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Weather watch

DATE	HI	Lo	Rain
17	89	29	0
18	95	45	0
19	95	48	0
20	99	49	0
21	78	40	0
22	86	59	0
23	86	41	0

compiled by Pat Brown

Jennings and Miller advance to Regional tennis doubles

The District 6-3A Tennis meet was held April 16th and 17th at Crane, Texas. All Sonora teams played well and brought home several medals and a trophy.

The Varsity team brought back 2nd place overall. The doubles team of Larry Jennings and Miles Miller won first place.

Jennings and Miller first defeated L. Holguin and R. Workman of Crane 6-0, 6-4, in the quarter finals.

Next in the semi-final match Jennings and Miller defeated Ozona's Diego Leal and James Fierro 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

In the finals they defeated the number one team of the tournament from Crane of J. Tovar and E. Garcia 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Jennings and Miller will represent our school at regional in Odessa April 30 and May 1.

The Varsity Singles players from Sonora just missed reaching the finals as both players lost in the Semi's in split sets.

Darryl Moore from Sonora was the #1 seed of the Tournament. He blew by Andel Wagner of Ozona 6-2, 6-0 in the quarters. In the semi's he lost a squeaker to John Williams of Crane 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Williams

eventually won the final.

Drew Wallace of Sonora was Sonora's second entry. He defeated Russel Winkley of Ozona in the quarters 6-1, 6-4 and lost the semi match to Cranes Angel Rodriguez 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a thrilling match.

Wallace then defeated Darryl Moore of Sonora in the 3rd place match 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. The Sonora players also played an exciting 3rd place match.

The second doubles entry in the Boys Varsity doubles for Sonora was the team of Matt Miller and Todd Phillips. They won their first match where they easily defeated Keilers and Moran of Ozona 6-2, 6-4. Miller and Phillips then dropped the next match to Colorado City's first team 5-7, 7-6, 6-4. The match was a close one and at times it looked as if Sonora would pull it off.

The Sonora J.V. tennis team brought back the overall team championship trophy from Crane. All Sonora entries accumulated points for win.

Number one seeded Rene Ramirez from Sonora proved to be deserving of the seed.

He first blew by M. Sellers of Ozona 6-0, 6-0. Ramirez then won the final by defeating Bobby Heredia of Crane 7-5, 6-2.

Sonora's 2nd singles entry was Chris Artiaga. He won 3rd place in the tourney.

Artiaga first beat Chris Dunn of Ozona 6-4, 6-0 then lost to Heredia of Crane 1-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the Semi's. Artiaga took the 3rd place match by defeating Jaime Moore of Colorado City 6-1, 6-4.

Sonora's team of Wayland Tyler and Shannon Turner won 1st place in the tournament through excellent volleying, placement and consistency. This team was the only one that played an extra match. They started in first round and not in the quarters. They still managed to do the job. In first round action Tyler and Turner defeated Beasley and Foster of Ozona 6-1, 6-1. In quarter final action they defeated Crane's number ones Williams and Weir 1-6, 6-1, 6-4.

In semi-final action Tyler and Turner disposed of Colorado City's White and Rasche 6-0, 6-2. In the finals Tyler-Turner beat Crane's #2's 6-1, 6-4, for the Gold.

The other Sonora entry won third place and gave Sonora extra points. They were Joe Will Ross and Doug Martin. In the Semi's the duo lost to Murphy and Patel 6-4, 6-2 of Crane. Ross and Martin blasted White and Rasche of Colorado City 6-0, 6-2 for a 3rd place.



Save the tree

BY CAROL JONES

If you had a large and very old oak tree in your yard, would you allow people to put signs and numerous nails in that tree? The answer in 99 percent of the cases would probably be "no".

However, every week various citizens of Sonora and Sutton County nail signs and posters to the beautiful oak tree on the corner of Oak and Water Streets.

One concerned citizen in the city expressed a very strong dislike to the number of nails that are being used to deface this tree.

We all know this tree. It stands at the corner of the United States Post Office and is probably older than any person in the area.

In conjunction with the area clean-up campaign slated to get underway officially April 28, possibly some individual or civic organization would be willing to have a fund-raising project to purchase a community bulletin board. This board could be placed in a location frequented by almost all of the local residents.

It seems necessary to have a place where persons can put announcements and notices, but it should not be at the expense of a local landmark.

Anyone with any ideas concerning this matter may contact a member of the Sonora Industrial Commission Committee or send a letter to the editor of the Devil's River News.

Remember that all "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and must not contain slanderous or libelous remarks.

They found the beef

Our newest contest, "Where's the Beef?" was a huge success last week with three winners claiming their tickets as soon as the papers hit the newstand. Tickets to the Sutton County Bull Riding Classic were awarded to Thomas Adkins, Bubba Smith and Pat Campbell, all before 10 a.m. Wednesday morning!

Because of the fact that two of our winners worked at the same business, we have decided to revise our rules to allow more people to have a chance to win a ticket to the upcoming bull riding event.

The object of the contest is still the same... You must be able to find and identify the exact location of the Lucky Bucking Bull in this week's paper. You must appear in person to proclaim this fact to the employees of the Devil's River News, but instead of instantly being awarded a ticket to the Bull Riding Classic, your name will go into a hat. Drawing for the ticket winners will be done each week on Friday at 1 p.m.

We realize that all these rules and regulations are confusing for our readers, but we would like to give more people a fair chance to win a free ticket to the rodeo.

So if you can find that (sneaky) lucky bull, come on by and show us where you found him, and you will be eligible to win of the three tickets we will be giving away this week.

"Wheels for Life" route mapped

Sonora's "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon is scheduled to be held Saturday, April 28, 1984 at 8 a.m.

The route will start at the parking lot in front of the Methodist Church, go down Poplar Street and out on the Miers Road.

The route will be five miles out. Anyone that wants to ride further, can lap back to the starting point and rerun the same route. Check points will be stationed at intervals for the riders to check in.

The Sponsor firms for riders may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office, at the school, the GTE office, the Devil's River News and the Commercial News office.

All funds obtained from the bike-a-thon will go to St. Jude's Hospital. Any other information can be obtained at the chamber office.

This will not only be for a good cause, but a lot of fun, so come on and join in this Bike-a-thon.



Newly sworn in 112th Judicial District Judge Brock Jones, Jr. was the guest of honor at a reception held Thursday in the district courtroom of Sutton County Courthouse.

Judge Jones was greeted warmly by Sutton County employees. He is pictured above being greeted by Justice of the Peace Herman Moore.

Judge Jones reception held

Newly appointed 112th Judicial District Judge Brock Jones Jr. of Ozona was the guest of honor at a reception in the District Courtroom of the Sutton County Courthouse.

County employees from all offices attended the reception and each was introduced by County Judge Charles Sherrill.

Among those in attendance were Sutton County Commissioners Billy Galbreath, Juan Carlos Gonzales and Bill Wade, also Sheriff Bill Webster, Chief of Police

Brent Gesch, and Justice of the Peace Herman Moore.

Representing the Sutton County Democratic Party was chairman Vivian Mearns and Republican County Chairman John Tedford.

Hostesses for the reception were Erma Lee Turner, County Clerk; and deputies Betty Hernandez and Senior Crenwelge.

Other county employees present included Tax/Assessor/Collector Ann Hill, County Auditor Charles Graves, and Jan Davis, Sutton County Probation Officer.

Open forum introduces District Attorney candidates

BY ELIZABETH ALLEN

The 1984 "Meet the Candidates" program was held last week. The program's purpose is to give local constituents a chance to hear their candidates speak and to ask them questions.

"Meet the Candidates" is sponsored by the Ozona Women's League, a division of the League of Women Voters, and serving as Master of Ceremonies was Sherry Scott.

Among the speakers present were District Attorney Candidates J.W. Johnson and Bill Mason.

Speaking first of the two was J.W. Johnson. Mr. Johnson pointed out that in his opinion, under the present administration there was far too much plea-bargaining, that there were over 200 cases pending in the district court, and emphasized the importance of exercising some measure of compassion in first-time offense cases.

It's very important that you don't adopt a hardcore stance toward all people who come before you," Johnson stated.

Johnson believes in treating juvenile offenders with

ease and understanding as well as using one's best judgement in deciding a just punishment.

In closing, Johnson reminded the audience that there are four murder cases alone pending in Sutton and Crockett counties.

It was then Bill Mason's turn to speak. Answering Johnson's statements on the four murder cases, he replied that in all four pending cases, the defendants were in prison and should they be released, the court had other cases on them.

Mason went on to talk about the drug traffic operations he helped get going. It took a year and a half to really start, he said, because of lack of manpower, organization, staff, and buy-money, \$3500 of which Mason said came out of his own pocket. Yet the success rate so far has been admirable, and the law enforcement agents have apprehended about 88 people in drug cases in this district. More than \$200,000 of stolen oil-field equipment has been recovered in the past three years in this district.

Mason is a member of various law associations as well as the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club.

In May 5 Primary

Absentee voting underway

Absentee voting in the May 5 Primary is now in progress at the County Clerk's office in Sutton County courthouse.

Not only will this election be a critical one at the national level, but also closer to home in the 112th Judicial District race between incumbent Bill Mason and Sutton County Attorney J.W. Johnson.

On the local level, several persons are involved in the political races now underway.

County Commissioner Precinct 1, Miguel (Mike) Villanueva is opposed in his bid for re-election by Ed Carrasco on the Democratic ballot, and by Donald

Patton on the Republican ballot.

Precinct 3 incumbent Commissioner Billy Galbreath is opposed in the election by Bill Keel and Tony Renfro.

In the County offices, Sheriff W.W. (Bill) Webster is running unopposed as is County Tax Assessor/Collector Ann Hill.

Any person who will not be able to appear in person at the polls on Saturday, May 5, is urged to vote absentee in this election. Absentee ballots may be cast during regular business hours at the courthouse Monday through Friday.



Everyone enjoys a good Easter egg hunt. Children of all ages participated in hunting Easter eggs, collecting them in many various containers for safekeeping until the time to count the oval treasures drew near. Our

photographer caught these children in action during an Easter egg hunt on the courthouse lawn. (DRN Photo...KKN)

Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 25, 1984
 Defensive Driving Course
 7-10 p.m. Jr. High Snack Bar
 Applications for Summer Youth Program taken
 10:30 a.m. Sonora High School Auditorium

Thursday, April 26, 1984
 Defensive Driving Course
 7-10 p.m. Jr. High Snack Bar

Saturday, April 28, 1984
 St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon
 8:00 Methodist Church Parking Lot.

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Funds available

The Concho Valley Council of Governments has announced the availability of \$19,000 federal funds under the Older Americans Act to provide services for the elderly within the 13 county planning and service area.

Funds will be awarded based on pre-applications due May 1, according to Bob Weaver, Executive Director of CVOG.

Funds may be utilized to provide a variety of supportive social services and nutrition services to the elderly, including transportation, outreach, recre-

ation, residential repair and renovation, counseling, chore maintenance and homemaker services, home health aide services, telephone reassurance, emergency response centers and both congregational and home delivered meals.

Eligible applicants include units of local governments, governmental agencies, and private non-profit agencies.

Interested parties should contact the CVOG Aging Services Department for further information and pre-application.

Mauro praises Bentsen

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro today criticized efforts made in Washington to alter the tax-exempt status of the Veterans Land Program and praised Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle for their efforts to protect the program.

"All Texans need to be aware of the tremendous fight waged in Washington this week by Sen. Bentsen and Rep. Pickle to protect the interests of our Texas veterans," Mauro said.

Mauro, who serves as Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, said the board had passed a resolution at the monthly meeting Thursday commending Sen. Bentsen and Rep. Pickle for the fine work they have done in gaining an exemption for the Veterans Land Program in the Senate tax bill and protecting our tax-exempt bond status.

"It should be understood that the battle to protect our land program and our housing program is not yet over," Mauro emphasized. "We intend to closely monitor this tax bill legislation in Washington and will take whatever actions are necessary to ensure that both the Veterans Land Program and the Veterans Housing Assistance Program remain unchanged and intact."

"Apparently there are people in Washington who have chosen to ignore the sacrifices our veterans have made and to deprive them of the benefits they have earned."

"Though faced with an uphill battle of broken pro-

Dickerson rites held Thursday

Lloyd Harmon Dickerson, 77, of Sonora, died Monday evening April 16, in Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Sonora with Rev. J. Clifton Hancock officiating.

Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Dickerson was born March 26, 1906, in Langley, Arkansas. He was married to Pauline Williams June 1, 1927 in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. He was a dry cleaner and a member of Locksburg, Arkansas Baptist Church. He moved to Sonora in January of 1984.

Survivors include his wife of Sonora, a daughter and son-in-law Jan and Don Grider of Sonora; one son, Lloyd H. "Sonny" Dickerson Jr. of Sonora; one brother, Floyd Dickerson of Iowa Park; three sisters, Cora Foster, Jewel Babbitt, and Goldie Smedley, all of Glenwood, Arkansas; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Pallbearers were: Rex Mitchell, Jeff Mitchell, Mark Holt, John Brown, Timmie Harlow, and Rodney Oliver.

Farrell named Mattox's chief

Attorney General Jim Mattox has announced the appointment of H. Clyde Farrell as the new chief of Mattox's Consumer Protection Division.

Farrell, 35, replaces Ronnie Luna as chief. Luna recently was named to the Texas Employment Commission.

"Clyde has an excellent background in consumer law that will be a big plus for our Consumer Protection Division," Mattox said. "He's aggressive and talented—just the kind of tough lawyer I want to lead this important division."

Mattox also has named Ron Wilcox as director of consumer education for the Attorney General's office. Wilcox, 34, will begin his new job with several specific projects, including a new program aimed at helping members of the public select a nursing home.

Farrell, the new division chief, who grew up in Temple, was an active consumer advocate before he joined the Attorney General's staff in 1983. He and Paul Kens collaborated to write Buying, Renting, and Borrowing: the Rules of the Game, a summary of Texas consumer laws writ-

ten for non-lawyers, and while he was in private practice he specialized in consumer law.

In addition to his pro-consumer legal background Farrell worked for Texas Rural Legal Aid in South Texas providing legal services to people who would have otherwise been unable to afford it.

Previously, Farrell was one of the two assistant chiefs in the division. His main responsibility was

EMS Report

April 8--Unit 100 transferred patient to San Angelo.

April 9--Unit 100 responded to Carruth Ranch for a man fallen from horse.

April 9--Unit 100 transferred a patient to San Angelo.

April 11--Unit 100 transferred patient from ranch to hospital then back home.

April 12--Unit 100 responds to a residence for a lady has fallen.

April 12--Unit 100 transferred patient to San Angelo.

April 16--Unit 100 transferred patient from ranch to Dr. Taylor's and back home.

April 19--Unit 101 responds to airport for a sick call.

Walling completes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Randale L. Walling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walling of Eldorado has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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

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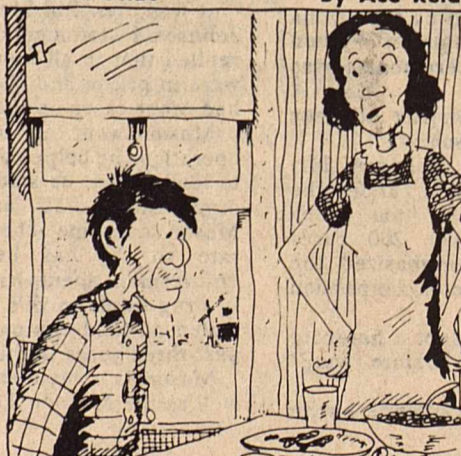
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Cecil Westerman Would Like To Be Your Pharmacist

Tom Loeffler reports from Washington

As the budget debate continues, it becomes increasingly apparent that the Congress could approve a budget for fiscal year 1985 that will - even with the deficit downpayment - contain a deficit in excess of \$175 billion, thus adding further to a national debt which now totals over \$1 trillion.

Throughout history, few issues have been as urgent or important as the continuing inability of Congress to responsibly address the issue of deficit spending. For, although we have laid a good foundation for economic prosperity through passage of the Economic Recovery Program of budget reductions and tax cuts, continued huge deficits could short circuit the strong recovery now underway.

In recent years, the national debt has exploded. At the beginning of 1968, the total debt from our nation's first 192 years of existence was \$350 billion. By 1978, the year I was elected to Congress, the debt had doubled. Since then it has doubled again, this time in only five years.

Because Congress does not have the will to control

deficit spending, the American people have sought relief by urging that an amendment be added to the Constitution requiring a balanced budget.

Under Article V, there are two procedures for amending the U.S. Constitution. Under the only procedure used in our history, Congress considers, passes, and submits a proposed amendment to the states for ratification. If ratified by three quarters of the states, the amendment becomes a part of the Constitution. This has proven to be a responsive and orderly procedure on 26 occasions.

An amendment mandating a balanced budget, which has my strong support, has been introduced. The House considered the amendment on the last legislative day of the 97th Congress but was unable, with a 236-187 vote, to reach the two-thirds majority needed to send the amendment to the states for ratification. It is not expected that the House of Representatives will consider the balanced budget amendment this year.

The second procedure for amending the Constitution requires the convening of a full constitutional

convention whose scope and authority are not defined or limited by our Constitution. If 34 states submit valid petitions to Congress for a convention, it must be convened. Any and all amendments that are considered and passed by such a convention are then forwarded to the states for ratification.

In May, 1983, Missouri became the 32nd of 34 states needed to petition Congress for a convention to draft an amendment requiring that the federal government maintain a balanced budget. Strong efforts to petition Congress are currently underway in seven other states.

Hence, the time allotted Congress to consider this important constitutional question may be brief.

Constitutional experts have expressed concern about a constitutional convention, because there is little or no historical or constitutional guidance as to its proper powers and scope. The Constitution does not spell out, for example, how delegates are to be chosen, who the delegates should be, what time limits should be set for debate, how such a convention would be funded, or what issues would be debated.

The only precedent we have for a constitutional convention took place in Philadelphia in 1787. That convention historians tell us, broke every legal restraint designed to limit its power and agenda. So, without proper guidelines, a constitutional convention, according to many constitution scholars, could even go so far as rewriting the entire constitution which has served our nation and made us a model of democracy in the modern world.

While I do not believe such a possibility exists, I do believe that procedures limiting a constitutional convention must be adopted. At present, legislation is now before the House that would permit Congress to debate that issue.

As a long-time supporter of the balanced budget amendment, I am hopeful that the Congress will meet its responsibility and pass the amendment so that it can be sent to the States for ratification. But I also believe that the Congress must begin to consider how best to conduct a constitutional convention. Otherwise events may overtake Congress and the decision will be out of our hands.

Red Cross Swimming lessons to begin May 7

It is that time of year again when we begin to think of swimming and swim lessons. Melissa Teaff, Water Safety Director, has the dates set and is looking forward to a good session.

Advanced Lifesaving is a two week course, beginning May 7, and will continue through May 16. It will be held at the pool during the hours of 4 p.m.-6 p.m. This is a little different from past years. Melissa Teaff and Carole Hamilton will be directing this course. You must be 15 years old or older and a strong swimmer. If you have any questions or wish to sign up, call Melissa

at 387-2773. The Advanced Lifesaving course is free.

The "Learn to Swim" program will be held June 4 - June 8 at the pool. Children must be 5 years old or older. Registration will be Saturday, June 2 between the hours of 9 a.m.-11 a.m. For registration the child must come prepared for a water test, so we may put them in the appropriate class. If your child received a certification card last year, please bring it to the registration. The lessons are free, but a pool fee of \$2.50 is required. If you have any questions, call Melissa at 387-2773.

Sen Tower to support drug act

U.S. Senator John Tower (R-Texas) recently joined in sponsoring legislation to make it easier to convict drug dealers.

The Drug Money Seizure Act would allow law enforcement officials to track more effectively drug traffickers who transfer funds to off-shore banks. The bill also stiffens penalties for violations of U.S. tax laws and the Bank Secrecy Act.

"Off-shore bank accounts are the backbone to many major drug operations. Operating under current banking laws, drug dealers conceal up to \$40 billion a year in these off-shore banks. This bill would allow more scrutiny of these accounts and make the drug business less profitable for large-scale drug dealers," Tower said.

This legislation includes three major provisions: It would enable the Treasury Department to review systematically all cash, wire and other transfers to off-shore banks used to launder and conceal drug money. This also would make it easier to identify drug dealers.

It would raise substantially the penalty for financial institutions and their employees who willfully violate reporting of transfers.

This bill also provides for a similar fine to all other individuals who violate laws governing transfer of funds to off-shore banks.

"I urge the Senate to act favorably on this bill designed to enhance our enforcement against the illegal drug business," Tower said.

School Cafeteria Menu

Breakfast	Lunch	Thursday, May 3	Friday, May 4
Monday, April 30	Monday, April 30	Baked Turkey/ Gravy Macaroni & Cheese Cole Slaw Sliced Bread Strawberry Cake Milk	Pizza Baked Beans Tossed Salad Ice Cream Milk
Grape Juice Cinnamon Toast Milk	Tacos Pinto Beans Lettuce/Tomatoes Cinnamon Roll Milk		
Tuesday, May 1	Tuesday, May 1		
Grape Juice Cheese Toast Milk	Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Broccoli Casserole Hot Rolls Peach Cobbler Milk		
Wednesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 2		
Grape Juice Blueberry Muffin Milk	Baked Ham Fried Okra Carrot & Raisin Salad Hot Rolls Applesauce Milk		
Thursday, May 3	Thursday, May 3		
Grape Juice Cereal Milk			
Friday, May 4	Friday, May 4		
Grape Juice Sausage Biscuits/Jelly Milk			

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Lorri French Lynn Duckworth Barry Graves Lora Lea Kordzik Lee Ann Sims	Anita Balch Rebecca Powers Karla Jungk	FRESHMEN	ALL A's
ALL A's AND 1 B	SOPHOMORES	Karen Shaffer Kristin Keel Kelly Cahill Carrie Cox Steve Love	
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SENIORS	ALL A's		
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ALL A's AND 1 B			
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Golf weekends full

Due to the Sonora golf course being full on weekends, the board of directors of the Golf Association have requested that no single play or twosomes be started between 12 noon and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Home-away-from-home to be expanded soon

Your home-away-from-home in Dallas is being expanded and they need your help.

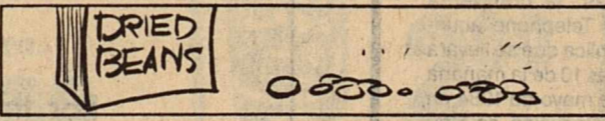
The members of families who have relatives in hospitals in Dallas and who would like to stay at the House has increased to such an extent that they are planning to add ten bedrooms and other additional living space. Construction should begin in June and they have begun their fund raising efforts. Together we can open wider the doors to "The House That Love Built" and welcome others into our extended family.

Contributions can be mailed to: Children's Oncology Services of Texas, Inc., 5642 Lee Hall Drive, Dallas, Texas 75235.

Or you may make checks payable to Children's Oncology Services of Texas and send them to: Smith Neal, 304 College, Sonora, Texas 76950 or Primo Gonzales, Jr., 408 Santa Clara, Sonora, Texas 76950.



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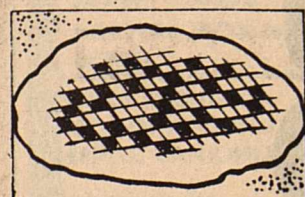
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"We are very fortunate to have MHM as part of our health care team. In conjunction with our psychiatrists, MHM's staff of social workers, psychologists and occupational therapists join St. John's nursing staff in providing treatment on an interactive rather than a custodial basis," Camp said.

Lynn Bennett Sharp, M.S. is manager of St. John's 24-bed in-patient psychiatric program, which is under the clinical direction of Dr. Charles Bray, a board certified psychiatrist. Dr. John Pack is associate clinical director.

"The treatment program is designed to provide emergency and short-term acute treatment to persons 13 years of age and older," Mrs. Sharp said. "Both medical and psychological assessments are offered in order to meet individualized treatment needs. A daily regimen of intensive group and individual psychotherapy are supplemented by treatment which may include individual and family therapy, patient education and activities therapy," Mrs. Sharp said.

"We think that the program developed by MHM will provide optimum benefit to the patient and his/her family. MHM has a proven record of providing quality patient care, and St. John's is pleased to expand its mental health care services," Camp said.

Based in McLean, Virginia, MHM manages mental health and alcoholism treatment units in a variety of settings throughout the United States.

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BPBA gives energy report

The United States House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee has approved legislation extending price controls on natural gas for the next two years. In effect, the bill, sponsored by Representatives Thomas Tauke (R-Iowa) and Phil Sharp (D-Indiana), would freeze gas prices for two years, outlaw indefinite price escalators in contracts and cut pipelines' take or pay obligations to 50 percent.

The vote was 22 in favor and 20 against the bill.

Eighteen amendments were offered, but all were defeated by the same vote.

The Natural Gas Supply Association warned that the bill would cost producers \$32.9 billion by 1990. The Association said that it would result in 12,000-22,000 fewer gas wells during that period and lower reserves of 10-19 trillion cubic feet.

The Interior Department estimated it would cost the U.S. Treasury \$3.7 billion in lost royalties over the next three years.

Congressman Bill Richardson (D-New Mexico) led the fight against the gas recontrol bill. Richardson said, "the legislation is designed to bail out four pipelines at the expense of the producing segment. Both producers and consumers would forever be held captive to pipeline monopoly power." He added, "The effect on new gas drilling would be immediate and chilling. Future gas shortages will come a lot sooner than anyone realizes under this bill."

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association is strongly opposed to the Tauke-Sharp natural gas recontrol bill.

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Persons wishing to enroll should first come to the Admissions and Records Office in the Administration Building on campus. Requirements for admission include an official high school and/or college transcript or a GED.

For further information, contact the Public Information Office at 915-235-8441, ext. 278.

Miss Sutton County to compete in Odessa

The 13th annual Miss West Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant will be held April 27-28 & 29 in Odessa. The Pageant will be held in the Ballroom of the Centre/Holiday Inn Holidome, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Lee Ann Sims, daughter of Martha Sims, is a contestant in the Pageant. Miss Sims' local sponsors include: First National Bank of Sonora, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sutton County National Bank, Sutton County Historical Society, Sutton County Days Association and the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Lee Ann has the honor of being Miss Sutton County, for 1983-84. She is a senior honor student, a member of the National Honor Society, Senior Class Favorite, Candidate for Lion's Club Queen, and will graduate with High Honors this year.

The winner of the West Texas Teen-Ager Pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a full four year tuition scholarship worth over \$10,000 to Oklahoma City University, a full tuition modeling scholarship from Barbizon of Dallas, color portrait by pageant photographer, an official tiara, banner, trophy, roses, and other prizes. She will compete with all expenses paid, at the 13th Annual Miss Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, on June 1, 2, and 3, 1984.

Savings bonds will be awarded to the first-fourth runners up, essay and talent runners up, and cash awards to the essay and talent winners. Trophies will also be awarded to these winners and all finalists.

Our congratulations and good luck, Lee Ann. For further information concerning the pageant, call the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Duren earns chance in State UIL

Senior Tammy Duren will compete in feature writing at the State UIL Literary meet in Austin Friday, April 27 after placing first in the regional meet in Odessa April 13.

The only Sonora student to qualify for State literary competition, Tammy is one of the two from District 6-AAA to place in the regional journalism events.

In the state feature writing event, the contestants are given a biographical sheet on the person they are to write about. As a group, they will then have 30 minutes to interview the subject, asking questions and taking notes. After that, they will have an hour in which to write a feature story based on the facts sheet and the interview.

The live interview at the state meet makes the contest different on this level from district and regional where contestants write solely from fact sheets. Feature writing is the only UIL literary event which differs on the state level from district and regional contests.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in accordance with rules and orders promulgated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 14, 1984, in the offices of the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, concerning proposals made by the company to add three optional services and delete two services from the list of local exchange services available to its Texas customers.

Proposed additions to the local exchange tariffs include an optional Local Measured Service under which all residence customers and single-line business customers could pay monthly rates less than flat rate for one-party service, with an additional charge for each completed outgoing call to be determined by the time of day, distance and duration of each call; and a subsidized LIFELINE local service to be made available to qualified individuals, as determined by the Public Utility Commission. The monthly rate for LIFELINE service would include an allowance of 25 outgoing calls per month, plus a charge for each additional call.

Proposed for deletion from the local exchange tariffs are one-element measured service offerings for residence customers and single-line business customers, but current customers would not be affected.

The company does not anticipate that these additional services will result in an increase in revenue to Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, 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 may also 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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ENSTAR resolves offshore conflict

ENSTAR Corporation said recently that it has paid \$18.1 million to a contract drilling firm to resolve a dispute over use of an offshore drilling rig.

The agreement with the drilling contractor, Cliffs Drilling Company, came after a ruling by an arbitration panel. The contractor had sought arbitration, charging that ENSTAR had anticipatorily breached a 36-month contract for the rig. ENSTAR had rejected the rig after extensive cracks occurred in one of its legs in November 1982 and again in March 1983.

Consultants to ENSTAR had advised that the rig was unsafe and incapable of performing under the contract. Two offshore rigs owned and operated by

others, the Ocean Ranger and the Glomar Java Sea, were lost at sea in well-publicized recent accidents which claimed 165 lives.

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Hance takes stand against gay rights

Kent Hance, one of the leading Democratic Senate candidates, recently criticized Bob Krueger and Lloyd Doggett for supporting gay rights legislation and amnesty for illegal aliens.

"Both of my opponents are totally out of step with the state of Texas on the issue of gay rights," Hance said. Krueger and Doggett have expressed their support for the federal gay rights bill. Hance argues the measure goes too far.

Hance also took issue with his opponents for their support of amnesty for illegal aliens. The Lubbock Democrat is against proposals which would allow illegal aliens already living in the country to stay. "Amnesty would take away a lot of American jobs, and encourage more illegal aliens to enter the country," Hance warned.

He also pointed out that some studies show that amnesty would add an estimated \$25 billion to federal expenditures, because illegal aliens would be eligible for benefits from federal social programs.

Noting that Monday, April 16, was income tax day, Congressman Hance pledged that he would continue fighting to cut taxes when he becomes a United States Senator. "My opponents have called for higher taxes in order to reduce the deficit, I will fight against tax

increases in the Senate, the same way I worked to cut taxes in the U.S. House of Representatives. Hance is the co-author of the 1981 tax cut bill, the largest personal income tax in America's history.

"Bob Krueger and Lloyd Doggett want to go back to the old days of tax and tax, and spend and spend. The only thing worse than a \$200 billion dollar deficit, would be a \$200 billion dollar tax increase, that would destroy the economic recovery," Hance said.

He continued to urge for a more flexible monetary policy, and lower interest rates. "It's time to make the economic recovery, and lower deficits," he said.

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Bentsen reports

Senator Lloyd Bentsen said recently that he will introduce legislation that would substantially reduce the cost of mowing alongside highways by encouraging states to plant wildflowers instead of grass.

Senator Bentsen said trial plantings of wildflowers along some Texas highways have also resulted in a noticeable decline in the amount of litter thrown from cars.

Bentsen, ranking member of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee, said he will ask that panel to adopt his bill as an amendment to highway legislation the Subcommittee will consider next week.

"Lady Bird Johnson helped us move in the direction of appreciating and conserving the natural beauty of this great country," Bentsen said.

"It is with her in mind that I will introduce this bill to make available to millions of Americans the natural beauty of our country and assist in perpetuating our native wildflowers and vegetation."

The Bentsen bill would encourage states to plant wildflowers rather than grass as a groundcover along highways by stipulating that .25 percent of all federal highway landscaping funds be used for wildflowers.

The Senator noted that the Texas Highway Department has experimented with wildflower planting along highways in 24 counties. Results of the experiment indicate that wildflowers could reduce the \$32 million the state spends on mowing each year by almost 25 percent. The flowers require much less cutting than grass.

"With implementation of this bill millions of people who travel each day on our nation's highways would have the opportunity to be uplifted by the unique contribution of wildflowers indigenous to that part of the country through which they are traveling," Bentsen said.

"The wildflowers would also mean millions of dollars saved at a time when both state and federal governments are looking hard for ways to hold down spending," Bentsen said.

"I would urge that we join together in following the lead of Lady Bird Johnson in beautifying our nation's highways and conserving a valuable national resource, while at the same time achieving significant financial savings," Senator Bentsen said.

Pay taxes on time

Paying taxes late can be an expensive decision, the Internal Revenue Service says. An 11 percent interest rate per year compounded daily and a late payment penalty of one-half of one percent per month or six percent per year is added to late payments.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
In a recent press conference, Gov. Mark White said that he has been the most "tight-fisted" in over 10 years.

This statement seems totally out of line with the facts, particularly in regard to spending in the Governor's Office—that area of state government over which White has complete control.

Consider the following:
1. Since taking office, Governor White has increased the number of highly paid political employees in his office by 50 percent and increased their payroll by 70 percent.

2. After one year, White upped the payroll in his entire office by 33 percent of \$1.6 million more than Gov. Clements on an annualized basis.

3. White purchased for himself a \$3.1 million Mitsubishi jet aircraft full of luxuries like a \$4,500 flush toilet and a \$4,200 swivel chair.

4. White took \$25,000 from the Texas Film Commission and used other monies to build a playground in the Governor's Mansion.

5. White's budget requests from 1984 show marked increases in utilities for the Mansion, consulting services and fuel for the jet.

When it comes to items for the Governor's staff, White has been anything but frugal with our money. And calling himself tight-fisted is a joke.

Sincerely,
George W. Strake, Jr.
Texas Republican Chairman

Editor's Note. Carl M. Farrar was one of the early day cowboys who worked in this part of the country when Sonora was a newborn city. He celebrated his 89th birthday the 29th of last month, and is still going strong. His insights into the lives of working cowboys are unique as he was there working the open range and driving cattle to the railhead for shipment.

A biography on Carl Farrar may be found in the collection at Baylor University. He has written to the Devil's River News several times in the past, and is now living in Senatobia, Missouri where he receives our weekly paper.

Mr. Farrar offered to submit to the readers of the Devil's River News his reflections on life the way it was in those early days with an article for the Ranch edition. We received his letter too late to include it in this year's edition, but would like to share these memories of Sonora and West Texas with our readers. We think you will enjoy them.

Dear Editor:

It has been a long time since I wrote to the Devil's River News, yet it is my old stomping ground.

The first time I saw Sonora was in the year 1918. I rode my horse from 10 miles southwest of Eden, Texas.

I tied my horse under a live oak tree there close to where the Devil's River News is today and got me a bowl of chili for 15 cents.

I came back to Sonora and worked in several ranches, the T. Half Circle for one, when Willie Wilkerson had it leased. I have worked on alot of ranches all over West Texas. That was in the early days when we had to drive cattle to the railroad to ship out.

Most of my dear friends around Sonora have gone. I have been receiving the Sonora paper a long, long time and have been taking the Eldorado paper for 60 years.

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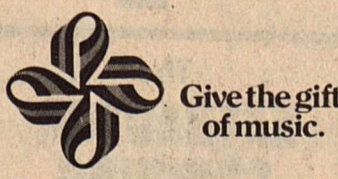
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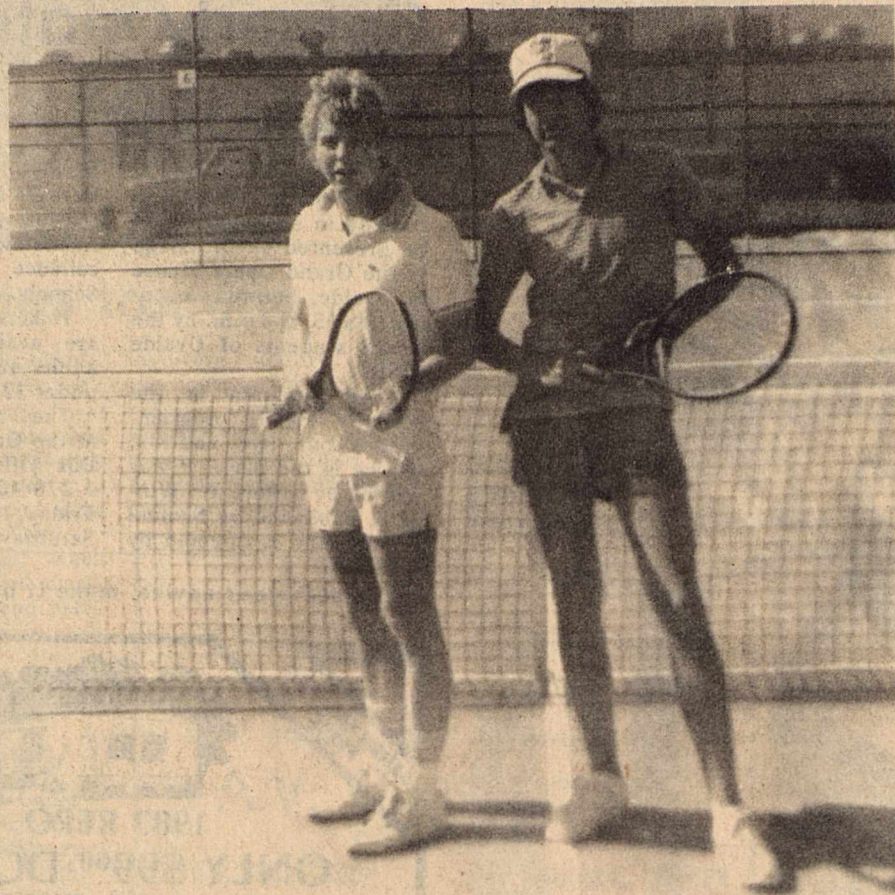
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News deadlines revised

In order to shorten the working day for our employees, the Devil's River News has revised their news and display advertising deadlines.

All local news items are gratefully accepted and will be printed on a space available basis. Because of the necessity of a deadline, we ask the public's cooperation in this matter.

All news stories, engagements, weddings, and other local items will be treated with priority, but we need to have the articles by Friday at 5:00 p.m. on the week in which the events therein take place. All items concerning events taking place over the weekend should be turned into the Devil's River News office on Monday by 10 a.m. in order to insure insertion in the Wednesday issue of the Devil's River News.

All classified ads should be turned in to the Devil's River News office by 10 a.m. Monday, and will be accepted no later than 12 noon.

The deadline for display advertising is still 12 noon Monday.

Gifted/talented screening set

The screening process for identifying students for the Gifted and Talented Program will begin the first of May. Students presently in the third through eighth grades will be considered.

A screening/selection committee will be established to review the Assessment Data. Mario Sotelo, assistant superintendent, will oversee the committee. Smith Neal, junior high principal, will chair the screening process for the junior high students. Committee members assisting Neal include Mrs. Jacque Baker, Mrs. Mike Polocek, and Mrs. Claire Powers.

Mike Ramos, middle school principal, will chair the committee screening middle school students. Committee members assisting Ramos include Mrs. Louise Barlemann, Mrs. Anita Lane, and Mrs. Susan Stokes. Stokes.

In completing the Gifted/Talented student assessment, the screening committee will examine nine criteria in order to determine the extent of experience exhibited by the student. No single criteria will determine the admittance or rejection of a student in the Gifted/Talented Program.

A check or an "X" will be entered in each block reflecting the student's score in that area. The column weights matching the student's score will be entered in the sub-total box. Sub-totals will be totaled to obtain the final score. A cut-off score will be determined by the committee.

It is the policy of the Sonora School District that Gifted/Talented students will be defined as those students who excel in any one or combination of the following areas: General Intellectual Ability, Specific Subject Matter Aptitude, Creative and Productive Thinking or Leadership Ability. (THE TEXAS STATE PLAN AND GUIDELINES FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED/TALENTED, page 7. Texas Education Agency-Austin, Texas.)

Consideration for acceptance will be given to each child nominated by parent, teacher, peer or self. Nominations must be referred to the appropriate building principal by April 30. In addition, each child with an I.Q. above 130 OR scoring in the 96th percentile nationally or above on achievement tests will be automatically considered. An assessment will be completed on each student who is considered. Notification of program status will be available no later than Friday, May 25, 1984.



Monica Guzman was the winner of a 20" BMX bicycle raffled away at Gibson's Discount Center, Saturday April 14. Presenting the new bike to the lucky winner is Keith Steffy, the new manager of Gibson's. (DRN Photo...KKN)

Congress urges fast action

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, joined by 27 other members of the Texas Congressional Delegation, acted Friday to speed release of funds for the education of alien students.

Bentsen and the other Texans in Congress made their views known in a letter to Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell.

"Recent reports issued by the Department of Education have documented the dramatic increase in the percentage of minority students in Texas schools," delegation members said in the letter.

"Furthermore, our understanding from superintendents familiar with these demographic changes is that many of these are alien students."

"The \$30 million in funds available under (the Emergency Immigration Education) program are therefore crucial to school districts across our state."

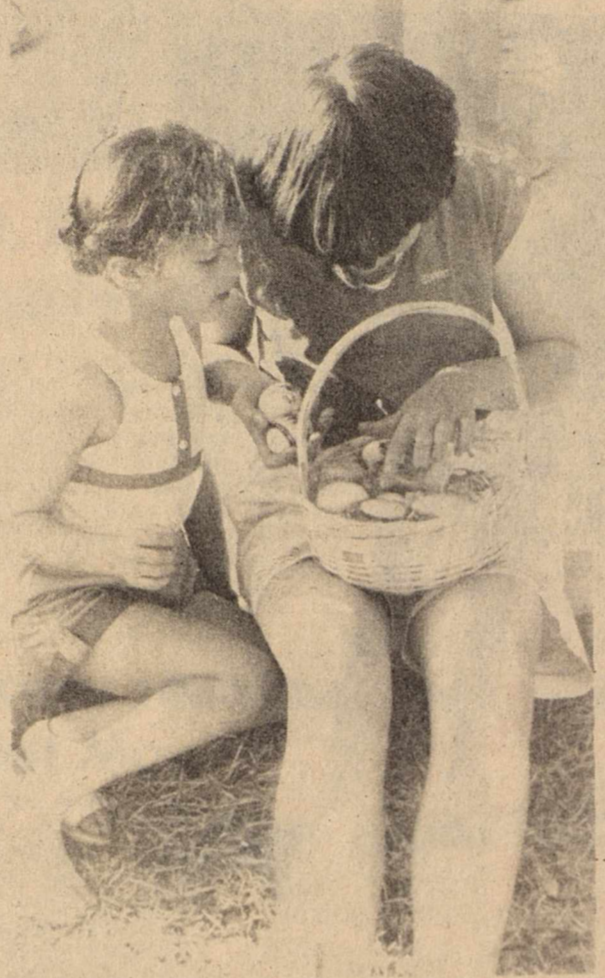
"We would appreciate knowing the status of the Department of Education's efforts to promulgate the regulations for the distribution of these funds and the time table for their release."

Bentsen earlier this year wrote President Reagan, urging that he overrule a Department of Education decision to withhold the \$30 million in alien education funds. The Senator, in a letter, said reasons advanced for withholding the funds were "Without merit" and inconsistent with the Administration's own policies.

Later, the General Accounting Office issued an opinion that the funds had been legally authorized and appropriated and said the Administration must either release the funds or ask Congress for a rescission. The department has until May 17 to act.

Bentsen said Friday it is the hope of the Texas delegation that the "Secretary of Education won't postpone action on this crucial matter until the very last minute."

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All students in the school's PACE program, grades four, five, and six, will be in the play. It was written by Gifford W. Wingate, published by Samuel French, and is directed by

Marilyn Nunley of Sabinal. Barbara Neimeyer is director of the Program for Academic and Creative Excellence in the Uvalde Schools.

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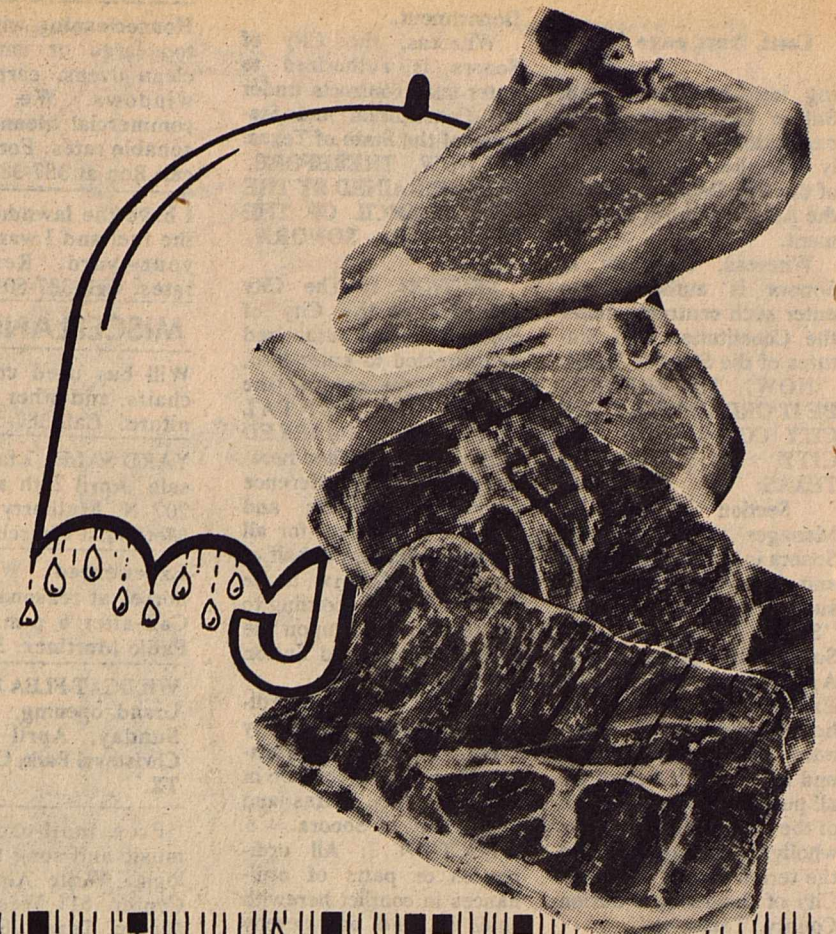
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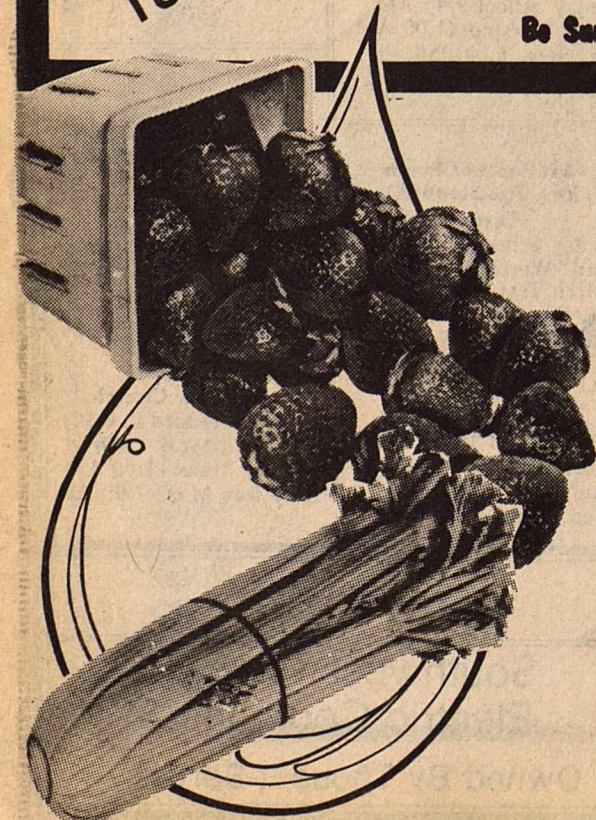
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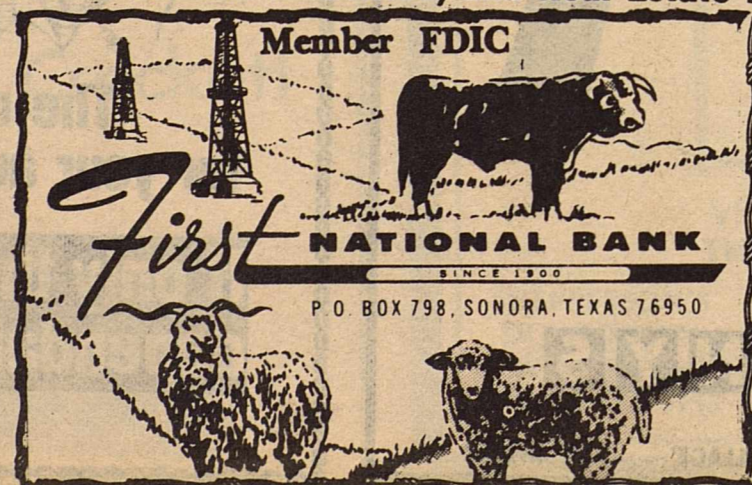
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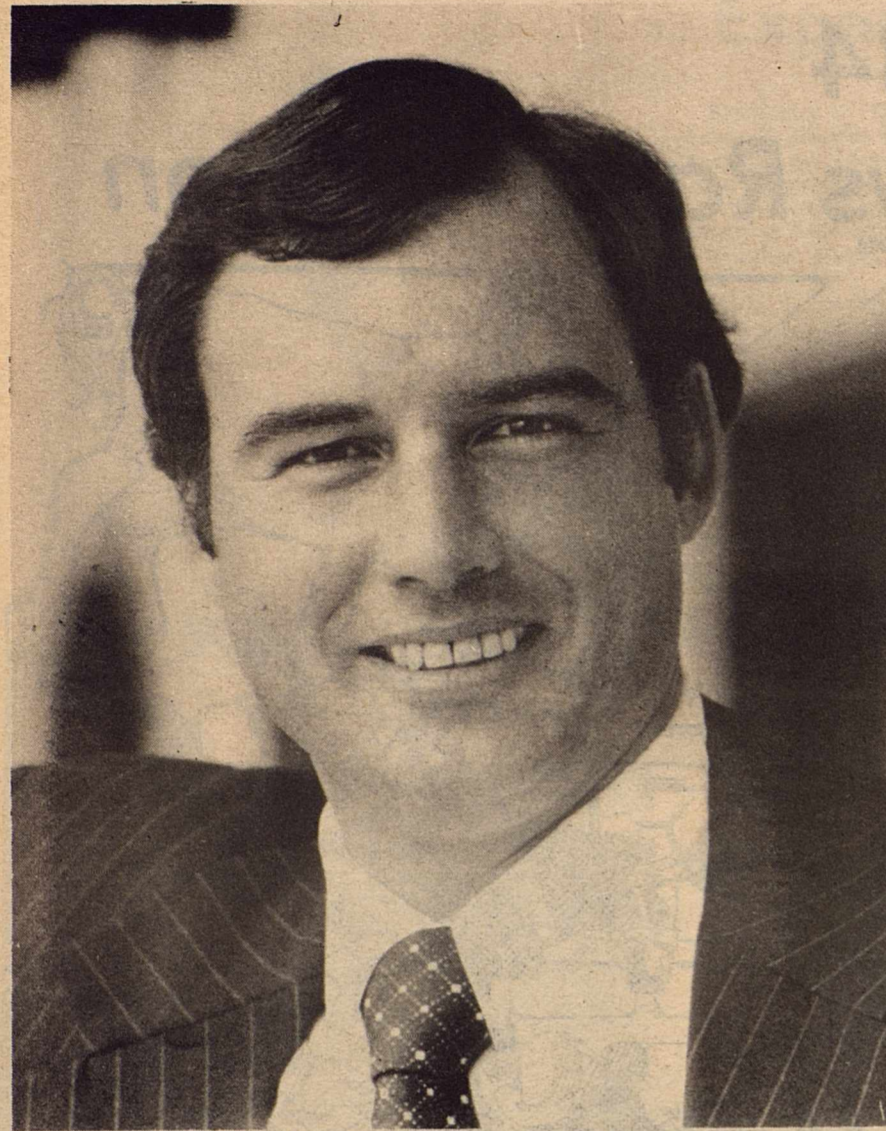
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April 25, 1984





CONGRESSMAN LOEFFLER

Loeffler outlines assistance programs

It is a fact of history that Texans fought for the land and it is a fact of life that the fight to hold it never ends.

But when Mother Nature's vicious fangs strike out, however, as they have during the severe drought that has left much of West Texas -- including Sutton County -- parched, I felt as both a rancher and a legislator, that the federal government had both the responsibility and resources to help mitigate the very severe and devastating impact thrust on ranchers through no fault of their own.

This is why I devoted considerable time and energy beginning last summer in fighting to see that assistance from Washington be made available to counties declared a natural disaster area.

Sutton County was declared a natural disaster county by the Department of Agriculture on August 16, 1983. This means that ranchers, farmers, and small business are eligible for the following relief:

*When filing tax returns for 1983, ranchers can take advantage of Section 451 (e) of the U.S. tax code which allows them to delay for one year tax liability on extraordinary income from

the forced sale of herds of cattle, sheep and goats due to the devastating drought.

*Ranchers and farmers are eligible for loans under the Emergency Loan Program administered by Farmers Home Administration. Loans are available from FmHA up to eight months from the date of the disaster declaration.

*Livestock producers may purchase certain corn now owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation until the supply is depleted or until October 1, 1984, whichever comes first. Information on this program can be obtained from the local ASCS office.

*And, finally, small businesses dependent on the health of the ranching industry are eligible for low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration.

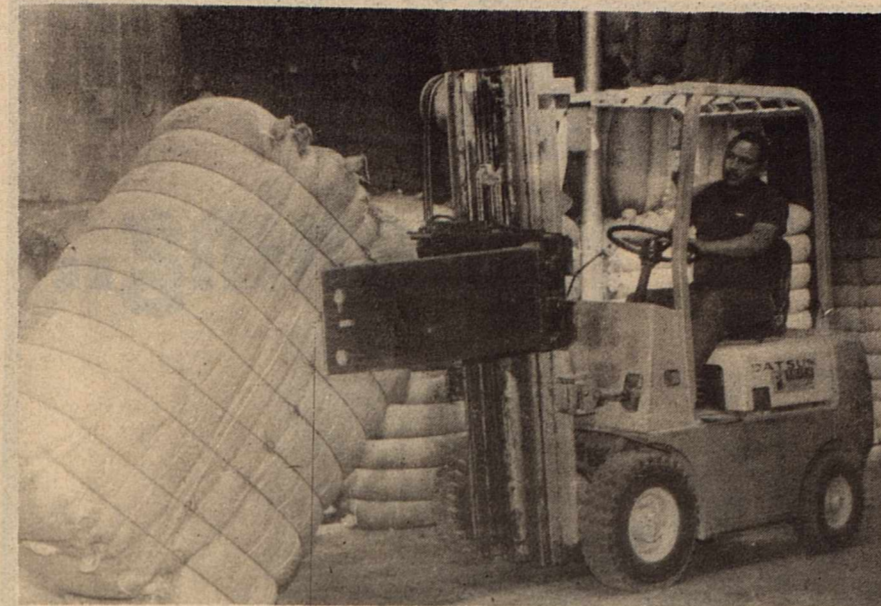
I have always believed that ranchers are our finest conservationists and the ones who know the critical importance of maintaining a careful balance between livestock and wildlife. We are the ones who care the most about preservation of our ecological system.

Indeed, our very livelihood depends upon it. All we want is the simple right to protect our property from harm or death.

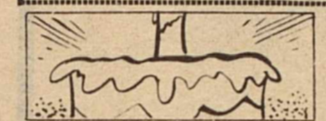
This is why my patience is coming to an end as the Environmental Protection Agency drags its feet in the process for reregistration of Compound 1080. Recently I met in my Washington office with the EPA Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances who has the authority for reregistration of Compound 1080. This EPA official was told in no uncertain terms of the absolutely vital nature of this pesticide to the ranchers of West Texas. As a result of that meeting, several decisions have been made to expedite the approval of toxic collars and I will continue working to fully resolve this issue. Quite frankly, I am disgusted at such bureaucratic foot-dragging which simply frustrates the ranchers' ability to use this most effective and selective predator control agent. I will continue with all my resolve to walk the reregistration of Compound 1080 over every bureaucratic hurdle placed in its path if necessary.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will soon announce its 1984 support price level for mohair. I

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Pictured above left is Arturo Gandar, crew boss at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company moving one of the 1000 pound bales of wool.

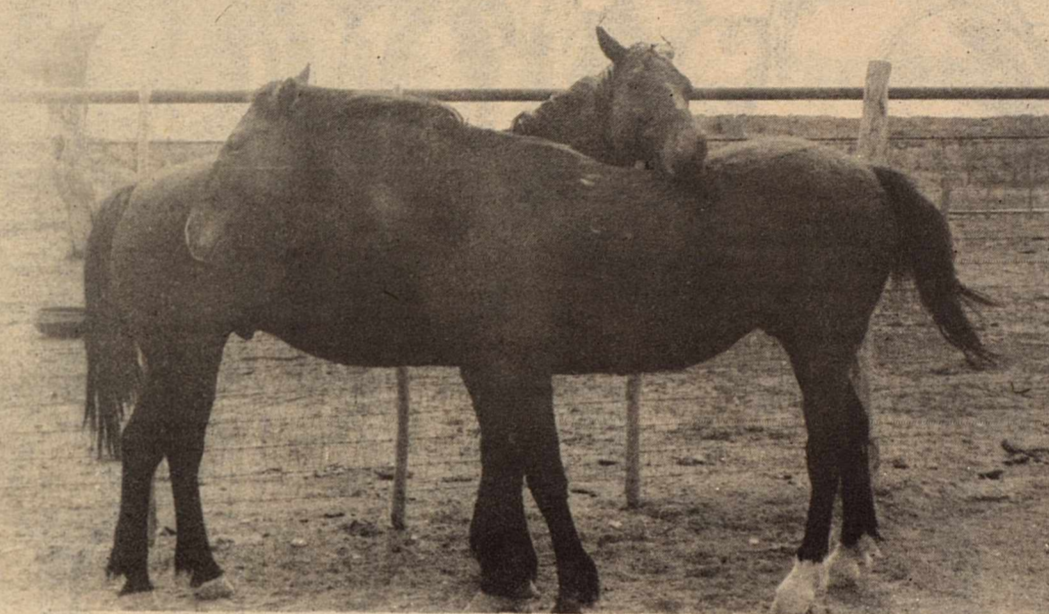


When it comes to cake baking, shiny metal pans are best, because they reflect heat away from the cake and produce a light brown, tender crust.

When in Rome, the seven hills are called: Aventine, Caeline, Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal, Viminal.



Brahman cattle pose for the photographer on the Shalako Ranch.



At left are two of the ranchers best friends. Horses are still relied heavily upon by the ranchers of Sutton County for their maneuverability in the rough West Texas terrain.



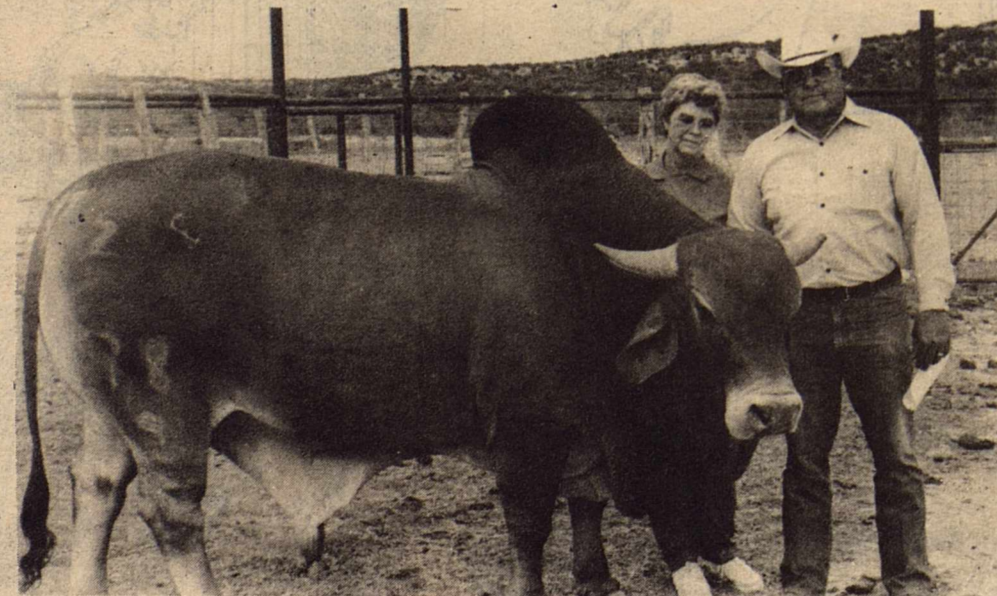
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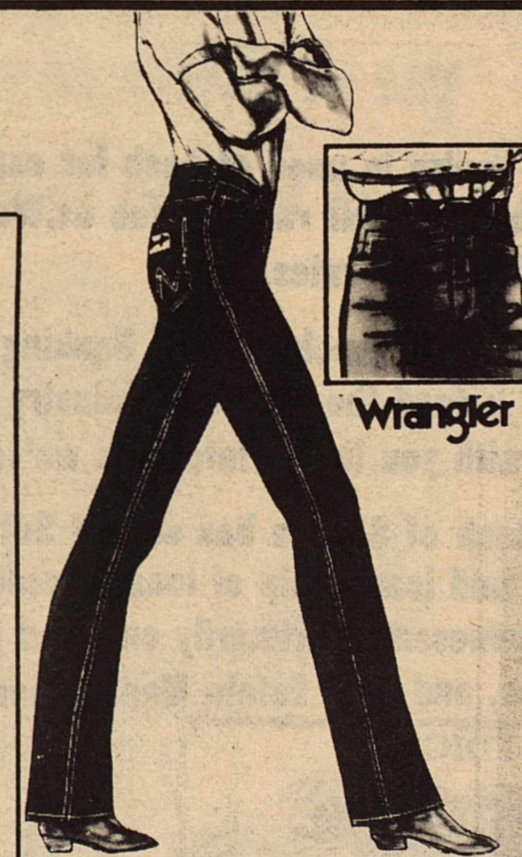
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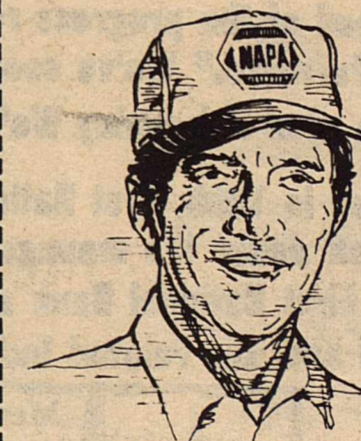
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Encompassing a five-section spread, the facilities are located on the Sonora-Rocksprings highway.

The accomplishments of the station are almost too

numerous to mention.

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

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

An extensive study of livestock disease has been made.

Also included are extensive studies of livestock parasites and their control.

particularly stomach worms, tapeworms and lice.

Poison plants in Texas were the subject of another intensive study.

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

Another important study completed by the station includes the problems of animal nutrition.

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

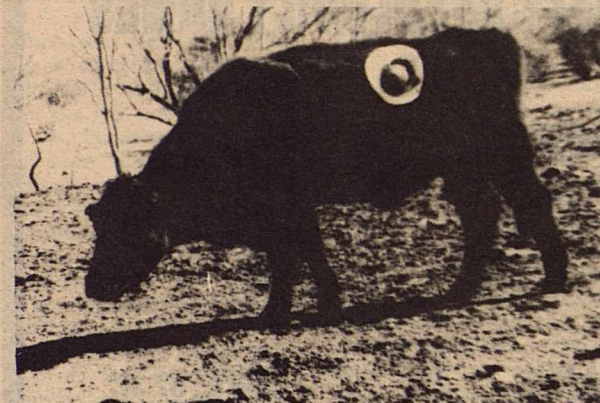
Due to the grave deter-

ioration of the range on the Edwards Plateau, this study was sorely needed.

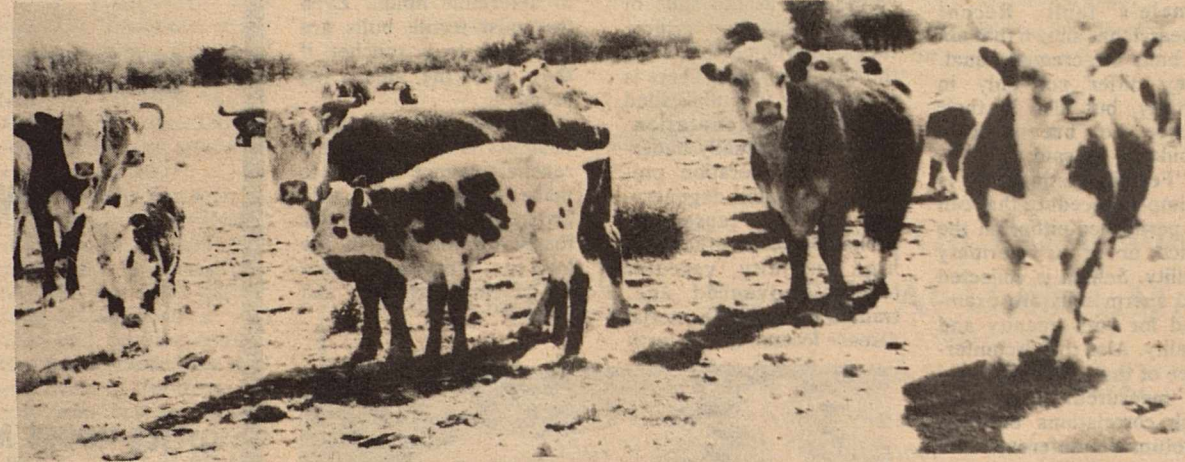
It was through this study that Dr. Leo Merrill and his associates at the experiment station have received their greatest recognition—on a state, national, and international level.

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

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



A study involving the observation of the digestive system of Bison Hybrids (19 percent buffalo) showed that the hybrid's were able to thrive on a coarser, lower protein diet than other cattle.



The study of inherited traits in cattle has been a project of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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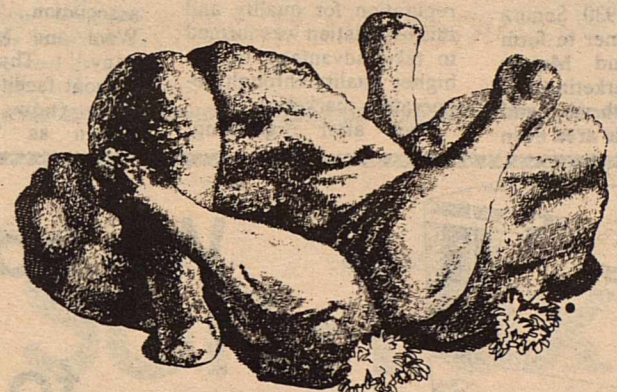
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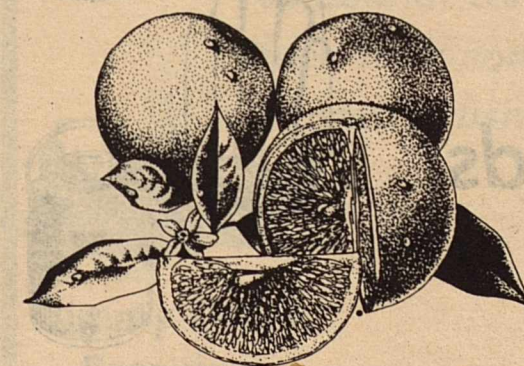
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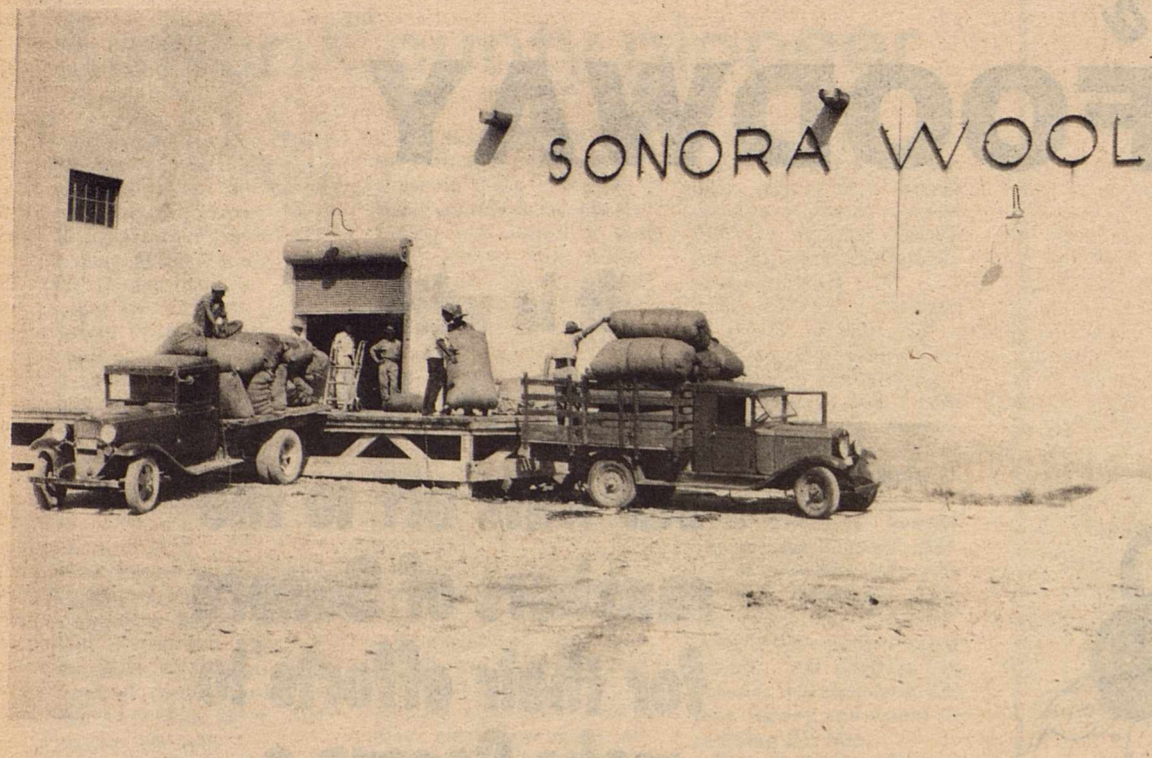


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The loading dock of Sonora Wool and Mohair, October 1933.

Before local ranchers gained the automobile, bags of wool and mohair were brought to town in the back of horse-drawn wagons.

Sonora Wool & Mohair Co., meeting ranchers needs

by Glen Fisher
In March of 1930, Sonora area ranchers met to form the "Wool and Mohair Cooperative Marketing Association." Both wool and mohair from this area even

in those early days, had a reputation for quality and this association was formed to take advantage of the higher quality through cooperative marketing. Soon after organizing,

the group renamed the association, "The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company." That first year, without facilities, the company (now commonly known as "The Wool-

house") successfully marketed 2.7 million pounds of Wool and Mohair. Coincidentally, that is very close to the volume handled today. The officers and directors

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

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

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

Their bookkeeper was George D. (Sally) Chalk. He was there until 1950.

Mr. Fred Earwood became manager in 1941 and served until his death in 1968 when Fred Campbell was hired.

see WOOLHOUSE p. 5



Work inside the local Wool and Mohair Company still involves the use of many men.

Fertility testing procedures explained

"Fertility testing bulls is one of the best insurance policies a rancher can buy," says Dr. Tom R. Troxel, Texas A&M Extension Livestock Specialist at Uvalde.

"I have seen many ranchers take the extra time and expense to manage their cow herd correctly and then make the assumption that their bulls are fertile. Society in general has the basic idea that when a female fails to become pregnant, it is the female's fault. Recent research has shown that not all bulls are created equal. They differ not only in fertility, but also in their desire to breed cows (libido)," he said.

"Fertility testing bulls is a simple procedure that can be performed either on the ranch or at a veterinary facility. Semen is collected and sperm cells are examined for both quantity and quality. Also the circumference of the scrotum should be measured. There are high correlations between scrotum circumference and semen production, percent normal sperm cells and fertility of the bull's daughter," he says.

Dr. Troxel recommends that bulls be tested for

fertility prior to the breeding season (2-4 weeks) and after the breeding season is over.

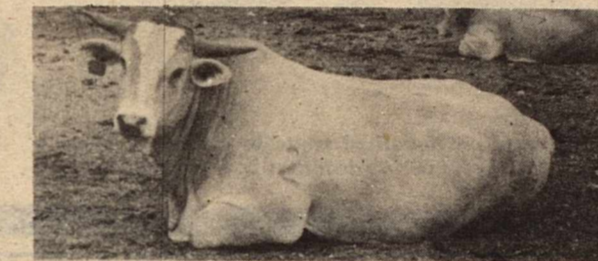
"It is important to identify those bulls that go infertile during the breeding season," said Troxel. If the breeding season is all year-round, then Troxel recommends that bulls undergo a fertility test at least once, and better yet, twice a year.

"One situation I often see," Troxel adds, "is that ranchers will fertility test a young bull at the time of purchase and then assume that bull will be fertile for the next five years. There is a condition in bulls called testicular degeneration. The testicle actually undergoes a degeneration process. Testicular degeneration can be caused by prolonged hot weather with high humidity, vascular lesions, advanced age, trauma or stress, bacterial disease located in the testi-

cle and genetic susceptibility. Signs of testicular degeneration are a decrease in testicle size and libido, testicles become soft, and semen quality is reduced. By fertility testing of bulls once a year, records can be kept so that potential problems of testicular degeneration can be avoided.

"Libido is the bull's desire to find cows in estrus and breed them," says Dr. Troxel. "As of this date, there are no accurate ways to determine libido. Even the most fertile bulls are worthless to a rancher if they lack the desire to breed."

"Today the ranching business is so risky that a rancher cannot afford to make assumptions," said Troxel. "Have your bulls tested for fertility. In the long run, it may save you a lot of time, trouble, and money."





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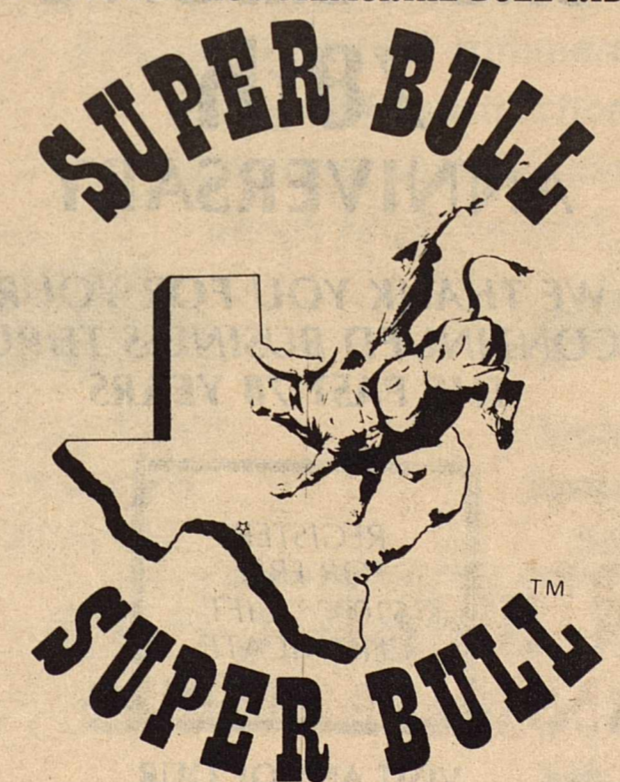
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Reflections of a Sutton County pioneer

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

"I came to Sutton County in the year 1884. At that time, John Rainey and Dr. J.D. Fields and Chas. E. Davidson had about 2000 head of cattle running on the North Llano River. JDF on the left side.

Dr. Fields owned a tract of land across the Llano River from the present school house in Sutton County. On that land a house of one 16 foot room with a lean-to was built. The people used to gather at this house for dances as it was the only house with a plank floor. They had big corrals at this place for holding and working cattle, but had ceased to use this place and the cattle camp was at the 8 mile water hole.

The house on the river was vacant and people gathered there to dance. Phil Yarborough worked for Rainey and stayed at the camp during the winter looking after the horses and branding any calves that might have been missed at regular branding.

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

In the fall of 1888 they started to gather for the

In the fall of 1888, they started to gather the JDF cattle for the purpose of dividing them, but before they could get them all gathered up and divided, they sold the whole bunch to W.A. Fields ranch near Sonora.

At about the same time, Dr. J.D. Fields bought the W.D. Carrington cattle which had been running on the N. Llano, consisting of about 2000 head and placed W.J. Fields in charge of them. About 1889 they were moved to the ranch near Sonora. Before bringing them to the ranch, he had the ranch surveyed and fenced. A man by the name

of Beard built the first fence. At that time there were only a few fenced pastures in Sutton County and the Fields pasture fence did not touch another fenced pasture.

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

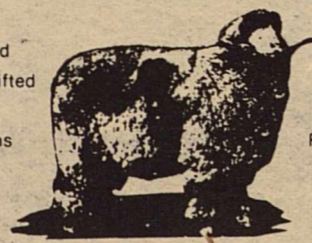
The town of Sonora was not started until 1889. P.N. Wentworth who owned Ft. Terret was strictly a sheep man. He didn't seem to care to have many friends. He lived in San Antonio. He seemed to like John Rainey and would do anything for him.

He built the first fence at the request of John Rainey and in order for Rainey to use it as a gathering pasture for the JDF cattle.

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

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Campbell resigned his post in 1978, and was replaced by Glen Fisher.

The first building was constructed by S.H. Martin of San Angelo. It was ready for use in the spring of 1931.

The building still looks essentially as it did initially, but numerous additions and changes have been made over the years.

Gradually the woolhouse began to initiate programs to increase the quality of the wool and mohair grown by Sonora area ranchers.

Also, steps were taken to put up a more desirable and attractive product for the buyers. Sheep selection programs based on fleece uniformity, fineness, length, and weight were set up on many ranches, primarily as a result of the encouragement of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

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

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

Records indicate the pro-

gram has been very profitable. Over the past fifteen years, the graded wools have averaged 15 cents per pound better price than the original bag wools handled by the warehouse.

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

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

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

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

Other products or services that have resulted either partially or totally as spinoffs of the wool grading program include: a drench-

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ing program for sheep and goats; manufacturing of water and feed troughs, gates, panels, wool tables, and bag racks, etc; and other things designed to utilize the available labor during the off season.

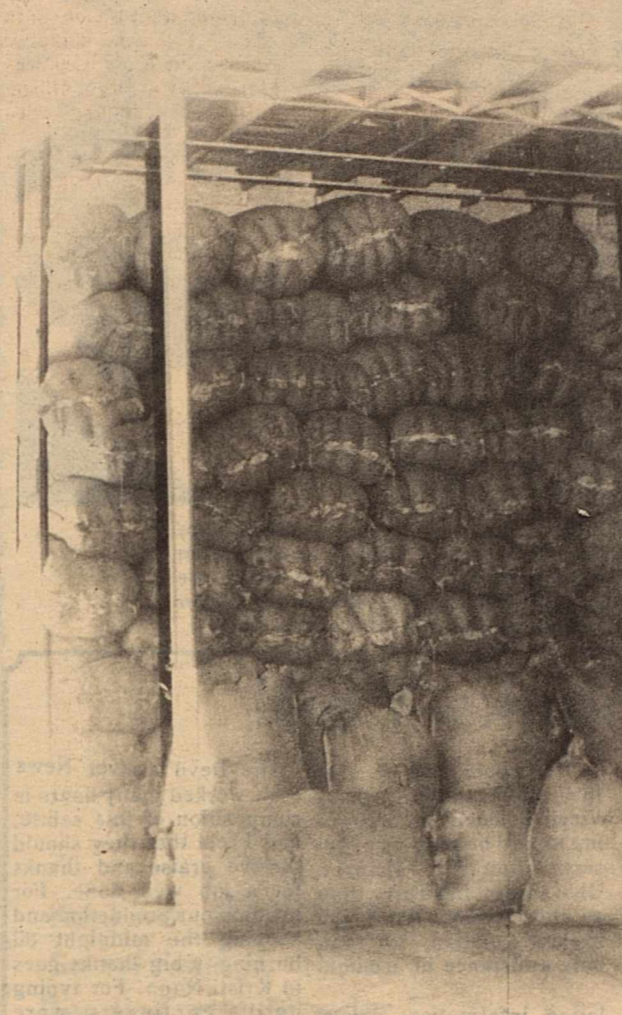
The "Other Side" of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is the ever increasing retail sales department. What started as a small sideline and primarily as an added service to the ranchers has become about half of the business. This process has taken many years of small additions to the product line.

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

ers, paint and painting supplies, chainsaws, and most hardware items.

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

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



Stacked ceiling high—are samples from each rancher's shearing shipment. The wool is sold on consignment by Sonora Wool and Mohair.



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Rousselot re-elected NWGA chairman

Norm Rousselot of Sonora was elected to a second term as chairman of the board of the National Wool Growers Association during the annual NWGA convention in Phoenix. The convention was attended by some 600 sheep and goat raisers and their families.

Other actions included demands that the Food and Drug Administration change their criteria for classification of lamb meat consumption which affects drug availability for animal health treatment and a strongly worded request that Interior speed up the labeling process for 1080.

The group's next meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada in January, 1985.



NORM ROUSSELOT

In an address to the convention, Rousselot cited several achievements by the national association over the past year. He pointed out that progress was being made in evaluation of the export market for U.S. sheep products and the action on 1080 by EPA was a positive sign of association effectiveness. Rousselot reminded the delegates that their active participation in industry issues was the key to continued progress on business problems. He cited membership increases with the addition of Kentucky and Pennsylvania to the association.

In his address at the closing session of the meeting, Rousselot told the growers that optimism was high in the industry at this time. He said improved lamb and wool prices, and steady market demands should precede a "good year" for sheep growers.

A request for endorsement of a countervailing duty action against New Zealand lamb by a group of



Some of the Sutton County lamb crop napping before another rigorous "show time". Each year the Sutton County 4-H Club presents a stock show in which the animals they have raised during the year are judged for desired traits including general health of the animal.

Thanks Y'all!

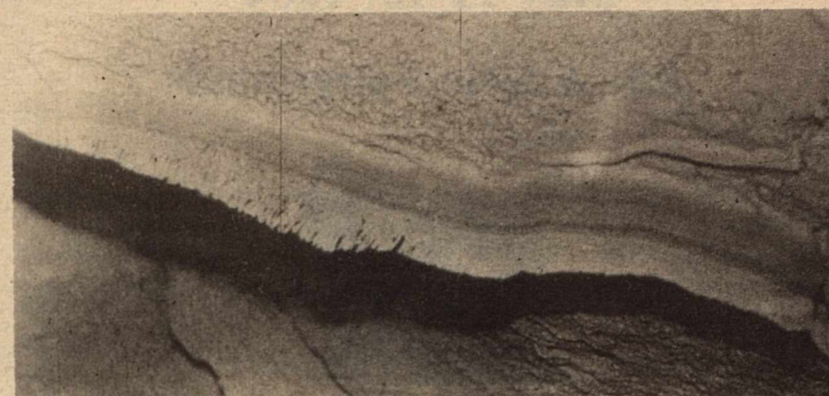
by BECKY COLLINS

With each passing year, the public becomes more informed of the importance of the ranching industry due in part to publications such as this one. Our salute to the ranching spirit of Sutton County would not have been possible without the participation and encouragement of many people in the ranching industry as well as in businesses serving the same.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Virgil Poloczek for organizing us and helping us to get some fantastic pictures, Glen Fisher and Terry Blair at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company for their able assistance in accumulating information, Vestal Aske for allowing us to observe the shearing of his flock on his ranch, and of course our advertisers for helping us to publish this salute to our ranching industry.

The Devil's River News crew worked many hours in composition of this salute, and I feel that they should receive praise and thanks for a job well done. For heading our production and keeping the midnight oil burning, a big thanks goes to Kristi Nunn. For typing until her fingers were blind, a thanks to Mari Sanchez. For her creative ability in composition of advertising, thanks Kim McEwin. We'll do it all again next year.

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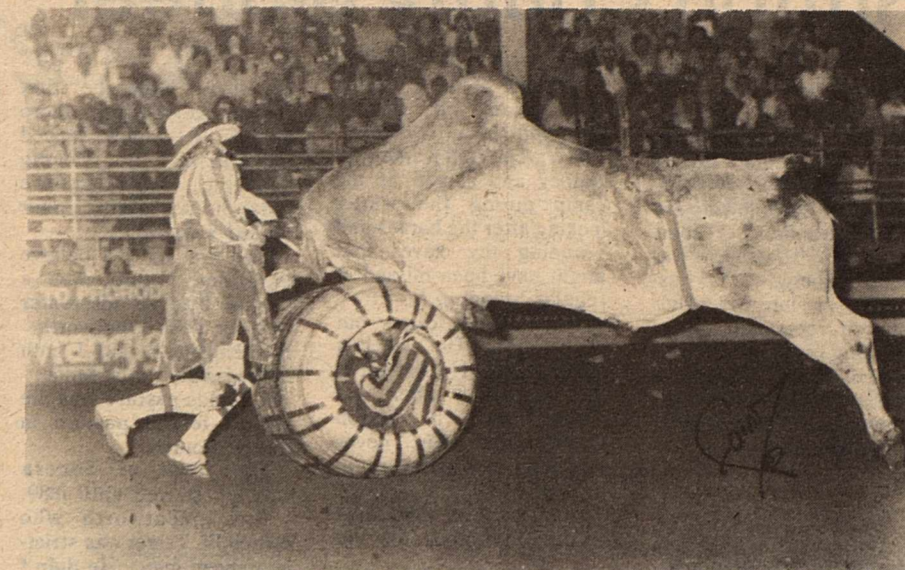
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The rodeo clowns are not only there to make the crowd laugh at their silly antics, but to protect the riders from enraged animals. The job of the rodeo clown is an exhausting and dangerous one. Page 2 DRN Ranch Edition April 25, 1984

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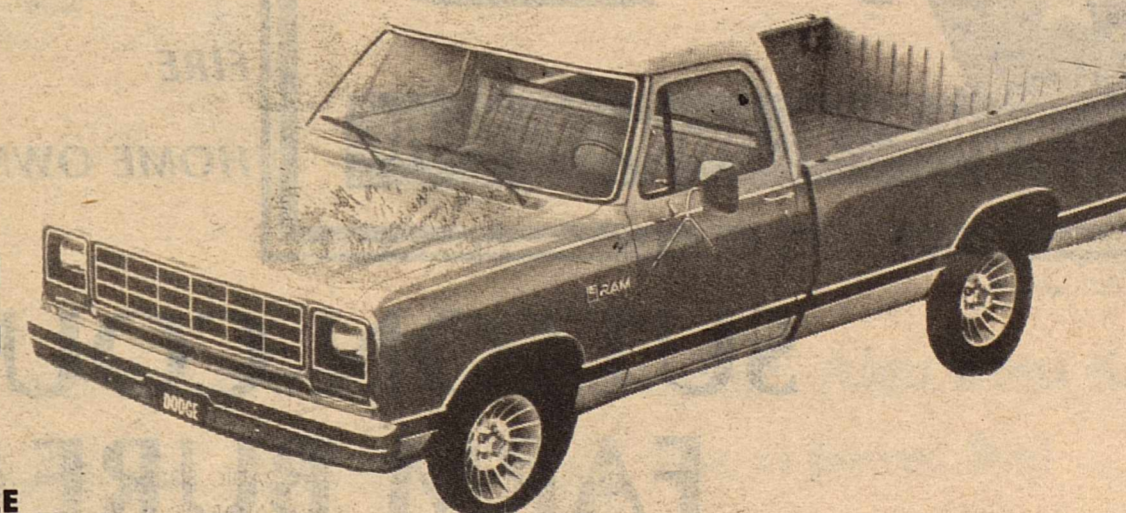
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Harsh winter blamed for slump at Sonora Ram Sale

Editor's Note-- the following article is a reprint of the article which appeared in the March 22 Livestock Weekly.

by Steve Kelton
SONORA - Last Thursday (March 15) was much closer to a red-ink day at the Sonora Experiment Station's performance tested Rambouillet ram sale. You'd have to go back nearly a decade, to the first two such sales to find softer prices.

The sheep business obviously hasn't caught up with the nation's overall

booming economic recovery, but that alone doesn't fully explain the test sale's anemic performance.

During the pits of the recession, the Sonora sale recorded average and high individual prices well over twice as high as this year's figures.

The consensus among observers was that Mother Nature must shoulder the bulk of the blame.

Dry weather beginning in the summer of 1982 and continuing essentially unabated since then has led to a sell-off unequalled in the Texas sheep-producing area since the history-

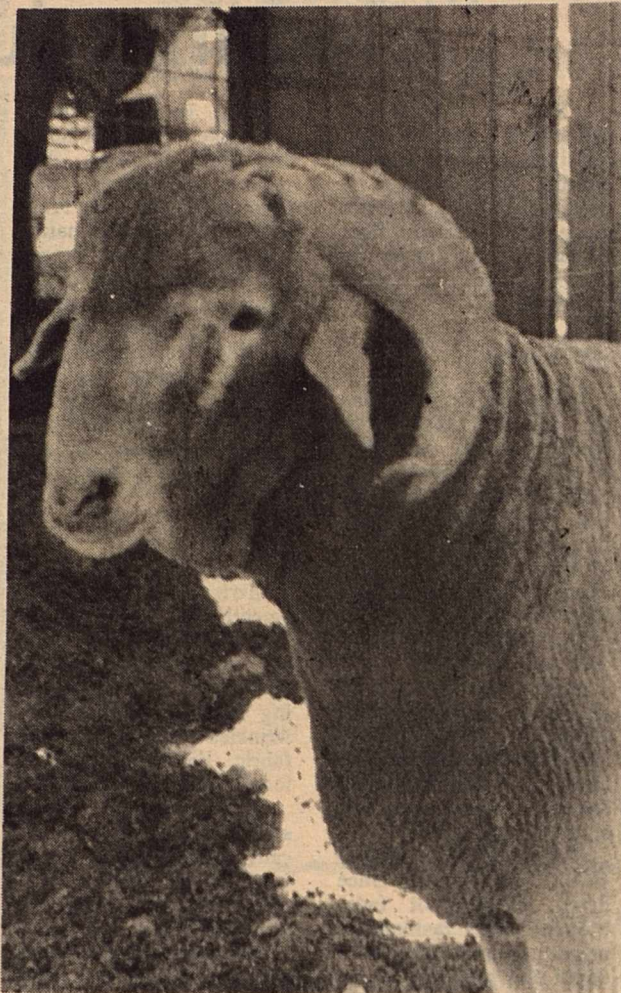
making drought of the 50s. Fewer ewes means less demand for bucks and less demand naturally translates into lower prices.

Of 59 bucks listed as sale-eligible, only 33 actually changed hands in the sale. These averaged \$740 compared to \$1280 last year and \$1538 at the sale's high-water mark in 1981. Only the first sale, in 1976 had a lower overall average at \$711.

Nine head sold for over \$1000 this year, but 10 managed that feat as early as 1978. That year, too, none of the sale bucks went for less than \$310 compared

to several which sold for less than \$300 this year. A ram which tied for second place in this year's performance test, in fact, was PO'd at \$275.

The Sonora sale has turned individual prices as high as \$6400 in 1981, \$5500 in 1979, and \$500 last year. The first sale featured a \$2700 top, and the only one below that was the \$2100 in 1977. This year's top price was \$2600 paid by Hayden Haby and James Wittenburg, both of Rocksprings, for a buck consigned by Kinney County Extension Agent Carl Esser, Bracketville.



Checking out the buyers. This ram was one of the test rams at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's performance tested Rambouillet Sale.

Agribusiness is big business

Without question, agriculture is big business in Texas as well as across the nation. But the agribusiness sector that supports the nation's corps of food and fiber producers also does a high volume

"Of the more than \$300 billion consumers spent last year for domestically produced farm foods, about \$215 billion was for services rendered by the so-called 'middleman,'" points out Dr. Forrest Stegelin, agri-

business economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

This dollar volume for services added between the farm and the retail establishment where consumers purchased the final produce accounts for 72 cents of every \$1 spent by consumers purchased the final product accounts for 72 cents of every \$1 spent by consumers, notes the economist. The remaining

28 cents goes to the farmer.

"The agribusiness sector not only turns raw agricultural items into ready-to-buy products, but also supplies inputs to generate a long line of raw farm products," notes Stegelin.

From an employment standpoint, agriculture is the nation's largest employer. Farming and agribusiness combined employ more than 15 million people, with two-thirds of these involved in storing,

transporting, processing and merchandising farm products, says the economist.

"An interesting point is that there are about 16 people needed in the agribusiness sector to support one farmer," Stegelin points out. "These are the people who provide each farmer with all the inputs he needs to generate his impressive raw farm product output--output that feeds almost 80 people."

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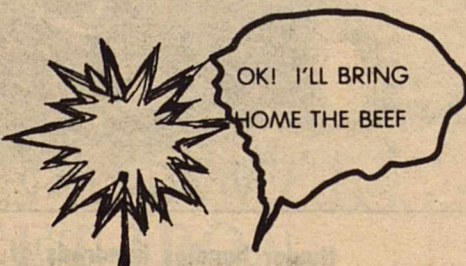
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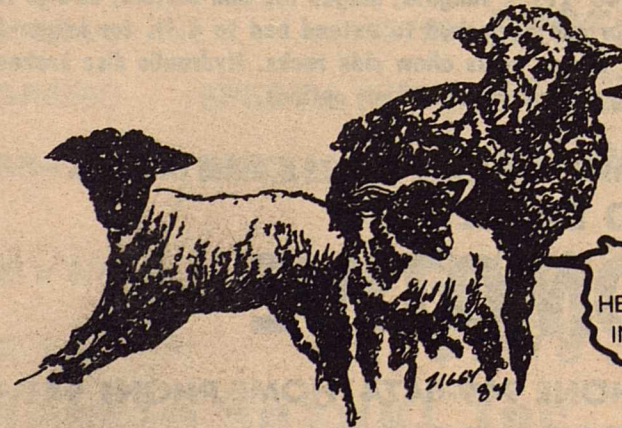
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ASCS office offers various programs

The local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office located at 216 E. Main St. serves the ranchers of Sutton County in many ways.

Locally under the direction of Charles E. Shannon, and manned by program assistant Jeanette Turner and office clerk Faye McCoy, the ASCS office is responsible for providing information and services through the United States Department of Agriculture.

Through a monthly newsletter and also through media releases, the ASCS office keeps the ranchers of our area up to date with the various assistance programs being offered through the Federal government. Some of the programs currently being offered by the local ASCS office include an emergency feed program, commodity production adjustment programs, conservation assistance through cost-sharing, and national emergency preparedness activities among others.

The County Committee comprised of Gene Wallace, Jack David

Wardlaw, and Jack Baker; all local ranchers, approve all programs and applications for programs offered by the ASCS office.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is administered by the Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, who also heads the Foreign Agricultural Service and

the Office of International Cooperations and Development. ASCS is directed by the administrator from national offices in Washington D.C. and through 50 states and about 2,700 county ASCS offices.

The State and County offices are responsible to State and County Agricultural committees. ASCS provides operating

and information services to the Commodity Credit Corporation, a government entity that finances the USDA commodity programs.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by the ASCS office is established by law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.



CHARLES SHANNON



Shearing time is a busy time for the ranchers of Sutton County. With around 300 local producers, the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. reported a total sales of 540,501 pounds of wool averaging \$1.01 per pound as of March 15, 1984.

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Mohair can be worn by all family members from children to adults. Available as pure mohair and in blends, it is used in elegant dresses, classic sweaters, suits and accessories.

Mohair has a natural sheen and luster. Once dyed, it will not fade. Mohair boasts fashionable bright to muted colors with depth and brilliance.

Strong, lasting and durable, mohair springs back when crushed. Because they shed wrinkles, mohair garments are ideal for traveling.

But mohair isn't used for

clothing. Its special qualities make it ideal for home and office furniture, draperies, blankets and throws. Extensive tests shown that mohair is naturally flame-resistant. Sparks will not easily ignite it. The fabric will not flame and is self-extinguishing. Mohair is also sound-absorbent, insulates against heat and cold and resists fading. Because of these qualities, mohair is desirable for use in theaters and other public buildings.

Care

Mohair's naturally smooth and slippery surface sheds dirt, making it easy to maintain. Lightly shaking an item or brushing its surface eliminates wrinkles and fluffs the fabric. Follow care labels for cleaning instructions.

Many garments, such as sweaters, can be economically handwashed. Hand wash in cool water with a mild detergent. Turn the item wrong side out, move it only slightly in the water without soaking and rinse carefully. After thorough rinsing, block or reshape and dry items flat. Flaps or facings can be pinned or basted flat to dry.

Tailored suits, as well as many other mohair and

mohair-blend items, require drycleaning. A reputable drycleaner can preserve the quality of fine mohair garments.

Production

Texas produces 97 percent of mohair in the United States and supplies about one-fourth of the world market, a total of about 10,000,000 pounds per year. The Texas mohair industry employs about 15,000 people.

Mohair comes from the coat of angora goats. Suited to mild, dry environments, these goats are found mainly on ranches in central and southwest Texas. They are shown twice a year, in July or August and in January or February, growing a little

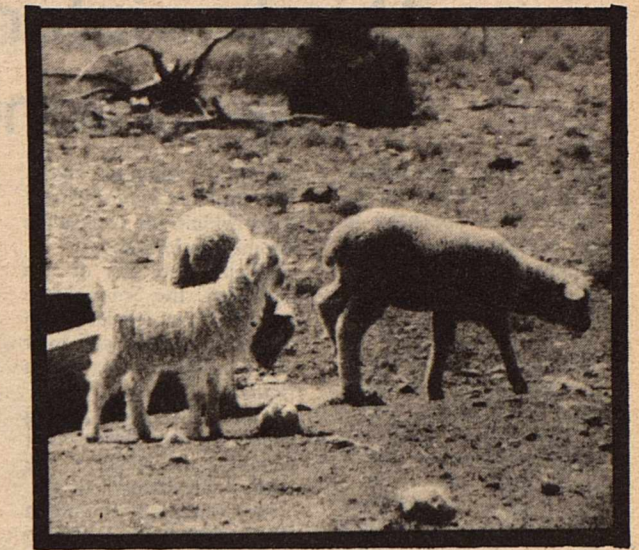
less than 1 inch of hair per month or 4 to 6 inches between each shearing. Clippings are marketed through about 30 Texas wool and mohair warehouses to manufacturers around the world, then returned to the United States as fabrics, garments and accessories.

Shopping

Look for mohair and mohair-blend garments or yarns in your favorite stores. Read the label for mohair content or check for the mohair logo. Items labeled "angora" are not mohair but rabbit hair. In areas where shopping is limited, check for mohair garments in mail order catalogs.



This logo is displayed on the label of many mohair garments.



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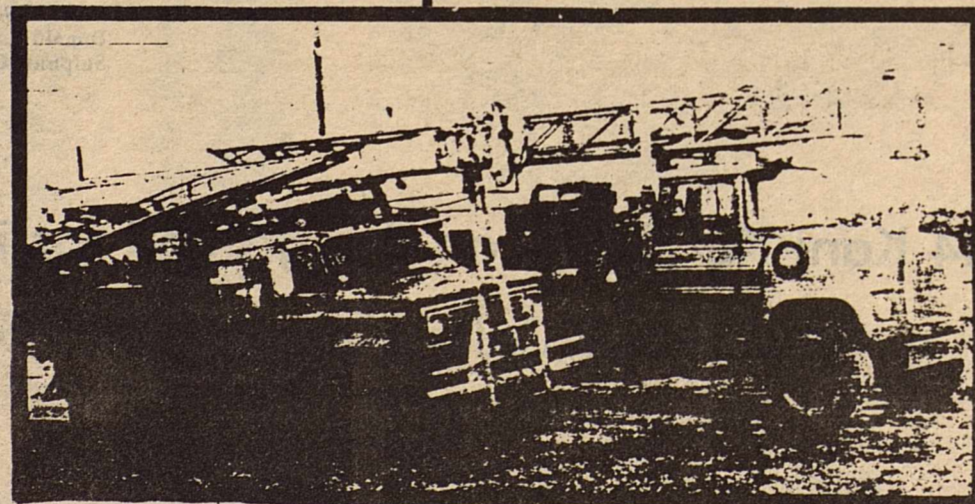


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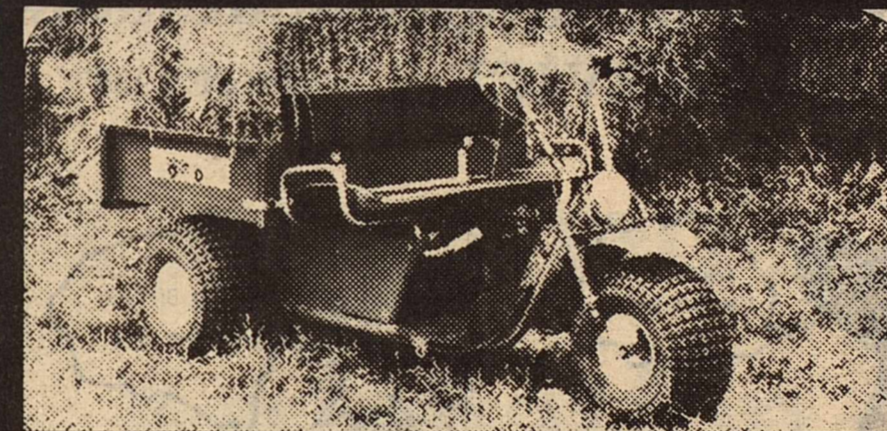


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here and a few tenths there. Since our area is so dry, the vegetation that the livestock and wildlife depend upon is under a great deal of stress.

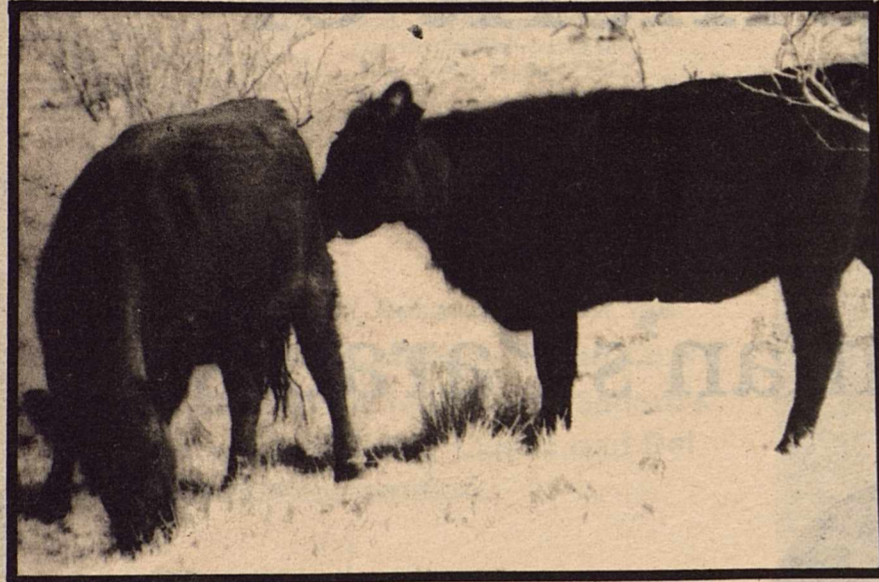
The livestock producer needs to do some serious thinking about how many animals he needs to ship. While some producers have already done so, others have not. If you consider the following point about how grass grows, then you can understand why reduc-

ing numbers and resting pastures is so important.

Grasses make their food in the leaves and store it in the root system. When it comes time for them to start growing and reproducing, it draws upon the food stored in the roots. This stored food is also called upon when it is trying to recover from any stress, such as a drought. Under constant grazing, the leaf surface is slowly reduced, limiting the ability

of the plant to produce food. If the plant does not make food, then it will not make a large storage area and the root system dies back. Before long you are left with weakened plants with the inability to grow and reproduce to their normal heights. They are unable to withstand grazing and trampling because the root system can't hold them in the ground, and they don't recover as fast when moisture does fall. When a stressed plant receives some moisture, it takes some time for it to respond. If it takes too long, then the moisture may be gone or out of the reach of the short root system, essentially wasting the rain.

Since we are in a drought and have been for some time, the producer needs to make some tough management decisions. How many animal units do I have and how many can I cull. How much longer can I afford to keep and feed them before it rains and what do I do if it doesn't rain and the market price falls. These are hard decisions that are part of the ranching business, and now is the time to start answering them. The Soil Conservation Service is willing to assist you any way we can. Our office is located on the 3rd floor of the City Hall Building.



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larval samples collected and submitted from the U.S. to our laboratory. Six of these were confirmed as positive screwworm cases, the balance were identified as non-screwworms. In comparison, the total number of samples collected and submitted in 1983 were 879, and all were confirmed as non-screwworms. The last screwworm cases reported in the United States were the six cases reported from Texas in 1982.

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have urged the Secretary of Agriculture to retain the current comparable percentage of parity as that at which shorn wool is supported. This would amount to an incentive level of \$5.169 per pound. Additionally, I have urged the Secretary to make an earlier announcement in future years so that mohair producers are able to make more complete financial and market planning decisions.

There is now some favorable news regarding beef exports to Japan. Following expiration of the last agreement between our two countries, it appeared that the Japanese would not agree to any substantial increase in meat imported into that country. However, an agreement was reached which will allow high quality beef imports to nearly double during the next four years. At present, Japan allows only 30,800 metric tons of high quality beef imports per year. The newly-negotiated agreement increases that figure by 6,900 metric tons per

year over the four-year life of the agreement. While we all desired a much higher level, this is at least a first step in the right direction.

It now appears that the Congress will consider the so-called "Simpson-Mazzoli" immigration bill during the month of May. Clearly we must do something to stem the high influx in illegal entries into the United States, however, I remain steadfastly opposed to the approach taken in this legislation which would impose both civil and criminal sanctions on employers who knowingly hire an illegal alien and grant amnesty to those who have already illegally crossed our borders and taken up residence here.

The liberal majority in the House prevailed in the recently-passed tax bill to partially quash certain concessions won by ranchers and royalty owners in the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. Under current law, the maximum Estate and Gift Tax rate was to be reduced from 60 percent to 55 percent this year and

reduced to 50 percent in subsequent years. The House-passed version of the new tax bill, however, freezes the rate at 60 percent until 1988. And, with respect to the so-called Windfall Profit Tax, the rate on newly-discovered oil was to have been reduced this year from 25 percent to 22½ percent and to 15 percent by 1987. The liberals in the House were successful at freezing the rate at 25 percent until 1988. I am hopeful that the Senate will act responsibly and will not tamper with these hard-won reforms gained in 1981.

America's ranchers and farmers have the ability and the know-how to supply the world's food and fiber needs for years to come. In my judgment, the primary role of the federal government in agriculture should be to strive to ensure an open world market and to guarantee free and fair trade, as well as to provide our agriculture community the means to produce the world's food and fiber at a fiber price and with a secure future.

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Changing trends in Agriculture

by PAM YOUNG

Changing Trends For Women In Agriculture: Involvement And Invisibility

Findings from census data suggest that women's contributions to agriculture are increasing and that these contributions are essential to the productivity as to the well-being of American ranchers. Not

only do ranch women increasingly support ranching endeavors with off-ranch income, but their direct agricultural contributions appear to payoff in higher productivity yields.

Women contribute to most of the tasks to their operations at least on an occasional basis. Furthermore, women's contributions to ranching may be increasing insofar as book-keeping and "go-fering"

are of increasing importance to modern agricultural operation. America's farm & ranch women also participate in most of the decisions including decisions about land, equipment, stock, practices, and marketing.

Given these facts of productivity and involvement, one is tempted to conclude that the invisibility of American ranch women must be lessening. However, the facts of productivity and involvement are not sufficient for recognition (as I am sure many of you know). There must be changes in legislative attitudes and policies toward farm and ranch women. Some of this can be influenced by ranchers them-

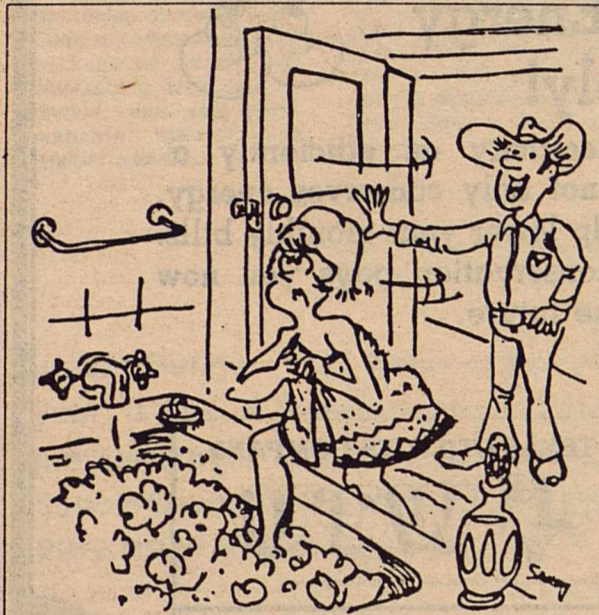
selves (e.g. by names on property deeds) but much must await administrative action e.g., in allowing both husband and wife to be designated as ranch operators on census forms). Surely, some important changes have been made, but they are too few and often uninformed by the magnitude of the efforts which made them so long overdue.

Operatorship of America's farms and ranches is most often a family function, shared to varying degrees by husbands and wives. American ranch women occupy virtually every point on the ranch involvement continuum, from noninvolvement, through equal sharing with

a spouse, to single-handed management. Yet, only those at the very highest involvement levels have been afforded recognition as operators or producers. Women consigned to non-operator status have been largely ignored in government policy and programs, sometimes with tragic results.

The fact that women and men do not have identical activity profiles, or that, on average, men have higher involvement levels than women, is not sufficient

cause to exclude women from consideration as partners or co-operators for their enterprises. To the contrary, an accurate understanding of American agricultural demands a more accurate understanding of women's roles and to American agriculture; both as a family way to life and as a family way of business. Public policy will be more effective and more conservative or important family values as it recognizes the contributions of America's farm and ranch women.



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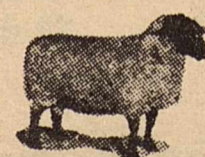


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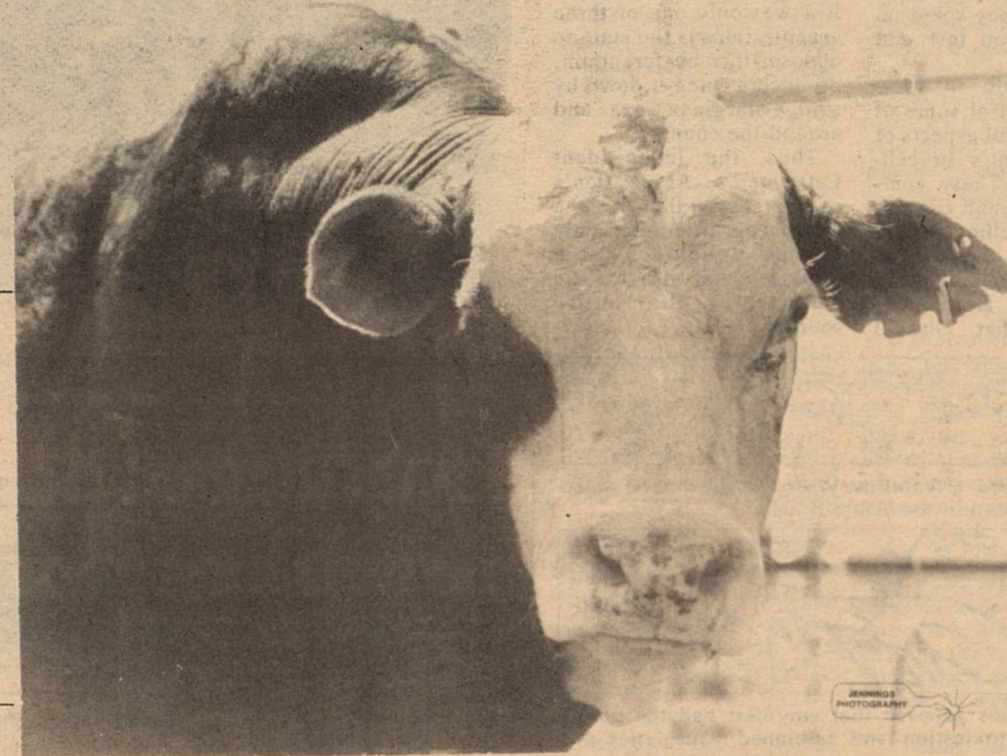
While Bad Company has existed just three short years, Mack has built his herd around such outstanding livestock as "Big Bend Coors" 1983 Texas Bull of the Year and "Velvet Outlaw" 1982 Texas Reserve Bull of the Year. Not only does the company have depth in the bull category, but its horses are also top notch. "Mile High" was named the Texas Circuit Finals Bareback in 1983 and "Rojo" was the Saddlebronc of the Year (1982) in the Texas Circuit.

Bad Company's origin began in Alpine, but has since moved headquarters to the Altizer Ranch on the Juno highway. This was done to become more centrally located to the rodeos the company was producing. Mack Altizer's rodeo

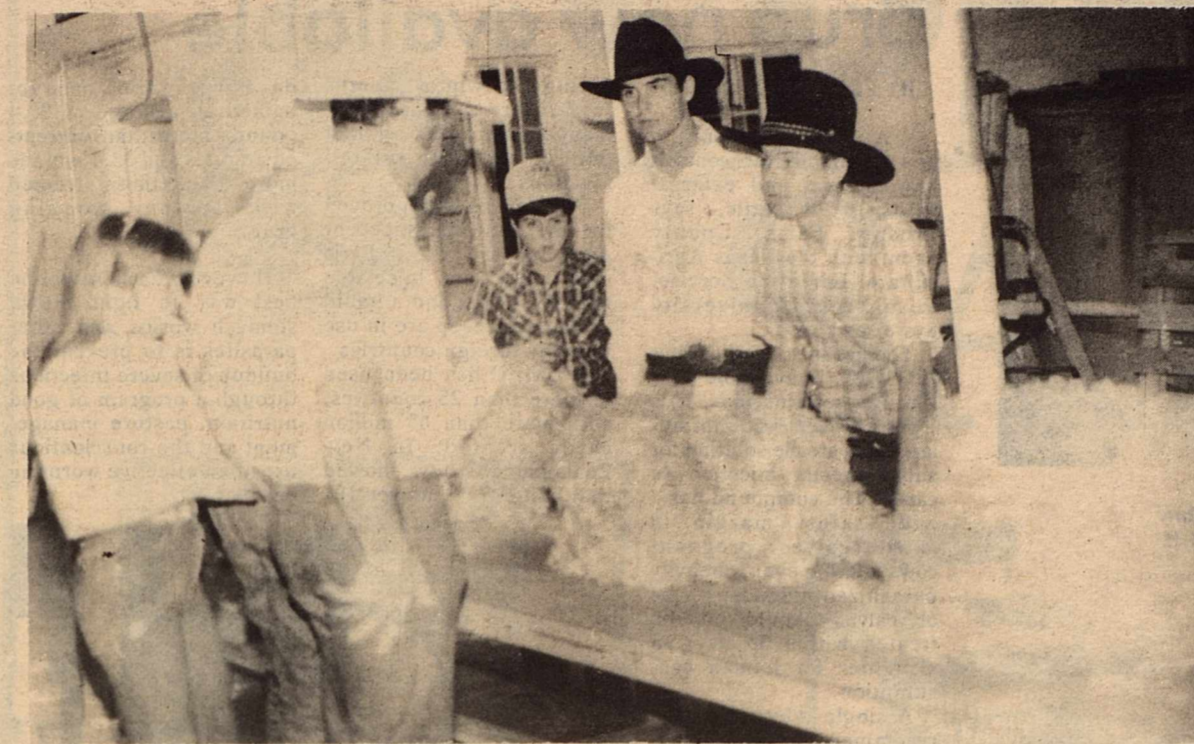
roots run deep. While in high school, he was the Texas and National Calf Roping Champ. At that time he was also president of the American Junior Rodeo Association. Moving up to the college ranks he was Southwestern Regional Calf Roping Champ, and

was president of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Both his mother and father competed in rodeo for years and his sister, Sherry runs barrels professionally. Currently, Mack is ranked in the top ten Single Steer Roping

Bad Company has produced such events as the Youth National Finals Rodeo, the American Junior Finals Rodeo, and the Pecos Centennial. Upcoming events include the Super Bull and the Sonora Bull Riding Classic.



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The judges explain some of the finer points of wool classification during last year's National Wool Judging Contest.

Wool Judging Contest provides education to future ranchers

The National 4-H Wool Judging Contest held annually in Sonora is dedicated to the youth of the nation in whose hands lies the future of the sheep and wool industry.

The purpose of the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest is to encourage the training of youth in classification, grading, and evaluation of wool, "to make the best (Wool) better."

The first wool judging contest was held here in Sonora in 1947 as a part of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show. From this beginning, wool judging contests have spread to

many county wool shows in Texas and in many other states.

Top teams participate in the Sonora Wool and Mohair Judging Contest each year. So much interest has

been shown by Texans and the value of the contest so apparent that the sponsors of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show are making this unique training opportunity available to the youth of the nation.

The 4-H wool judging team from Albany, Wyoming won first place in the 1983 wool judging contest. Second place went to Val Verde County, Texas 4-H team, with third place awarded to Dona Ana County, New Mexico 4-H judging team.

According to the list of rules and regulations, a maximum of two teams may enter from each state with selection of the teams to be made by the state 4-H office. Entries must be submitted by letter, listing the ages of team members, birthdays, county, state, and coach to the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest, Box 1047, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Contestants must be at least 14 years of age but not yet 19 years of age as of January 1, 1984 to enter this year's contest.

This contest is open to both boys and girls.

Teams may consist of four members with the scores of the three high members making the team score. The low scoring

member of the team is automatically designated as alternate. In the event of a tie, the score of the alternate will determine the team placing.

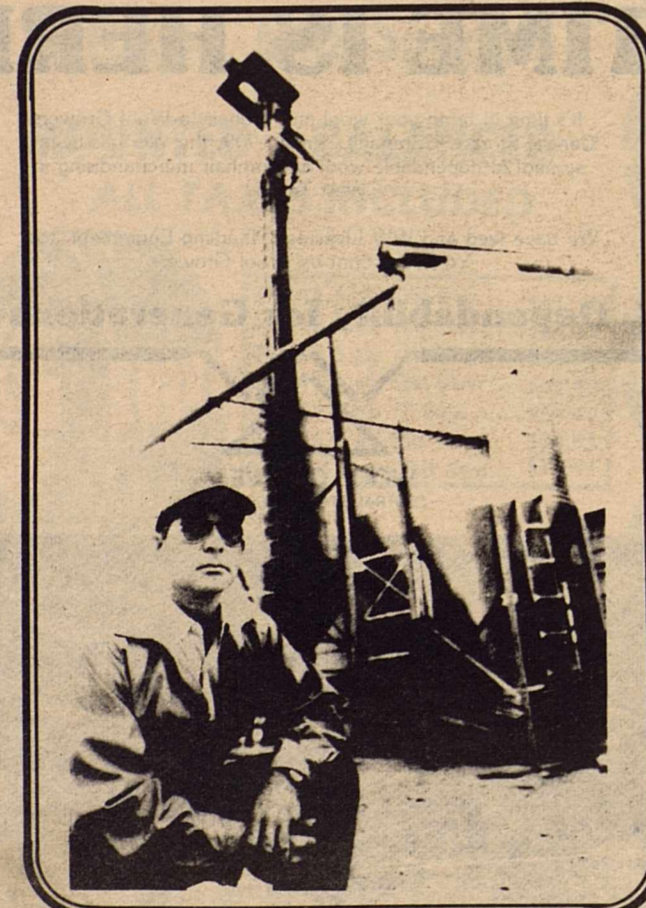
Participants in the Wool Judging Contest must classify 30 fleeces according to length, fineness, and yield. Thirty minutes will be allowed for the participants to classify 15 fleeces.

Each participant in the Wool Judging contest is automatically barred from future competition in the contest.

This year's contest begins June 12 and runs through June 14. Each year, the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club in cooperation with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Show superintendents for the upcoming show will be Jack Groff and Dr. George Ahlschwede, Texas Extension Sheep and Goat specialists.

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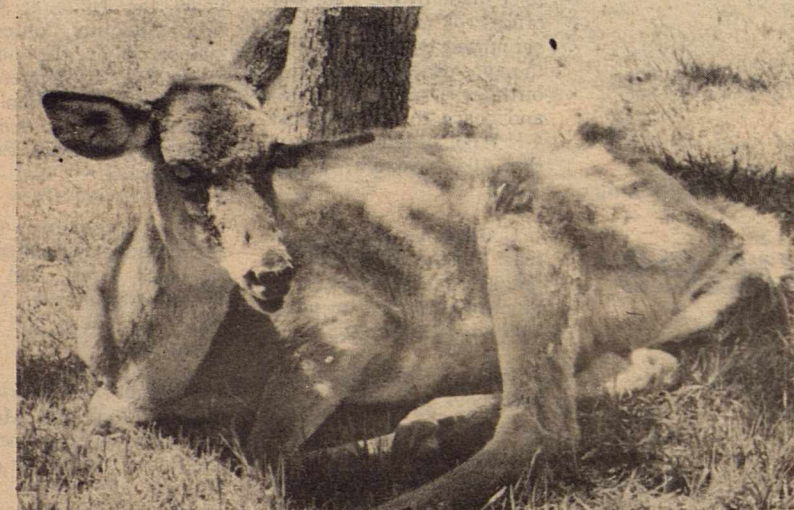
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County Agent Preston Faris demonstrates the fine art of shearing to members of Sutton County's 4-H Club.



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New cattle worming drug now available

BY PRESTON FARIS

A new compound is now available for controlling internal and external parasites of cattle, says Preston Faris, County agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The product, marketed at IVOMEK, is available only through veterinarians. It is 1 percent ivermectin formulated in a sterile solution for subcutaneous injection in cattle. The compound has a wide safety margin in cattle, calves, pregnant cows and even heavily parasitized animals. Cattle or calves should not be treated within 35 days of slaughter for human consumption.

A single injection at the recommended dose controls both the immature and adult stages of many common internal worms--including the brown stomach worm--as well as many external parasites. However, it has no measurable effect on flukes and tapeworms, Faris says.

As with all products for controlling cattle grubs, proper timing of treatment is critical. Cattle should be treated with IVOMEK as soon as possible after the end of the heel fly season. Animals may be retreated

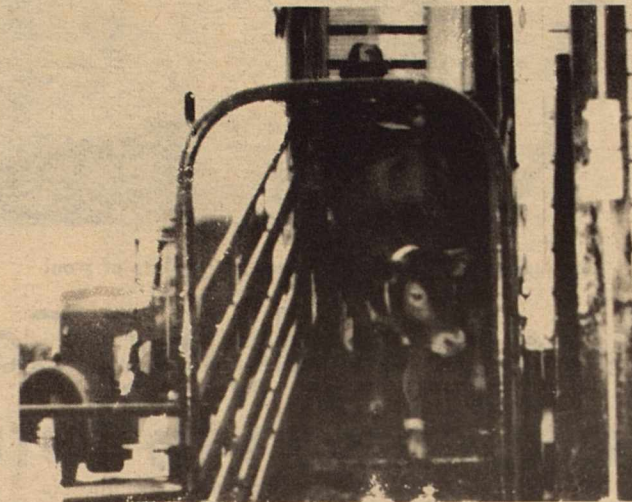
during the winter months for internal parasites, mange mites or lice without danger of grub-related reactions.

IVOMEK is not approved for use in swine, sheep or goats in the U.S., Faris adds, but an injectable form for swine and a liquid drench for sheep are in use in many foreign countries.

IVOMEK has been used in more than 25 countries, with more than 65 million cattle treated. In New Zealand, a study showed that cattle treated over 197

days with the product gained an average of 97.4 pounds more than untreated animals and 33.4 pounds more than those treated with another worming drug.

However, Faris says, the best way to fight brown stomach worms and other parasites is to prevent the buildup of severe infections through a program of good nutrition, pasture management and the conscientious use of an effective worming product.



Although drenching has been a practice of ranchers for decades, the new drug, IVOMEK will control external as well as internal parasites in cattle. The drug is expected to someday make drenching an obsolete practice.

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some months later, a countercyclical meat import bill passed which alleviated some of the problems massive imports had caused.

ICA also became heavily involved in the late 1970's with regulations passed by the federal government which required millions of dollars to be spent on test and slaughter methods for eradicating the livestock disease, brucellosis. Members of the association believed that the government regulations caused far more harm to the producer than the disease itself. They want money spent on research, not on test and slaughter.

ICA was able to delay implementation of some of the most harmful aspects of the government's brucellosis program. These compromises, although certainly not as compelling as ICA wished, made the regulations more palatable to producers and alerted the government that not all

cattlemen are willing to accept the program in blind faith.

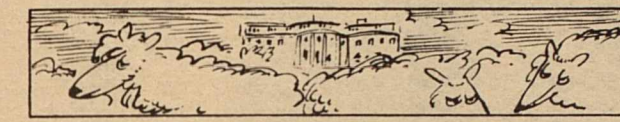
Another area of activity for the Independent Cattlemen's Association concerned the national beef referendum, which, if passed, would have required a dues check-off system to raise money from producers to pay for beef promotion. Although ICA favors promoting beef, association members believed that the government's involvement in the program was too great. Despite the fact that

ICA was only one of three organizations in the state to oppose the referendum, producers voted it down by a huge margin in Texas and around the country.

Thus, the Independent Cattlemen's Association's record shows that it is a group concerned not only for the welfare of cattle producers but also for the welfare of the entire country.



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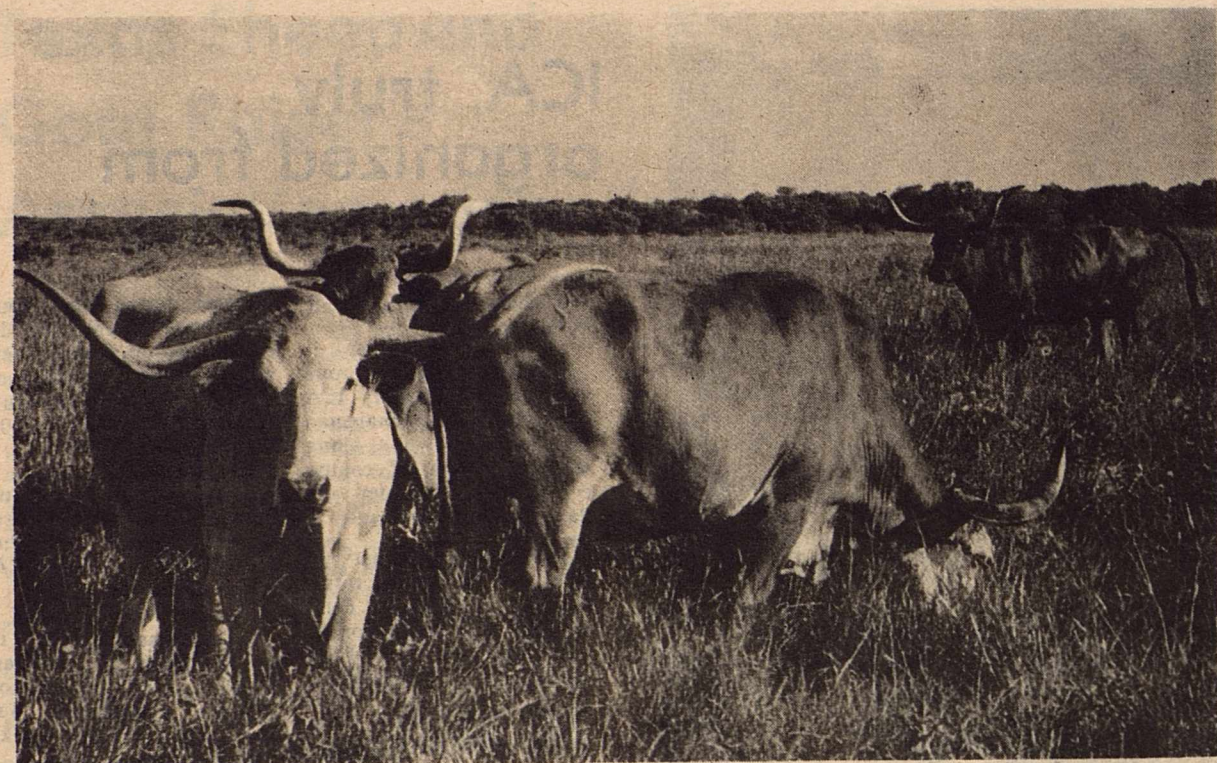
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In those days, rural business consisted of raising livestock for transport from Kansas railheads. ICA works to remain a leader in rural Texas business.

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periodically to the Internal Revenue Service during the year. Federal Tax Deposit Form 511 should be used for this purpose. The frequency of payments depends on the total amount of taxes payable.

Another form, the Employer's Annual Tax Return for Agricultural Employees (Form 943), must be submitted by January 31 for wages paid the previous year. If all taxes for the previous year have already been

deposited, the deadlines for filing Form 943 is extended to February 10.

Form W-2, the Wage and Tax Statement, is prepared at the end of the year.

Additional information concerning the responsibilities of farm crew leaders or farm employers for reporting wages and paying Social Security taxes can be obtained from any Internal Revenue Service Office.

"Everyone has foolish ideas but a wise man keeps them to himself." -Wilhelm Busch

ICA, founded in 1974

Editor's Note: The following article was contributed by Ruth Espy and has previously appeared in a publication for the Independent Cattlemen's Association.

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, Inc., was founded in 1974 by T.A. Cunningham of Goliad.

That was a particularly dismal year for the cattle industry as cattle markets plunged, profits dropped rapidly and government agencies turned deaf ears to spokesmen for the industry.

At that time, Cunningham and several of his neighbors looked for help from existing producer organizations and found none. They decided to form their own organization to fight for legislative reform and respect for American producers.

In just a short time, the Independent Cattlemen's Association filled the void of leadership in Texas and membership grew from the original 17 ranchers assembled in Goliad to thousands of men and women residing throughout Texas. It became the largest non-affiliated cattlemen's association in the United States.

Those who joined realized that the answer to

the cattlemen's dilemma rested in strength in numbers. Working from the county-level up, the Independent Cattlemen's Association organized big and little operators cow-calf producers, market operators, bankers, equipment suppliers, feed dealers and many other small businesses into a coalition of concerned citizens.

Because of this wide representation, the association's viewpoint on state and national matters is highly respected. The Independent Cattlemen's Association has become an invaluable leader in speaking out against problems and developing positive solutions.

One of the first issues ICA became involved with concerned cattle imports. The controversy stirred by ICA forced the International Trade Commission to hold hearings throughout the country to get opinions from cattlemen. ICA members showed up in force at the meeting site in Fort Worth to testify in spite of implied threats from those representing the meat importers that cattlemen had too little power backing them up. Congress finally took notice of what cattlemen were saying and

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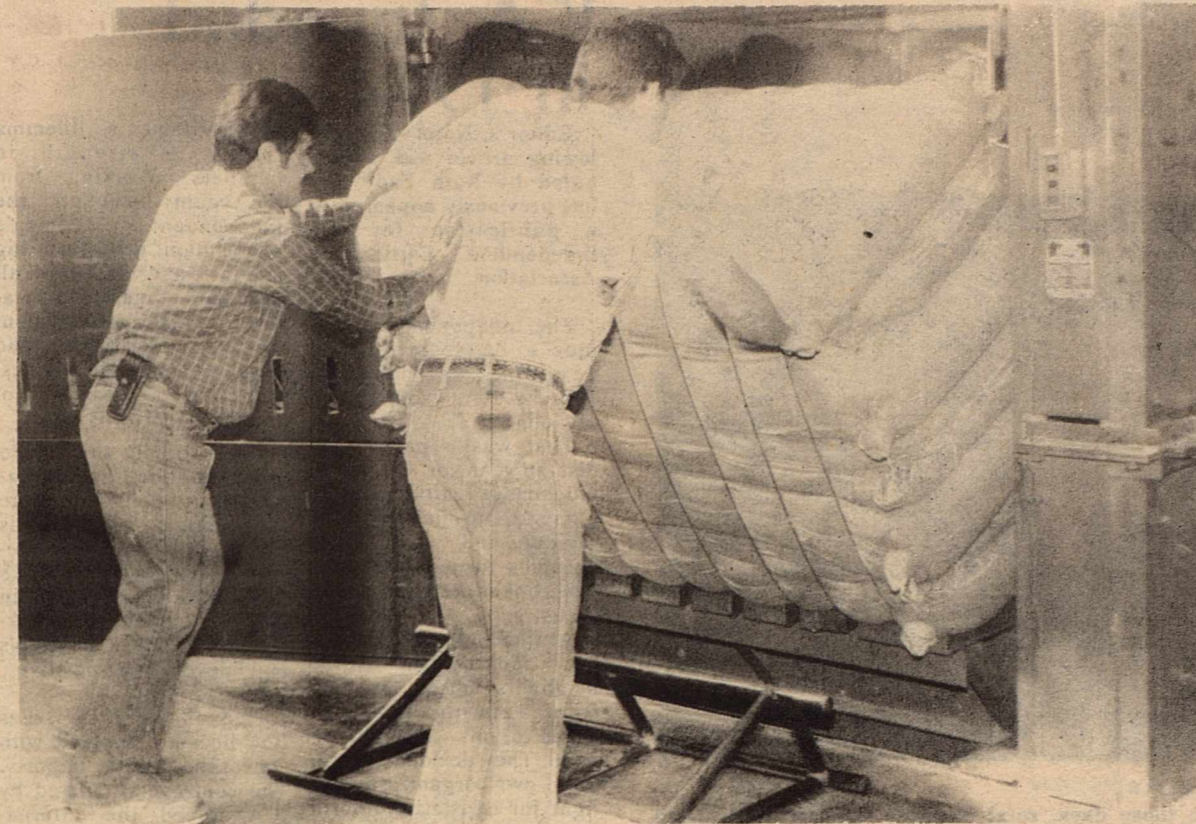
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It's one member, one vote as each county ICA chapter elects its chairman and officers who, along with a system of county committees, conduct the day-to-day affairs locally.

A statewide board of directors and officers are elected at large by the delegates to the annual ICA state convention.

Each county must be self-sustaining through donations and annual celebrations and must contribute to the operation of the statewide organization.

As an association ICA is not involved in partisan politics and does not endorse candidates. But the organization works closely with men and women at every level of government in behalf of its goals.

Special membership clubs within the state organization are available for those who give donations. Donations of \$30 make one eligible to join Boot

Crew workers Social Security benefits examined

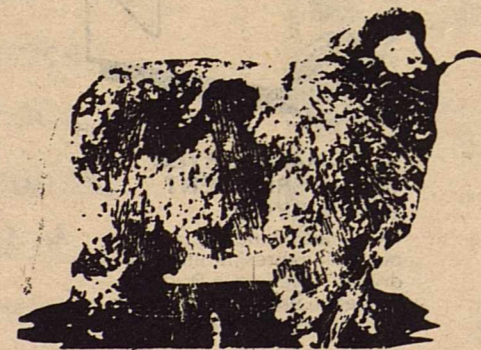
Farm crew workers are covered by Social Security if they are paid at least \$150 in cash wages during a calendar year or if they are paid cash wages by the hour, day, week, or month (or other time basis) for any part of 20 or more days a year from one employer. If there is a written agreement between the crew

leader and the farmer stating that the crew leader is the farmer's employee, the farmer is the employer. If there is no written agreement and the crew leader pays the workers, the crew leader is the employer; however, if the farmer or the farmer's agent pays the workers, the employer is the one who has control over the workers on

the job. The employer is responsible for keeping a record for each worker. This record should show the worker's name, Social Security number, the amount of cash wages paid, and the amount of taxes withheld. In general, the Social Security tax must be paid

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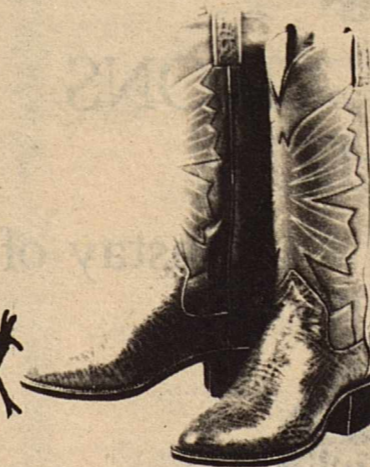
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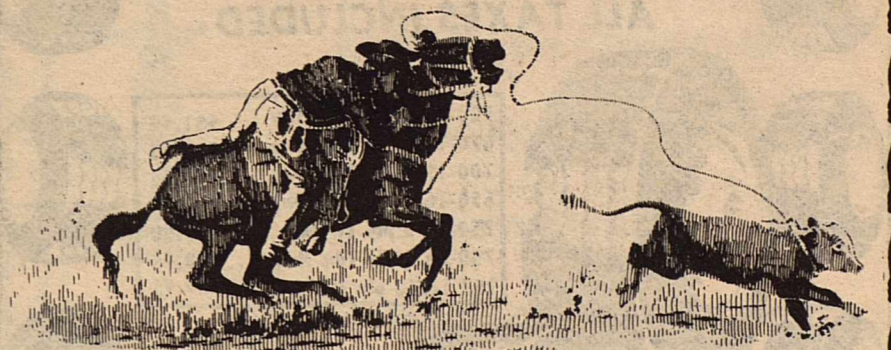
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Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association expands

With roots in a small Sutton County group, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association has spread into a large, powerful organization.

A story by B.M. Halbert in the January 15, 1935 edition of the Sheep and Goat Raiser traces the organization's beginnings. The article was later reprinted in the December, 1965 and July, 1971 editions.

According to the story, some 45 men met Jan. 1, 1913 to form the Stockman's Protective Association of Sutton County.

R.E. Taylor was elected president with Halbert serving as secretary-treasurer.

A committee of Taylor, L.J. Wardlaw, and J.S. Allison drew up the constitution and bylaws.

They were short and to the point: membership was limited to the county and the main objective was to stop sheep and goat thieves who ravaged the county.

An assessment was levied on all the member's livestock, and an inspector was immediately hired and put to work.

The work was carried on for two years when the need for a statewide organization was felt.

A meeting was called in Del Rio by five area goatmen, Halbert, J.B. Murrah, V.D. Brown, Johnson Robertson, and E.E. Stricklin.

Two priorities were set at this meeting: the first to ask the legislature for an appropriation to establish a Livestock Experiment Station in West Texas, and the second, to form a statewide association of sheep and goat men for their mutual advancement and protection.

A committee was set before the Legislature in Austin to ask for the \$15,000 to buy land for the station.

After two years \$10,000 was appropriated and an additional \$8,000 was donated by ranchers in Sutton and Edwards counties.

Dr. B. Youngblood and J.M. Jones of Texas A&M University have been given much credit for help in the establishment of the station.

The sheep and goat men loosely followed the footsteps of the Cattle Raiser's

Association of Texas. Using its bylaws, they substituted sheep and goats where the word cattle was used.

Everything proceeded smoothly until the naming of the association was brought up.

The majority of those present were goat raisers. Led by Murrah, they felt that goats should precede sheep in the name. Halbert led the opposition, saying as in the Bible and all histories, sheep should be first.

Halbert was called to the chair for a debate. When the votes were finally cast, there was a tie, and Halbert as chairman cast the deciding ballot.

Thus the name, The Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association, was accepted.

Murrah as president and Julian La Crosse as secretary-treasurer served the association the first two years.

Halbert was the second man to serve as president and with him William H. Holland was secretary and treasurer.

With 40 charter members the organization had grown to over 7,000 by 1971.

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Cattle producers of today must encourage and lead young people interested in agriculture to ensure competent cattle producers of tomorrow. ICA offers scholarships for beef projects through the statewide 4-H program.

INHERITANCE TAXES

Rising property values and changing tax structures have made present inheritance taxes out of date. Inheritance tax laws should continue to be revised so the exemption keeps pace with rising land values.

BRUCellosis

The federally controlled brucellosis program is unrealistic to the needs of Texas cattlemen today. The program is much more destructive than the

disease itself. More emphasis should be placed on research to find a more practical way for eradication, vaccination and detection methods.

IMPORTS

As a result of ICA work imported meat now meets the same inspection standards as domestically slaughtered meat. Imported meat should also be labeled so consumers will know what they are buying. Furthermore, no steps should be taken to weaken the Meat Import Act of 1979 which decreases foreign meat imports when domestic supplies are adequate.

IMPROVE MARKETING

More should be done to create new domestic and foreign markets for our beef products as well as other agricultural goods. ICA supports expanded markets through fair competition and public education.

BEEF PROMOTION

ICA has joined forces with other Texas producer organizations to support the 25-cent beef check-off program to promote beef usage on the national down to the local levels.

SCHOOL FINANCE

The use of property taxes for financing the public schools of Texas places an undue burden on landowners. Thus, alternative means of financing schools should be adopted.

LAND USE

The rights of the property owner as guaranteed in the constitution of the United States should be preserved. Federal and state land use planning proposals that threaten the right of every American to own and enjoy his land should be abolished.

WINDFALL PROFITS TAX

Further action should be taken to repeal the Windfall Profits Tax in its entirety thus relieving the burden placed on royalty owners and independent producers.

RESEARCH

Steps should be taken to see that our agriculture research dollars are not lost in inflation. Dollars spent on agricultural research have an investment return of more than 1000 percent, benefitting both producers and consumers. Efforts to increase funding for research should be taken at both the federal and state levels to make sure our return remains at such a high level.

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County Extension Office looks forward to future

BY PRESTON FARIS

The agricultural industry today is vastly different than in the past and Sutton County is feeling the impact of that change. Texas continues to be one of the leading population growth states as the nation approaches mid-decade. Having more people means that the Lone Star State will require increasing amounts of food & fibers and greater numbers of housing units, job opportunities, public facilities and services. Agricultural producers are facing greater battles in keeping production costs at a level where profits can be achieved. At the same time they are being asked to feed and clothe this in-

creasing population. Longer working days and increased labor will not be the answer to meeting this crisis. We must learn to operate smarter and more efficiently.

The local extension office remains ready to assist with traditional training opportunities. These include things like livestock selection workshops, range management burns, chemical brush control demonstration, and wildlife management tools, etc. However, we must look to the future with better record systems, computers in agriculture, water conservation, and superior marketing procedures. In addition we stand ready to help the home

gardener as he seeks to economically feed his family with nutritious fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts. We also are dedicated to training the young people of our area with an active progressive 4-H club.

While there are no miracle formulas to cope with change we must be willing to try new approaches. Wildlife leases are currently exceeding grazing leases in value to the producer as leisure time is so important to a stress ridden society. We must capitalize on these type opportunities. As our State Extension Director, Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter has stated "Looking back reminds us to look forward and step into the future."



Cattle arriving at the watering trough is a common sight in Sutton County's dry climate.

I'm proud to Salute the Ranching Industry for it's many achievements over the years! Elizabeth Cusenbary

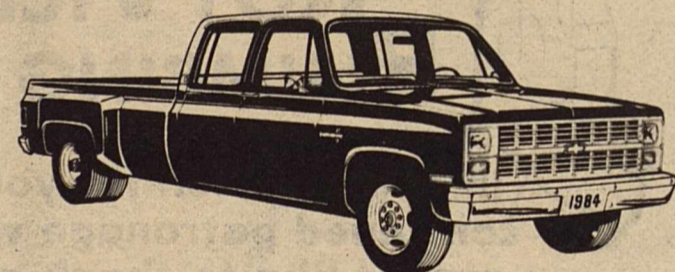
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