

The Devil's River News

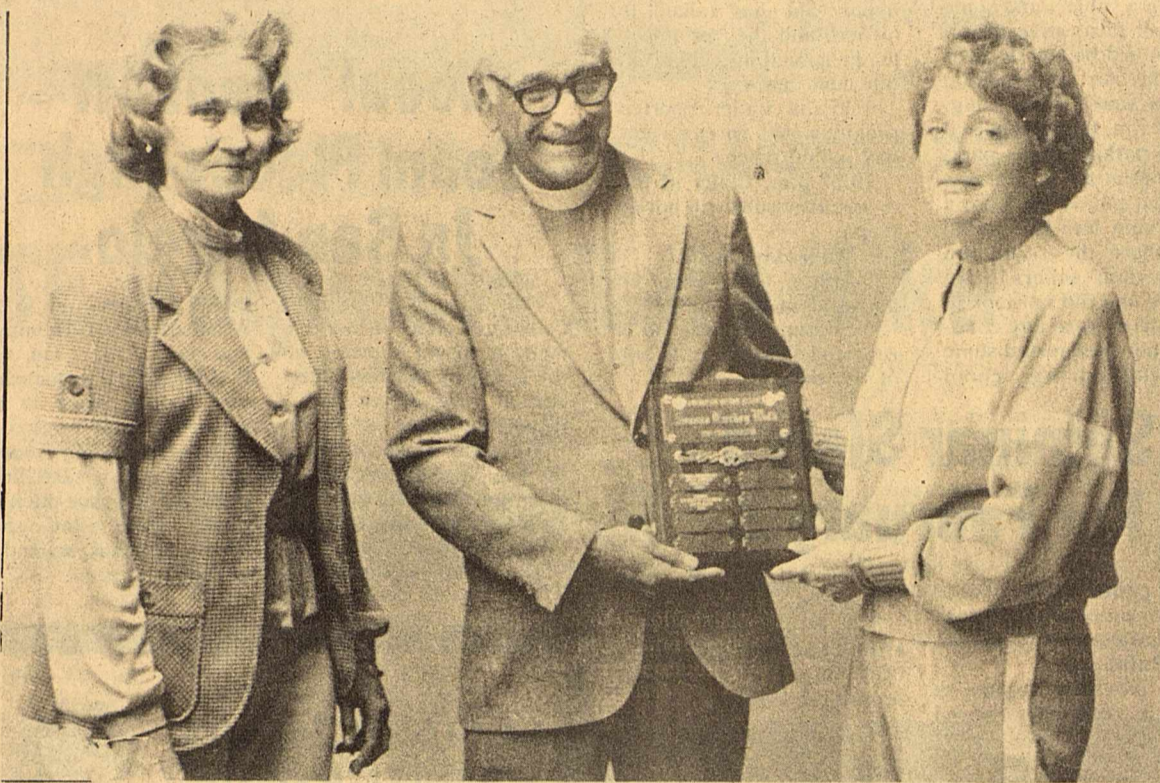
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Rev. Bill Fritts (above) presents Effie Harle and Lou Thomas with the Heart Association's Traveling Plaque for the Chamber of Commerce. Below he presents Jessie Lynch with the award for most individual contributions as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lynch look on. Turkey Walk volunteers receiving honorable mention were Christi St. Clair, Tooter Jones, Cindy Doran, Ida Casper, Chris Aguirre and Hilda Flores. A grand total of \$2,470.50 was raised by the walk.



Ranchers Should File Wool Slips

Gene Wallace, Chairperson of the Sutton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, reminds ranchers to turn in their 1980 wool sales slips so they will be eligible to file for incentive payments under the wool program.

Applications should be filed by Jan. 31 to avoid late payments.

Ranchers who have a record of their wool sales are eligible for payments but only if the sales are reported to the county ASCS office. Wallace said the quantity sold does not affect the eligibility.

"Sales slips show the month of sale, pounds of wool shorn and net proceeds. Sales slips for lambs must show the liveweight and state whether the lambs were unshorn," he said. In addition to the information on

the sales slip, applications for payment must show the month of shearing and the number of head shorn.

The federal support price for 1980 shorn wool marketings is \$1.23 per pound and \$2.90 per pound for mohair.

Pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the support price for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs.

Shorn wool payments are based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. The percentage is the amount required to raise the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool in 1980 up to the support price of \$1.23 a pound. Shorn wool prices fluctuated be-

tween 82 and 94 cents per pound in 1980.

According to Wallace, the 1981 support price is \$1.35 per pound for wool and \$3.718 per pound for mohair.

"Mohair payments will be calculated in a manner similar to wool. However, these payments probably will not be necessary in 1981 as it appears that the average price received by producers in the open market may be higher than the support price," the ASCS official said.

As of Jan. 22nd, 106 local producers had filed for their 1980 wool incentive payments.

Award Nominations Sought

Award Committee Chairman Steve Swift, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, announced that nominations for the Citizen of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year need to be in the Chamber of Commerce office by February 18, to give the Awards Committee time to order the Plaques, to be given to the recipients during the annual C of C banquet on April 9th.

Swift stated that an Awards Committee would be announced at a later date.

Persons wanting to nominate a citizen for these awards should call the C of C office at 7-2880 or 7-2816, or come by the Chamber of Commerce office at City Hall.

A coupon appears elsewhere in this edition, for your convenience.

Winnie Allen Wins Contest

Winnie Allen guessed the score of the Super Bowl at Oakland 28, Philadelphia 13, only four point off the actual total to win the Devil's River News Super Bowl Contest and the 40 first prize.

Second place and \$20 went Rodney Knight who was only seven points off, and Juanita Mesa won third place and \$10.

Others who were close on the score included Albert Chavez, mis-

sing by nine points; Doug York, Sammy Mata, Melba Doan, Lou Thomas and Esau Ramirez, missing by 10; Julio Samaniego, missing by 11 and Mary Ann York, missing by 12.

A special thanks goes to all the businesses that have helped sponsor the Football Contest throughout the year. Your support of them is encouraged.

Grand Opening Slated

Shelley Chaney, President, Red Carpet Committee, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held January 30th at 10 a.m. at Roy Vick's Plumbing at 417 SE

Concho.

RCC members, C of C officials, Mayor Gosney and others interested are invited to attend the ceremony, informed Chaney.

Food Show Scheduled Saturday at 4-H Center

With the ninth annual Sutton Co. 4-H Food Show fast approaching Saturday, January 31, several committees are busy making preparations.

The following committees will be in operation:

Over-all chairman- Trevlin Luttrell
Items for Judges - Gwen Kordzik;
Punch and Cookies - Linda Odom;
Score Totaling - Trevlin Luttrell and

Pam Payton; Age Division Assistants - Louise Barlemann, Alice Cox, Gwen Kordzik, Irene Speers, Wanda Halford and Connie Earp. Kitchen Assistants - Edna Duren, Mitzi Mathews and Sue Flynn; Arrangements - Trevlin Luttrell, Linda Odom, Pam Payton and Sara Wade.

As mentioned previously, the Show will be at the 4-H Center, Saturday, January 31. Youngsters will be arriving with their food from

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Judging will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

The public is encouraged to come to the Awards Program and tasting tea at 12 Noon at the 4-H Center.

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

Speech Tournament Slated For Feb. 13, 14

The Speech Department of Sonora High School is sponsoring the 35th annual speech tournament on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14, and encourages the public to get involved in the traditional event.

In past years, local townspeople have been most cooperative in providing workers for the tournament, such as timekeepers, judges, and providing housing for out-of-town students, according to Director

Chris Cassell, speech and drama teacher at the high school.

He added that special emphasis is being placed on provision of housing for visiting contestants and sponsors this year due to the budget crunch.

The Lion Club will sponsor a bar-b-que for the tournament this year on the first evening, Friday, at 6 p.m., using the facilities of the school cafeteria.

Later that same night, from 8 p.m.

until midnight, the Sonora High School Student Council will host a western dance at the 4-H Barn for all contestants and sponsors and for the student body. There is no admission charge.

Anyone wishing to help in any facet of the tournament may contact the director, Chris Cassell at 387-3055, student directors Charlie Carroll and Beth Bartz, or housing director Trina Powers.

Reagan Decontrols Oil

(Editor's Note) Bob Pascal with Congressman Tom Loeffler's San Angelo office announced Tuesday morning shortly before press time a message which ironically coincides with publication of our Petroleum Edition--the announcement that President Reagan has decontrolled the price of crude oil. The news should be sweet music to the ears of the petroleum industry. The following is a statement issued hurriedly by Loeffler.)

"Effective immediately, President Reagan will take action to remove remaining federal control on crude oil and its by-products. I believe it goes without saying this action is the first and perhaps most important step the new administration can take in regaining our national energy independence.

"Immediate decontrol will open domestic production and conservation. America will now have the incentives to search out and produce hard to find reserves. Less than one-third of all crude oil produced in the United States is now under federal control. Removing remaining controls now rather than in September under phased decontrol means we are maximizing our ability to produce our own energy needs at the

earliest possible time, at the lowest possible price and with the least impact on the American economy and consumers.

"Finally, we are taking positive steps to release the stranglehold OPEC has had on this country since 1973."

Sonora Girl Scouts Start Cookie Sales

Sonora Girl Scouts are beginning their annual Cookie Sale according to Neighborhood Chairman Marlene Evans.

Sales began Jan. 23 and run through Feb. 8. No money will be collected at the time.

Deliveries will begin March 27 and through April 6.

The cookies, baked especially for Girl Scouts by Barry Division of General Biscuit, are \$1.50 a package.

Varieties available include Dutch N'Such, Golden Y-angles, Chocolate and Vanilla Creme, Scot-Tea, Chocolate Chip, Mint and Savannah cookies.

Girls are eligible for numerous prizes based on the number of boxes sold, and a salesmanship award of a new bicycle will be given to the girl in the El Camino Council who sells and collects for the most boxes of cookies.

Essay Winners Named

Winner of the senior division in the annual Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District's essay contest was Nereida Perez, daughter of Mrs. Irene Perez of Sonora and a junior student at Sonora High School. She was presented with a plaque

at a recent assembly at the school.

Other winners in the contest, handled through the English classes at high school, were Rick Powers, second; Sonya Ridgeway, third; with Allen Stewart and Espy Whitehead placing fourth and fifth.

Loeffler Named To Appropriations Committee

Second-term U.S. Congressman Tom Loeffler on Jan. 21 was formally appointed to the prestigious House Committee on Appropriations, the first Republican from Texas in history to sit on the powerful committee controlling the Federal purse strings.

Loeffler, recently appointed Deputy House Republican Whip by Congressman Trent Lott, will relinquish his seat on the Committee on Energy and Commerce to assume his responsibilities on the Appropriations Committee.

In announcing his new assignment made official by the full House Republican Conference, Loeffler said he would now have an opportunity to help shape policy across a whole range of issues.

"Serving on what was formerly the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee," Loeffler said, "primarily I worked on energy, transportation, and communications issues, all of which are extremely important to the people of the 21st Congressional District."

"On the Appropriations Committee, I will continue to work on responsible policy in these areas, but also expand my legislative activities in such areas as defense, agriculture, and foreign policy because each of the Federal departments and agencies must present their budgets to the Appropriations Committee for

funding.

"I believe those of us on this important Committee, and certainly those of us in the leadership, must direct all our energies to the clear expression of American people for a halt in the growth of Federal spending," Loeffler said that the Republican House leadership would be working hard for the implementation of the Reagan Administration's legislative agenda, "first and foremost which must and will be the restoration of a sound economy and a

national defense second to none.

"One of my main objectives as a Member of the Appropriations Committee will be a comprehensive review of funding for all of the Federal agencies. If we are to balance the Federal budget -- and I am committed to this objective -- then we must look for areas where spending can be reduced or halted in a responsible manner. At the same time, we must also assure that spending levels in such critical areas as defense are adequate to meet our

security needs.

"I look forward to this new assignment with great anticipation. The 97th Congress faces many challenges -- and many opportunities. Those of us in the Republican leadership will be working hard to change the directions of national policy to the more conservative, responsible form of government those of us in the 21st Congressional District certainly believe in. The entire country will benefit from this 'new beginning.'"

McBee Chairs Calendars Committee

State Rep. Susan McBee (D) of Del Rio has been selected as chairman of the Calendars Committee by Speaker of the House Bill Clayton. Mrs. McBee will also serve on the Agriculture and Livestock and Elections Committees.

Clayton said Rep. McBee would serve in these capacities during the next two years of the 67th Legislature.

Rep. McBee, a homemaker by profession, is serving her 4th term in the House. Last session, she served as Chairman of the Elections Committee, Vice-chairman for Calendars, and served on the Agriculture & Livestock Committee.

The nine-member Calendars Committee, largely procedural in nature,

has jurisdiction over the assignment of bills and resolutions to appropriate calendars, except those within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars, and the determination of priorities and granting of rules for floor consideration of such bills. The committee also has jurisdiction over all other matters concerning the calendar system and the expediting of the business of the house as may be assigned by the speaker.

The eleven-member Agriculture and Livestock Committee has jurisdiction over all matter pertaining to agriculture, horticulture and farm husbandry and the livestock industry, including livestock and stock

raising. The committee also has jurisdiction over matters involving the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Animal Health Commission and the Soil and Water Conservation Board.

The eleven-member Elections Committee has jurisdiction over matters relating to the right of suffrage in Texas, proposals affecting primary, special, and general elections and the proposals to revise, modify, amend, or change the Election Code. In addition, the committee has jurisdiction over all contested election to the House of Representatives and all matters pertaining to the Secretary of State in relation to elections.

Chamber Chatter

By Lou Thomas

Have had an inquiry regarding a Disco Group, perhaps from San Antonio, who will entertain for the youth. If you have any information regarding this group, please call 7-2880 between 9 to 4.

Also, any information pertaining to folk dancing (Czech, Greek, Polish, etc.), please call 7-2880. If

you know any of these folk dances, please call. Interest has been expressed for a youth program in the recent Program of Work and information has been requested along this line.

The deadline to nominate Citizen of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year is February 19th. The deadline is necessary so that the

Awards Committee will have time to meet, select the recipients of these awards and order the plaques in time for the annual banquet on April 9th.

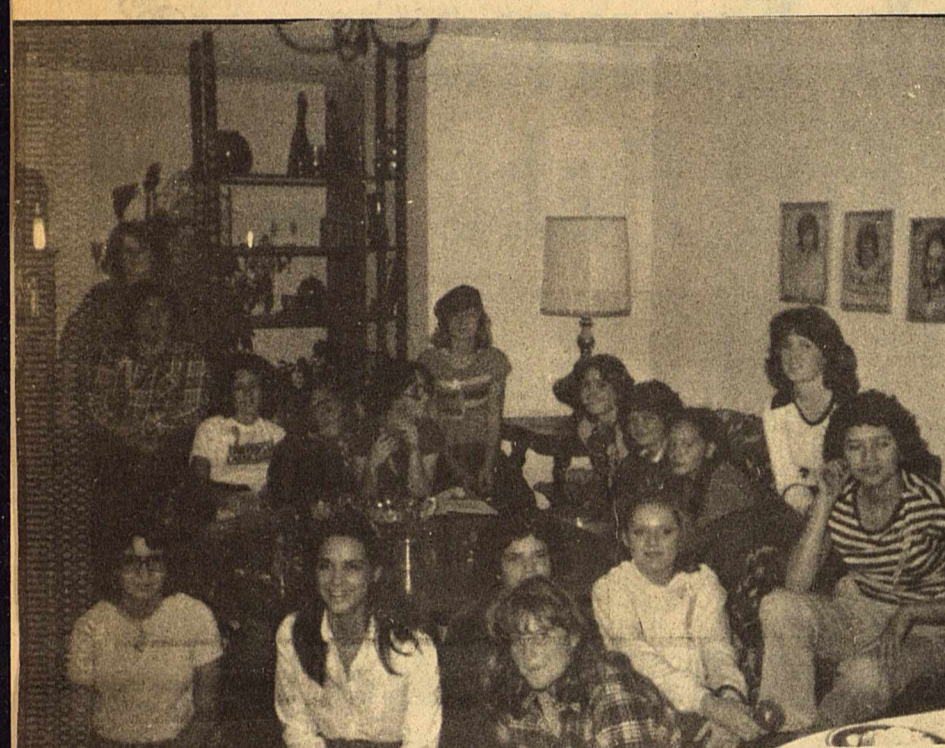
Looking back: The following attended the monthly board meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in May, 1975: President Charles Graves, Suzy Ros-

ford, Bill Harle, John Brittan, Joe David Ross and Bob Schlagal. Dr. Joe Andrews was a visitor. Agenda included: Election of officers, local census survey, by-laws, brochure project and erection of a sign off I-10.

Friendly face around town last week was Mrs. J.L. Brotherton.

The C of C office has received numerous phone calls regarding application for employment in Gibson's. The following is the name and phone number of an employee of Gibson's: Rowland Kemp, Phone AC 512-896-6163.

Due to meeting conflicts of different organizations, it is believed there is a need for a Community Calendar, with stated monthly meetings. If you belong to a group or an organization that meets on a monthly basis, please call and give monthly meeting date at 7-2880 or 7-2816.



Art Club Meets

The Sonora Art Club met Jan. 19 in the Art Club Building with Gloria Gorden presiding.

The project for the meeting was oil painting. Hostesses were Mrs. Maxine Holt, Mrs. Ruth Martin and Mrs. Reggie Chandler.

Cold cuts, cheese, dips, potato chips, fruits and drinks were served to Mmes. Carmen Adams, Bernice Savell, Hazel McClelland, Ruth Martin, Jeanette Cooper, Maxine Holt, Gloria Gorden, Reggie Chandler and Abby Gesch.

Don Rains Renamed

State Rep. Don Rains, D-San Marcos, was renamed Wednesday as Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, generally regarded as one of the most powerful legislative panels.

Rains also was selected to the Financial Institutions Committee which has jurisdiction over lending institutions. The committee has budget oversight for seven state agencies, including treasury, savings and loan, banking and credit union commissions.

"These two committees are directly involved with the Texas economy, and I hope the actions we take will contribute to a growing prosperity for all hardworking Texans. I especially want to use my Appropriations chair in a fiscally conservative manner to hold down state spending and dependence on federal dollars," Rains said. Rains is married to the former Betty Jack Cooper. Her Mother is Mrs. Harva Cooper of Sonora.

Girl Scouts Have Busy Schedule

Sonora Girl Scout Troop 276 met with Troop 189 in Ozona at leader Thelma Jones' house on Dec. 7.

The girls discussed money making projects and how to plan a trip to Switzerland.

A Christmas party was held and gifts were exchanged.

Darlene Brite of Marcel Germaine Products met with Troop 276 last week and showed them how to care for their nails and how to apply makeup.

Police Reports

Monday, Jan. 19
3:28 p.m. Caller at bus station requested an officer. Lady on bus a possible stroke victim. Lady was up walking around on arrival. Family was there and took her to the doctor in a private car.

4:35 p.m. Caller reported an accident on Crockett. One subject arrested for public intoxication.

6:15 p.m. Caller requested check out vehicle that keeps stopping at her residence.

Tuesday, Jan. 20
8:00 a.m. Caller wanted to speak to an officer regarding a subject and some previous false advertising. Subject will be calling back next day for confirmation on next year's advertising.

9:00 a.m. Caller reported people parking in no parking zones at school and one lady that pulled out from a no parking into the walk-j way where three children and several others were walking and did not look to see if there were any children or not. Requested some patrolling during school hours.

Seminar Slated For February 2

The public is invited to attend a one-night seminar on Monday, Feb. 2 at the HNG Building.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and is sponsored

3:25 p.m. Caller reported a vehicle hit her from behind and hurt her back as she was parked picking up her children.

5:33 p.m. Caller reported that someone keeps calling them on the phone and won't talk and won't hang up.

4:21 a.m. Caller at restaurant requested an ambulance. He reported that he was sick.

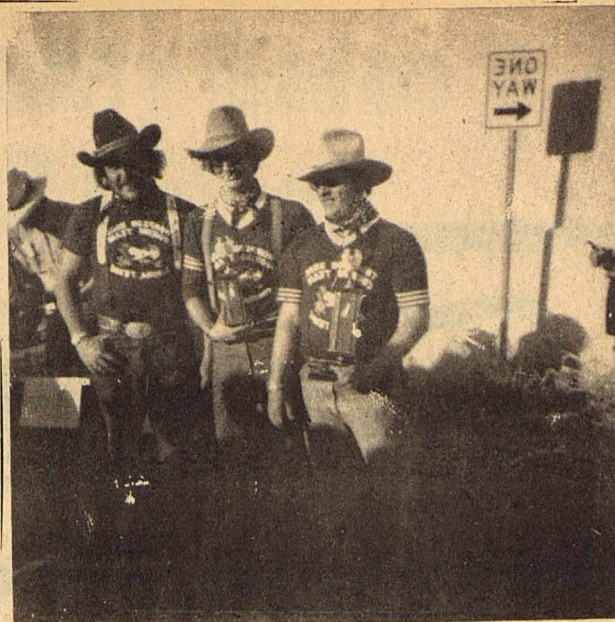
Wednesday, Jan. 21
8:50 a.m. Caller on Cemetery Road reported that pups were tearing up everything in the neighborhood and carrying off their paper. She has talked to owners and they promised to do something about it, but have not.

4:35 p.m. Caller reported problems with wires a truck has pulled down.

10:07 p.m. Caller at bar reported a drunk will not go home.

Thursday, Jan. 22
7:41 p.m. Caller reported an accident on Crockett.

6:51 a.m. Caller at motel reported disturbance in one of the rooms.



Local Cookoff Team Places High In San Angelo

The Thompson Brother Cooking Team of Sonora made a strong showing at the 2nd Annual Lions Club Brisket Cook-off in San Angelo Jan. 24.

The cook-off was held at the San Angelo Fairground in conjunction with the Tom Tom Green County Junior Livestock Show.

The group, comprised of

Bill Thompson, Roddy Arnett, Gene Thompson and Sam Thompson took first place in showmanship and second place in the brisket cook-off.

Arnett and Billy Thompson teamed to take first place in horseshoe pitching while Gene and Sam Thompson took second in the event.

-Deaths-

H.A. Belk, 72, of Eldorado died Saturday in Schleicher County Medical Center.

Services were held in First Baptist Church of Eldorado with the Rev. Carl Watson officiating. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Belk was born Aug. 4, 1908, in Burnet County. He was married to Dixie Faught July 27, 1933, in Goldthwaite. He was a stock farmer and had lived in Eldorado since 1933. He was a member of the Eldorado Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jimmy Belk of Eldorado and Allen Belk of Ballinger; two daughters, Mrs. James (Jane) Alexander of Sonora and Gainell Minnick of Dimmitt; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Melvin James Decker, 72 of Menard died at 11:45 a.m. Monday January 19 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Kerrville. Rosary was said at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Mission Funeral Home chapel. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Menard, with the Rev. James Kaston officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Decker was born August 18, 1908 in Menard County. He was married to Elizabeth Valentine June 20, 1936, in Menard. He was a lifetime Menard County Resident and a retired farmer-rancher. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son Jimmy Decker of Menard; his mother, Mrs. Helen A. Decker of Sonora; a sister Mrs. Pauline Thompson of Sonora; two brothers, Johnnie Decker of Talpa and Joseph Decker of Menard; and a granddaughter.

Pallbearers were Pat Thompson, John Alfred Decker, Michael Decker, Philip Decker, Douglas Decker and Larry Decker.



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Sonora Churches

Primera Baptist Church
Rev. Basillio Esquivel
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:30 p.m.
Worship 7:00 p.m.
WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. David Griffin, Pastor
Worship 10:55 a.m.
KVRN broadcast 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Clifton Hancock
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night 6:30
Wed. Night 6:30
Ed Murr, Gospel Preacher

Hope Lutheran Church
Dennis McKain-Pastor
SS-10:00 every Sunday morning, Hymn Study-10:00 Sunday Morning
Worship Service-11:00

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Bishop Ray Hendershot
Joe Moran
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Priesthood 10:00 a.m.
Relief Society 10:00 a.m.
Sacrament Mtg. 11:00 am
Visitors Welcome

First Assembly of God
Rev. Louis Halford, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Eve. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

Faith Christian Interdenominational Bible Study Prayer Group
Bible Study Prayer Group
Tuesday nights 7:30 pm.
at 1302 Glasscock.
387-5069

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

The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
Rev. Jim Miles
Sunday
Church School 10 a.m.
Fellowship 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
(Communion of first Sunday of each month)
PCUS/UPCUSA

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.

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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Sutton County Sales Total \$14.9 Million

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Wednesday reported that gross sales in Texas during the third quarter of 1980 passed the \$65.7 billion mark.

Bullock said an analysis of gross sales for July, August and September of last year was \$8.2 billion more than during the same period in 1979.

The gross sales figures were gathered from 246,262 reporting outlets.

"The Texas economy continues to grow each quarter and remains one of the brighter spots in the country's overall economic picture," Bullock said.

He pegged total gross

sales for Texas for the first three periods of 1980 at \$191.5 billion.

The 143 reporting outlets in Sutton County showed a total of \$14,880,200 in gross sales.

Figures for surrounding counties include \$9.7 million in Crockett County, \$1.4 million in Edwards County, \$9.9 million in Kimble County, \$4.7 million in Mason County, \$4.9 million in Menard County, \$10.3 million in Reagan County, \$7.2 million in Schleicher County, \$355.5 million in Tom Green County and \$47.9 million in Val Verde County.

Bullock also released a computer analysis showing reported sales for each of the state's 254 counties and

a sales tax analysis broken down by the state's Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Third quarter sales in Harris County were \$17 billion as recorded by 40,841 outlets, compared to \$17 billion during the second quarter and \$15.9 billion during the first quarter.

Gross sales reported in the state's other major urban areas include: Dallas County, \$10 billion, \$601 million more than the second quarter.

Tarrant County, \$4.1 billion, down \$514 million from the second quarter.

Bexar County, \$3.3 billion, an increase of \$66 million from the second quarter.

Sutton County Savings Bond Sales Reported

August sales of Series E and H and EE and HH United States Savings Bonds in Sutton County were reported today by County Bond Chairman George H. 'Jack' Neill to be \$685.

Sales for the first eight month period totaled \$12.248 for 82 percent of the 1980 goal of \$15,000.

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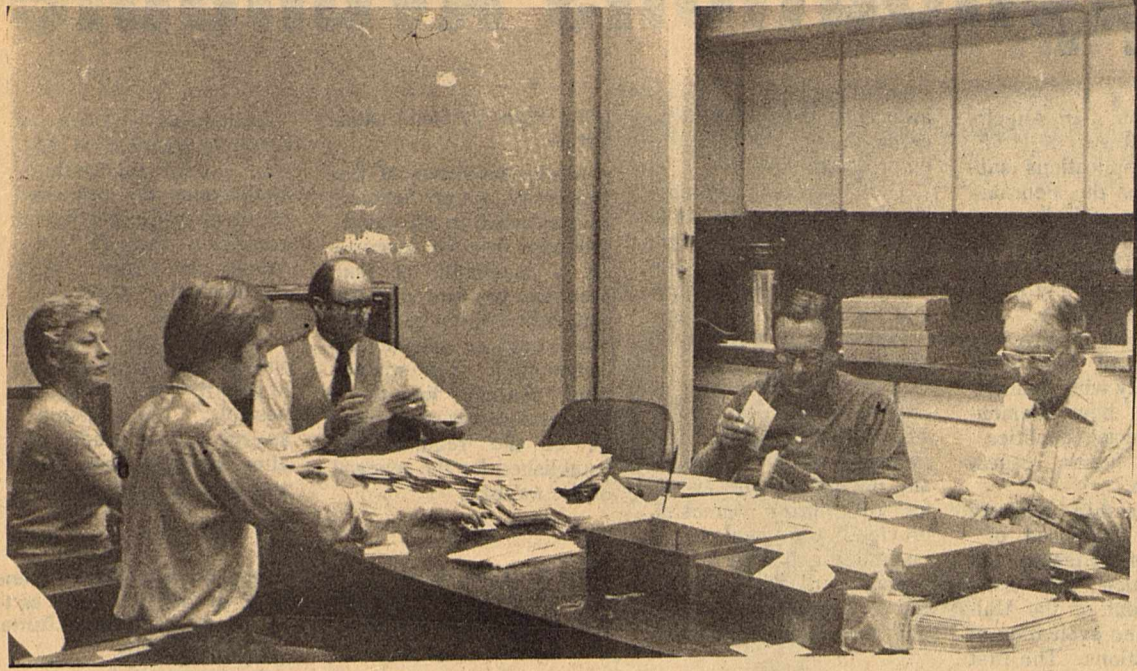
Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,523,252, while sales for the first eight months of 1980 totaled \$192,143,237 with 69 percent of the yearly sales goal of \$280 million achieved.

recovery fee for customers who discontinue service and do not return leased instruments to the telephone company.

In addition, GTSW plans to implement changes in current offerings for secretarial answering bureau services.



Bangkok, Thailand is often called the "Venice of the East," due to its many canals.



Heart Association members Bill Thomas, Dr. Joe Andrews, Gus Allen and Gene Shurley work at stuffing envelopes as regional director Ann McGee looks on at left. The work was in preparation for the association annual heart home campaign which is now underway.

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GTE Requests Rate Hike

General Telephone Company of the Southwest Friday (Jan. 23, 1981) filed a statewide request for increased revenues with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking \$44.6 million in annual revenues of which the company would receive \$23.2 million after taxes and uncollectibles.

The request is based on financial data for a one-year period ending Sept. 30, 1980.

General Telephone is the largest independent (non-Bell) telephone company in Texas serving over 1.3 million telephones in 291 exchanges across the state. Major cities served include Garland, Irving and Plano in the Dallas/Fort Worth area; Baytown and Dickinson in the Houston area; and Texarkana, San Angelo, Bryan and College Station.

F.E. Hightower, vice president-revenue requirements, said the major factors creating the necessity for filing the application are:

Continued inflation. Record-setting gross construction expenditures necessary to keep pace with growth.

New technology. "The money to finance new construction in the fast-growing Sun Belt area of Texas must be borrowed at record high interest rates," Hightower said, "and double digit inflation continues making everything connected with providing service cost more. The company's program to improve and upgrade service and to continue to construct new facilities makes it necessary to request higher rates to more nearly reflect today's cost of doing business."

The request follows the company's first application filed before the commission on Feb. 25, 1980 for \$58.3 million resulting in a commission order in August 1980 granting a \$31 million increase in annual revenues, including a \$4 million service penalty. The amount granted by the PUC also contributed to the need to file now for in-

creased revenues, according to Hightower.

The PUC order issued in August stated the company must improve its service levels or face possible further action by the PUC. Rex Bailey, vice president marketing & customer service, said, "Companywide service levels have improved significantly and are continuing to trend upward. We are optimistic the PUC review of our service will be favorable."

Bailey added, "In hindsight, I guess we felt a little too strongly the customer was maybe more interested in us holding rates down. Maybe we were concentrating a little too heavy on controlling expenses and not enough emphasis on meeting service objectives."

"However, now the company has made a commitment to dedicate the necessary resources to improve service," Bailey explained, "and we are very pleased with the short-term results of the plan inaugurated." He also reported the status of the service improvement plan and service levels are reviewed monthly with the commission staff.

Bailey's testimony filed with the PUC includes a review of telephone growth in Texas during the year ending Sept. 30, 1980 (over 95,800 phones gained); capital budget increases during 1980 to meet growth and upgrade the quality of service (\$13 million bringing the year's capital budget to \$217 million); and detailed explanation of efforts to bring service levels in compliance with PUC rules and standards.

Bailey states the company met or exceeded the majority of PUC service requirements during September, October and November, pointing out objectives not being met are nearing PUC required service levels.

Oscar Gomez, rates and tariff manager, said overall the proposed tariff establishes rates that will, to the greatest extent possible, more equitably align rates with costs.

Significant changes affecting large customer groups include increasing monthly telephone rates in each of the 10 rate bands and foreign exchange charges, changes in service connection charges which more nearly allow customers to pay only for service used and an instrument

recovery fee for customers who discontinue service and do not return leased instruments to the telephone company.

In addition, GTSW plans to implement changes in current offerings for secretarial answering bureau services.

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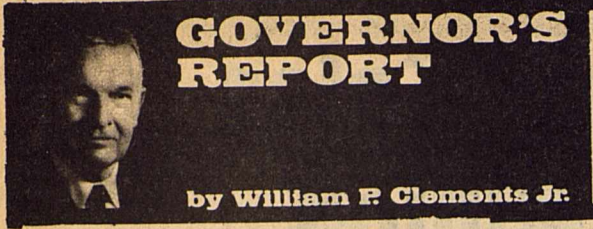
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It is my prediction that the Texas Legislature in 1981 will direct the most significant changes in our Texas public school system since the Gilmer-Aikin laws were enacted more than 30 years ago.

My recommendations in the area of education hopefully will point the way to making our elementary and secondary schools second to none in the nation.

They are based on the year-long study and report of a blue ribbon group, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education, made up of 20 outstanding Texans from all parts of the State and headed by Dr. Willis Tate, president emeritus of Southern Methodist University.

Texans are well served by their schools. But the schools must continue to improve to meet the needs of all our students. We must develop an educational program that is right for Texas.

I firmly believe that Texans want a return to basics in the schools, and that is the heart of the proposals I will submit to the Legislature. The current curriculum is an aggregation of elements mandated by state law, State Board of Education policy, school board policy and federal law and regulation. Subjects are added to address perceived social ills or single interest purposes. None are ever deleted. The total curriculum has become fragmented and diluted.

Existing laws that mandate courses to be included in the curriculum should be repealed, and the State Board of Education should be given the authority to establish and implement a state basic curriculum. Reading, writing and arithmetic should be emphasized along with other basic subjects such as the physical and social sciences, the arts, physical education and vocational education.

I will also ask the Legislature to require a state competency test for teachers before they are certified and as a prerequisite for admission to approved teacher education programs. (The bill "grandfathers" present teachers and students enrolled in teaching programs).

Teaching excellence must be encouraged and rewarded. Toward this end, I am recommending an increase of about 22 per cent over a two year period in teacher salaries, plus increases in retirement pay and fringe benefits. I also advocate establishment of the position of master teacher for those who consistently demonstrate a high level of classroom performance. The designation would carry with it a raise in pay grade. It will keep good teachers in the classroom and aid recruiting of future teachers.

Some of the other priority items in my public school improvement program include:

—Establishment of a summer school pilot program to help students who are having learning difficulties and need help in certain areas, as well as to provide enrichment opportunities for the gifted.

—Creation of guidance centers for pupils with behavioral problems or character disorders who are disruptive in the classroom.

—Development of a comprehensive and efficient state vocational-occupational training program, based on actual and projected needs of the job market.

—Elimination of so-called social promotions.

—Encouragement of school district boards to relieve classroom teachers of excessive paperwork which reduces instructional time and effort.

—Cooperation of state and local policymakers to influence federal law and regulations from a Texas position on educational matters. Local control of our public schools must be maintained. Federal decision making is not the key to meaningful school improvement.

I am confident that a big percentage of these recommendations will be acted upon by the Legislature during the 1981 regular session. Toward that end, I have renewed the membership of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education to assure strong, coordinated support of this program before the Legislature.

Radle Receives Honor From DHT

When William (Blackie) Radle, Jr. of Eldorado came to San Angelo recently to attend a training school conducted by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT) he was presented a 20 year Certificate of Service and lapel emblem.

Blackie, who first worked for the DHT for a short period in 1948, began his present employment with Maintenance Construction Supervisor J.C. Luttrell (ret.) of Sonora in 1961 and now is under the supervision of Maintenance Construction supervisor Louis Olenick. He began as a semi-skilled laborer and has steadily moved up in classification and responsibility to his present position of Maintenance Technician III, and foreman of the Eldorado Sub-section of the Sonora Maintenance Office. All of Blackie's 20 years of Department experience has been in the

Sonora area, except for the short time back in 1948, which was spent in Bronte.

Blackie was promoted to Eldorado Sub-section Foreman in 1973, and moved to Eldorado at that time. He and his wife, Louise, have two daughters Norma and Shirley, and three granddaughters. They are active members of the Church of Christ. Civic-minded, and a strong supporter of community projects, he is Second Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal, and Civil Defense Director. He relaxes by fishing and playing with his granddaughters.

District Engineer D.R. Watson of San Angelo made the presentation and said "my congratulations to Blackie, his 20 years of service to the Department, and thus to the people of Texas, are worthy of recognition. May you continue service with the Department be pleasant and productive."

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dents. Approximately \$400,000 will be available this first year for the awards.

Fifty-two Sutton County students were enrolled at Angelo State for the 1980 fall semester. This compares with 20 who signed up in 1970. ASU's total enrollment last fall reached 5,705 students.

Application materials may be obtained through the President's Office or through the Assistant to the President's Office, both located on the second floor of the Administration Building, or by writing to the Carr Academic Scholarship Program, Angelo State University, Box 11007-c,

ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909

Those applications submitted after the February 15 deadline will be considered as long as funds are available. The last date for consideration of any application will be July 1.

Priority will be given to individuals of high academic ability with financial need who have demonstrated special qualities warranting honor, respect and esteem.

A scholarship advisory committee composed of members of the faculty and administration will assist the President of the University in the evaluation of the applications. The first

awards for the 1981-82 academic year are to be made on or before April 1.

The University administration has stressed that competition for the scholarships during the first year will be keen since awards will be made to only approximately 10 percent of the student body.

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Individuals who are not currently enrolled at ASU who submit scholarship applications are reminded to submit an application for admission through the Admissions Office. ASU requires the American College Test (ACT) for admission, and students should make arrangements to take the ACT as soon as possible. Scholarship awards will be made only after students have been accepted for admission.

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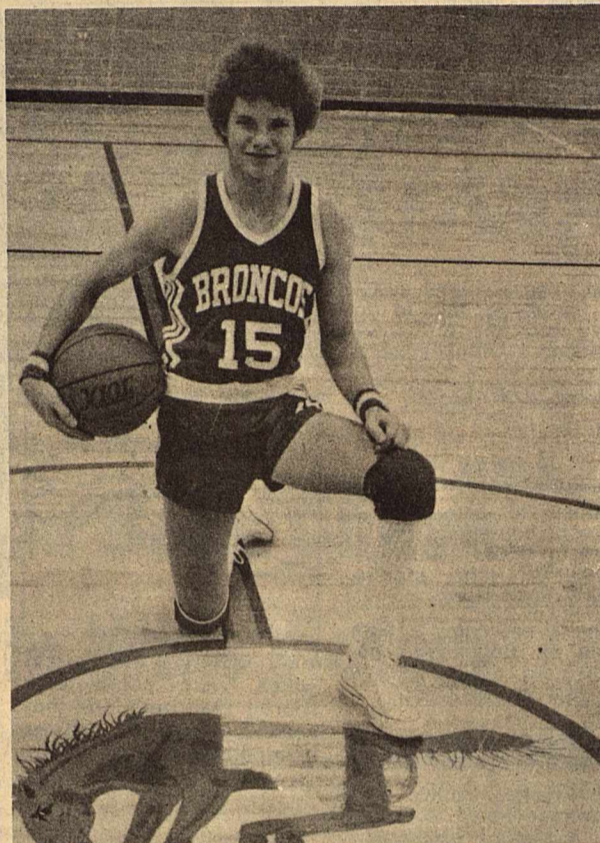
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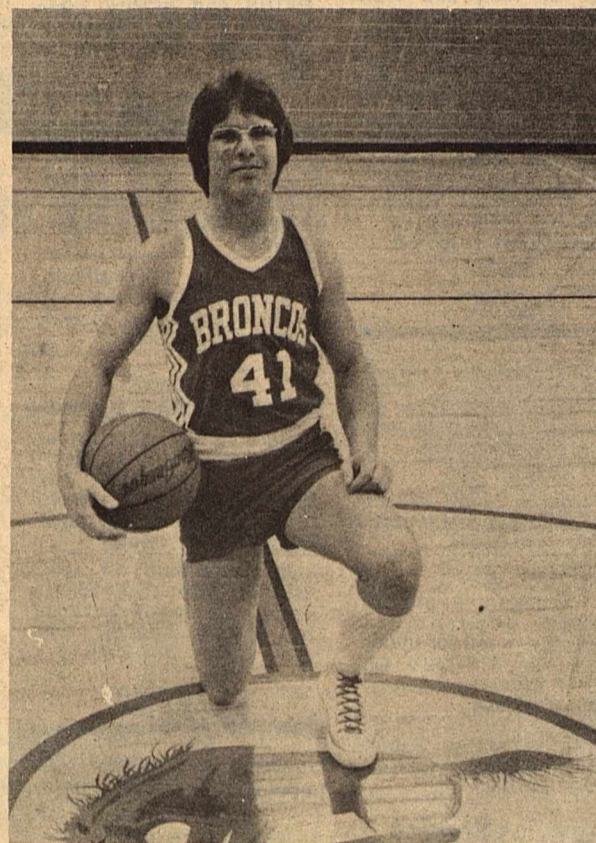
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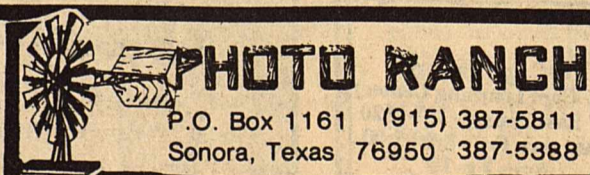
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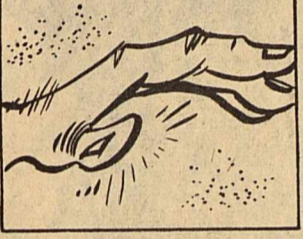
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The game against the Owls was a heartbreaker. With the score knotted at the half, 18-18, the Colts charged to a 36-26 lead by the end of the third period. But the Owls came back strong, outscoring their visitors, 20-2, over the final quarter to nab the win.

Rodney Speers was the main offensive spark for Sonora, pouring in 22 points, while John David Martinez and sau Ramirez each added eight.

In the opening game of the tournament, they fell behind too much, too early against Iraan as they wound up losing, 26-17.

They trailed 6-2 after the first quarter and 16-8 at halftime.

Mike McBride paced the scoring with eight points,

followed by Speers with six, Martinez, with three and Ramirez with two.

The colt made the McCamey Badgers work for the win in their 22-20 second round loss.

The Colts trailed, 5-2, after the opening period, but came back to knot the score by halftime, 7-7. The Badgers picked up a two point edge in the third stanza and maintained it until the final buzzer.

Martinez was the leading scorer this time with eight points, followed by Ramirez with four, Matt Miller, McBride, Jim Cooper and Sonny Samaniego, all with two.

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Bronco Girls Keep In District Running

Coleman Becomes Latest Victim Of Rapidly Improving Cagers, 42-35

The Sonora Bronco girls kept themselves in the running for the District 8-AAA crown as they throttled Coleman Friday night, 42-35.

The girls now stand at 2-1 in league play, 9-14 overall, and closed out the first half of play last night against winless Brady. Their only district loss came at the hands of Comanche on the road, and they

host the Maidens Friday night in a crucial contest.

The girls displayed their usual first quarter blahs as they fell behind 10-5. Only a short jumped and a free

throw by Annabelle Gonzales and an 18-footer by Debbie Kemp put any lights on the Sonora side of the scoreboard.

A layup and a 15-footer by Jessica Robledo pulled

the girls within three at 15-12 and the Broncos reeled off nine unanswered points to take a 21-17 edge at intermission.

A 20-foot bomb by Gonzales pulled the score to

within one, 15-14, with 2:53 left, then Tonya Evans hit virtually the same shot to give Sonora the lead for good.

Kemp nailed a 15-foot shot, and Rosa Noriega put

a rebound back up and in before Paula Friess hit the front end of two charity shots.

Gonzales hit a layup with 4:29 remaining the third

stanza for a 23-19. The Broncos went into a stall that kept the ball on their end of the court almost all of the remainder of the period as Sonora inched the lead up, 26-20.

The fourth quarter belonged entirely to Sonora as the girls ran up to a 42-28 margin over their visitors before the Bluecats managed seven points in the final minute of action.

Gonzales paced the scoring with 16 points, followed by Robledo with nine, Evans and Noriega with five each, Kemp with four and Friess with three.

The girls also managed a win over Iraan on Tuesday night, 45-35.

The Broncos fivesome found itself in the common position of trailing after the opening period, 9-8, but quickly took charge by halftime, 22-13.

The girls extended the lead through the third stanza to 32-22, and both teams swapped baskets in the closing quarter.

Noriega with 18 points and Gonzales with 13 both hit in double figures. Rounding out the scoring were Robledo with eight, Evans with four and Kemp with two.

Sonora Boys Fall To Childress-Led 'Cats'



David Creek and Scott Savell try to stop Coleman's Reggie Childress, but the all starter puts in another shot as the Bluecats kept their unbeaten streak alive by downing the Broncos, 67-28. Childress had 39 points in the contest.

The Sonora Bronco boys got a rude introduction to the Reggie Childress Show Friday night as they dropped their third District 8-AAA contest in three attempts.

The three-time all-stater dumped in 39 points--the exact margin of victory--in leading the undefeated Coleman Bluecats--now 21-0 on the season and 3-0 in league play-- to a 67-28 victory.

The 6-4 senior banged in the first eight points for the

Bluecat before David Creek finally put Sonora on the Scoreboard with a 15-footer at the 4:44 mark of the opening quarter.

Creek added another two points on a layup, but Childress added four more points to give Coleman a 15-4 first quarter lead.

Sonora's stall tactics may have slowed Childress somewhat, but he was never stopped as he poured in nine more points from Creek and a layup by Scott Savell.

The Bluecats held a commanding 30-11 lead as the teams went to the dressing rooms at halftime.

The third stanza was a similar verse of the same song as Childress poured in 12 of Coleman's points while Sonora got only two points each from Creek and Savell.

The pace picked up in the fourth quarter as Sonora put in 13 points, but Coleman added 23 even after Childress retired to the bench with a mere eight points in the period.

The loss drops Sonora's record to 0-3 in district play and 8-11 overall. The Broncos played in Brady last night against the Bulldogs, also winless, and host a return match with Comanche Friday as they try to avenge a two-point loss.

Creek finished as the

JV Broncos Learn To Lose

The Sonora junior varsity boys painfully discovered the agony of defeat last week as they lost their first two games of season.

They were nipped, 44-41, in the second round of the Eldorado Tournament, then

fell to Coleman, 51-34.

There was one note of joy in an otherwise dismal week for the previously undefeated squad as they edged McCamey in the first round of the tournament, 39-37.

The win did take some effort as the Broncos trailed nearly the entire game.

The Badgers jumped to a 13-10 lead after the initial period, and held a 23-19 margin at intermission.

Both teams swapped baskets in the third quarter, then Sonora exploded while using a tenacious defense to outscore McCamey, 10-4, over the final eight minutes.

Ronnie Anderson was the top scorer with 15 points followed by DeVoe Smith with eight, Joey Samaniego and Victor Garcia with six each and Matt Favila with four.

A weak third quarter performance cost the Broncos their second round contest against Wall.

They led by a single point, 29-28, at halftime, but were outscored, 8-3, in the succeeding period and could never recover.

Anderson again topped the scoring with 15 points followed by Samaniego with 10, Smith with eight, Espy Whitehead with six and Gacia with two.

In the district game against Coleman, the Bluecats jumped to a 16-8 first quarter lead, but Sonora cut the margin back to one at halftime, 23-22.

The Blue cats regained the momentum in the third stanza as they outgunned their host, 12-6, and costed to the victory with Anderson sitting on the bench with his fifth foul.

He and Samaniego topped the scoring with eight points each, while Smith canned six, Garcia and Whitehead both nailed four and Favila and Mike Phillips each added two.

The freshmen also dropped a game during the week to the Del Rio freshmen, 29-18.

Sonora could never get a potent scoring attack going as Del Rio held a 28-10 lead going into the final stanza.

Tino Martinez paced the Sonora scoring with 12 points, followed by Drew Wallace with four and Timmy Doan with two.



Debbie Kemp puts in two points for the Sonora Bronco girls as they won their second district game against Coleman Friday night. Also looking on is Paula Friess. The win sets up a showdown with first half champion Comanche here Friday.

Eighth Grade Boys Clinch District Title With Victory

The Sonora eighth grade boys clinched the district championship last week with a 43-38 win over Big Lake, then had to settle for

second place in the Reagan County Tournament by losing to the same team in the finals.

The Colts used a strong

second half showing to insure the district crown after a nip-and-tuck first half that found them trailing by a point, 23-22.

The boys edged ahead, 33-31, after three periods, then won the fourth quarter scoring battle, 10-7, to nail down the title.

Jessie Guerra, Scott Miller and David Noriega all hit in double figures with 16, 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Gilbert Martinez with three points and Lonnie Blankenship with two rounded out the Sonora scoring.

The entire team figured in the scoring in an easy opening round win over Iraan in the tournament, 32-16.

The first quarter score stood at 9-2 and was out of reach by halftime 21-4.

Ricky Mesa topped the scoring for the Colts with five points, followed by Blankenship, Guerra, Noriega, Doug Martin and Mike Barton, all with four, Martinez, Mark York and Danny Samaniego, all with two, and Tim Schabel with one.

The boys took a commanding first half lead against McCamey in the second round, then coasted to a 31-26 win.

The score was knotted after the initial quarter, 7-7, but the Colts exploded to a 24-14 intermission edge.

Miller topped the scoring with an 18-point performance, followed by Guerra with eight, Martinez with three and Noriega with two.

In the finals against Big Lake, the Colts trailed by a single point, 17-16, at halftime and managed to stay close despite starters Martinez and Guerra fouling out midway through the third quarter.

The Owls came out on top, 37-35.

Miller again paced the Sonora scoring with 11 points, followed by Noriega with eight, Blankenship and Guerra with six each and Martinez and Schabel, both with two.

Eighth Grade Girls Claim League Crown

Sonora's eighth grade girls clinched the district championship last week with a 27-16 win over Reagan County, then were knocked out in the second round of the Reagan County Tournament.

Other scorers were Debbie Bible with six, Edna Reyes with four, Anita Balch, Debbie Shannon, Rebecca Hulseley and Cathy Doran, all with two, and Karla Jungk with one.

The girls easily won their first tournament game, 21-9, over Iraan.

Despite trailing, 4-2, after the first quarter, the girls rallied to take a 9-6 halftime edge.

By the end of the third period, their lead stood at 13-7.

The girls led 8-2 after the initial period and 10-7 at halftime.

An 11-4 scoring spree in the third quarter sealed the victory.

Lea Whitehead had eight points to pace the Colts.

Seventh Grade Girls Fall Three Times

The Sonora seventh grade girls fell against Big Lake last Tuesday, then dropped both their games in the Reagan County Tournament last weekend.

The girls fell behind, 2-0, after the first quarter against the Owls, but tied the score by halftime, 8-8.

Both teams scored four points in the third stanza,

but the Owls skunked their hosts in the fourth quarter to capture the victory.

Sherry Kirby, Racheal Chavez, Carrie Sorenson and Stacy Miller each had two points for the Colts, while Bonnie Jackson paced the scoring attack with four points.

The girls could never get their offense going in the

Reagan County Tournament opener against Iraan as they were blasted, 25-2.

Kirby scored Sonora's only points on a fourth quarter basket.

A comeback effort against Ozona in the second round game fell short as the girls lost, 18-15.

The score was tied, 8-8, at halftime, but Ozona shut out the Colts in the third quarter while scoring seven points to nab the win.

Jackson and Odella Garza headed the scoring with three points each, followed by Deveda Bible, Miller Sorenson and Tammy Martin with two each and Lori Webster with one.

JV Girls Fall

The Sonora junior varsity girls found hard times during the week as they dropped all four of their games.

A split squad on Tuesday fell to Iraan, 27-6.

Iraan held a commanding 23-1 lead at halftime and was never threatened during the contest.

Elia Longoria had four points for the Bronco girls, and Patricia Bible added two.

In the first round of the Eldorado Tournament Thursday, the girls fell into a first quarter hole and could never dig their way out in a 42-31 loss to McCamey.

McCamey held an 11-4 lead after the first period of play and upped the margin to 25-15 at halftime.

Sonya Ridgeway led the scoring with 11 points, followed by Lora Lea Kordzik with eight, Debra Maldonado and Kristi Hill with four each and Anna Mata and Kathryn Parker, both with two.

The scoring for Sonora

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Anytime Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown is on the program -- any program -- the audience is in for a treat not only with good entertainment sprinkled with jokes but facts and figures as well.

As an agriculture journalist and editor for over 20 years, I have never missed the occasion to be in Reagan's corner. I always come away with more copy than I have space. Thusly, get ready for several upcoming columns through this Syndication.

Reagan and I go back along way. When I was editor for the Sheep & Goat Raiser magazine, he was at College Station with the Extension Service. He is the father of a small community renewal in Texas, a project I have pushed with every ounce of energy since my youth of growing up on a Hill Country ranch.

We both worked for former Texas governor Dolph Briscoe and now we both work for the advancement of farmers in ranchers in the Lone Star state.

Brown was in San Angelo recently speaking to the Mohair Council of America membership meeting. And he reported some 8.7 million pounds of mohair was produced in Texas during 1980. That figure was down slightly from the 1979 figure of 9.3 million pounds and I would guess the decrease is largely due to the increase of predators. A producer survey indicates the average price for mohair averaged \$3.45 per pound for 1980.

Brown addressed the labor problems in ranch country and suggested President Reagan and his administration might look into the "wetback" programs. "We've got to have adequate labor but farmers and ranchers must also maintain profitable operations," he said.

He also cited the fireant problem and said: "the fireants are moving westward from East Texas at a rate of 30 miles per year." I was the first Texas journalist to introduce fireants to Texas in print. I remember 15 years ago viewing their giant mounds in Louisiana as the dangerous little things were on the move toward the Texas Border.

When they reached Gillespie County some years back, I was there with Extension agent Duery Menzies exposing the story. Matter of fact, I won an award from The Associated Press for a series on fireants.

"We have determined that 1 percent of the population is susceptible to death from fireants stings," explained Brown.

Quickly turning to other reports by Commissioner Brown, he reported a trip last year in Japan, Taiwan and Korea by MGA representatives produced positive results. "Foreign exports of Texas mohair doubled in 1980," he added.

He spoke briefly of his meeting with new U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block of Illinois. "He's a hog farmer who knows a lot about our problems," he said. "He's going to be sympathetic to the farmers and ranchers and I think he will turn things around. He's mover."

"They have coyotes in Vermont, so they know the growing problem we have down here," said Brown.

The Texas Ag Commissioner says we have a good year ahead for the state's agriculture community. And let me add: Thanks to the knowledge and leadership of Reagan Brown its going our way.

School Menu

Breadfast Monday, February 2

Apple Juice
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Tuesday, February 3

Grape Juice
Cinnamon Toast
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Wednesday, February 4

Orange Juice
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Thursday, February 5

Apple Juice
Cheese Toast
Milk

Friday, February 6

Grape Juice
Sausage
Hot Biscuits/Jelly
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Lunch

Monday, February 2

Fried Fish
Scalloped Potatoes
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Peneapple Cake

Tuesday, February 3

Burritos
Tossed Salad
Pinto Beans
Sliced Peaches
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Wednesday, February 4

Baked Turkey/Dressing
English Peas
Cranberry Sauce
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
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Thursday, February 5

Italian Spaghetti
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Friday, February 6

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Chamber Of Commerce Adds Memberships

Glen Fisher, President, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced last week that Trinity Baptist Church on West Fourth Street has joined the C of C as a business membership.

Pastor of TBC is Rev. Donal Provine. Fisher is joined by the C of C Board of Directors, the membership and Sonorans in welcoming the Trinity Baptist Church into the membership roster.

Roy Vick Plumbing is the latest Sonora Business to join the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, according to Glen Fisher, president.

Roy Vick Plumbing is located at 417 SE Concho an the main office is in San Angelo, where Vick resides.

The Board of Directors, the C of C membership and Fisher welcome the business membership into its roster.

Happy Birthdays

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January 29

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Juan Perez

January 30

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David Brent Archer
Mrs. Tom Nevill
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February 4

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Marcos Minor Perez Graduates From TSTI

Marcos Minor Perez, a 1979 graduate of Sonora High School, has graduated from TSTI in Sweetwater in the field of auto body

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Interest & Sinking, 1979	6,902.46	73,143.61		52,552.50		27,493.57
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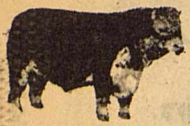
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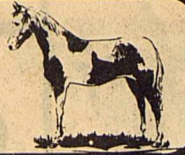
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Sutton County Ranch News



Crosbred cattle on the Leroy Williams Ranch near Carrizo Springs hungrily devour prickly pear which was planted in their behalf. Most ranchers in South Texas have traditionally used it for emergency feed but Williams prefers to use it as a supplement, thus extending the availability of his range grasses. He cultivates pear in all pastures, burning a sufficient amount each day with a butane tank for cows to consume. Williams says nearly all animal species in his area depend on prickly pear for survival.

Rancher Nurtures Pear

Prickly pear may be looked upon as a nuisance plant by some South Texas cattle producers, but to Dimmit County rancher Leroy Williams, this spine-laden cacti is more like a savior.

Much of South Texas' ranges are said to be infested with prickly pear (called "pear" by ranchers) where it traditionally use characteristically has been as an emergency livestock feed when grass was depleted. Williams, however, uses pear as a supplement—not as the so-called "last resort" feed—and nurtures it in all his pastures.

"Pear allows grass to go about twice as far," he claims. "Cattle normally graze 12 to 15 hours a day. If you keep them on pear about eight hours their grazing time on grass is cut significantly."

A few years ago Williams cleared 800 acres and row-planted pear in 50-acre blocks. Each day he burns a sufficient amount for a herd to eat. Burning off the thorns with a butane torch makes the substance more palatable for livestock, he said.

"When the burner is ignited, cattle hear the noise (which closely resembles a jet plane warming up) and come running," Williams explains. "The objective is to stay a little ahead of the cattle with the burner. But if too much is burned at one time you'll waste pear—it dries out. They normally eat more pear in cold weather. In extremely cold weather, they'll eat it thorns and all, whether you burn it or not. I have seen deer and cattle fighting over it."

Williams says there's something mysterious about pear that attracts cattle. In fact, many other animal species are dependent on pear for survival in South Texas.

"Nearly every kind of animal in this part of the country eats pear," he continues. "Pear makes up a large percent of deer and javalina diets. Quail get water from pear. Coyotes, rats and even turtles eat it. Fact is, I don't know a single animal that grazes here that doesn't live or

pear to some extent."

Although Williams maintains that pear is partly responsible for his continued existence in the cattle business, he wouldn't balk at taking measures to control it in pastures where the cacti becomes successfully competitive with native grasses. He feels both pear and grass are important to his operation, but admits more pear would be desirable.

"Right now I don't have as much pear as I'd like," he stresses. "I burned it last year until May; burned all I had to get through the drought. Depending on the way it grows, pear needs three, maybe four years growth before it should be burned again. Otherwise you'll likely kill it. Pear requires good management, just like grass."

Although pear grows wild and is considered a maverick plant of sorts, it nevertheless must be cultivated in suitable soil types to be beneficial to livestock, according to Williams. He has planted it without success in sandy soils even though he tried to compensate with various fertilizer combinations.

"Good pear just won't grow here on very sandy soils," Williams says. "And the type that will grow usually causes cattle to scour. Of course,

scouring isn't limited to unsuitable pear species. It can occur after hot weather when the sap rises and plants contain too much water or when cattle on pear ranges are allowed to eat too much."

Williams estimates cattle will eat 60 to 80 pounds a day of pear, but he believes ranchers must be careful to avoid letting animals enjoy too much of a good thing. "You'd be surprised at the amount of pear a cow will eat in a day's time if she's given the green light," he noted.

Proper planting, Williams says, is very critical. He plants the leaves three feet apart with the cut-part down and covers about half the leaf with soil. Rotting can occur if the entire leaf is covered. He has also made detailed searches to obtain disease-resistant pear varieties.

Williams' theory regarding pear as a range cattle supplement feed isn't new, but certainly unique. Dr. Larry White, Texas Agricultural Extension Service range specialist in Uvalde, says the King Ranch once used the concept but has since abandoned it.

"There's a lot of time, labor and expense involved and not many ranchers use it today as part of a systematic management program. Leroy has used it with good results. You can

take one look at his cattle and determine that," White says.

The range specialist is concerned, however, that more ranchers are turning to the "all grass" concept.

He maintains that retaining certain range plants like pear can prove extremely valuable during emergency situations as well as providing daily feed for livestock and other animals.

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The office period in Eden is each Monday morning from 9 am to 12 noon and is located in the ASCS Office. The Eden telephone number is 915-869-3941. Address: Box H, Eden, TX 76837.

Conference On Credit Set In March

Inflation, recession and record-high interest rates give bankers nightmares. How they can cope with those nightmares while still serving their communities effectively will be discussed at the annual Texas Farm and Ranch Credit Conference at Texas A&M University Mar. 2-4.

Other topics will deal with loan pricing, oil and gas lease revaluation, purchasing versus leasing, tax planning, international demand and transportation for Texas agricultural products in coming years, input of water limitation on Texas agriculture, and future structure of the state's agricultural industry, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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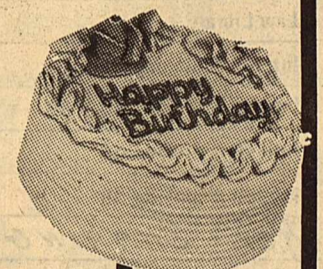
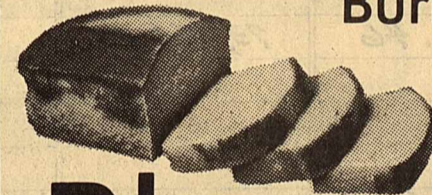
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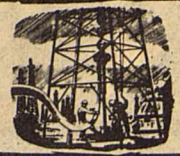
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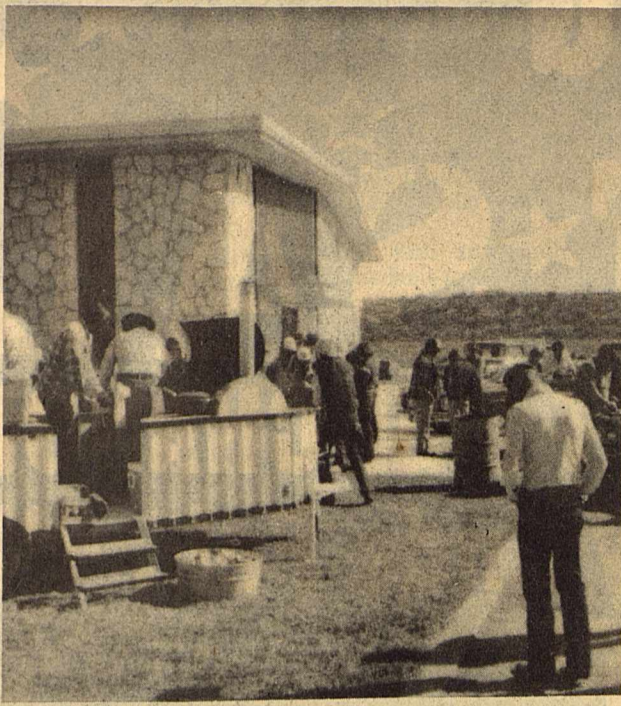
Pool Co. Customers Attend Barbecue

On January 20, Pool's Sonora District sponsored Bar-B-Que at the Regional Office.

Various customers from Sonora and Ozona Oil and Gas Companies, along with various local merchants were invited.

Steak, barbecued goat and sausage were the prime menu, along with beans and potato salad.

Approximately 100 people were there to enjoy the good food and appreciate the sunshine that hadn't been out for a few days.



Recovery Projected Okayed

A secondary recovery waterflood project that won Railroad Commission approval today expected to boost ultimate production from a West Texas field by nearly 2.5 million barrels of oil.

The recovery project of the Sun Oil Co. and an accompanying proposal for unit operation in the Lawson (San Andres) Field in Ector County was sanctioned by Chairman John Poerner and Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and Mack Wallace during the weekly conference on Oil and Gas Division matters. Technical Hearings Director Billy D. Thomas, who conducted a public hearing on Sun's application on Oct. 21, recommended approval of the project.

The new North Lawson Unit will consist of 1,560 surface acres. The San Andres formation, topped at an average depth of 4,400 feet, is credited with 5,900 productive acres.

Presently, Thomas reported at the conference, the unit area has 31 producing wells, whose yield averages 5.8 barrels per day. So far, he added, the unit area has yielded more than 2.66 million barrels of oil and the reservoir is 88 percent depleted.

"The proposed secondary recovery waterflood project is expected to recover an additional 2,498,100 barrels of oil which otherwise would never be produced," Thomas stated in his findings of fact.

Thomas further reported that 84.65 percent of the working interests and 99.95 percent of the royalty interests signed the unit agreement. The operating pact becomes effective on Dec. 1.

Sun's plans for the unit call for the drilling of 40 new water injection wells. Brackish water obtained from the Shell Oil Co. water system will be injected in a 40-acre, five-spot pattern at the daily rate of 750 barrels of water per well, using a maximum injection pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch.

In other actions during the Oil and Gas Conference the Commission:

Determination Totals Released By Texas RRC

The Railroad Commission's Natural Gas Policy Act Section reported that as of Jan. 15 Texas oil and gas operators have filed 31,165 applications for determinations of new gas well production categories under the federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

The Commission initiated the well classification program in December 1978 pursuant to NGPA mandate and guidelines set forth by

Purchaser Nominations Reported

February 1981 nominations for the purchase of Texas crude oil total 2,567,531 barrels daily, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reported.

Purchaser nominations for January 1981 totaled 2,587,925 barrels daily. Comparable purchaser nominations for February 1980 totaled 2,653,720 barrels daily.

The Commission will set the February production allowances during the monthly statewide oil and gas proration hearing at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Quality Inn in Austin.

The statewide oil allowance for January is set at 100 percent of the maximum efficient rate with actual production to approximate 2,490,000 barrels daily.

The Oil and Gas Division reported final tabulations place purchases of Texas crude oil in November 1980 at 2,452,095 barrels daily, or 675,972 barrels daily less than nominations for that month.

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Under the federal rules and corresponding RRC policies, the section is responsible for processing applications are reviewed through section statistical checklists and are brought before the Commission for action.

Through Jan. 15, the Commission has approved 23,296 applications for the requested NGPA producing categories, according to the section report. Seven applications have been denied.

A total of 21,495 applications have been transmitted to the FERC. The federal agency has the power to reverse or remand applications acted on the transmitted by the RRC. Another 1,378 applications are in a microfilming status before being sent to the FERC.

The NGPA Section report gives the following breakdown of categories applied for by operators and those finally approved by the Commission:

1) 11,036 applications for determinations under NGPA Section 108 for strip-

per well natural gas from wells producing an average of no more than 60,000 cubic feet per production day. The Commission has approved 9,797 applications.

2) 13,679 applications for determinations under Section 102 (C) (1) (C) -- wells drilled in new onshore reservoirs. A total of 1,859 have been approved.

4) 1,412 applications for determination under Section 102 (C) (1) (B) -- gas from wells meeting distance requirements from other wells. A total of 638 applications have been approved.

5) 148 applications for determinations under Section 107 -- high cost gas wells drilled after Feb. 19, 1977 and completed at a depth below 15,000 feet. Eighty-three of the Section 107 applications have been approved by the Commission.

6) 464 applications for Section 107 (C) (5) -- gas from formations described as tight sands. Two of these applications have been approved by the Commission.

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As our nation begins to grapple with its economic problems, and as the new Congress and Administration start work, the federal budget will be the subject of a great deal of concern and discussion.

That is as it should be, for controlling the size of the budget is an essential step toward solving all of the problems facing our economy. But adopting the budget is a long and complex process. It involves all quarters of the legislative and executive branches of government. Each step is important, and a roadblock in one phase affects every subsequent step. So I would like to take a moment to outline the basic actions involved in determining what the federal government will spend.

We are currently in "fiscal year" 1981, which began Oct. 1. There probably will be modifications to that year's budget in the coming months, but the wheels already are in motion for the budget for fiscal year 1982, which will begin next October.

The first official action is the presentation to the Congress of the President's budget recommendation, based on consultation with the various agencies and arms of the executive branch. President Carter already has sent Congress his budget, and President Reagan will send his recommendations as soon as he and his Cabinet make decisions on priorities.

The Congress can approve, modify or reject any of the President's recommendations.

In Congress, the budget is determined through three different processes. The first step is called authorization. The various committees of the House and Senate look at the needs in areas under their jurisdiction and "authorize" programs and spending levels to meet those needs. The Armed Services Committee, for instance, is responsible for defense budget authorization.

Each of the committees reports its budget estimates to the Budget Committee, which then compiles a recommended overall budget. This first "Concurrent Budget Resolution," passed by the House and Senate, becomes the blueprint for all future action. That step allows Congress to look at the budget as a whole.

With the Budget resolution in hand, the Congress is ready to move to the appropriations process. The appropriations bills set out what actually is to be spent during the year for each program in the budget. The authorization bill sets the ceiling for the appropriation. Simultaneously, any tax legislation is considered, also in light of the Budget Resolution.

When action is completed on all money bills, the Congress adopts a Second Concurrent Budget resolution, which firmly sets spending limits. It also relates these figures to projected revenues, and calculates the resulting deficit or surplus.

Each of these steps involves both the Senate and the House. In most cases, the two bodies will adopt bills that differ in their provisions. Then a Conference Committee ironed out the differences and presents the compromise bill to the two houses. Before a bill is sent to the President, both houses must approve identical versions.

In recent years, Congress has had problems meeting its budget deadlines. It is my hope that this year, we can act in timely fashion so that the budget can be in place when the new fiscal year begins.

Bill Watkins Joins Sonora Industrial Team

Bill Morriss, Chairman, Industrial Committee, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced the appointment of Bill Watkins to the Industrial Committee.

Watkins, manager of Television Enterprises, Inc., will serve on the team in the area of Public Relations. Watkins recently filmed a segment to be televised on the Atlanta Cable News Network on the Take Two Show and, along with Dr. David Owensby plans to tape segments on Sonora, for local use and also to be used to present to industrial prospects.

Morriss joins Industrial Team members: Robert Brown, James Dickason, Jim Dover, Glen Fisher, Jim Garrett, Charles Graves, Effie Harle, Don

Holdridge, Earl Johnson, Lemuel Lopez, Doyle Morgan, Les Robertson, Charles Sherrill, and Steve Swift in welcoming Watkins to the board.

Sanchez Named To Dean's List

Enrique Sanchez, Jr., of 802 Santa Anna Avenue, Sonora, has been named to the Dean's List at Western Texas College in Snyder for the 1980 Fall semester.

Students on the Dean's List must be enrolled for at least 12 hours of college credit work exclusive of physical education with a grade point of 3.5 or more on a 4.0 grade scale.

School Begins Testing Program

Sonora student will be among 700,000 expected to participate in the second Texas Assessment of Basic Skills Test Program during the February 2-20 statewide testing period.

The assessment plan, first of its kind in this state is scheduled once each year under requirements set by the Texas Legislature during its 1979 regular session.

Third, fifth and ninth grade students from Sonora will be tested next week, February 4 and 5. The reading, writing, composi-

tion and mathematics test will require a maximum of 40-60 minutes to complete.

The Sonora ISD will report its district and campus aggregate scores to the public at a May or June meeting of the board of trustees, according to Dr. Joe R. Andrews, district superintendent.

"However, individual student scores will be reported only to the student, parents or guardian, and the school personnel directly involved", Dr. Andrews adds.

"This testing program is

designed to help the student and the school improve achievement," Dr. Andrews points out. "For this reason, results will be reported in a manner that will help everyone become more effective."

"Third grade students were added to the annual testing sequence for the first time this year. The three test will make up an annual assessment effort designed to help both state and local school officials improve their services," Dr. Andrews says.

Overall student perfor-

mance, both by campus and by district, will be reported each year to the public by the local board of trustees.

CTB/McGraw-Hill of Monterey, California will help administer the 1981 test program and develop and field test new items for the 1981-82 series under contract to the State Board of Education. The California firm will also operate a computerized inventory of all test booklets to assure strict security at all times.

"Each test question will relate to a specific objective

or skill students are expected to learn by the time they complete the particular grade," Dr. Andrews points out.

"We use the term 'criterion-referenced' simply because it is a short way of saying the answer to each question must lead back to a specific objective," Dr. Andrews explains.

Ninth grade students who do not make a satisfactory "exit level" score may

re-test each year they remain in high school. However, they will not be required to take it more than once. Later attempts to improve scores and evaluate any remedial programs will be voluntary.

The annual test program will be administered by the classroom teachers who have been given special training under the guidelines and supervision of the Texas Education Agency.

Sonoran Aids Italian Relief Effort

Navy Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class Alfredo Gonzales, son of Alejandro Gonzales of 107 Uno St., and Rosa El Sanchez of 308 W. Oak, both of Sonora, recently assisted in earthquake relief operations in Italy.

He is currently serving with Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 24, operat-

ing from Sigonella, Sicily.

Members of all the U.S. military services participated in a coordinated effort to move a total of 2,000 tents, 20,000 blankets, and tons of food, clothing and medicines to the survivors of the most devastating earthquake to hit Italy in 65 years.

More than 3,000 people

died in the quake, and some 200,000 were left homeless.

Shortly after the relief operations began, the temperatures plunged and the rains started, making the urgency of getting relief supplies to the stricken people even more acute.

All the Americans mili-

tary personnel involved worked extremely long hours to get the supplies through to the survivors.

A 1972 graduate of Sonora High School, Gonzales joined the Navy in August 1973. His wife, Viola, is the daughter of Pedro and Alilia Virgen also of Sonora.

Los Compadres Club Elects New Directors

Los Compadres Club held a business meeting Saturday, January 17, at the Polo Cervantes home.

New directors of the were chosen. Those filling the posts are Mr. and Mrs. Marciano Hernandez Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Trevino.

Other business included reviewing of the clubs by-laws, discussion of the club's budget for the year and plan's for the annual dance, Fandango '81.

Also, three couples have been accepted into the club and will be officially welcomed into the club on a

later date along with an installation ceremony for the new directors.

Hosts for the dinner served before the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Lopez. The menu consisted of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, green beans, tea and dessert.

Others members present were Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Galindo Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gonzales, Mr. and Mrs. Claudio Flores, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallegos, Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Perez, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Salazar Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Julio Samaniego.

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HEAP Designed To Help Low Income Families

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is designed to help very low income households meet the increased cost of home heating.

The Program will provide a one-time payment for each eligible household for fiscal year 1981.

The amount will be based on income and the payment standards set for each county in the state.

Representatives of the program are particularly interested in seeing that information about the HEAP reaches low income households which include elderly, handicapped or homebound individuals.

Other high priority, low income households include those with young children, migrants, persons with communication problems (deafness, speech defects and language barriers) and persons who are geographically or socially isolated.

Low income households which do so may apply for a HEAP payment in January and February, 1981.

For more information contact the Sutton Senior Center at 387-5657. A representative will be at the center every Tuesday.

with his fiancé to hurry their wedding. Dean Martin, Elizabeth Montgomery.
12:00 Noon Under the Red Robe. 1937 adventure romance. A memorable day in French history, when fearless swordsmen faced Cardinal Richelieu and challenged his right to order the death penalty for Huguenots. Raymond Massey, Conrad Veidt, Annabella.
11:00 p.m. Spencer's Mountain. 1963 drama. The parents of a Wyoming mountain boy, one of nine children, give up their plans to build a new home for their retirement years in order to send him to college. Henry Fonda, Maureen O'Hara, James MacArthur.

1:30 a.m. The Long Duel. 1967 adventure drama. An archeologist becomes entangled in the trouble of a tribe of nomadic people in India. Yul Brynner, Trevor Howard.

Thurs., January 29, 1981
9:00 a.m. Mr. Soft Touch. 1949 drama. A war veteran returns home to find his club has been taken over by a gangster, so he robs the safe and takes refuge in a settlement house. Glenn Ford, Evelyn Keyes, John Ireland.

12:00 Noon Naked in the Sun. 1957 adventure drama. True events of the Osceola and Seminole Indians warring against a crooked slave trader. James Craig, Lita Milan, Barton MacLane.

10:30 p.m. The Leopard. 1963 drama. In the 1860's in Sicily, the Prince of Salina is shattered by the news of Garibaldi's invasion and knows the aristocrats must bow to the new order. Burt Lancaster, Claudia Cardinale.

2:00 a.m. A Raisin in the Sun. 1961 drama. A frustrated but indestructible black family in Chicago is stirred into emotional flux when the proud matriarch of the house secures a \$10,000 life insurance payment. Sidney Poitier, Claudia McNeil, Ruby Dee.

Friday, January 30, 1981
9:00 a.m. The President's Lady. 1953 romance drama. future President Andrew

Jackson struggles to suppress the scandal surrounding the lady he marries, which concerns her romantic past. Charlton Heston, Susan Hayward, Fay Bainter.

12:00 Noon Embraceable You. 1948 drama. A small-time crook runs down a girl, injuring her. He visits her in the hospital, and eventually they fall in love. Dane Clark, Geraldine Brooks.

8:00 p.m. Tomb of the Living Dead. 1969 horror. Three strangers arrive on isolated Blood Island and hear that there have been numerous killing attributed to a green-blooded, green-skinned monster. John Ashley, Angelique Petrijohn.

10:30 p.m. War Gods of the Deep. 1965 sci-fi/horror. The ruler of a sub-oceanic city kidnaps an expert on seismology and a young woman whom he believes is the reincarnation of his wife. Vincent Price, Tab Hunter, Susan Hart.

12:15 a.m. The Italian Connection. 1973 drama. An Italian gangster steals a six-million dollar shipment of heroin, and when the New York hit men show up, he sets up a small-time hood as the thief. Henry Silva, Woody Strode, Mario Adorf, Sylva Koscina.

1:50 a.m. Little Cigars. 1973 adventure drama. A voluptuous blonde 'bad girl' is on the lam from her sadistic gangster boyfriend and his henchmen. She falls in with a gang of midgets who are really crooks. Angel Tompkin Billy Curtis, Jerry Maren.

Saturday, January 31, 1981
7:30 a.m. Red Tomahaw. 1967 western. After Custer's defeat at Little Big Horn, an army captain spreads the word that the Sioux may attack Deadwood. When he learns of the whereabouts of four Gatling guns, he and another man set ambush for the redskins. Howard Keel, Joan Caulfield, Broderick Crawford, Scott Brady.

9:00 a.m. Titanic. 1953 drama. In April of 1912, the luxury liner Titanic sails from England with 2,200

passengers onboard. The film follows the story of these people before and during the tragic sinking of the ship. Clifton Webb, Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Wagner.

11:00 p.m. Volcano. 1969 adventure. A group of adventurers are searching for treasure in the waters near Java in 1883 when a volcano erupts. Diane Baker, Maximilian Schell, Brian Keith, Rossano Brazzi.

2:00 p.m. In Old Chicago. 1938 romance drama. An epic of the great Midwestern metropolis and the O'Leary's whose cow started the Chicago fire. Tyrone Power, Don Ameche, Alice Faye.

12:30 a.m. A Child Is Waiting. 1963 drama. A touching drama about retarded children, and the psychologist who tries to develop new methods of teaching them, with the help of a music teacher. Burt Lancaster, Judy Garland, Gena Rowlands. Lancaster, Judy Garland, Gena Rowlands.

2:45 a.m. The Devils Disciple. 1939 drama. Based on George Bernard Shaw's superb play about the actions and reactions of men and their ideals during the American Revolution. Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Sir Laurence Olivier.

Sunday, February 1, 1981
9:30 Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison. 1957 drama. A Marine corporal cast up on a Pacific Island finds the only other inhabitant is a nun. Together they outwit the Japanese. Robert Mitchell, Deborah Kerr.

12:00 Noon The Young Lions. 1958 drama. A powerful and many faceted story of three young men, two Americans and a German, in the campaigns of World War II. Some actual documentary footage. Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, Dean Martin, Hope Lange, Barbara Rush, Maximilian Schell.

3:30 p.m. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. 1938 juvenile classic. Mark Twain's immortal classic about a boy in a small Missouri town who gets involved in 'forbidden treasures.' An excellent production. Tommy Kelly, Jackie Moran, Ann Gillis, Walter Brennan.

7:00 p.m. Mr. Scoutmaster. 1953 comedy. To acquire

the juvenile touch for a kid's show he writes, a childless tv writer becomes a scoutmaster. Clifton Webb, Edmund Gwenn, Frances Dee.

11:30 a.m. God is My Co-Pilot. 1945 adventure drama. Based on Col. Robert E. Scott's novel about his own exploits flying with Claire Channault, and the luck that has people calling him a 'one man air force.' Dennis Morgan, Dane Clark, Raymond Massey, Alan Hale, Andrea King.

1:25 a.m. The Hard Way. 1943 drama. A domineering sister wrecks her own life while trying to push her sister to stardom. Ida Lupino, Dennis Morgan, Joan Leslie, Jack Carson.

Monday, February 2, 1981
9:00 a.m. Tammy Tell Me True. 1961 comedy romance. The romantic adventures of a backwoods girl who sets out to get a college education. How she helps an elderly woman and the dean of women. Sandra Dee, John Gavin, Charles Drake, Beulah Bondi.

12:00 Noon High Hell. 1958 drama. A mine owner and his crew arrive at the mountain mine site, only to find his partner already there with his wife. Weather-bound, they spread the winter fighting over the gold and the girl. John Derek, Elaine Stewart, Rodney Burke.

7:00 p.m. Spellbound. 1945 drama. Alfred Hitchcock directed this film about a young man who is accused of murder, but suffers from amnesia and can't recall the events of the killing. A woman psychiatrist who loves him helps out. Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck,

Leo G. Carroll.
10:45 From Hell to Texas. 1958 western. During a fight, a man is killed when he falls on his own knife. His opponent finds himself on the run from the man's father and brother, who declare a vendetta. Don Murray, Diane Varsi, Chill Willis.

12:50 a.m. A Gathering of Eagles. 1963 drama. An Air Force wife, shocked by her husband's attitude towards the men in his command, nearly leaves him before she realizes the importance of his Strategic Air Command work. Rock Hudson, Rod Taylor, Mary Peach.

Tuesday, February 3, 1981
9:00 a.m. Tammy and the Doctor. 1963 comedy. Tammy attracts the attention of a young intern and almost ruins the romance of a doctor and an older nurse when she accompanies her friend to the hospital. Sandra Dee, Peter Fonda, Macdonald Carey, Beulah Bondi, Margaret Lindsay.

12:00 Noon Paula. 1952 drama. A woman, unable to have children of her own, accidentally runs over a young boy. When she finds out the injuries will leave him mute, she goes to work to teach him to talk again. Loretta Young, Kent Smith, Alexander Knox.

12:30 p.m. Serenade. 1956 musical drama. The story of a derelict singer who is torn between the love of two women and his own ambition. Mario Lanza, Joan Fontaine, Sarita Montiel, Vincent Price, Vincent Edwards.

1:05 a.m. The Joker is Wild. 1957 biographical drama. Follows the life of the beloved nightclub come-

dian, Joe E. Lewis, who conquered problems with the gang lords of the roaring '20's and then with the bottle. Frank Sinatra, Jeanne Crain, Mitzi Gaynor, Eddie Albert, Jackie Coogan.

Wed. February 4, 1981
9:00 a.m. Tammy and the Millionaire. 1967 comedy/crama. The further adventures of Tammy, an unsophisticated backwoods girl whose homespun wisdom affects the lives of those she comes in contact with--except for some snobbish bluebloods. Debbie Watson, Denver Pyle, Frank McGrath.

12:00 Noon Virgin Island. 1958 adventure drama. The trials and tribulations of a

young American writer and his English bride, who buy a Caribbean island with the help of a West Indian fisherman John Cassavetes, Virginia Maskell, Sidney Poitier.

11:00 p.m. A Summer Place. 1959 drama. Young Love and an old romance threaten to destroy two families during a summer holiday off the coast of Maine. Richard Egan, Dorothy McGuire, Sandra Dee.

1:45 a.m. The Pleasure of His Company. 1961 comedy. An ex-husband returns to attend his daughter's wedding, but tries to break the young couple up when he sees how beautiful she is. Fred Astaire, Debbie Reynolds, Tab Hunter.

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 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 5466 National Bank Region Number Eleventh

Statement of Resources and Liabilities	Thousands of dollars
Cash and due from depository institutions	2,936
U.S. Treasury securities	200
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	1,552
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States	8,818
All other securities	15
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,200
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	16,009
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	180
Loans, Net	15,829
Lease financing receivables	NONE
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	627
Real estate owned other than bank premises	NONE
All other assets	563
TOTAL ASSETS	33,740
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	12,085
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	14,344
Deposits of United States Government	43
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States	2,936
All other deposits	NONE
Certified and officers' checks	361
Total Deposits	29,769
Total demand deposits	13,188
Total time and savings deposits	16,581
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	NONE
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money	NONE
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	NONE
All other liabilities	291
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	30,060
Subordinated notes and debentures	NONE
Preferred stock	NONE
Common stock	2,000
Surplus	300
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	3,180
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	3,680
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	33,740
Amounts outstanding as of report date:	
Standby letters of credit, total	NONE
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	3,839
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	212
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:	
Total deposits	29,268

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

I, Michael V. Hale
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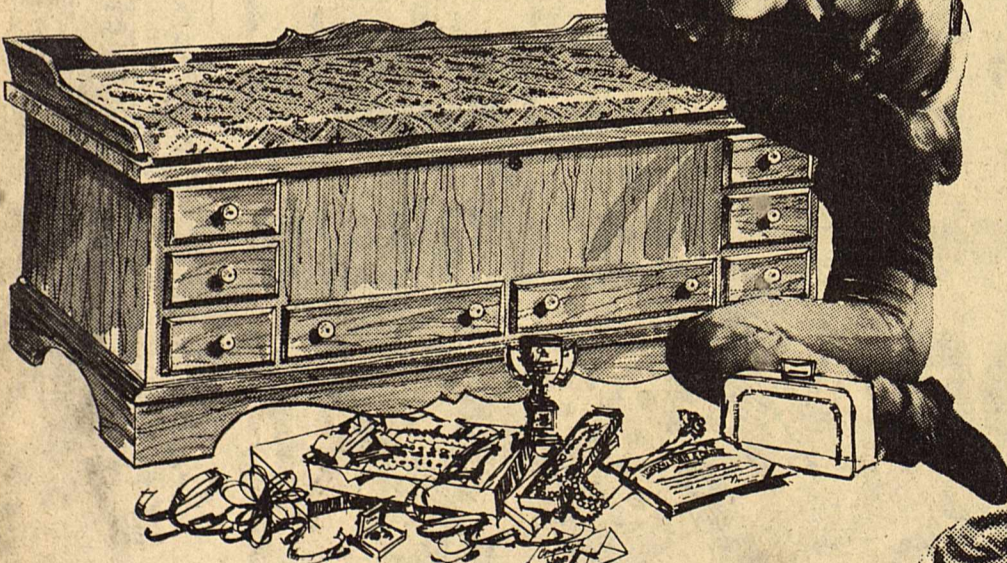
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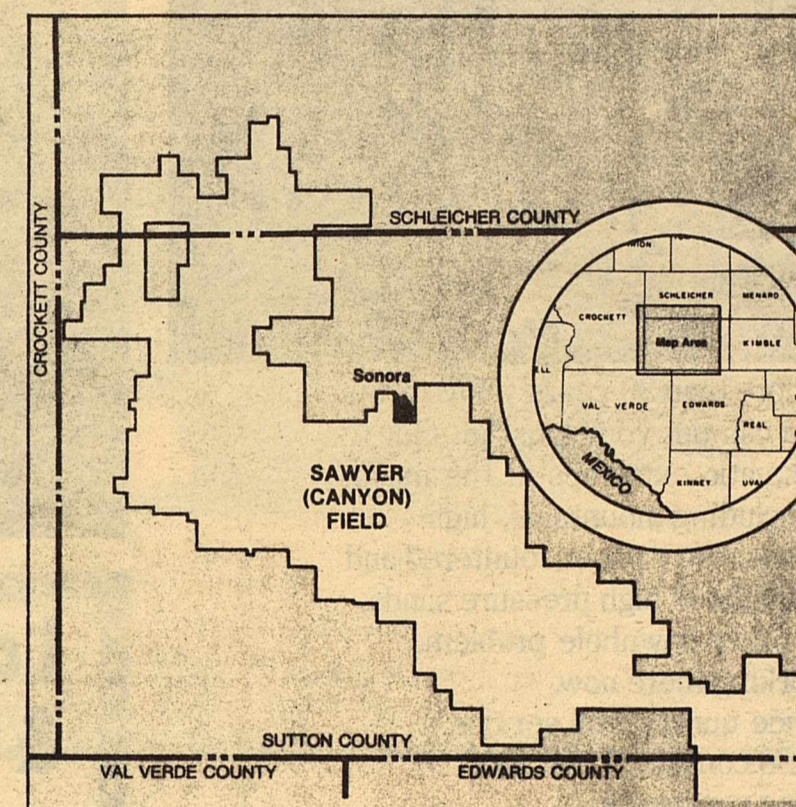
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A Special Section To The Devil's River News

Devil's River News Wednesday, January 28, 1981

New Rulings Important To Canyon Sand

Sawyer (Canyon) field



New rulings by the Texas Railroad Commission and FERC allow for infill drilling in the Sawyer Canyon Field and higher pricing for gas produced in the Canyon Sand. A close look at how these new rulings will affect the activity of area production companies begins on page 21.

Pool Announces Theft Reward Program

David W. Biegler, President of Pool Well Servicing Company, announced Jan 12 that Pool is joining forces with a growing number of oil field equipment manufacturers, service companies and trade associations which have pledged to offer rewards and vigorously pursue the arrest and conviction of oil field equipment thieves.

With the current boom in drilling and well servicing

activity throughout the United States, various types of oil field equipment and tools are in short supply and, as a result, represent a growing target for thieves.

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Kiplinger Predicts Early Decontrol

According to the Kiplinger Washington Letter dated January 2nd, President-elect Reagan MAY "re-

move the controls on crude oil prices" ...eight months early. The original date was October 1, 1981.

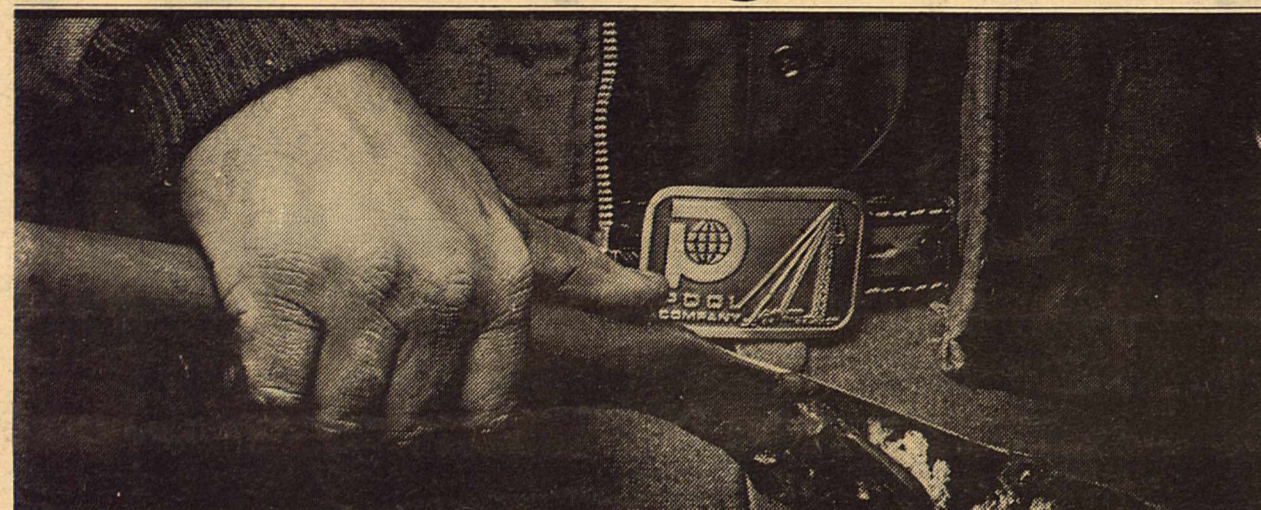
and tools are in short supply and, as a result, represent a growing target for thieves.

Biegler announced that Pool Well Servicing Company has ensured that its equipment is marked with identifying numbers. It is now offering rewards for information leading either to arrest and conviction of the offenders or to recovery of the equipment stolen from the company. He further stated that every

effort will be made to prosecute the thieves regardless of cost.

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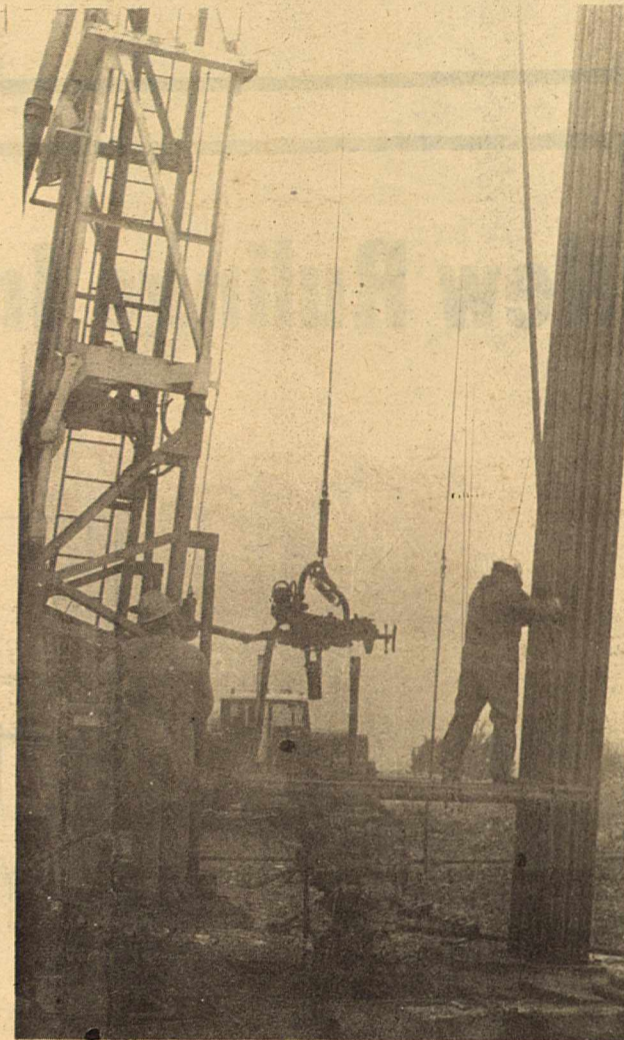
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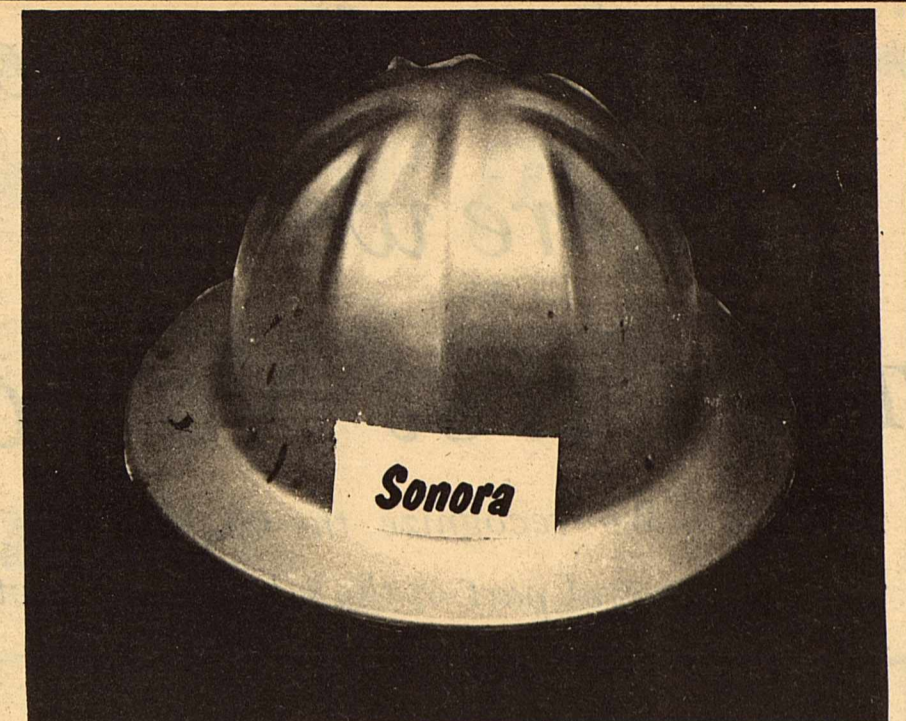
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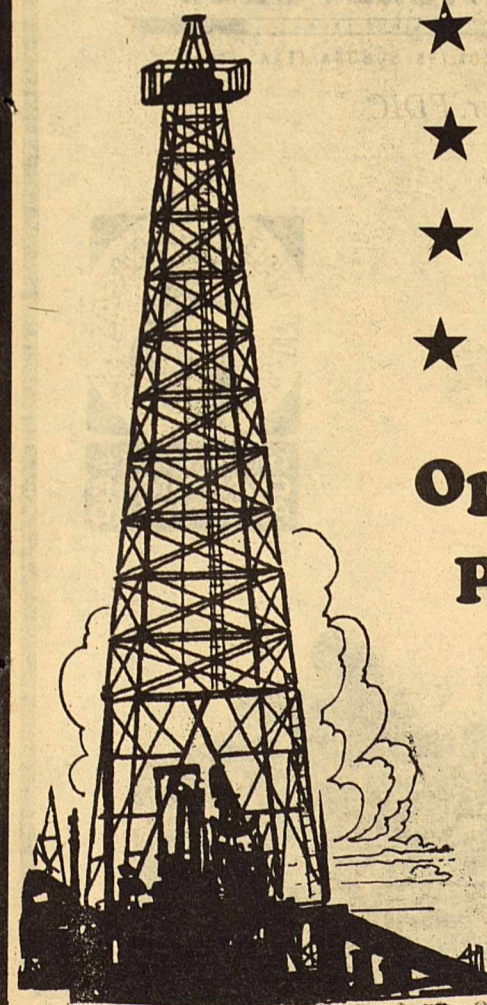
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Schools have been forced to build new facilities, but the higher tax revenues has made many projects for school, county and city growth possible.

Many factors have played a part in the success of the field, but these must be maintained if operators are to remain active.

Higher price ceilings for natural gas were of course the original inducement. With deregulation expected to be complete by at least 1985, the prices should continue to be an incentive to produce.

Success ratios (an estimated 50 percent of wildcats and 75 percent for development wells) much higher than the national average and much lower costs associated with air drilling have combined to make exploration in the area economically feasible.

Reserves are estimated to range between five and 35 trillion cubic feet. Some operators stick with the more conservative estimate, while others feel, as more and more acreage is proved up, the reserves may be even higher than expected.

Bob Johnson, Amoco's Houston division engineer-

ing supervisor, in 1977 predicted production could be sustained for many decades provided low production rates are maintained.

Well life is estimated at 20 years although improved stimulation and recovery technology could possibly increase the figure.

Communities such as Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona that derive a heavy economic benefit from gas exploration and production can take heart in predictions of development drilling into the next century although wildcatting is ex-

pected to peak in the next five to 10 years.

HNG predicts it will take at least another 10 to 15 years to complete its drilling program while Amoco officials predict it will take even longer for theirs.

Although geology, inflation, success ratios and above all politics, could at any time slow expansion to a halt, the outlook on all fronts is optimistic.

Until a cheaper replacement for oil gas is found and implemented, the growth of the area is inevitable.

**Feds Challenge
Right Of Windfall
Profits Tax Suit**

The federal government, as expected, is challenging the right of anyone to file suit against the oil excise tax.

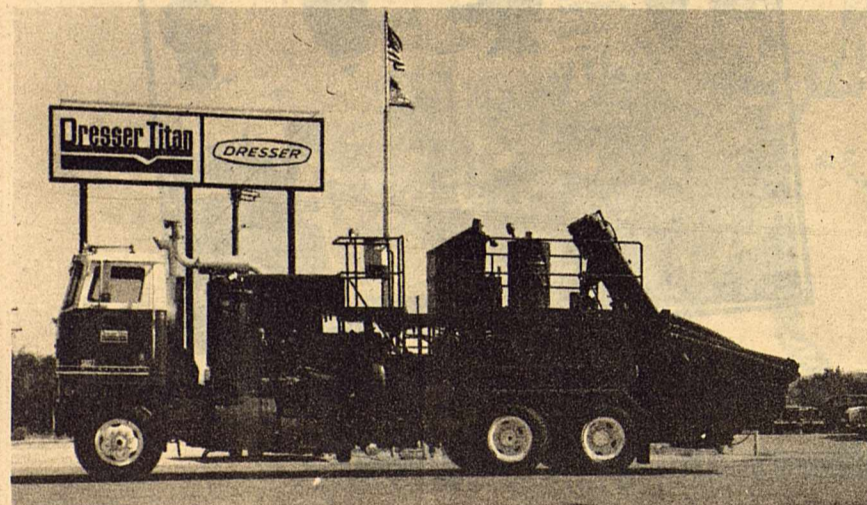
It contends that the Wyoming District Court has no jurisdiction because of the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity (which means the government hasn't granted permission to be sued.)

Second, the government says no refund was claimed by the plaintiffs nor denied by the IRS.

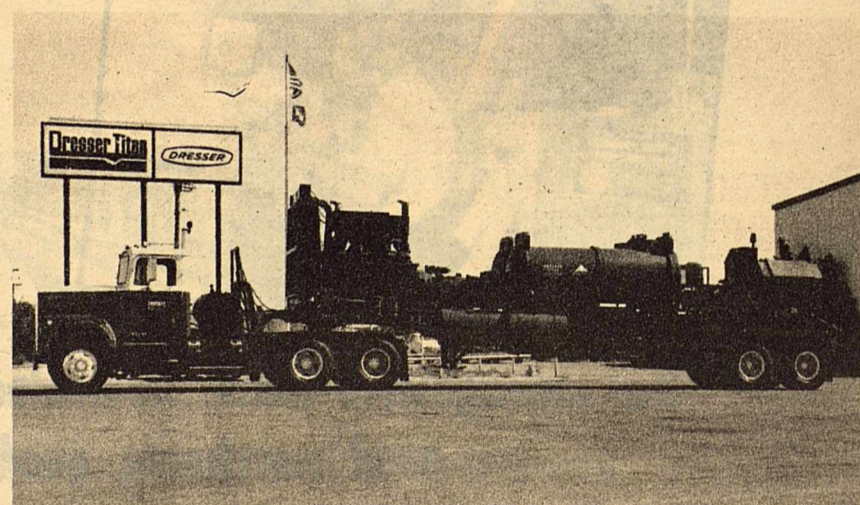
And, third, federal law prohibits declaratory judgments or injunctions in tax suits.

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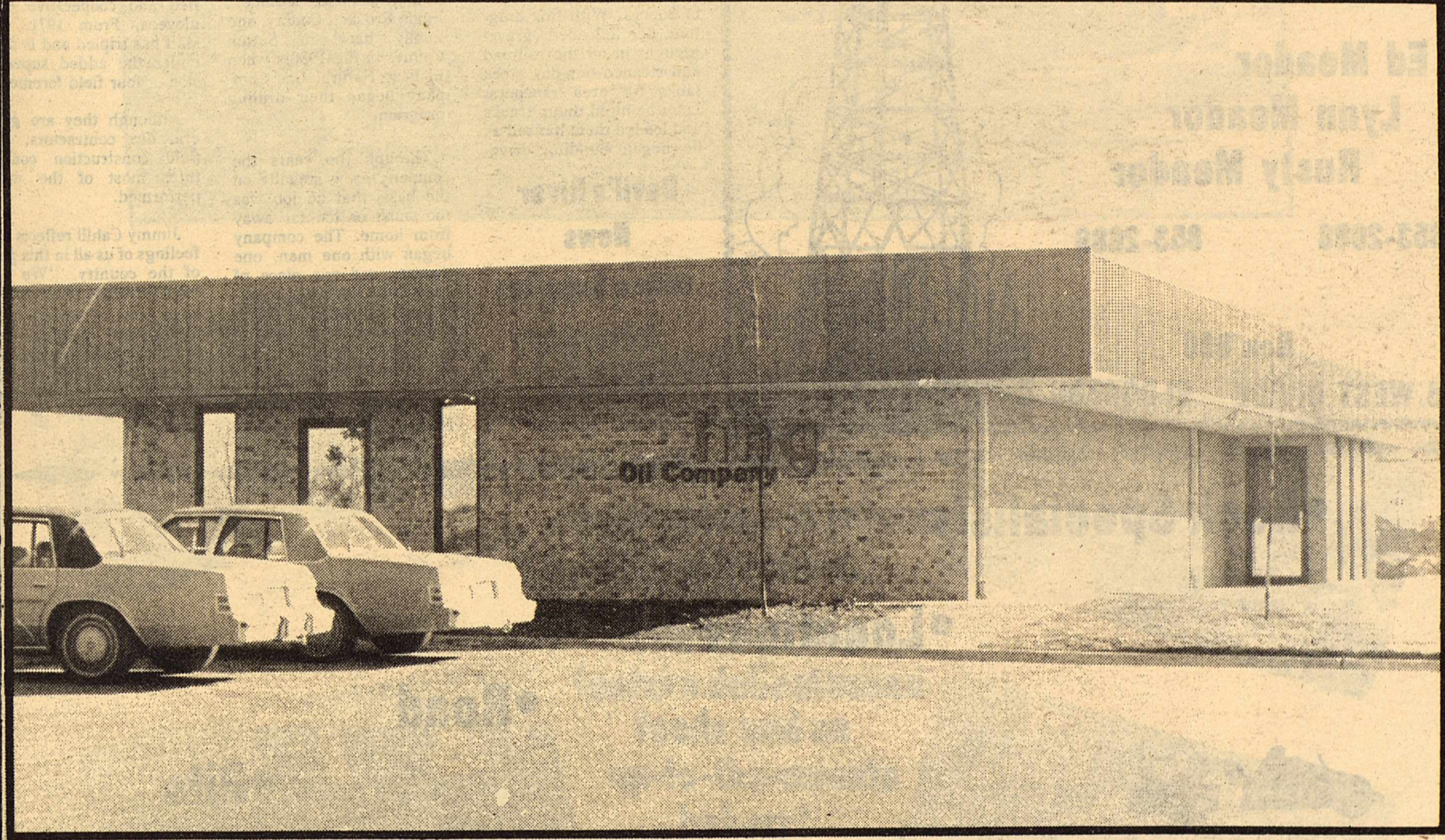
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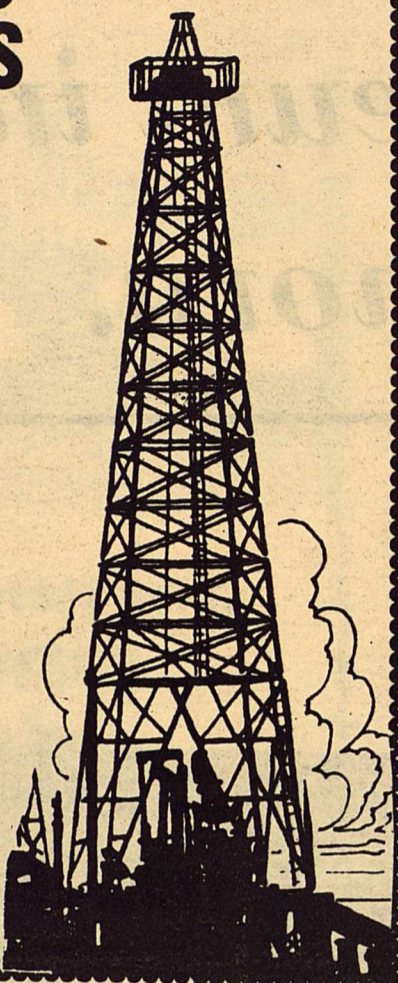
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Cahill Begins Sonora Operations After World War II

After the end of the World War II, Carl J. Cahill returned from Gaum to resume his job as a superintendent for a federal highway contractor. Upon the completion of a project contract on 290 outside of Junction, Texas; Carl, Wanda, Jimmy, and Diana moved to Sonora in December of 1947.

At that time, Carl owned one dragline which he had financed with Jack Neill and the First National Bank of Sonora. With this dragline he unloaded gravel brought in on the railroad and cleaned out dirt stock tanks for area ranchers. Later he hired dump trucks and loaded them himself as he began building drive-

ways and hauling fill for building sites.

He gradually bought equipment, one piece at a time, beginning in 1950 when he purchased two dozers and later that first single-axle maintainer.

His first oil field work was in the Sprayberry field in 1950 some 135 miles from Sonora. His work in the oil field industry spread from Midland to McCamey, Iraan, Crockett County, and finally back to Sutton County in the 1950's when El Paso Natural Gas Company began their drilling program.

Through the years the company grew steadily on the basis that no job was too small or too far away from home. The company began with one man, one woman, and one piece of equipment to the multi-phased corporation it is today spreading to as many as 14 different jobs simultaneously.

In 1971, Jimmy Cahill became General Manager

employing 17 full-time employees including George D. Chalk who has been with the Cahills since 1956.

After the death of Carl, Jimmy was made President, Diana was made Vice-President, Wanda Maintained her office as secretary-treasurer.

The company is very fortunate to have had an maintained its well-qualified and cooperative employees. From 1971, the staff has tripled and is now under the added supervision of four field foremen.

Although they are general dirt contractors, oil-field construction constitutes most of the work performed.

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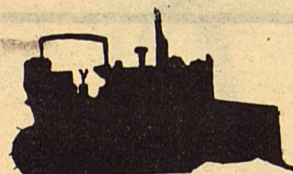
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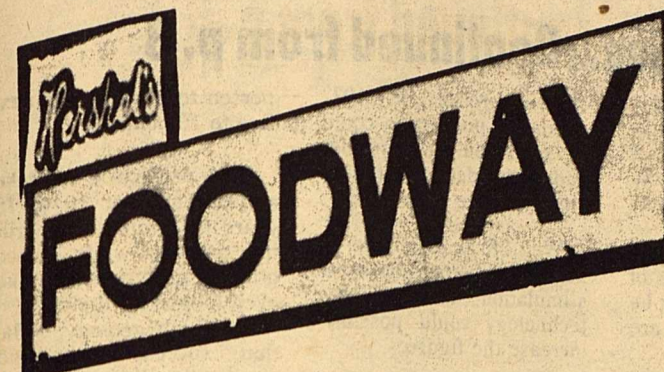
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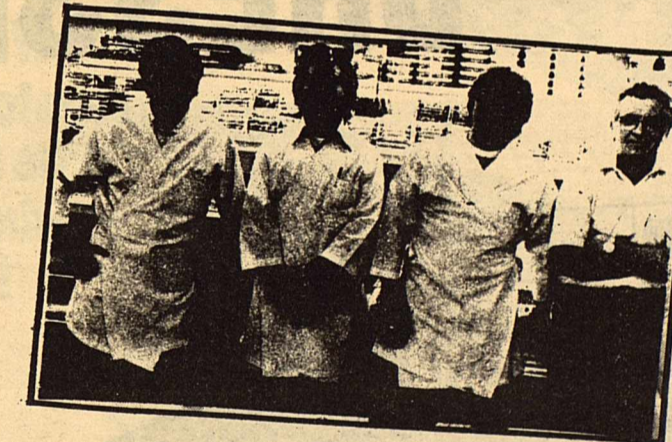
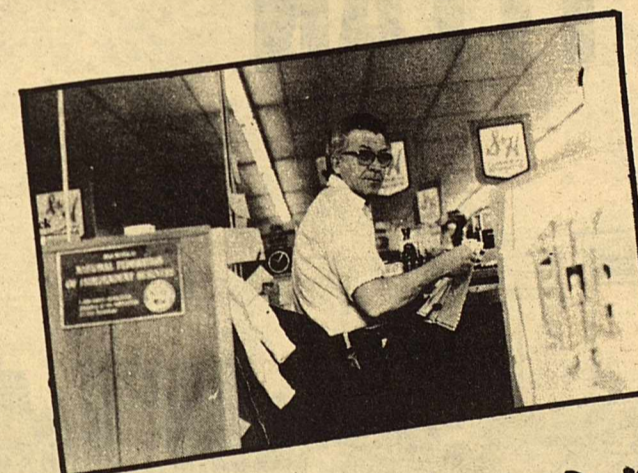
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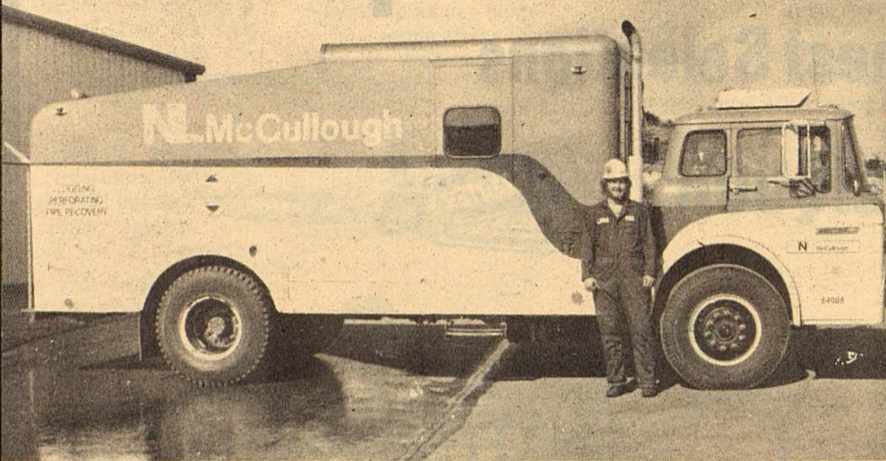


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their lease holding had expanded to 650,000 acres including tracts in Edwards and Terrel counties.

At one time in 1976, Amoco had eight rigs running in an attempt to test leases that were to expire that years.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle to further exploration was overcome in Aug., 1972 when Oasis Pipeline Company completed its 36-inch line that spanned from Coyanosa to New Braunfels.

The 479-mile main section of the pipe was scheduled to carry one billion cubic feet of gas a day.

The system included compressor installations at Bakersfield, Ozona, Junction and Comfort. Final completion cost was \$141 million.

Although HNG and Amoco are the two biggest producers in the area, numerous others—mostly independents—have been active in the area.

An inking of these include Anderson Petroleum, Enserch, Dorchester Exploration, Delta Drilling, Northern Natural Gas, Lone Star Gas, El Paso Natural Gas, Fort Worth Oil and Gas, C&K Petroleum, Lively Exploration, Hunt Energy, H.L. Brown, Gulf, Texaco, Gas Development

Corporation, Kathol Petroleum, Penzoil, Union Texas, Indian Wells Oil Company, Dan J. Harrison, Windsor, Sun Oil, American Quasar and Mitchell Energy.

Mitchell is one of the largest independents and has over 100,000 acres of lease holdings in Sutton, Schleicher, Irion Sterling and Edwards counties.

Also included in their holdings are a modern cryogenic gas-recessing plant operated by their North Texas LPG Division.

Enserch, along with its own gas processing plant, held more than 30,000 acres of leases by 1977.

Anderson Petroleum, which had done most of its drilling in Crockett County, has now begun expanding into Sutton County.

Brown and Root, Dowell, Dresser-Atlas, Halliburton, Western Wireline, Pool, Nowasco and DiaLog were among the first.

Although Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett Counties are the major beneficiaries of the play's economic impact, companies here extend their services into Terrell, Val Verde,

Edwards, Real, Kimble, Menard, Concho, McCulloch, Tom Green, Irion, Reagan and Pecos counties, and the actual play continues into Sterling and Mitchell counties.

The growth of Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona have been phenomenal, to say the least. Populations in all three town have virtually doubled.

One of the most efficient indicators of the community's growth can be reflected in school enrollment.

In Sonora, where the bulk of the companies have located, the 1972 school enrollment stood at 833 with 248 students in high school.

At then end of December, the figures had risen to 1,271 total and 290 in high school.

Although there is no way to truly gauge economic progress, businessmen began reporting record sales as the boom began.

Uncounted new businesses began, and despite prohibitive real estate cost, a scarcity of land and high interest rates, home building has increased dramatically.

Growth has caused some pains with more people needing more services.

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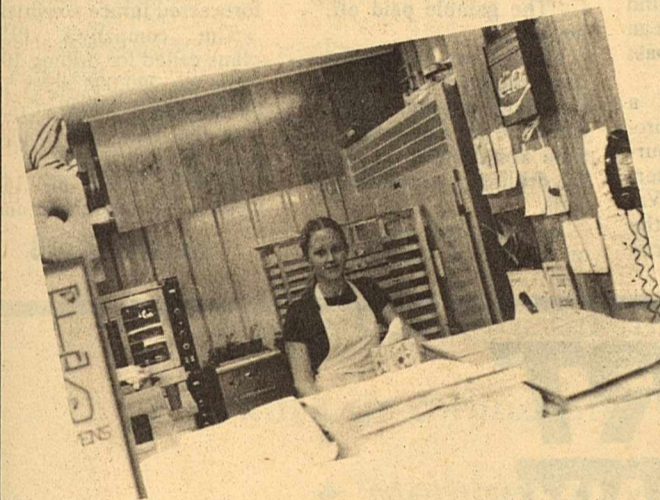
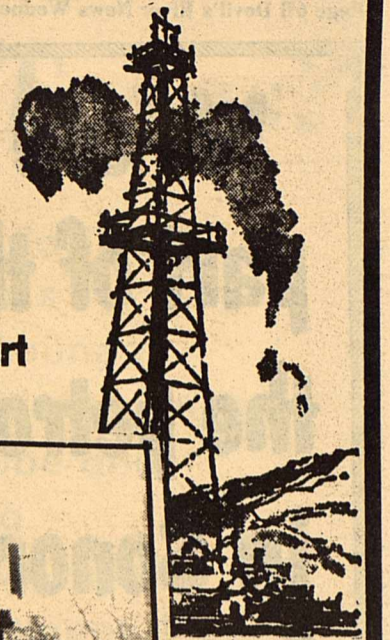
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Tri-City Area Captures Focus Of Energy Spotlight

Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona were often considered a land forgotten by time, at least in comparison to other West Texas towns that had boomed and flourished. The tri-cities remained virtually unchanged for years.

Until the 1970's, ranching remained the principal base of the economy, and the area was better known for its excellent hunting and championship football teams.

But the end of the 1960's signaled the commencement of a new era for the sleepy little towns.

The end was in sight for other West Texas boom towns--the fields around McCamey, Rankin, Iraan and Big Lake were well past their primes.

But the advent of a national energy crisis forced the little-tapped resources of Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett, Edwards, and Val Verde counties into the focus of the nation's energy

consumers and producers alike.

Soon mobile homes covered any available spot as tents had once done in the boom towns of previous decades--the areas's long nap was over.

Bill Roden of Midland pioneered the exploration of the area in 1970.

El Paso Natural Gas had wells in the area for 20 years, but it was Roden who came in with extensive leasing and drilling programs.

Now president of HNG Oil Co., Roden said the company was gambling on an increase in the price of gas.

"The gamble paid off," he said.

Many jaws dropped as the company began drilling the low pressure wells when the price of gas at the time would not even merit the drilling of a prolific gas well.

Bewilderment was further compounded in the in-

dustry by the fact there were no gathering systems in the area.

The suspicion with which other operators viewed HNG gave the company ample time to prove up vast acreage before others moved in.

By 1977, Roden described the gas play as "our company's bread and butter area".

Amoco Production Co. soon followed HNG's lead and eventually became the dominant force in the steadily rising explorations.

By 1975 Amoco's Sonora office was named as a sub-area due to the increase in production and the forecasted future activities.

The company's 1975 plans called for drilling 100 wells on 260,000 acres in Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett and Val Verde counties.

By 1976 plans to drill 140 wells were announced and

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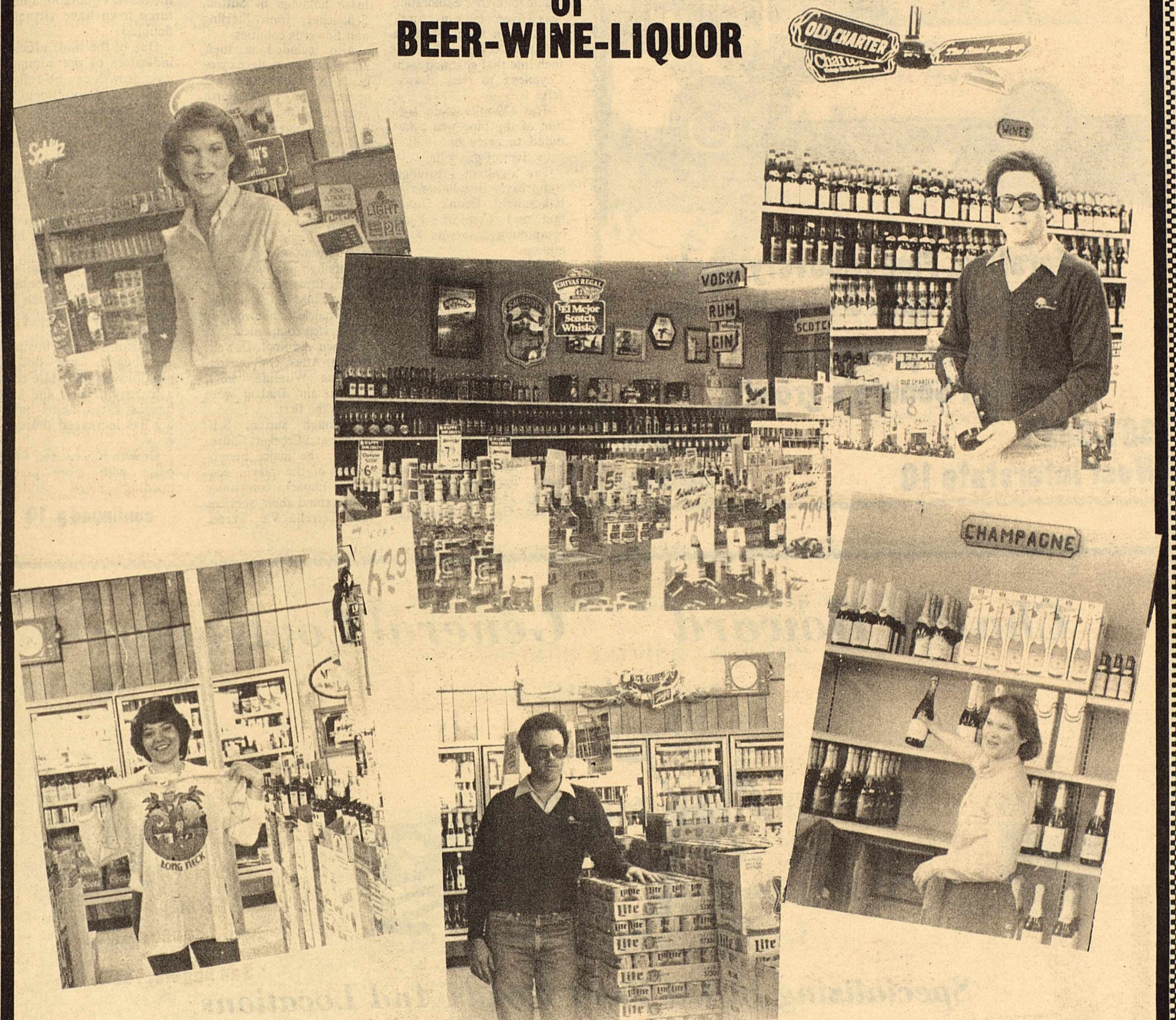
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Tower: The Best And Worst Of Times

In many ways as we face the new year, the oil and gas industry is faced with the old paradox of being in both the best of times and the worst of times.

America's oil and gas fields are brimming with activity. After 25 years of steady decline, American drillers were expected to complete more than 59,000 wells in 1980, a new record in energy exploration. And, from figures already in, the first six months of 1980 showed a jump of nearly 35 percent in the number of wells to be completed over 1979. American oil output was expected to rise by 2 percent in 1980, marking only the third increase in a decade, and the 35 percent hike in natural gas reserves recorded in 1979 was the largest jump in a dozen years.

Equally important, this new born in oil and gas activity is coming at a time when the OPEC countries are beginning to let out word of additional price increases and a tightening of supplies, furthering their stranglehold on the world energy picture.

So, after reeling off these rosy statistics, why would

anyone feel concerned that the American energy business could be facing that other end of the paradox -- the worst of times?

Well, I'm afraid the past Administration and many of my colleagues in Congress still have not learned the important lesson in Congress still have not learned the important lesson in light of a partial loosening of the grip of federal controls -- a lesson that is staring them right in the face.

For this drilling boom is yet another example of an old economic law: when price rise, producers will attempt to increase their output.

Hopefully, with a new Administration and a new mood prevalent in the Congress, this basic law of economics might be listened to once again in Washington. But it will be a long, tough road and a number of roadblocks must be cleared.

In recent years, the Administration began to relax regulation of the oil and gas industry, but turned right around and came up with a so-called "windfall profits" tax.

This windfall profits tax is a classic example of political expediency winning over sound reason and economic reality. While our source of foreign oil becomes increasingly precarious by the day, this windfall profits tax can only serve to increase our dependence on foreign oil.

While the past Administration claimed that this law would save 100,000 barrels per day of imported oil, its dampening effect on domestic production could cost the U.S. 2 million barrels a day.

In my view, if there is ever to be any prospect of the United States breaking its dangerous dependency on foreign energy, it is critical that this oil tax be phased out at the earliest possible date.

Another area of concern lies in the federal government's locking up of vast federal lands which have the potential for tremendous oil and gas discoveries.

These millions of acres of federal lands have been held hostage by the federal government. One Energy

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Jim Nugent Receives Appointment

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent has been appointed one of five government representatives on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous-Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee.

The committee, made up of 15 members representing government agencies,

industry, and the public, evaluates and makes recommendations on all proposed hazardous liquid pipeline safety standards and amendments. It may propose safety standards for adoption by the Transportation Department.

Chairman Nugent's term on the committee runs through Dec. 31, 1983.

Sponsored by the federal agency's Office of Pipeline Safety Regulation, the committee is made up of members experienced in the safety regulation of the transportation of hazardous liquids and of pipeline facilities, or technically qualified by training, experience, or knowledge in one or more fields of engineering. Through its Gas Utilities

Division, the Railroad Commission is responsible for ensuring safe distribution and transmission of natural gas in Texas. The division's safety and engineering section conducts field inspec-

tions to evaluate design, construction, operation, maintenance, and emergency procedures of utilities in the state.

Other Texans on the committee are Dean A.E.

Greaux of the College of Engineering, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, and Milton B. Grove, manager of the Technical Services Department, Exxon Pipeline Co., Houston.

Hance Prepares Energy Bill

Texas Democrat Congressman Kent Hance is ready to introduce his energy package for 1981. It calls for repeal of the Windfall Profit Oil Excise Tax.

If that fails, a 1,000 barrel a day exemption for independent producers and royalty owners, total strip-

per oil exemption and abolishing the Department of Energy.

Hance's 1,000 barrel a

Higher Prices Expected

Many observers in the industry are predicting gasoline to be selling at \$1.50 to \$1.65 a gallon by the end

of 1981. They site complete deregulation by October 1st increased foreign prices and the Iran-Iraq War.

Abest Adds New Service

Abest Construction Company is an up and coming business founded in Sonora four years ago.

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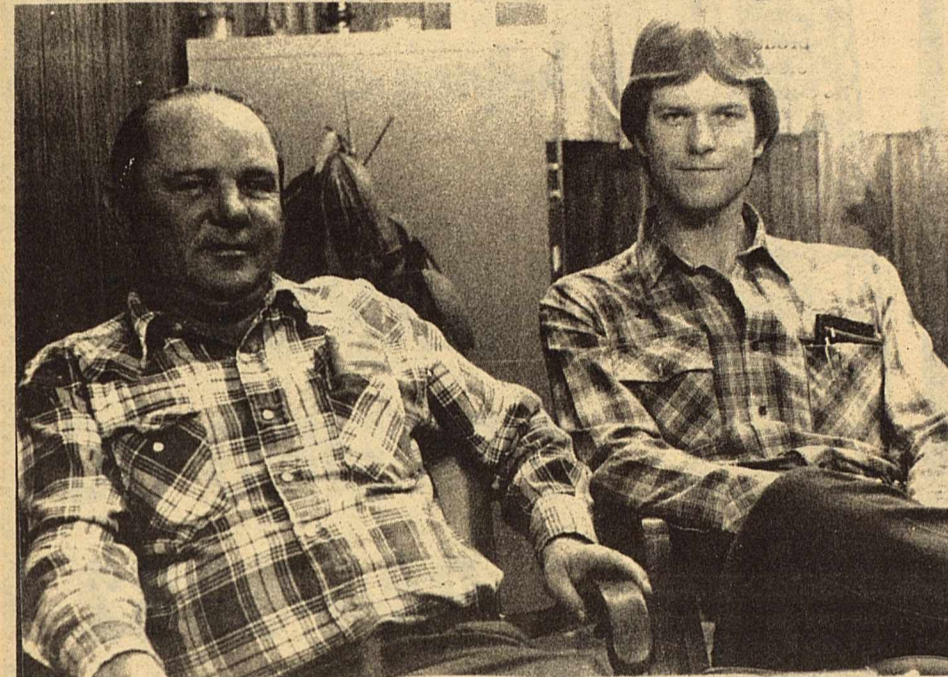
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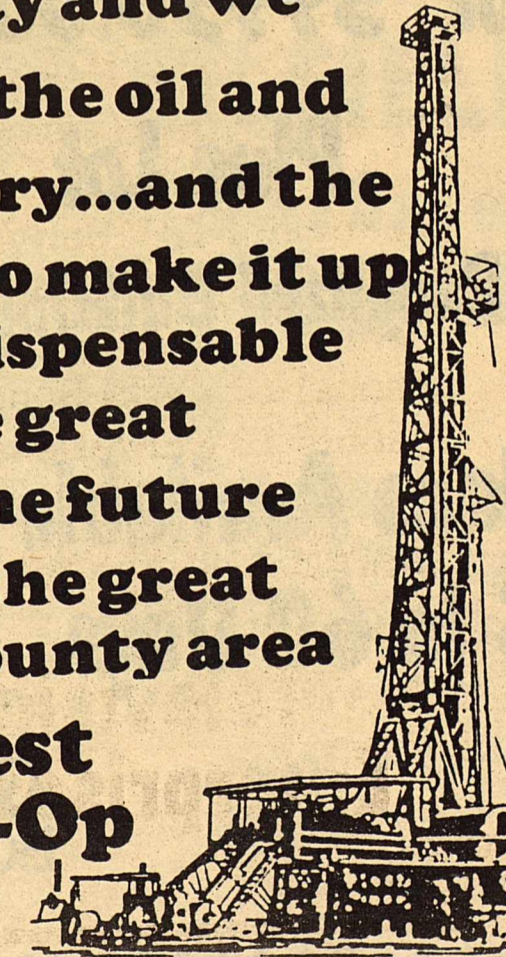
The locally owned company has also recently added central heating and air conditioner repair and service and welcomes all business.



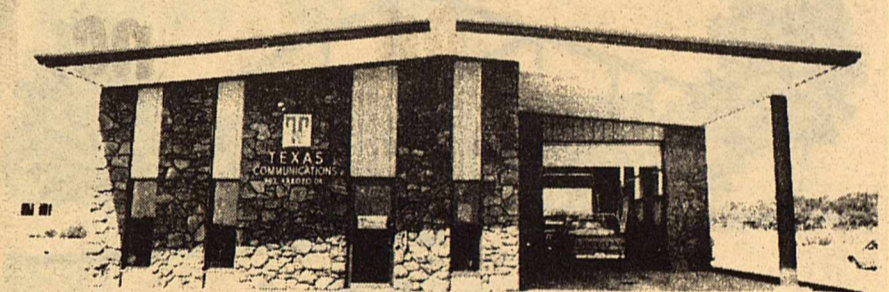
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PBPA Calculates \$11 Million Loss From Windfall Tax

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association has calculated the amount of money being forcefully taken from the Permian Basin and going to Washington everyday for the Windfall Profits Oil Excise Tax.

Crude oil production figures, as available for the first ten months of 1980, for Southwest New Mexico, (Lea, Eddy, Chavez and Roosevelt Counties) were 57,725,513 barrels.

For Texas Railroad Commission Districts 7C, 8 and 8A, 456,634,333 barrels were produced, making the Permian Basin total 514,

359, 846 barrels for an average of 1,686,426 barrels a day through October 31st, 1980. The average Windfall Profits Excise Oil Tax is about \$6.50 a barrel.

The net result is an estimated 11 million dollars a day that producers and royalty owners in the Permian Basin are forced to pay the federal government for Windfall Profits Oil Excise Taxes.

The Permian Basin produces about 21 percent of the nation's oil. Based on that percentage, the federal government is realizing a little less than 55 million dollars a day-- some 20 billion dollars per year-- from windfall profits excise

taxes paid by the domestic petroleum industry. The tax only applies to oil produced in the United States.

Efforts will be made, in the new session of Congress, to repeal the DOE, then the tax entirely. If those efforts fail, exemption will be sought for producers, royalty owners, stripper marginal and tertiary oil.

PBPA, in cooperation with the other independent producer and royalty owner associations, has decided to wait and see what President-elect Reagan's Administration proposes before seeking any formal, specific action from Congress.



Energy: A New Beginning

By Tom Loeffler
U.S. Congressman

As we begin a new session of Congress, one of our highest priorities will again involve the search for solutions to our energy problems. Because energy supply and costs are such a large part of our economic well being, it is absolutely imperative that we address the continuing threat of oil imports, the decline of domestic energy production, and the rising cost of all energy.

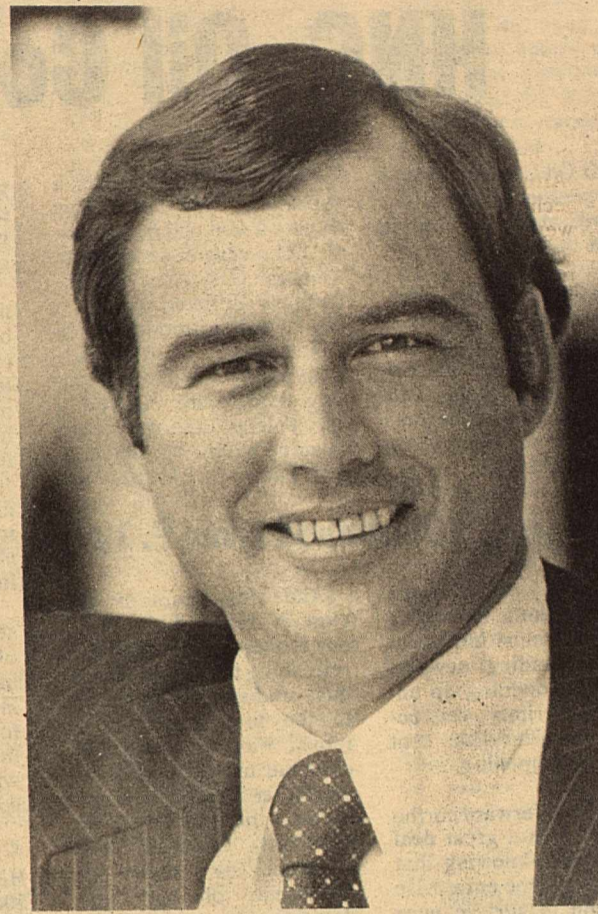
America still has a tremendous amount of energy wealth. Our very national security--now and in the future--will rest on our ability to produce our own energy needs, making judicious use of that energy wealth.

Yet, years of Federal controls on the price of domestic crude oil have limited and, in fact, curtailed our ability to produce our own energy supplies, contributing greatly to economic uncertainty of dangerous proportions.

Punitive actions to restrict fair energy profits or to increase government involvement in energy production and development will make matters worse if they continue. We must do just the opposite. We must pry loose the restrictive

hand of the Federal government from our energy industries, and give them the opportunity to provide us the energy they are capable of producing. Until we do

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HNG Oil Co. has enjoyed great prosperity since they opened their office in Sonora in 1971.

The district office here, managed by Steve Swift, is in charge of production in Sutton, Schleicher, Sterling, Irion, Crockett and Val Verde Counties. The bulk of the production is in Sutton County.

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department official was quoted recently as saying "the single most important factor in finding new oil reserves is opening up unexplored territory, yet, political expediency has kept this from happening.

But I look forward to the new year with a great deal of optimism, knowing that the winds of free enterprise will begin to surface once again in our nation's capital.

The Sonora office has a geologist who determines where a well will be drilled.

"The canyon sand in the Sonora Gas Area is extremely difficult to gauge as far as gas production is concerned," Swift said. "In the middle of a producing field, there may be a dry hole and the well could also be another producer."

"The only way that the

geologist can determine the exact location of a producing well is to study the general trends," he added.

The production department at HNG is in charge of overseeing drilling and to take over after drilling has been completed to keep the producing wells producing for years to come, hopefully.

HNG contracts most of its drilling out in this area to Tom Brown Drilling Company and Delta Drilling Company.

The company also uses services offered by a multitude of service companies in the area. These include Halliburton, Dowell, Western, Dresser, CRC Wireline, Dialog and Brittain with many other companies completing the list.

At the present time, HNG has approximately 500 producing wells in its seven-county area with most of the wells located in the Canyon Sand.

New Filing Procedures Released

The ERA issued a Notice on January 14, 1981, which we received from IPAA on the 19th, giving additional instructions on what information it wants for all newly discovered crude oil properties (NDCOP).

THE ERA NOW WANTS THE OPERATOR TO SUPPLY THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHICH DERIVE INCOME FROM EACH NCOP.

The Notice also instructs the NDCOP operator that ERA is not furnishing a form for the IR, but that the operator should prepare a letter answering the six items needed for proper NDCOP identification.

The required information in addition to the above is:

1. The type of legal instrument which establish-

es the property and its effective date;

2. The date on which crude oil first was produced and sold in commercial quantities from the property;

3. The date on which crude oil first was produced and sold in commercial quantities from the property;

4. Where the property is a reservoir that is to be or has been designated as a newly discovered crude oil property, evidence of the reservoir designation by the appropriate governmental authority and the basis upon which the reservoir qualifies;

5. Where the property is unutilized property, the amount of production that will be certified as imputed newly discovered crude oil and the name of the unit-

ized property; and

6. The location of the producer's main place of business.

The address of the appropriate DOE office for a property from which one of the thirty-four major refiners is a producer of oil is: Southwest Office of Special Counsel for Compliance U.S. Department of Energy 1341 West Mockingbird Suite 200-E Dallas, Texas 75247

ATTN: Mr. Jim Mayberry The address of the appropriate DOE office for a property from which a firm that is not one of the thirty-four major refiners is a producer of oil is:

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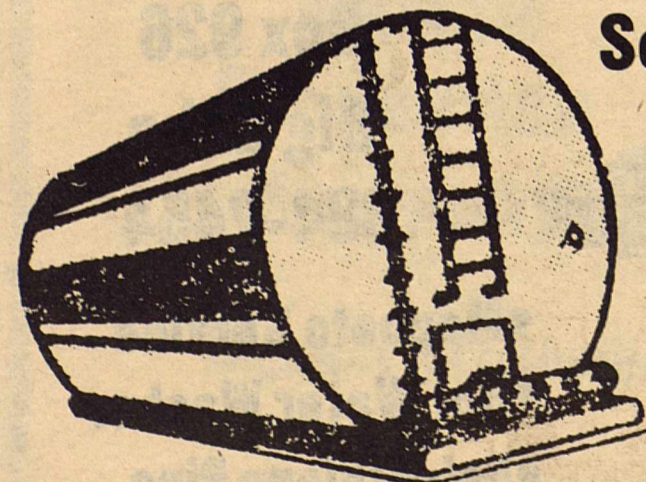
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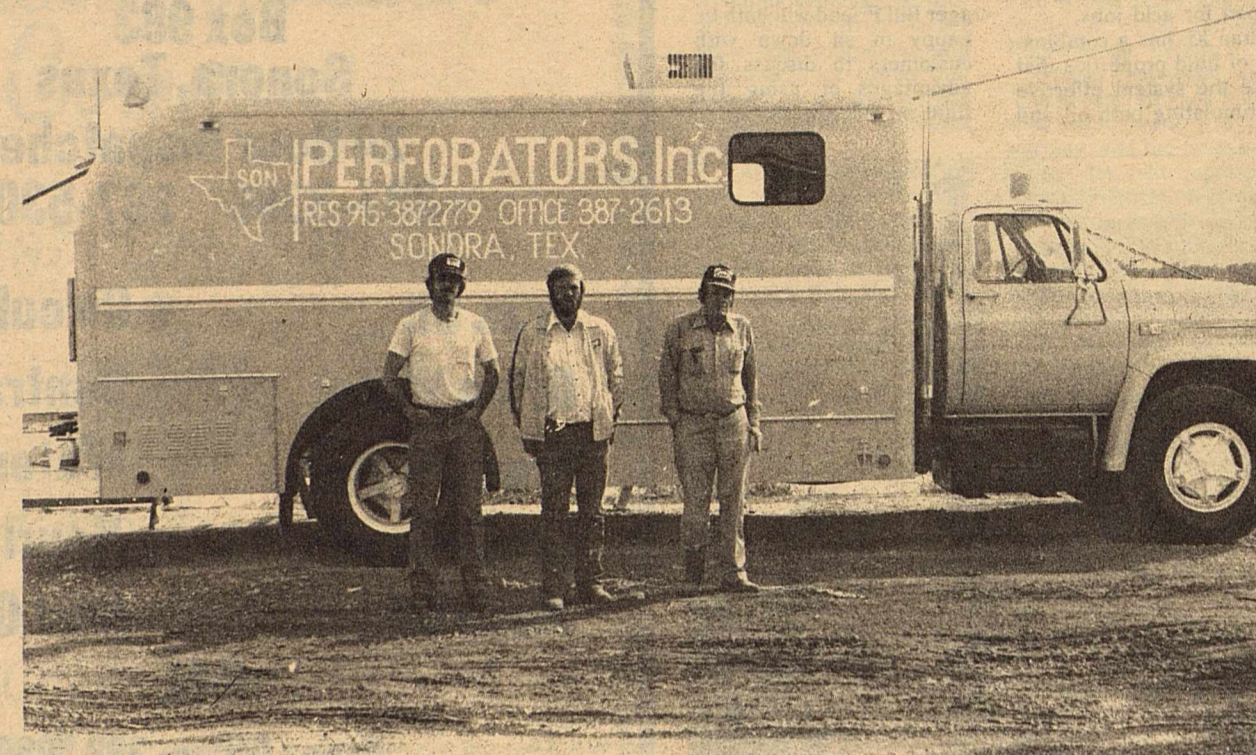
the curtailment priorities of each pipeline to ensure that unavoidable curtailments result in a minimum of hardship and dislocation.

The adopted resolution also commended the Railroad Commission for its rule requiring the interruption of interstate sales prior to the curtailment or interruption of service to any intrastate customers.

Other advisory committeemen or their representatives at the meeting were:

Richard Alsop of Houston Natural Gas, Walter F. Bohls of Southern Union Gas Co., Navarro Crowson of Southwestern Gas Pipeline, Inc., Attorney Bill Fowler Jr. of Odessa, Robert C. Mecke of San Antonio's Public Service Board, Howard L. Peterson of the City of Austin, James P. Sale of United Texas Transmission Co., Walter Thomas of Lone Star Gas Co., and Frank McCammon of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Gulley Known Throughout Oilfield



James and Jim Gulley and engineer Billy Don Forbes stand beside the new truck of the recently opened Son Perforator. The Gulleys bring a wealth of oilfield experience to the company from their others, Gulley

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Gulley and Son Lease Service, G & G Compressor Service and Son Perforators are all owned by James Gulley.

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President Reagan spoke of "New Beginnings" in his Inaugural Address to the Nation January 20. These are words the 97th Congress must bear in mind as it begins its work on energy solutions. Under a decontrol process started by President Ford, all crude oil and gasoline prices and allocation controls expire at the end of September 1981. If our Nation is to have a new beginning, we need to start today.

President Reagan has indicated he would eliminate these burdensome and counterproductive Federal rules to get this country on a fresh road to energy self-sufficiency. In fact, just one day after the new President was sworn into office, the Director of the Office of Management and the Budget, Dave Stockman, suggested that the President may remove price controls by Executive Order, an option which would not involve legislative concurrence.

I strongly believe that only through such action—without another day passing—coupled with a concerted effort by private individuals and companies, can we hope to achieve a greater degree of energy self-sufficiency at the lowest possible price to the consumer.

It is my firm belief—and from every indication so far

by the President, his as well—that America's energy industries, from the small, independent producer to the large corporation, stand ready and willing to do the job that needs to be done, if the proper incentives are available.

Previous Congresses have brought about confusion and have done very little to create a clear and comprehensive energy policy. Reacting from crisis to crisis with interim, stopgap measures destined for failure, or providing more bureaucratic answers instead of solutions, the legislative branch of government is as much to blame for our energy dilemma as any one.

The Executive Branch shares the blame as well.

The creation of the Department of Energy did nothing to solve our problems. Quite the contrary, it merely broadened the involvement of the Federal government to such an extent that we can no longer depend on the development of our energy resources here at home.

It seems clear that, as we move toward eliminating needless and ineffective Federal controls on energy, we must, at the same time, strip away the layers of bureaucracy which have presided over the recent decline in American energy production. Reducing the

scope of authority and involvement of the Department of Energy in our lives and our businesses must be a necessary first step toward allowing American ingenuity and know-how to overcome our energy problems, and to provide solutions for the future.

One of the most controversial and heated debates during the previous Congress involved the enactment of the so-called "windfall profits tax." Those of us who argued against this punitive measure tried desperately to provide some measure of relief from the tax for royalty owners and independent producers. We pointed out that the windfall profits tax—because it was, in reality, an excise tax—would inhibit our ability to secure needed supplies of energy here at home while continuing to mortgage our immediate energy future to hostile Middle East sheiks. I remain convinced that the American people want more domestic energy, not more taxes, and certainly not more government.

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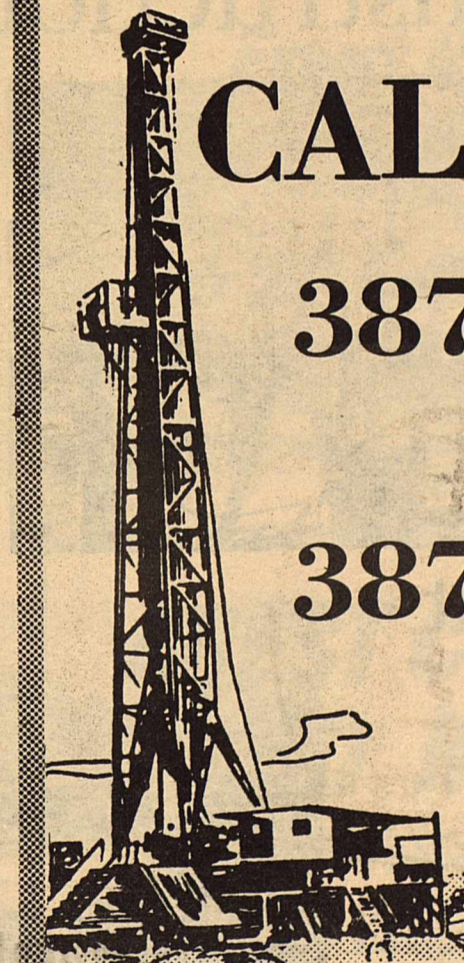
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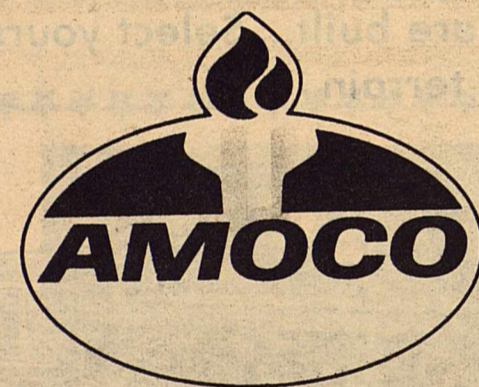
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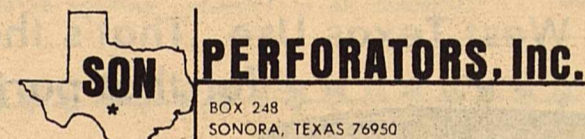
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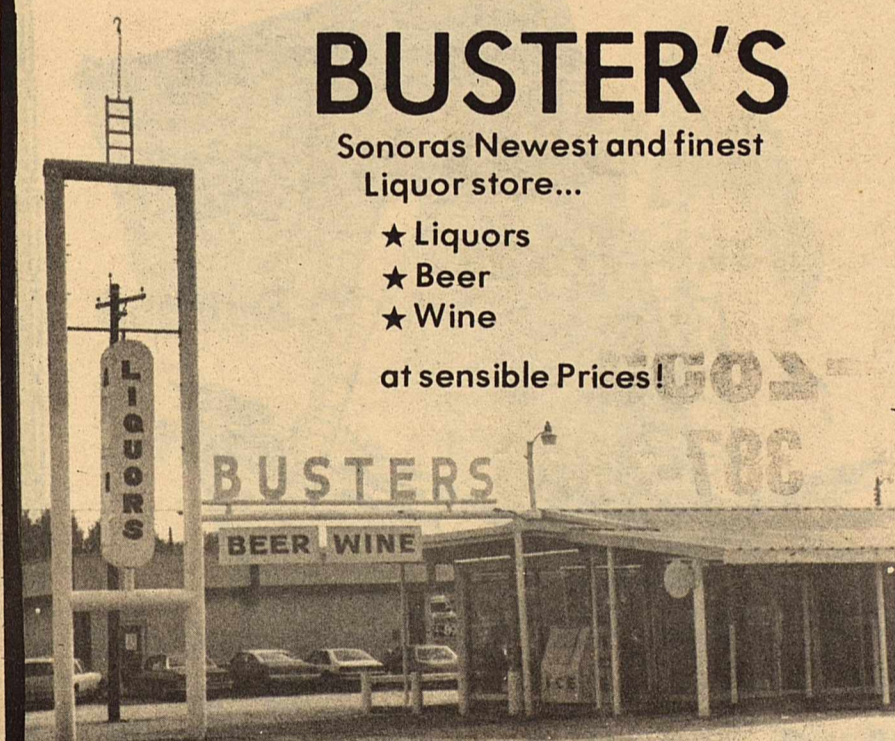
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Gov. Clements Speaks On Energy Problems

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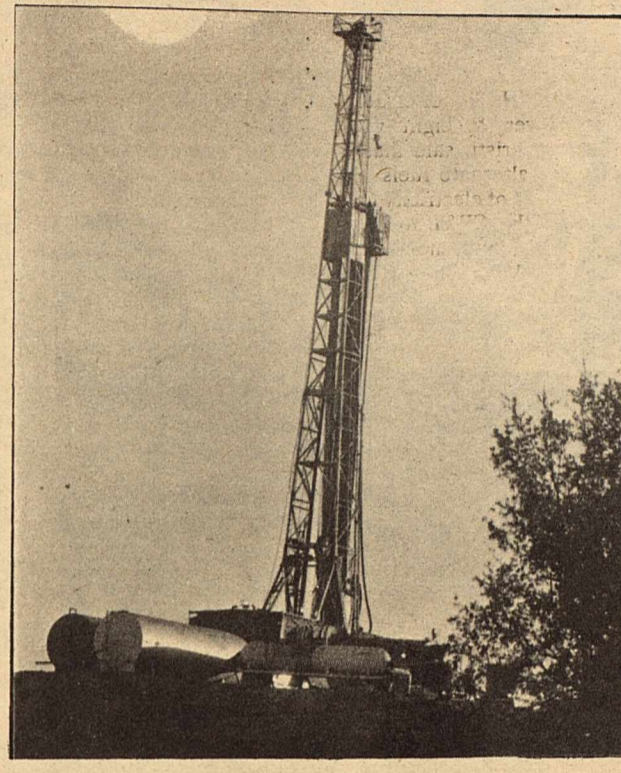


We have placed our energy needs - and consequently our economy and national security - in the hands of some very unstable countries in the Middle East. This overdependence on imported oil has led to a whole rash of problems. Our inflation rate is higher than at any time in my memory; the dollar has plummeted to its lowest value in modern times; our national security is threatened, and our future economic picture is nothing but bleak. The most recent turn of events is but another chapter in what has happened with the Arab oil embargo in 1973 and the Iranian turmoil earlier this year, and what will continue to

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Dresser-Titan Completes First Year in Sonora Yard

The stimulation division of Dresser Industries, Dresser-Titan, opened its operations in Sonora last year. Jess Evans came to the Sonora in December as district manager here and reports a revenue increase of around 100 percent over the past year. "We're hoping for the same type of year in 1981," he said. Dresser-Titan has been established in Canada for years, but only in recent times have they expanded their operations into Texas and even more recently to West Texas. Titan has 20 operating units in the Sonora yard and currently employees 22 people. Yards in Odessa and Snyder make more equipment and manpower available when needed. Titan currently offers fracturing and acidizing, Evans said the company hopes to have nitrogen service available within the next year. Evans said the company take great pride in its technology and Titan XL, a cross-linked low residue fracturing fluid, has become extremely popular for both frac jobs and as a prepad for acid jobs. Titan XL has a combination of fluid properties that make the system effective in stimulating both oil and gas wells and with either fresh or salt water. Evans or Location Manager Bill Friend will both be happy to sit down with customers to discuss the advantages of using the fluid in well stimulation.

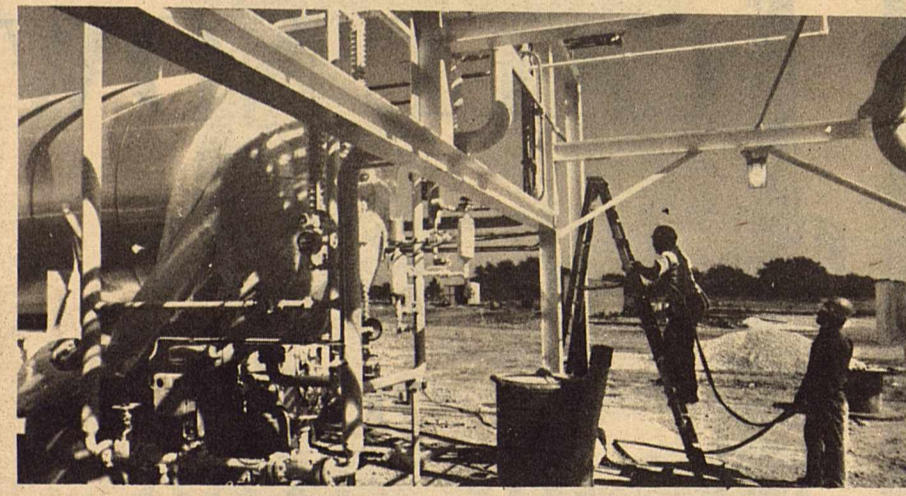


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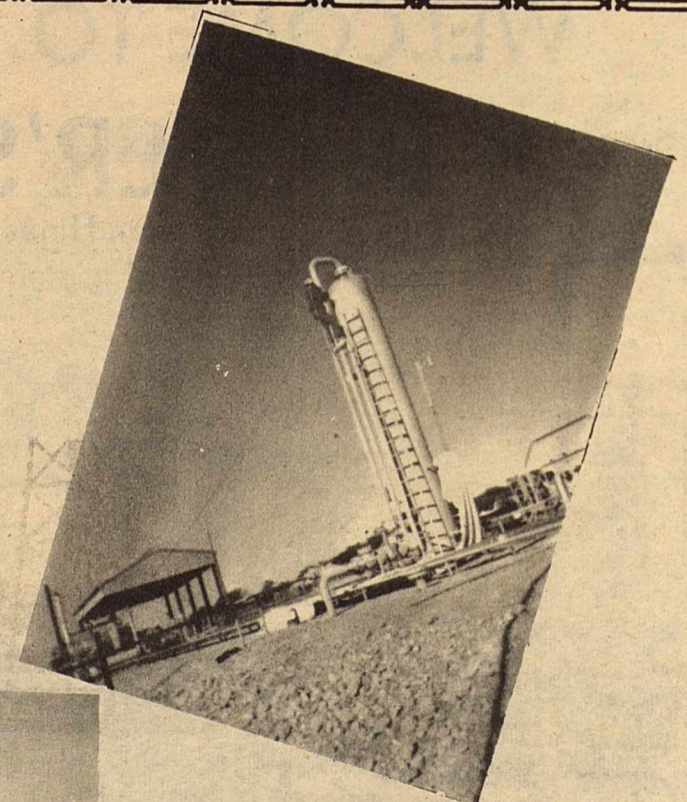
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companies to become aware and avail themselves of supply support that they may obtain from larger Texas gas companies and pipelines. He urged that reliance on a voluntary gas allocation system be continued.

"(Allocation) should be left to a system that works," he maintained.

Joseph H. Shafer of Central Power & Light Co., Corpus Christi, said that a move to alternate fuels for generating of electricity has enabled the CP&L to pare its gas requirements as much as 160 million cubic feet daily in this time of year. He reported that CP&L expects gas to account for 50 percent of its fuel mix by 1990 and that the rest will come from coal, lignite and nuclear energy.

B.E. Mitchell of Amoco Gas Co., noting that his company has been assisting in the resolution of gas supply problems in the Houston area for a decade, reported Amoco will continue to support a voluntary allocation system.

Julian Martin, executive vice president of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association, and Gene Wright, Dallas operator who heads the TIPRO national issues committee, told the allocation study panel that their organization is seeking

amendments to the Natural Gas Policy Act that would lead to increased gas production in Texas and elsewhere in the nation.

Wright reported that "Producers are not happy with (the act), it's not working, and the price isn't right." He said imports of 300 million cubic feet daily of Mexican gas "is another problem." The imports are "hurting" some South Texas gas production efforts, he explained.

On the motion of Committeeman Joe Foy, a Houston attorney, the advisory panel adopted a resolution calling for a change in the proposed RRC rule that would leave it reading: "The Commission shall approve proposed contract rates to be charged by a gas utility to any customer, other than a city gas customer, who purchases gas for resale, or to any transmission customer, according to the standards stated in subsection b of the proposed rule. Language of the proposal states that "THE Commission may..."

The panel also recommended the deletion of language in the draft rule stating, "However, in its discretion, on its own motion or on the motion of any directly affected customers, the Commission may decline to approve" rates charged to an industrial

customer or other similar large volume contract customer.

Recommendations of the pipeline panel, as approved by the full advisory committee, urged:

---intrastate pipelines to review, prior to the start of each winter heating season, their ability to move available supplies of gas to various parts of the state, and to work closely with interstate pipelines to overcome bottlenecks or other operational difficulties.

---the Railroad Commission to support decisions of the pipelines to develop underground storage facilities.

---electric generation customers of pipelines to schedule periodic maintenance and inspections of coal and lignite electric generation facilities during off-peak periods. (Customer representatives at today's session indicated this was being done or planned.)

---the Railroad Commission to support gas sales by intrastate pipelines with the provision that the gas delivery can be interrupted for Texas needs or the assignment of the gas is recallable to Texas intrastate market.

---the Railroad Commission to periodically review

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the value of that property determined by the Federal government, the windfall profits tax is particularly unjust.

With these thoughts in mind, in the next few days I will be reintroducing, with Congressman Kent Hance of Lubbock, legislation which would exempt from the tax the first 1000 barrels per day of production by independent producers and royalty owners.

During the 96th Congress, a similar measure received overwhelming support in the Senate. However, despite the fact

that there were more than 180 co-sponsors of the bill in the House of Representatives, the Democratic leadership in the House refused to consider the measure. It is my strong hope that during the 97th Congress we will obtain Congressional approval of such a measure, and send it to the President for his signature.

There are many more actions which will be necessary if we are to insure a more responsible approach to our energy problems. Many difficult decisions must be made with regard to nuclear development, and access to the Federal

land and the energy wealth which such lands hold. Consideration must be given to offshore leasing and production, coal development and transportation, and to many other issues of critical energy importance.

The time has come for us to make those difficult decisions, and to make them with consistency. This is the challenge of a "new beginning" which the new Congress, and the new Administration, face. Americans now demand it. Our Country's future depends on it.

Consent Order Signed To Resolve Disputes Between Coastal Corporation & DOE

The Coastal Corporation said today a consent order has been signed by the company and the Department of Energy resolving disputes and claim relating to alleged violations by Coastal of DOE pricing and allocation regulations between August 19, 1973 and October 31, 1980.

The order calls for Coastal to refund \$17.5 million to customers and to reduce its bank of unrecovered increased costs for gasoline to \$75 million and propane to \$25 million as of

October 31, 1980.

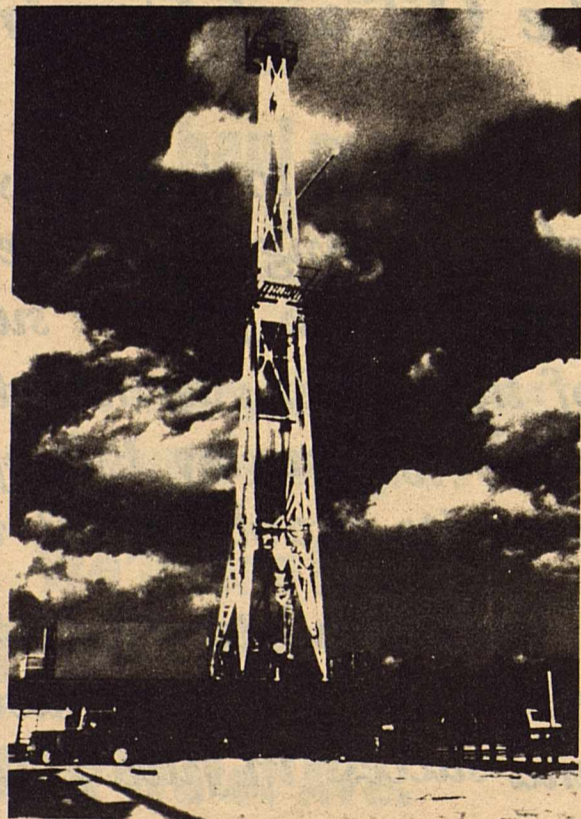
A Coastal spokesman said adequate provision for the refunds was made in prior years and the terms of the consent order will have no material adverse effect on the company's financial position or results of operations.

Under the order, DOE agreed to release all civil and administrative claims against Coastal and its domestic subsidiaries, officers and employees. Two pending lawsuits filed by Coastal against DOE will

also be dismissed.

Most of the refunds covered by the order are to be paid directly to certain customers of Coastal subsidiaries as agreed to with DOE. These customers will be required to relinquish any claims they may have against the company before the refunds will be made.

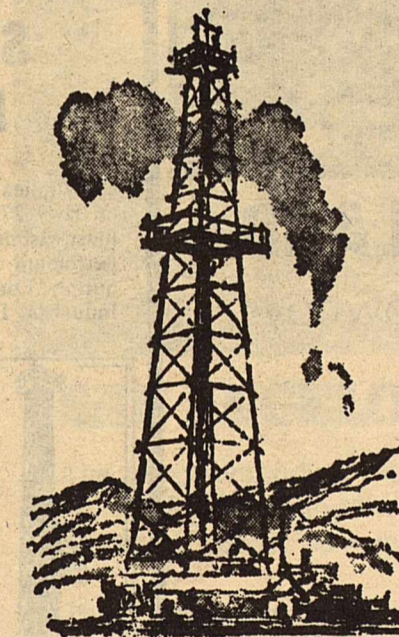
The consent order is expected to become effective and binding on DOE after publication of notice in the Federal Register and allowing 30 days for comments by the public.



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Clements Speaks On Energy

happen because the United States has no real energy policy. Our entire domestic oil and gas production has stagnated in the past few years, while imports have soared, and our federal government instead of helping to punish the energy industry, denying it the necessary capital to spur domestic production and entangling it in an unnecessary morass of rules and regulation.

Because of this continual fumbling on the national level, I sat down with my fellow elected leaders of Texas shortly after I took office and put down on paper in very straightforward terms, a sensible approach to our energy problem. We said that this country has only one course of action and that is to produce our own energy right here at home. We said this nation must

unfetter its oil and gas, coal, and nuclear industries, and let our free enterprise system go to work. We said it must turn loose our great research and development capabilities to work toward making alternate sources of energy feasible; and as a secondary, but important measure, it must promote conservation. We have made great strides in getting the production message across

to many of the 50 Governors. First, the Souther Governors Conference in New Orleans adopted a production resolution. Then the Republican Governors Conference in Austin endorsed a windfall profits. Then there was the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, of which I am now the chairman.

Going into an election year, I think some folks up in Washington must do well

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to sit up and take notice, because the people of this nation are tired of being held over a barrel of oil by the OPEC nations. They're tired of being embarrassed and threatened around the world, and they're tired of seeing their paychecks gobbled up by inflation. I know this is how the people of Texas feel, and I will work nonstop this year to make sure that the energy situation is a major campaign issue.

We in the United States must realize that the days of cheap energy are over, but the days when this nation can still control its own destiny and national security must never be over. Decontrol will increase prices for our consumers, but it's that or the ever-increasing control and ever-increasing prices of OPEC. Decontrol will bring prices nearer the levels paid in other parts of the world. It will also make alternate sources more economically competitive and provide the capital necessary to establish true energy independence. Decontrol will also mean above-normal profits, and I believe that all these funds should be plowed back directly into the pro-

duction of more energy. An increase in domestic production will facilitate economic growth and result in a decrease in imports which will strengthen the dollar and thus reduce our balance of trade deficit.

The greatest risk this country runs is the OPEC perception that we in the United States have no strong energy production policy. We must enter the 80's demanding action - demanding that domestic production be unfettered immediately - and we must demand it of all those who want to be our leader. Americans must be heard by those who lead us. Silence and inaction now will only bring us the kind of America that none of us wants - an America which continually loses respect around the world; an America which can no longer control its destiny and offer to its citizens the opportunity for prosperity.

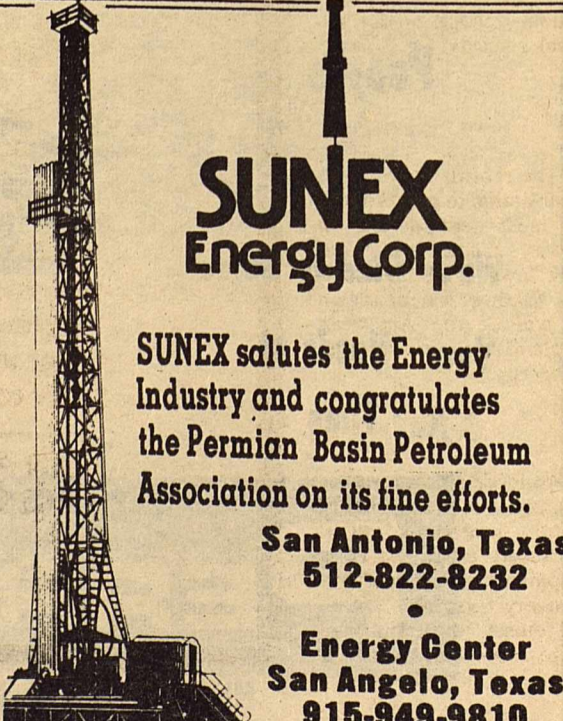
Our America of the 80's must be better, stronger and more prosperous than ever before, and it can be done, but only if every American in this new decade works harder than ever to make it that way.

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1.7 miles south of Sonora on Hwy 277 is one of the most visible effects of the petroleum industry in Sutton County. Shurley Industrial Park, the brain-

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The Association Bylaws provide that 80 percent of all regularly scheduled programs of a member club shall be devoted to the purpose as outlined.

Honorary memberships in the Association have been extended to Inez Awty Schaffer, founder, and Lee Wilson Hoover, first president.

The Board of Directors is comprised of the President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and a Director in charge of each of the Association's eight regions.

The Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club (Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona) was formed 7 months ago on July 15th 1980. Current President of the club is Joyce Reber, Halliburton Services; Vice-President, Frances Dodd, Cotton Equipment and Services; Recording Secretary, Hilda Flores, Hooper Trucking; Corresponding Secretary, Candy Nelson, Oil Patch Anchor Service & Well Head Safety; Treasurer, Peggy Fowler, Industrial Specialties & Supply; Immediate Past President, Joyce Vaughn, CRC Wireline;

and Directors are Sheri Barton, Cotton Equipment and Services; and Edna Duran, Sonora Truck Equipment & Repair. The term of office for the officers and the board of directors is one year commencing and ending January first of each year.

Meetings of the Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club are on the First Tuesday on every month at the HNG Building in Sonora. Sometimes followed by a business luncheon if the members do not have time for it in the monthly meeting. The monthly meetings of the club usually consist of a scheduled speaker speaking on his specialty area in the oil industry. It is an educational experience to help the ladies understand what is going on out in the field. Current scheduled speakers for the club are as follows:

February, Joe Huggins an independent landman from the San Angelo area. March, Bill Harle from Sonora on running casing from S&S Casing Crews Inc. April, Butch Kauffman from Sonora on logging and perforating from CRC Wireline. May, a representative of the Western Company will be on hand to speak and answer questions on Well Stimulation. In June, Johnny Jones, of Sonora will be speaking on engineering from El Paso Natural Gas and in July, Dennis Thomas and exploration geologist from Dallas.



Hilda Flores




Edna Duran

The insignia of the club is a derrick with a stylized desk at the lower right. The official publication of our local club shall be called "Frac Fans" and our club colors are black and gold. The motto of our club is "Greater Knowledge-Greater Service."

For more information on the Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club, write box 1672, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick hosted the San Angelo Desk & Derrick Club last Saturday on a tour through the Halliburton offices and facilities in Sonora. D.J. Garvin, safety director for Halliburton, conducted the tour.



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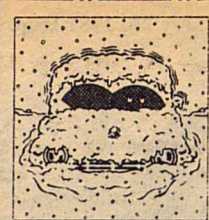
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Gas Supplies Remain High During Winter

Texans appear to be moving through the winter of 1980-81 with a level of natural gas supplies for home and plant that can sustain heavy drawdowns with minimal curtailments to service.

This was the consensus reached Jan. 16 by pipeline, utility, and public members of a Railroad Commission-approved advisory committee studying voluntary allocation of natural gas during Texas supply crises. The panel is headed by Austin Consulting Engineer William J. Murray Jr., a former chairman of the Commission.

The session was the second roundtable meeting of the committeemen with discussions centering on causes of gas service curtailments and recommendations for alleviating gas service curtailments, as viewed by committeemen from the pipeline sector.

Also, the committeemen exchanged views on a procedural rule proposed by the RRC's Gas Utilities Division that pertains to industrial and other large volume rates. The proposed rule is now being circulated for comment before

it is considered by the three Commission members.

Representatives of Valero Transmission Co., Houston Pipe Line Co., Entex, Inc., United Texas Transmission Co., and Lone Star Gas Co. generally agreed that the gas supply situation is such that Texas gas needs can be met this winter and that only unprecedented low temperatures will bring on deep curtailments of service.

Valero Attorney R.G. Wells reported that the recently RRC-accepted curtailment program for his company and "a better gas supply" have Valero officials believing their company can cope with demands for gas if the winter is no worse than the comparable season a year ago.

Wells reported that Valero expects its underground gas storage project in South Texas to be operational next October. The facility will be able to handle withdrawals at the rate of 400 million cubic feet of gas per day for nine days, he explained.

Austin Attorney Stan McLelland, who chairs the pipeline section of the ad-

visory committee, observed that gas storage facilities are "going to become increasingly important in Texas." He reported that increased competition for gas at the wellhead has limited the pipelines' ability to turn to producers for extra gas. He maintained that interruptible sales (of surplus gas) to interstate pipelines "is a good way to keep gas moving" and provides a readily retrievable source of gas to meet surges in demand within the state.

Pat Burnett of United Texas Transmission Co. reported UTCO has not had to curtail gas deliveries for two years and has a good supply base because of the company's aggressive acquisition efforts.

J.E. Buchanan of Delhi Gas Pipeline Co. said fuel problems being experienced by the Northeast U.S. in this winter's severe climate appear to be aggravated by gas pipeline capacity problems.

Hayden Head Sr., attorney and business leader at Corpus Christi, urged small, independent gas

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Wallace Seeks Training Program

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace raised a plea for a maximum-effort program of technical training, research and development that would give America an energy base from which to wipe out the threat to national security from overdependence on foreign oil suppliers.

To extract the nation from a vise of energy and technical personnel shortages, the senior member of Texas' energy and transportation regulatory agency told a statewide oil and gas hearing audience, "I am calling for our country to invest in a crash program of research and development, and for the training of engineers."

In the face of "a tremendous shortage of scientific and technological manpower," Wallace noted that the U.S. graduates only one engineer to every six graduated by the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, he reported "the National Science Foundation and the (federal) Department of Education project substantial shortages in technically educated professionals and skilled labor in the United States--and by 1990, a 47 percent shortage of industrial engineers, an 87 percent shortage of statistical professionals, and an 80 percent shortage of computer professionals."

Wallace said America is relying on Mideast sources for a major portion of its oil supplies while the U.S. public lands holding 50 percent of the country's remaining energy potential are contributing only 15 percent of the nation's supply.

U.S. energy policies for three decades, said Wallace, have left the country without enough oil for national security.

"The rebirth of the spirit of our nation to get us out of this mess depends not on debate, discussions, and more laws," he maintained. "Rather, it depends on the will of the American people to set about building an energy base."

Wallace said universities and colleges must be sufficiently funded to conduct advanced research and development of oil and gas recovery systems, including those "that will allow us to recover all of the oil

still in the ground here at home."

Last year's boom in domestic oil and gas drilling--62,000 new wells and record active rig counts exceeding 3,300--must be sustained and expanded, the Texas energy official contended.

Wallace urged energy hunters to recapture their exploratory zeal and disregard pessimists' claims that domestic oil and gas resources are virtually ex-

hausted. He noted that the Overthrust Belt in the northern Rockies, currently the nation's most significant oil and gas trend, was discounted as a petroleum province only a few years ago before being tested and drilled in the past decade.

Wallace said he is convinced that a bright future is ahead of the U.S. in the development of its energy resources. "It is essential that we signal to the

entire world our total commitment to full production of all our resources," he added.

Wallace said he is buoyed by reports that labor, political and business leaders, and spokesmen for civil rights organizations are calling for a national policy of accelerated domestic energy production.

"Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the Na-

tional Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in a statement last week that all forms of domestic energy need to be exploited because rising fuel costs are hurting the poor," Wallace cited.

Wallace noted that Hooks, Alexander Trowbridge, co-chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Wisconsin Gov. Lee Sherman Dreyfuss--speaking for 200 civic, industry, labor and

government groups--have announced plans for an American Energy Week public education program for March 15-21 to stress U.S. energy self-sufficiency and more domestic production.

In congratulating the groups, Wallace observed that they had made the linkage between oil and gas exploration and unemployment, high energy prices, international respect, and national defense.

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made it possible for many
of our young people to stay
here after high school grad-
uation instead of seeking
employment elsewhere.
Others who had left seeking
jobs have now come back
home to stay.

Millions more dollars are
paid to land owners in
royalties each year. Be-
sides increased income for

these ranchers, this money
often goes into improve-
ments to both land and
facilities that helps insure
the high standing of Sutton
County in the agricultural
world.

The Sonora Chamber of
Commerce counts almost
30 oil and oil related com-
panies among its member-
ship. Steve Swift, manager
of HNG Oil Company, is on
our board of directors and
many other members of the
petroleum community work
in various other areas of
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For these contributions
and many more, we are
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leum industry as a vital part
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The complex houses
twenty petroleum related
facilities. There are also
fifteen families living in the
confines of the industrial
park...these are families of
those working for com-
panies required to be on 24
hour call.

Bill and Jane Shurley of
Marfa are responsible for
making room to house
these facilities.

Shurley says that in May
of 1974, right in the middle
of the oil and gas boom, a

large company executive
came to him asking for
assistance in finding space
for an office and yard for
his company's business.

After this inquiry Shurley
was inspired. He then went
to different companies who
had moved or were plan-
ning to move into Sonora,
asking them if they were
interested in space for their
facilities. The answer for
the most part was yes.

Frank Pool of Pool Com-
pany was one of the first

contacted by Shurley. Pool
was a family friend and
Shurley knew he was inter-
ested in moving his com-
pany to Sonora.

Pool became the first of
many to build in the indus-
trial park. This did not,
however, come about until
Shurley had engaged an
engineering firm in San
Angelo as well as an archi-
tect, to design the park with
what space he had to offer.

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Smith said the general
feeling in the industry was
that the higher prices
would come, but no one
could predict the timing.

Smith said he could not
really predict how such a
dramatic price increase
would affect Amoco's drill-
ing program, but added the
workover program in the
area would definitely be
accelerated.

"It will also make us look
a lot closer at some old
wells that were uneconom-
ically feasible to produce
before," he concluded.

In talking with numerous
oil company officials, the
consensus seems to be that

the higher prices will have
to come as more and more
companies receive the
higher prices.

Swift warned this will not
necessarily bring a boom of
drilling activity, though.

"We'll never see the
gigantic booms here," he
said. "For one thing, there
aren't enough rigs avail-
able and the mills cannot
keep up with the orders
now."

"We'll have cyclic peri-
ods of peaks and valleys in
activity," he concluded,
"but we should basically
see a steady pace for many
years."



Joyce Reber

Desk & Derrick Club Formed In Sonora

A desire on the part of Inez Awty Schaeffer, Humble Oil
and Refining Company, New Orleans, to meet other
women in the oil and gas industry brought together a
group of women to form the first Desk & Derrick Club.

The story of the formation of the New Orleans club,
published in trade magazines, was received with interest
by the women in the oil centers of North America. In June
1949 a club was formed in Jackson, Mississippi, followed
by Los Angeles, California, and Houston, Texas. These
four clubs formed the Association of Desk & Derrick Clubs
of North America by signing "Articles of Association"
which set forth by Bylaws under which they proposed to
operate their first year.

The purpose, "to promote among the women employed
in the petroleum and allied industries through informative
and educational programs, a clearer understanding of the
industry which they serve, to the end that the enlighten-
ment gained thereby may increase their interest and
enlarge their scope of service," is clearly stated in the
Association Bylaws.

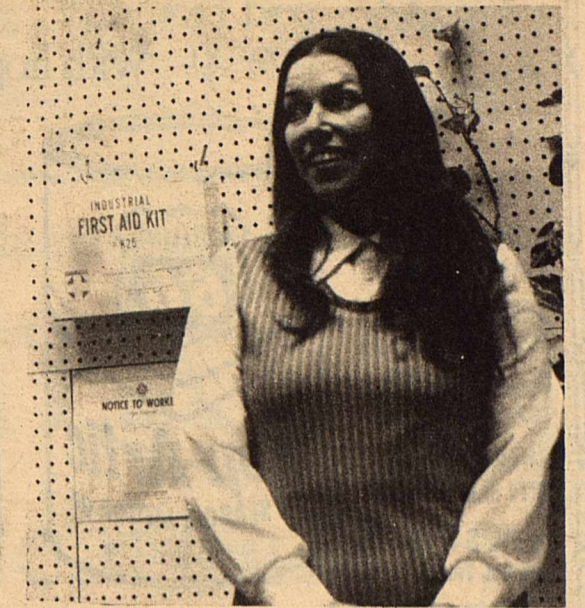
The Association is composed of member clubs organized
within North America by women actively engaged in all
branches of the petroleum industry and in companies and
organizations who directly supply and serve the petroleum
industry. Included in the membership are women
executives, geologists, editors, draftswomen, secretaries,
stenographers, auditors, accountants, bookkeepers,
clerks-any woman actively engaged in the industry as
defined by the Association and meeting the requirements
of the member club.

Industry leaders have recognized the value of this
educational program to their employees and have
contributed to the success of Desk & Derrick through their
cooperation in the programs and field trips to all types of
petroleum installations.

Desk & Derrick members have assisted in public
relations and educational programs of the oil industry in
their communities by holding seminars on industry
subjects, special study courses and carrying out many
other industry projects.

All Desk & Derrick programs, with few exceptions, are
devoted to some phase of the complex petroleum industry.

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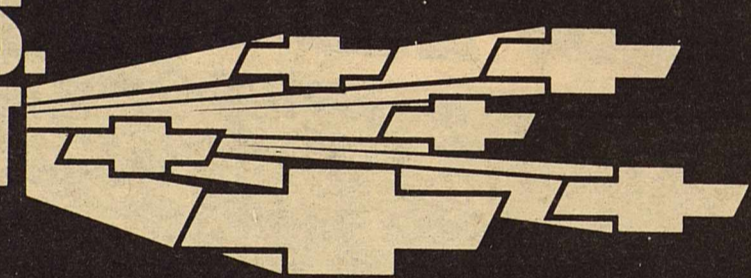
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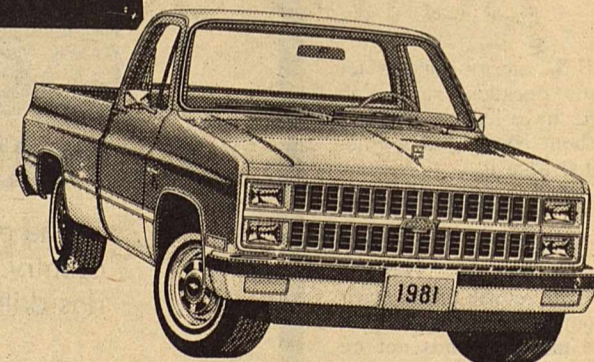
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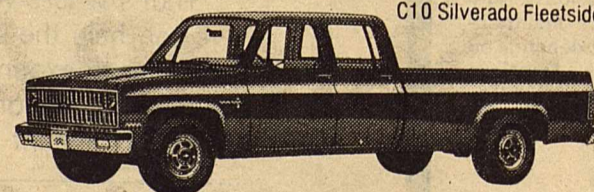
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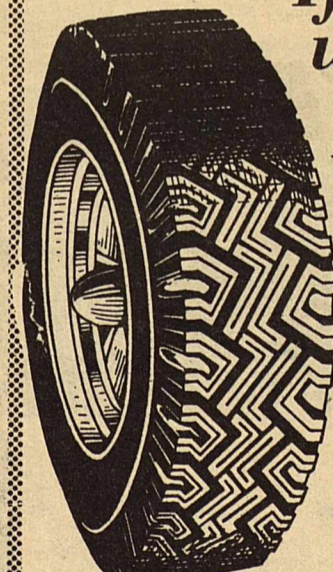
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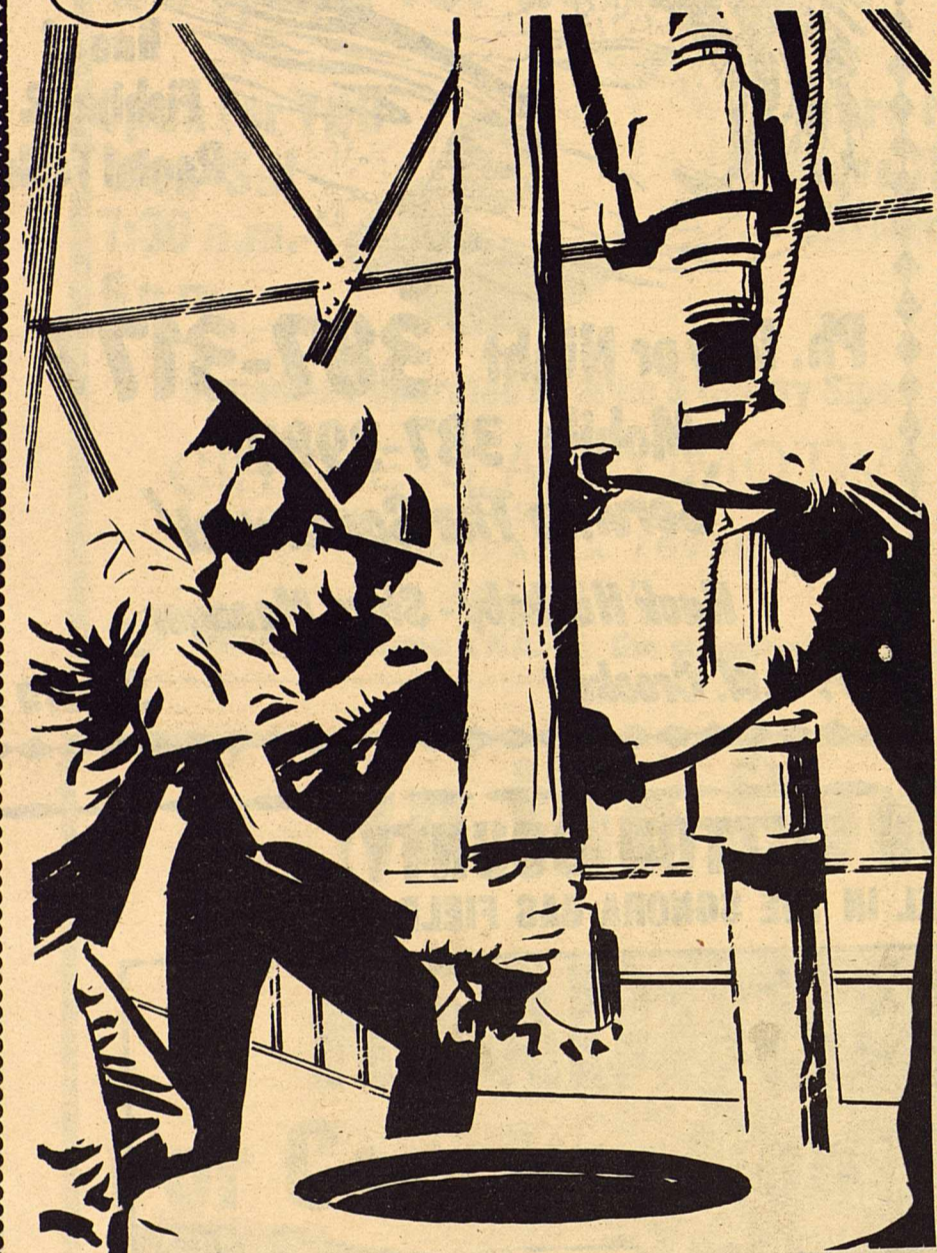
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New Regulations Boost Area Drilling

Two dramatic rulings in the past year signal a bright future for the Sonora-Ozona-Eldorado gas play. The first came in June when the Texas Railroad Commission handed down its ruling allowing infill drilling within the Sawyer Canyon sand. Spacing in the field was previously on 160-acre

optional spacing, but as long as three years ago, many operators began to suspect that many wells were not draining 160 acres. Steve Swift, district manager of HNG Oil Company in Sonora, said after extensive study, HNG found that, indeed, a majority of the wells were not capable

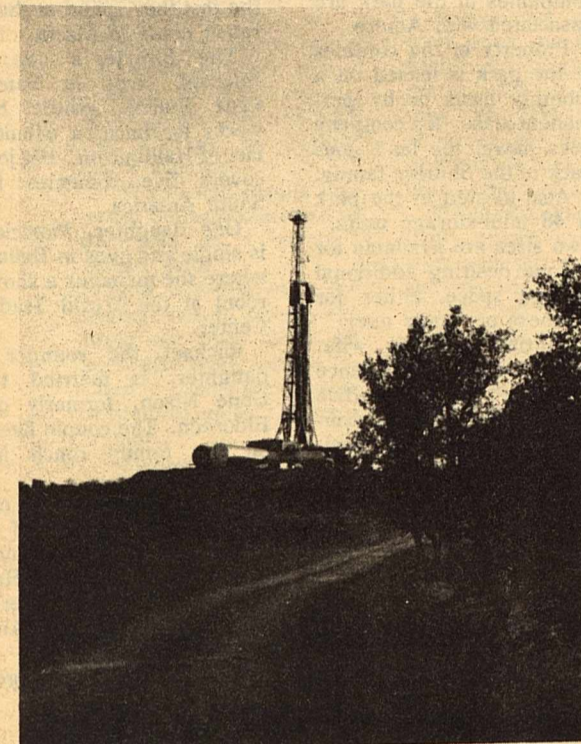
of even draining 80 acres. Swift said Don Hunter, HNG's reservoir engineer, initiated the studies needed to make application to the

RRC. About 1 1/2 years of research was needed. HNG, along with other operators in the field presented their proposal to the

RRC at a special hearing in March. No opposition was offered at the hearing. Hunter predicted the new spacing rule will pro-

bably affect half of HNG properties in the Sawyer Field.

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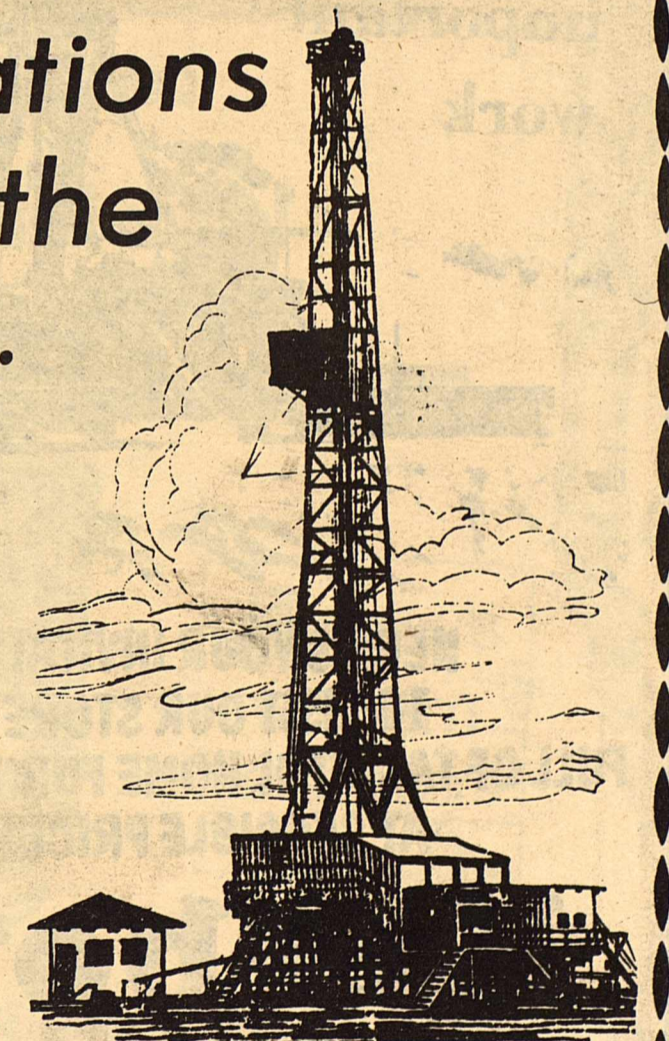


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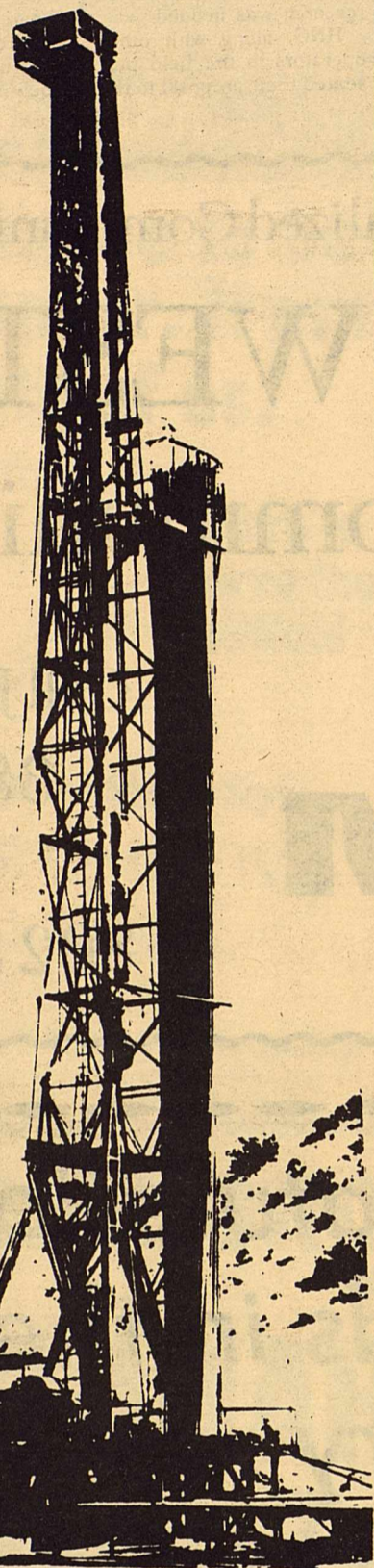
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The park is unique in many ways but the main characteristic is the mobility of company facilities. Although sites were designed with different sizes in mind, depending on the amount of space needed by each company, all buildings on the site are completely mobile. Not many mobile homes are being used as offices, but mostly metal buildings that can be moved if the company need arises.

This need has not arisen. In fact, Shurley's original design has long since overgrown its original survey. 40 acres have been added and the water and electrical systems have been enlarged four times.

The park is supplied by a water supply from two permanent wells that were designed to compliment each other. The water is chemically treated and meets all standards of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Water is also made available to those companies in the complex that need it for commercial use. Southwest Texas Electric Cooperativer provides electrical power and Shurley could not compliment them enough for the work they did in getting power to the park. Following the moving in

of Pool Company in 1975, Amoco started their move to the industrial park. This set the trend. Although Amoco was interested in a larger portion of land than had been originally planned, this proved no problem since the park was designed to allow leases all the land needed.

Amoco's move opened up the need for many other facilities in the area. Most companies in the park are associated with Amoco.

Property in the confines of the park is leased on a monthly basis or by permanent lease. If a company does move, the land goes back to the Shurley family.

Also located in the park is 48 mini-storage units. Two sizes are available for anyone desiring additional storage space...either for business or family use.

Shurley and his wife, Jane, also have a residence in the park along with office space. The building containing the office and residence sits in the middle of the park and was designed by Jane.

The attractive living quarters are complete with fireplace and all the conveniences of home, even to the white wicker furniture that compliments the living room and den area. Both Bill and Jane are eager to

make one feel at ease. The coffee pot is always on.

The office, which is managed by Treanna Thomas, is the hub of the Shurley business. In addition to all the industrial park business being centralized here, the ranching industry has also been consolidated into this office.

The Shurleys spend roughly ten working days of the month in Sonora and the rest they spend at their ranch home in Marfa.

The Shurley's son, Michael, lives in Santa Cruz Bolivia, where he works for Imco, a subsidiary of Halliburton. His job covers five countries in South America.

One daughter, Patricia, is single and lives in Dallas where she manages a show room at the World Trade Center.

Rachael, the younger daughter, is married to Gene Nixon, formerly of Eldorado. The couple lives on the family ranch in Marfa.

Shurley is a native of Sonora, a graduate of Sonora High School and attended Texas A&M. He was attending the university when he joined the Air Force during the war.

Following his discharge

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spacing program.

The Canyon sand starts in Schleicher County, runs southward through Sutton and Crockett counties and curves around the Val Verde Basin in Val Verde County.

What could be the biggest boost for the area came in December when the RRC received notice from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that the Canyon sand under six Southwest Texas counties had been designated a tight gas sand from which production qualified for high cost incentive pricing under the federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

Determination of a tight gas formation is made by the federal agency, but an appropriate state authority such as the RRC must recommend such action.

FERC's approval involves the Canyon Sand underlying Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell, Crockett, Edwards and Val Verde counties.

Under the federal act, gas from FERC-designated tight gas sands can be sold at a price that is 200 percent of the going rate for production from new on-shore wells as an incentive to explore for and develop gas formations that are difficult to produce.

While many production

companies are still feeling their way through the new ruling, Anderson Petroleum is one company that is already reaping its benefits.

"It (the ruling) will probably have a greater impact on us than anything else before," George Tullis from Anderson's Midland office said. "This will be our biggest year ever."

Tullis said Anderson renegotiated its contract with Valero in 1979 anticipating such an increase in allowable price.

When the regulation went into effect, Anderson got the price from Valero--about \$5.05 per mcf.

"We are running four rigs all the time now," Tullis said. "Where we drilled about 60 wells last year, we are planning to drill 75 to 100 in 1981."

"If we had more acreage leased, we would probably drill even more," he added. The price increase has Anderson actively seeking new leases, and the company is also beginning to seek new customers for its pipeline company.

"Since we can now offer other producers higher prices, we feel like our pipeline company can be highly profitable," Tullis said. "This is the first time we've begun looking for pipeline customers. Frank-

ly, we didn't have the personnel available and we wanted to concentrate on our production."

Tullis said the bulk of Anderson's drilling in this area has been in Crockett County, but a large part of 1981's plans call for drilling in Sutton County.

He also said the new infill drilling regulations will probably not affect his company since they only have six wells in the Sawyer Field now.

The major holdup on new pricing seems to be contracts with pipeline companies. Most officials seem reluctant to talk in depth about the prices since many of them are trying to renegotiate their contracts.

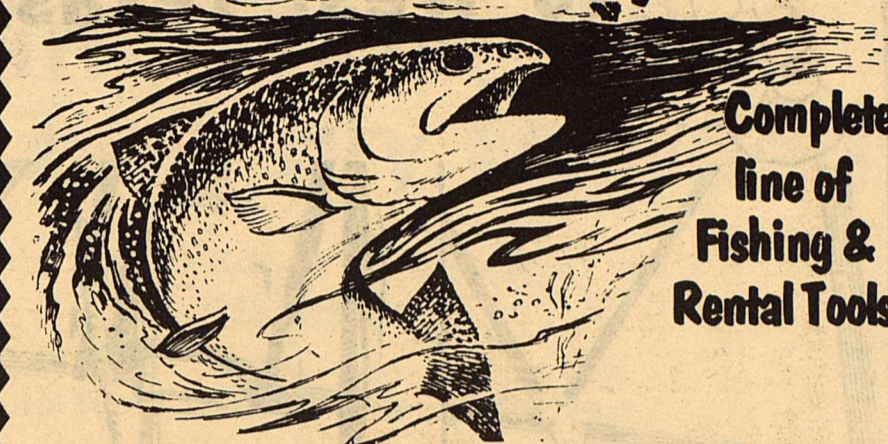
One official, who asked not to be named, said the case was a matter of economics: "If the pipeline company gives us a higher price, then they have to pass higher prices along to their customers and so on down the line."

Bob Smith with Amoco in Midland did say his company had gone to their purchaser asking for the higher prices.

Smith said the general feeling in the industry was that the higher prices would come, but no one could predict the timing.

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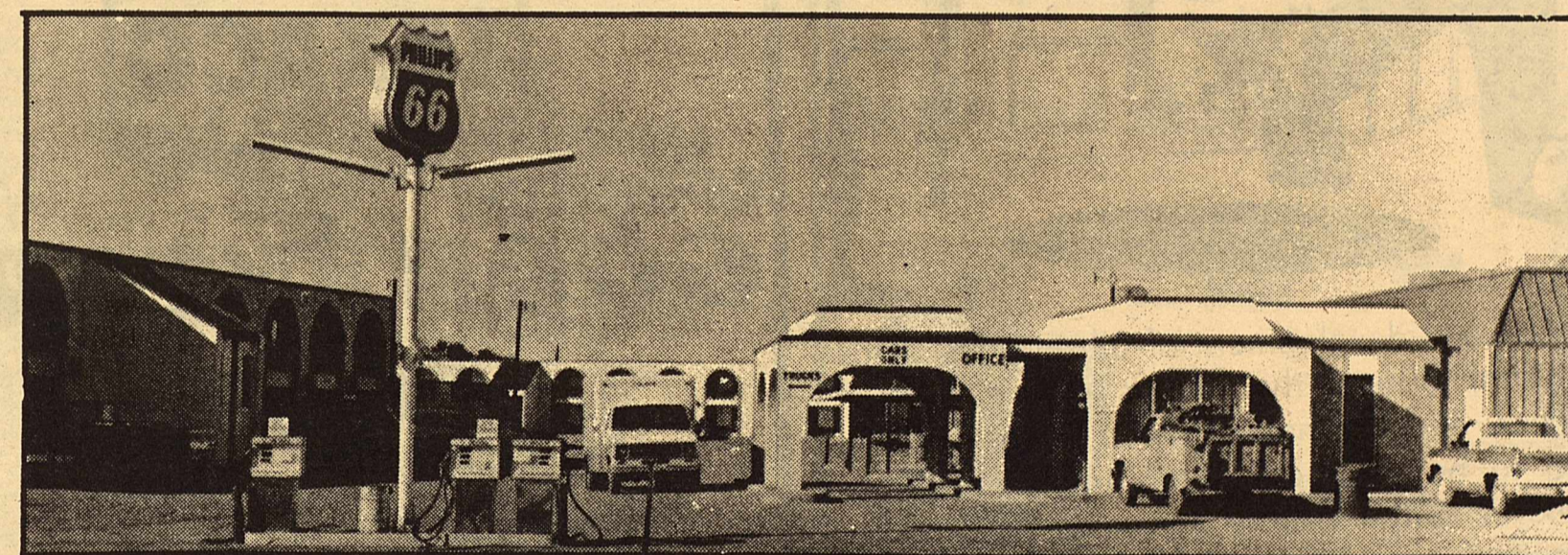
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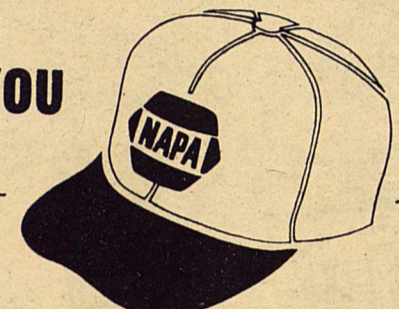
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Nugent Optimistic, But Still Cautious

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent today warned that changes are still needed in the U.S. energy picture despite the recent optimism in the country regarding a new presidential administration, increased petroleum production activity and fuel supplies, and a decrease in imports.

"I am encouraged by today's feeling that free-market, production-oriented forces might finally get out from under the net altogether," the RRC Chairman told members of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association executive committee.

He added that Americans must not mistake changes in political climate, personalities and public opinion for real change in the obstacles that confront America's energy realities.

Nugent said that Americans must understand the recently publicized huge quantities of undiscovered and unproduced oil and gas are deep, in poorly accessible locations, and in difficult formations.

"We know that producing them will be slow, difficult, and expensive," he said, explaining that today's relative optimism is

"in large part due to a slight loosening" of oil and gas controls over the last year that unleashed a record-making boom in drilling and exploration.

The RRC Chairman added that more changes in the regulatory climate will be slow in coming.

"I have yet to see any federal bureaucracy dismantle itself, and I do not count on the Department of Energy to be a first," he said. "And if you expect Congress to turn loose of the windfall profits excise tax, the biggest revenue producer in history, then let me encourage you to think again."

The vast petroleum industry expansion of recent months has caused some problems for the Railroad Commission, Nugent added.

"It is making it increasingly difficult to recruit and keep qualified professionals at the same time that industry activity is increasing our workload by leaps and bounds," he said.

He indicated the size of the increased workload since 1972 with these figures:--an increase of 212 percent in applications to drill. --a 160 percent increase in oil well completions. --an increase in

gas well completions by 165 percent. --a threefold increase in the number of drilling rigs in the field today.

The RRC Chairman noted that last year alone applications to drill increased from 29,000 to 40,000. Despite these changes, the field staff of the Commission's Oil and Gas Division has not increased in size since 1976. Nugent reported, adding that it has grown by only 17 percent since 1972.

"Our field personnel, no increase in staff size, did 41 percent more work last year than four years ago," Nugent said. RRC personnel have been able to keep up with the increased load with a radio system and improved computer facilities, he said.

A large part of the problem lies in maintaining a trained Commission staff, the RRC Chairman said. Experienced personnel continue to leave the Commission staff, for better paying jobs in private industry, Nugent explained.

Increased production activity makes it necessary for the Commission to ask the Legislature for a general boost in funding for the Oil and Gas Division, he said.

New Regulations.....

In arriving at its decision for an optional 80-acre spacing on the 640-acre proration units, HNG was influenced by extensive testing in the field.

Long term pressure buildup was tested at specific locations and evaluation of the results concluded many of the wells were not capable of draining more than 80 acres.

The acres tested were well locations which approximated 80-acre spacing and where deliverability was average or slightly above average.

"We wanted results that would be representative of the field as a whole," Hunter said.

Swift said that while the testing showed some wells could not even drain 80 acres effectively, others located in basins are capable of draining up to 320 acres or more.

"The wells in the Canyon sands are beasts," Swift said. "Each one is different, and no two wells perform exactly alike."

Because of the intermittent nature of so many of the wells and lack of homogeneity among them, HNG has found the roles of production foremen and pumpers become particularly crucial in making

many Canyon sand wells commercially successful.

To remedy the situation, many Canyon sand wells are put on intermitters which cycle the production several times a day.

"You have to build up enough pressure to unload the water, so we just can't produce many of the wells 24 hours a day," he said.

Though an intermitted well may produce 125 Mcfd, during the flowing portion of the cycle the rate may be 300-400 Mcfd. However, the flow portion of the cycle may add up to only a third of a day.

While HNG has taken a wait and see approach to the spacing ruling.

"We will be keeping a close watch on what HNG does in infill drilling", Jim York, Amoco district superintendent in Odessa said.

"If it looks like they are hitting some virgin pressures, we will probably go in and drill some wells on 80-acre spacing," he continued. "We have never been bashful about going to tighter spacing to protect or improve drainage."

York said part of the reason Amoco had not gone to tighter 160-acre spacing in some of its proration units was a matter of

economic priority. "You have to look at returns," York said. "If we can drill 50 wells elsewhere

that will bring Amoco a high return, those wells have a higher priority than 50 wells in the Canyon

sand." York said Amoco would need some more performance data to see if it was

draining everything it had before it launches a tighter

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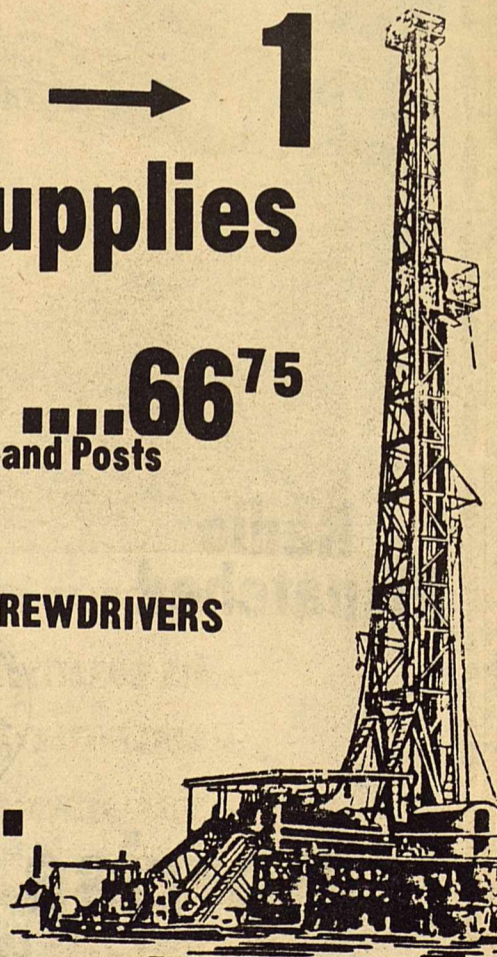
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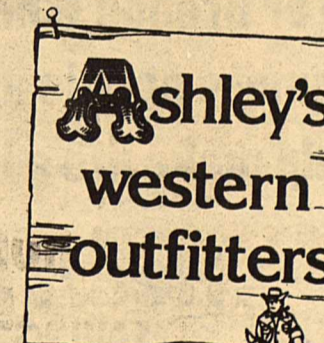
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Texas RRC Receives Federal Funding For Safety Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation has notified the railroad Commission that up to \$161,815 will be reimbursed to the RRC for expenditures made in carrying out its gas pipeline safety program during 1981 announced Gas Utilities Division Director Jeffrey R. Hill today.

The Commission directed Hill last July to file the

necessary applications for federal funds available under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1979.

By Texas law, the Commission is required to provide and enforce safety standards for the regulation of all transportation of gas and gas pipeline facilities which are not subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction.

Also, the RRC is required to promulgate such safety regulations in accordance with applicable federal statutes and regulations, Hill explained.

The GUD director said the additional funds will aid the Commission in accelerating the enforcement of safety rules and procedures throughout the state.

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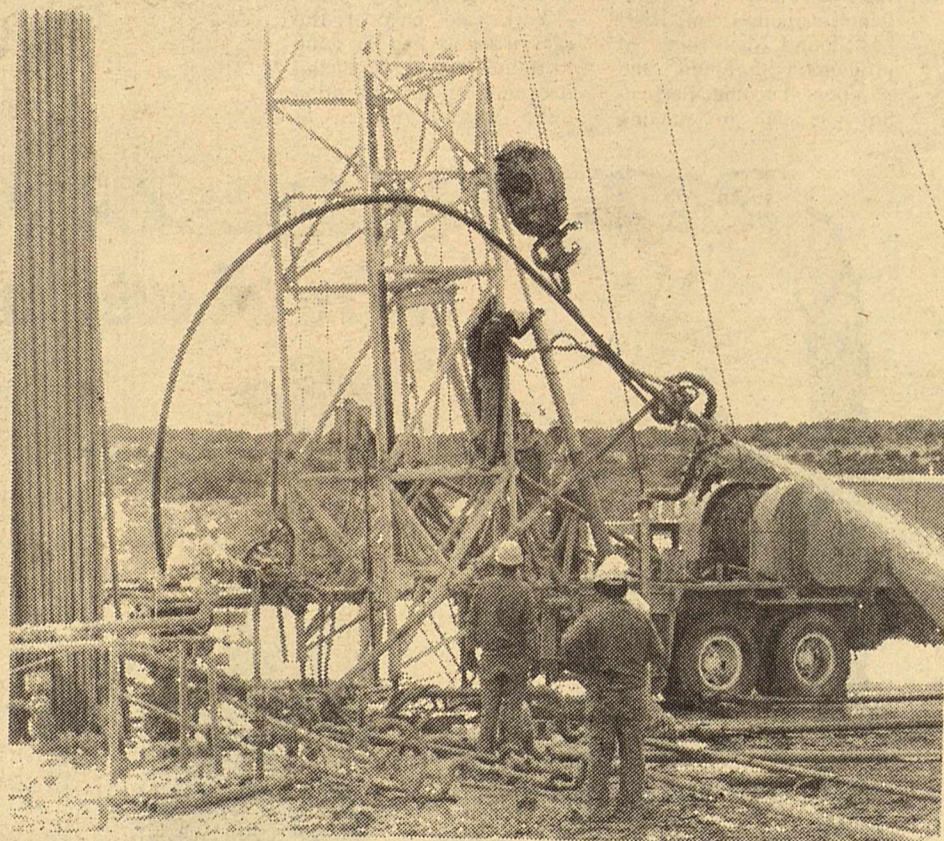
from the Air Force, he married the former Jane Bryant of San Angelo.

The Sutton County ranch which contains six sections, is operated by Bill's mother, Ruth Shurley. The 120 acres that make up the industrial park is located on

the northeast end of the ranch.

Shurley gives credit to many persons for making the park what it is today...a place for the petroleum industry to make its mark in Sonora and Sutton County history.

In an emergency action last July, the Commission pumped \$150,000 into its gas pipeline safety program to permit the hiring of additional personnel and the acquisition of equipment so that more of the state's 120,000 miles of gas pipelines can be inspected and monitored more often for compliance with rules and regulations, Hill said.

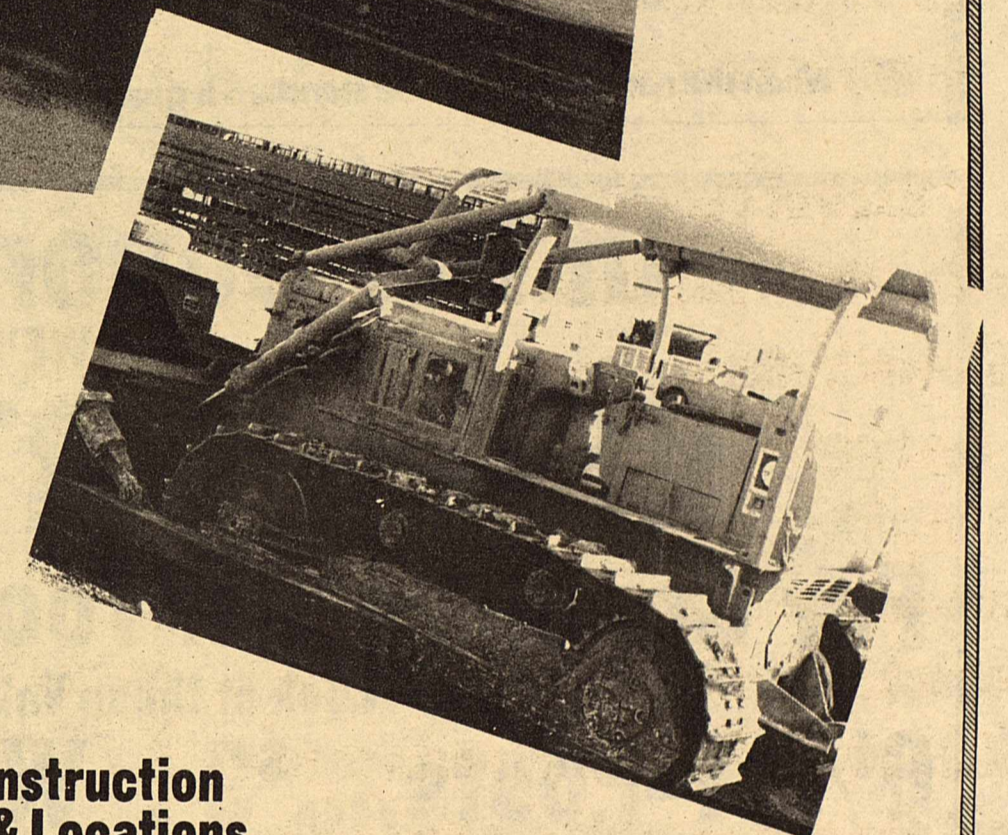
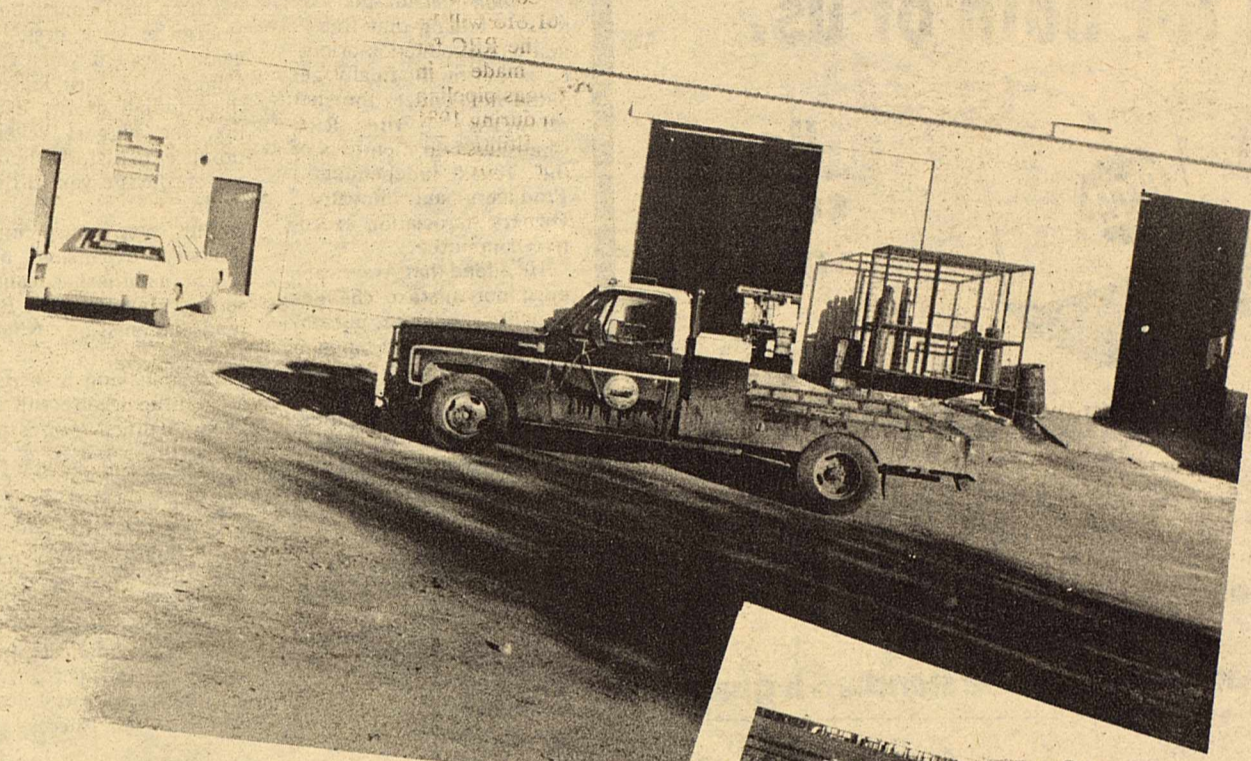



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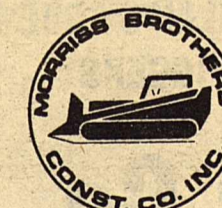
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