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Town Happenings

Organizational meeting

Monday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sutton County Library will be an organizational meeting for "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers."

The public is urged to attend. For more information contact Sandra Cooper at 387-5244.

Garrett due home

Mary Lou Garrett stated that Jim Garrett is listed in good condition in Shannon Hospital room #678. He is expected to be released today or Thursday.

Davenport improved

Hershel Davenport has been moved to a private room in Angelo Community Hospital and is now listed in improved condition.



Bill Mason, District Attorney of the 112th Judicial District, has announced that he is a candidate for re-election for another term.

During his first term in office, Mason has instigated two undercover drug operations, both of which culminated in the arrest of approximately 65 local (district) dealers, users and other would-be narcotics traffickers, and led to the discovery and destruction of one illegal narcotics laboratory, the arrest of 23 persons involved in the trafficking of narcotics in other areas of the state, and the recovery of \$20,000 worth of stolen oilfield equipment.

Mason co-authored a manual for statewide law enforcement officials entitled "Elements Manual - The Components of a Crime," and is presently writing another law enforcement manual concerning the probation laws of the State of Texas and their application.

He was instrumental in establishing the first Law Enforcement Workshop, a highly successful, state accredited seminar, which is now utilized on a statewide basis and which has been presented to more

(See MASON Page 4)



Ann Hill has filed for re-election for the office of Tax Assessor/Collector. She has been in this position for approximately 4 and one half years and has worked in the Tax Assessor/Collector office for approximately 11 and one half years. Hill was born and raised in Sonora.

Film showing set at First Baptist

"How to be a Good Lover" will be shown at the First Baptist Church, February 5 at 5 p.m. for 7th graders to college students.

Noted author and lecturer Josh McDowell reveals the all important secret to finding a good lover in his new film -- by sharing that you must be one first!

Student Jeff Rutledge faces the problem of finding the perfect lover. He was thrilled with his computerized list of ideal qualities until friend Marci pointed out a fatal flaw in his approach - it doesn't work! Shortly thereafter, both Jeff and Marci hear Josh McDowell lecture about what **does** work.

Rutledge learns some new ways to gain the important requirements of healthy self-identity, a well-defined purpose in life, and communication skills necessary for sustaining a close and rewarding relationship.

Come learn along with Jeff as you laugh and are challenged by Josh McDowell's helpful principles to become a lover worth having," a spokesperson for the church stated.

"How to be a Good Lover" is a must-see film says Earnest and Kathie Lykins who will be leading a short discussion following the screening of the film in the First Baptist Church's next program.

Adults-parents and 5th and 6th graders - if you are interested in seeing this film it will be shown at 6 p.m. February 5.

Sonora schools rank high in educational survey

The United States Office of Education recently released overall comparable figures for schools throughout the country in the areas of testing, teacher-pupil ratio, dropout rate, etc. and the Sonora public school system ranked higher in most areas than many systems in this part of the state, according to Sonora Superintendent Wendell A. McAndrew.

In the all-important area of high school completion, Sonora shone well above the state and national averages. Eighty-one percent of the 1984 senior class are finishing high school as compared with the state average of sixty-eight percent and the national average of seventy-three percent completion.

In another area measured by the national statistics, Sonora registered a student-teacher ratio of 16 to 1 districtwide. This compares with the state average of 18.5 to 1 and the national average of 18.9 teachers to each student.

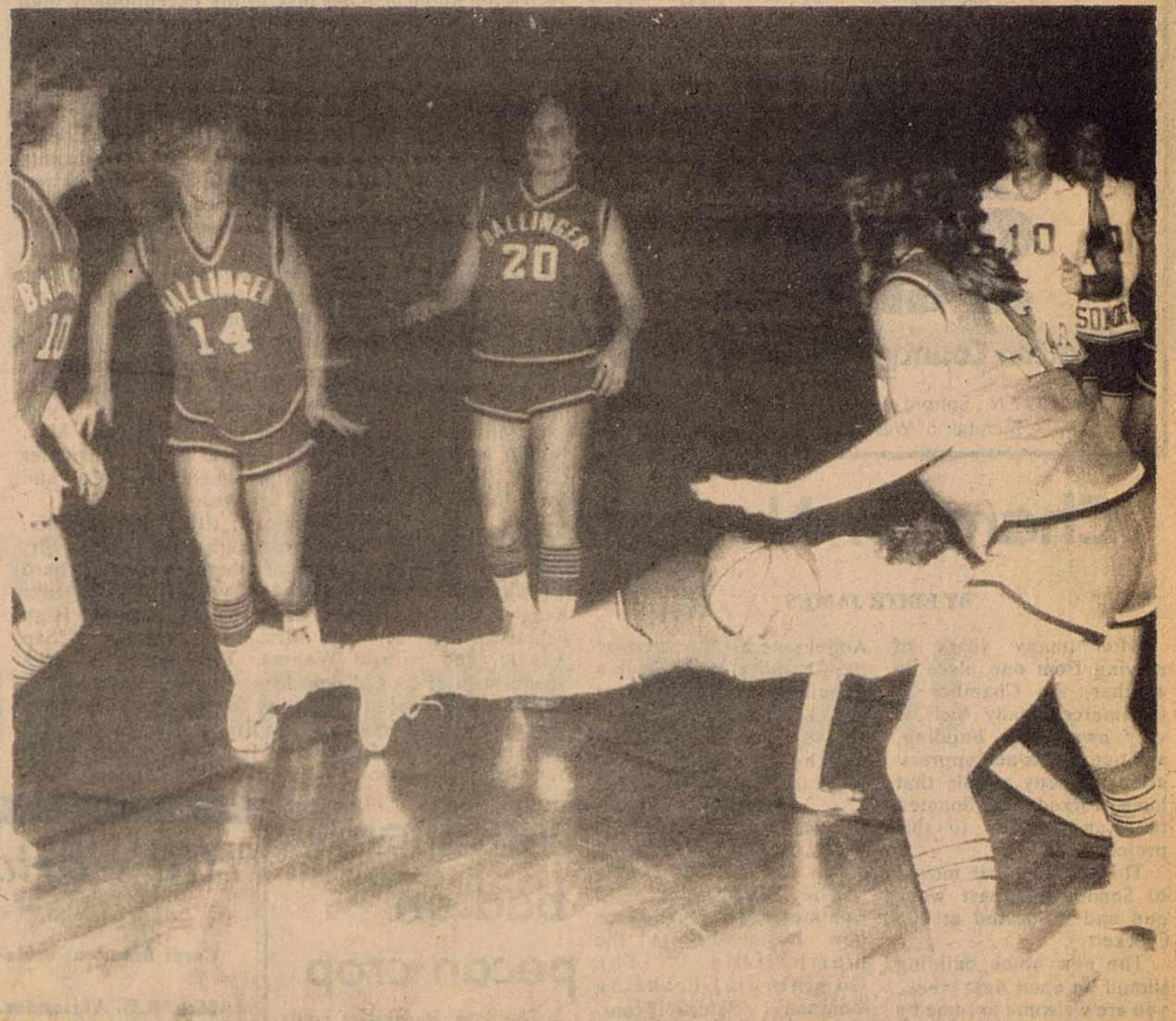
According to figures released by Angelo State University recently, the average entering freshman students scores 872.34 in the Scholastic Aptitude Test compared to the state average of 868. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is nationally recognized as a standardized college entrance examination. In the present Sonora High School Senior Class, 17 students took the test and scored in the 61st percentile in the verbal section compared with other high school seniors throughout the country, while in the math area, they scored in the 71st percentile.

Thirty-three Sonora seniors took the American College Test (ACT) and scored an average of 17. Compared with other Texas high school students, this score places them in the 61st percentile.

In conclusion, McAndrew pointed out that these test scores vary considerably from year to year and from school to school. He added, however, that speaking generally, Sonora appears to be keeping up with the technological age.



Bill Webster has filed for re-election of Sheriff in Sonora. Webster took office in January 1977. He was a Highway Patrol in Sonora from 1967 to 70 and moved back to Sonora in 1974. Webster has just completed 20 years of law enforcement.



PUSH-UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME?

Lorri French (on the floor) appears to be taking time out for exercise during the Lady Broncos' exciting victorious game with the Ballinger Bearcat Fems. The Bronco Fems came out on top in that game 56-46, remaining undefeated in district play. However, the Ladies met their match Friday night when Crane

outscored them 54-48, winning the first half of district play. Sonora came out second in the first half. The Fems will begin second-half district play Friday night against Coahoma in Coahoma. Other Fems shown in the photo include number 10, Debbie Bible and number 20, Lea Whitehead. (DRN Photo by Kristi Nunn)

Thursday to be 50's day, "Grease" presentation starts

Sonora High's production of GREASE-the rock n' roll musical about life at mythical Rydell High School-will open this week. Performances will be presented on Thursday, the 26th and Saturday, the 28th at 8 P.M. in the High School Auditorium. A matinee will also be presented on Sunday, the 29th at 2 P.M. tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Over 100 students have been involved in the planning of this fun-filled musical which features lots of singing and dancing to good old rock n' roll.

In conjunction with the production, Sonora High is planning several 50's activities. Thursday will be 50's day. Students and faculty are urged to join in the fun and wear 50's type clothing. The cafeteria will be turned into a malt shop and will feature a menu of hamburgers, french fries, and chocolate shakes. A sock hop for high school and junior high students will be held at noon in the Old Gym. Prizes will be awarded for best dancers and best costumes.

A hula hoop contest will be held on Friday at noon in the high school parking lot. Rounding out the week's

activities will be another sock hop-hosted by the high school cheerleaders. It will be held in the New Gym after Saturday evening's performance.

Cast members include Kathryn Parker, Mike Polcek, Patsy Samaniego, Roger Velez, Carol Cayce, Steve Harrison, Laura Preston, Jody Luttrell, Chris DeMarco, Craig Hopper, Patsy Perez, Javier Flores, Carrie Craddock, Barry Graves, Arturo Gandar, Thomas DeHoyas, and Cynthia Keel. Kids of Rydell High include Tammy Holguin, Gina McMillon, Kristin Keel, Shannon Scott, Terry Williams, and Mari Martinez. Choreographers for the musical are Jari Todd and Kerl Kropp. The combo is composed of Charlotte Wilson, Victor Fuentes, Stacy Snider, Robert Fierro, and Leah Evans.

James Buchanan, director of theater, commented: "It's wonderful to see the hard work and excellence put forth by so many students and departments."

Everyone in Sonora is invited to attend GREASE-it's a good way to rock n' roll through 90 minutes of fun and enjoyment.

Opening slated Monday

BY CAROL JONES

According to an announcement made this week by A. W. Bishop, president of the Sutton County National Bank, Grand Opening ceremonies for the new bank building will take place during regular lobby hours next week.

The Grand Opening will begin Monday, January 30 at 9 a.m. with the ribbon cutting ceremony and will continue through Friday, February 3 with four drawings for \$50 starter savings accounts taking place daily at 3 p.m.

Bishop stated that 20 starter savings accounts would be given away during the week and encouraged everyone to go by the new bank and register. Registrants need not be present in order to win. Refreshments will be served all week and there will be tours of the bank at various times during regular business hours each day.

To climax the week of celebration, a print of the Wayne Baize painting "Frosty Morn" will be drawn for Friday afternoon, in addition to that day's starter savings account drawings.

The Sutton County National Bank opened its doors in the temporary building located in the Highway 277 Shopping Center January 3, 1983.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new building were held March 31, 1983. Templeton Construction of San Angelo was the general contractor for the bank building.

Officers of the bank include Chairman S.W. Cauthorn; Bishop; Vice-President and Cashier Ray F. Smith; and Assistant Cashier Jeanne Jackson.

Other members of the staff include Terry Duckworth, Tonya Brown, Mary Lou Garrett, JoAnn Hernandez, Melba J. Perez, and Martha Sims.

Directors are Jerry Don Balch, A.W. Bishop, Rande F. Caruthers, S.W. Cauthorn, Lemuel Lopez, W.B. McMillan, Doyle V. Morgan, James M. Parker, Walter

C. Pope III, and John R. Tedford Jr.

Opening with four teller cages in the lobby and with three drive-in windows, the bank has the capacity to expand to five drive-ins if the need arises.

There is a private room for customers opening their safety deposit boxes.

Secretaries' desks will be stationed near the teller cages and a customer service desk is also located near the teller windows for customers needing assistance from the bookkeeping department.

A meeting room has been furnished with a private entrance and will be available for use by the public. There is a kitchenette attached for use by the parties using the meeting room and for employees to use for breaks during the business days.

Another addition to the new facilities will be an automatic teller machine located adjacent to the drive-in facilities with parking available either in front of the building or in the drive.

The automatic teller machine will be in operation 24 hours a day for deposits to checking and savings accounts, loan payments, and withdrawals from checking and savings accounts.

The automatic teller machine is called "The 24 Hour ADVANTAGE" and anyone interested in making an application for the necessary card to utilize the machine may see Ms. Perez starting January 30.

See pages 6 & 7 for special salutes to Sutton Co. Nat'l Bank

Community Calender

Wednesday, January 25
Firemen 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 29
Attend the Church of your choice

Monday, January 30
7 p.m. American Heart Association
7:30 p.m. Firemen

Tuesday, January 31
12 Noon--Downtown Lions Club--FMC Basement

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Chamber News

BY EDITH JAMES

After many years of moving from one place to another, the Chamber of Commerce finally has its very own office building, and our thanks and appreciation to many people that have worked and donated time and money to this project.

This building was moved to Sonora this past week end and is located at 706 Crockett.

The new office building should be open next week, you are welcome to come by and visit the first Chamber of Commerce office building in Sonora.

The Town and County Home Builders of San

Angelo were contracted by the Chamber of Commerce to build this office at a cost of \$13,842, to date a total of \$6,748.91 has been donated to the building fund, leaving a balance of \$7,093.09 for the Chamber to raise.

The Chamber of Commerce welcomes three new businesses to the membership. The Commercial Printing Company, Valero Transmission Company and the Federal Land Bank Assn. of Sonora, our welcome and appreciation to the new members.

W-2 due February 1

Employees who have not received a W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, by February 1 should contact their employer to be sure they have the correct address, the Internal Revenue Service says.

Even if an employee is unable to get a W-2 before the tax filing deadline, the return must be filed by April 16. (This year, April 15 falls on Sunday.) The IRS reminds taxpayers that they must have a W-2 from every employer they

worked for during the year. If it is impossible to obtain a W-2 from an employer, the employee should either obtain a Form 4852, Substitute Wage and Withholding Statement, from the IRS or attach a signed and dated statement showing the tax withholding information for the missing W-2 and attach it to the tax return, according to the IRS.

Taylor services held here

Davie H. Taylor, 82, of Sonora died Thursday, January 9 at 8 a.m. in the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Terry of Eden officiating. Interment was in the Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Taylor was born August 26, 1901 in San Saba. She attended Cherokee College and Southwestern University. She married P.J. Taylor September 21, 1923 in Ft. Stockton. He died in 1966. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Jo Beth Blake. She was a retired bookkeeper having been employed by the City of Sonora and Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. She was a former member of Sonora School Board and the Sonora Womens Club and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

Survivors include: three brothers; Jack Hubbert of Ballinger, King Hubbert of Washington D.C. and Leo Hubbert of Los Angeles. Two sisters include Nell Jessup of Los Angeles and Dorothy Colin of Adrin, Texas. One granddaughter, Sherry Coombs of Phoenix, Ariz.

Pallbearers were: Wesley and Edwin Sawyer, W.B. McMillan-Doyle Morgan, Glen Fisher and Web Elliott.

Loeffler announces 30 nominations

Congressman Tom Loeffler (R-Tx) recently announced the names of Texans from the 21st District whom he has nominated to compete for military academy appointments.

There are ten nominees for one vacancy at the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; ten nominees for one vacancy at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; and 10 nominees for one vacancy at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

In addition, there are two nominees for consideration by the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

The finalists were chosen by an Academy Selection Board, which serves each year at the request of Congressman Loeffler. The Board this year was chaired by Army Major General Warren Myers of San Antonio, and included Navy Captain Jack Stevens of Hunt, Navy Commander Doug Lynch of San Antonio, Army Lt. Col. Richard Woodward of San Antonio, and Air Force Captain Olen Bowman of Converse.

"I am deeply grateful to the members of the Board for their invaluable assistance and wish to salute them for a job well done," said Loeffler.

"The Board faced a particularly difficult task in reviewing applicants because of the exceptionally high caliber of young people who expressed an interest in attending our service academies. I feel very confident about our military leadership in the future if all nominees are of the quality shown by these candidates. They are bright, enthusiastic and committed to upholding the military integrity of the nation."

The nominees were selected from applicants throughout the 21st Congressional District and children of military families whose home of records is in the 21st District but who are currently stationed elsewhere.

The ten nominees competing for the one vacancy at the Air Force Academy are: Peter John Almquist, Winston Churchill High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Almquist of San Antonio; Michael Bernard DeNisio, Tom C. Clark High School, son of Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Carl B. DeNisio of San Antonio; James Freeman, Tivy High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman of Kerrville; Robert Drew Furr, Winston Churchill High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Furr of San Antonio; and Edgar Alexander Green, III, James Madison High School, son of Col. and Mrs. Edgar A. Green Jr. of San Antonio.

Also, Ellwood Parker Hinman, III of San Antonio; Byron Charles Keeling, Boerne High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeling of Boerne; Brett Richard Kreitling, Boerne High School, son of Mrs. Marilyn King of Boerne; James Patrick Ross, Central High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross of San Angelo, and Hiroshi Wajima, Tom C. Clark High School, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Takeshi Wajima.

The ten nominees competing for the one vacancy at West Point are Russell Vaughn Brown, Central Catholic High School, son of Col. and Mrs. Raymond Brown of San Antonio; Timothy Alan Butler, Bandera High

School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Butler of Pipe Creek; Dyke Richman Ferrell, Bandera High School, son of Mr. Terry Ferrell of Pipe Creek and Mrs. Jane Hunt of Troy; Christopher John Lacy, New Braunfels High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Elliott of New Braunfels; and Grant Arthur Morris, Tom C. Clark High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morris of San Antonio.

Also, John Martin Nohrenberg, Del Rio High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry C. Nohrenberg of Del Rio; Mark Edwards Simmonds, Douglas MacArthur High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmonds of San Antonio; Richard Reinhold Stepe, Boerne High School, son of Mr. Norm Stepe of Boerne; Jeffrey Allen Ragland, Granbury High School, son of Mr. Allen Wayne Ragland and Mrs. Virginia K. Douglas of Midland; and Ralph Rohatsch, III, Air Academy High School, son of Col. and Mrs. Ralph R. Rohatsch Jr. of San Antonio.

The ten nominees competing for one vacancy at the Naval Academy are Courtenay Brian Allen, Tivy High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen of Kerrville; Shawn Bastos Bevans, Antonian High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bevans of San Antonio; Paul Michael Boswell, Midland High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth R.G. Boswell of Midland; Nelson Jose Delgado, Torrejon American High School in Madrid, Spain, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jose A. Delgado whose home of record is San Antonio; and Thomas Clinton Goodwin, Llano High School, son of Capt. and Mrs. Earl C. Goodwin of Llano.

Also, Edgar Alexander Green, III, James Madison High School, son of Col. and Mrs. Edgar A. Green Jr. of San Antonio; Richard Brent Howell, Canyon High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Howell of New Braunfels; Christopher John Lacy, New Braunfels High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Elliott of New Braunfels; Nelson Marquez, Theodore Roosevelt High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angel Luis Marquez of San Antonio; and Stephen Ray Schmerbeck, Tivy High

School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Butler of Kerrville.

The two nominees competing for consideration by the Merchant Marine Academy are James Herbery Caldwell, New Braunfels High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caldwell of New Braunfels and Richard Russell Ritter, Winston Churchill High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ritter of San Antonio.

Kappa Gamma blood drive successful

The blood drive held in Sonora, January 18, sponsored by Kappa Gamma, was a success. The goal they set for the drive was more than met.

Nelda Mayfield donated the money for two \$50 drawings. They were won by Orene Stewart and Judy

Merrill, a senior at Sonora High School.

A total of 55 donors were there to give and of those, 52 were able to donate.

Sonora now has 13 one-gallon donors, 2 two-gallon donors and 3 three-gallon donors.

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Fiddlers Restaurant will be closed February 1 and 2 for renovations but will be re-opening Under New Management 5:30 a.m. Friday, February 3 with regular hours.

Lounge will re-open at a later date.
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 387-5559



Weather bad on pecan crop

The late December cold spell in Texas could have a major impact in the 1984 pecan crop. Many rapidly growing young pecan trees (less than seven years old) as well as pecan trees in nurseries took a severe beating from the prolonged cold weather, says a horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Mature trees that were stressed from a heavy crop in 1983 could also have suffered some freeze injury. This is especially true of Barton, Mahan and Wichita varieties. Also, mature trees that were drought-stressed at the time of the severe cold weather likely suffered more freeze damage.

Hill's Bridal Registry

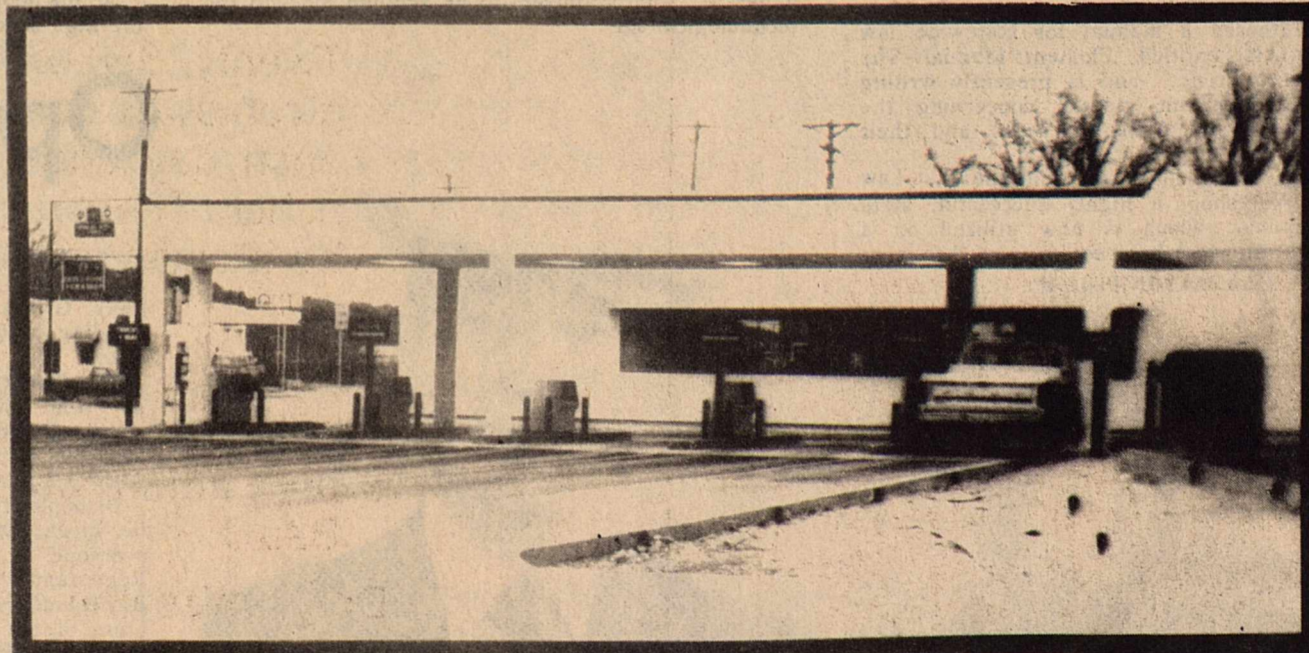
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Around Town

BY HAZEL McCLELLAND

The Sonora Art Club met Monday night January 16 at the Art Club building. Mrs. Schweining gave a lesson in oil painting.

Hostess were: Mrs. Mary Guest and Mrs. Lorene Talieferro. Sandwiches, dips, fruits, cake and drinks were served.

Members present were: Mrs. Wilma Schweining, Mrs. Verna Raphael, Mrs. Bernie Williamson, Mrs. Louise Smyers, Mrs. Mary Lu Gilly, Mrs. Lorene Taliaferro, Mrs. Mary Guest, Mrs. Carmen Adams, Miss Jan Davis, Mrs. Etta Hill, Mrs. Gloria Gordon, Mrs. Fern Whippf, Mrs. Bridgett Griffin, Mrs. Avia Baney and Mrs. Hazel McClelland, Mrs. Baney was a new member of the club.

The Sonora Sewing Club met Tuesday 17 with Mrs. Leona Bishop. Coffee, hot tea, doughnuts, orange juice and chocolate cake was served when guests arrived.

Those present were: Mrs. Joan Cusenbary, Mrs. Rosalie Richardson, Mrs. Marty McLain, Mrs. Barbara Savell, Mrs. Peggy Dover, Mrs. Vicki Shannon, Mrs. Lucille Coleman, Mrs. Bernice Savell, Mrs. Jerry Wallace and from Ozona, Mrs. Mary Lu Lilly, Mrs. Sammie Pierce, Mrs. Janet Bailey and Mrs. Marie Pierson. They had lunch at the Commercial Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brunette of Georgetown visited her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jennings last week. They visited out at the Hudspeth Nursing Home and the Sonora Caverns while they were here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris were in San Angelo Thursday for doctors appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shannon of Waco visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Armentrout over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moore were honored with a miscellaneous shower January 19 at the Sutton County Steak House. Host and Hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Reed Albritton, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Halmig, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Miers, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neill, Mrs. Sammie Espy, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nicks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Schweining, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webster and Mrs. Nancy

V. Law.

Miss Carolyn Cooper presided at the brides book. The table was laid with a white linen cloth. The center piece was a beautiful arrangement of white and red carnations. Silver candle holders were on each side of the flowers.

Punch, coffee, canipers, sandwiches, dips and chips were served. About 75 guests were present.

Mrs. Leva Belle Ross entertained the Tuesday night bridge club at her home January 17. Club members present were: Mrs. Vestal Askew, Mrs. Guila Vicars, Mrs. Davie Taylor, Mrs. Metha Trainer, Mrs. Leo Merrill, Mrs. Mary Barrow, Mrs. E.A. Prigal, Mrs. Jo Nell Johnson, Mrs. Edwin Sawyer and Mrs. W.O. Crites. Guests were: Mrs. Rip Ward and Mrs. A.W. Bishop. A salad plate was served.

Mrs. Sawyer won the high score prize. Mrs. Merrill won the traveling prize.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Davie Taylor who died January 19. We lost a very dear friend.

Mrs. Sherri Caomba of Phoenix, Arozona, granddaughter of Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Nell Jessup of California, Mrs. Dorothy Colen of Adrian, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hubbard of Ballinger, sister of and brother of Mrs. Davie Taylor were here for her funeral Saturday, January 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savell were in San Antonio this past week.

Mrs. Metha Trainer was in the Hudspeth Hospital several days this past week. Mrs. Terry Smith of San Angelo was here visiting her mother Sunday.

Mr. Russell Oliver of Van Horn Texas was visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flynn and Terry over the week end.

Mrs. Marquite Turney has returned from the hospital in Kerrville. Glad you are better and home Marquite.

Mrs. Jessie Green Banton has returned home from Del Rio where she has been in the hospital.

Mrs. Bob Caruthers is in the hospital in San Angelo where she has had surgery. Her husband Bob and mother Mrs. Bobby Fawcett and aunt, Mrs. Vestal Askew are with her, we wish you lasting luck, Randee.

Mr. Hershel Davenport and Mr. Jim Garrett are in the hospital in San Angelo. Hope you are both better and home soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Hardy have returned from Houston, where Dr. Hardy has been in the hospital - we are so glad you are better and home Dr. Hardy.

Rev. and Mrs. David Griffin were in Midland Saturday to attend a funeral.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Terry of Eden were here Saturday for the funeral of Mrs. Davie Taylor.

Mrs. Mary Barrow was in San Angelo over the week end visiting with her sister who lives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wade were also host and hostess to the shower of Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace. Their name was accidentally left off the list last week. Sorry about that Bill and Farr.

Scout cookies on sale

Girl Scout cookies went on sale last week in Sonora and around the area.

To get your box of cookies, contact any Girl Scout or troop leader.

The cookies are selling this year for \$2 a box. This is the main fund-raising event of the year for the Scouts and Brownies.



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Drawings for Dollars

Twenty, \$50.00 Starter Savings Accounts will be given away during the week. Drawings will be held each day and the lucky winners will be \$50.00 richer. There's nothing to buy and you need not be present to win. Register as often as you like.

Special Drawing

A special drawing will be held on Friday, February 3rd, and the winner will receive an original western print from a painting by well-known artist, Wayne Baize.

Don't miss the festivities. There will be fun, refreshments and prizes for all. We hope to see you all there.



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Sec.: Hershel Davenport

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Women's Health Day set for Feb. 4

The U.S. Air Force Clinic at Goodfellow AFB, near San Angelo, will sponsor a Women's Health Day, February 4, for all dependent females of active duty and retired military personnel.

According to Captain Richard E. Willis, clinic administrator, complete physical examinations will be given, and will include Pap smears, breast examinations, blood tests, glaucoma tests and dental screening. Also, consumer health education programs on female health-related subjects will be presented throughout the day.

In order to complete the

physical on Women's Health Day, participants will be required to visit the clinic for initial screening prior to their appointment said Captain Willis. They will need to abstain from food and drink, except for water, from 7 p.m. the evening before the screening in order to be a fasting state for the required tests. Medical history questionnaires will be completed and electrocardiograms will be performed on all patients over 40 years of age.

Appointments can be made by calling the Goodfellow USAF Clinic at area code 915-655-8984.

Area students named to Dean's Honor Roll

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Philip Oscar Kemp, a computer science major, Raquel Salazar, an elementary ed major, Louise Morriss, a history major, Kari Kay Hill, an elementary ed major, Nanette Sanchez, a computer science major, Vicki Lynne Demarco, a government

major, Cynthia Lynne Phillips, an elementary education major, Kerry Mark Jones, a business major and Susan Allen, a biology major.

Those listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll include Marney Keith Sorenson, a chemistry major, Mary Jo Doran, a finance major, Greta B. Schwiening, a chemistry major, Michelle Marie Mooney, a finance major, and Becky Lee Cavaness, a health and Physical ed major.

Allen completes recruit training

Navy Seaman Recruit Joseph S. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Allen of Sonora, Texas has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Navy Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

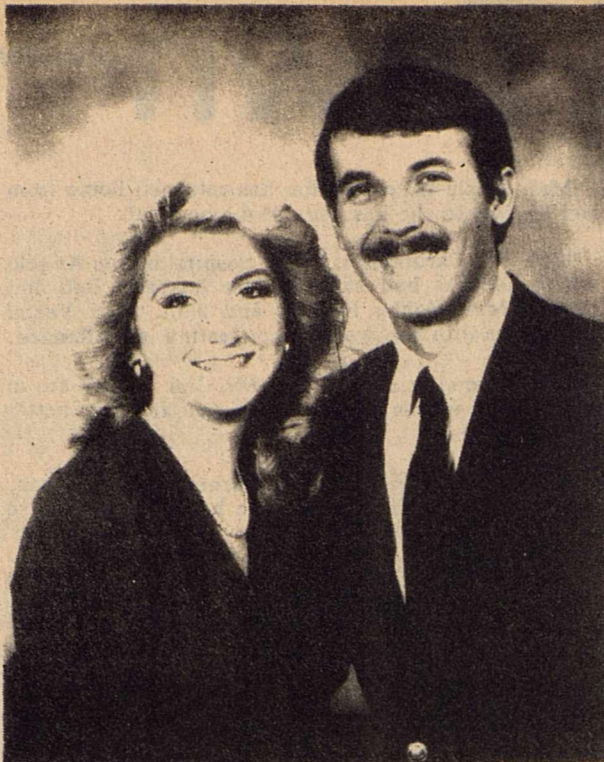
During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further a-

cademic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Regular City Election will be held Saturday, April 7. The first day candidates may file application for a place on ballot is February 6 and may continue through March 7.

Purpose of the election will be to elect a mayor and two aldermen to serve on the Sonora city council.



Brandon, Warren engagement told

Carol Ann Brandon, of Sonora, and Stephen Michael Warren, of Lamesa, are to be wed at the Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo, March 10.

Brandon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Brandon, attended Sonora High School and is presently a Junior at Angelo State University.

Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warren, graduated Lockney High School as a honor student and played football and is president of Christian Campus Center at Angelo State University.

The bride is a physical therapy aide for Shannon Hospital and West Texas Rehabilitation Center and will continue to do so after the wedding.

The bridegroom is a student assistant coach for the Angelo State Rams.

Fire Report

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department held a certification meeting, Wednesday, January 17.

The 12 members present were: James Blackman, Sammy Odom Jr., Gene

West, Troy Heffernan, Louis Olenick, Martin Alonzo, George Noriega, Richard Gonzales, Julio Samaniego, Harold Martinez, Joe Luttrell, and Oscar Jiminez.

There were no fires reported this week.

Pfc. Sharp reports for duty

Marine Pfc. Michael C. Sharp, son of Marie Sharp of Route 1, Eldorado, Texas has reported for duty with 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

An old belief is that if your right ear rings, someone is saying good things about you. If your left ear rings, you are not being flattered.

Churchill elected

Todd Churchill was elected president of the Sonora Golf Club for 1984. Kyle Donaldson relinquished his duties as president in January's business meeting.

Mike Hale was elected as Vice President, Trevlin Luttrell as Secretary-Treasurer, and Gary Hardgrave as tournament chairman.

1983 carry-over Board of Directors are: Jim Branham, Todd Churchill, Trevlin Luttrell, Jinx Taylor, and Bill Tittle.

Newly elected Board of Director for 1984-85 are: Rosanne Albritton, Mike Hale, Gary Hardgrave, Whiskey Hill, Jack Johnson, and Mickey Rathbone. George Johnson is the Sonora Golf Club Pro.

MASON (Continued from Page 1) that 3,600 law enforcement officers throughout the State of Texas.

He has appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee, testifying against reduction of penalties for certain offenses, and is actively engaged in seeking the establishment of a Crime Task Force covering both the 112th and 83rd Judicial Districts.

Mason is a member of the Prosecutor Council of the State of Texas, serving on its Advisory Committee, and is also a member of the Services Subcommittee, which reviews services of the Prosecutor Council and makes recommendations for their improvement; it further reviews Prosecutor Technical Assistance, recommends new programs relative to Law Enforcement Workshops and Citizens Crime Fighters, and reviews manuals and other materials presented for publication and distribution to law enforcement officials on a statewide basis.

Bill Mason is a member of the State Bar of Texas, serving on its Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure Revision Committee. He is a member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, as well as being a past member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, also, he is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and various other engineering-oriented societies.

He was staff attorney for the General Land Officer, Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, and is a veteran of the United States Navy and the Korean War, having been attached to the Naval Security Group, National Security Agency.

French named to list

Lyndy French of Sonora has been named to the President's List for the 1983 fall semester at Western Texas College. Dr. Ben Brock, Executive Vice President, has announced.

15 hours of college credit work exclusive of physical education. Sixteen students at WTC qualified for the President's List in the fall semester.

Reeder rites held

Zadie Louise Reeder, 94 died at Hudspeth Nursing Home, Sonora, Thursday morning, January 12, 1984.

Funeral Services were held Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at St. Johns Episcopal Church with Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell officiating. Interment was in Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reeder was born in North Dakota February 12, 1889. She was married to Kenneth Reeder at Saskatoon, Sas. October 4,

1912. He preceeded her in death in 1981. She moved to Sonora from California in 1979 and made her home at Hudspeth Nursing Home.

She is survived by one daughter, Maxine Browne of Artesia, New Mexico and one son, Douglas Reeder of Lomita, California. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Jimmy Cahill, Ronnie Cox, Joseph VanderStucken, Dennis Robertson, Bruce Kerbow and Jerry Hopkins.

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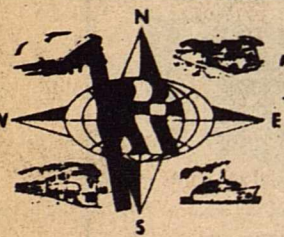
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Tracy Love
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 Esmeralda Castilleja
 Andrea DeMarco
 Christi Spain
 Tammie Adams
 Christie Adkins
 Tammy Trimble
 Abby Samaniego

All A's - 1 B

Chris Hanna
 Chacho Cahill
 Jimmy Luckie
 Todd Keller
 Shanna Patton
 Armandina Sanchez

1984 San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo announced

Joe Mertz, President of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association announced the coming of the 1984 Rodeo and Stock Show. The 52nd annual Rodeo and Stock Show will begin March 3 with the horse show. The cutting horse contest will be held March 5. The exhibits will be open to the public March 7 through March 10. The rodeo parade will begin in the downtown area at 10 a.m. March 9. The livestock shows will start March 7. The premium livestock sale will be held at 10:30 a.m. March 10. Gate admission will be \$1 for adults and \$.50 for

children. All rodeo tickets are for reserved seats and are \$5. Mail orders for tickets will begin January 27. Walk-in orders for tickets will begin January 27. Walk-in tickets will be held at the San Angelo Rodeo and Stock Show offices at 2017 West Beauregard starting February 20.

Mel McDaniel and Oklahoma Wind will perform at the March 6 rodeo performance. Jana Jane will appear March 9. The Vern Gosdin Show is scheduled for March 10 and Shelly West will perform March 11.

Seventh Grade All A's

Wheless Baker
 Anna Balch
 Leah Brown
 Mitz Joy
 Jesse Lynch

All A's - 1 B
 Mirta Faz
 Michelle McEwen
 Kristy Perkins
 Brad Pohl
 Brandi Ware
 Kim Cooke
 Anna Mesa
 Kay Williams

Sixth Grade All A's

Juan Ramirez
 Jenny Robles
 Tracy Love
 Fernie Jimenez
 Todd Keller
 Esmeralda Castilleja
 Andrea DeMarco
 Christi Spain
 Christie Adkins
 Tammy Trimble
 Abby Samaniego

All A's - 1 B

Shane Perkins
 Raina Newbury
 Chacho Cahill
 Keith Wallace
 Mark Rogers
 Shanna Patton
 Armandina Sanchez
 Tammie Adams
 Hara Vandable

First Semester

Eighth Grade all A's

Delma Chavez
 Cindy Doran
 Liddy French
 Mary Ross
 Alisia Sanchez
 Samantha Gregory
 Darla Provines
 Rosa Trevino

All A's - 1 B

Michelle Olenick
 Michele Adams
 Amy Arebalo
 Julie Jackson
 Shellie Lykins
 Greg Anderson
 Justin Condra
 Zane Dunnam

Seventh Grade all A's

Wheless Baker
 Anna Balch
 Mitz Joy
 Jesse Lynch
 Kristi Perkins
 Brad Pohl
 Brandi Ware

All A's - 1 B

Mirta Faz
 Michelle McEwen
 Kim Cooke
 Clay Graves
 Norma Sosa
 Blake Trainer
 Kay Williams

Sixth Grade all A's

Shane Perkins
 Angela Blackman
 Juan Ramirez
 Raina Newbury
 Jenny Robles

Ladies Auxiliary holds meetings

by Benita Martinez

The Sonora Volunteer Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday at the fire department. Hostess for the meeting was Patti Prather.

In the meeting the cookbooks that had to be sold were discussed. Also there were plans to have a bake sell. Officers for 1984: President, Benita Martinez, Vice-President, Cookie Heffernan, Secretary-Treasurer, Trevlin Luttrell, Historian, Melissa Teaff, Parlia-

mentarian, Cindy Gonzales.

Also there was a surprize Baby Shower for Patti Prather. After the meeting was over everybody got together and played Bunko. Cindy Gonzales won Bunko, Nova Olenick, won hi and Olinda Jimenez won low.

Members Present at the meeting were: Nelva Alonzo, Cindy Gonzales, Jean Humphreys, Cookie Heffernan, Olinda Jimenez, Donna Keese, Benita Martinez, Linda Odum, Nova Olenick, Patti Prather, Melissa Teaff, Dora Noreiga and Geronie Wipff.



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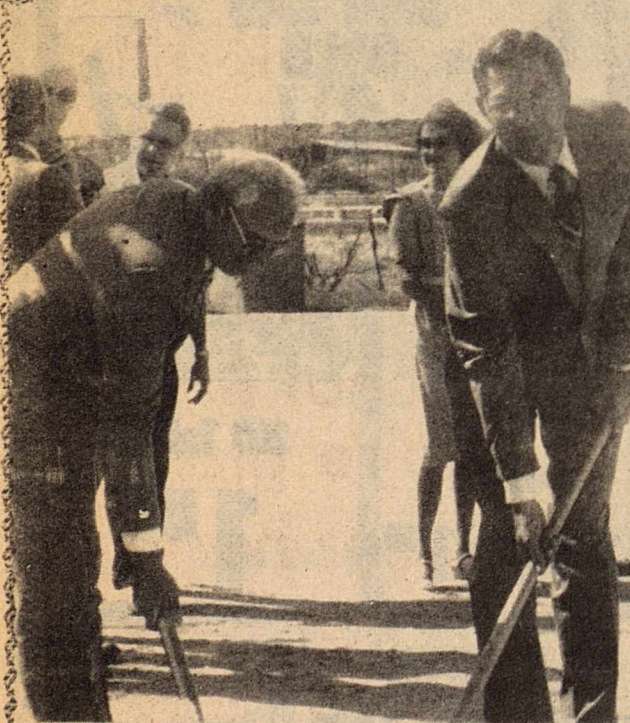
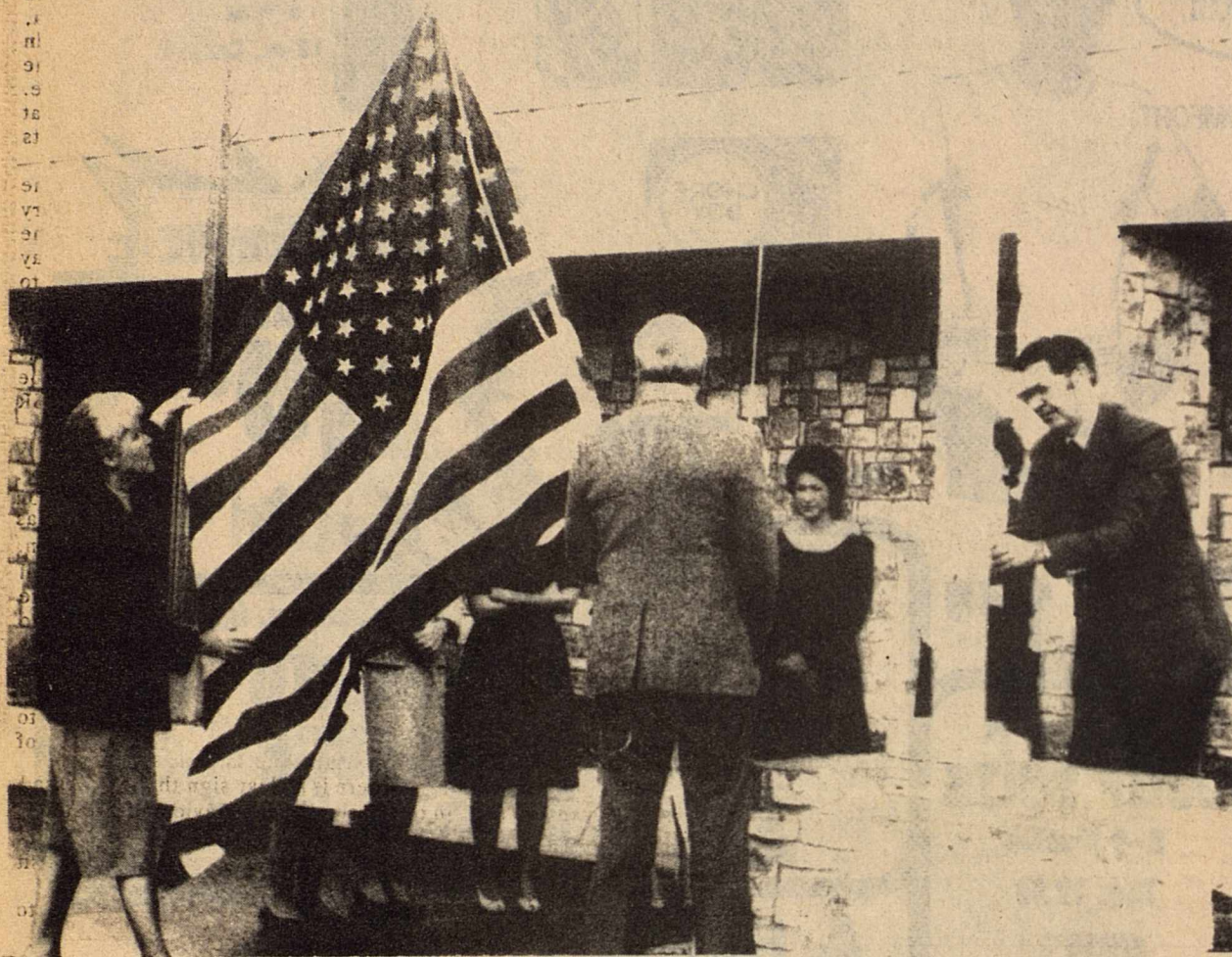
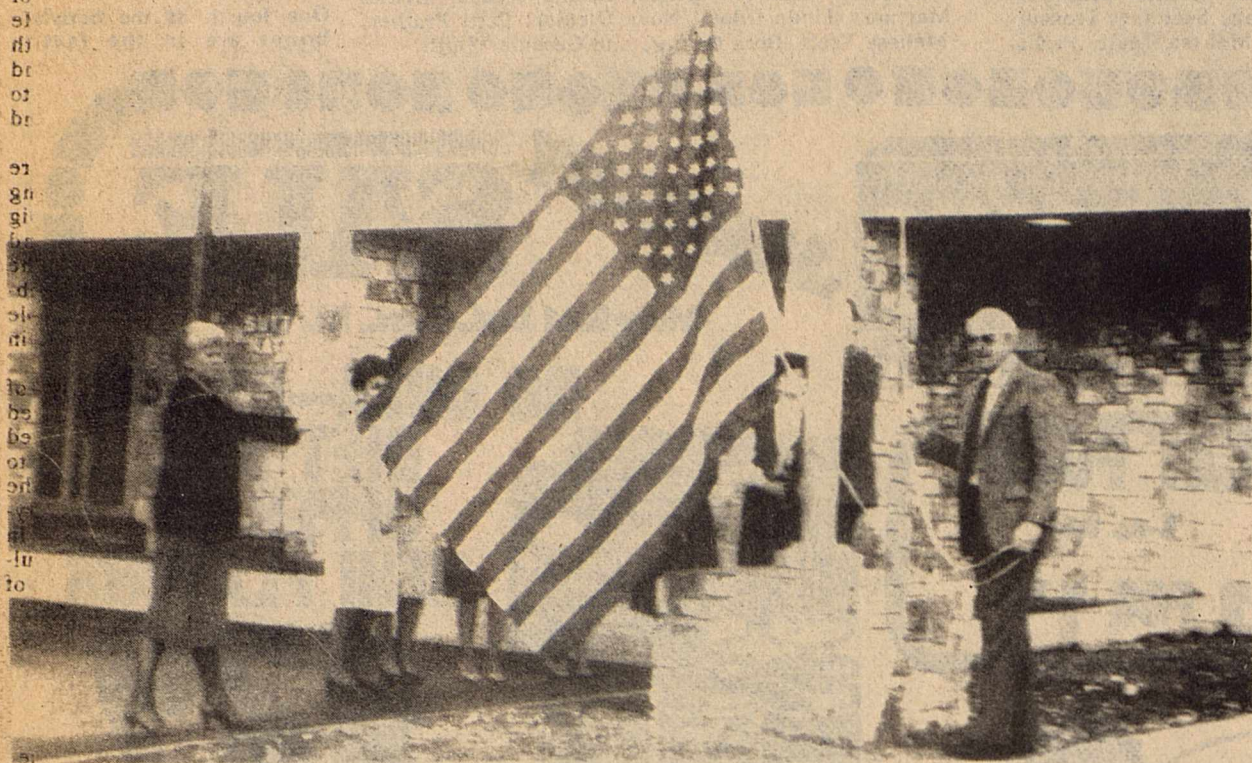
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1. Taxpayers should not sign a blank return, nor one which is partially completed, nor one prepared in pencil.
2. Preparers should sign the return in the taxpayer's presence and give his or her identification number, as required by law.
3. Taxpayer must be given a copy of the completed return.
4. Preparers who promise a refund, claim a special relationship with the IRS, or boast of ways to beat the tax system should be avoided.

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Photo preview of "Grease"

PHOTOS BY KRISTI NUNN



Cold weather could cause fish to die

Cold weather can cause some fish to die and others to become afflicted with a fungus problem, says a fish disease specialist with the Texas Agriculture extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The fungus appears as brownish, cottonlike patches on the skin of fish. It may cause some to die over the next few weeks, but most will survive, even in cases of heavy infestation. Live fish with the fungus are safe to harvest and eat. There is little to do to prevent the naturally occurring fungus, which is more serious in cold weather that weakens fish.

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West Texas Business

By Jerry Lackey



BY JERRY LACKEY

Perhaps the best thing about the beginning of a new year is putting 1983 to final rest. Not only was it a difficult year for small (and big) businessmen, it was a total disaster for agriculture.

If the weather didn't do enough to drought-riddled West Texas ranchers and farmers, below zero temperatures of freezing rain and snow finished out 1983. Water troughs, rivers and lakes were frozen over and stockmen were hauling water to livestock. History records the Siberian-originated spell the worst in 50 years. It was the first time I ever saw Lake Nasworthy at San Angelo frozen with snow banks at the bridges.

I managed to get to the Hill Country during the holiday season only to find Copperas Creek frozen over at the ranch. Water troughs

were frozen solid.

Mike Sheehan of Twin Mountain Supply was called to the yards on New Year's Day by ranchmen needing new steel troughs to get water to livestock.

A program called PIK, for payment-in-kind, was introduced in 1983. PIK was designed to attack the huge farm commodity surplus problem that has plagued the agricultural industry for the past several years and keeping a downward pressure on market prices. Despite the pro and con on the subject and the unfortunate bad hand dealt by Mother Nature, PIK did keep many farmers alive financially for at least another year.

For this columnist, a trip to Abilene to attend the annual Rehab 84 telethon was a great way to start the new year. Rex Allen and Rex Allen Jr. hosts for the event, have become good

friends over the six years I have been a part of the Rehab family. It was good to visit with them again.

Sincerely missed at this show was Slim Pickens. The famous movie and TV star died in December. Slim was a tremendous supporter of West Texas Rehab Centers ever since his introduction. And his fame never got in his way. I remember one time we took him to the July 4th Rodeo at Stamford. He visited with everyone as if it were his hometown.

Back to the business at hand, the oil and gas situation is expected to improve during 1984. Rig count started up in the last quarter of 1983. The rig count is the main indicator of that industry. It is always off the first quarter of a new year and is expected to be again this season with an upturn in the spring. Overall, we will likely see a

gradual recovery.

Dr. Albert Cox of Merrill-Lynch Economics, one of my sources for West Texas Business magazine, says wages will keep ahead of inflation this year. He believes economic growth may be slightly slower and companies will continue to grow in cash-flow and profits.

Availability of jobs are still the key to a strong economy. Despite some big layoffs in Odessa and Abilene because of the petroleum industry problem in 1983, more people are going back to work in the new year.

As 1984 debuts, much of the region has received good rains. If this is indeed an omen as to what to expect the remainder of the year -- well, folks, everything is going to be okay. In West Texas when agriculture fares so will the rest of the economy

Troops in Lebanon collapsing

Support for the presence of American troops in Lebanon is collapsing. Such prominent Senators as Charles Percy (R-111), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, are calling for withdrawal. Leading Democrats in Congress have done likewise.

Liberal and conservative members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, have come to the conclusion that the Marines in Lebanon should be pulled out. The growing perception is that the U.S. troops are no longer a peacekeeping force; rather, that their presence ensures a continuation of the conflict that has torn that country apart.

Probably the only questions that remain are when will our troops come home and what kind of situation they will leave behind.

The decision of Syrian President Hafez Assad to free Lt. Robert Goodman is a smart public relations move; it almost makes Mr. Assad seem like a reasonable person to the U.S. public. But it may also be an olive branch held out to President Reagan, a signal that Mr. Assad

wants to sit down and talk.

In the media hype the general excitement over Jesse Jackson's triumph in freeing Lt. Goodman, it has been mostly ignored that the U.S. Ambassador to Syria, Robert Paganelli, was included in the arrangements. In other words, Mr. Assad did not try to humiliate the Reagan Administration by excluding its representative. The Syrian President dropped his earlier demands that the U.S. withdraw first, or that reconnaissance flights be halted, before the lieutenant could be released.

Like many others left-leaning dictators around the world, President Assad would like to free his country from dependence upon the Soviet Union. He is not the type of leader who tolerates being bullied, and it may give him a great deal of pleasure to tell to Soviets to take a hike, as the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat did in 1972. But, given the unreliability of the United States as an ally during the 1970's and Israel's "sister-state" relationship with the U.S., Mr. Assad may be reluctant to take the risks to which defiance of the USSR would expose him.

However, President Reagan should aggressively pursue this possible historic opportunity to make Mr. Assad less dependent upon Moscow. One suggestion would be that the two presidents meet as soon as possible to discuss a solution to the crisis in Lebanon.

In fact, Mr. Reagan should consider meeting with all the heads of state who are involved. He should invite the leaders of Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Egypt, and Jordan to meet with him here in Washington or any other suitable U.S. location to work out a plan to end the conflict.

If all reasonable efforts fail to bring peace to Lebanon, then we should pull our marines out of Lebanon and let the Syrians and Israelis slug it out.

For now, though, there is a clear sign that Mr. Assad wants to talk. In the spirit of Camp David and President Reagan's September, 1982 peace initiative, the leaders of the U.S. and Syria might have the opportunity to sit down and bring this episode to a conclusion.

As the late Sir. Winston Churchill said, "It is better to jaw, jaw than to war, war."



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Judge Moore resignation told

In the City Council meeting, January 17, it was announced Municipal Judge Moore is resigning and Moore has requested that the City consider another replacement for this position. Several names were considered and the City Council requested the City Secretary contact these people to see if they would be interested in the position.

Council members also considered executive of Work Orders with Barber Brannon Traylor, Inc. pursuant to contract dated November 16, 1983 for professional services relevant to the Texas Community Development Program. Work Order #1 for Grant Administration Services and Work Order #2 for engineering services. Also, consideration of amending the water fund to include \$22,000 to allow for completion of the CDP program. The City of Sonora had requested \$121,444 and only received \$94,365 for the Governor.

Gene West approached the Council in regards to adopting the 1982 Standard Building Codes by Southern Congress to include building, plumbing, fire, mechanical and gas. The City presently has the building code but it needs to be updated. West explained the advantage for the city to use these codes.

The next order of business was the acceptance of block E-11, lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and block 49A from Sonora Townsite and a request from Al Elliott on

clarification of land description from Sonora Townsite, that being land owned by Sam Odom and Henry Mata. Elliott stated that he would prepare a quitclaim deed on the property and a resolution.

The budget of \$37,680 was approved for unappropriated revenue sharing. Dover explained to the council that repairs were needed for City Hall as to replace side door and adjust front doors, replace heating units, replace carpet, paint City Hall, ceiling remove, asbestos findings, furniture, fixtures and roof repairs.

February 12 was the date set for Entitlement 15 Revenue Sharing Use Hearing.

Salaries were set for the 1984 City Council the same as in the past, being \$50 per regular meeting and \$25 per special called meeting.

Louis Olenick, Fire Chief of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, requested the Council amend Ordinance #61 to include death benefits after retirement for the wife. Also, if a fireman is disabled in the line of duty he shall receive full benefits as long as they may live or remarry regardless of age or years they may have served in the fire department. After lengthy discussion the Council agreed to raise the benefit from \$25 per month to \$50 and requested that City Attorney write the ordinance to allow for death benefits for firemen.



OLIVIA THE OSTRICH VISITS SONORA
Olivia the Ostrich (center and towering above the little girls) made a special trip from San Angelo to Sonora Friday to help kick off the sale of Girl Scout cookies here. Olivia took time out during her visit with the girls to the First National Bank to pose for a picture, but was soon back on the street, going from business to

business around town. The young ladies shown represent several different troops in Sonora. A spokesperson for the Girl Scouts and Brownies stated Friday, "We would appreciate it if you would help support the Girl Scouts". Cookies may be purchased by contacting any Girl Scout, Brownie, or troop leader. (DRN Photo---KKN)

Advice
to the
Lovelorn
Sheepshorn
and the
Shopworn
plus
OTHER FAMILY MEANDERINGS

BY IRMA DILLER
An Evening to Remember

I have to use the space this week to tell you about the most marvelous, romantic evening Phillip and I spent this past week. We are both extremely suggestible and after having watched enough TV, we decided the time had come! After looking at the calendar, we choose to have our "special evening" on a Friday.

My preparations began early that morning by "farming" the kids out. Two of them spent the night with friends and the other one, who is short on friends when it comes to spending the night, stayed with grandparents even though Grandmother was mumbling something about "not convenient tonight". After accomplishing this feat, I went shopping for a slinky new frock. Promise of a glorious evening was assured as I found a lovely outfit at J-Mart and out of the 37 on

the rack, all alike, I found one in my size! Luck was still in my corner, the dress was on sale for \$14.99. I considered the outfit an excellent investment because it can also be worn to the stock car races this next summer.

My next step and stop was at the grocery store for everything it took for a festive dinner. The menu planned itself in the frozen food section of the store - frozen shrimp cocktail (each had three shriveled shrimp in a watery, orange, tasteless sauce but we're not big on shrimp cocktail anyhow), one Lean Cuisine, one Le Menu (we shared which added to the romanticism), and a chocolate cake (whose icing fell off when I tried to cut it before it thawed - that made Phillip think it was homemade). Last but not least, I spent \$2 for an excellent bottle of wine. I wanted everything perfect.

Phillip got off work a half hour early, stopped by the Day Old Flower Shop and got me a bouquet. The flowers were seconds so we couldn't really tell what kind they were, but once they were surely lovely. He then came home, showered, shaved, cleaned the grease out from under his fingernails, put on his best Khakis, his new undershirt and the slippers he got for Christmas with the simulated leather bottoms and the knitted tops. He splashed on a liberal amount of Brut by Fabrege. He was all set for the excitement the evening offered.

Dinner was a gala affair. Since the evening was "special", we shoved the laundry out of the way and ate at the table opposed to using the TV trays. Our song, "The Purple People Eater", droned softly on the stereo. Everything was building toward the climactic event for which the evening was planned.

Suddenly Phillip jumped up from the table, scattering socks all over the kitchen, swept me into his arms and kissed me with as much passion as he could muster. The moment had arrived! Together we walked, arm in arm, excitement making our bodies quiver, straight to the refrigerator. With love, caring and a sense of oneness, we changed the box of Arm and Hammer baking soda.

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Scarlet Letters

BY KATHRYN PARKER

This is a busy week. Since there are so many things going on I'm just going to list all the information:

Monday, January 23: Vocational Ag. meeting for Freshman and Sophomores 10:30 a.m. - Auditorium. Girls and boys; freshman only vs Brady here 5 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24: Bronco Band Mid-Winter Concert, 7 p.m. new gym.

Thursday, January 26: 50's Dress Up Day to celebrate the opening of GREASE. Sock Hop-old gym 12:15. Prizes for best costumes and dancers. GREASE 8 p.m. High School Auditorium.

Friday, January 27: Boys and girls basketball, JV and Varsity, vs Coahoma there 5 p.m. Hula Hoop contest 12:15 - parking lot.

Saturday, January 28: GREASE, 8 p.m. - High School Auditorium. Sock Hop (sponsored by cheerleaders) after GREASE until 12 a.m.

Sunday, January 29: Final performance of GREASE - 7 p.m.

In addition to these things, the band will announce their Band Sweetheart and Beau at their Mid-Winter Concert Tuesday. The candidates for Sweetheart are seniors, Rosemary Dominguez, Deanna Haltom, Florie Mesa, and Patsy Samaniego. The candidates for Beau are seniors, Matt Favila, Jerry Jimenez, Billy Laxton, and Mike Poloczek. Good luck and congratulations. Everybody Rock 'N Roll with GREASE. It's guaranteed to be the best two hours you'll spend this week.

"Suncay clears away the rust of the whole week."
Joseph Addison

Form 1040A longer this year

The short Form 1040A is a little longer, and Internal Revenue Service officials say that will be good news for many taxpayers.

The 1983 version of the 1040A has added five lines and a schedule which may be attached if needed. According to the IRS, the new short form becomes a more versatile tax return that will save time and reduce errors for the taxpayers who can use it.

For example, taxpayers claiming the child care credit can now use the

1040A instead of filing the longer 1040 and separate schedule that were previously required. Likewise, taxpayers claiming Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) deductions can use the short form.

According to IRS officials, the new 1040A should reduce refund delays caused by errors as well as save time for those who use it. One reason for this is that many taxpayers who previously had to use the 68-line long form can now do the same job with

the 1040A. This not only saves the time of reading through the nonapplicable lines of the 1040 but also reduces the chance of errors caused by wrong line entries.

Taxpayers who filed Form 1040A or 1040EZ last year will automatically receive the same forms in the mail. Other taxpayers can request the 1040A or 1040EZ through the Federal Tax Information number listed in the phone book under U.S. Government.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In proceedings pending before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), local exchange telephone companies are requesting authority to charge AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., for use of their facilities. These proposed charges are higher than AT&T Communications can pay at current Texas long distance rate levels. To position itself to be able to implement rates that are sufficient to produce revenues that will recover the costs facing the company, AT&T Communications must now file for rate relief to be able to implement rates that reflect the costs of access that are ultimately imposed on the company.

While AT&T Communications does not want to increase its Texas rates, an increase would be required to recover the increased access charges AT&T Communications will have to pay to the local exchange telephone companies under several proposals pending before the Commission. These access charges at the proposed increased levels represent more than 80 percent of AT&T Communications' operating expense in Texas.

Accordingly, AT&T Communications, in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the rules of the PUC, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for long distance calls within Texas. The proposed rates will be effective January 28, 1984, unless otherwise determined by the Commission. All customers and classes of customers would be affected by AT&T Communications' proposed rates.

If higher access charges are ordered, AT&T Communications has no recourse but to pay these charges and recover the costs from its customers as a cost of providing long distance service within Texas. AT&T Communications has filed rates which would mean a maximum overall increase in adjusted test period revenues of \$301.4 million, or 27.85 percent. This amount would help recover cost increases due to the proposed level of access charges now pending before the PUC.

A complete copy of all tariffs and rate schedules is on file with the Texas Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with every municipality in Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene or participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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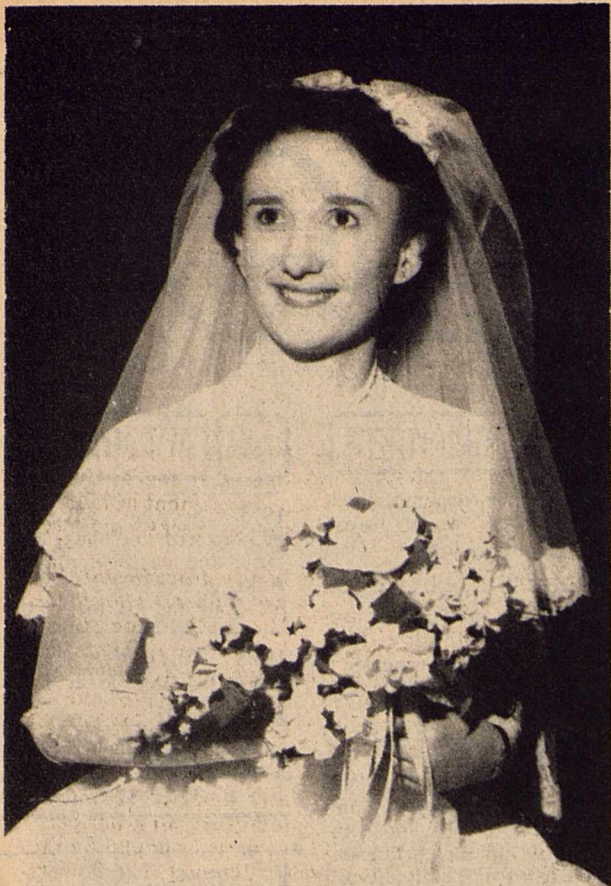
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Schaefer, Alexander marry



Mrs. R.B. Alexander

Brenda Jean Schaefer of San Angelo and Ray Belk (R.B.) Alexander of Farmers Branch were united in marriage Saturday, January 21 at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Sam Homsey of Ballinger officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schaefer of Norton and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander of Sonora.

The Church was decorated with two brass candelabras containing peach candles with a unity candle in the front. Two floral arrangements of peach gladiolas, white carnations, and greenery decorated the front altar. The pews were marked with peach colored bows.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length dress in white Chantilly lace with a V-neckline. The high collar of lace had an inset of schiffli lace accented in a design of seed pearls and motifs. The sleeves were long and were finished with lace cuffs. Tiers of lace trimmed with satin ribbon formed a bouffant skirt and trailed into a cathedral train. A lace bandeau cap held the three-tiered lace fingertip veil.

For something old, the bride wore her grandmother's ruby ring, something new was the wedding dress, something borrowed was her mother's diamond locket necklace, and something blue was her garter.

The new Mrs. Alexander carried a cascade bouquet of white satin silk roses, gardenias, stephanotis, and greenery finished with a dangling Holy Year rosary belonging to her mother.

LaVerne Schaefer of San Angelo, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the matron of honor was Susan Hibbits of Abilene.

Pam Helm of Wingate, Penny Springer of San Angelo, Roann McGuffin of San Angelo, and Sheila Halfman of Vancourt, sister of the groom, were the bridesmaids.

They wore peach colored dresses of organza with a V-neckline. The high collar had two layers of beige lace with a matching inset of beige lace. The dresses had puffed fitted sleeves. A peach satin sash was worn around the waistline and tied in a flowing bow in the front. The long skirt was completed with a wide ruffle at the bottom.

Attendants carried silk nosegays consisting of an arrangement of peach and beige flowers finished with flowing peach and beige ribbons. The flowers in the silk arrangements included roses, lillies, poppies, daisies, and baby's breath.

Kimberly Gully of Rowena was the flowergirl. She wore a peach colored dress of organza with a rounded ruffled neckline edged with beige lace. The dress had puffed sleeves worn with a sash around the waistline. The skirt was gathered and finished with a wide ruffle at the bottom. She carried a miniature silk nosegay similar to that of the bridesmaids.

Ringbearer was Stuart Sutton of Dimmitt, nephew of the groom. Candelighters were Gregory Schaefer of Norton, the bride's brother, and Heath Belk also of Norton, cousin of the groom. Scripture readers were Ralph Schaefer and Dennis Schaefer of Norton, brothers of the bride.

The best man was the groom's brother, Eddie Alexander of Brownwood. The groomsmen included Billy Bob (Bunk) Galbreath of San Angelo, Benny Granger of Sonora, Mike Jones of Brownwood, Kyle Jividen of San Antonio, and Bernard Schaefer of Norton, brother of the bride.

The groom wore white tuxedo tails with a white pleated skirt accented with a wing collar, white cummerbund, and white bow tie. The groomsmen wore champagne tuxedos with beige pleated shirts accented with wing collars and snap around bow ties.

Ushers were Charlie Halfman of Vancourt, Eddie Sutton of Dimmitt, Alton Schaefer of Norton, and Steve Bailey of Andrews.

Wanda Lange of Lubbock was the organist. Brett Billups of Lubbock sang "The Wedding Song." Gaynell Minnick of Dimmitt sang "Turnaround" and "The Lord's Prayer". Sherry Belk of Eldorado sang "That's the Way", "Wherever You Go", and "The Wedding Prayer."

The four-tiered bride's cake, made by Mrs. Ben J. Halfmann of Olfen, was white decorated with pastel peach roses and Lilly of the Valley. It was topped with a miniature bride and groom under a wedding bell.

The groom's cake was German Chocolate decorated with a Ford car traveling down a road. The bride and groom's names also were on the cake along with the wedding date.

Members of the houseparty included friends and relatives of the family.

The bride is a 1980 graduate of Ballinger High School and a December 1983 graduate of Angelo State University receiving a BBA degree in accounting. She will be employed by Baker, Baker and Baker, a local CPA firm north of Dallas.

A 1979 graduate of Sonora High School and an August 1983 graduate of Angelo State University, the bridegroom received a BBA degree in finance. He is employed by Ford Motor Corporation in Farmers Branch.

Following a wedding trip to Durango, Colorado the couple will reside in Farmers Branch.

Industrial Foundation donates over \$8800

BY EDITH JAMES

The Sonora Industrial Foundation met Friday, January 21 and voted to donate over \$8800 to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to be used for the purchase of the new office building.

The Sonora Industrial Foundation was formed in 1966, before Sonora had a chamber, by 48 community minded businesses and individuals, to promote Sonora and bring new businesses and industry to Sutton County, the venture proved to be successful, however, with the forming and action of the chamber, the Sonora Industrial Foundation decided most of this promotion could be channeled through the Chamber of Commerce Office.

The new office building is now located at 706 SW Crockett Street, and these funds will be used to pay for the building. Our thanks and appreciation to the Sonora Industrial Foundation for these funds from all the Board of Directors, members and manager.

The following is a list of the members of the Sonora Industrial Foundation: Sam Allison (Sammie Jeanne Espy), Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Askew, George A. Barrow Sr., Mary Barrow, Freeman Mears, Hillman Brown Estate, Melvin A. Shroyer, Wanda Neville, Martha Keng, Armer Earwood, Foxworth-Galbraith Co., Henry Greenhill, Est. Lim W. Hicks, Joe Hull, James T. Hunt, Jack Kerbow, Ralph P. Mayer, Stanley B. Mayfield, Est. Zena Mayfield, Est. Jon Martin Jr., W.B. McMillan, J.W. Neville, John Fields, Metha Trainer, Dr. Joe David Ross, Edwin Sawyer, Est. Jerry N. Shurley, Ruth Shurley, Herbert Fields, R.S. Teaff, Thomas B. Thorp, Bill Tittle, Guila Vicars, Cecil Westerman, West Texas Utilities Co., Dr. Tom White, Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell, Jack Neill, First National Bank of Sonora, Marion Elliott, J.W. Elliott, Frank French, C.G. Morrison Co., Joe Stroube, J.F. Howell Est., Bryan Hunt Estate, Sonora TV Enterprises.

Crenwelge rites held

Eugene G. Crenwelge, 74, died Wednesday, January 11 at 3:45 p.m. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the St. Mary's Church and interment was held at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Crenwelge, born May 2, 1909, married Ida Weinheimer on February 12, 1934 and she is now living in the Doss community.

Children include: Stanley Crenwelge, Mrs. Dora Lee Weirich, Eugenia Ann, Mrs. Clayton Jenschke, Dorlyn, Mrs. Herbert Jung, Elizabeth, Mrs. Raymond Perry, Sidney Crenwelge, Larry Crenwelge of Junction, Archie Crenwelge of Sonora, Cecil Crenwelge, Mary Jean, Mrs. Irene Persyn, Gene Crenwelge and Atley Crenwelge.

The couple also has 25 grandchildren.



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A family or single adult is entitled to an exemption from taxation for the county purposes of \$3000 of the assessed value of his residence homestead.

An adult is entitled to exemption from taxation by a school district of \$5000 of the appraised value of his residence homestead.

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If you are already claiming your homestead exemptions, there is no need to claim in subsequent years. The exemption applies to the property until it changes ownership. A person wanting to claim an exemption must file a completed exemption application form before May 1, 1984.

Please call or come by the Appraisal District Office if there are questions concerning exemptions. Address: 222 N E Main Street, Telephone: 387-2809.

School Menus

Monday, January 30
Breakfast
Orange Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Milk
Pear & Cheese Salad
Cornbread
Apple Cobbler
Milk

Tuesday, January 31
Grape Juice
Cheese Toast
Milk
Friday, February 3
Chili-Cheese Burrito
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Ice Cream
Milk

Wednesday, February 1
Orange Juice
Donut
Milk

Thursday, February 2
Grape Juice
Cereal
Milk

Friday, February 3
Orange Juice
Sausage
Biscuits/Jell
Milk

Lunch
Monday, January 30
Italian Spaghetti
Buttered Corn
Green Beans
Cheese Rolls
Pineapple Fluff
Milk

Tuesday, January 31
Baked Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Orange Jello Salad
Sliced Bread
Chocolate Cupcake
Milk

Wednesday, February 1
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<p>First United Methodist Church David W. Griffin-Pastor Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship 10:55 AM KVRN 98 AM 11:00 AM Children's Choir 5:00 PM UNYF 6:00 PM Wed. Chancel Choir 7:00</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday Public Talk 10:00 AM Watchtower Study 10:50 AM Tuesday Theocratic School 7:30 PM Service Meeting 8:30 PM Thursday Bible Study 7:30 PM</p>	<p>First Assembly of God Rev. Louis Halford-Pastor Sunday School 9:45 AM Morn. Worship 11:00 AM Eve. Serv. 6:00 PM Wed. Serv. 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Eve. Worship 7:30 PM Wed. Serv. 7:30 PM</p>
<p>Saint John's Episcopal Church Rev. John W. Fritts Pastor Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:00 AM (2nd and 4th Sunday MP) Wednesday Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Holy Days as announced</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Bishop: Bryan Galloway San Angelo 658-4797 2817 Christoval Rd. Priesthood 9:00 AM Primary 9:00 AM Relief Society 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sacrament meeting 11:00 AM</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Pastor Sunday School 9:45 AM Morn. Worship 11 AM Church Training 6PM Eve. Worship 7 PM Wed. Serv. 7 PM</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Bernard L. Gully Sat. Vigil Mass 7:00PM Sunday Mass 11:00 AM Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM</p>

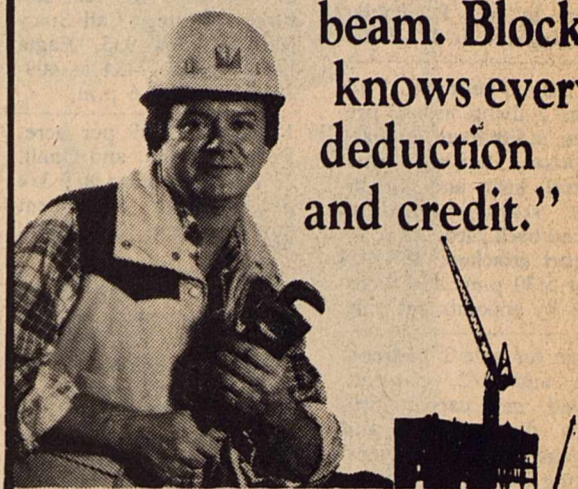
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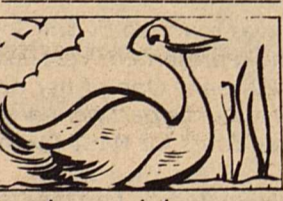
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1. Type of license or permit--Mixed Beverage Permit.
 2. Exact location of business-603 Crockett Ave.
 3. Name of owner or owners--Norma Jean Winters.
 4. Assumed or trade name--Fiddler's.
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Sutton County Appraisal District
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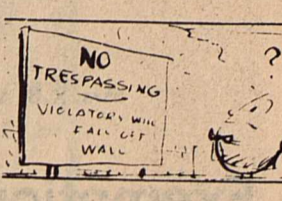
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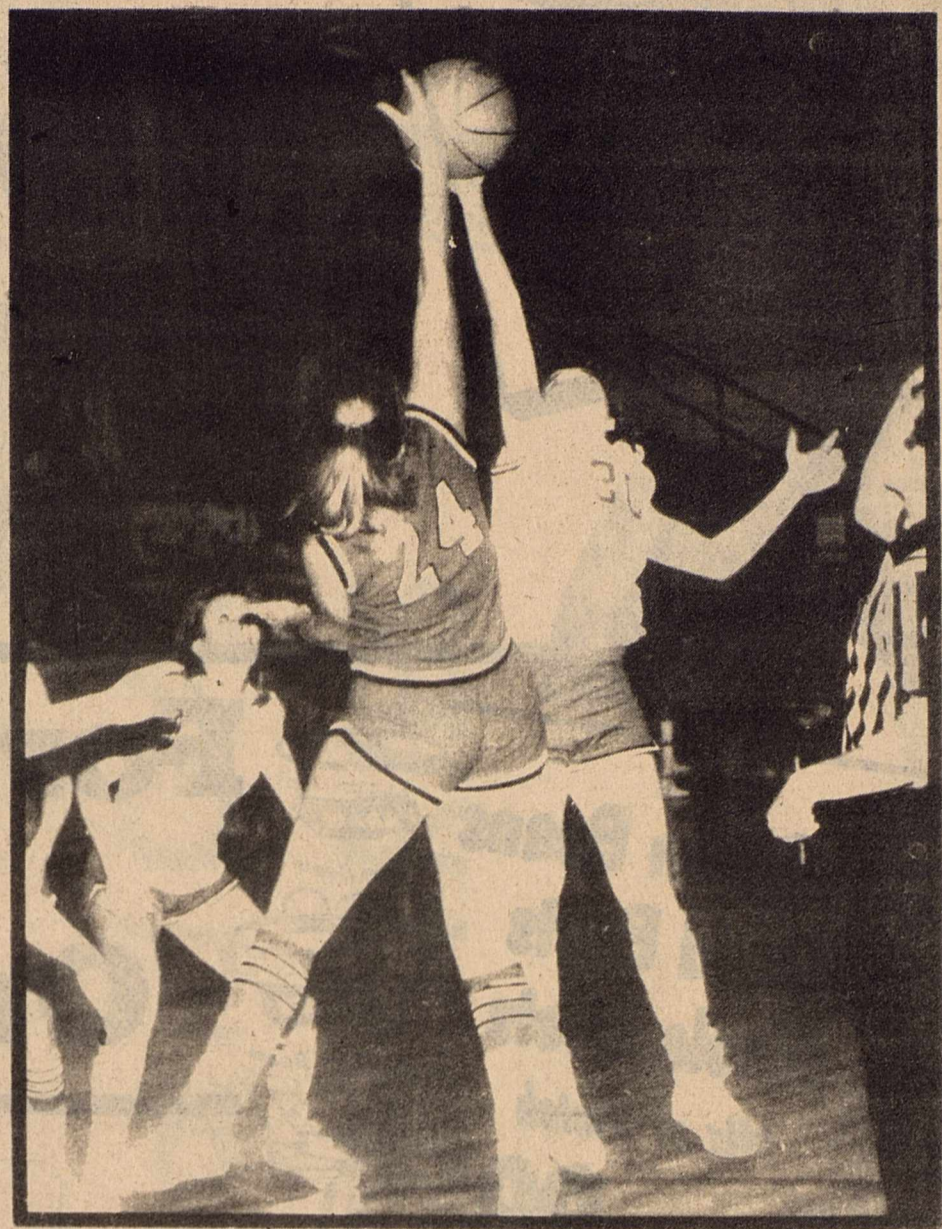
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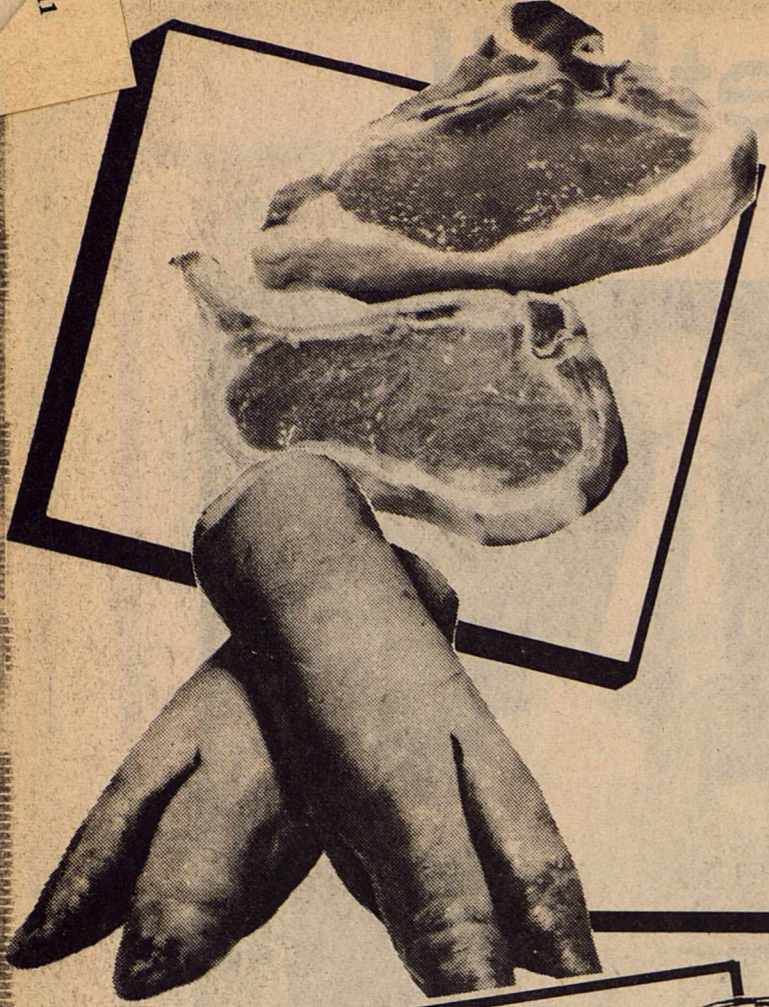
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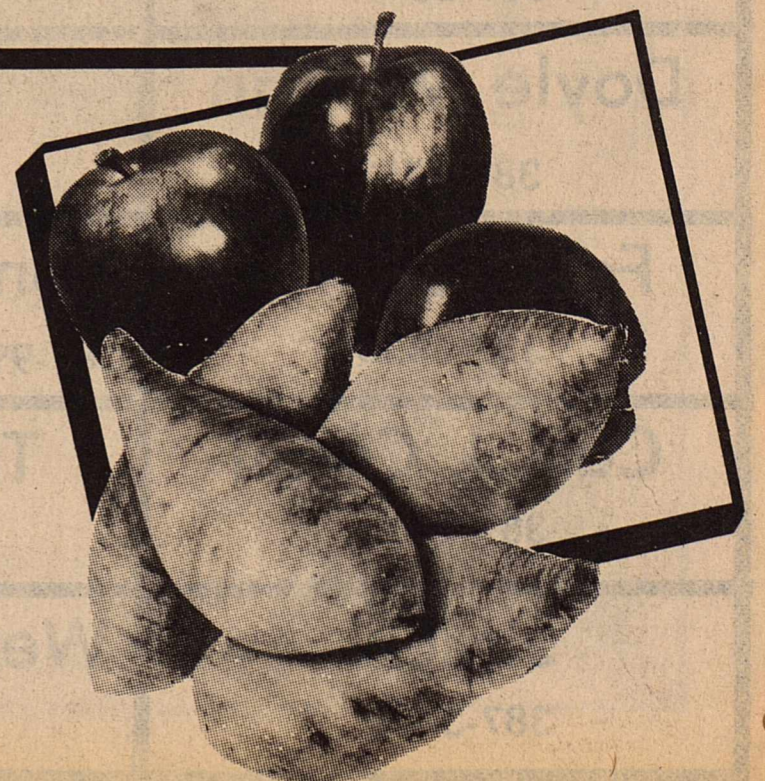
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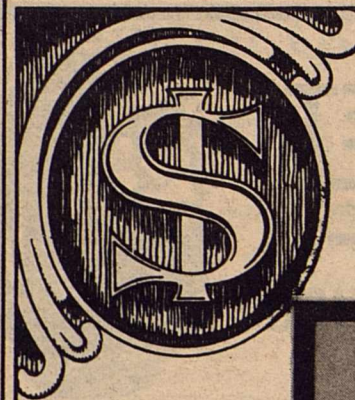
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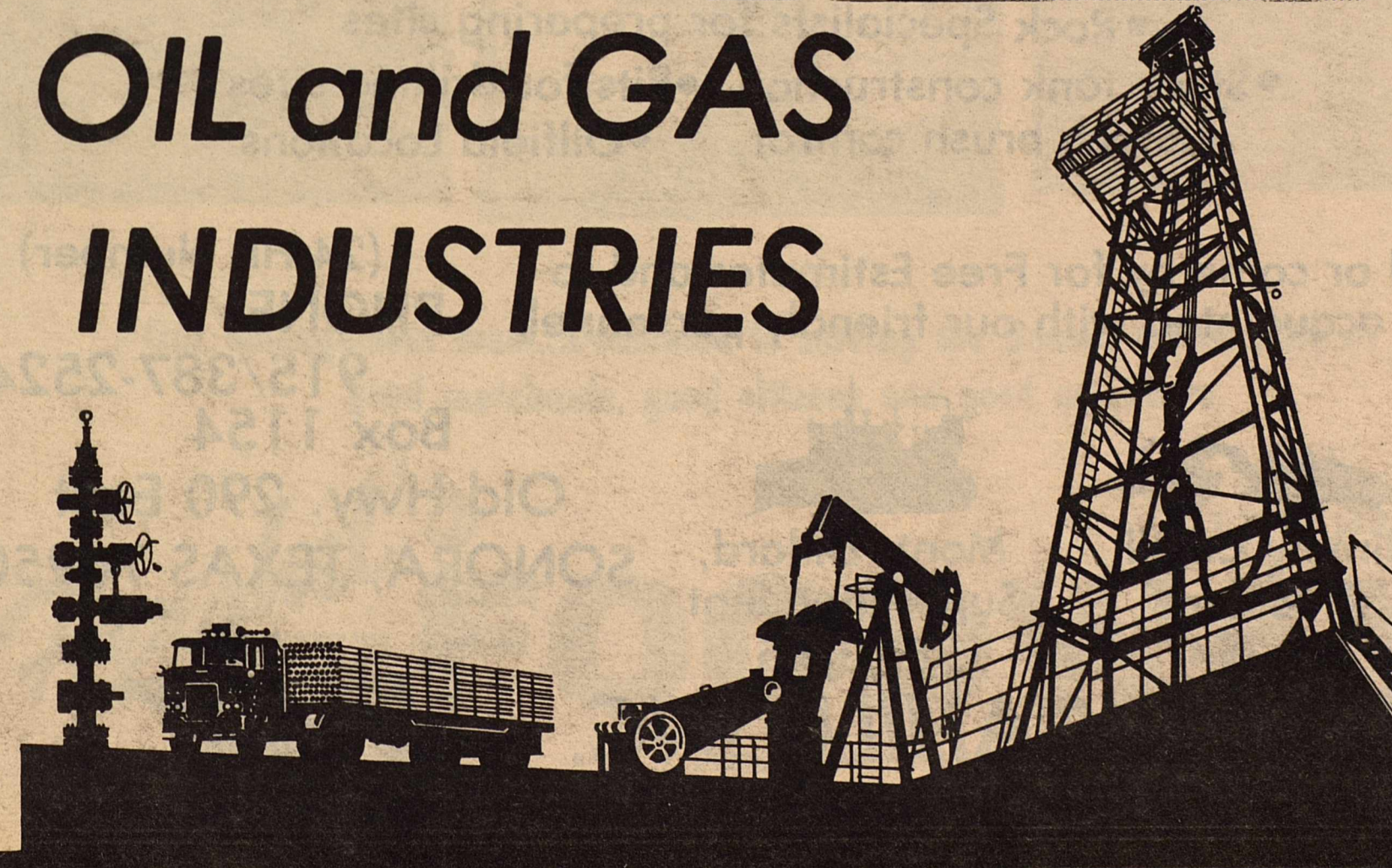
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Salute



to the

OIL and GAS INDUSTRIES



Loeffler optimistic about petroleum future

I appreciate the opportunity to join in this annual salute to the oil and gas industry of Sutton County which has, over the years, contributed mightily to the growth and prosperity of the great State of Texas--and our Nation as well.

We all know that 1982 and early 1983 was not the best of times for the oil patch, which suffered an inordinate blow as a result of the world-wide recessionary cycle. I firmly believe, however, that we are now on the road to a sustained and strong economic recovery and am convinced that the energy industry will continue its rebound as our economy improves--particularly if Washington will just get out of the way.

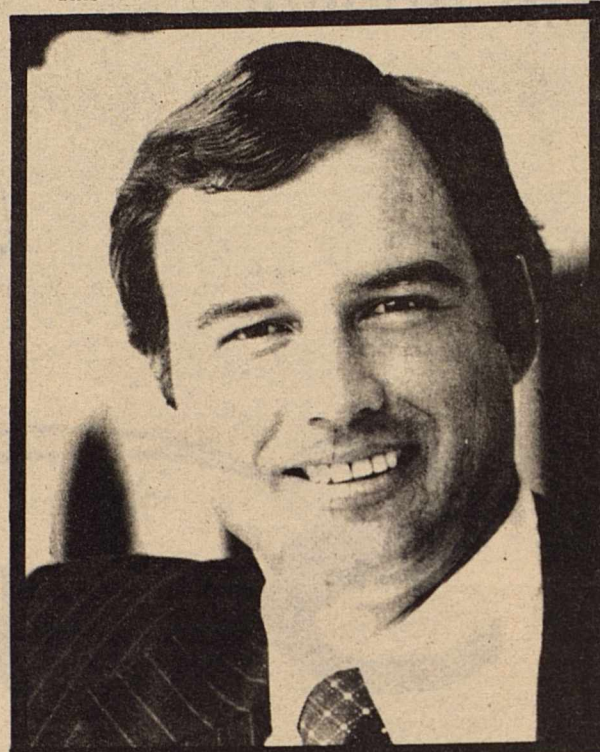
Federal encroachments in the price and distribution

of domestic oil were lifted in 1981 and as a consequence domestic prices of oil moderated and supplies have risen. Simply stated, the laws of supply and demand do work. In fact, while all phases of natural gas production, exploration and development were choked off during the recessionary cycle--the oil production sector of the industry was able to hold its own.

With the convening of the second session of the 98th Congress this week, we have before us several legislative propositions designed to decontrol the last remaining natural resource which suffers the inadequacies of Federal price controls--natural gas. As a staunch and firm believer in the magic of free enterprise and the free market system, I am hopeful that this Congress will finally realize that our only true solution is a responsible and lasting method of decontrol which honors contract sanctity and secures true decontrol without yet another punitive and heinous tax such as the so-called Windfall Profit Tax. Surely 30 years of federal regulatory lunacy regarding natural gas has taught us that the federal government is the problem, not the solution.

industry to continue its proud heritage so that the reduced activities of today do not leave our future production needs short. I shall be working to the very best of my ability toward that goal in the months and years ahead. Our collective efforts can ultimately lead to the removal of Washington's greedy intrusive fingers from the Nation's oil and gas industry, because the goal of federal decontrol is in the best interests of our Nation. Like you, I look forward to the day when all the rigs, seismic crews, tubular goods and service industries are out of the yard and into the field.

This is our challenge.



U. S. Congressman Tom Loeffler

As we continue to achieve full economic recovery and energy independence, we must be ever watchful that liberal members of Congress do not turn greedily--once again--to our slowly recovering energy industry to fund the programs which they favor. Of ever-present concern is the Congressional threat to our industry relating to tax treatments. There remain those in Congress who suggest that tax treatment of intangible drilling costs and percentage depletion allowances are an unnecessary giveaway to the industry. In addition, some suggest that we should repeal the hard fought relief from the so-called Windfall Profit Tax that we were able to win for producers, royalty owners, and stripper well production and even extend the tax to natural gas.

I am constantly reminding my colleagues of the circumstances and risks faced by producers and investors who, under existing law, would at times be able to earn substantially more for their investment in almost any other field of work. These absolutely essential tax preferences must be retained. It is the so-called Windfall Profit Tax which should be repealed. It is essential, in fact imperative, for our energy

BY CAROL JONES
Devil's River News Publisher

We at the Devil's River News are proud to present the Seventh Annual Petroleum Edition, a supplement to the regular newspaper, and, we hope, a useful and interesting collection of information.

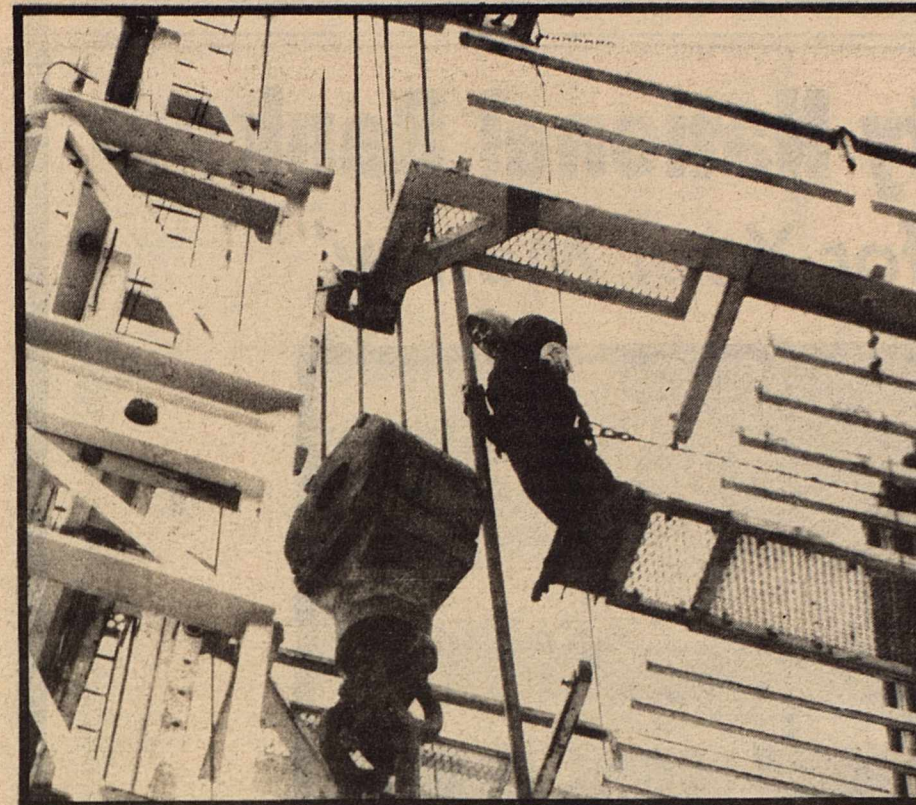
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Appreciation also goes to the many oil and gas businesses who have cooperated in adding information to the editorial content.

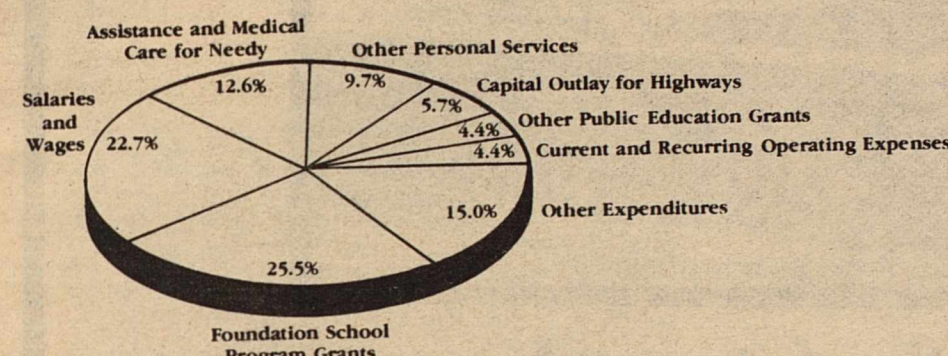
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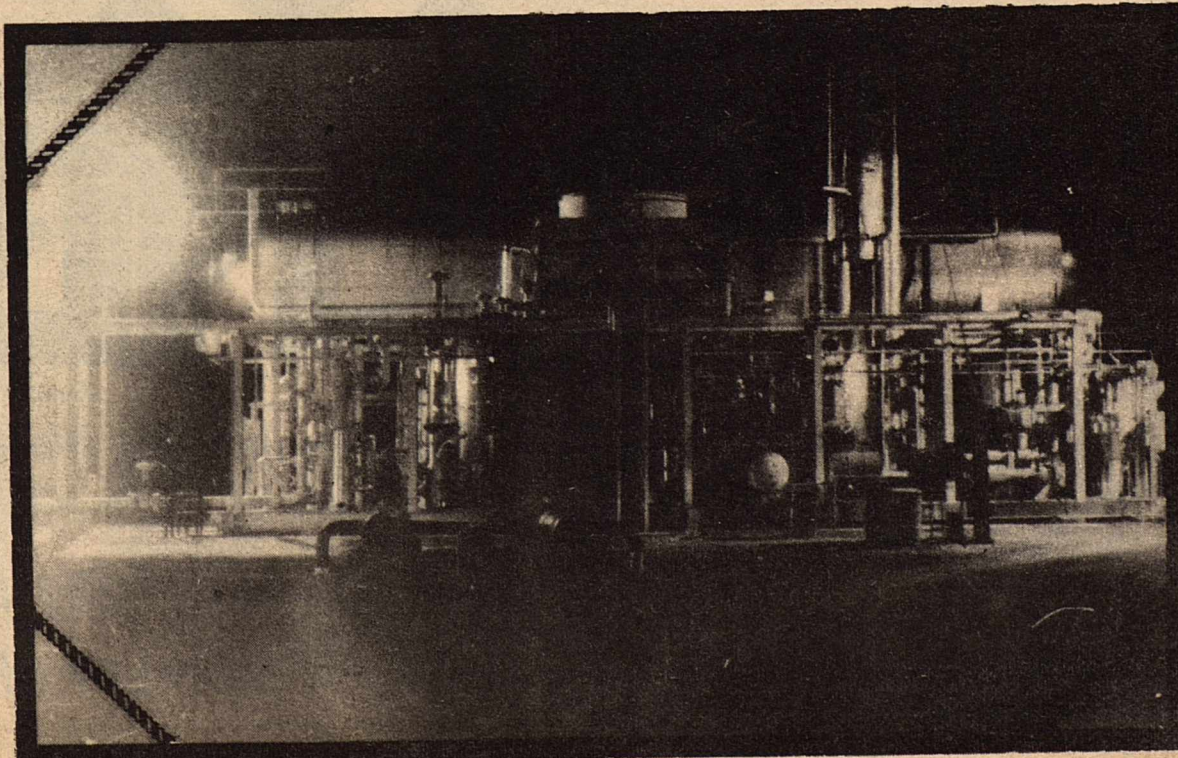
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Natural gas causes problems through years

by U.S. Senator John Tower

Congress tried again in 1983 to address the question of what to do about regulated natural gas prices, and once again failed to solve the problem.

Ten years ago, there was too little natural gas available because it had to be sold at an artificially low government-controlled price. During 1983, we had too much natural gas on the market, but it was selling at prices above market value. Both of these problems found their source in government regulation.

The Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 tried to address the problem of artificially low regulated prices by establishing an incredibly complicated system of controls for dozens of price categories. Its purpose was to phase out controls for most gas by January 1984, with the price at that time to be roughly equal to the predicted cost of other fuels particularly oil.

However, the price of oil dropped instead of rising as lawmakers, producers and purchasers had predicted in 1978. The result was that many buyers found themselves locked into contracts which required them to purchase more gas than they needed at high prices. These costs, of course, were passed on to consumers.

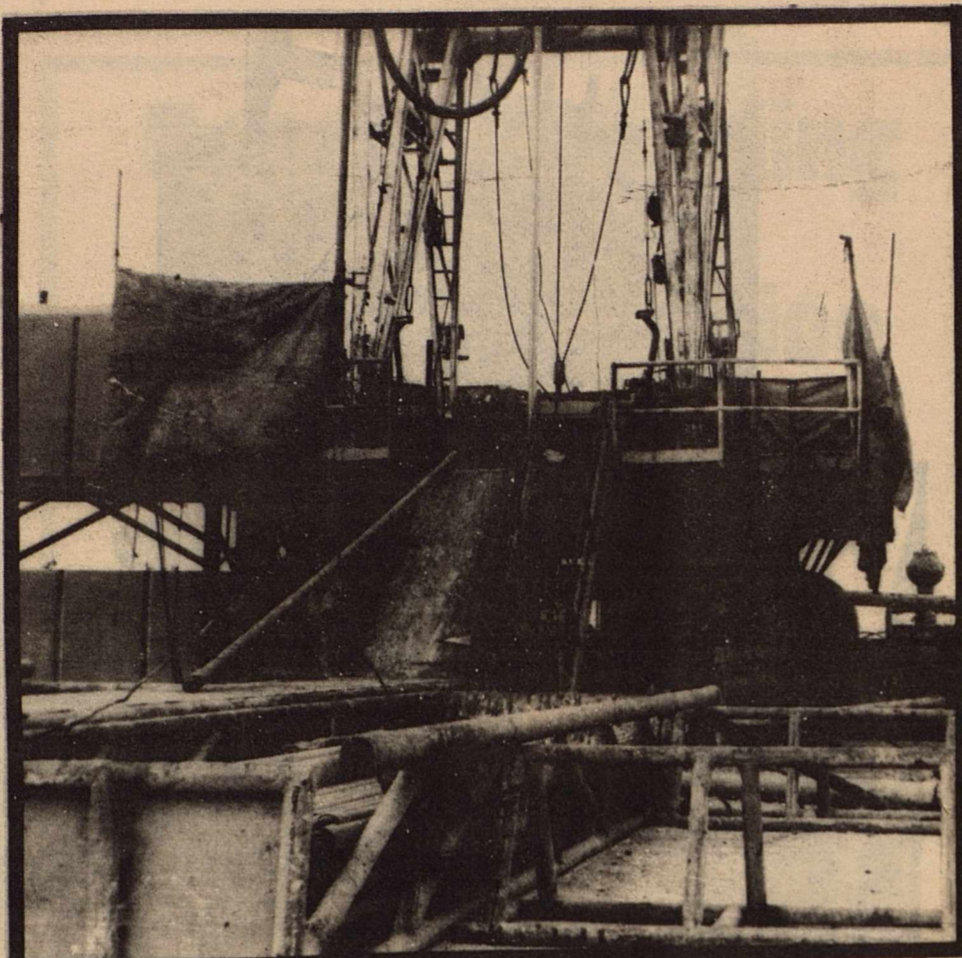
Thus, there was a move in Congress last fall to try to correct these market dislocations with still more legislation. Yet, at the same time the legislation, had it been enacted, would have continued many controls past their currently scheduled expiration date.

The best long-term solution to the problem of natural gas prices is full, phased decontrol so that market forces can work to provide adequate supplies at the best possible price. In the politically charged atmosphere of an election

year, though, it is most unlikely that goal will be achievable.

I am hopeful that we can address the problem again during 1984, but I have serious reservations about the wisdom of trying to solve problems caused by government regulation with still more regulations. The resilience of the free market is being demonstrated by producers and customers renegotiating contracts to meet current market conditions, and it is possible that the best realistic option would be to allow those forces to continue to work with a minimum of government interference, and to allow controls on most categories of gas to expire on schedule at the end of 1984.

In any case, I will examine carefully any legislation offered with an eye toward the best approach for both producers and consumers of natural gas.



The Devil's River News salutes the Petroleum

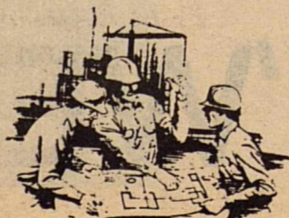
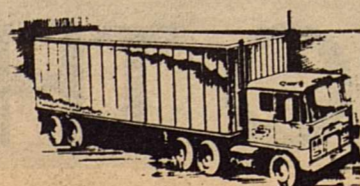
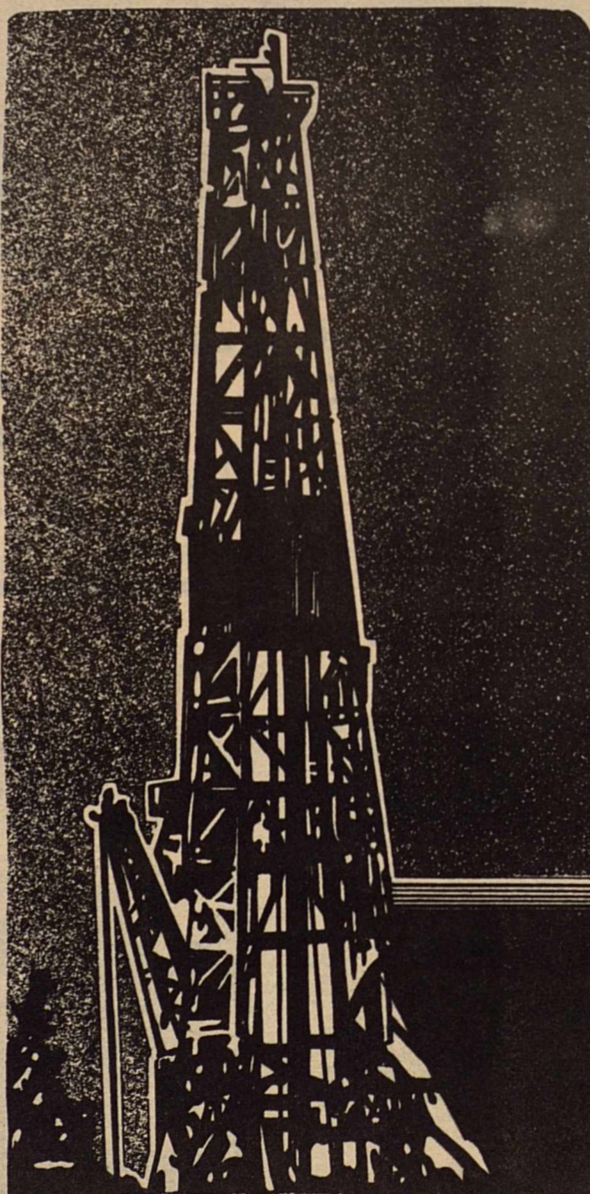
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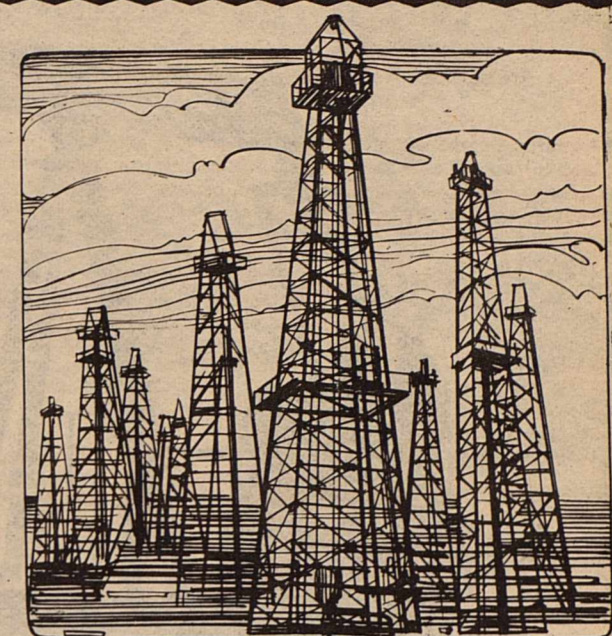
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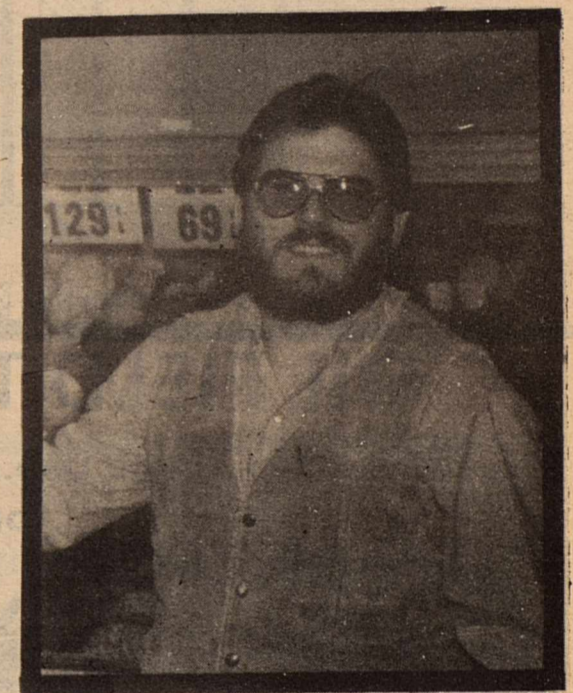
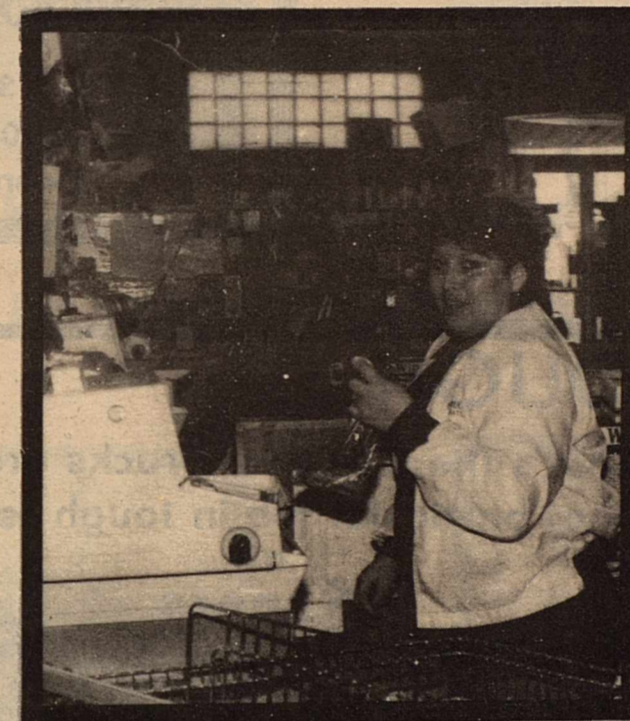
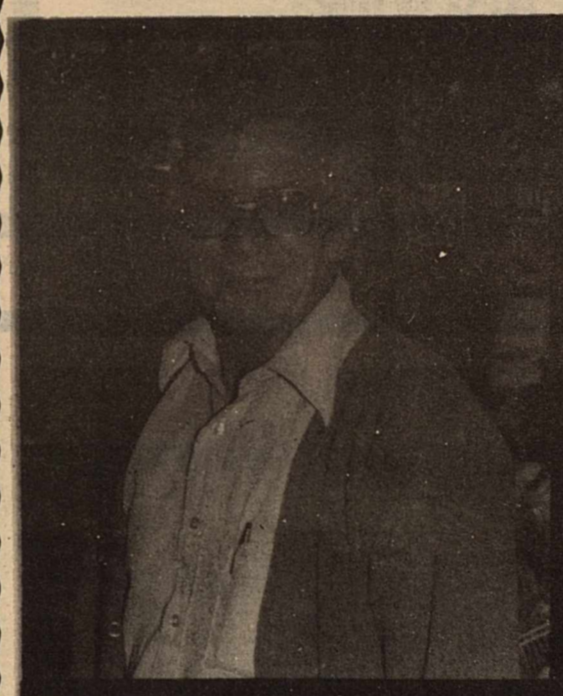


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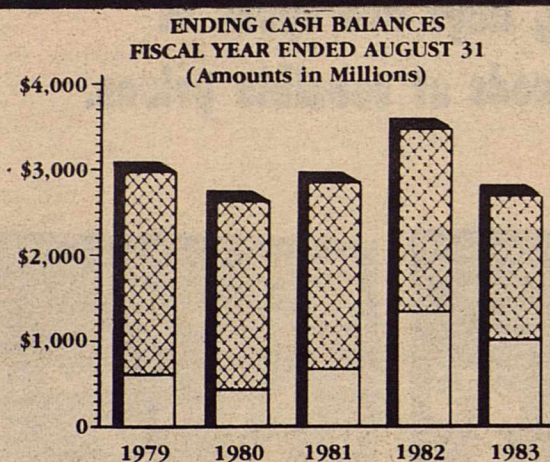
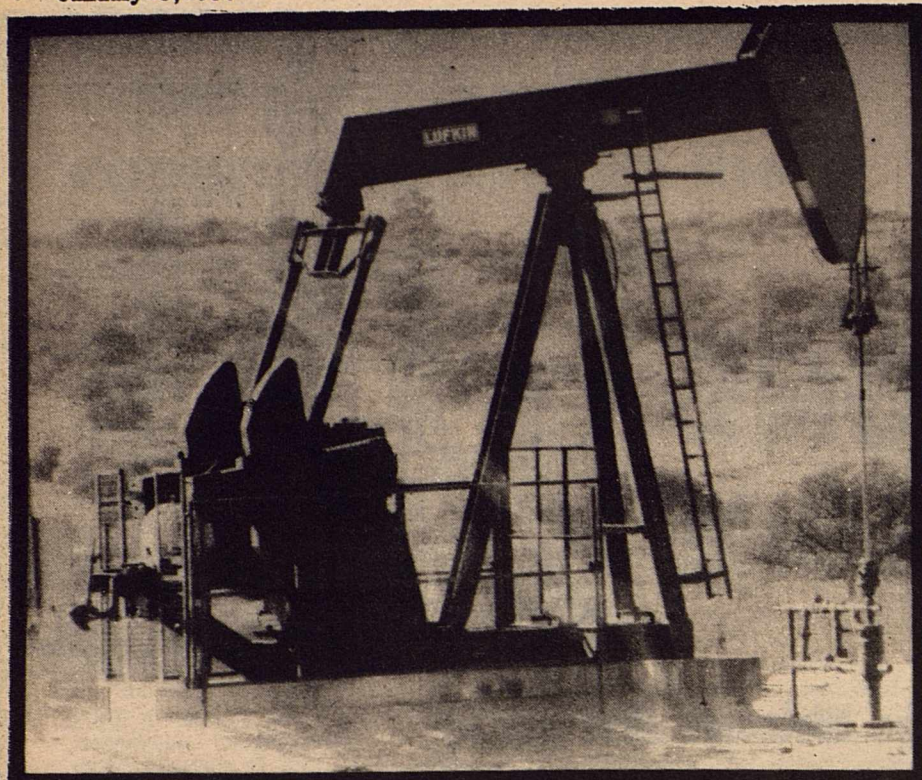
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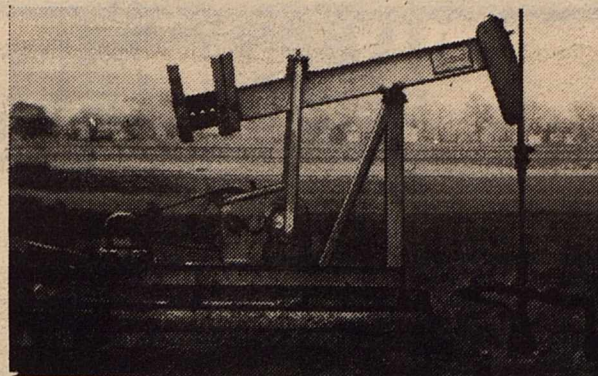
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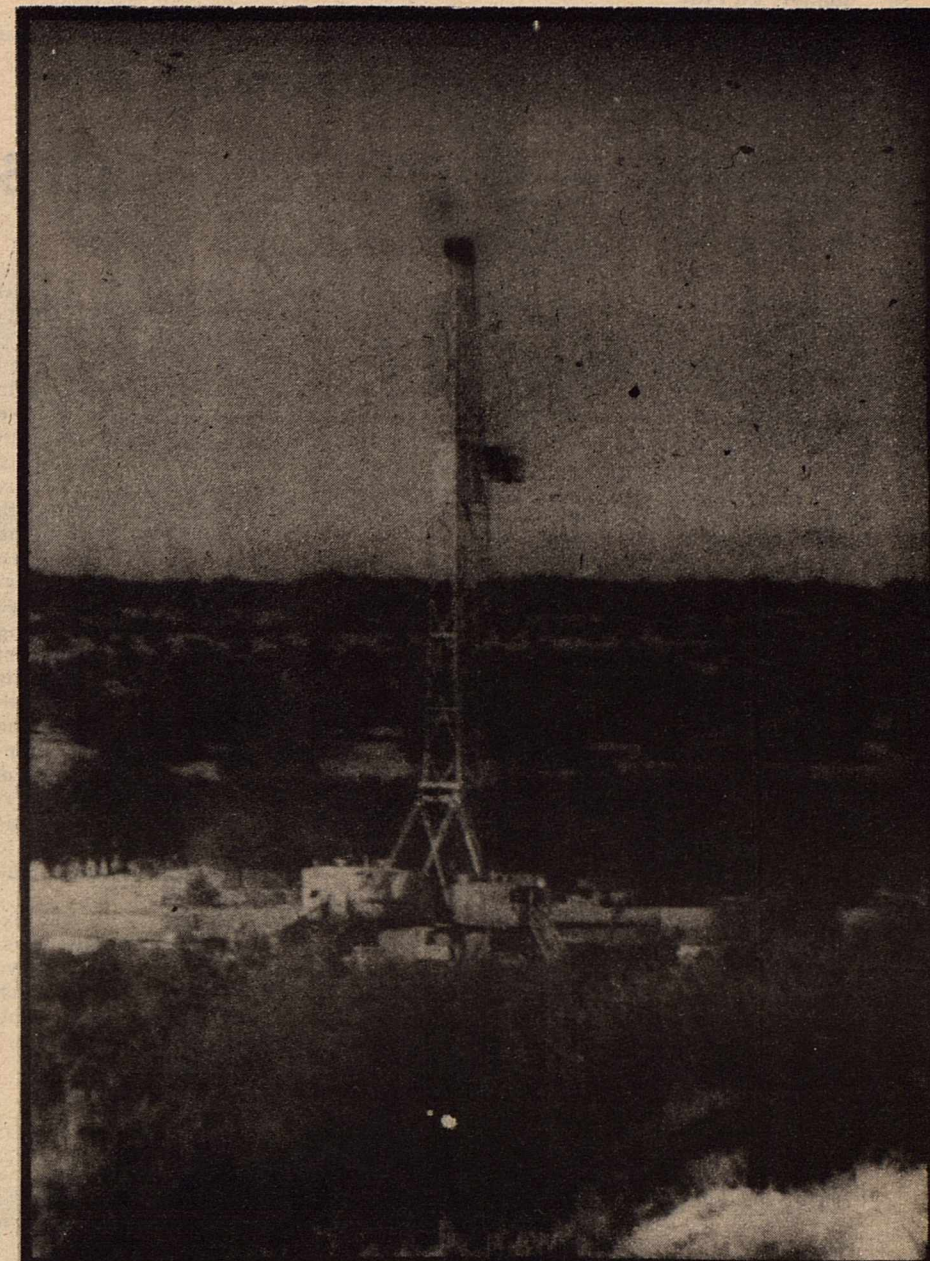
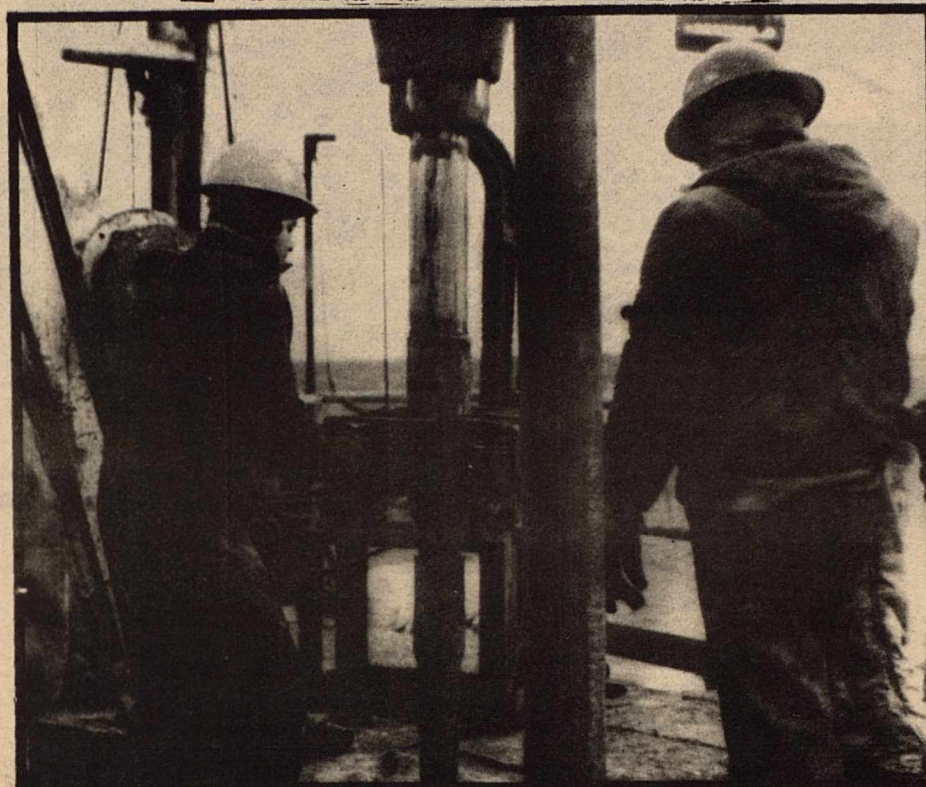


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Nugent offers his congratulations to the natural gas industry

Texas Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent offered his congratulations to the natural gas industry in Texas for their performance during the cold weather spell from December 20 through the New Year.

"For almost two weeks, Texas was gripped by one of the longest and certainly one of the coldest winter weather spells in history," Nugent said. "The fact that the industry was able to avoid a single instance of curtailment to residential users because of lack of supply is certainly to be commended."

"Make no mistake," Nugent warned, "it was a touch-and-go situation. We experienced severe curtailments to all but residential users. Our capacity was stretched literally to the limit and there is little question that had not holiday closings helped us out, we would have been in a desperate situation."

Nugent added special praise for the Voluntary Allocation Committee, representatives from gas utilities, transmission pipelines and natural gas producers who, at the urging of the Railroad Commissioner, cooperated in working out natural gas

distribution statewide in an equitable manner.

"Many of these representatives indicated that they experienced the greatest demand for natural gas in their history during the prolonged cold weather," Nugent said. Nugent did point out, however, that isolated areas did suffer residential gas shut-downs for brief periods of time, due mainly to mechanical failures, but, he noted, "at no time was supply the culprit."

"Our own Gas Utilities Division at the Railroad Commission also deserves special credit," Nugent said. "They established a 'curtailment command post' which was manned 24-hours a day throughout the crisis to monitor and coordinate supply problems throughout the state."

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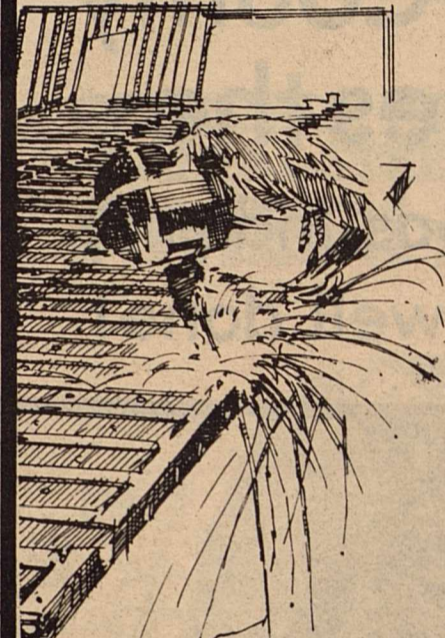
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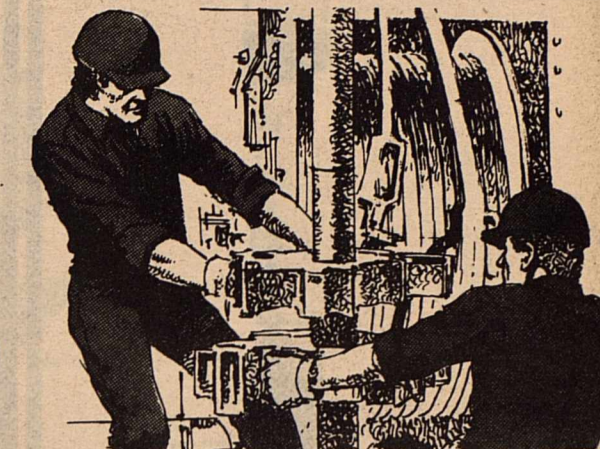
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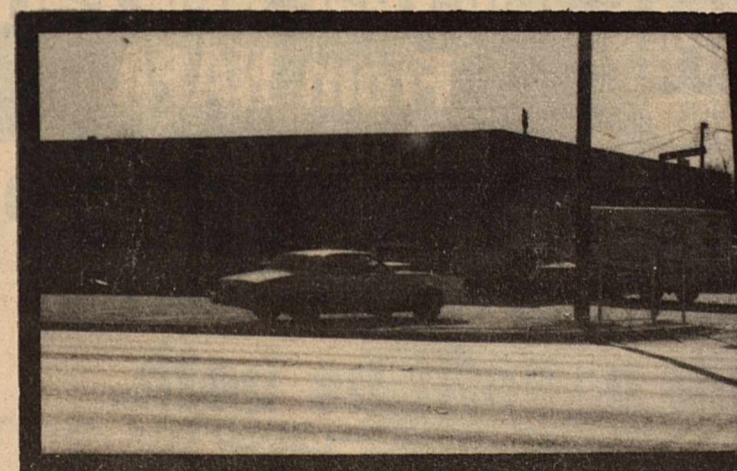
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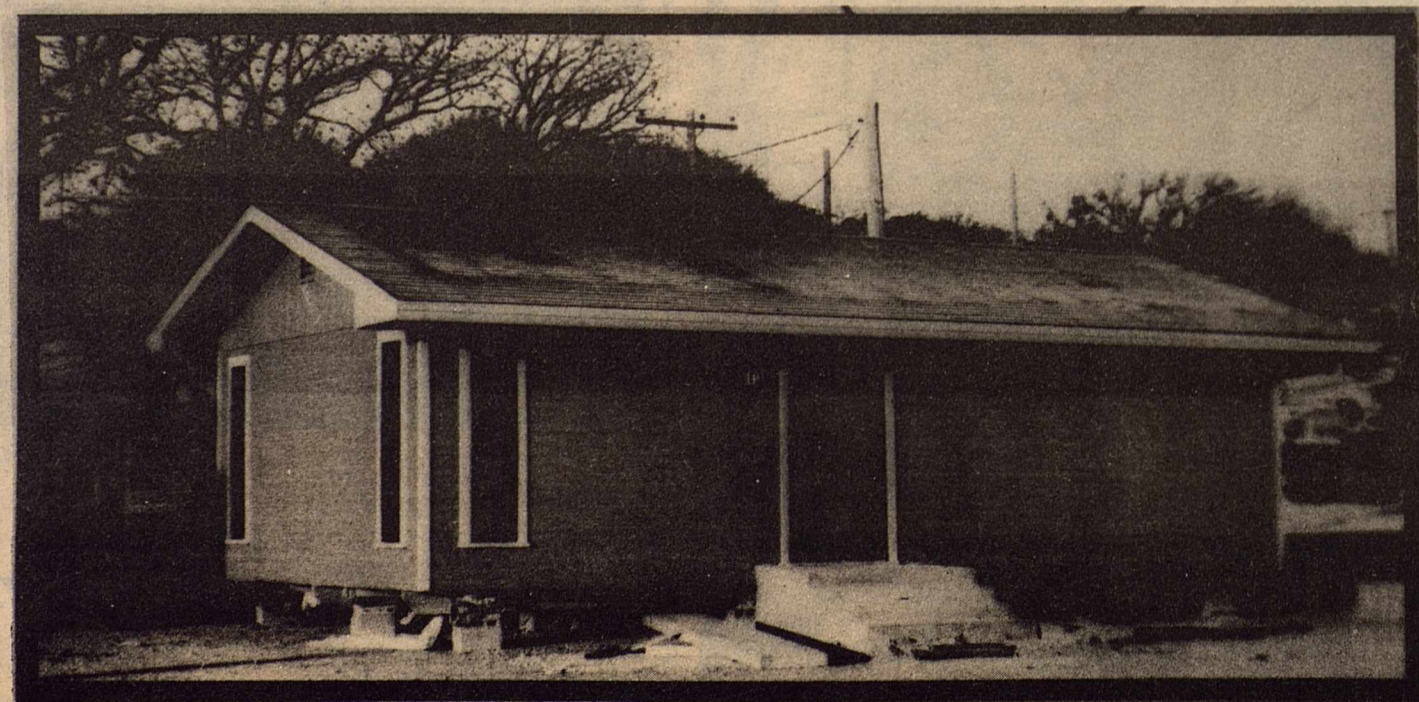
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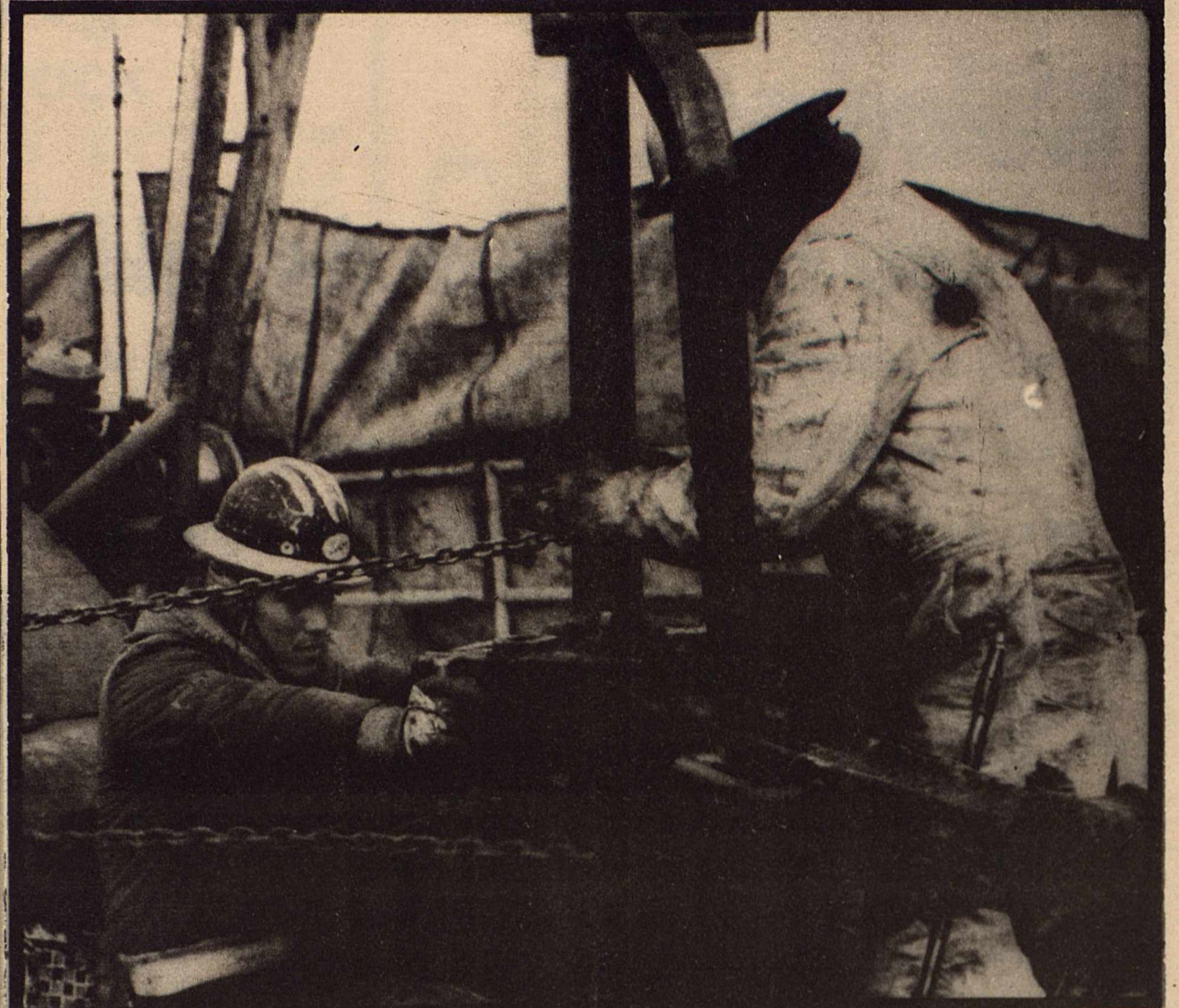
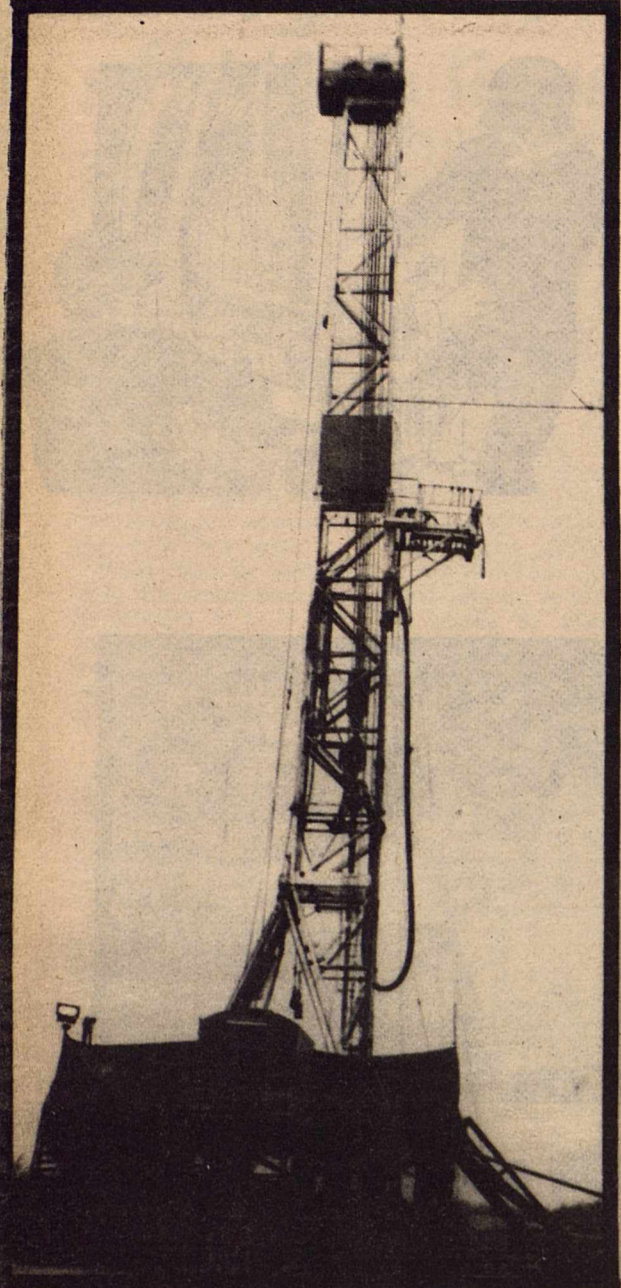


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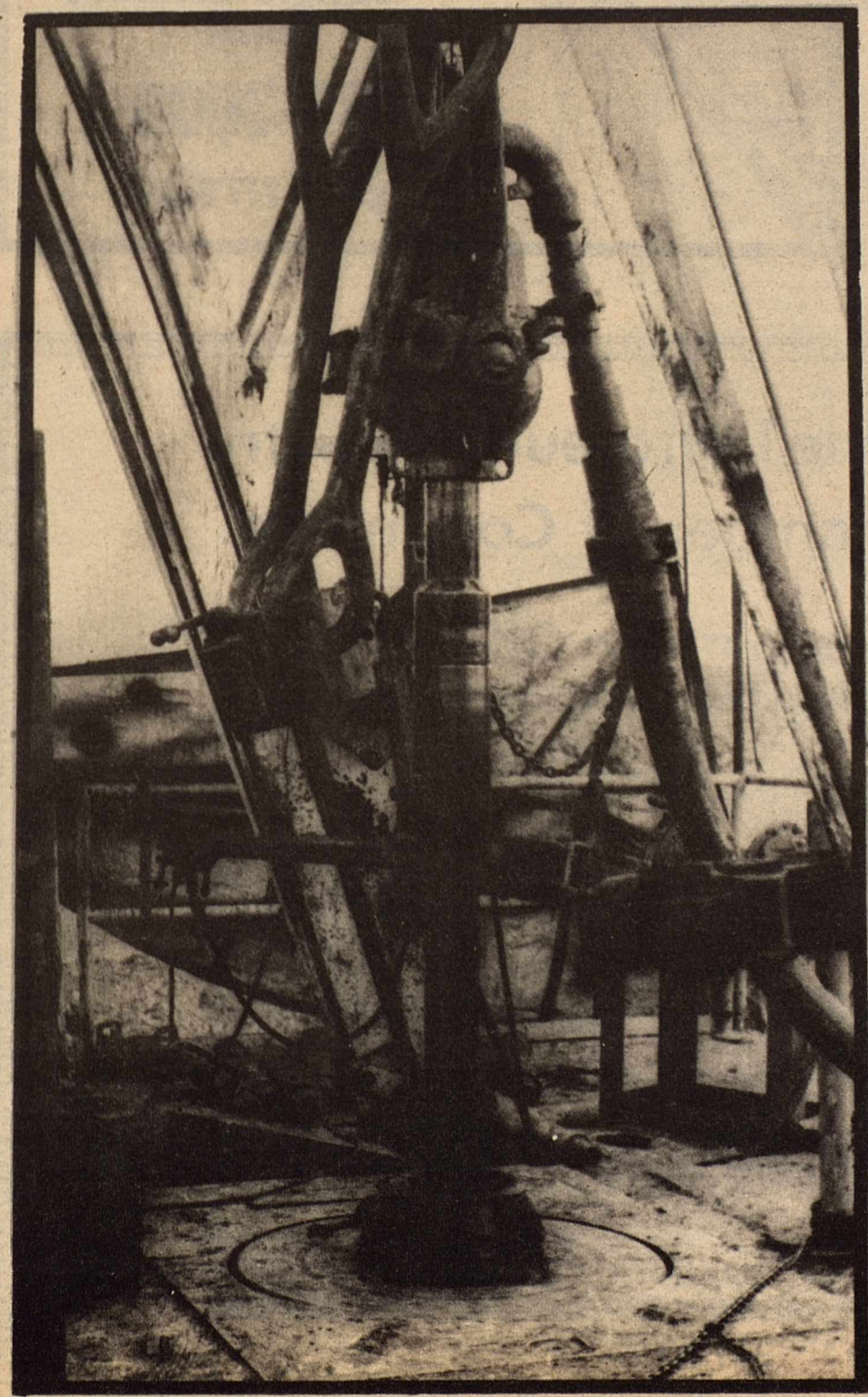
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Drought has rough effect on livestock

The prolonged drought has had a devastating effect on livestock production in Southwest Texas. During 1983, the U.S. Department of Agriculture declared almost 30 West Texas counties eligible for disaster aid in the form of tax deferrals and low-interest loans for ranchers.

Ranchers who were forced to sell livestock because of decimated pastures and reduced water supplies are urged to begin considering the income tax aspects of their losses.

Income from the drought sales of inventory stock can be deferred for us to one year as outlined in the Farmer's Tax Guide, according to Jose G. Pena, management economist

with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Uvalde.

Producers can elect to defer the revenue from sales of certain livestock (steers, heifers, calves, etc.) for one year if the sale was due to drought conditions. Pena says this particular election does not apply to livestock used for breeding, draft, dairy or sporting purposes.

If, because of drought conditions, a cow-calf producer sells livestock in excess of the number that would be sold in a normal business year, he may elect to include the sales proceeds in the next year's income provided (1) the cash method of accounting is used, (2) it can be established that under usual business the number sold would not have occurred except for drought conditions, and (3) the drought conditions have resulted in the area being designated as eligible for assistance from the Federal Government.

The Texas A&M University agricultural economist says livestock purchased (stocker steers or heifers), as well as raised livestock, will qualify. The sale does not have to take place in a drought area, but the sale must be due solely to drought conditions. Also, sales made prior to an area being declared eligible for

Federal assistance may still qualify.

"A rancher may elect to postpone the tax on the gain from sales of breeding livestock if replaced with livestock of like kind within two years from the close of the year in which the gain was realized," Pena explains. "Tax on the gain may be postponed on the number sold in excess of the usual practice. A loss resulting from the sale is deductible in the year that it was sustained."

Pena says the tax return for the year of sale should include (1) evidence of drought, (2) number and kind of replacements, and (3) cost of replacements. The cost of replacement livestock must equal or exceed the proceeds of livestock sold due to drought.

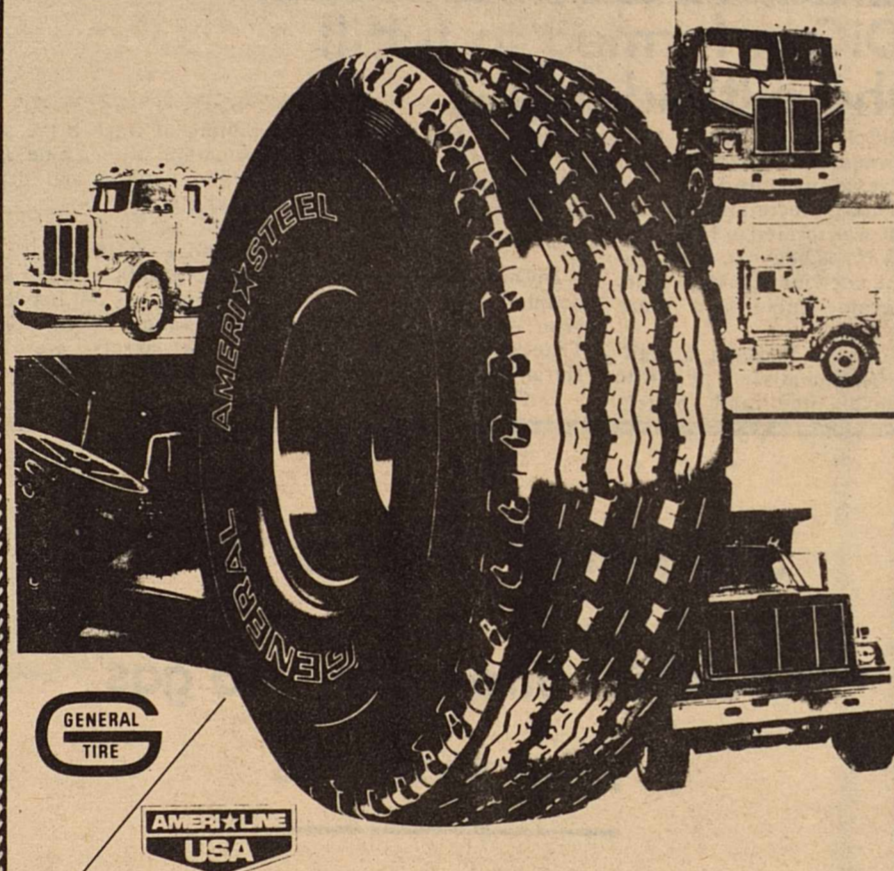
Many producers were extremely hard hit by lack of rain earlier this year. Some of these losses can be reclaimed by careful adherence to certain tax provisions which would not be applicable during a normal year, Pena says.

Unfortunately, the "real" drought losses will be felt in the long run by poor livestock performance (lower calving rates, weaker calves, lowered weaning weights, etc.) which must be absorbed as part of the risk of ranching in the Southwest.

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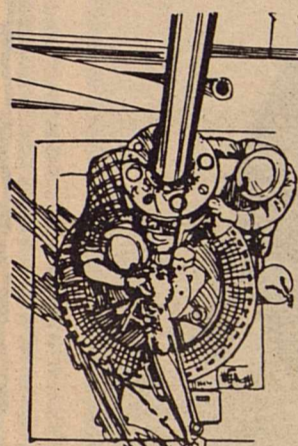
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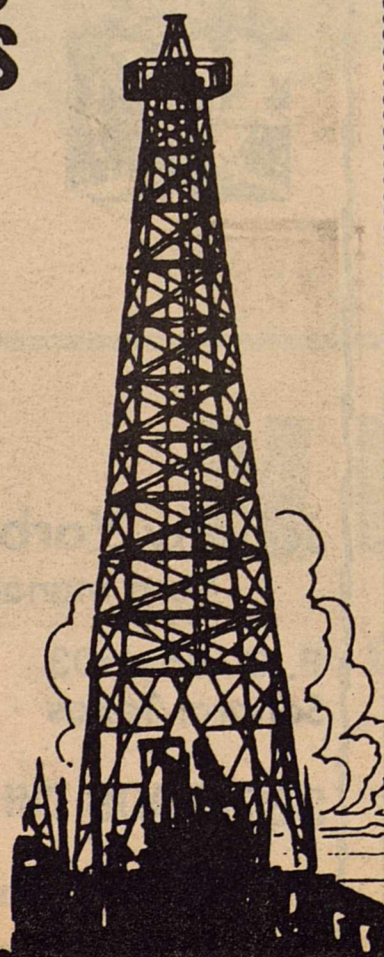
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Worst Winter weather in over 50 years hits

Responding to a call by Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace, the Commission's advisory Voluntary Gas Allocation Committee conferred by telephone conference call recently on the state's natural gas situation in the wake of Texas' worst winter weather in more than 50 years.

The committee is composed of representatives from major intrastate gas transmission and utility companies in the state.

Committee chairman Bill Murray, a former Railroad Commission chairman, reported to Wallace after the conference that "we have been through a very tight situation over the holiday weekend; but overall, the state is in an improved condition now."

Wallace said, "we must be prepared for another arctic cold front the Weather Service says is approaching Texas."

The committee report indicated that no human needs customers are being curtailed, although gas service to industry and utilities is being reduced. Gas is flowing to residences, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Murray reported excellent cooperation between all

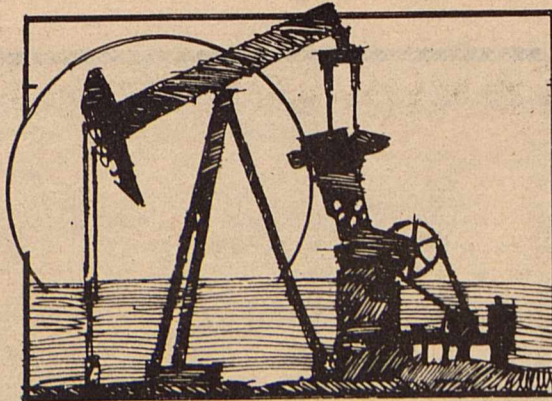
intrastate gas companies and that the committee would be active in finding ways to help gas distribution throughout the state "as long as this emergency exists."

The committee also reported excellent cooperation from electric utilities in switching to alternate fuel sources and from interstate gas pipelines which have loaned and exchanged gas with intrastate companies to ease transportation problems.

Chairman Wallace commended the committee and all the state's gas utilities and transmission lines for the way they handled the crisis brought on by the cold winter weather.

Wallace said the Commission's Gas Utilities Division is maintaining a 24-hour telephone center to serve as a focal point for communication between gas utilities and pipelines and that the companies would also have their own 24-hour contact points.

Murray cautioned against complacency; however, saying, "temporarily the worst seems to be past; but, we still need to conserve, we need to be ready for the next cold weather predicted to be moving in."



State Offshore production told

State Offshore leases produced 170,701 barrels of crude oil during October, in contrast to 173,642 barrels in September and 74,078 barrels in October a year ago, according to Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace. With the October total, reported offshore crude production from state leases has reached 1,521,028 barrels for 1983.

Gas well production from state leases amounted to 10,506,076 Mcf in October against 13,092,891 Mcf in September and 16,774,748 Mcf in October 1982. Total gas well production from offshore state leases so far this year totaled 125,014,051 Mcf through October.

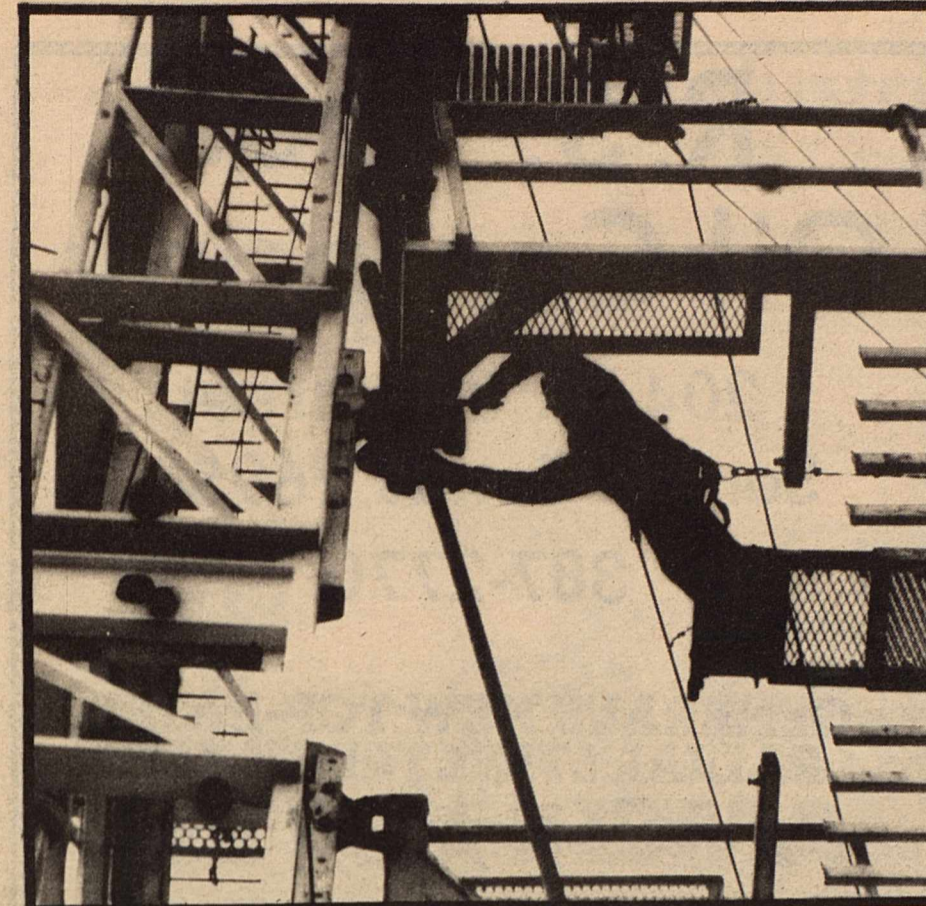
Casinghead gas production totaled 301,388 Mcf in October against 295,183

Mcf in September and 264,021 in October 1982. Total casinghead has production for the year has reached 2,890,491 Mcf through October.

Condensate production from state leases amounted to 45,718 barrels in October, as compared to 43,676 barrels in September and 67,497 barrels in October 1982. Through the first 10 months of the year, total condensate production in 1983 reached 418,169 barrels.

In October, offshore crude production was about 0.23 percent of total estimated crude production in Texas. Offshore gas well production was approximately 2.9 percent of the state total.

Offshore production was reported in October from 56 oil and 475 gas wells.



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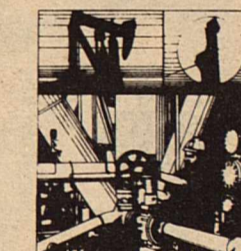
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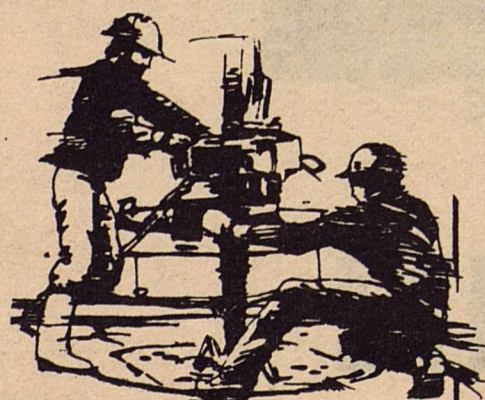
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Texas energy industries emerge from recession

By U. S. State Senator Lloyd Bentsen

The United States economy has been recovering from the deep recession of 1981-82 for nearly a year, but the Texas energy industry is only now getting out of the starting blocks. It will be at least a year or two before the economic turnaround brings our state's vital energy industry back

to the level that set records in 1981.

The oil and gas industry's decline bottomed out during the summer of 1983, and the number of active drilling rigs has gradually risen since. At Hughes Tool in Houston, officials are forecasting an average 1984

rig count of 2,425, an increase of 190 over last year. But the hole in the energy industry found itself in during the worst part of the recession was very deep indeed, and it will require a steadily recovering economy and a cooperative Congress if the energy sector is to fully regain the

losses experienced over the past two years of declining production and employment.

Along with a declining economy, punishing rates of oil taxation have crippled efforts to explore and produce additional domestic energy supplies. Oil pro-

duction is subject to the so-called Windfall Profit Tax, which soaks up funds that are essential to new exploration and production. Scheduled reductions in the depletion allowance and in intangible drilling expensing will also increase oil producer taxes, thus plucking additional funds needed for exploration and production out of the pockets of producers who take heavy risks to discover oil and gas.

These combined forces have forced a decline of crude oil production in Texas of 107,000 barrels per day compared to one year ago.

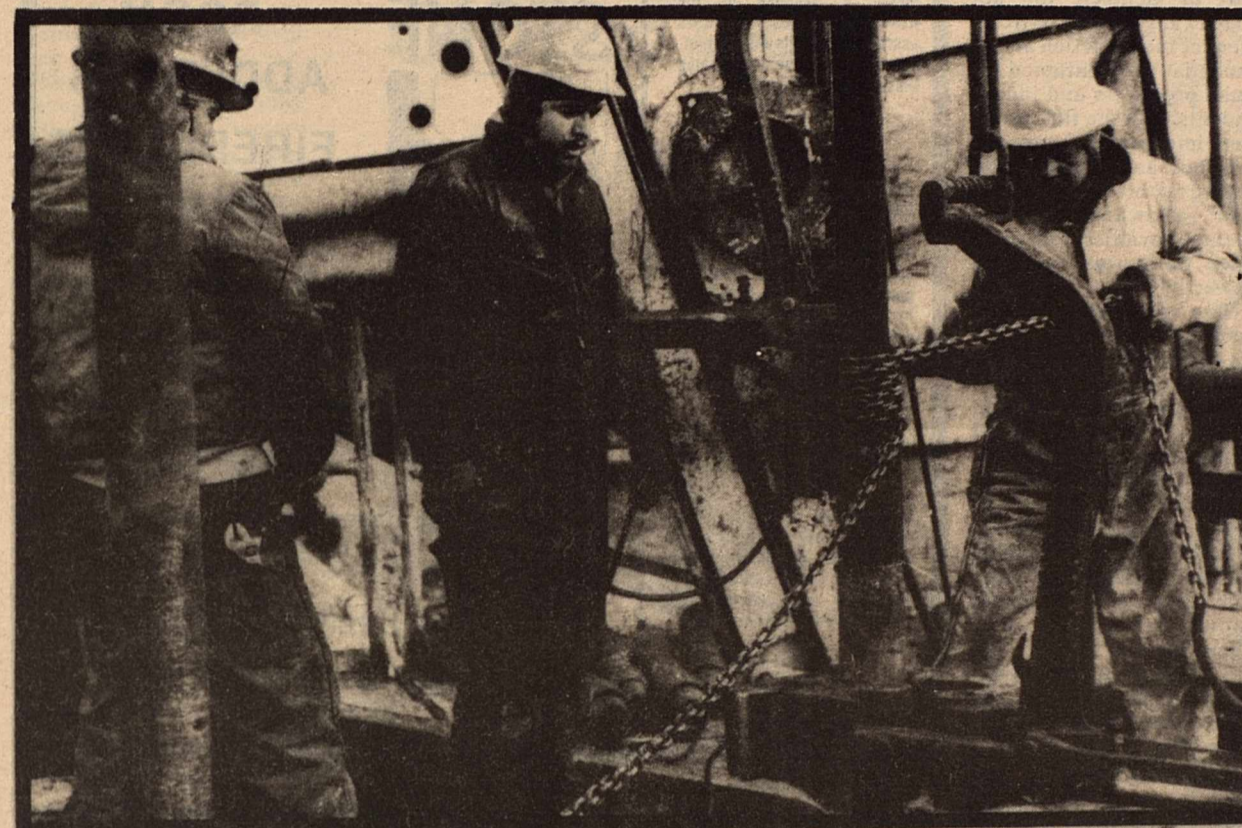
The Congress and the President should recognize these threats to domestic energy production and work to reduce or repeal the Windfall Profit Tax and restore the depletion allowance and intangible expensing. I am actively pushing for legislation to achieve these goals.

The regulation of natural gas pricing likewise has thrown cold water on exploration and production. Natural gas regulation has created mutations in the marketplace, increasing prices for consumers while decreasing incentives for producers. Texas production of natural gas has dropped a hefty 1,407,000 mcf per day over the last year. I have long been a strong advocate of free

market pricing of natural gas; my 1977 legislation, the Bentsen-Pearson Natural Gas Decontrol bill, would have prevented the problems we are facing today. Although the natural gas bill considered by the Senate just before the Christmas recess is far from perfect, I believe it is a framework within which improvements can be made to provide additional incentives for domestic natural gas production. I support keeping this process alive, and I will work to improve the legislation when the Congress returns later this month.

While Texas' energy industry has a long way to climb before it emerges from the deepest recession in decades, there are some encouraging signals. The recession sharply reduced the cost of drilling, and those companies that have sufficient cash reserves report plans for brisk drilling activity in 1984. As long as the economic recovery continues and oil prices remain relatively stable, that trend should expand through the entire energy sector.

Congress and the President should act now -- without waiting for a crisis situation -- to restore and increase incentives for domestic energy production. I will work hard in the coming year to accomplish that goal.



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Supreme Court ruling could cost the federal treasury in lost revenue

Editor's Note: This article was taken from the Midland-Telegram.

BY PEGGY SIMPSON
Hearst Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON - The 5-4 Supreme Court ruling favoring independent oil and gas producers and their royalty owners could cost the federal treasury more than \$21 million in lost revenue.

This is the total projected tax from not just the two cases that reached the court but from six similar ones pending.

The ruling is not expected to have widening tax-loss consequences, however, despite the rebuff to the Internal Revenue Service by the high court.

The court, in a ruling by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, said that independent producers could claim tax breaks from the depletion allowance even in years when no actual drilling occurred.

The IRS contended that the 22 percent depletion deduction could be taken only in years when actual oil and gas production took place.

As the hundreds of thousands of royalty owners in Texas, Louisiana

and other oil-drilling states know, the accepted procedure has been to deduct the depletion allowance from the bonuses and advance royalties paid them by the independent producers using their land.

These payments - and the immediate tax benefits - never had been tied to whether a dry hole was encountered, whether the drilling site was capped temporarily or whether production was undertaken at full pace.

The court ruling generally was applauded by aides to Senator Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., and others in the Texas delegation but was not expected to have a major impact on the energy climate there.

If the decision had gone the other way, however, it might have added to the investment woes of the industry, where production is at a standstill due to the worldwide oil glut. If the court had prohibited royalty owners from getting their tax breaks because the oil and gas wells on their land had been shut down temporarily, the investment would have been made even less attractive.

The 1975 Tax Reduction Act repealed the depletion allowance for the major oil companies but not for the independents, who comprise the vast majority of producers.

The act, sponsored in part by Bentsen, did not specify any change in treatment of the depletion allowance that was continued for small producers and independents - but the IRS put its own interpretation on the new law and began disallowing tax breaks for depletion allowances taken against royalties for years when there was no oil or gas activity.

Two cases were brought before the court, the families of Philip D. Farmar and A. A. Sugg, joint owners of 46,515 acres of land in Irion County, Texas and Fred Engle and his wife who held oil and gas leases in Wyoming.

The Engles had gotten \$7,600 in advance royalties for their leases in 1975 and took 22 percent depletion allowance against that when paying taxes. The IRS, noting that no production occurred that year on their land, rejected the deduction.

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The price for gasoline and heating oil should be stable, but natural gas will go up ten percent and electricity seven percent

according to the Information Administration.

And, they are forecasting that oil will be about \$29 a barrel, but natural gas will rise to an average of \$7.33 per thousand cubic feet.

The OPEC national will meet early in 1984 to review agreements on prices and production made last March in London. The group will also ask for a more precise definition of Saudi Arabia's role in OPEC. The Venezuelan

Energy Minister says that he will propose setting quotas based in exports rather than the current production quotas for the 13 countries.

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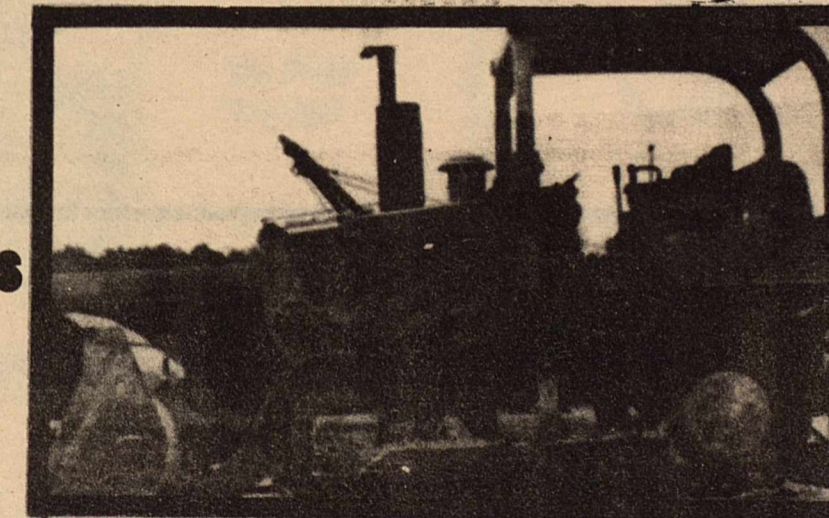
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Depleted oil resources not limited with tax deductions

Editor's Note: This article has been reprinted from an article in the Wall Street Journal by Stephen Wermiel. By STEPHEN WERMIEL, Staff Reporter of the Wall Street Journal

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court said the Internal Revenue Service can't limit the tax deduction for depleted oil resources to the value of the oil actually produced in a particular tax year.

In a 5-4 ruling, the high court said independent holders of oil and gas leases may take the oil depletion deduction for cash bonuses and advance royalty payments they received by permitting others to search for and produce oil on their property.

The IRS argued in two separate cases that the depletion deduction was available only to the extent that oil and gas were actually produced on a property. If no oil or gas were produced, according to the IRS view, no one would be allowed an oil depletion deduction in that tax year.

But in an opinion written by Justice Sandra O'Connor, the high court said the IRS view was an "unreasonable" interpretation of the law. The law, the oil depletion allowance, once permitted all producers of natural gas

and oil to deduct part of gross revenue from oil production as a way of recovering some of their investment in producing natural resources.

In 1975, amid public outrage over increasing oil company profits in the wake of the Arab oil embargo, Congress repealed the depletion deduction for major oil companies and retained it only for independent holders of oil properties.

In interpreting the 1975 amendments, Justice O'Connor wrote that Congress "plainly...intended to encourage independent producers...to explore and develop the nation's domestic oil and gas deposits." She said the IRS position "would discourage these small producers."

In one of the two cases, a holder of two leases in Wyoming received an advance royalty payment of \$7,600 in 1975 from other parties that he permitted to explore for oil and natural gas. Although no oil was found or produced that year, the holder of the leases claimed a depletion allowance on his tax returns to cover part of the \$7,600.

The IRS rejected the deduction, but a federal appeals court in Chicago said the agency was wrong. The IRS appealed to the

Supreme Court.

In the other case, two owners of land in Texas received a cash bonus from oil exploration companies to which they gave leases.

In 1976, one of the men received a bonus of \$28,271 and the other got \$237,653. Both men claimed depletion deductions on grounds they were in excess of the oil produced that year.

The Court of Claims, which has since become the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, said the two weren't entitled to the deduction. The landowners appealed to the high court.

Recently the justice ruled against the IRS in both cases. The IRS had told the justices that there were 18 other cases, with more than \$2.3 million at stake, pending in court or administrative proceedings involving the same issue.

Justice Harry Blackmun dissented, joined by Justice William Brennan, Byron White and Thurgood Marshall. They said the IRS view was "reasonable" and "reading its own conception of desirable federal tax policy" into the law.

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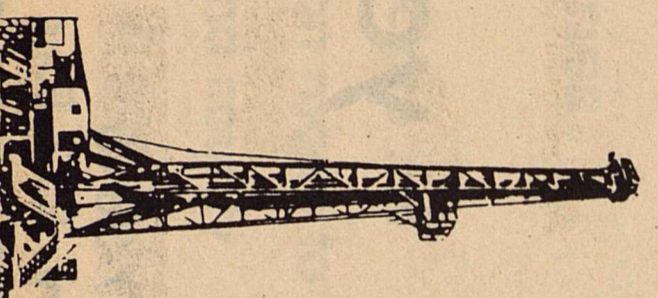
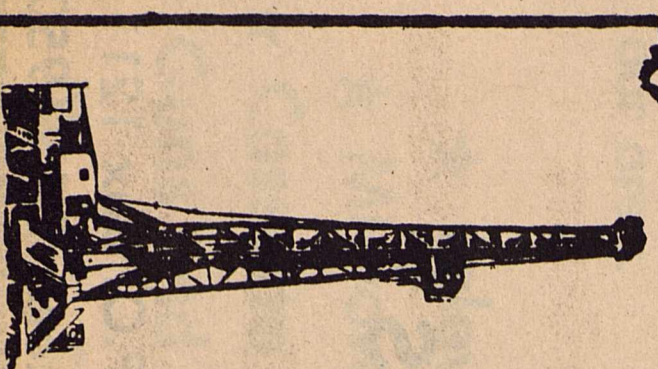
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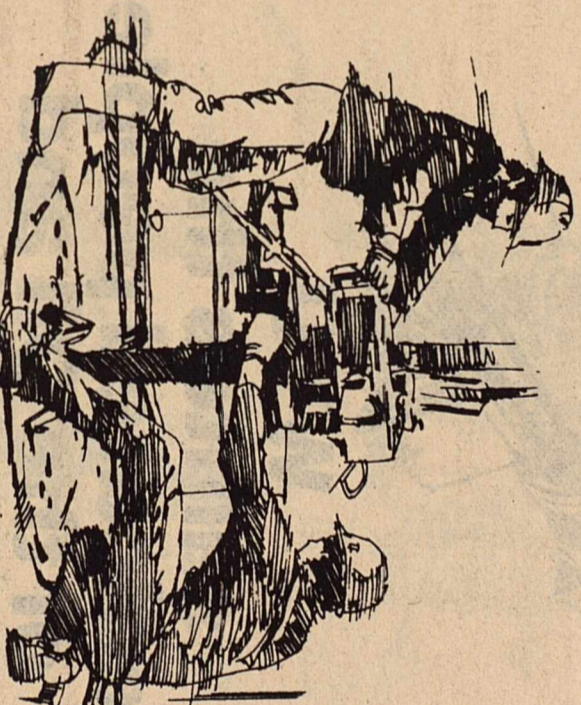
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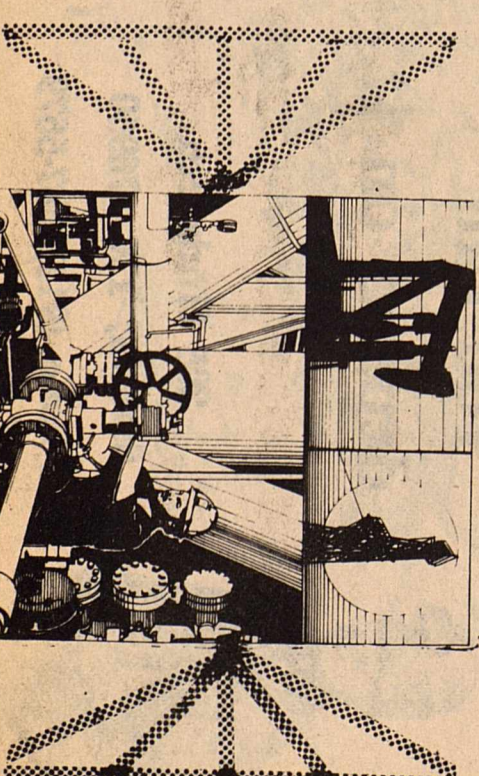
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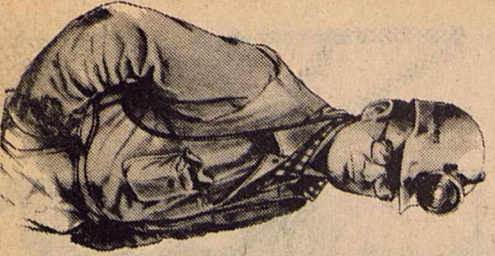
The Railroad Commission reported it issued, in the first six months of 1983, 88 drilling permits and the last six months of 1983 it issued 84. In the first six months of 1982 it issued 133 and the second six months 187 were issued. In the first six months of 1981 88 were issued and the second six months 106.

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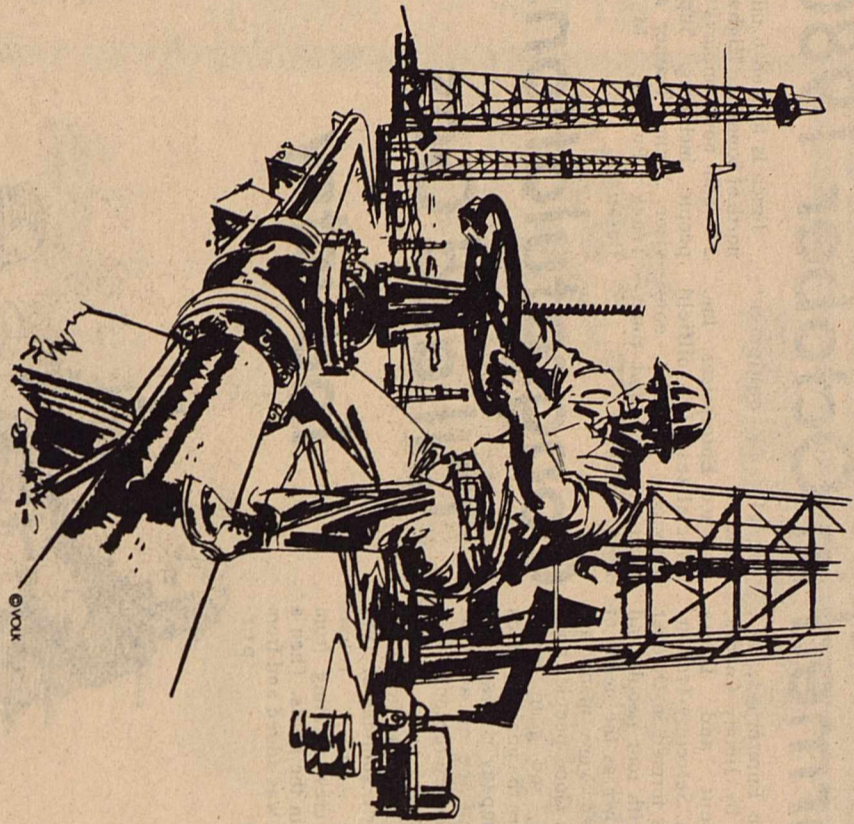
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Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace recently called on all of the state's gas utilities to give customers extra time to pay their December gas bill if they ask for it.

In a letter to the chief operating officers of some 60 gas utility companies in the state, Wallace said, "Texans across the state endured the severest winter weather in more than 50 years...because of the severity of the cold and the need to stay warm, some Texans may have difficulty in paying their December gas bills.

"I would recommend that customers who request extra time to pay their December gas bill be granted as much time as is reasonable," he continued. "Termination of service should be avoided whenever possible, especially during these potentially devastating winter months." Wallace observed that some utilities already have begun such procedures.

"This extra voluntary effort on your part would further demonstrate that Texans are willing to help each other in an emergency and in times of crisis," he said.

Wallace commended the utilities for implementing assistance programs to help prevent the cutoff of heat to elderly or needy customers. District Manager, Alan

"As I said last year, if such programs prevent any one illness or save any life, the benefits to the person, the company and society as a whole will be immeasurable," Wallace said.

Wallace also said that although periods of sustained, bitter cold demanded great supplies of natural gas no human needs customers were curtailed.

"During this winter crisis, excellent cooperation between all intrastate gas companies assured Texans that natural gas supplies flowed to residences, hospitals and nursing homes without interruption," he said.

Damson Oil Corp. purchases Amoco in 1983

Damson Oil Corporation, owned by Barry M. Damson of New York City, purchased Amoco in September 1983.

Management includes: President, Barry M. Damson; Executive Vice President, Bob Stafford and Senior Vice President Bill Ozuz, both of Houston. District Manager, Alan

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"Oil Flights" to launch into 1984

A nationwide emergency air transportation program designed to assist individuals in critical need of organ transplants was launched January 1, 1984 by a petroleum industry group underwriting the pilot project.

Known as Oil Industry Lifesaving Flights or OIL Flights, the program is the first formalized national effort to make corporate or chartered aircraft available for transplant-related purposes.

Under the program, the aircraft will be made available to transport organs, donors, recipients, or surgical teams who recover organs for numerous transplant centers in the United States.

The OIL Flights network is underwritten by a cross-section of companies engaged in oil and natural gas operations as well as firms which provide services to the petroleum industry.

The program is administered through a non-profit foundation of The Greater Houston Hospital Council and governed by a board composed of petroleum industry, hospital administration and medical representatives.

Serving as the board's chairman is J.B. Coffman, president and chief operating officer of Amhohl Inc., the energy subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. Garret R. Graham, president of the

Greater Houston Hospital Council, is the board's secretary.

Coffman, the program's founder, announced OIL Flights at a news conference in Houston.

With the development of new anti-rejection drugs, Coffman said, the medical community is making great strides in its efforts to successfully transplant organs. Yet, one critical and often limiting element of transplant programs is the timely transportation of the organ to the recipient.

"To help satisfy this humanitarian need," Coffman added, "many oil and gas companies and firms that provide services to the industry are offering their corporate aircraft, or alternatively, cash contributions to charter planes through the OIL Flights program."

The program is composed of 42 companies. Their participation provides a pool of 49 planes in 18 cities in 11 states from California to Florida and Texas to Illinois. Cash contributions will fund the chartering of planes where corporate aircraft are unavailable or where specialized life support systems are needed.

OIL Flights is intended to supplement existing transportation services, not to compete with existing local services.

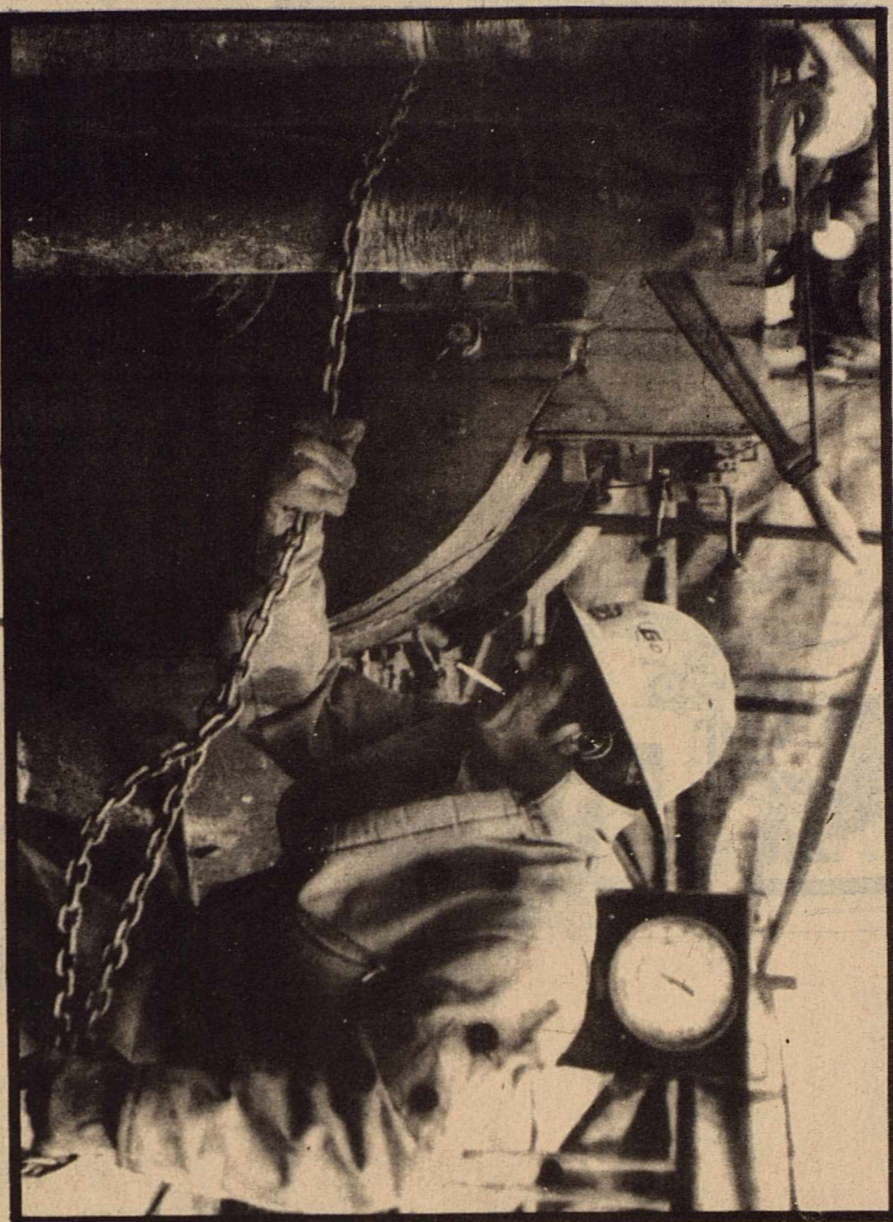
Coffman explained that

OIL Flights will maintain information on participating companies; the base of operations for their aircraft; and the characteristics of the planes, including speed, range and general geographic operating areas.

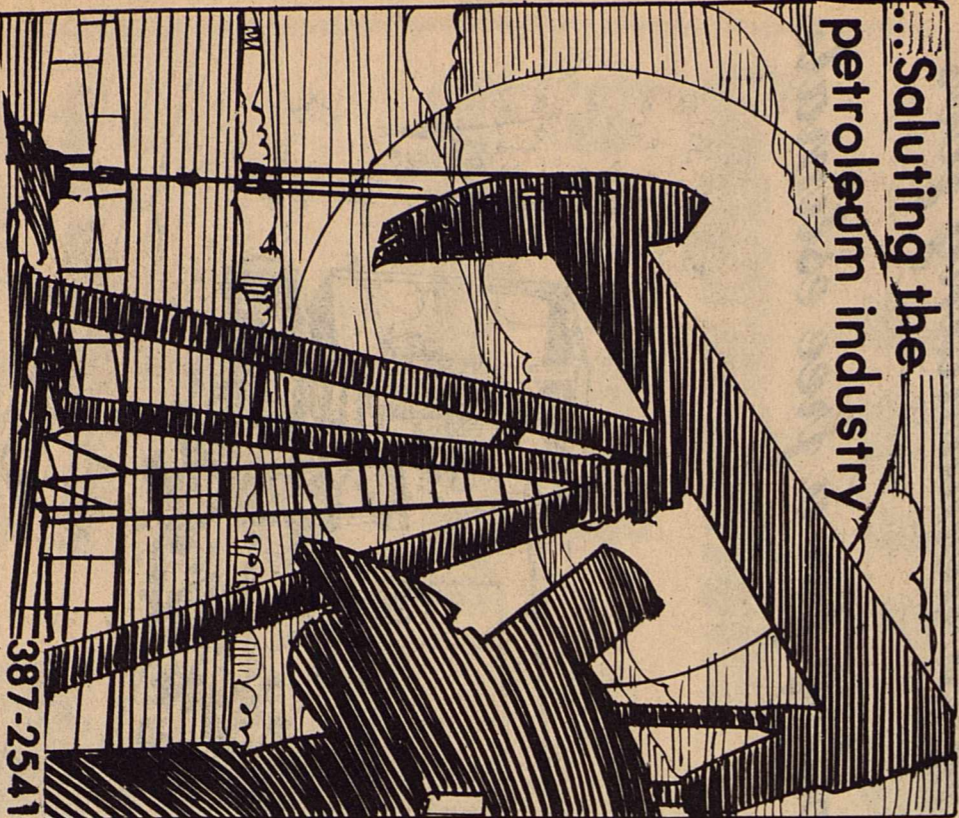
When a transplant center requests emergency transportation, the OIL Flights center in Houston makes the arrangements.

"The flights are offered on a charitable basis," Coffman said. "We believe OIL Flights will provide a valuable service, particularly to those individuals and families who may not have the financial resources to pay for transportation."

He hopes that, if the pilot program proves successful, more companies will join to help OIL Flights continue and expand. Additional companies were inquiring about participation in the time the news conference was held.



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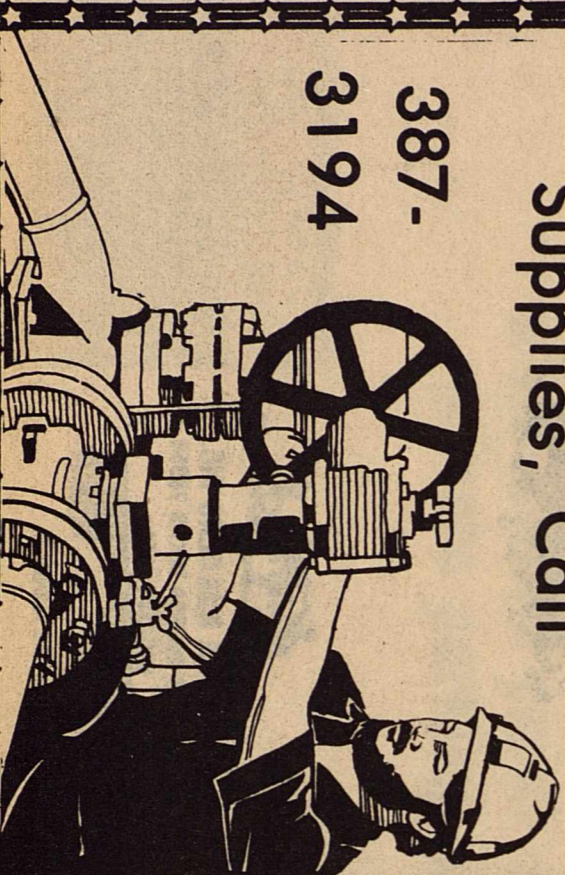
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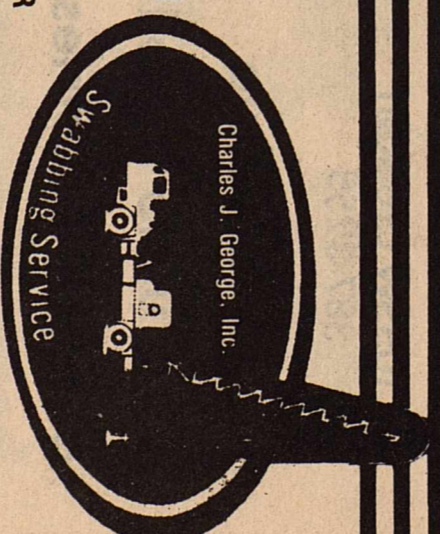
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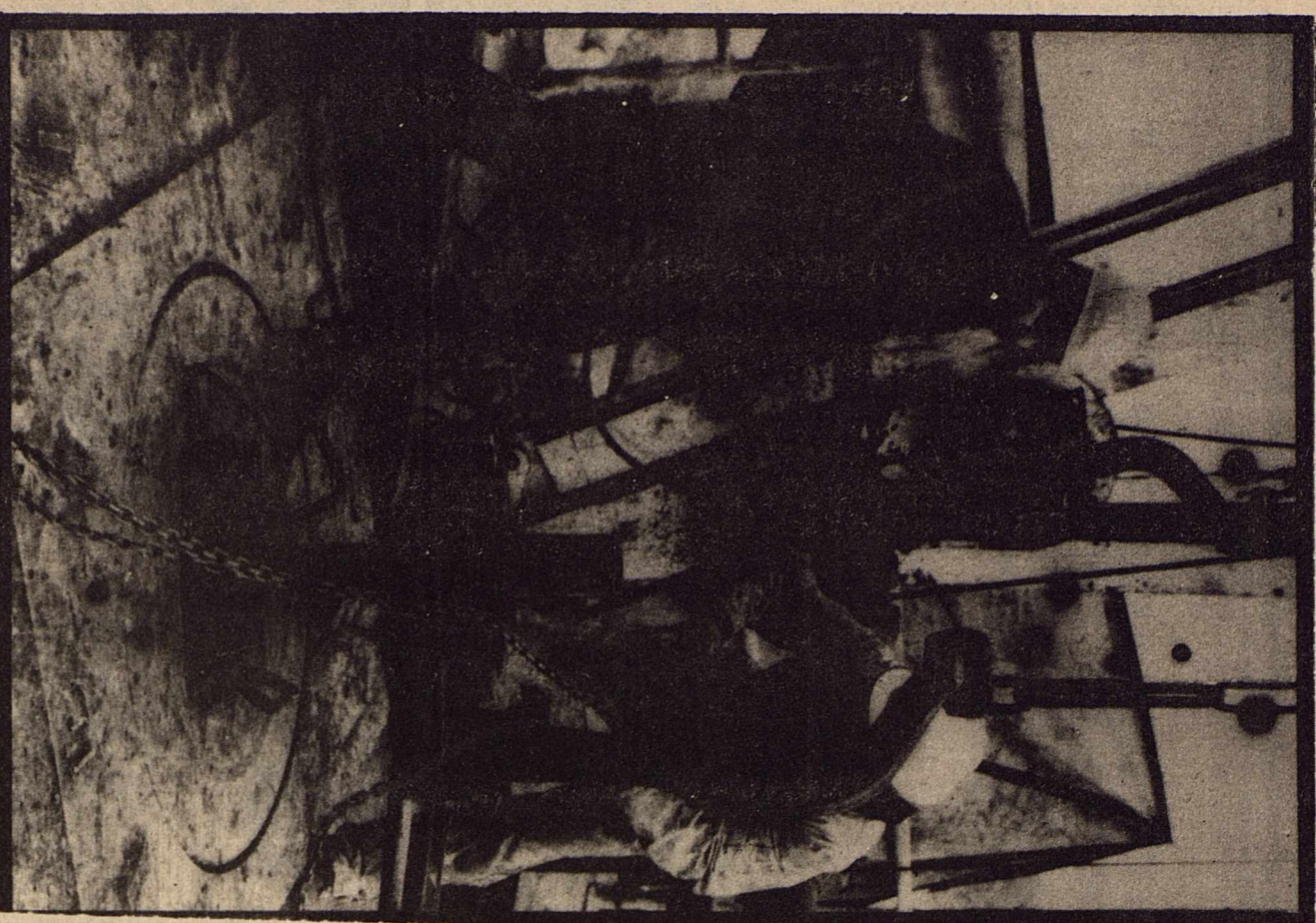
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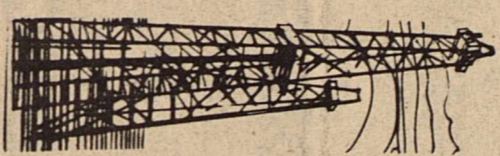


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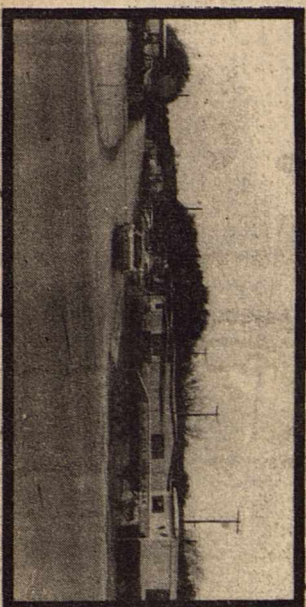
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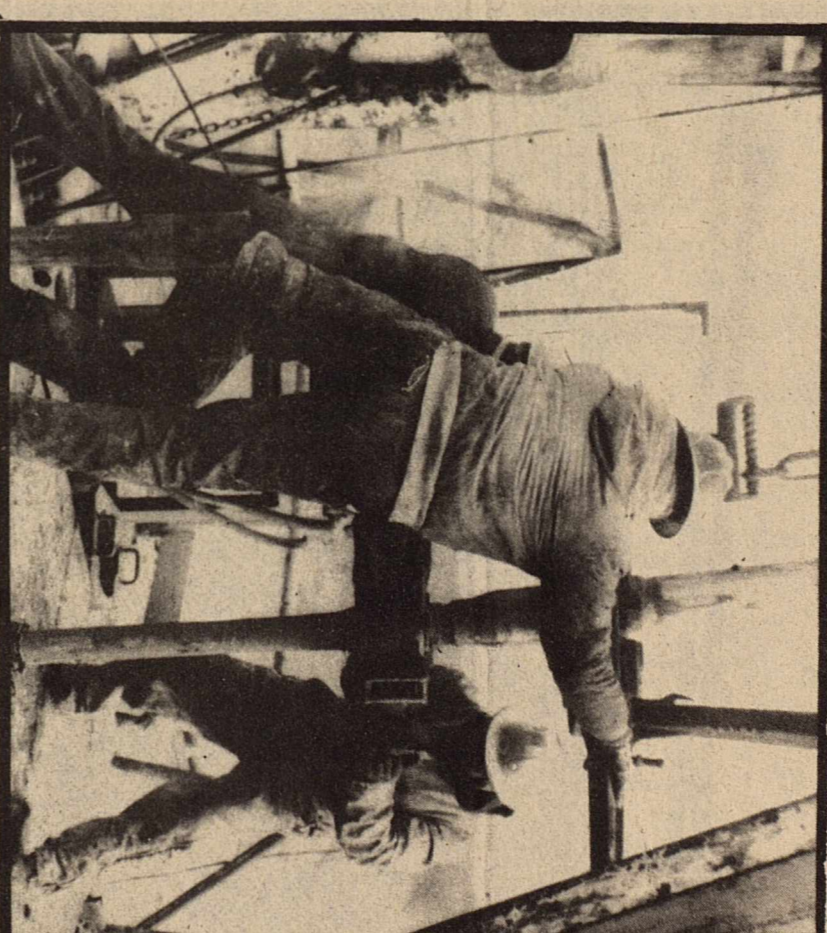
In her opinion, O'Connor said if the IRS ruling were upheld it would dramatically change the system of spreading the risks for underwriting oil and gas exploration.

If investment tax benefits were curtailed, because the depletion allowance could be deducted only from income tied directly to oil and gas production, rather than paid in advance and in early life of leases, she said landowners would demand other and possibly higher royalties.

This indirectly would steer investment dollars away from "development of the nation's energy reserves," O'Connor said.

In ruling against the IRS, O'Connor said Congress in the 1975 law wanted to increase domestic oil and gas production by small producers - and she said it would not at the same time have created "substantial economic disincentives" to that goal by undermining the depletion allowance tax break.

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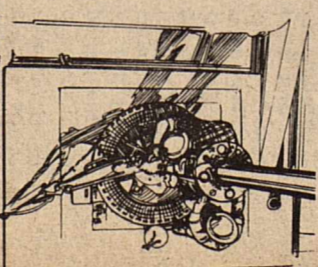


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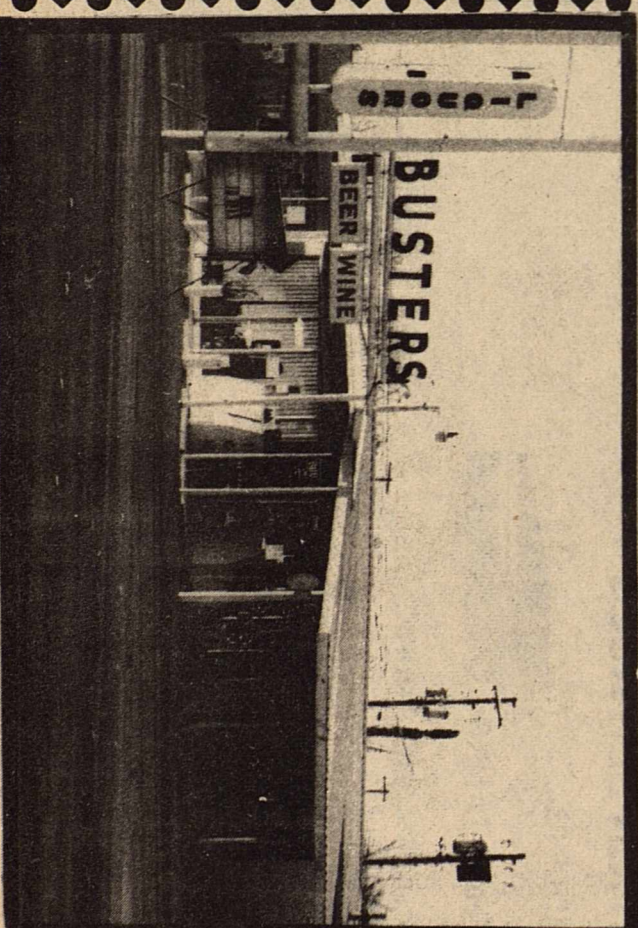
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Readjustment period hits oil and gas industry

By U. S. State Senator Bill Sims

The oil and gas industry is certainly going through a readjustment period. Following the depression in oil and gas prices.

The cause is history now, but it was a worldwide overproduction of petroleum products. When the OPEC groups started lowering their prices, it weakened the price in the United States and caused a large wave which went through the entire industry. People were forced out of business and the rest of them had to readjust to the down prices.

History has pointed out that every industry goes through readjustments, and this is certainly not the first the petroleum industry has experienced. However, it is probably one of the most devastating.

Now everyone must regroup and go forward with their various types of drilling and production programs. In the shortfall, I think this readjustment will continue. The latest news from the OPEC group is that they are maintaining their prices at close to what they were last year, which would pretty well lock in crude prices in the United States. There still seems to be a surplus of natural gas, so I would assume that gas prices will probably stay pretty close to what they are now, and there will still be as much of a

taining our sources of fresh water as we are because they, too, participate like both at the national and the state level, did not hurt the oil industry at all. I feel like the legislation passed in the State Legislature will help the industry. We tried to deal with getting payment made quicker from the oil companies to the royalty owners on new production.

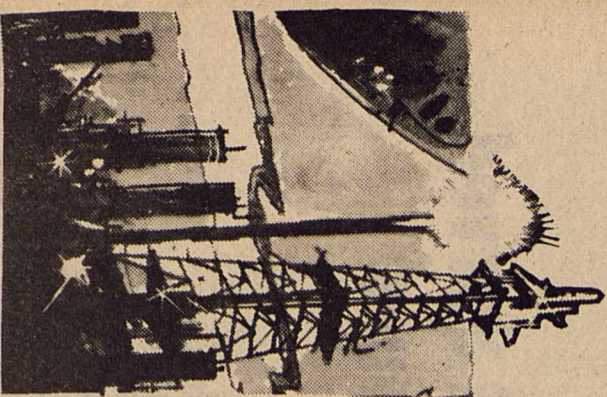
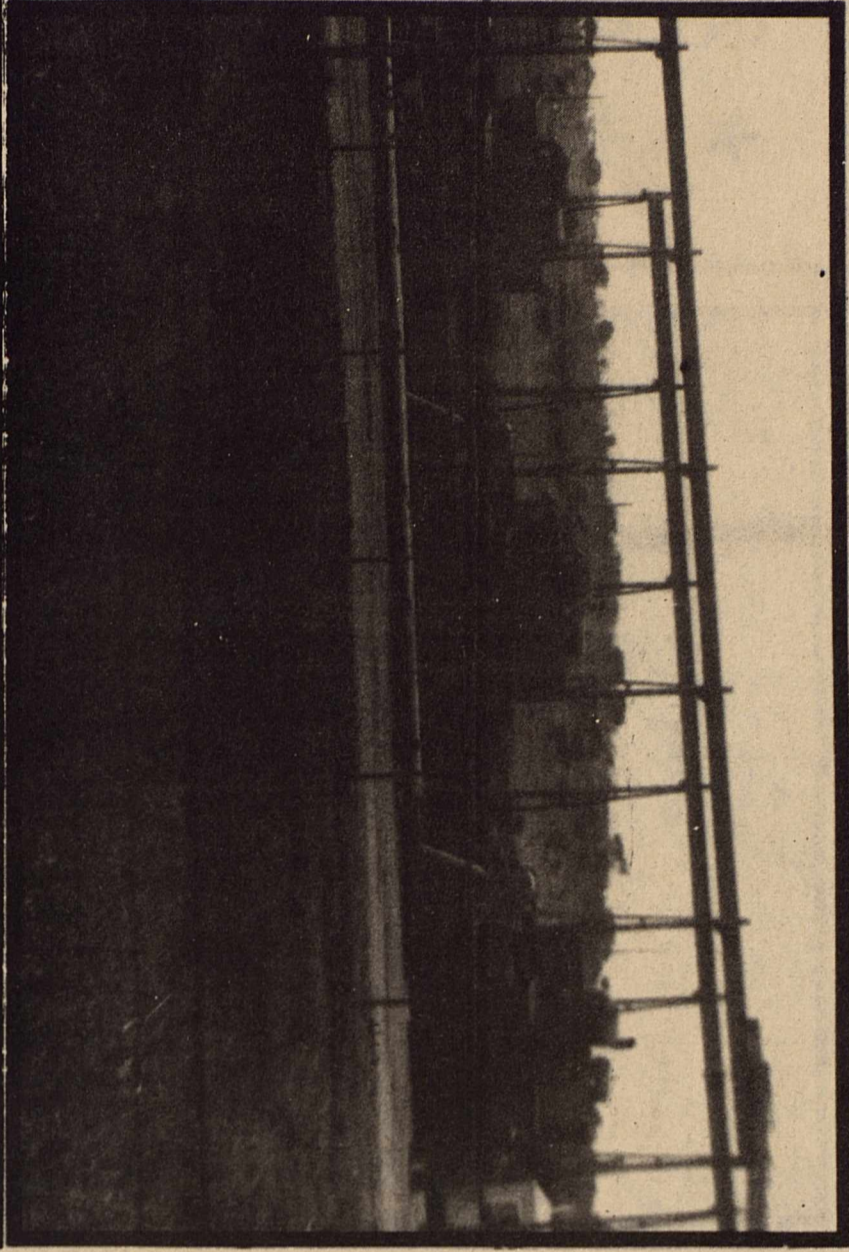
We also passed legislation which would provide for stiffer fines on oilfield theft. We did address the fresh water problem and the responsibility of the oil industry to look for fluids other than fresh water for use in secondary recovery. We also started a plugging fund which would hopefully allow the Railroad Commission to plug a bunch of old abandoned oil wells which are, in some instances, allowing salt water to get into the fresh water. The oil companies were as much in favor of this as anyone because anytime bad publicity comes out about salt water coming from an old oil well, it hurts the oil industry more than anyone else. If we can get more of these old wells plugged, it would benefit them as much as it does us.

During this last session I gained the knowledge that the oil companies are just as concerned about main-

tain our towns and communities, as well as the state coffers, and how dependent we are upon these contributions. The availability of this money can be seen in lots of our communities where they have such excellent schools and good economy and city buildings. We all must

remember to say thanks to the oil business because we do have these things, and we also have a very favorable tax structure because these people pay such a large part of the tax burden. In closing, I would like to say that the oil industry will hold its own this year. I feel like we could see some im-

provement, but again, we depend on worldwide oil of increase in petroleum prices. We all know that until we see a good increase, exploration will not pick back up as much as it was two or three years ago.



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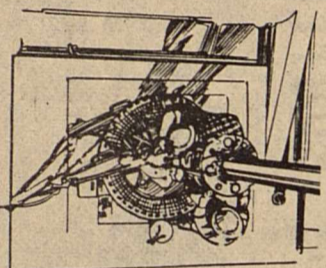
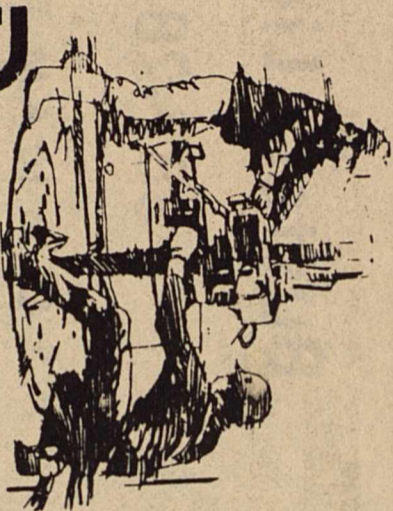
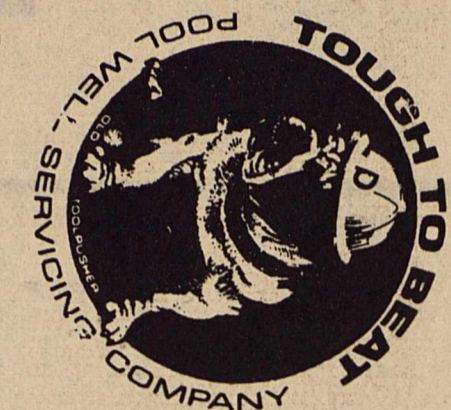
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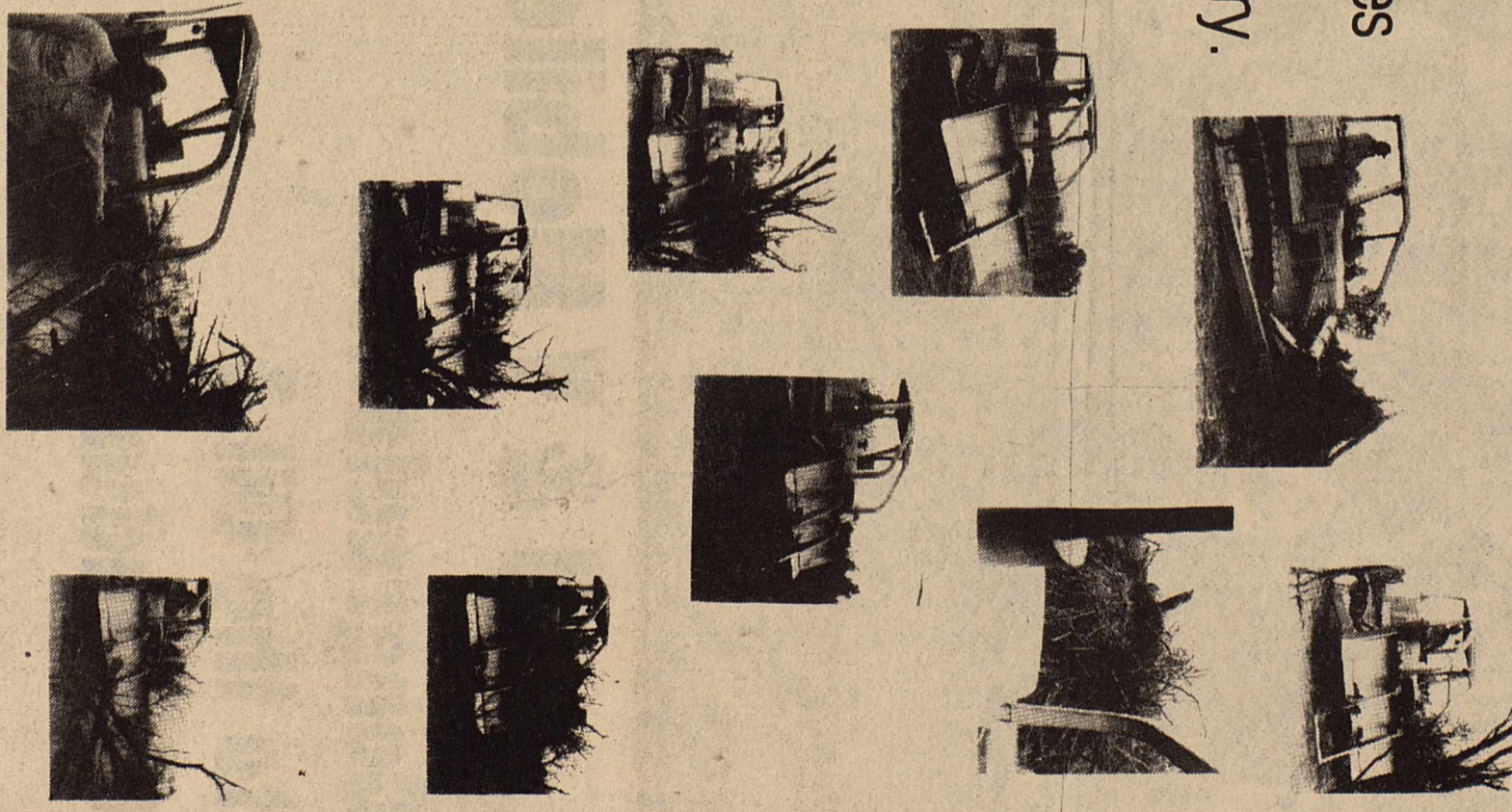
The land is sandy loam, and if the tracks happened to spin because of an extra large mesquite, they would dig "ruts". With foot pedal controls, I would merely back up and to the right so when I made the second approach the dozer would not pitch forward—it was repositioned out of the ruts. This could not have been possible using hand levers.

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