week. This week's drawing is scheduled for 2

p.m. Saturday. Helping draw numbers in the background is Ronnie Bowers.

Fire Department Named Citizens Of The Month

Glen Fisher, President, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced this week that the Board of Directors had named the members of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department as November Citizens-of-the-Month.

In a letter signed by Fisher, was noted 'It is with great pleasure that I present to you the announcement that all of you, as members of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, have been named as November Citizens-of-the-Month!

The service you so willingly perform for the city of Sonora is to be commended and this is our way of showing you that you are appreciated for the long hours, day and night and oftentimes in inclement weather that you perform so diligently.'

Members of the SVFD are Fire Chief Carl Teaff, Gene West, 1st assistant fire chief, Otis Smart, Kyle Donaldson, Wayne Doucet, Gil Gavilla, David Flores, Frank Guerra,

Frank Guzman, H.V. Humphreys, George Keese, Joe Luttrell, Bob Lowrance, Nelson Malik, Harold Martinez, James McLaughlin, C.A. McMillon, Sam Odom, Jr., Everett Ogburn, Louis Olenick, Bud Smith, Dale Tankersley, Robert Taylor, Tim Thorp, 2nd assistant fire chief, and Charles Preston.

Fisher, along with the C of C board members, the C of C membership and Sonorans salute our local fire department!

Community Leaders Meet To Discuss Program, Goals For Chamber Of Commerce

The meeting held on December 3 was considered to be a firm step in the right direction, as serving to place guidelines on top priorities for the Program of Work, to be adopted by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

The following attended the meeting: Christie St. Clair, with KVRN Radio Station; Virgil Polocek, Soil Conservation; John Hanna, Juan Carlos Gonzales, County commissioner; Sutton County Sheriff Bill Webster; Eddie Smith, Joyce Reber, Desk & Derrick Club; Sutton County

Auditor Charles Graves; J.C. Surber with Halliburton; Mayor Bill Gosney; Suzy Rosford, First National Bank; Dr. Charles Browne; Anne de Berry; Dr. Joe David Ross; Chamber Board members Glen Fisher, Effie Harle, Reverend Jim Miles, Robert Brown, Ed Carrasco, Robert Brown, Sandra Cooper and Don Holdridge. Also attending were John Tedford, Red Carpet Committee members Shirley Hill and Judy Webster; C of C manager Lou Thomas and General Manager of KVRN Radio Station Pat Githens.

The group was divided into smaller groups for a concentrated work session. Results of the group's input will be combined with an earlier survey at a later date.

"We're pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with various civic leaders and officials and feel that, when the final results are tabulated, the Chamber of Commerce will be involved in those projects considered most crucial, or most popular with Sonorans," a spokesman for the directors informed.

Dover Residence Burglarized

City Manager Jim Dover's house was the latest in a string of Sonora burglaries, but the Sonora Police Department and Sutton County Sheriff's Department took only eight minutes to pick up a suspect.

Daniel Joseph Van Broek, 18, of London, Ontario Canada was charged with burglary of a residence and

bond was set at \$20,000 by judge Herman Moore.

Mrs. Dover returned home last Tuesday and reported seeing a subject later identified as Van Broek, walking west on IH-10.

She discovered the break-in at 4:40 p.m. and Chief Deputy Joe Fincher arrested him near La Tienda at 4:48

p.m.

He was in possession of several items identified by Dover including two watches, a cassette recorder and tapes, a brown knapsack, a jacket and some old coins.

Access was apparently gained to the residence by kicking a bathroom window.

City, County Split Dispatching

In a discussion with Sonora City Manager Jim Dover, Sutton County Commissioners agreed to split evenly the cost of providing the city and county with 24-hour dispatching service.

Previously, the City of Sonora had paid the salary of one dispatcher with the County footing the bill for the remainder.

Sheriff Bill Webster had suggested such a move during the Commissioners' budget hearing earlier in the year, and after some discussion between the two bodies, the agreement was reached effective Jan. 1.

County Auditor Charles Graves presented the Commissioners with a list of fire safety recommendations the County's insurance company had recommended.

Approximate cost of the improvements needed would be \$1,600, Graves estimated, and the Commissioners Court also decided to table a 15 percent budget increase request from the Airport Board.

A bid for a 1981 Oldsmobile Delta 88 from Ken Braden Motors for the Sheriff's department was accepted, and it was agreed to advertise for bids for a new front end loader.

Christmas holidays for County employees were set for Dec. 24-26 and New Year holidays were set for Jan. 1 and 2.

As a final action, the Commissioners signed a resolution honoring outgoing Commissioner Elba Adams whose term expires in January. Adams has served on the Court for approximately six years.

Band And Choirs Set Concert Dates

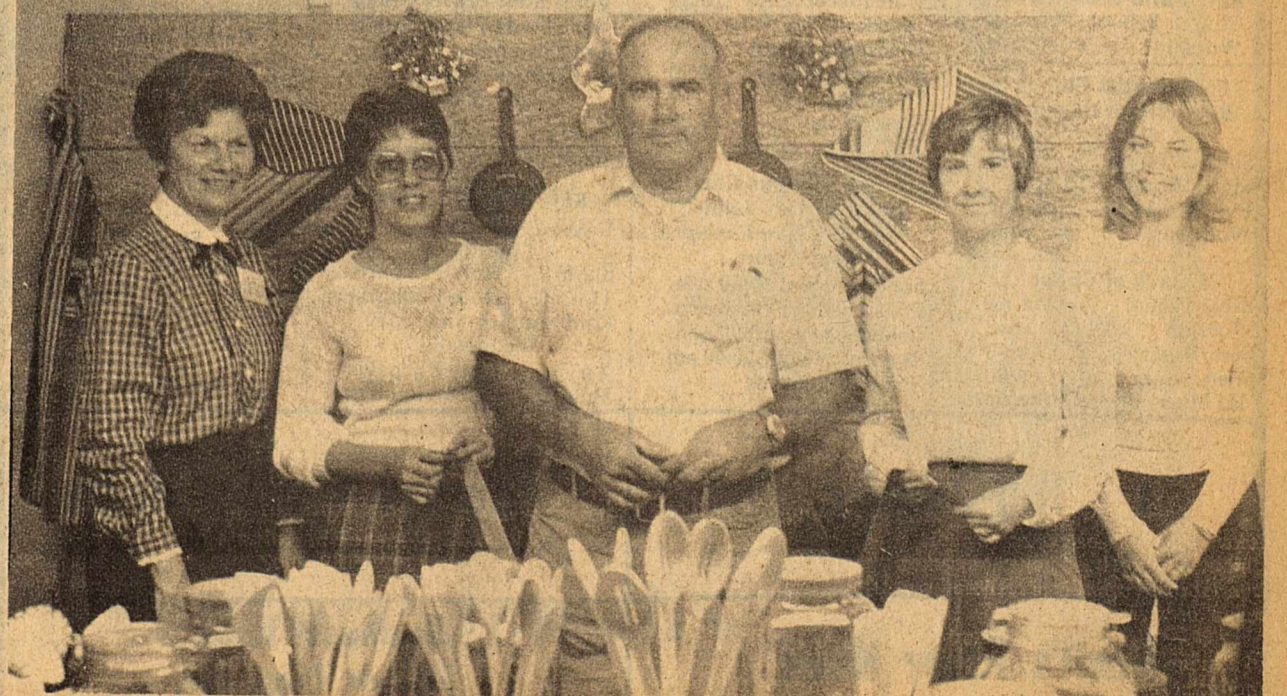
The Sonora High School Band and High School and Junior High Choirs have scheduled their Christmas concerts for this week.

The Mighty Bronco Band will hold its concert tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. The various junior high bands held their concerts Tuesday night.

The high school and junior high choirs will present their Christmas programs Thursday beginning at 7 p.m.

Both performances will be held in the high school auditorium.

Parents and interested persons in the community are invited to attend.



Owners Jane Smith (left) and Melissa Teaff flank Sonora Mayor Bill Gosney as he cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of their new shop, the Jam Jar. Also

pictured are Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Committee members Leola Wiseman and Brenda Wyatt.

DEATHS

Roy Allen Christie

Roy Allen Christie, 75, died at 3:45 p.m. in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Friday, Dec. 5. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. in Kerbow Chapel with Rev. J.C. Hancock officiating. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 20, 1905 in Gregg, Pa. to Charles and Nellie Faulkner Christie. He married Carroll Sexton in Pittsburgh, Pa. Sept. 26, 1923 and first moved to Sonora in 1936 where he was employed by the Texas/New Mexico Pipeline Station. He returned to Sonora in 1971. He was employed by the Permian Corporation until his retirement.

Christie was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Dee Ora Lodge from which he had a 50-year pin.

Survivors include his wife of Sonora, a daughter, Mrs. L.P. Bloodworth of Sonora; one son, Jack Christie of Richardson; five grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

His grandsons and Pete Bomar served as pallbearers.

Joyce Aileen Moore

Joyce Aileen "Jo" Moore, 44, was pronounced dead on arrival at Hudspeth Hospital Wednesday, Dec. 3. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Miles officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 7, 1945 to Thomas O. and Gaye Shroyer Drennan in Sonora. A housewife, she married Frank Leslie Moore Nov. 1, 1975. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband of Sonora, her mother, Mrs. Faye Drennan of Kerrville; a daughter, Paula Doran of Kerrville; a son, John Monroe of Kerrville; two sisters, Ganelle Reese of Sonora and Barbara Waldrop of Lamesa; and three grandchildren.

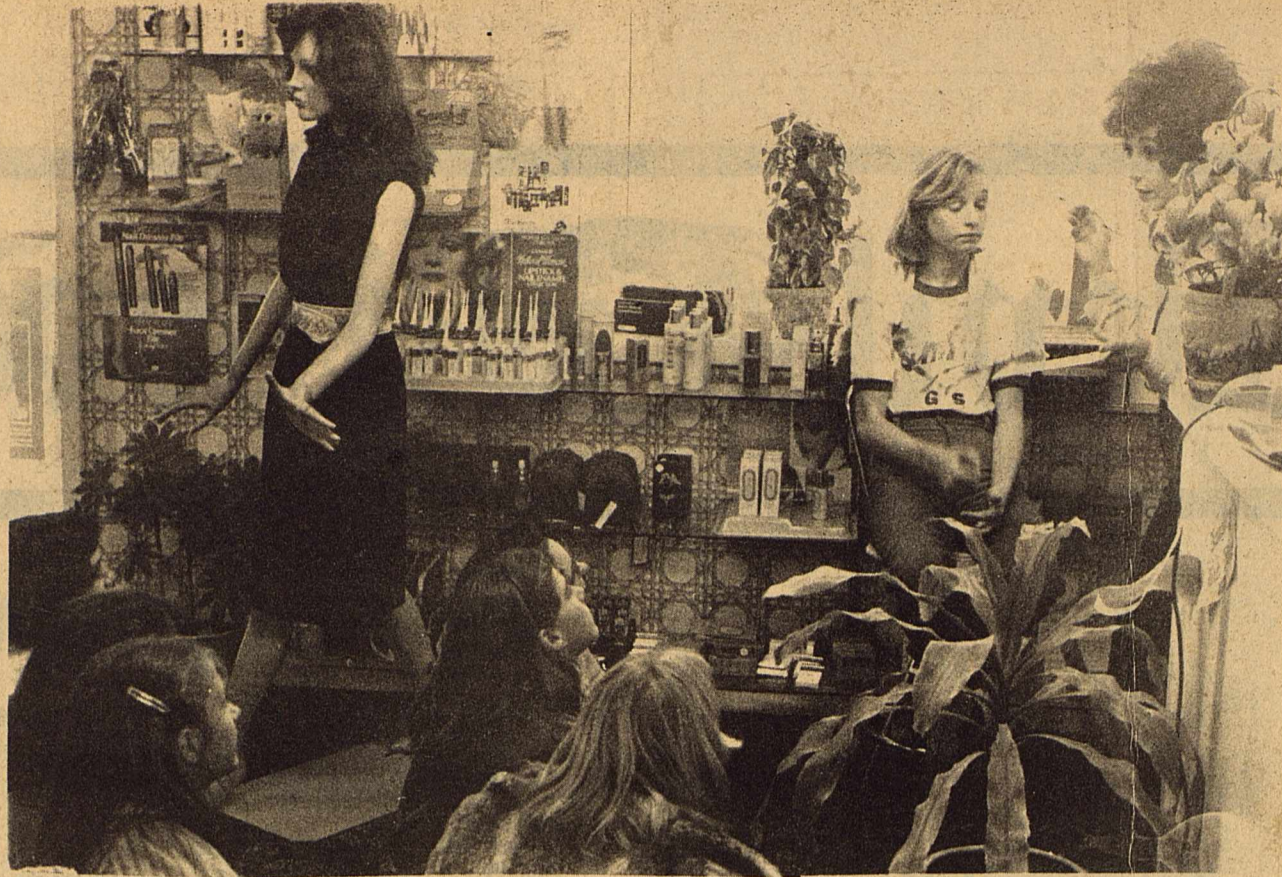
Martina Galindo

Martha Galindo, 66, died Saturday, Dec. 6 at Hudspeth Hospital. Services were held Monday, Dec. 8 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father John Waldron officiating. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born in Del Rio March 10, 1914 to Marcos and Andrea Veliz Galindo. She moved to Sonora in 1928 and married Miguel Galindo in 1933.

She was a housewife and a member of the Catholic Church. Her husband preceded her death in 1972.

She is survived by six daughters, Marie L. Martinez of Fort Worth, Anna Campian of Maple, and Dora Luna, Gloria Guerra, Cata Luna and Oralia Galindo, all of Sonora; two sons, Arturo Galindo and Mouses Galindo, both of Sonora; 32 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Betty Stewart of The Bright Spot explains points on makeup while demonstrating on Aimee Middleton for Girl Scout Troop 276 last week. The demonstration was the first of three the girls will attend and will help them in completing their challenge of social development.

Louis Frausto Castro

Louis Frausto Castro, 59, died Tuesday, Dec. 2. Funeral Services were held Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father John Waldron officiating. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born March 20, 1921 in Del Rio to Priciliano Flores and Feliz Frausto Castro. He married Elida Gonzales in Sonora July 26, 1941.

Castro was a Catholic and was employed by Carl J. Cahill Construction. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

His survivors include his wife of Sonora, two sons, Juan Alonzo Castro and Demetrio Castro of Sonora; three daughters, Odilia Paredes, Lillia Cervantes and Wilma Villanueva of Sonora two brothers, Gilberto Castro and Juan Yanes Castro, both of San Jose, Ca.; a sister, Victoria Villareal of Hereford; and 12 grandchildren.

Art Club Holds Christmas Party

The Sonora Art Club members held their Christmas party at the Golf Club which was beautifully Christmas decorated.

Each person brought a gift to put under the Christmas tree. Numbers were drawn for the gifts.

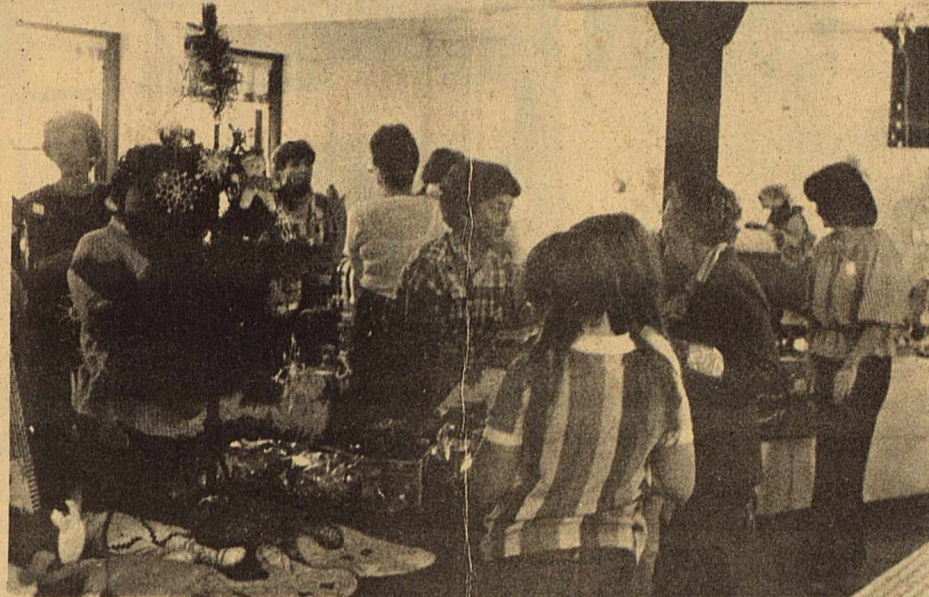
The dining tables had white linen cloths on and a yule log with candles and a big ribbon bow in the center of each table.

After the dinner, the group had the Christmas tree, and each person got a gift. Afterward they played bingo.

Officers present were Mrs. Travis Gordon, president; Mrs. Carmen Adams, vice president; and Mrs. Joe Fincher, secretary and treasurer.

Others attending were Mrs. Patsy Gibbs, Mrs. Margaret Cascadden, Mrs. Vivian Gilbert, Mrs. Edna Granger, Mrs. Etta Hill, Mrs. Maxine Holt, Mrs. Terry Kinard, Mrs. Ruth Martin, Mrs. Verna Rappelt, Mrs. Wilma Schwiening, Mrs. Abby Gesch, Mrs. Bernice Savell, Mrs. Hazel McClelland and Rev. and Mrs. David Griffin.

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Mrs. Charie Taliaferro
- December 14
Mrs. R.A. Halbert
Mrs. Lottie Puckett
- Dr. Charles F. Browne
Blaine Crawford
- December 15
Mrs. Pete Skains
Billy Green
Quincy Gormom
Linda Dansby
Wallace Nations
John de Rasberry
- December 16
Jan Vander Stucken
Clyde Henderson Jr.
Jimmy Wilson
- December 17
Mrs. Jack Hearn
Shannon rusing
- December 17
Mike Wuest
Jimmy Trainer
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Minimum Wage To Increase January 1

A new federal minimum wage of \$3.35 goes into effect on January 1, entitling an estimated 5.6 million workers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to pay increases, the Labor Department said today.

The January 1 increase, from \$3.10 to \$3.35, was provided for in 1977 amendments to the act.

"The minimum wage increase is a matter of equity for low wage workers and assures that they are not forced to bear a disproportionate share of the burden of inflation," Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall said.

Approximately 60 million workers are subject to provisions of the act, which also establishes overtime pay and child labor standards. In addition, the FLSA allows for the payment of

wages below the statutory minimum in order to prevent loss of job opportunities for certain workers.

Handicapped workers, full-time students and student-learners in specified industries may currently be employed at subminimum wages under appropriate regulations. Employers must apply for authority to pay such wages from the Labor Department.

Certificates are issued by the department permitting the employment of full-time students, in agriculture and in institutions of higher education employing their own full-time students.

Administration and enforcement of the FLSA is the responsibility of the Employment Standards Administration's Wage and Hour Division.

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Sonora Churches

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First United Methodist Church Rev. David Griffin, Pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday Public Talk 10:00 a.m. Watchtower Study 10:50 Tuesday Theocratic School 7:30 Service Meeting 8:30 Thursday Bible Study 7:30	Faith Christian Interdenominational Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study Prayer Group Tuesday nights 7:30 pm. at 1302 Glasscock. 387-5069	Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Rev. Clifton Hancock Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints "shop Ray Hendershot Joe Moran	Saint John's Episcopal Church Rev. John W. Fritts, Pastor Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sun. MP) Wednesday 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist Holy Days as announced	St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. John Waldron Sat. Vigil Mass 7:00p.m. Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7:00 p.m.

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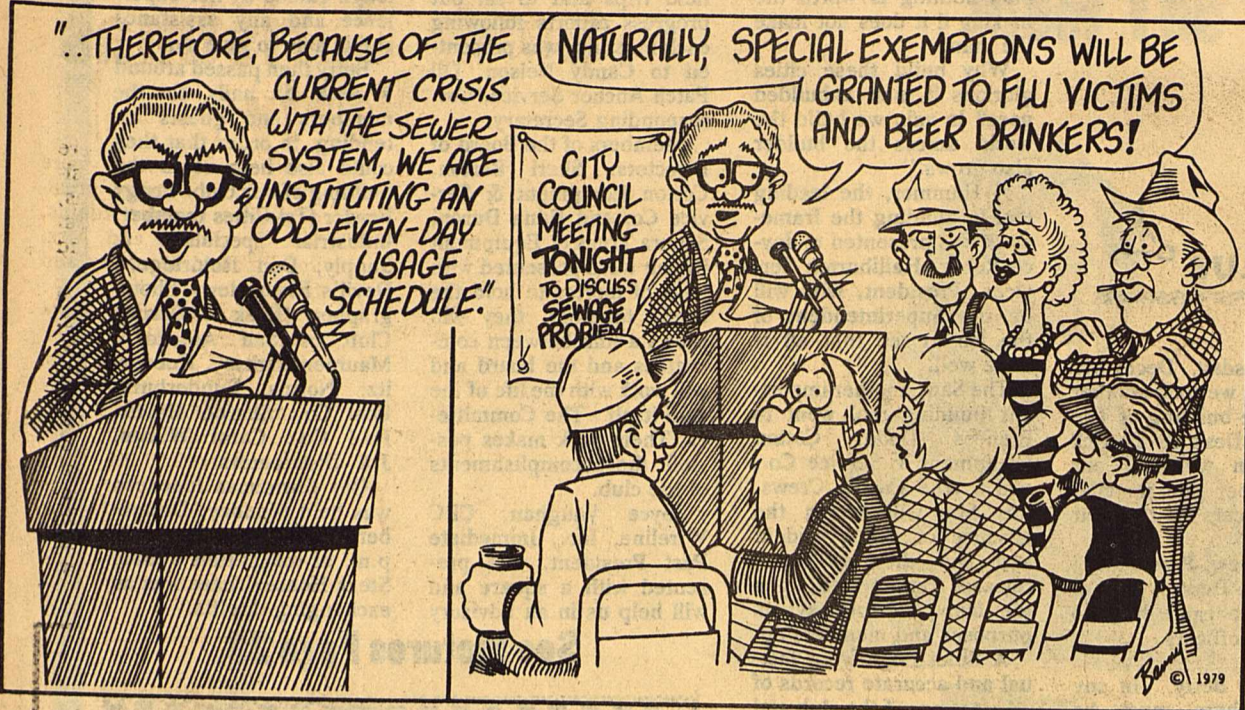
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Gesin-Campbell Engagement Told

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Ruth Ann Gesin of Sweetwater and Don L. Campbell Jr. of Roby has been announced.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gesin, and he is the son of Mrs. Ben Epps of Sonora and the late Don L. Campbell.

The wedding date has been set for Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

in the First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater.

She is a 1978 graduate of Sweetwater High School and is a physical education major at Angelo State University.

He was graduated from Roby High School in 1978 and is an animal science major at ASU.

The couple will reside in San Angelo after their wedding.

Chamber Chatter

By Lou Thomas

Thanks from the Sonora Community Arts & Theatre group have been expressed to Ruth Shurley for making a cash donation to the SCAT group! Also thanks to L.P. Bloodworth for loaning the beautiful concho belt to David Creek.

A special thanks from the SCAT group is extended to the Devil's River News for the full-page ad on "Annie Get Your Gun," at no charge to the SCAT group. Thanks to the personnel at KVRN Radio Station for their excellent coverage on the group's first production!

Quite possibly the most popular guest at the cast party was Dr. David Owensby, who had earlier videotaped the entire production and cast members were able to view the show on TV.

The November issue of "Texas Travel Log", published by The Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation read that officials preparing for Texas' 150th birthday celebration have kicked off a statewide contest to find a logo for the Texas Sesquicentennial...needed is a simple and easily identifiable symbol...the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission says the rules limit each person to one entry; designs must be on a plain sheet of paper, 8 1/2x11, with the entrant's name, address and phone number on the back...the entries must be postmarked no later than Texas Independence Day, March 2, 1981-the winner will be announced April 21, 1981, San Jacinto Day. For more information write the com-

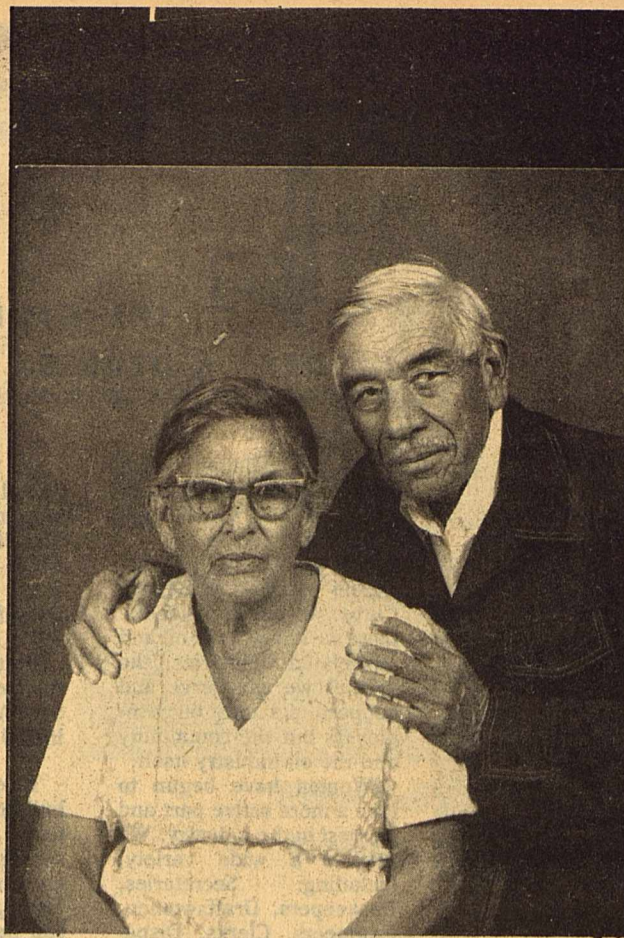
mission at P.O. Box 19860, Southeast Station, Austin 78760 or call 512/475-1986.

Red Carpet Committee members, the Chamber of Commerce and Sonorans welcome the Jim Covingtons to Sonora.

The Covingtons moved here from Rocksprings and have been in Sonora about one and one half months. The Covingtons reside at 1509 Tayloe and attend the Church of Christ.

Their two children, Kimberlee, age seven and Beth, age three are dancing students of Ronda Browne. Jim likes to fish and hunt and Becky likes to read.

Jim is employed by Intra-Gas Company and Becky works at City Hall.



Manuel and Santos Guerra

Guerras Honored With Anniversary Celebration

The children of Manuel and Santos Guerra, 801 St. Ann's St., hosted a golden anniversary celebration for their parents Saturday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m.

Mass was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, and a luncheon was held at the Sonora Fire Station followed by a reception and dance at the Sutton County 4-H Center.

Hosting the affair were their children Mrs. Jacinto Garza, Mrs. Rodolfo Ramos Sr., Mrs. Santon Duran Jr.,

Miss Noelia Guerra, Juan Guerra, Jesus Guerra, Ernest Guerra and Frank Guerra, all of Sonora, and Joe Guerra of Austin.

The couple was wed in Austin, Nov. 30, 1930 and he was a 29-year employee of the Texas Highway Department, starting to work there April 15, 1943 for 35 cents an hour. He retired May 12, 1972.

The Guerras have nine children, 40 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

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Ben Epps Ranch Joins Chamber Of Commerce

Glen Fisher, President, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced this week that Mr. and Mrs. Ben Epps have joined the C of C as a business membership.

Fisher is joined by other Board Members, the C of C membership and Sonorans in thanking the Epps for their support and welcoming them into the organization.

Tedford Jewelry Bridal Registry

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Peggy Lynch, bride-elect of Will Wallace
Sylvia Elizondo, bride-elect of Eddie Noriega

Sonora Police Reports

Monday, Dec. 1

10:13 p.m. Caller on Tayloe reported loud music coming from a trailer park.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

9:15 a.m. Caller on College reported an item had fallen off a truck and was placed on her porch.

4:30 p.m. Caller on Crockett requested a cat trap.

4:40 p.m. Caller reported a breakin at his residence.

10:20 p.m. Caller on Hwy. 277 S. reported a cat in her yard blind and afraid it will be run over.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

1:10 p.m. Caller at trailer park reported a big brown dog in her yard.

2:25 p.m. Caller on Glasscock reported a large jackrabbit in her yard with broken leg.

1:02 a.m. Hospital reported vehicle in parking lot with lights on.

Thursday, Dec. 4

8:52 a.m. Caller on Water Street reported a car parked by his dumpster sometime after midnight

and needs to be moved.

2:00 p.m. Caller on Tayloe reported a minor accident on Tayloe and Del Rio.

1:00 p.m. Caller on Glasscock reported two large dogs in her yard bothering her dog that is tied up.

Friday, Dec. 5

8:45 a.m. Caller on Crockett reported she has a cat in a trap.

8:35 a.m. Caller on Prospect reported she has one dog in their yard.

12:20 p.m. Caller on Railroad reported minor accident.

6:45 p.m. Caller reported old man leaning up against building at liquor store.

8:18 Wm. Caller at bar reported someone took man's pickup.

10:00 p.m. Caller on E. 2nd reported a van in church's parking lot.

12:16 a.m. Caller reported a fight at a bar.

2:45 a.m. Caller at restaurant reported a disturbance.

Sonora School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 15

Apple juice
Corn Flakes
Milk

Tuesday, December 16

Grape juice
Cinnamon Toast
Milk

Wednesday, December 17

Orange Juice
Glazed Donut
Milk

Thursday, December 18

Tomato juice
Cheese toast
Milk

Friday, December 19

Apple Juice
Hot Biscuits/Jelly
Sausage
Milk

Lunch

Monday, December 15

Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
cinnamon Rolls
Milk

Tuesday, December 16

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Carrot Cake
Milk

Wednesday, December 17

Meat Loaf
Macaroni & Cheese
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls

Thursday, December 18

Chicken Pot Pie
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Carrot Cake
Milk

Friday, December 19

Chili Dogs
French Fries
Sliced Pears
Ice Cream
Milk

Hope Lutheran Church To Hold Vesper Service

On Dec. 10 and 17, Hope Lutheran Church will hold a vesper service at 7:30 p.m. celebrating the Advent Season.

Pastor Dennis McKain will conduct the services.

On Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. there will be a Children's Christmas Service and congregational singing.

Refreshments will be served after this service.

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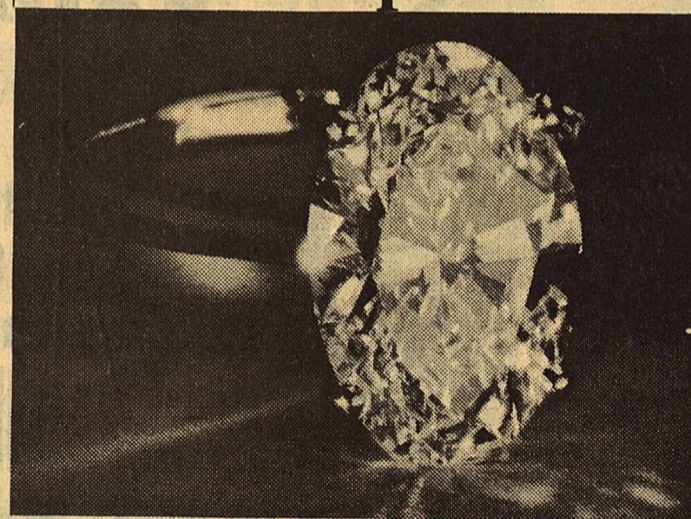


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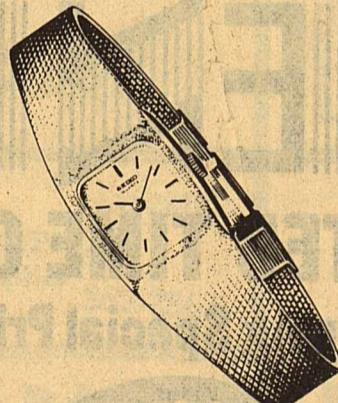
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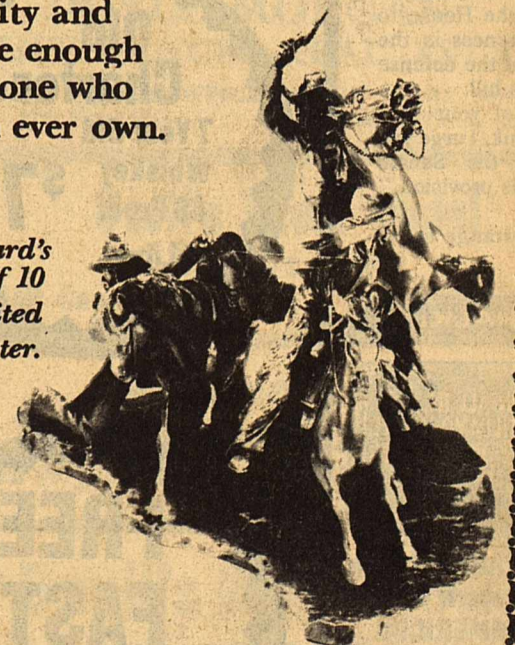


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As members of the Association of Desk & Derrick Clubs, we believe that the more we know of the oil and oil related industries, the greater we can serve and support, not only our employers but the community and the oil industry itself.

Women have begun to take a more active part and interest in the industry. We are of a wide variety, including; Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Draftswomen, Engineers, Clerks, Dispatchers and Office Managers just to name a few.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, 1980, we took another step in the building of The Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club when we held our salad supper and installation of officers for the year 1981.

Betty Drew, President of the Desk & Derrick Club of San Angelo came here to install our officers.

To quote Betty, "In any building there must be tools; there must be personnel to use the tools. We must have a vision to build. Through organization we can become a part of the building-a part of the opportunity that is ours."

"We are all blind until we see that in the human plan nothing is worth the making if it does not make the man."

Why build these cities glorious if man unbuilds goes? In vain we build the world unless the builder also grows."

A Hammer, the leading tool in building the framework was presented to Joyce Reber, Halliburton Services, President, who will be the Superintendent of the job to see that all is done well.

The Saw, another important building tool went to Frances Dodd, Cotton Equipment & Service Co., and S & S Casing Crews, Inc. She will act in the absence of the President and see that all news releases reflect well upon the club and portray its purposes and membership.

A Ruler, signifying factual and accurate records of all meetings of the club and meetings of the board was presented to Hilda Flores, Hooper Trucking Company, Recording Secretary.

write letters of appreciation to speakers and host for field trips and to fill out progress reports following each meeting, was presented to Candy Nelson, Oil Patch Anchor Service, Corresponding Secretary.

Members of the Board of Directors: Sheri Barton, Cotton Equipment & Service Co. and Edna Duren, Sonora Truck & Equipment Repair were presented with bags of mortar to hold the bricks together, they will act as a link between committees and the board and will work with the life of the club itself - The Committees. Their work makes possible the accomplishments of the club.

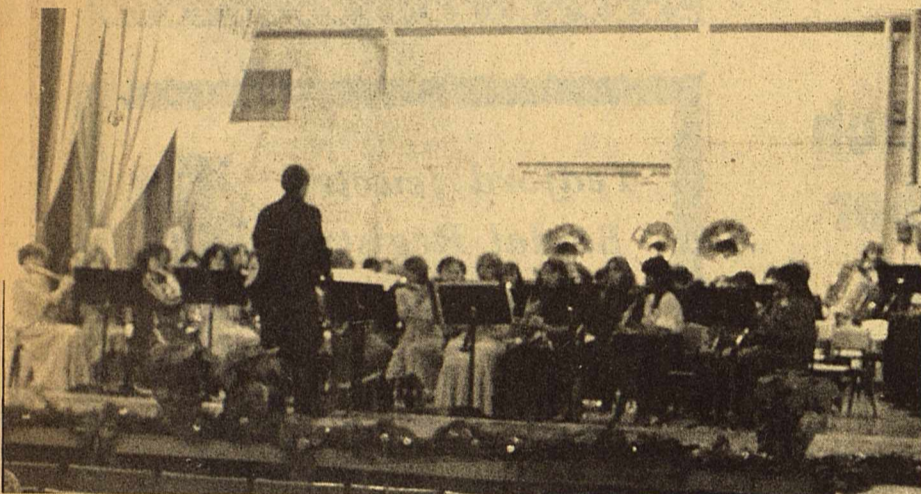
Joyce Vaughan, CRC Wireline, Inc., Immediate Past President, was presented with a square and will help us in an advisory

position. We will look for her council and the knowledge gained by her experience and any assistance she is able to give us.

Betty then passed around a sack of nails to the members and guests attending, in order that they could also help us in the building of our club: Peggy Fowler (Tri-Cities member) Industrial Specialties & Supply; Don Holdridge, Devil's River News Photographer; (Desk & Derrick Club of San Angelo) Maureen Kirksey, Koederitz; Norma Funderburk, Pool Co.; Sharon Harris, Pool Co.; Carol Wilson, J.R. Distributors.

Our Christmas luncheon was held Monday, December 8, 1980, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Steak House. There was an exchanging of gifts.

See Pictures Page 2B.



The Sonora Junior High Bands under the direction of Ed Martinez and Wayland Rapp presented their Christmas concert

Tuesday night, pictured are the sixth grade band (top), seventh grade band (center) and eighth grade band (right).

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Bentsen Urges Keeping Maybank Amendent

Senator Lloyd Bentsen on Tuesday urged the Senate to insist on keeping the Maybank Amendment. He warned that eliminating this provision would increase defense costs without improving U.S. defense capability.

The amendment, named after the late Senator Burnet Maybank (D-S.C.), prohibits the Defense Department from ignoring low-bid procedures and paying premium prices to buy goods and equipment from those parts of the country that have high unemployment.

"Department of Defense contracts should be awarded on the basis of competition so that we can buy the most muscle with our defense dollar," Bentsen said in a letter to Chairman John Stennis (D-Miss.) of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

"I seriously doubt whether the American people want to see our government pay a premium to produce defense articles."

The Maybank Amendment has been included in every U.S. Defense Appropriations Act since fiscal year 1954.

This year, however, the House of Representatives voted to eliminate the provision from the appropriations bill for fiscal 1981. The amendment is included in the Senate version of the legislation.

Bentsen wrote Stennis to urge that Senate conferees hold fast on Maybank when they meet with their counterparts from the House to iron out differences in the two versions of the defense appropriations bill.

"Knowing of your support of Maybank, I urge you to insist on the Senate position on this provision," Bentsen said.

"It seems strange to me

that, at a time when there is concern about our defense posture, Congress should be considering a proposal that can only increase the cost of defense without contributing anything to the efficiency of prepared-

ness of our military," Bentsen said.

"To repeal the Maybank Amendment, like the House has done, would engineer waste and inefficiency into the defense procurement process,"

Senator Bentsen said.

Senator Bentsen noted that, even with the Maybank Amendment in the law, areas with high unemployment have done well in bidding on defense contracts. He said about 26

percent of all U.S. labor markets have high unemployment, but during the first nine months of fiscal

1980 this 26 percent of the labor markets receive 40 percent of all defense procurement contracts.



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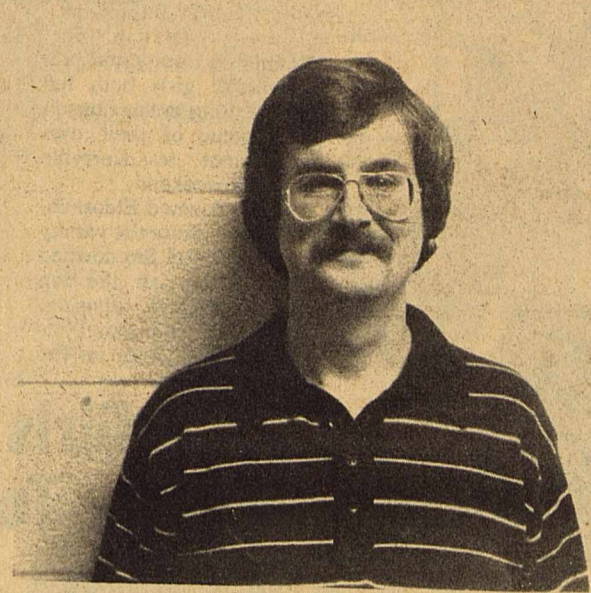
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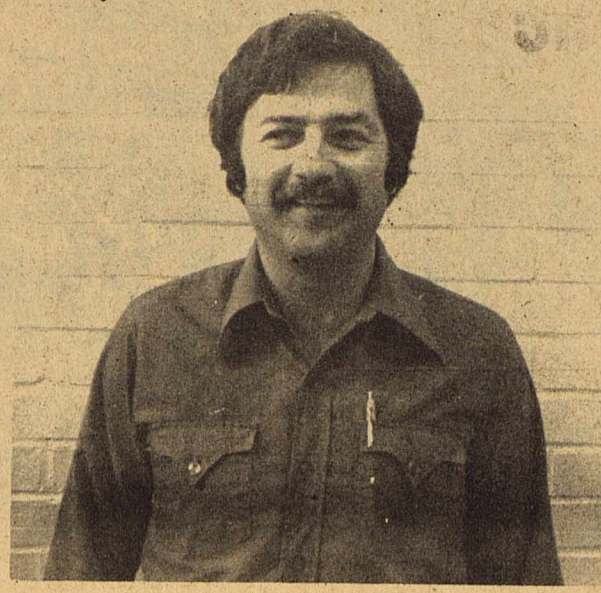
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At Ozona Tournament-Varsity Boys

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At Greenwood (Midland) 9th 9th, JV, Varsity

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At Del Rio-9th 9th, JV, Varsity Girls

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Sporting Chance

By Don Holdridge

It's a good thing I'm not a gambler--the way my picking, along with that of a lot of other people, has been going this year, I would be heavily in debt.

Pro football has been particularly hard to pick this year--even Jimmy the Greek is having his problems. The league has become more balanced than ever before, and the old saying about "any given Sunday" has taken even more meaning.

College football is just as bad. Scholarship limits have done most of the damage to the old powers and suddenly new powers are emerging. Who would have ever thought the private schools in the Southwest Conference would have had a winning edge over the state schools? I had something of a gut feeling at the first of the year that either Baylor or SMU would win the conference, but I was smart enough to keep my neck from sticking out lest it be chopped off by the hecklers.

Last week was no exception to the rule as I managed to hit on only seven of 17 games--my worst week in history. That drops my season total to 176 of 273 for a .645 average. Like I said, I'm glad I don't have any money riding on this.

Houston at Green Bay

The Oilers are still having trouble finding the endzone, but they proved last week that Bum Phillips proverbial door is starting to fall. Houston 23-6.

Dallas at Los Angeles

The Cowboys have been playing well on Monday nights as of late, and the Rams are slipping. Dallas 20-13.

New York Giants at Washington

The Redskins got hot last week, while the Giants were just lucky. Washington 16-10.

Seattle at San Diego

San Diego is too good to keep losing. I've got to believe they'll get it all back together. San Diego 35-31.

Buffalo at New England

The Monday night jinx is too strong, so the Bills clinch the title. Buffalo 28-20.

Cincinnati at Chicago

The Bears are hot property all of a sudden and the Bengals have nothing to play for but pride. Chicago 17-13.

Cleveland at Minnesota

Both teams are leading their division--surprise--but take a look at the divisions. Cleveland 24-14.

Kansas City at Pittsburgh

Technically, the Steelers are out of it, but there's still an outside chance. Pittsburgh 27-13.

Miami at Baltimore

The Dolphins are rebuilding, but the Colts are hoping for an outside chance of a playoff. Baltimore 21-17.

New Orleans at New York Jets

After coming so close the last two weeks, the "Ain'ts" are bound to win. New Orleans 30-24.

Oakland at Denver

The Raiders need this one to stay on top in the AFC West. The Broncos can't produce enough kick on offense to get by the Raider defense. Oakland 19-9.

St. Louis at Philadelphia

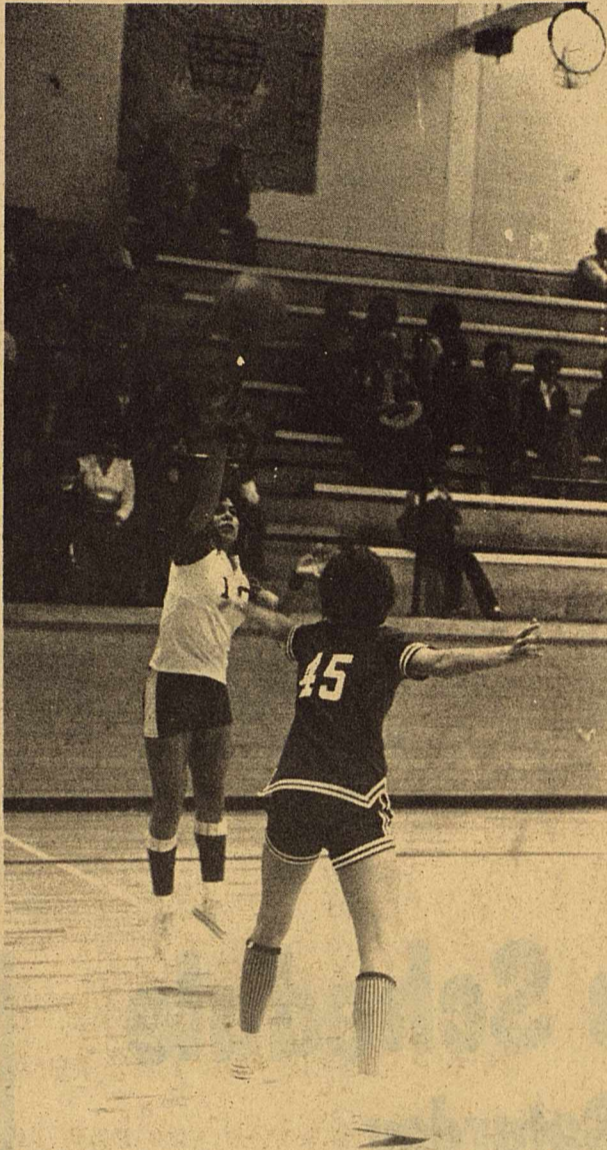
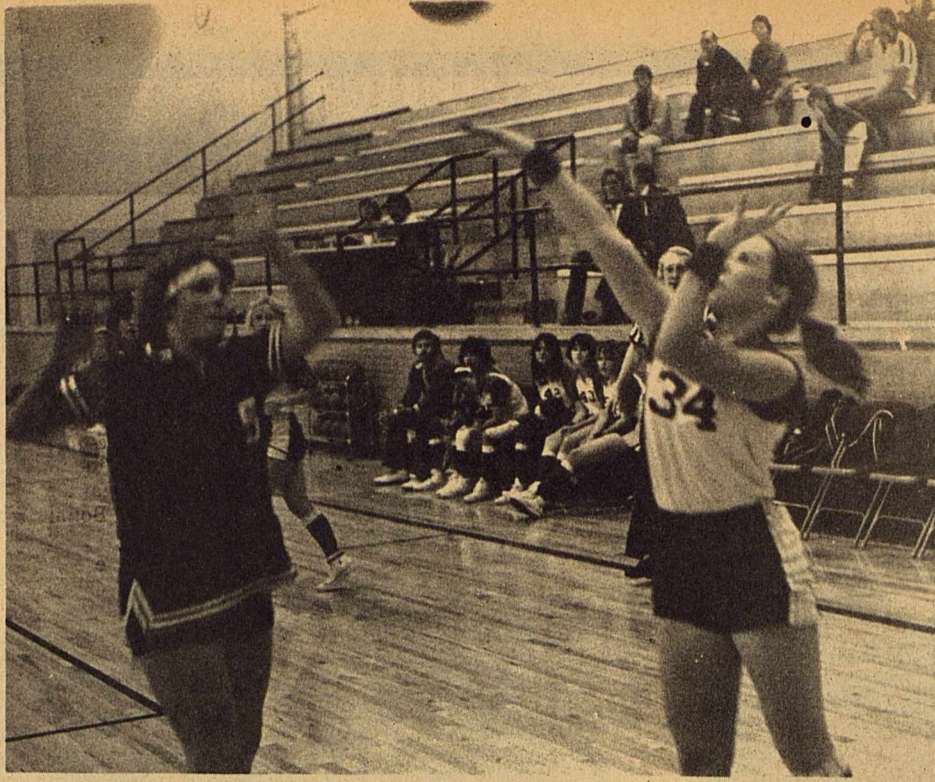
The Eagles still remember that first loss of the year, and they want revenge. Philadelphia 31-17.

Tampa Bay at Detroit

The Lions look like the NFC Central Winners--if they can win here. Detroit 16-7.

Elon at East Texas State

This will probably be the final year for the Lone Star Conference to be involved in the NIAA playoffs, and with Angelo State out of the picture, the Lions have to carry the conference banner alone. East Texas 34-21.



Rosa Noriega (left) and Debbie Kemp (above) put in shots for Sonora in the Broncos opening game of their tournament last weekend. The girls lost their opener against eventual champion Ozona, then fell to Kerrville in the consolation contest.

Varsity & JV Girls Fall Short Of Consolation In Home Tournament

Sonora's varsity and junior varsity girls both fell short, falling in the consolation game of their own tournament to Kerrville Tivy last weekend. Ozona downed Eldorado, 33-29, to capture the varsity title, while Del Rio downed Eldorado to nab the top spot in the JV division. Wall blasted Menard, 49-9, to take third place on the varsity level.

Jessica Robledo of Sonora was named to the all-tournament team, and Lori Patton of Eldorado was named most valuable player. A second half rally against eventual champion Ozona fell short for the varsity girls, 40-33. After mustering only six points in the first half, Jessica Robledo and Annabelle Gonzales, both seeing

their first action in two weeks after injuries, came off the bench early in the second half to spark the ill-fated rally.

The Broncos girls outscored their opponents in the second half, 27-23, but could never pull closer than two points.

Gonzales led the scoring with seven points, followed by Robledo, Paula Fries and Rosa Noriega with six each, Debbie Kemp with four and Tonya Evans and Daphney Smith with two each.

The girls drew a bye into the consolation game where they fell to Class AAAA Kerrville, 51-38.

A second splurge by the Antlers proved to be the difference in the game as they jumped to a 29-15 edge. Several times the Sonora girls cut the lead to six points in the second half, only to see the gap widen again.

Robledo topped the Sonora scoring effort with 16 points.

Other scorers were Gonzales with seven, Fries and Evans with six, Kemp with two and Noriega with one.

JV Girls Lose Opener To Del Rio

The JV opened against eventual champion Del Rio, and a 22-point output by the Queens in the third period spelled the difference in a 50-31 win.

Sonya Ridgeway paced the scoring with nine points followed by Delma Noriega with seven, Kristi Hill with six, Anna Mata with five and Lora Lea Kordzik with four.

A 31-35 win over Ozona propelled the girls into the consolation final as they took control early from the Lions and held on for the six-point win.

Noriega was the top point producer with 14 points, followed by Mata with seven, Kordzik with four, Debra Maldonado, Hill and Ridgeway with two each.

The JV fell behind by a large margin early, trailing 23-9 at halftime, in their effort against Kerrville.

But a rally in the third and fourth stanzas nearly pulled out the win. Trailing 35-21, the girls put in 10 unanswered points to narrow the score, but could get no closer.

The Antlers salvaged the win by a 44-38 count.

The Sonora freshman girls also filled a slot in the JV bracket, but could never produce enough offense to stay with the more experienced junior varsity players.

Brady downed the ninth graders, 51-10, in their opener. The contest was never in doubt after they

posted a 25-3 edge at intermission.

Casey Crites headed the Sonora scoring with three points, followed by Patricia Bible and Tammy Bible with two each and Kathryn Parker with one.

The second contest was much the same with Kerrville racing to a 23-2 half-time edge enroute to a 29-6 win.

The two Bible girls each had two points in the game, and Parker and Lisa Herrington both added a single free throw.

Varsity Boys Fall In Crane Tournament

Sonora's varsity boys found themselves on the short end of the stick twice as they dropped both of their first two games in the Crane Tournament last weekend.

The Broncos took on old district nemesis Kermit in the opener, and held the always powerful team in check until the Yellowjackets reeled off 10 unanswered points right before the half to take a 35-24 lead into the lockers at intermission.

Kermit padded its lead by another five points in the third quarter before each team scored 17 points in the final period to take a 65-49 win.

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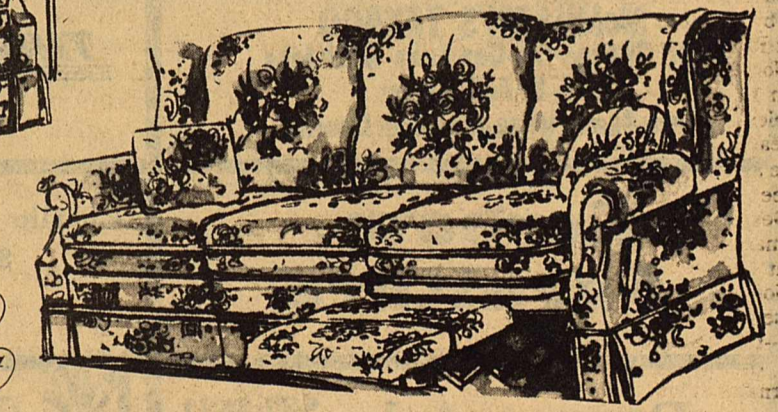
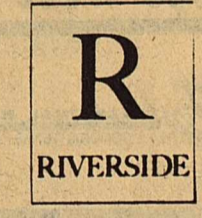
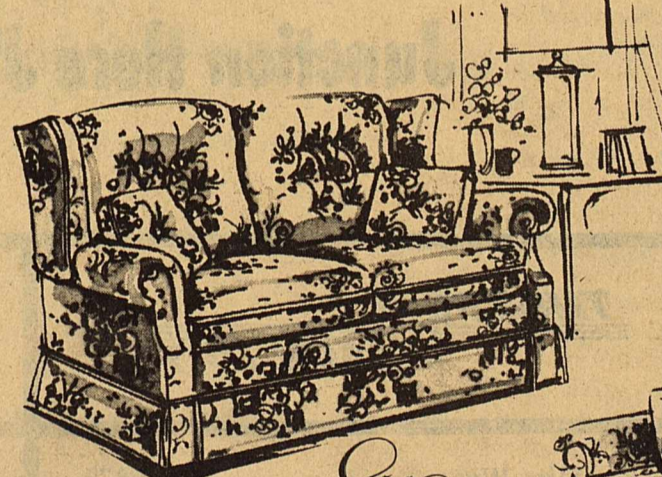
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JV Boys Bring Home Only Win From Menard

The junior varsity boys salvaged the only victory of the night as Sonora traveled to Menard for three games last Tuesday night.

The JV posted a 42-30 win while the varsity boys were downed, 41-31, and the varsity girls fell, 42-34.

The JV took control from the outset, but Menard rallied to knot the score at 20-all at the half.

However, the Sonora five outgunned their hosts, 13-4 in the third quarter and cruised on to the win.

Ronnie Anderson poured in 22 points to pace the Broncos attack.

Other scorers were Joey Samaniego with six, Mike Phillips with five, Joe David Favila with four, Zeke Moreno and DeVoe Smith with two each and Mike Poloczek with one.

Scoring, or a lack of it, again crippled the girls' attack. They fell behind, 12-9, in the opening period and could never close the gap until a short burst in the final stanza where they outscored the Yellowjackets 11-8.

Paula Friess with 13 points and Rosa Noriega with 11 headed the Sonora offense.

Other scorers were Tonya Evans with four and Debbie Kemp, Daphney Smith and Tonya Ridgeway all with two.

A 13-4 first quarter deficit proved too much for the boys to overcome with leading scorer David Creek missing the contest.

Menard held the same nine-point margin throughout the second and third quarters, then outscored their visitors, 8-7, in the final period to clinch the win.

Armando Martinez headed the Sonora scoring with eight points, followed by Johnny Doan and Allen Stewart with six each, Marney Sorenson with four, John Blankenship with three and Scott Savell and Wesley Barton, both with two.

Varsity Girls
Join Win
Column

After sandwiching in five losses since their opener, the Sonora Bronco girls found their winning stride again Monday as they downed Del Rio, 46-34.

Del Rio jumped to a 16-11 first quarter lead, but the Sonora speed on the press and fast break began to take its toll in the second stanza.

Tonya Evans sank the front end of a one-and-one free throw to tie the score at 19-19, and seconds later Jessica Robledo fed a pass to Annabelle Gonzales who put in a layup off the fast break for a 21-19 lead.

The score stood at 23-21 as the teams went to the lockers, and Sonora never trailed again, outscoring their opponents, 23-12, over the last half.

The Sonora press and defense kept the Queens off balance all night, as the Broncos registered 31 steals. Gonzales led that department with 11, followed by Robledo with eight and Rosa Noriega with six.

Noriega led the scoring with 14 points, followed by Robledo and Gonzales with 10 each, Paula Friess with nine and Tonya Evans with three.

Despite a 31-point performance by transfer student Debbie Corrigan, the junior varsity girls kept close in a 48-39 loss to Del Rio—the champions of the JV division of Sonora's tournament last weekend.

The Queens jumped to a 13-8 first quarter lead, but the Broncos girls cut it back to 21-18 by the half.

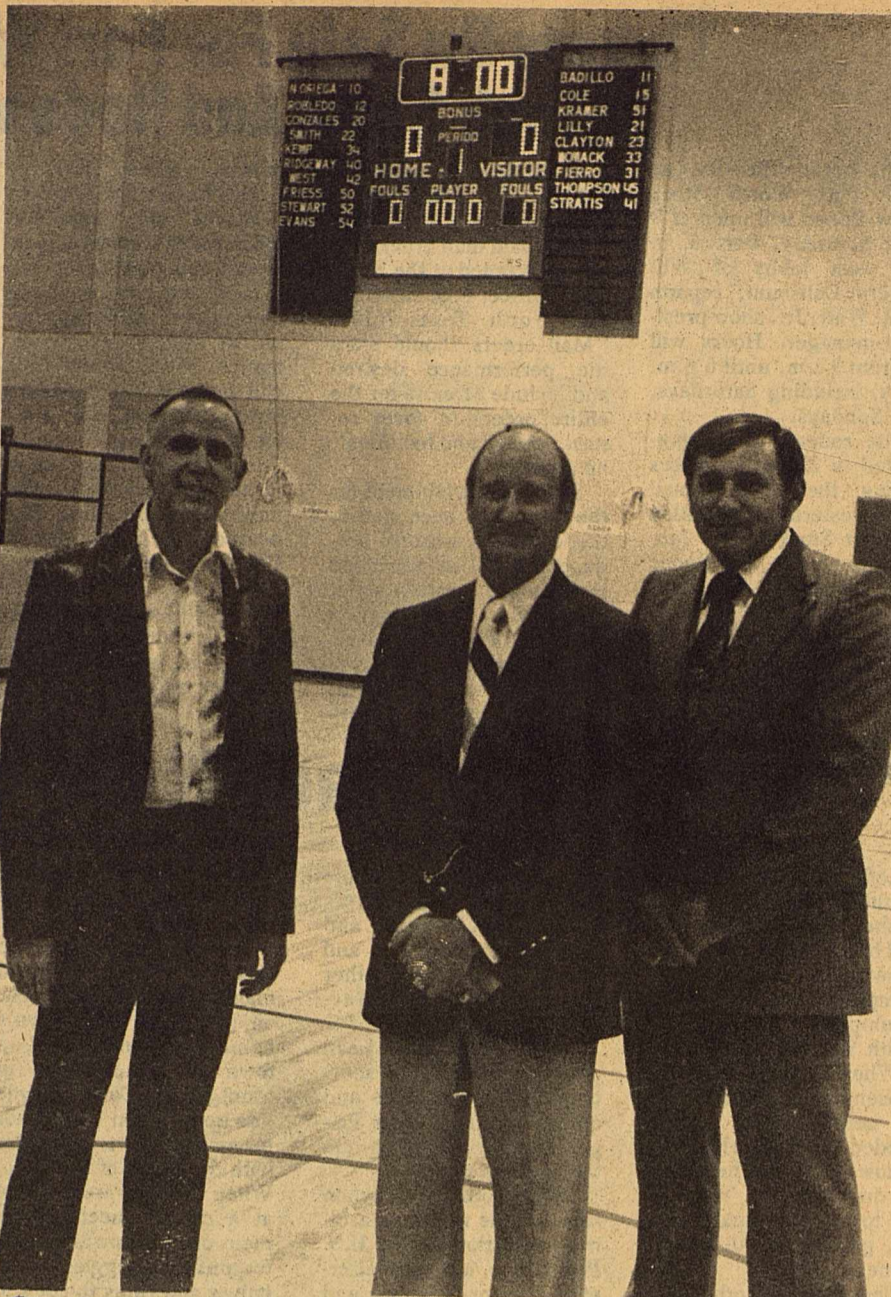
A 12-5 scoring spree in the third period insured the Del Rio Victory.

Delma Noriega with 16 points and Lora Lea Kordzik with 12 paced the Sonora scoring, followed by Anna Mata with seven and Sonya Ridgeway with four.

A shutout in the third stanza cost the freshmen girls a chance for victory in their 26-14 game.

They led, 4-2, after first quarter, and trailed only 8-6 at the half. But 10 unanswered points spelled doom as the second half opened.

Casey Crites with six points and Judy Merrill and Debbie Pohl with four each accounted for all the Sonora scoring.



Junior High Colts Lose In Ozona Tournament

Sonora seventh grade boys advanced to the finals of the Ozona Tournament last weekend before falling, while offensive production cost the seventh grade girls both of their first two games.

The seventh grade girls took a 2-0 lead after the first quarter in their 10-2 loss to Reagan County in the tourney opener.

Big Lake girls tied the score at 2-2 by half, then outscored the Colts, 8-0, over the final half.

Deveda Bible had Sonora's only two points.

Their second game was much of the same story as

Sanderson kept them scoreless throughout the first three periods while nailing 17 points.

Sonora scored nine points in the final stanza for the final 17-9 margin.

Sheri Kirby led the Scoring with four points, followed by Odella Garza and Bible with two and Bonnie Jackson with one.

The seventh grade boys fell to Big Lake 41-29 for their second loss to the squad in one week. The Owls rolled to a 25-13 first half lead, and the Colts could do no better than swap baskets in the second half.

Rodney Speers with 13 points and John David Martinez with 10 led the scoring followed by Esau Ramirez with four and Glen Love with two.

The Colts rolled a 29-19 win over Sanderson in their second round game. They held a slim 13-9 edge at the half, but a third quarter burst moved the margin to 26-15.

Speers again paced the scoring with 10 points, followed by Matt Miller with eight, Martinez with seven and Ramirez with four.

The Colts put on a third quarter rally against Iraan in the consolation game to pull within two points, 20-18, before falling 30-20.

Ramirez was the top scorer with 12 points, followed by Martinez with four and Speers and Love with two.

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The Broncos then fell to a furious fourth quarter rally by Alpine in the second contest, falling 35-34.

After falling behind in the opening period, the Sonora cagers rebounded to take a 20-14 lead at the half and held the six-point margin on through the third stanza.

But the Bucks found the hot hand in the final quarter, outscoring the Broncos, 13-6, to clinch the one point triumph.

David Creek was the top scorer for the Broncos in both games with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

Two game totals for other players were Johnny Doan with 23, John Blankenship and Scott Savell with 10 each, Allen Stewart with six and Armando Martinez with four.

CAPITOL UPDATE

John Tower
U.S. SENATOR for TEXAS



One of the first challenges of the new Administration and the new Congress will be to try to bring the economy under control.

The most obvious problems are renewed accelerations of the inflation rate and interest rates. It is essential that action to address these problems be swift and decisive. Further, I believe that controlling inflation is the key to curing most of our economic ills.

To a very large degree, for instance, our unemployment problems stem from inflation in past years. The recession which caused the high unemployment levels to have experienced this year resulted from misguided attempts to control inflation.

The idea behind this method for controlling inflation is that if people are thrown out of work, their loss of income reduces the demand for goods and services, and thus lessens upward pressure on prices. This approach is very expensive, both in terms of its effect on the economy, and in terms of human suffering.

An approach which shows promise of working, and benefitting all, is one called "supply-side economics." The basic idea is to encourage business to invest in new plants and equipment — creating jobs and more goods and services — and to encourage people to save. Savings provide a pool of funds for businesses to borrow when they decide to invest. The bigger the pool, the more likely interest rates are to go down.

When inflation rates are high, people are reluctant to save because their saved money is worth less and less. In fact, it is rational for people to borrow rather than save, because loans will be repaid in dollars which are worth less than those borrowed.

But when people fail to save because of this inflation psychology, there is less money available for business and government to borrow. This means greater competition for available money, and rising interest rates. Government deficits create still more pressure on interest rates because heavy government borrowing takes more and more from the available amount.

Continuing the vicious cycle, when interest rates are high, business is discouraged from borrowing money to invest in expansion. Ill-conceived environmental and safety regulations raise the cost of expansion still more. So business doesn't invest, and factories get older and more inefficient, sending the cost of goods produced higher.

The key to breaking this spiral is to make savings by individuals — and investing by business — the rational thing to do. This end can be accomplished by making changes in the tax and regulatory environment. These changes must, however, be accompanied by genuine reductions in the level of federal deficits and levels of government spending.

The first effect of these reductions would be to ease inflationary pressures. But equally important is the clear signal these changes would be to the American people that the government is determined to live within its means and combat inflation. This should act to reduce expectations of future inflation, and thereby encourage savings.

Sonora Superintendent Dr. Joe Andrews and High School Principal James Bible along with John Lynch, a representative of Nathan's Jewelers in San Angelo, pose in front of the new scoreboard donated by the firm. Sonora was one of several school in West Texas receiving the gifts in honor of Nathan's 50th anniversary.

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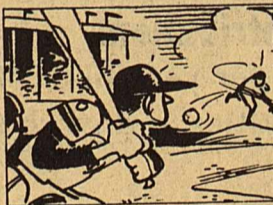
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Tickets On Sale For Fort Worth Stock Show And Rodeo

The ticket office for the 1981 Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the west lobby of Will Rogers Coliseum, reports W.R. Watt, Jr., show president-manager. Hours will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily, including Saturdays, and Sundays.

The rodeo will be presented in 22 performances during the 85th annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 28 through Feb. 8. "Rodeo fans are urged to get their tickets early," Watt said. Tickets are priced at \$6 for all night and weekend performances, and \$5 for 2

p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 2-6. Rodeo tickets include grounds admission.

Watt said mail orders are being accepted at the Stock Show Office, P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101. "Mail orders should state the performance desired and include \$1 extra for the entire order to cover return postage and handling" he added.

Special entertainment for the rodeo has been tied to this country's western heritage and will be presented in authentic western style, Watt said. The program theme is "Flat-Out Rodeo" and will include a singing rodeo cowboy, a world-renowned trainer of An-

dalusian horses, and the world champion trick roper.

Wayne Vold, a past Canadian rodeo champion, successful rodeo producer, television and country music entertainer, will be appearing at each rodeo performance. Miss Dianne Olds will present her outstanding Andalusians in a "Ballet on Four Legs." Native Texan Gene McLaughlin, a former rodeo champion and movie cowboy, first appeared at the Stock Show in 1944 as a child trick roper.

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Livestock show exhibitors are reminded that Dec. 10 is the deadline for entering cattle, sheep, swine, horses, donkeys and mules. Poultry, rabbit and pigeon exhibitors have until Dec. 15 to enter. The show office has entry information.

"1001" Texas Place Names On Sale

Long ago in Wichita County, Texas, a man established a blacksmith shop, and his helper put up a sign showing a picture of a pumpkin with the name "Pumpkin Center Blacksmith Shop."

When asked why he chosen that particular name the helper replied that he needed a name, he had only yellow paint and he couldn't draw a horse. Thus did the town of Pumpkin Center, population 70, get its name.

That story and others are related in "1001" Texas Place Names," published recently by the University of Texas Press. Written by Fred Tarpley, professor and head of the department of languages and literatures at East Texas State University, the book is illustrated by Sally Blake-more.

Although Texas has approximately 75,000 place names, only the most unusual and interesting have been included in Mr. Tarpley's book. Each entry gives the official spelling of the name, phonetic pronunciation where necessary, dates of post office operation, and a short narrative about the origin of the name and the history of the place.

Texas place names fall into several categories, the author says. Those include names derived from people such as Tyler and Daingerfield; geographic features, such as Grand Prairie and

Antelope Creek; multiple categories, such as Potters Point (a local name and geographic feature), and names taken from other places, such as New Waverly and Abilene.

Names also have been derived from cultural sources such as the Bible and other literature, with Pisgah and Tarzan falling into those categories.

Other modes of selection may include whim, an arbitrary selection by the U.S. Post Office, language alteration, company names and brand names.

"Serious research into place names requires the skill, persistence and inductive powers of the shrewdest detective," the author says.

"Playing a guessing game and deciding that Cologne must have been named for the town in Germany" led to the embarrassing revelation that the name Cologne was given ironically to a town that was a "sweet-smelling" cattle-shipping station, Mr. Tarpley explains.

Each of Texas' 254 counties is represented by at least two entries in "1001 Texas Place Names." The author used many different printed sources in his research, as well as interviews with local residents, postal officials and others familiar with place names.

In desperation, researchers sometimes visited the

scene of the name-giving, looking for clues to the name's origin.

However, in at least one case, researchers found many people in agreement on the origin of a town's name. Cut and Shoot, a town of 791 people in Montgomery County, came into being when a preacher became much too popular with the ladies of the town. When charges were made at a church meeting, the men of the town ran to wagons and buggies to get knives and rifles to cut and shoot.

Other Texas place names listed in the book include Notrees, Scotland, Moscow, Buck Naked, Bald Prairie, Snap, Snook, Nameless, Mutt and Jeff, Heckville and Hashknife.

"1001 Texas Place Names" is available in paperback from the University of Texas Press, Box 7819, Austin, Texas 78712 for \$5.95 plus five per cent tax.

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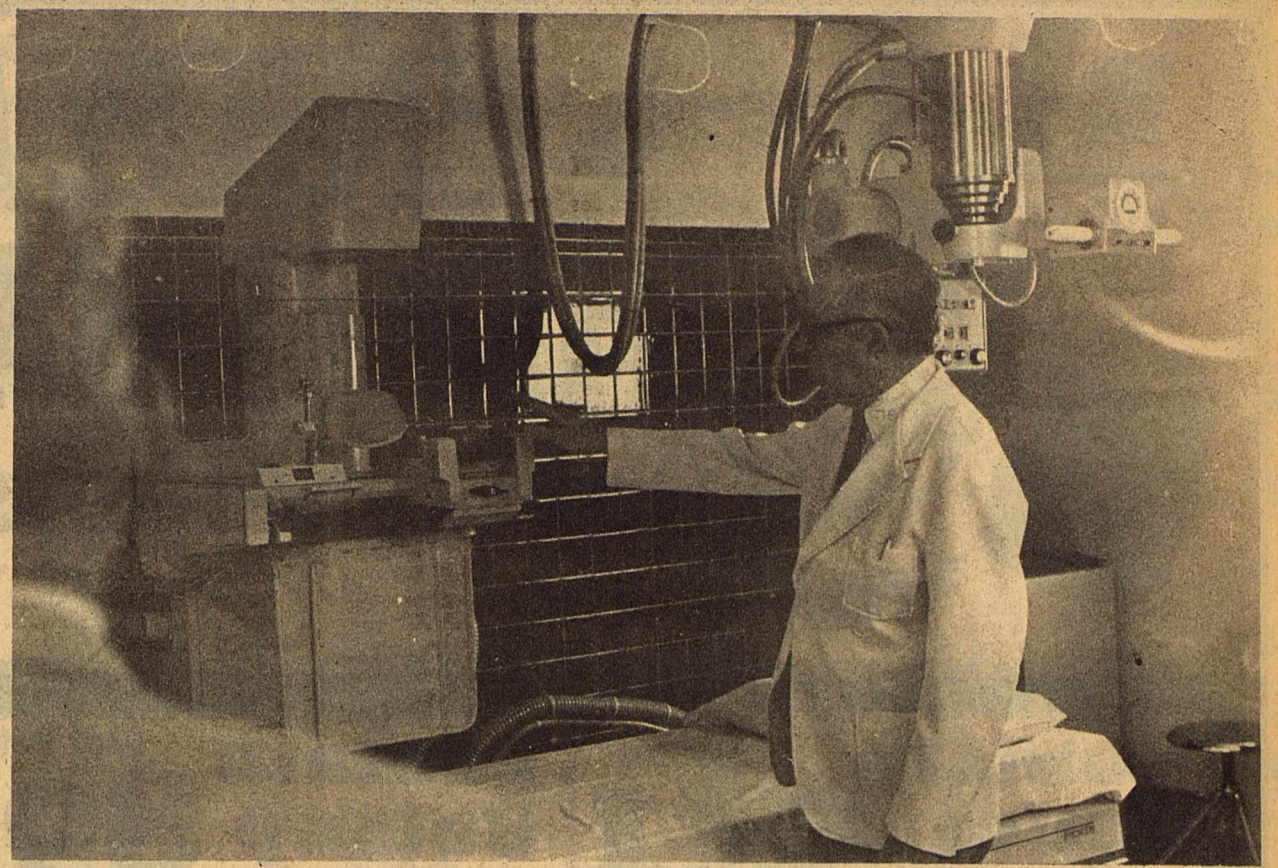
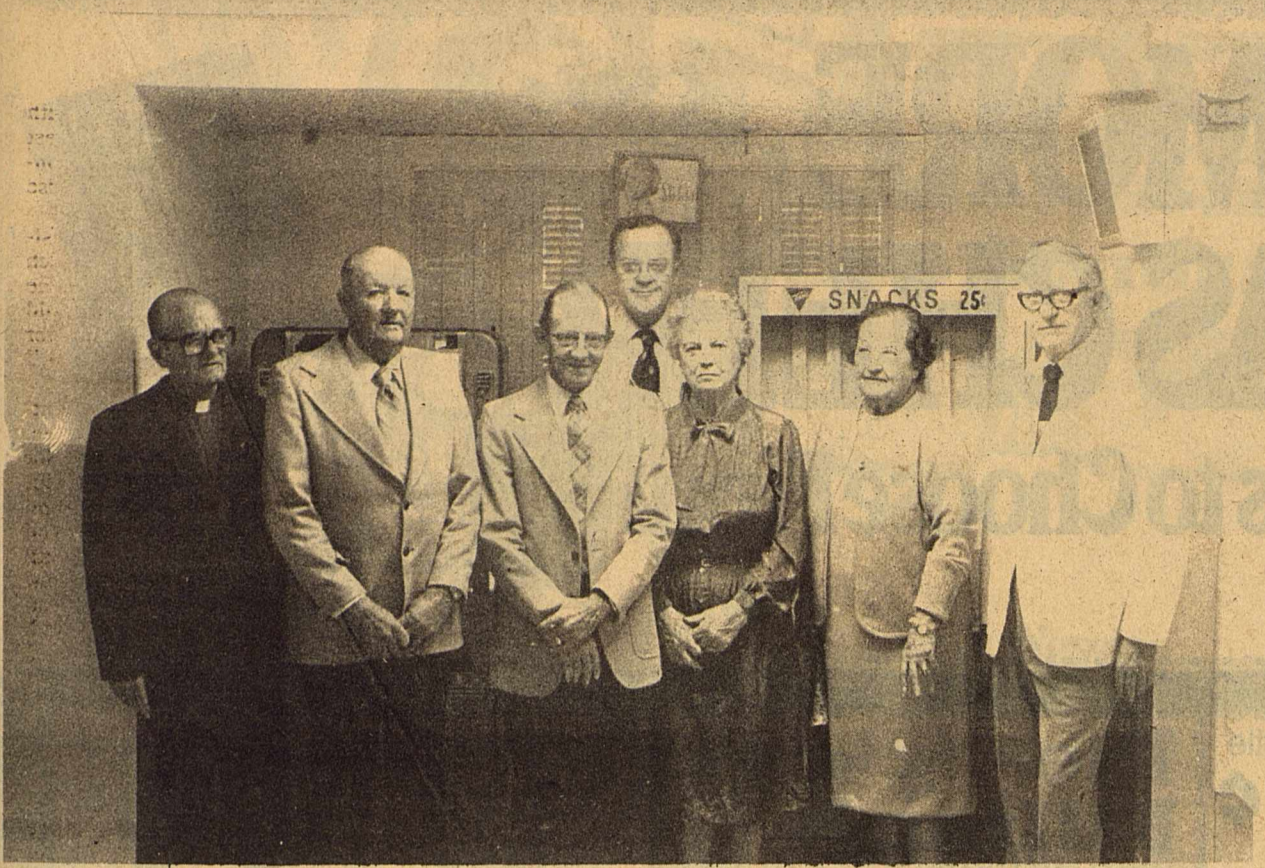
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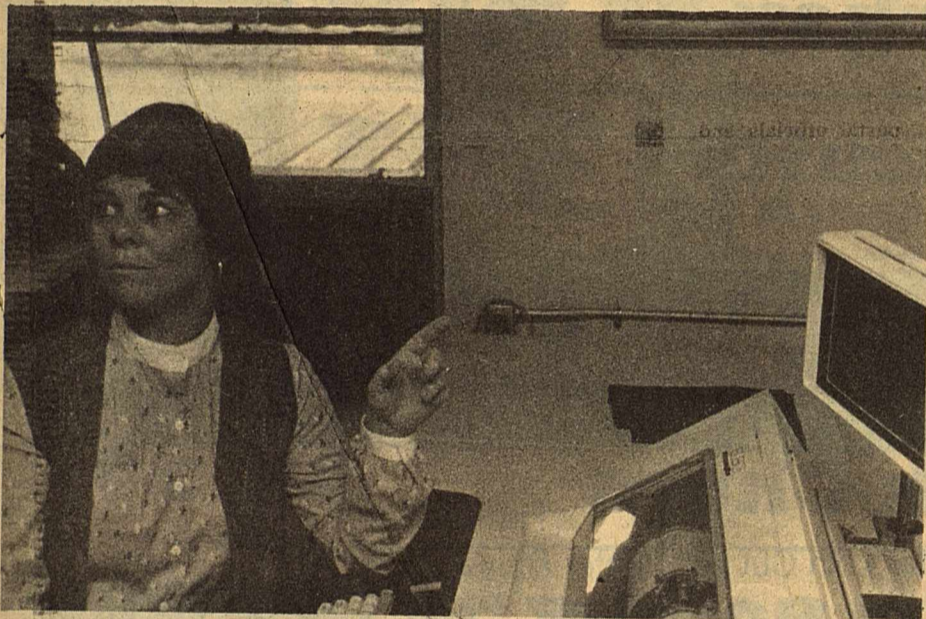
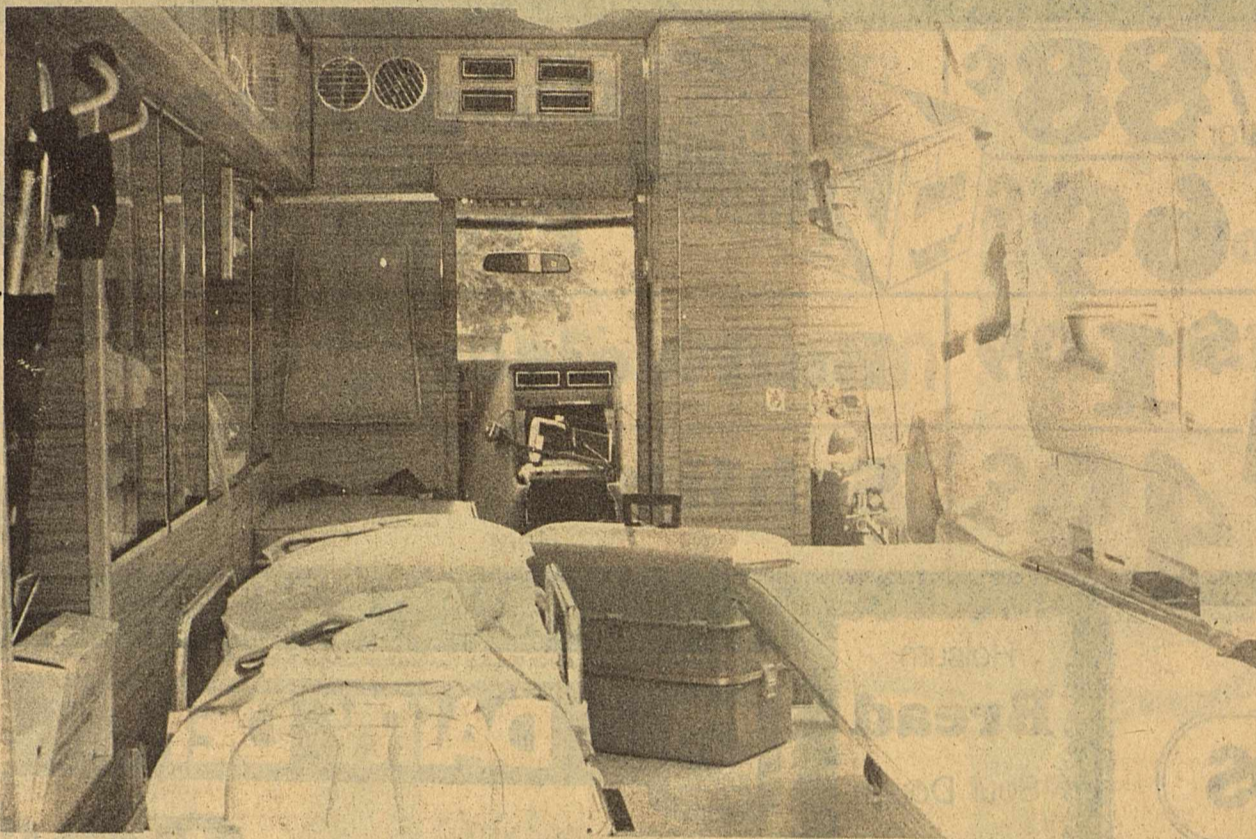
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Left: Inside of new ambulance.
Bottom: Cathy Knight and new computer.

Relief In Sight For Royalty Owners

Conferees from the House and Senate on Friday approved legislation co-authored by Senator Lloyd Bentsen that will provide relief to small royalty owners hit hard by the so-called "windfall profit" tax.

Bentsen, who last summer presided over a hearing in Austin attended by 3,500 Texas royalty owners protesting the tax, said "I'm optimistic that we've cleared the last big hurdle to enactment of this important legislation."

The Bentsen bill amends the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act to permit royalty owners, when they file their 1980 income tax returns, to apply for a "windfall profit" tax refund (or credit) of up to \$1,000.

The provision was included in the Senate version of the Budget Reconciliation bill but not in the House version of the measure. House conferees on that bill agreed to accept the "windfall" tax refund provision Friday afternoon, shortly before the conferees completed work on the bill.

The legislation now goes back to both Houses of Congress for final approval before being sent to the White House. The President is expected to sign the measure, since Secretary of Energy Charles Duncan, at a joint press conference with Senator Bentsen in Houston several weeks ago, announced administration support for it.

"The relief in this amendment will be especially welcome to smaller royalty owners, those who can least afford the reductions in their income caused by imposition of the so-called 'windfall profit' tax, which is in reality an excise tax on oil production," Bentsen said.

Bentsen has cited numerous examples of hardship caused by the "windfall" tax. One woman from Clyde Texas wrote the Senator that her widowed 84-year-old mother had been looking forward to her new oil royalty check as "a good supplement to Social Security." However, the mother found that the "windfall" tax took \$100.50 from her check for May, leaving her with only \$199.64 that month.

"There are some 650,000 royalty owners in Texas and for approximately 80 percent of them this bill means they would pay no 'windfall' tax," Bentsen said.

"This relief is sorely needed since many royalty owners are retired couples living in rural areas or farmers and ranchers who would be unable to stay on their farms and ranches without royalty income," Senator Bentsen said.

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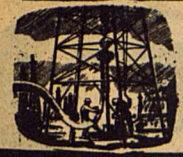
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Sutton County Petro News



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Crude Oil Production Figures Released For September

Texas Crude oil production totaled 74,684,261 barrels in September, according to a preliminary report released today by the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division.

The figure compares with final compilations of reported August 1980 production totaling 77,574,617 barrels and September 1979 production of 79,400,268 barrels.

Texas oil production averaged 2,489,476 barrels daily in September 1980, down from 2,502,407 barrels daily in August 1980 and down from 2,646,676 barrels daily in September 1979.

The September 1980 allowable totaled 104,186,035 barrels.

The preliminary September summary indicated

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Tertiary Recovery Program May Increase Oil Production

Ultimate oil production from a producing unit in a Mitchell County field could be increased by 1.7 million barrels with the implementation of a tertiary recovery program, representatives of American Petrofina Co. of Texas told the Railroad Commission today.

Richard E. Rieman, a petroleum engineer with American Petrofina, predicted the increase at a hearing called on the company's application to the RRC for approval of a proposed polymer augmented waterflood project for the Westbrook South-east Unit of the Westbrook Field.

The application also calls for an exception to well density and spacing rules of the Westbrook field so that unit can be treated as an entity for density purposes. Accepting testimony from Rieman and other American Petrofina witnesses were Willis Steed, senior staff engineer, and Sandra Buch, legal examiner, of the Oil and Gas Division.

Certification by the Commission that the proposed program meets the requirements for classification as a qualified tertiary recovery project under the federal Windfall Profits Tax of 1978 is required before the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will make a determination on such a project. Under the Windfall Pro-

fits Tax Act, oil producers who pay or incur allowed expenses attributable to a qualified tertiary enhanced recovery project may sell otherwise controlled oil at an uncontrolled price.

Rieman told the examiners that the 1.7 million barrels expected to be produced with secondary recovery methods still in use. He added that the reservoir is 100 percent depleted of primary production.

The petroleum engineer explained that American Petrofina proposes to add five injection wells to the 29 active injection wells now in the unit and begin polymer injection by Jan. 1, 1981.

In the project described, polymer will be injected to "thicken" water where its viscosity approaches that of oil to provide a "more piston-like" drive mechanism, testified Dick Pedycoart, manager of enhanced oil recovery programs for the Dowell Division of Dow Chemical Co.

Frank Douglass, an Austin attorney representing American Petrofina, told the examiners that the proposed 20-acre well density would allow up to 237 producing wells in the unit, or about 100 more than now exist.

Douglass pointed out that treating the entire unit as an entity would rule out the need for Rule 37 exceptions for most of the new wells.

Oil And Gas Discoveries Reported

Texas operators reported 22 gas and 25 oil discoveries during the November 16-30, 1980 period, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division announced today.

In the year-earlier period 78 gas and 21 oil discoveries were filed with the state's energy regulatory agency.

Through the first eleven months of 1980, operators have reported 1,250 gas and 661 oil discoveries, against 1,119 gas and 482 oil discoveries in the year earlier period. Successful exploratory and field completions in the eleven months of 1980 total 11,337 oil and 4,937 gas, against 7,730 oil and 5,004 gas completions in the same

period last year. Gas discoveries in the last half of November included seven in Southeast Texas, six in deep South Texas, four in the San Angelo area, three in West Central Texas and two in the Refugio area.

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

In the Nov. 16-30 period, operators reported 95 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

New applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests totaled 1,315 in the last half of November compared with 1,111 in the same period of 1979. Applications to drill, deepen, plugback and for service wells in the Nov. 16-30 period amounted to 1,467 against 1,236 a year earlier. Operators filed 301 amended applications to drill. A year earlier they submitted 236 amended requests.

There have been 28,965 applications to drill new oil and gas test this year, against 20,796 in the same period of 1979. Applications to drill, deepen, plugback and for service wells so far this year total 31,821, against 23,822 a year ago.

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Community Outlook

By Don Holdridge

Last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting to plan a program of work proved to be a very enlightening, successful forum. Several of the problems facing Sonora were brought to light and some ideas on how to combat these problems were sounded.

Attendance was excellent with representatives from every local governing unit and most civic organizations present. The wide representation of the community made it much easier to get a broad-based opinion of key areas that need work.

The main areas targeted for work were housing, business climate, beautification and sanitation and recreation. I'll try to briefly discuss the various problems individually and possible solutions.

Housing

This was named by virtually every person at the meeting as Sonora's number one problem, and a recent mail survey taken by the Chamber showed the same conclusion.

High interest rates and the availability of land that could be built on were listed as two major stumbling blocks.

About the only local solution to interest rates presented was the possibility of the Chamber or City or County government forming a non-profit housing corporation, selling bonds and making mortgage money available at low rates. If interest rates stay as high as they have been, this may be a solution worth looking into although the process of forming such a corporation would be lengthy and a great deal of study would be required.

From what was brought out at the meeting, the availability of land is not as much of a problem as that of having the land developed. Drawing developers has been a problem, and one solution suggested was a revision of the City building codes. Under the current ordinance, a developer is responsible for paving, curbing and running utilities to the area before building can begin. This creates a large financial burden before an area can be developed, and considering high interest rates, it is enough to scare most developers off.

Low cost rental units were also discussed, but any federal housing programs looked into put a great financial burden on the City and have been nixed so far.

Problems with topography were also discussed, and making information on topography along with help in filling out forms for VA and FHA loans were also discussed as an aid to the housing situation.

Business Climate

The business climate discussion came to a "chicken and the egg" conclusion: many people leave town to shop because they feel they cannot find the variety of goods and service they can elsewhere and many merchants seem to feel they cannot stock the variety possible because of the out-of-town shopping taking dollars out and forcing them to get stuck with unpurchased merchandise.

Making the climate better for businesses was also discussed, and work in drawing industry was listed as one means of doing so.

The formation of a retail merchants committee was seen as the best solution to allow the merchants to work together in creating sales opportunities.

Beautification and Sanitation

Beautification was discussed slightly as being a concern, but sanitation problems came to the forefront.

Mayor Bill Gosney told the group a new location for a sanitary landfill was one of the most pressing problems facing Sonora right now. The current landfill will be out of commission in another 12 months, he said, and problems finding a new site is of utmost importance.

Although land is one of Sonora and Sutton county's most expensive resources, suitable locations are difficult to find. Due to a thin layer of soil in many places, a large number of locations must be ruled out and federal and state regulations rule out many others.

Gosney said about all that could actively be done is to keep the word out the City is looking for a place.

Dr. Charles Browne also said another problem that could develop is contamination of the water supply by improper sewage disposal is out-of-town developments. He suggested measures be implemented to insure against such action.

Recreation

A major concern pointed out is the availability of recreational activities. Sonora ISD Superintendent Dr. Joe Andrews pointed out that many facilities are available through the school including meeting places, gymnasiums, tennis courts, etc.

The key to the problem, the group concurred, is making the public aware of these facilities. It was suggested that groups interested in various activities organize, either formally or informally, to take advantage of these opportunities.

The possibility of Sonora being large enough to have a full time recreation director was also discussed and most seem to feel this would be a good idea. It was suggested contact be made with various governing bodies to see if such a program could be developed.

Culture

John Tedford closed the meeting by pointing out the need for cultural activities in Sonora, saying this was too often lumped in the same category with recreation which was a mistake.

He pointed out the advantages of cultural enrichment and agreed the recently formed SCAT group was a step in the right direction.



Les Robertson displays this turkey gobbler he killed last week on the Tweedy Ranch near Knickerbocker. He shot the turkey in the head with a 7mm Mauser at a range of about 125 yards.

GTE Explains Billing System

Bills! Bills! Bills! Probably nobody likes bills, but everybody gets them.

The first of the month is usually "bill time," but some companies, because of the large number of customers they serve, have staggered billing periods. General Telephone Company of the Southwest is one of those companies.

"Some of our customers express displeasure at not receiving telephone service bills around the first of the month, but with almost a million customers it is virtually impossible to bill all of them at that time," said Dutch Meyer, revenue accounting manager for the company. "Each of the billing cycles we have is a sizable task."

Meyer explained customers in a smaller community served by the company receive their telephone bills on the same date, but in larger communities—such as Broken Arrow, Okla.; Garland, Tex.; Hobbs, NM and Jacksonville, Ark.—five different cycles (or dates) are used.

Balancing the load among the cycles results in the necessity of processing approximately 100,000 bills in each cycle. With an average of about 22 working days per month, this allows just slightly over two days for the total handling of each 100,000 bills.

Once a customer's account is established, most of the billing process is mechanized. The initial service order to provide service and any future changes in service—including rate adjustments—must be manually prepared before they can be entered in the computer.

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"Even with all the computerization," Meyer explained, "GTE Data Services (where the bills are actually printed) requires

16 to 17 hours for printing all bills in a cycle."

After printing, the bills are taken to General Telephone's mail room for handling. Mailing of the bills is a highly mechanized operation. A computer-controlled machine places the bill in an envelope and any special messages.

After all insertions in an envelope are completed, the machine seals the envelope and affixes postage. In the interest of the economy, the bills are presorted for mailing, saving two cents per unit. Average monthly postage cost for the company's bills is about \$130,000.

Annie Cast Holds Party

The cast and crew of the Sonora Community Arts & Theatre production "Annie Get Your Gun" rounded out a fun six weeks together with a cast party after the final performance on Tuesday evening, December 2nd.

The party was held in the home of Margaret and Bill Cascadden.

Cast and crew were appreciative and applauding to Dr. David Owensby, who set up his equipment and showed the entire AGYG

production on TV! "Community support has been very heartwarming and the friendships made between the cast and crew has been an experience for cherished memories," commented a cast member.

Jaycees Name New 1981 Officers

New officers for 1981 have been elected by the Sonora Jaycees.

Incoming officers are Herb Jones, president; Tommy Shook, vice president; J.W. Secrest, secretary; Tom Clifton, treasurer and Steve Swift, Bob Brockman, Al Elliott and Mike Hale, directors.

Planning for the annual goat cookoff is now underway by the organization, and members welcome any ideas for the festivities that the public can add.



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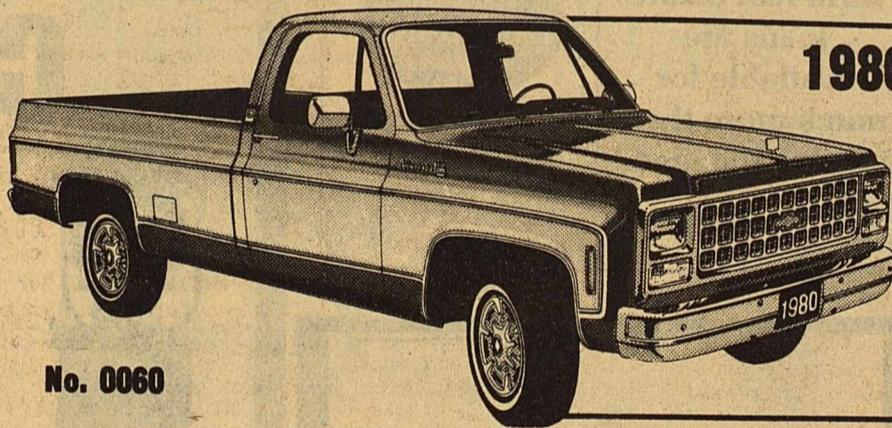
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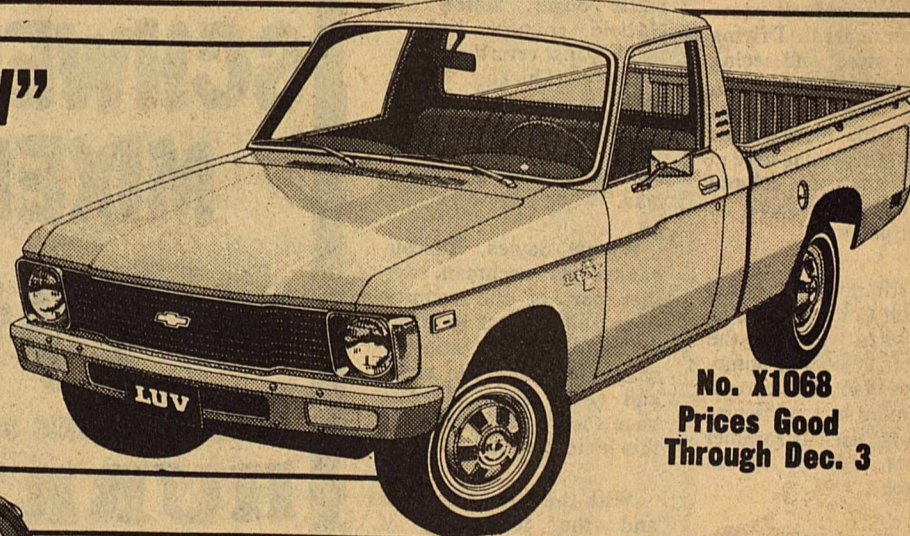
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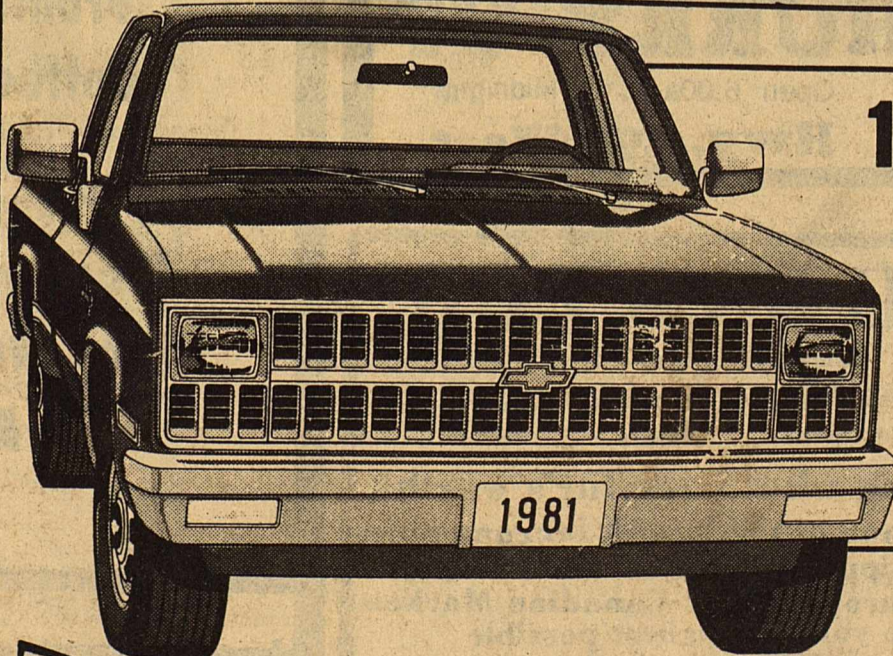
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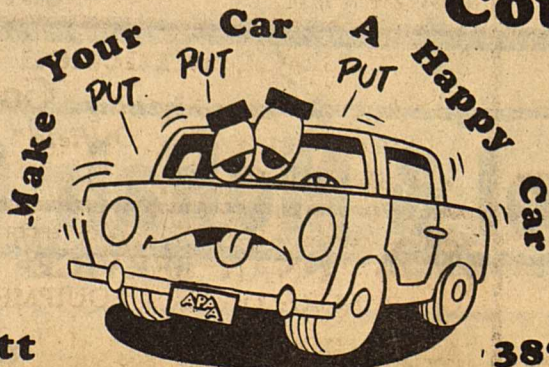
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Ranch News

Independent Cattlemen Hold Meeting At Steakhouse

The Independent Cattlemen's Association held their monthly business meeting with breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

The dinner honoring Charles Carter, legislative director, and Jim Sargent, the field representative,

held in November at the Steak House was discussed.

The different issues Carter brought to members from the headquarters in Austin were reviewed and discussed.

ICA will not hold its monthly meeting in January since Thursday falls

on Jan. 1. Feb. 4, 1981 will be the first meeting of the new year and will continue to meet monthly on the first Thursday.

All members are urged to attend the monthly meetings. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this "working organization"

can contact Jamie Parker, chairman, for more information.

"Repeal the Windfall Profit Tax" bumper stickers were distributed to members during the meeting and additional stickers are available to the members.

Texas Farm Bureau Elects Officers & Directors At Annual Meeting

Texas Farm Bureau officers and directors were re-elected and state policies and national recommendations for 1981 were adopted at the group's 47th annual meeting which ended in San Antonio Dec. 3.

Carrol Chaloupka, Dalhart, was elected to his seventh one-year term by voting delegates who also re-elected the following state directors for a two-year term: S.M. True, Jr., Plainview; Joe Fisher, McKinney; Vester Smith, Loop; Calvin Rueter, Clifton; J.R. Day, Uvalde; and George White, Harwood.

After the convention adjourned, the TFB Board met and re-elected S.M. True, Jr., Plainview, as vice president; and Donald Hebert, Waller, as secretary-treasurer.

The 1280 delegates, representing 263,000 member families, listed four requirements they want in

any new farm program enacted after 1981 when major provisions of the present farm law expire.

These requirements include maintaining or increasing crop target price and loan levels (and adjusted annually to reflect production cost increases), letting loan rate remain at 75 percent of the target price, no cross-compliance, and determining set-aside acreage by formula based on supply and projected sales.

In other national policy action, the delegates, in an obviously conservative mood, voted against disaster loan programs and the emergency livestock feed program. They were for the present crop disaster loan program, but voted against continuing it indefinitely.

On state policies, delegates said TFB will support a reapportionment plan in the coming Legislature

which would maintain the strength of the established rural House districts, while apportioning Senate seats on some basis other than strictly population.

They also supported the right of initiative and referendum with certain restrictions.

Adopted resolutions on state matters are now state policy for next year. Approved resolutions dealing with national issues are

recommendations to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting which will be held Jan. 11-15 in New Orleans.

On state matters, delegates adopted policies that:

--Said voters should be able to read and write English, and furnish proof of U.S. citizenship. They also wanted ballots printed in English.

--Would prohibit non-alien residents from owning land in Texas, and limit resident aliens to owning 49 percent of a land title.

--Wanted alcohol fuel exempted from alcohol tax.

--Favored county sales tax.

--Opposed unionization of public employees.

--Favored using foreign labor if local farm laborers not available

The delegates approved recommendations for national policies that:

--Would exclude pl., lakes and wetlands in definition of navigable waters, with determining authority

over navigable waters resting with Corps of Engineers.

--Opposed embargo of farm products unless there is total embargo on all U.S. exports.

--Would exempt farmers from Farm Labor Contract or Registration Act when they are hiring solely for their operation.

--Favor beef promotion programs financed by voluntary check-offs at first point of sale.

--Support full research, development and financial assistance for production of agricultural alcohol.

--Call for decrease in welfare spending, except aid to elderly, blind, and disabled.

--Would repeal windfall profits tax.



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

That song which announces: "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" could hold true for most all of West Texas...and maybe as far back as halloween!

I did see "jolly, holly season merchandise" on display in September. However, there are a few of us old-fashioned folks who get the spirit on and after Thanksgiving... and that's the way it should be.

Twenty years ago when I first moved to San Angelo, there were about two places one could buy a Christmas tree. Now, there are lots on every corner, trees are sold at every convenience store and super market. Driving down the street and seeing these hundreds of trees, standing like a small forest, perhaps adds more to the decor of "Christmas time in the city" than the colored lights and other objects on the light poles.

But I still miss the search in the Hill Country hills, as a boy, when we made the cedar tree selection. Sometimes we had that certain tree in mind in a particular draw as far back as summer when we rode by its on horseback.

Excitement about the season was on from the moment we chopped the tree down with the ax through the decorating, the gift wrapping and opening on that special day. And the smell of cedar in the house during the holiday season was always a vital part.

Well, the Christmas season started sooner because of an early snow. Driving

through the Hill Country and glancing at the scenery...the snow on the cedar and hills sort of set the stage.

Bill Dan Sorrell, Concho County ranchman, said the added moisture of "good rains with the snow," produced about 3 inches" for his ranch near Eden in the

last few weeks. "We have lots of weeds coming up," he added. "The country is really looking good and we are set for a great spring providing it doesn't get too cold this winter."

Tom Poteet, West Texas cattle buyer, stated the "whole country looks good." Just returning from a trip to Chicago, Poteet said "if the cattle market was as well as the pastures seem to be this would indeed be a great Christmas."

Bobbie Sayles, Tuscola banker and ranchman, says that part of the country from Abilene back to Winters and Ballinger "is in top shape following the snow and good rains. We just have a lot to be thankful for this holiday time."

With the gifts, the cheer and the fellowship of friends and love ones, I would say the banker from Tuscola pretty well summed it up for us. Merry Christmas!

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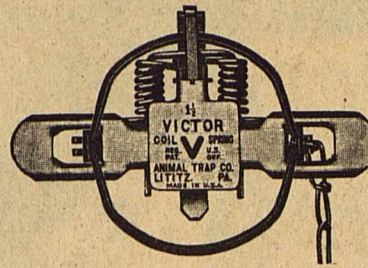
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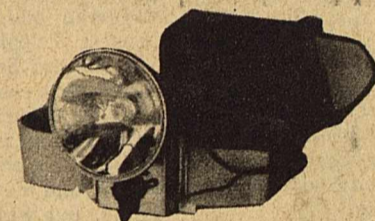
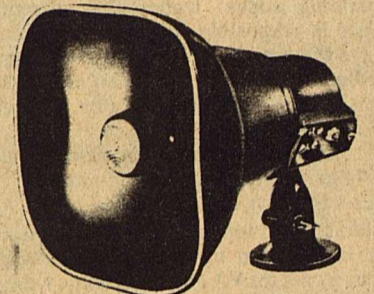
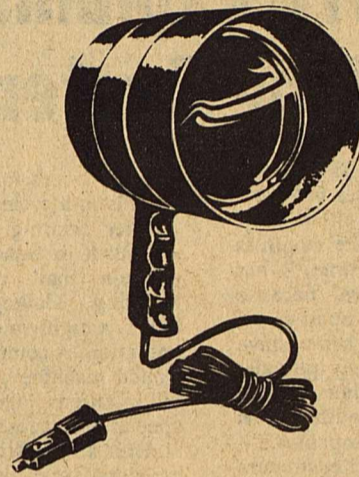
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