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Debbie Bible crowned Lions Queen



RITA SMITH

Fund set up for Rita Smith

Rita Smith, daughter of Evelyn and Bud McGinnis, is 11 years old and is a fourth grader at Sonora Elementary School. She is also a Girl Scout. Right now Rita is in the Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital suffering from cancer.

A fund has been set up at First National Bank of Sonora to help defer medical expenses and any donations would be greatly appreciated. You may contact Roberta James at the bank. If you make your checks payable to "Helping Hand Fund," the donation will be tax deductible.

For more information please contact Nita Pounds at 387-5678, Judy Barton at 387-5384, or Sharon Jarde after 5 p.m. at 387-5345.

There will also be a bake sale February 11 at the General Telephone office in downtown Sonora to help raise funds for Rita.

The sale will begin at 10 a.m.

Local Lions from the Westside and Downtown Clubs met jointly Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. in the Sonora Junior High Snack Bar. The occasion was the Annual Ladies Night and Queen Contest. It was an evening of good food, excellent entertainment and lovely ladies.

Debbie Bible, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bible was crowned 1985 Queen of the Sonora Lions Clubs. Miss Bible will represent the Sonora clubs at the regional competition in San Angelo in May. Debbie, who is a senior at Sonora High School, was escorted by Doug Martin. She is a member of the girl's varsity basketball team and has been an active participant in many school programs throughout her career.

First runner-up was Patsy Perez, daughter of Mrs. Irene Perez. She was escorted by Arturo Gandar. Miss Perez is a senior at Sonora High School. Rachel Stephen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stephen,

was second runner-up. Miss Stephen, a junior at Sonora High School, was escorted by Glen Love.

Judges for the contest, all from San Angelo, were District Governor Oscar and Mrs. Cook, District Convention Chairman Cecil and Mrs. Templeton and District White Cane Chairman and Mrs. J.W. Hughes. Governor Cook commented that the decision was very difficult as all of the candidates were well qualified for the honor.

Virgil Polocsek, contest chairman, introduced the panel of judges. Dr. Lonnie Pollard served as Master of Ceremonies.

The 1984 Queen Kathryn Parker, a student at Baylor University, was unable to attend the occasion. The pleasure of crowning the Queen then fell to Jim Dover, president of the Downtown Club.

Entertainment was provided by members of the

Sonora High School Choir and by drama student Craig Hopper. Hopper's excellent rendition of a humorous monologue, "Fools" by Neil Simon and the choir's polished repertoire of popular songs was well received by the appreciative audience.

The Lions and their guests, who nearly filled the snack bar, were served by Carol's Catering Service of Sonora. The menu consisted of chicken fried steak, green beans, salad, rolls, pie and iced tea.

The other Queen Candidates and their escorts were: Della Heffernan, Jody Luttrell; Debbie Shannon, Houston Taylor; Anita Balch, Joe Will Ross; Becca Powers, Wayne Hill; Sidonna Ridgeway, Todd Phillips; Carrie Sorenson, Abe Caruthers; Lesli Webster, Jim Cooper; Bonnie Jackson, Craig Hopper. Carrie Craddock was unable to attend. She would have been escorted by Wayne Collins.



1985 LIONS CLUB QUEEN
Debbie Bible (center front) 1985 Lions Club Queen is applauded by members of her court. On the left are first runner-up Patsy Perez and her escort Arturo

Gandar. Second runner-up Rachel Stephen and her escort Glen Love are on the right. Miss Bible's escort, Doug Martin, is center row. [Staff Photo--J.R.]

Bronco cagers down Coahoma

BY CHARLIE ADAMS

The Sonora Varsity Boys and Girls took homecourt victories over the Coahoma Bulldogs. The boys won 54-45 and the fems 45-28.

This makes the boys' district standings through 4 of 5 first-half games at: Colorado City 4-0, Crane 3-1, Coahoma 2-2, Ballinger 2-2, Sonora 1-3, and Ozona 0-4.

This game marked the start of the second half of district play for the girls. The district standings after this one game show Sonora, Crane and Ballinger all at 1-0 and Coahoma, Ozona and Colorado City at 0-1.

In the boys' game, the Broncos played probably their best game of the season as a team. They outshot the Bulldogs 21-18 from the floor and 12-9 from the foul-line. The Broncos were 12 of 20 for 60 percent while the Bulldogs were 9 of 24 from the charity stripe for 37 percent.

The Broncos jumped off to a 17-14 first quarter lead then upped it to 29-22 at halftime. The Broncos managed 10 to the Bulldogs 9 in the third period to take a 39-31 lead into the final period. The Broncos won the final period 15-14 to come away with the win. The Broncos had three players in double figures as Esau Ramirez had 14 points, Scott Miller 12, Ismael Duenes 10, Wayne Hill 7, Gilbert Martinez 5, John David Martinez 4, and Mike McBride 2.

The Sonora fems really enjoyed the victory as they avenged an earlier district overtime loss to the Bulldogs. The Broncos came out smoking as they hit for 16 first quarter points while holding the Bulldogs to 7. They upped the lead to 25-12 at halftime. The Broncos played very well and improved in all areas, even fouls as none fouled out even though there were 21 team fouls to the Bulldogs' 11 team fouls.

The Broncos shot well from the charity stripe as they canned 9 of 12 for 75 percent. The Bulldogs helped the Bronco cause by hitting only 6 of 23 free throws for 27 percent with eight misses being the front-end of one-and-one situations. The Broncos won the second half 20-10 to come away with a very important district win.

Lea Whitehead led the Broncos with 14, Debbie Bible 12, Gina Heffernan 6, Becca Powers 5, Debbie Shannon 4, and Kate Mathews and Carrie Sorenson 2 each.

Janey Cunningham and Shanna Fowler each had 10 points for the Bulldogs.

The Sonora J.V. girls, behind the 17 point performance of Kathy Richter, downed the Coahoma Bulldog J.V. 41-18. Gayann Dobbs and Julie Jackson each had 6, Lauri Sotelo 3, Alicia Sanchez, Carla Crites, Lancy Lowe, and Michelle Adams each had 2 points, and Gigi Speers had 1. The J.V. record is now 17-3 on the season.

The J.V. boys suffered the only loss of the night as they fell to the Bulldogs 45-27.

Filing deadlines may be delayed

BY JERRY RAUN

The third and final trial of the Sheep Dog Winter Olympics was held Sunday, January 27 in the Sonora county baseball park. Previous trials were held in Ozona January 25 and in Sanderson January 26.

This was the first time that Sonora has been host to the sheep dog trials. According to Dr. Patti Strauch, local coordinator, the event was a huge success. Strauch said, "The competitors were very pleased with the location of the course and other facilities and with the interest and encouragement of the spectators."

According to Dr. Strauch, the competitors said that Sonora had provided more hospitality than many other hosts and they would be happy to return. They expressed warm thanks to the sponsors of the trials for helping promote this ranch and livestock oriented event.

A total of 42 dogs, all Border Collies, were entered in three classes. The open class, with 32 entries, is for experienced trial dogs and handlers. The top three dogs in this class qualify to the National Sheep Dog Trials to be held in California during November, 1985.

First place in the open class was taken by Jim Varnon of DeSoto, Texas and his dog "Don". Roger Schroeder and his dog "Scott" took second place. Schroeder is from Arizona. Third place went to Joe Lawson and "Drift" from Shady Dale, Georgia. Jim Varnon's "June" was in fourth and fifth place went to Ralph Pulfer and "Jed" from Ohio.

The two other classes, open ranch and ranch, are for

Sheep dog trials held

working ranch dogs. The more experienced dogs were placed in the open ranch class and beginners in the ranch class.

First place in the open ranch went to "Jackie", owned by Roger Schroeder. Jackie Haney of Texas working with "Megan" won second place place. Third place went to Robert Barlow and "Vic" of Tennessee. Five dogs were entered in this class.

In the ranch class, also with five entries, the first place trophy went to Temple Henderson and "Snip". Second place was taken by Joe Jones of Sonora and his dog "Pete". All ranch class entries were from Texas.

The hand-painted trophies for the trials were provided by Dr. Strauch. Each was a plaque illustrated with a painting of a different animal.

Peter Hetherington from Barr, Scotland was the judge for the event. He received a special trophy from Dr. Strauch.

Sponsors who helped make the trials possible were the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank of Sonora, Sutton County National Bank, Dr. Patti Strauch DVM, Dr. Mike Keller DVM, Thorp's Laundry, Sutton County Steakhouse, John Gardner, Maggie and David Walsh, ADCO Water Wells, BFM Welding, Gosney's, Ruth Espy, Glen Richardson, Clay Hicks, John Wade, Don Spiller, Guy Wyatt Askew Ranch, Seco Mayfield, Bill Wade, and Mickey Powers.

The sheep were provided by Bill Karnes and in some cases proved to be formidable adversaries to the hard working dogs.

3-S Plumbing ribbon cutting held recently

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held Wednesday, January 23 marked the official opening of 3-S Plumbing, one of Sonora's newest businesses. 3-S Plumbing, owned by Wade Stokes has been in business since September, 1984.

The ribbon-cutting was attended by Stokes, Frank Guzman who is the licensed plumber for 3-S Plumbing and by Chamber of Commerce members Preston Love, Edith James, A.W. Bishop, Roberta James, Harold McEwen, Jeanne Jackson, and Mike Street.

Stokes, a lifelong resident of Sonora, said that he opened the business because "There was a need for this in Sonora". He stated, "We offer fast, friendly service and we want to be sure the job is done right the first time. We want to be sure our customers are satisfied."

Home-owned and operated, 3-S Plumbing is fully licensed, bonded and insured. Frank Guzman is the plumber and Stokes runs the office. Twenty-four hour service is offered.

3-S Plumbing now offers complete residential and commercial plumbing service and contract work.

According to Stokes, future plans include stocking a complete line of plumbing and heating supplies.

The new store is located at 105 1/2 East Main in Sonora.

Reception slated

The Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative will be hosting an open house in honor of General Manager Elton McGinnes, who will be retiring as of January 31 after almost 39 years with the cooperative.

This reception will be held at the headquarters in Eldorado, 21 E. Gillis, on Friday, January 25, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Please come by and help the directors and employees make this an occasion for Elton to remember in the years to come.

Babysitting planned

The youth of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora will offer a babysitting service February 2, the night of the annual Fling Ding.

Babysitting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Church nursery, that night only.

Anyone interested in this service should call 387-2466 or 387-2684.

Apple-Users to meet

The Devil's River Apple Users will meet Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Vocational Building, Computer Room.

This meeting will be about the Apple II C with a comparison between it and the Apple II E.

The public is invited to attend this and all meetings of the Devil's River Apple Users Club.



RIBBON CUTTING AT 3-S PLUMBING
Shown l to r are Edith James, Frank Guzman, Harold McEwen, Roberta James, A.W. Bishop, Mike Street [partially hidden], Jeanne Jackson, Wade Stokes and Preston Love. [Staff Photo--J.R.]

Community Calendar

Sunday, February 3
ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

Monday, February 4
4 p.m.-7th and 8th grade boys and girls vs. Eldorado there

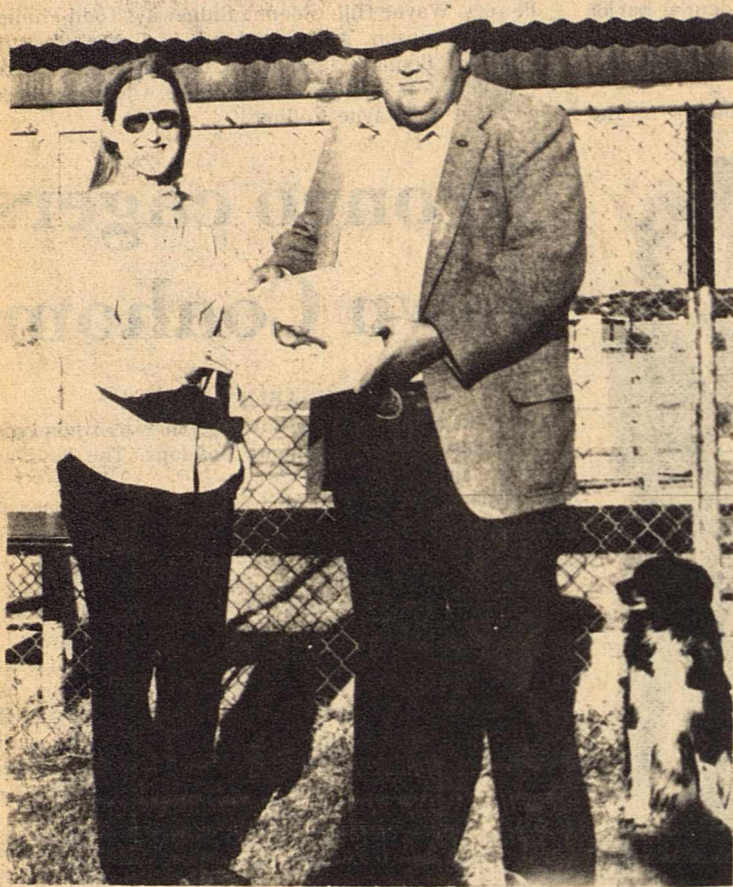
Tuesday, February 5
noon-Lions Club at 1st Methodist Church
6:30 JV and Varsity Boys and Girls vs. Ballinger here



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FIRST PLACE TROPHY AWARDED
Dr. Patti Strauch (l) presents the First Place Trophy to Jim Varnon winner of the Open Class in the Sonora Sheep Dog Trials. (Photo By--J.R.)

Sutton Co. Steak House touted in new book

Sonora's own Sutton County Steak House is one of 100 restaurants in a new book entitled, **Great Hometown Restaurants of Texas.** Author of the 146 page book is Mary Frances Beverly, a free lance writer from Midland. The publisher is Lone Star Books, a division of Gulf Publishing of Houston.

Only 100 restaurants in Texas are included in Beverly's list of the state's finest. Two pages are devoted to the Sutton County Steak House. This is the first time that Sonora has been mentioned in any publication devoted to fine foods in the state.

Sutton County Steak House, owned and operated by Preston and Linda Love, is a family operation. The Loves and other members of the family have strived to maintain the quality of food and service for which the Steakhouse has become famous.

Beverly writes, "One of the special attractions is the excellent

service. Another is the freshness and the amount of meat in each serving in which the Loves take well-deserved pride. When they list a 'Large T-Bone' on the menu, they aren't kidding around. It will weigh 34 ounces. Their 'Texas-sized Hamburger' weighs 12 to 14 ounces. Possibly the best item on the menu is a plate of what they call 'Steak Bits'. These are trimmings from sirloin in bite-sized pieces cooked to perfection, tender, and filling enough as an entree since they also come with a salad or soup, and french fries, or a baked potato."

Sutton County Steak House is one of only two area restaurants listed in the book.

Being located on Interstate 10 has helped to spread the fame of the food. Ms. Love said, "We consider our food the best food buy for your dollar on Interstate 10".

That is an opinion shared by Sonorans and many a satisfied traveller.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a scleroderma patient who has suffered alone for too many years with a disease that few people have ever even heard of, I am attempting to locate others who suffer from scleroderma (systemic sclerosis).

My New Year's resolution is to

correspond with as many scleroderma patients as possible. Doctors tell me there are 300,000 of us. Perhaps your readers can assist me in locating others like myself. I can be reached at 21 Brennan Street, #21, Watsonville, Ca. 95076.

Thank you,
Diane Williams

Dear Editor:

Recently, I spent two weeks in Ethiopia, mainly in a camp named Bati, where a feeding center and hospital have been set up for the sick and hungry. In three weeks, Bati's population grew from zero to over 28,000 people, with 600-800 new people arriving every day. But the death rate is just as astounding. Every day, 70-80 people are dying from starvation. I had never seen so much death and suffering. My feelings had never been so shattered, my emotions so paralyzed.

But, now that I'm back and as I try to assess this human dilemma, one thought keeps running through my mind: "No one should die from starvation when America has 2 and a half billion bushels of surplus corn and wheat."

I have a plan which, I believe, can alleviate the starvation in Ethiopia; it can help the American farmer; it will lighten the load of

the American taxpayer.

First, I recommend that the 339,000 churches, synagogues and temples in our country start purchasing America's surplus grain and begin sending it to starving people all around the world. Churches have enjoyed tax-exempt status since America was founded. It's our turn to render the public a service by buying this surplus grain at fair market price. Not only would we fulfill our mandate to help the poor and needy, but we would also support a government that has allowed churches to grow and flourish for the past 200 years.

Secondly, through government programs, the American farmer is being paid to allow some land to lie idle. I recommend that the government give farmers permission to grow crops on this dormant land and be allowed to give that grain to the 40,000 hungry people who are dying every day for lack of food. This would take the government out of the business of feeding hungry people without touching the grain the farmer grows for profit, and the world's hungry would be fed.

I know every church in America will not buy surplus grain. I know every farmer in America will not grow grain to give away to hungry people. But many will...if they're given permission to do so by our government. Our present plan HAS NOT worked and IS NOT working. It's time for a new plan. I encourage churches and farmers--and our government--to give this plan a chance.

Larry Jones, President
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School Menu

BREAKFAST
Monday, February 4
Grape Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Milk

Tuesday, February 5
Orange Juice
Cheese Toast
Milk

Wednesday, February 6
Grape Juice
Cereal
Milk

Thursday, February 7
Orange Juice
Cereal
Milk

LUNCH

Monday, February 4
Italian Spaghetti
Green Beans
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Slices
Milk

Tuesday, February 5
Western Beef on Bun
Potato Chips
Waldorf Salad
Peanut Butter Squares
Milk

Wednesday, February 6
Tacos
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Cinnamon Roll
Milk

Thursday, February 7
Baked Chicken
Buttered Corn
Spinach & Cheese Casserole
Hot Rolls
Rice Krispie Cookie
Milk

Hulsey completes training

Marine Pvt. Roy E. Hulsey, son of Bill and Louise Hulsey of Sonora, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Hulsey was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited

by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1984 graduate of Sonora High School, he joined the Marine Corps in November 1983.

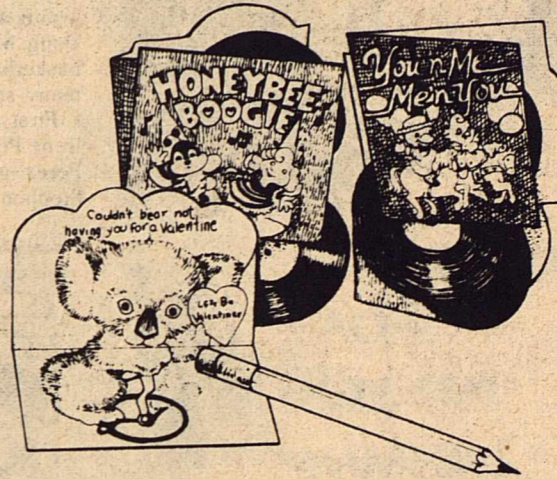
Americans are spending too much on birdseed

Sixty million Americans who spend more than a half-billion dollars a year on birdseed are doing it all wrong, say some wildlife experts. Like people, birds are often very fussy about what they eat, says National Wildlife

magazine, and so much of the commercial birdseed mix sold goes uneaten. National Wildlife reminds bird lovers that different birds like different foods. For instance, blue jays prefer peanut kernels and woodpeckers prefer beef suet.

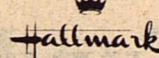
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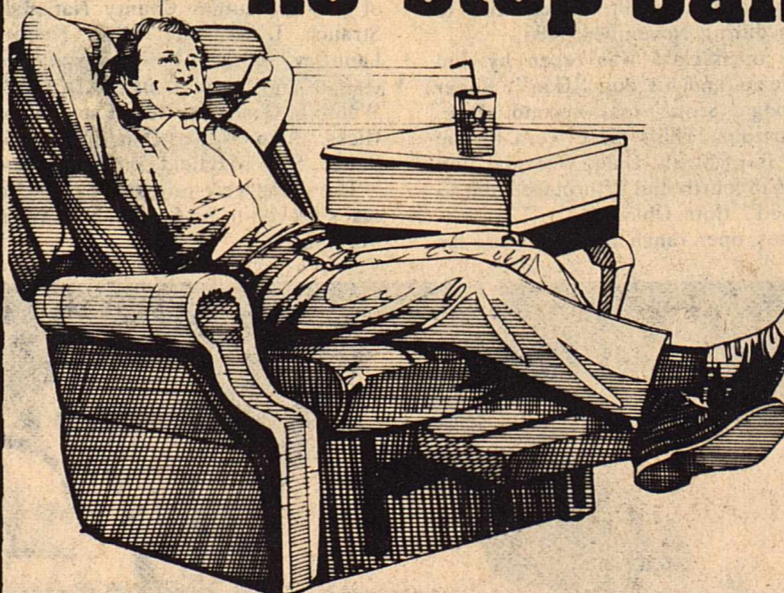
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Police Report

The four officers of the Sonora Police Department logged a total of 200 hours between January 18 through January 24, 1985. During this period officers investigated only one minor accident and issued a total of 19 traffic citations and 4 warning citations.

The breakdown of the traffic citations are as follows: Speeding 9 of which 2 were in a school zone area; ran red lights-2; No drivers license-1; Fail to maintain a single lane of traffic-1; Expired MVI-1; Expired license plate-1; No liability insurance-1; allowing unlicensed

driver to drive-1. During this period of time the officers made 6 adult arrests with the following charges: Disorderly conduct-1; Public Intoxication-6; Criminal mischief-1; evading arrest-1.

One of the arrests made was that of a transient for public intoxication disorderly conduct and criminal mischief (kicking and damaging the office door of the Devil's River Motel in an attempt to force his way into the office).

The officers also answered the following calls: alarms-5, assist motorists-15; attempt to locate-2; escorts-1; house checks-25; miscellaneous calls requesting to see an officer-69; open doors-5; and welfare assistance-9.

The Animal Control Officer logged 40 hours during this period picking up 6 dogs and 1 cat. ACO also filed complaints for animals allowed to roam at large and two complaints for dogs roaming at large with no tag.

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License Office will be open on Monday February 4, 1985 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Office is closed during the noon hour.

Judge Martin's Office is located at 304 N.E. Oak Street, telephone number 387-5237.

Junction Livestock Report

Wet weather reduced the number of cattle for sale January 18, however those offered were selling actively. Light steers and heifers were \$1 to \$2 higher. Medium and heavy weights sold steady to \$1 higher. Packer cows and bulls were steady.

steady to stronger. Spanish goats were very active, to \$2 higher.

- Livestock Report
- Choice Light Steers 79-84 cents per pound
- Choice Medium Steer Calves 70-76 cents per pound
- Choice Heavy Steer Calves 62-67 cents per pound
- Medium Quality Steer Calves 63-69 cents per pound
- Choice Steer Yearlings No Test
- Mixed Steer and Bull Calves & Yearlings 58-67 cents per pound
- Choice Light Heifer Calves 64-74.5 cents per pound
- Choice Medium Heifer Calves 58-63 cents per pound
- Choice Heavy Heifer Calves No Test
- Medium Quality Heifer Calves 56-60 cents per pound
- Choice Heifer Yearlings 54-58 cents per pound
- Mixed Heifer Calves and Yearlings 55-61 cents per pound
- Commercial & Utility Cows 35-43 cents per pound
- Canners & Cutters 32-37 cents per pound
- Low Yielding Canners 29-33 cents per pound
- Bulls 38-44 cents per pound
- No high yielding offered
- Stocker Cows No Test
- Stocker Pairs No Test

- Choice Spring Lambs 68-72 cents per pound
- Choice Old Crop Lambs No Test
- Heavy Lambs 58-65 cents per pound
- Fat Ewes 33-40 cents per pound
- Thin Ewes 21-32 cents per pound
- Bucks 32-38.5 cents per pound
- Stocker Solid Mouth Ewes \$32-\$42 per head
- Ewe & Lamb Pairs \$25-\$35 counting the noses
- Baby Tooth Ewes \$34-\$45 per head few offered
- Choice Young Angoras \$55-\$72.50 per head
- Medium Angoras \$35-\$50 per head
- Choice Aged Nannies \$45-\$59 per head
- Choice Aged Muttons \$38-\$45 per head
- Weighing Angoras Shorn 22-32 cents per pound
- Choice Angora Kids \$47-\$55 per head
- Medium Angora Kids \$47-\$55 per head
- Big Fat Spanish Muttons \$31-\$49 per head
- Big Fat Spanish Nannies \$23-\$29 per head
- Stocker Nannies \$18-\$25 per head
- Fat Kids \$20-\$28 per head
- Fat Yearlings \$25-\$32.50 per head
- Small Kids \$10-\$20 per head

During the goat and sheep sale on January 21 there were 2,541 head offered for sale. Lambs were selling steady. Fat ewes and bucks were \$1 to \$3 higher. Ewes and lambs were steady. Angora sold



The earth travels around the sun at the speed of 1,100 miles a minute.

February is Texas Heart Month

Texas Governor Mark White issued a proclamation designating February as Heart Month and urged all Texans to support the 1985 campaign of the American Heart Association.

against heart and blood vessel disease--our nation's number one killer.

The proclamation reads, in part: "Heart and blood vessel disease will claim over 325,000 lives and is expected to cost our economy \$72.1 billion in 1985. This is why the American Heart Association will continue to lead the fight against heart and blood vessel disease."

Thousands of volunteers in Texas will join the effort to distribute heart information and collect contributions to support medical research, education, and community service programs. These American Heart Association programs are aimed at achieving its goal of preventing premature death and disability caused by heart and blood disease.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Salinas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cristela, to Pete D. Jacquez Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jacquez Sr. of Monahans.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Salinas of Sonora.

The couple plans a February 9 wedding.

A graduate of Odessa High School, the bride attended Odessa College and is employed by Double-Take Hair Design.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Monahans High School and is employed by George S. Thomson.

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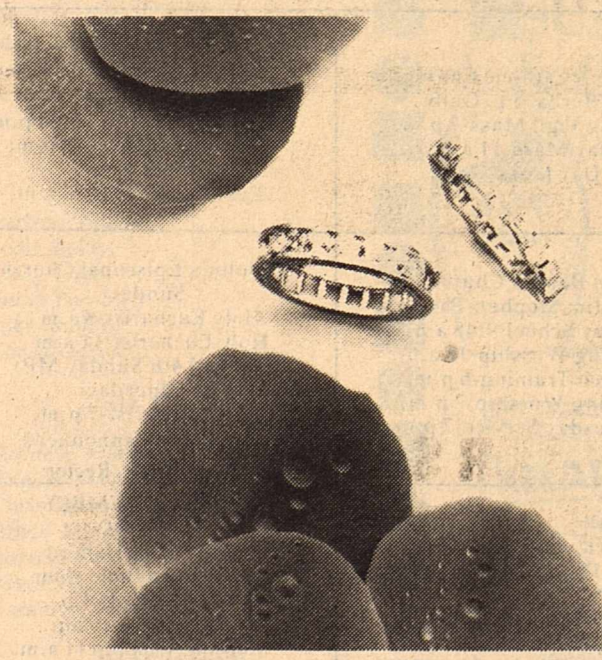
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Ortega given special assignment

Carlos Avila Ortega, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Prajediez Avila Sr. of Sonora, has been selected by the

Fort Worth Police Department to showcase the better side of the police department to the youth of

that city.

Ortega, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ortega Sr., was selected from eight officers who applied for the job. He is a two-year officer and graduate of North Side High School in Fort Worth.

Ortega is also the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calletano Ortega and was a student of Mrs. Merrill's in the first grade at Sonora Elementary before Ortega's family moved to Fort Worth.

Ortega's new duties arose when it became apparent in Fort Worth that in too many cases on Fort Worth's North Side many of the youth show a learned distaste for police officers.

With the help of a \$27,000 grant from the North Central Texas

Council of Governments and the cooperation of Fort Worth police and Fort Worth Independent School District, the city council is promoting an "Officer Friendly" pilot program at six Fort Worth elementary schools.

The goal of the project is to encourage elementary school children to have a more positive attitude about police officers and to make that impression early.

Ortega stated that he grew up on the North Side. "A lot of people up there are working for minimum wage and can't support them," he said. "Going in there, the uniform will give them hope for a better future. It will give them a role model," Ortega concluded.

Garza, Fay exchange vows January 25

Rosie DeLa Garza became the bride of Adam Fay on Friday, January 25. The ceremony took place at 5 p.m. in the bride's home.

The groom is employed at Sutton County National Bank and at the local post office.

Call first to S.S.

The San Angelo Social Security Office is accepting appointments to conduct your Social Security business when filing for monthly benefits. Before this change, anyone visiting Social Security was handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

So, the word from the San Angelo Office is to CALL FIRST. If your business cannot be completed during that first call, an appointment may be scheduled at your

convenience.

The appointment system is in addition to the ongoing "Tele-service" which allows people to handle most Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare matters by phone. Usually, a trip to the office is not necessary.

So remember, CALL 949-4608 to handle all your Social Security needs.



CARLOS AVILA ORTEGA

AROUND TOWN BY HAZEL McCLELLAND

The Sewing Club met Jan. 22 with Mrs. Lucy Ward hostess. Coffee and juices were served to members and friends on arrival. A delicious lunch was served to the following: Mrs. Bernice Savell, Mrs. Leona Bishop, Mrs. Jerry Wallace, Mrs. Barbara Savell,

Mrs. Joan Cusenbary, Mrs. Peggy Dover, Mrs. Jackie Hopkins, Mrs. Bobby Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth Hemphill, Mrs. Lucille Coleman and Mrs. Marcia Rouix all from Sonora. From Ozona, Mrs. Mary Friend, Mrs. Benny Gail Hunnicutt, Mrs. Sammie Pierce, Mrs. Marie Pierson and Mrs. Luetta Kost.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cusenbary entertained the Tuesday afternoon bridge club at her home Jan. 22. Punch was served during the party. Pie and coffee was served at the end of the party. Those present were: Mrs. Dorothy Cusenbary, Mrs. Guila Vicars, Mrs. Ada Wynn, Mrs. Lena Belle Ross, Mrs. Wynn won the high score prize, Mrs. Cusenbary won the second high prize, and Mrs. Vicars won the bingo prize.

Mrs. Gwen Wardlaw and Mrs. Jack David Wardlaw were business visitors in San Angelo last week. Mrs. Hattie B. Epps is in the hospital in San Angelo. Hope you are better soon Mrs. Epps.

Mrs. Bill Stallworth of Houston was here several days this past week visiting her mother, Mrs. Gwen Wardlaw and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack David Wardlaw, Trey, Mack, and Chase.

Mr. Calvin Van Hoozer is in the hospital in San Angelo. Hope you do real good Calvin and home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Askew were in Fort Worth several days last week.

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While Jesus was here on earth He was sufficient. His life was perfect before God and man. This made it possible for Jesus to put away all of our sins forever. He also did this that He might be a perfect example to us (1 Pet. 2:21-22).

While here on earth His teachings were sufficient because He revealed to the people that He spoke with authority (Matt. 7:28-29). Jesus Himself spoke of His authority just before He ascended into Heaven (Matt. 28:18).

Jesus was an all sufficient sacrifice on Calvary. The people never at anytime had had such a sacrifice. The sacrifice of Jesus was superior to that of what the people had been offering (Heb. 10:4). What the sacrifice of animals could not do Christ did (Heb. 9:13-14).

Today Jesus is still our sufficient Christ even after His death. When He ascended into Heaven He sat

down at the right hand of God and today He intercedes for us before God to keep us justified (Heb. 7:24-25). Jesus has given to us the hope of eternal life through the gospel (II Tim. 1:10). Jesus came to earth to serve and is still a servant to us all (Matt 20:28).

When Jesus comes again He will still be "The Sufficient Christ". His power will be sufficient to raise the dead. Those who have lived for Him will live with Him. He will also be sufficient to destroy the wicked (I Thess. 4:18) (II Thes 1:7-9). When Jesus comes again He will be a sufficient judge (John 5:22). He will judge because God has made Him our judge. He will judge us by His written word (John 12:48).

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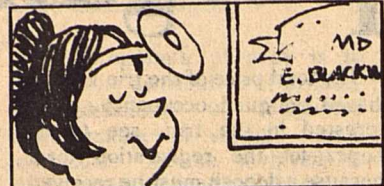
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Volume 10, Number 8

"Our Tenth Year of Publication"

Bronco yearbook staff ends sales drive

The 1984-85 Bronco yearbook staff has just ended their 1985 sales drive. Cost for the book \$22. An extra \$2 is added for name on the cover and .50 for a plastic yearbook cover.

"Sales went pretty well, although sales in the lower grades

were not as high as I had hoped," advisor Kirk Macon said.

The theme for this year's book has been established, the cover has been designed, and presently the staff is working to meet their first deadlines of the year.

Speech meet Feb. 8

The annual Sonora Speech Meet, which includes University Interscholastic League literary events, will be February 8 at Sonora High School.

The day is a holiday for students, but is scheduled as a teacher workday also.

The coordinator for UIL activities at SHS is Terry Marrs. More information about the speech meet

and schools attending will be announced later.

Speech events, Terry Marrs Number Sense and Calculator, Claudia Dempsey Ready Writing, Kay Clifton Spelling and Plain Writing, Gay Adams Journalism events, Kirk Macon Science, Phil Pohl Typing, Gaile Cade Shorthand, Sheila Murr

Four days, four nights

Washington trip organized

Richard Lopez, social studies teacher and coach at Sonora Junior High School, will be taking a group of students to Washington, D.C. June 18-22.

The group will spend four days and four nights in the Washington, D.C. area. One day will be spent touring Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia and three

days touring the nation's capital city.

The tour will be highlighted by visits to the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Institution, Virginia's Mount Vernon, and the Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery.

The total price of the trip is \$535 based on quad occupancy. If interested in the trip, see Coach Lopez for the registration form because a deposit must be received by February 1.

Included in the price of the trip are round-trip transportation, lodging at quality accommoda-

tions, all meals, all admissions and fees, full insurance coverage, additional nighttime security, planned evening activities, and escort and guide services.

Lopez's wife, Linda, also a teacher in the Sonora ISD and parents will sponsor the students.

Runners-up are Perez, Stephen

Debbie Bible crowned Lions Club queen

Senior Debbie Bible was crowned 1985 Lions Club Queen on January 23 in the junior high snack bar.

The first runner-up was senior Patsy Perez and second runner-up

was junior Rachel Stephen.

The other candidates were Anita Balch, Becca Powers, Carrie Sorenson, Debbie Shannon, Della Heffernan, Bonnie Jackson, Lesli Webster, Sidonna Ridgeway and

Carrie Craddock, who was unable to attend.

The contestants were judged on beauty, poise, and personality. They each were interviewed by out-of-town judges.

Some members of the Sonora High School choir sang such numbers as "Against All Odds", "Hello", and "Up Where We Belong."

Craig Hopper also entertained the crowd with a humorous version of a Neil Simon monologue.

Briefs Essay contest announced

An essay contest with cash prizes or scholarships totaling \$1,500 is being sponsored for all Texas high school juniors by the Texas Society of Architects (TSA).

Essays of up to 1,500 words on the topic "How does architecture affect human behavior?" are to be submitted by March 15 to Mr. Kirk Macon in Room 1. The top three essays will be forwarded to local winner. All local winners will then be entered in state competition, which offers a \$750 first prize, \$500 second prize, and \$250 third prize in cash or scholarships.

For contest rules and additional information, contact Mr. Macon.

Tennis tourney February 22-23

The Sonora Tennis Team will be travelling to San Angelo February 22-23 to play in the San Angelo Tournament. Sonora will be playing 4-A schools and 5-A schools in the tournament.

Caballo Diabolo

Caballo Diabolo is published every two weeks in The Devils River News, October through May. The address for the Caballo Diabolo is Devils River News, 220 N.E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Caballo Diabolo is a member of the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

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HUFFIN' AND PUFFIN'....The girls track team has begun working out in preparation for the upcoming track season by running near the high school during seventh period athletics. Carrie Craddock is pictured in the top photo and Lesli Webster, Robbie Dickenson, Mary Ann Rogers, and Carrie Craddock are in the lower photo.

Top ten

TAMMY'S TOP TEN
By Tammy Holguin

1. I Can't Fight This Feeling Anymore--REO Speedwagon
2. Mr. Telephone Man--New Edition
3. Careless Whisper--Wham
4. Like A Virgin--Madonna
5. Jungle Love--The Time
6. Easy Lover--Philip Bailey and Phil Collins
7. Boys of Summer--Don Henley
8. You're the Inspiration--Chicago
9. We Belong--Pat Benatar
10. California Girls--David Lee Roth

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Rural communities make do with EMS

Cecil Westerman Would Like To Be Your Pharmacist

By: Vivian Smith
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Rural Texas communities are considered to be "quiet little towns" with clean air, blue skies and lemonade summers. But is this a true conception of rural America?

The death rate in rural Texas counties is 62 percent higher than the urban counties, according to the latest figures published by the Texas Department of Health.

Further health statistics reveal that in the fall of 1982 a total of 22 rural counties were without primary care physicians, 37 counties without hospitals and six counties without emergency ambulance services. The doctor patient ratio in the nonmetropolitan areas was 1-to-1,301.

Of course, health resources and services follow people. Where the population is sparse there are few or no health professionals, facilities or services.

However, an increased interest in improving the delivery of health care in these areas does exist.

But as Texas has become more urbanized--rural areas have been invaded with urban problems.

"The line between rural and urban has become blurred," Mary Walker, Director of the Texas Rural Health Field Services program, said.

"There is a tendency to take urban models and expect them to work in rural areas--or when one rural solution works to use it in all areas," Walker said.

However, this is wrong, Walker said. The strategies vary, depending on what community you're dealing with and not all communities have the same set of resources.

Currently more and more rural communities are combining their resources, using state and federal assistance to provide emergency and quality medical service. These communities are starting local Emergency Medical Service (EMS) units and trying to recruit competent doctors to their communities.

Statistics show more accidents occur in rural areas than in urban areas since the closest hospital may be 20 miles away response time is very important.

"The first few minutes after an accident is the most critical time in the rescue operation," stresses Doctor Joseph Buckwalter of the University of Iowa Hospital.

"Sitting back here at the hospital, we frequently don't make the difference between life and death after a serious accident," he said. "The battle may have been won or lost by the time the patient gets here."

Williamson County, Texas, began its EMS Unit "more or less out of desperation," Assistant EMS Director Robert Chambers said.

In times past, funeral homes had provided much of the emergency service since EMS systems as we now know them were almost non-existent, Chambers said.

However, in 1974, Williamson County was confronted with a situation in which funeral homes could no longer transport the sick and injured.

As mayor of Florence, a small city of 600, Chambers along with other city officials worked to convince county commissioners of the need for a county ambulance service.

In January 1975, Williamson County began its EMS with paid personnel in four stations. The county purchased Florence ambulance and volunteer operation began in March 1975, Chambers said.

The key to the success of community EMS units is having enough trained volunteers to permit round-the-clock response to calls for help, Chambers said.

Presently, three volunteer paramedics offer advanced life support for Florence whose nearest hospital is 20 miles away.

All paramedics have received initial training of more than 120 hours of classroom and hands-on experience, Chambers said.

Chambers commends all of the paramedics for the hours of training and the hours away from home making calls--without pay. The only reward is the self-satisfaction of helping others, Chambers said.

Concern for fellow residents is also evidenced in the small Texas community of Desert Haven.

An old abandoned van, restored by volunteer workers for less than 800 dollars, serves as Desert Haven's emergency vehicle. Project organizer Bob Dart's restaurant serves as ambulance headquarters.

"This is really an area-backed effort," Dart said. "We run on donations, including those from a collection jar at the restaurant."

Many times while responding to calls the Darts have left the restaurant unattended--only to return and find the patrons running the cafe.

"That's just the way folks are around here," Dart said.

Another positive movement in rural America is more doctors are now setting up shop in the country. Since the inception of the 1950s

trend towards specialization, doctors now tend to stay in urban areas close to hospitals. And, combined with the fact that many rural doctors are near retirement age, the number of physicians has declined in recent years.

But today smaller communities are expressing a desire to lure doctors to their rural environment and the Texas Department of Health (TDH) is trying to satisfy that desire.

The TDH has entered into contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to administer the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) program in Texas, NHSC Field Coordinator Clara Gonzalez said.

The program's purpose is to provide the distribution of primary care physicians in designated health manpower storage areas. Individuals become involved in NHSC while in medical school by accepting four year scholarships for financial support. Upon completion of their residencies the doctors are obligated to repay the support with two to four years of service in a designated storage area, Gonzalez said.

To become a designated manpower storage area a community must meet specific federal criteria, Gonzalez said.

The community must show a doctor patient ratio of 3,500-to-1 or greater, 20 percent of the popula-

tion below the poverty level, a five year average of infant mortality rate greater than 20 per 1,000 births and more than 100 births per 1,000 females aged 15-44, Gonzalez said.

Approximately 100 physicians have been placed in rural Texas communities thus far, Gonzalez said, and the NHSC hopes to place approximately 80 additional doctors by 1986.

A doctor going into a health manpower storage area can work in a community health center and set up his own private office (PPO).

Only 30 percent of the 100 doctors placed by NHSC are in PPOs, Gonzalez added.

Why such a small percentage? Most choose to work in a community center (if the community has one) where the hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a stable salary, Gonzalez added.

The maintenance costs for PPOs are higher in rural areas and the collection rates from patients are lower.

Also, many doctors complain of no time off, lack of social and cultural opportunities, inability to maintain an adequate hospital and inadequate education for their children, Walker said.

However, as some rural doctors point out, some benefits of practicing rural medicine money cannot buy.

"I love medicine. My biggest concern is with the quality of care for patients," Dr. Howard Kweller said.

Kweller, the town doctor in Emory, Texas, population 813, settled there after living in New York for four years.

"There's tremendous pressure and competition in New York. I enjoy the slower pace and friendly people in Emory. This is a good place to work and raise our children," Kweller said.

Another physician, Dr. Mario Ramirez, returns to his home town of Roma, Texas, to practice. He provided the following anecdote to express his affinity for the practice of rural medicine: "Suppose you are just sitting down to supper at 8:30 p.m. and the young resident on duty in the emergency room phones. A woman from a very poor family is suffering from severe abdominal pain. You are tired and hungry and your first impulse is to relinquish to someone else. But your conscience argues: What if her conditions deteriorates?"

"At the hospital you find the patient has a surgical emergency. Your hurry with the arrangements. The surgery is done--successfully and as you leave you stop a moment to comfort the patient's two small children.

"It is very late when you finally eat your reheated supper but it

tastes even better and you have a feeling of satisfaction and contentment."

"It has never been a dull life as a small town doctor. It's been very rich and very rewarding. The real sacrifice would have been not to have returned here to practice," Ramirez said.

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Trailways sends 2,000 teens home

More than 2,000 runaway teens chose to return to their homes via Trailways Operation: Home Free during the first seven months of the program. Since the program was initiated on June 7, 1984, an average of ten runaways have utilized Operation: Home Free each day. The program offers free rides to runaway or missing children.

During the month of June, 1984, 207 young Americans took advantage of the program. The figures for the remainder of 1984 were: July, 336; August, 306; September, 314; October, 321; November 352, and December, 322, for a seven-month total of 2,158. Trailways officials believe the numbers will rise as more and more runaways become aware of the program.

The program works as follows. A youth, 18 years of age or younger, who has runaway from home and wishes to be reunited with his or her family must report to the police in the town in which he finds himself. The police will call the child's home and verify their status as a runaway or missing person. An officer of the court will then call Trailways to obtain schedule information to the specific destination. The officer will escort the child to the Trailways terminal or agency one half hour prior to the scheduled departure and will fill out a form which asks for the officer's name, department, the child's name, the point of origin of the trip and the destination. The Trailways ticket agent will then

issue a free ticket to the child. The officer will then call ahead to the home town to alert the child's family and the local police of the scheduled arrival time. No arrest is made. No fine is applied. No further information is requested and the child is treated during the trip as if he were a full-fare-paying passenger.

The program is corporate policy at Trailways, and according to Trailways Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, James L. Kerrigan, the program will be offered to runaways "as long as there is a need."

Locals win in tourney

Three persons from Sonora brought home five trophies from the Richard Dixon's Championship Karate Tournament held Saturday in San Antonio.

Wayne Collins won a first place trophy in the 16-17 year old advanced division in sparring. Kelly Gamble won third place trophies in women's green belt Kata and women's green belt sparring. Kenneth Jolly, sponsored by Cousins II Convenience Store, brought home a first place trophy in men's lightweight orange belt sparring and a second place in men's orange belt Kata.

All three are members of the Karate Institute of Sonora.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T Communications"), in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for its services. The new rates will be effective February 22, 1985, unless otherwise determined by the PUC. All customers and classes of customers would be affected by the proposed rates.

AT&T Communications has filed restructured tariffs designed to more closely recover access and other costs for private line, DATAPHONE* Digital Service, OCC Facilities, WATS and 800 services.

Also proposed is the institution of a charge for directory assistance to begin to recover access costs incurred for such service, and increases in rates for operator assisted AT&T Long Distance calls.

AT&T Communications is proposing to restructure its AT&T Long Distance Service and to reduce its overall revenues from basic long distance approximately \$25 million.

While long distance rates will, in most instances, be reduced, certain AT&T Long Distance rates are proposed to be increased to more nearly recover the access charges approved by the PUC for such service.

The proposed new rates for all services would result in an increase in adjusted test period revenues of \$123.4, or 11.3 percent.

A complete copy of the proposed tariffs are on file with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

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

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During the month of January call the San Angelo office at 653-1287. Beginning February 1st the Farm Bureau office will be located in the B & B Petro Building in Eldorado.

Rick Fuessel will be the new agent- 853-3234

REPORT OF CONDITION		Thousands of dollars	
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Charter Number	5466	Comptroller of the Currency	Eleventh District
Statement of Resources and Liabilities			
ASSETS			
Cash and balances due from depository institutions		2881	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		-00-	
Interest-bearing balances		18708	
Securities			
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		1500	
Loans and lease financing receivables:			
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	19815		
LESS Allowance for loan and lease losses	347		
LESS Allocated transfer risk reserve	-00-		
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve		19468	
Assets held in trading accounts		-00-	
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		2353	
Other real estate owned		-00-	
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		-00-	
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		-00-	
Intangible assets		1167	
Other assets		-00-	
Total assets		41,864	
LIABILITIES			
Deposits:			
In domestic offices:			
Noninterest-bearing	6057		40902
Interest-bearing	34245		
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs			-00-
Noninterest-bearing	-00-		
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Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		-00-	
Other borrowed money		-00-	
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		-00-	
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		-00-	
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		-00-	
Other liabilities		403	
Total liabilities		41,305	
Limited-life preferred stock		-00-	
EQUITY CAPITAL			
Perpetual preferred stock		-00-	
Common stock		208	
Surplus		545	
Undivided profits and capital reserves		4026	
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments		-00-	
Total equity capital		4779	
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital		46,084	
We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.			
Harold G. McEwen Name Vice President/Cashier Title		Signature Date	
Directors		January 28, 1985	

Ramblin' Raun Outdoors

BY JERRY RAUN

Some of the 1984 hunters in Sutton County will remember this past season with fondness while more than a few would like to forget it.

For the third year in a row nature has not been kind to hunters or, more importantly to the deer herds. Drought combined with severe winter cold last year have reduced the number of deer in the county. Reproduction has been minimal and many adult deer died.

This past season might have been even worse except for some nice fall rains. These came at just the right time to produce a good growth of forbs and weeds to carry the survivors through the season.

An unexpectedly good acorn crop had kept what deer were present in good physical condition through late summer and early fall.

The fact that the surviving deer were in good shape and the bucks had good racks enabled some hunters to take home nice trophies.

Unfortunately a lot of hunters went home empty handed. Deer were not easy to find.

If the number of deer processed by the Branding Iron Smokehouse is any indication, the local harvest of deer was down about 50 percent from normal. Dee Tyler, owner, said that he had processed about 450 deer during the season as

compared to an average of about 1000.

The best season, according to Tyler, was 1981 when he handled 1400 deer.

It is possible that economics may have had some influence on the number handled by Tyler. With money tight more hunters may have processed their own deer or taken them elsewhere.

Local merchants noted a significant decrease of hunter traffic. Apparently the number of hunters was also down.

All-in-all it was not a good season. However, there may be good news for future seasons.

A reduction of deer herds has been needed for sometime. Overpopulation has been much more of a problem in the past than underpopulation.

Too few may not be good, but too many is worse in the long run. Overpopulation results in smaller deer, poor antlers, and dilution of favorable characteristics in the gene pool.

Deer are a commercial crop and, like all other crops, have to be managed for maximum production. Hunting is a management tool, but not a highly efficient one. The hunter's desires and those of the game manager are not always in agreement.

Hunting for trophy bucks and prejudice against harvesting does not make for good management.

This type of cropping tends to remove the choice breeding males and leave too many females. Over a period of years the genetics of the herd is bound to be adversely

affected.

Genetic deterioration and overpopulation combine to produce inferior animals.

Landowners should not forget their deer herds, even though deer season is over. Deer harvest records are extremely important to proper deer herd management, according to Dr. Dwight Guynn, Extension wildlife specialist with the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center here.

"Many ranchers keep livestock records such as weaning weights, calving rates, percent lamb crop, percent kid crop and ages of animals," Guynn said. "This information is used to make decisions about which animals to sell and to evaluate the effects of previous management decisions," he said.

"Deer harvest records can be used to evaluate what is occurring in the deer herd and the success of previous deer management decisions," Guynn explained.

Since deer are difficult to observe and cannot be handled regularly like livestock, records are one of the few means available to determine deer herd health, nutrition levels, trends and adequacy of the harvest, Guynn said. The minimum data to collect from deer harvests are ages, weights, body conditions and measurements of antler size. Data should be grouped according to age categories and analyzed separately for bucks and does, the wildlife specialist said.

One method of keeping records is by using a three inch by five inch index card for each animal harvest-

ed, Guynn said. Cards may be color coded to indicate whether the deer is a buck or a doe, he said.

Materials needed for keeping these records will include a scale for weighing field dressed animals and a steel tape, preferably 1/8-inch wide, for taking antler measurements, he said.

A "jaw spreader" may be used to pry open the mouths of dead deer to record age by wear on side jaw teeth, guynn explained.

A publication describing the technique of aging deer by examining jaw teeth, published by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is available from local county Extension agents. The publication number is B-1453. "The Age of a Deer."

The arrangement of harvest data by ages is very important in the interpretation of the data, Guynn emphasized.

"For example, knowing the age of the deer aids in determining why

the deer may have small antlers or be light in weight," he said.

Analyzing each year's harvest record data can be very beneficial to landowners in making management decisions, Guynn said.

"However, equally important as analyzing yearly harvest is comparing one year's harvest with other years," he said. Trends, such as increasing or decreasing antler size for age class, may become apparent.

"Observations of these trends over several years provides information as to how well your deer management program is working and offers clues to changes that need to be made," Guynn explained.

More information about deer harvest records is available from a Texas Agricultural Extension Service publication, Number B-1486, "Interpreting Deer Harvest Records," available at local county Extension agent's offices.

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To avoid late payments, Gene Wallace, chairman of the Sutton County Committee, said wool and mohair producers must turn in their 1984 sales receipts and file an application by January 31.

Producers who have a record of their wool and mohair sales are eligible for incentive payments only if the sales are reported to the ASCS Office. Wallace said the quantity sold does not affect the eligibility. However, sales slips should contain the month of shearing, month of sales, number of head shorn, pounds of wool (grease basis) or mohair sold, and new proceeds.

Shorn wool and mohair payments will be made only for bonafide sales documented on invoices prepared by the purchaser. Sales slips for lambs must show the liveweight and state that the lambs were unshorn, according to Wallace.

Shorn wool and mohair payments are based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. The percentage is the amount required to raise the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool and mohair in 1984 up to the support prices of \$1.65 a pound for wool and \$5.17 per-pound for mohair.

The ASCS official said pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the price support for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs.

Last year, the county ASCS office disbursed \$865,000 in wool incentive payments and \$435,709.95 in mohair payments.

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If you are with someone who is experiencing the warning signals, and if they last for two minutes or longer, insist on taking prompt action. Expect the person to deny the possibility of anything as serious as a heart attack. Call the emergency rescue service, or get to the nearest hospital emergency room with a 24-hour cardiac care. Give mouth-to-mouth breathing chest compression (CPR) if it is necessary and if you are properly trained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T Communications) gives notice to all of its Texas customers that a new procedure for long distance billing was made effective on an interim basis on August 6, 1984 in Docket No. 5800.

The procedure referred to is "Rate Period Specific Billing" and it applies to all message telephone service (AT&T Long Distance calls) including non-REACH OUT Texas calls within the State of Texas. This new procedure effects all AT&T Long Distance customers. All intraLATA long distance calls and all interstate long distance calls are currently billed using this procedure.

Under this procedure, customers are billed a specific charge for long distance calls according to the rate or rates in effect throughout the time of each call. If a call begins in one rate period and extends into a different rate period, the customer will be charged whatever rate is in effect for each portion of the call.

For example, if a customer places a call at 4:58 p.m. on a weekday and talks for ten minutes, the first two minutes of the call would be charged at the full weekday rate which extends from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The remaining eight minutes of the call would be billed at the evening rate which extends from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and includes a 25% discount. If Rate Period Specific Billing were not in effect, the entire call would have been billed at the higher day rate. Calls which extend from the evening rate period (25% discount) to the night and weekend rate period (40% discount) or from the night and weekend rate period (40% discount) to the day rate period (no discount) would also be billed according to the actual minutes of use during each rate period.

AT&T Communications anticipates a minimal increase of approximately .02% in its revenues or approximately \$250,000 annually.

A complete copy of the "Rate Period Specific Billing" tariff is on file with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

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

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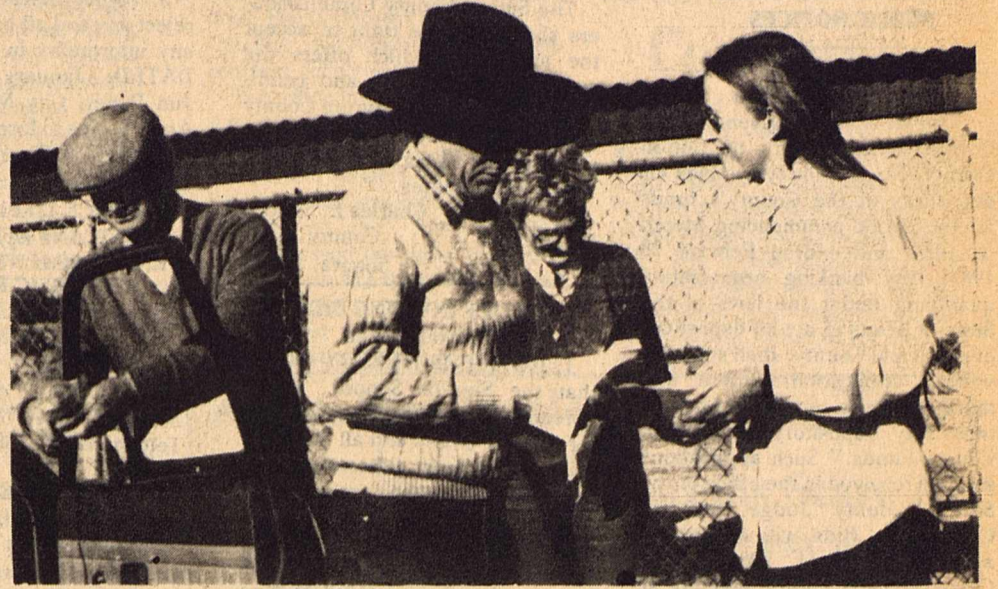
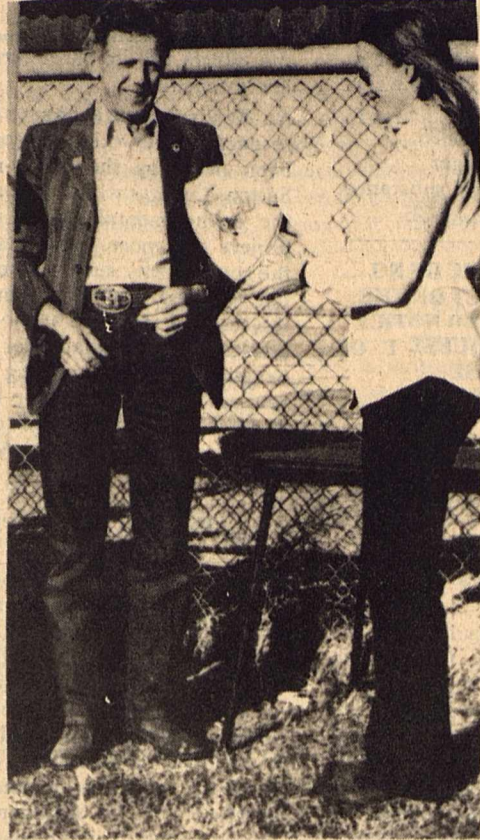
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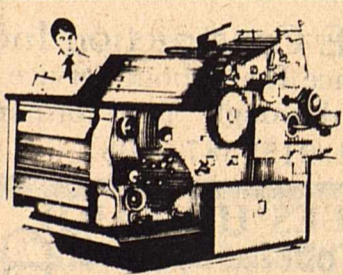


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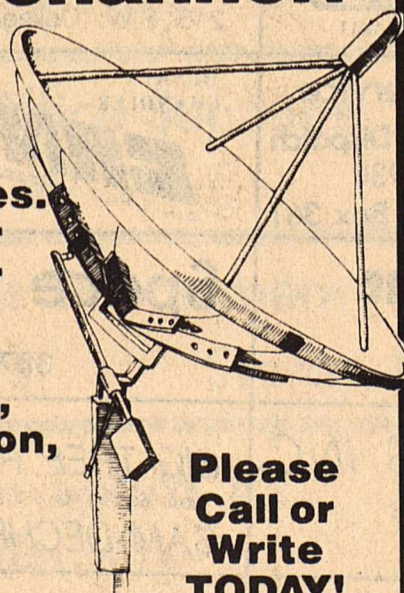
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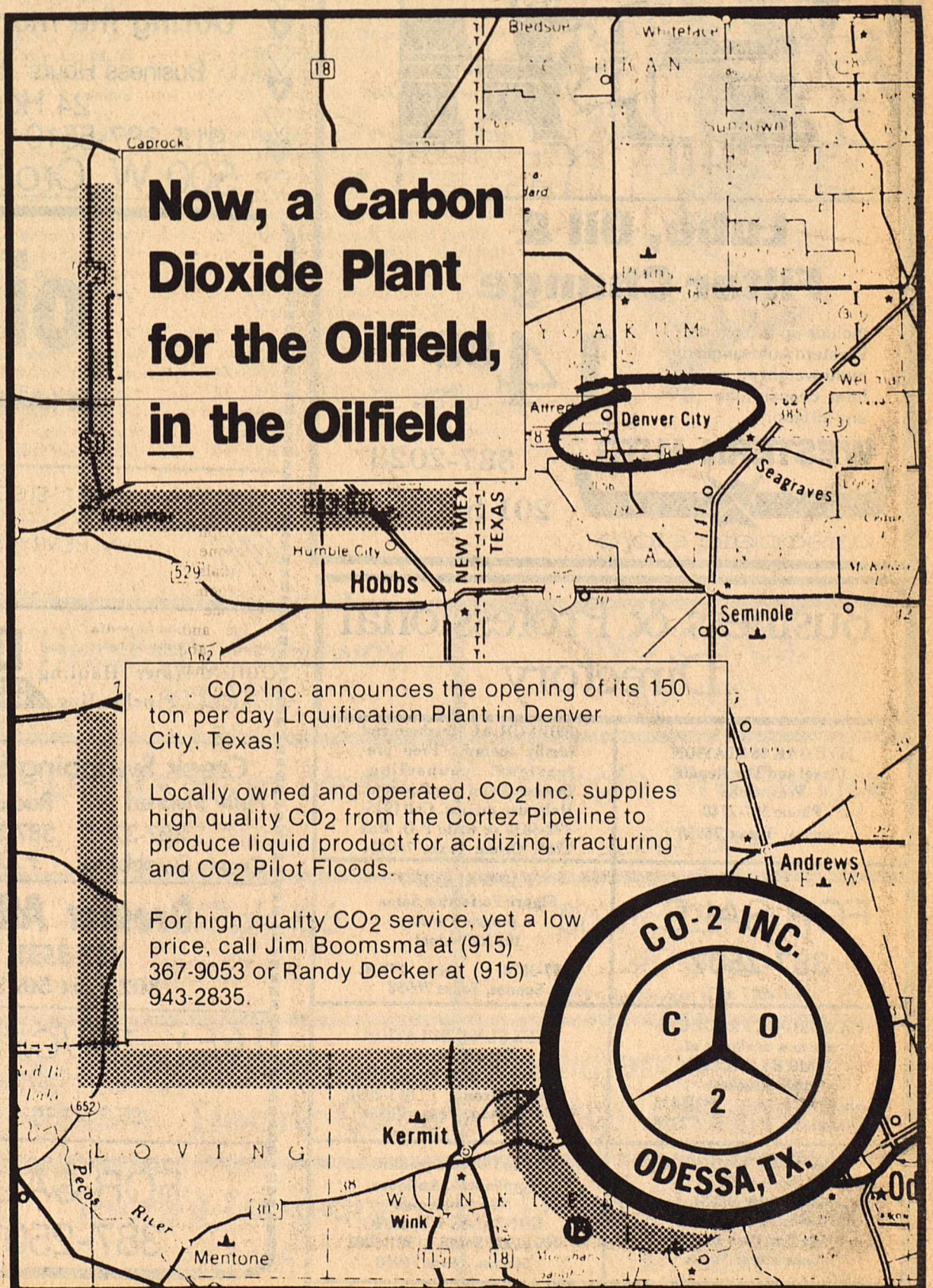
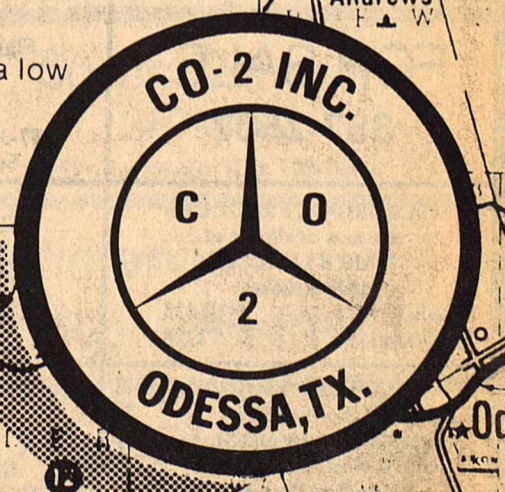
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Sutton County, Texas, will receive bids for depository of the County's funds for the period commencing March 1, 1985, and ending February 28, 1987. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal County, shall submit a written application, sealed and marked on the outside "Application for Depository of Sutton County Funds." Such applications shall be received in the office of the Sutton County Judge, at the Courthouse. Bids will open at 9 a.m., February 11, 1985, at the Commissioners regular meeting at the Sutton County Courtroom, Sonora, Texas.

All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such application are available upon request made to Sutton County Auditor and same are hereby incorporated into the Notice to the same extent as though fully set forth verbatim herein.

The Sutton County Commissioners shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of Sutton County funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

Charles E. Sherrill
County Judge
Sonora, Texas.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

TO: The General Public
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sonora, Texas, hereafter Owner, will accept bids for the sale of any and all electrical utility easements, either of record, apparent or by any other legal means, owned by the City of Sonora, Texas.

2. Such bids as are received will be opened and read aloud at nine o'clock a.m. February 19, 1985. All bids must be received by Jim Dover, City Manager at his office, City Hall, 210 N.E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 on or before Friday, February 15, 1985, at 4:00 p.m. Bids received after the date and hour established are "late bids" and are automatically disqualified.

3. Owner reserved the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bidding.
DATED: January 28, 1985
Jim Dover, City Manager
Approved as to form and substance
ELIZABETH W. WALLACE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC REQUEST OF FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Sutton County
Sutton County Courthouse
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Telephone: 915/387-2711

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about February 18, 1985, the above-named Sutton County will request the Texas Department of Community Affairs to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to be used for the following project: ACTIVITY, sewer improvements TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM-Contract No. 0008717084

Project to be located in Sutton County adjacent to the southeast City limits of the City of Sonora in an area known as the Sinaloa Community on the east side of U.S. Highway No. 277.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Sutton County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The Reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

SEWER IMPROVEMENTS-Health and safety hazards currently exist due to improper sewer disposal. The proposed project should eliminate those health and safety hazards. Construction activities will produce certain amounts of air and noise pollution, however,

the effects will be short term and low intensity.

An Environmental Assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Sutton County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement not required. This Environmental Assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request in the office of the County Judge between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Sutton County, to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at the Courthouse on or before February 15, 1985. All such comments so received will be considered and Sutton County, will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Sutton County will undertake the project described above with Community Development funds from the Texas Department of Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Sutton County is certifying to TDCA that Sutton County and Charles Sherrill in his official capacity as County Judge consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Sutton County may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and TDCA will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTION TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

As Department of Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by TDCA; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58.75) and may be addressed to Texas Community Development Program; Texas Department of Community Affairs, 2015 South IH-35, P.O. Box 13166, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by TDCA. No objection received after March 8, 1985 will be considered by TDCA. The Chief Executive Officer of Sutton County is Judge Charles Sherrill.

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This is written in appreciation to all those who were so thoughtful in showing their love and so ready to comfort the family members of Dolores Chico de Sanchez who has passed on to a better life. May God always be with you as you will always be in our hearts. We give our love to all.

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Chico services held

Funeral services for Dolores Chico, 92, of Sonora were held Monday, January 21 at 10 a.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Rev. Barnard Gully officiating.

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

Mrs. Chico died at 12:19 a.m. January 19 in Hudspeth Hospital.

She was born December 1, 1892 in Mexico. She was married in Mexico November 20, 1908 to Pedro Chico. He preceded her in death.

The couple moved to Sonora from Del Rio in June of 1913. Mrs. Chico was a member of

the Catholic Church and was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Rosario Ibarra of Sonora and Viviana Reyna of Mineral Wells; a son, Lasaro Martinez of Sonora; two daughters-in-law, Emalinda Martinez and Clemintina Martinez; 26 grandchildren; 78 great-grandchildren; and 47 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Chico was preceded in death by a son, Jose Chico, and other-Elpedio Martinez, Anita Gonzales and Augustine Martinez.

Payment site changes

Lone Star Gas Company has announced the relocation of its contract collector's office. Mrs. Julie Pollard, DBA His Handiwork (and Hers), located at 303 S.W. Crockett, will be acting as our new contract collector.

The office hours will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Effective January 25, customers may pay their gas bills at the new location or they can use the self-addressed envelope contained in their monthly statement to mail in their bills.

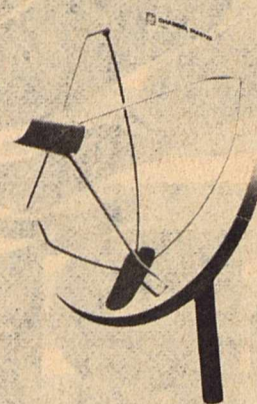
Lone Star Gas Company's telephone number to request service is

387-2661. The number to call after hours to report potential hazards or to request emergency service is 658-6677.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in last week's issue of *The Devil's River News*, that Sutton County Chief Deputy Appraiser Mary Bustamante was first employed by the Appraisal District in September 1981. The article should have read September 1980. Prior to that Ms. Bustamante was employed as the Tax Assessor/Collector for the City of Sonora.

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Broncos looking good

BY CHARLIE ADAMS

The first half standings for the Varsity Girls show Crane 5-0, Coahoma 4-1, Ballinger 3-2, Sonora 2-3, Ozona 1-4, and Colorado City 0-5.

The current standings for the Varsity Boys show Crane and Colorado City at 3-0, Coahoma 2-1, Ballinger 1-2, and Sonora and Ozona at 0-3.

Last week the Broncos traveled to Ballinger and were turned back empty handed as both Varsity and JV teams all lost. The Varsity Boys were downed 82-53. Scott Miller led the Broncos with 16, Gilbert Martinez got 13, Esau Ramirez 10, Ismael Duenes 8, and Mike McBride 6.

The Bearcats took a 24-14 first quarter lead and upped it to 45-22 as the Broncos went cold from the floor the second quarter. The second half was pretty much even in scoring for both teams.

The Varsity Girls were downed 51-45. The Bearcats jumped out to an 18-14 first quarter lead and upped it to 30-20 at halftime. The Broncos were not only behind but were in very serious foul trouble: at this point having already lost Kate Mathews due to fouls and Debbie Bible was forced to the bench with four personal fouls.

The Broncos mounted a comeback the third period as they outscored the Bearcats 16-9 to start the final stanza only down 36-39.

The Broncos had trouble finding the basket the final period as they managed but two field goals to the Bearcats five.

Lea Whitehead led the Broncos with 11, Gina Heffernan 10, Michelle Mcleery 8, Bonnie Jackson 4, Debbie Bible 4, Becca Powers 3 and Della Heffernan 3.

The JV girls also fell to defeat 33-26. Gay Ann Dobbs led the Broncos with 10, Carla Crites 8, Kathy Richter, Julie Jackson and Kelly Whitehead had 2 points each.

The JV girls however rebounded Friday for a 50-36 win over the Crane Golden Cranes JV.

Gay Ann Dobbs again led the Broncos with 16, Kelly Whitehead 13, Rachel Merck and Julie Jackson 6 each, Kathy Richter 5 and Alicia Sanchez got 4. This leaves their record at 16-3 for the year.

The JV boys also rebounded for a 58-37 win over the Golden Cranes. Shannon Turner led the Broncos with 10, Santiago Faz and Billy Collins had 9 each, Glen Love-7, Manuel Ramirez and David Ramirez 6 each, Alex Duenes 5.

Manuel Duran 4 and Joe San Miguel 4. This leaves the JV season record at 8-5.

The Varsity Girls had another tough night as they were again plagued by fouls and turnovers, Crane jumped off to a 14-7 first quarter lead before a second quarter Bronco rally knotted the score at 19-19 at halftime.

The Broncos went cold the third period as Crane outscored the Broncos 12-4 to take a 31-23 lead into an evenly played fourth stanza. The Broncos were 3 of 5 from the foul line while Crane was 14 of 30.

Michelle McCleery led the Broncos with 7 points before fouling out of the contest. Bonnie Jackson and Gina Heffernan had 6 each, Debbie Shannon, Carrie Sorenson and Debbie Bible had 4 each, Lea Whitehead and Della Heffernan each had 2 points.

The Varsity Boys also had a tough night as Crane's Kenny Walker exploded for 26 points to lead the Cranes over the Broncos by the score of 66-44.

Esau Ramirez led the Broncos with 17, Scott Miller got 11, Wayne Hill 6, Gilbert Martinez and Ismael Duenes 3 each and John-David Martinez and Thomas DeHoyos 2 each.



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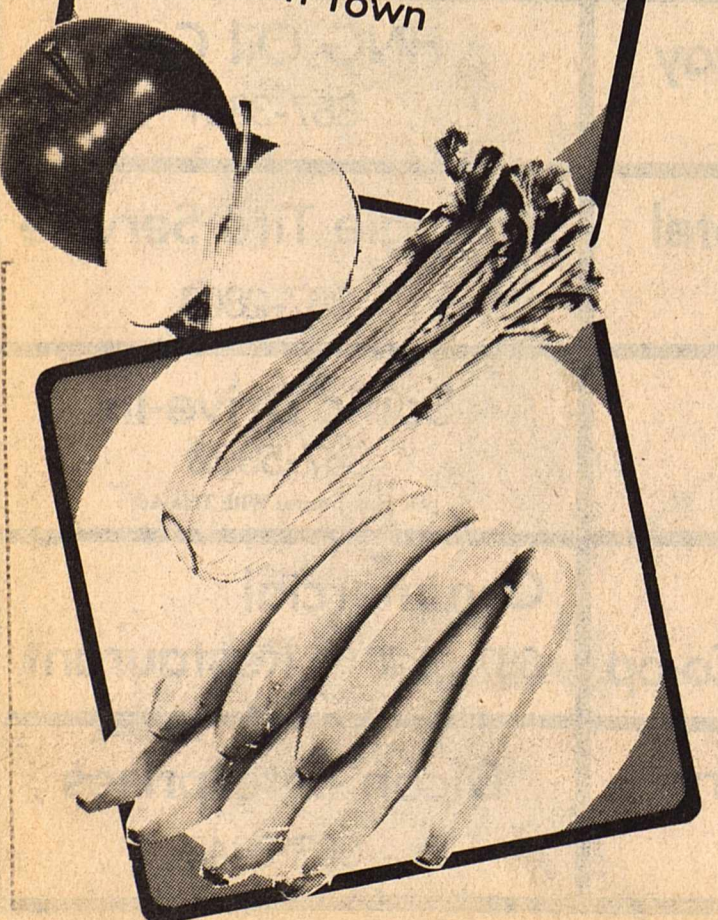
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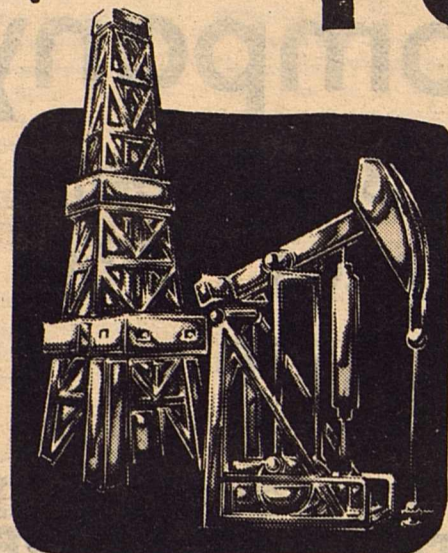
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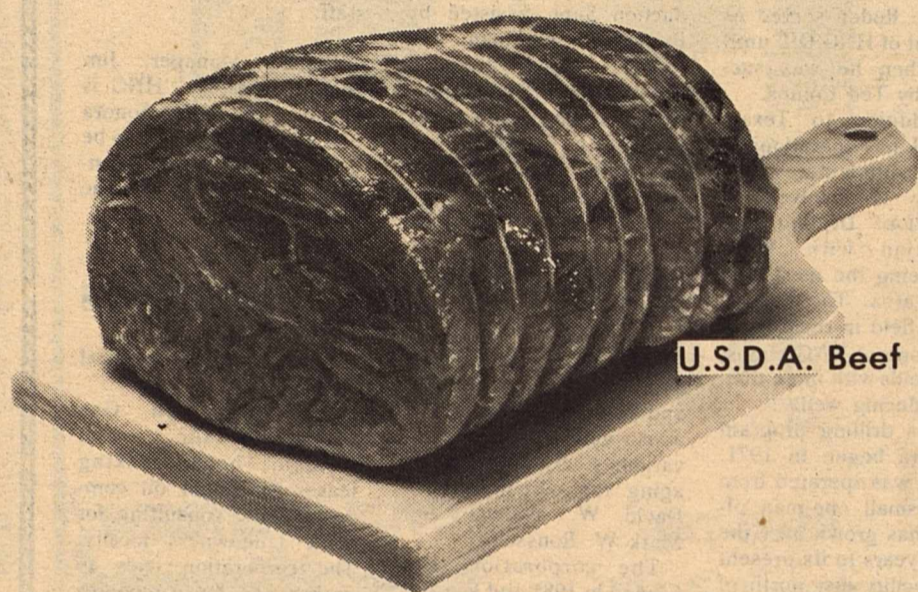


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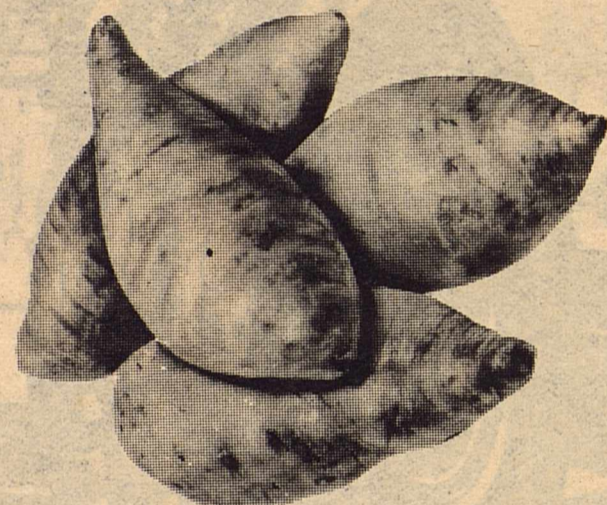
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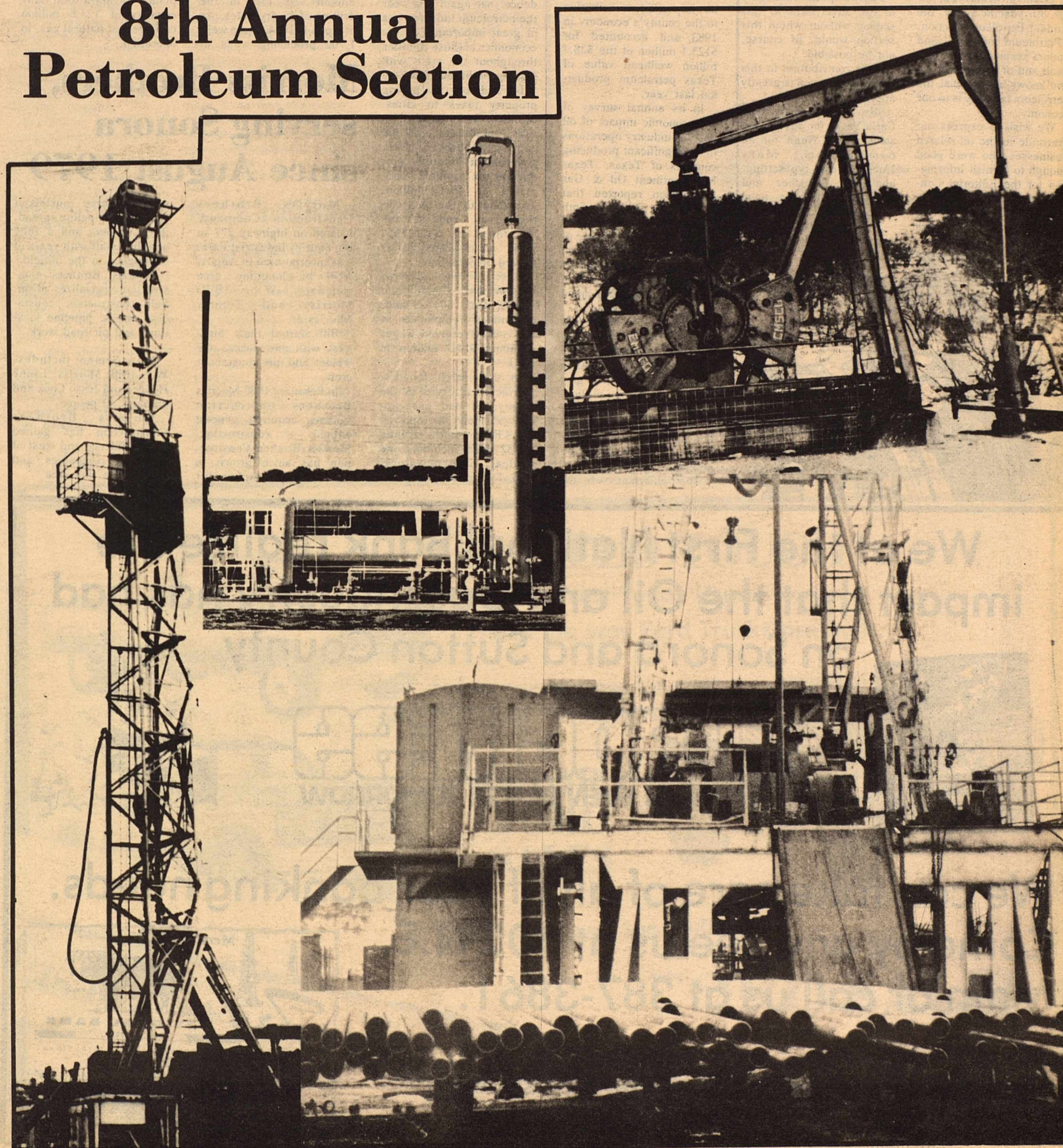
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PBPA issues statement

Perry Bolger, President, the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, Midland, Texas issued the following statement, asking the Association membership to take action opposing the so-called Tax Reform for Fairness, Simplicity and Economic Growth proposed by Treasury Secretary Regan.

The recent proposals by the Treasury Department concerning repeal of percentage depletion and expensing of IDC's should be of great concern to the members of our association. This disastrous proposal comes at a time when the independent industry is already crippled from lower prices and decreased demand. Not only is it detrimental to domestic drilling but could also endanger our national security and economic prosperity.

As indicated earlier, we, like the IPAA and other Associations, are going to offer objections to the proposal, before it becomes a bill. We do not believe that anyone, in good conscience, should support the elimination of percentage depletion and intangible

drilling costs, while continuing foreign tax credits on imported oil.

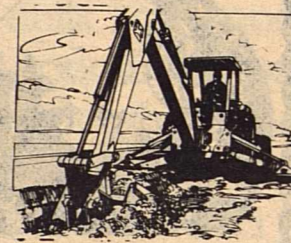
Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's statement, that, "As far as independent oil and gas producers, this (tax plan) may hurt them," exposes his ignorance as to the source of independent's drilling funds. His statement, that "... investment money withdrawn from the oil and gas sector would be employed more productively in other industries," further shows his lack of concern for the importance of the domestic petroleum industry to this nation.

If the Secretary's comments are indicative of the administration's attitude toward the domestic independent petroleum industry, the longer term consequences to the nation could be severe. What happens to the nation's security and economic prosperity if the independent sector, which drills 90 percent of the wildcats and finds 70 percent of the new reserves, is eliminated? This sector could be eliminated if such proposals are adopted.

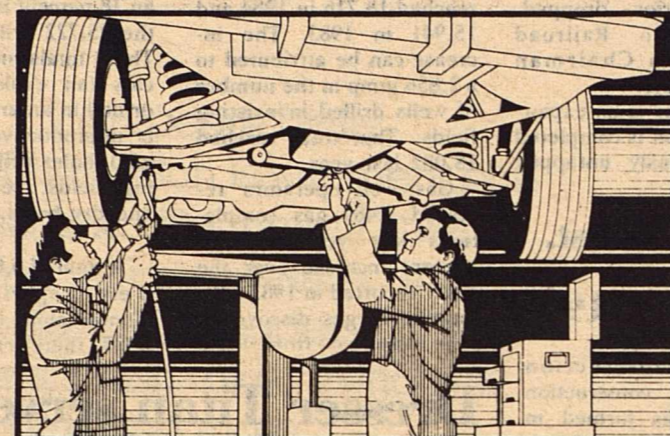
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should be aware that buried in the proposal are indications that the Treasury concedes that the effects which might occur in the "short run" would be reduced domestic production and increased American dependence on foreign sources of oil. They also concede that one of the effects a longer term would be higher domestic prices for oil and gas. Under such a scenario, however, the prices might even be higher than they expected because the sources will be controlled by a few surviving large companies.

We fully agree that the present tax system needs to be reworked. We do not agree that destroying the domestic independent petroleum industry is the way to do it.



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TOM LOEFFLER

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The advent of 1985 and the incoming Congress will present some clear challenges to our Nation's energy industry. From the federal level, the industry is currently confronted with two potentially devastating issues. First, the worldwide oversupply of crude oil has resulted in a dramatic increase in the quantity of imported refined petroleum products, particularly in the form of transportation fuels. These imports are not only threatening the very existence of our domestic refining industry, but they are also causing a significant price decline in the domestically produced crude.

Second, all the major "flat tax" proposals circu-

lating in Washington call for the entire elimination of both the expensing of intangible drilling costs and the percentage depletion allowance. Since our energy industry currently pays higher taxes than any other sector of American business, I can find absolutely no reason to force the oil and gas industry to shoulder one more penny in additional taxes.

I have already met with

both White House Chief of Staff Jim Baker and Treasury Secretary Don Regan, as well as Secretary of Energy Don Hodel, to discuss these issues. As we consider domestic and international economic policy, as well as proposed tax reforms, I will continue to make my voice—and the voice of the oil patch—heard in the halls of Congress and within the Administration.

\$3.2 million rate reduction approved

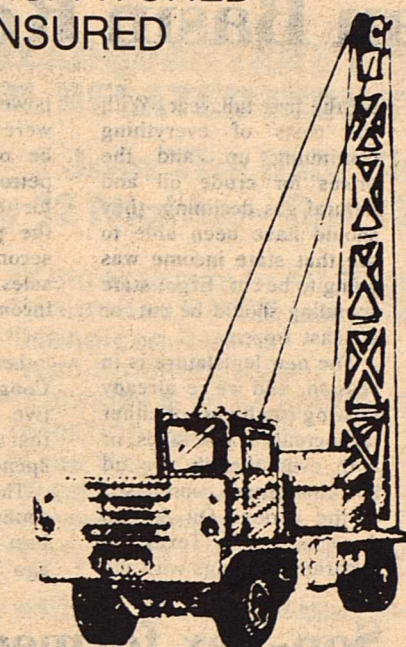
The Railroad Commission has approved a \$3.2 million rate reduction involving four contracts for gas sold by Ferguson Crossing Pipe Line Co. to Texas Utilities Fuel Co.

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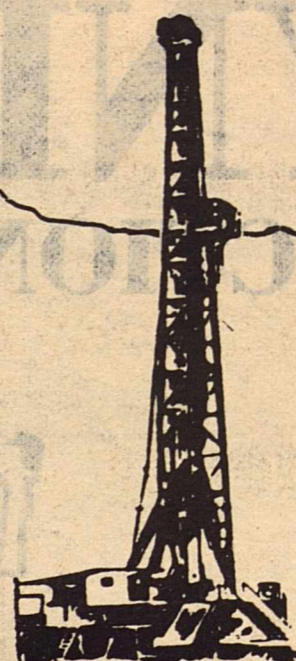
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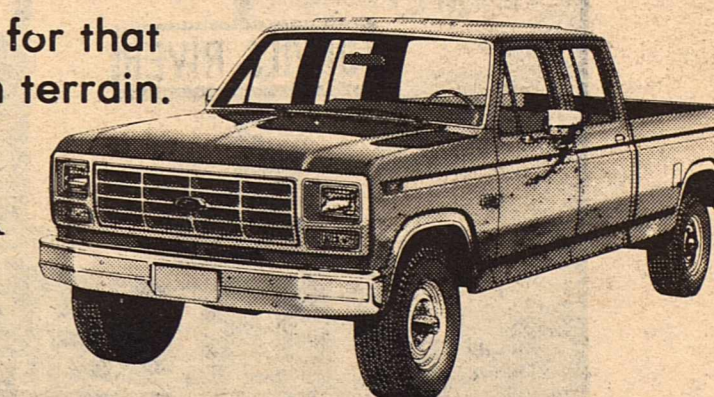
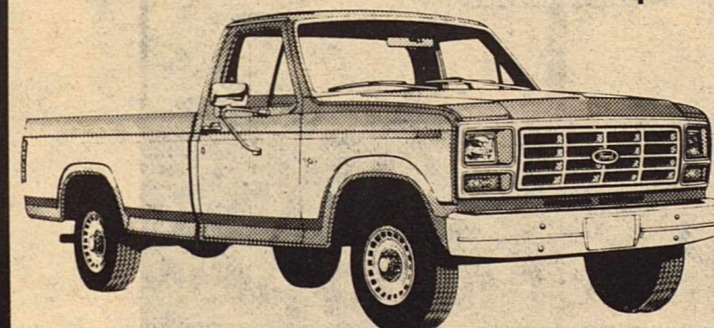
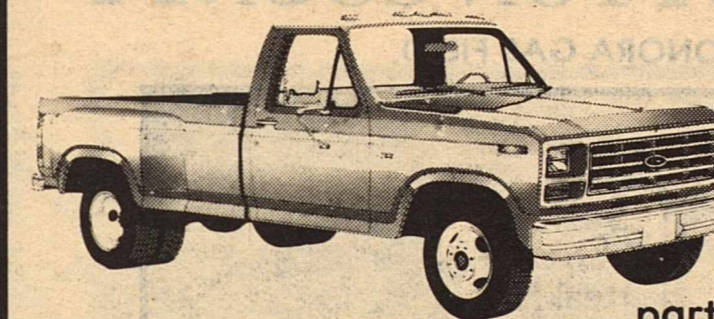
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Permian Basin Report

In talking recently with the Representative Tom Craddick, we asked him what had been the most dramatic change in Austin. Tom's answer? The increase in the state's biennium budget (that's for two years) from \$3.5 billion to \$35 billion. That's a 1000 percent increase in 16 years. Even the Federal budget hasn't been able to match that, and now their talking about us coming up short of funds in Austin, again!

For 20 years, the state has depended on ever increasing income from the domestic petroleum industry to fund its spending, just as has the nation. 1982 should have taught lawmakers, in time for the 1983 session, and even more so the bureaucrats, who, (like their counterparts in Washington) really run our government in Austin, that they should start cutting off expanding programs. They had all been told that 70 cent investment dollars were going to be worth 50 cents. They had been told that the Windfall Profit Excise Tax was to be paid

for the first full year. With the costs of everything continuing up, and the prices for crude oil and natural gas declining, they should have been able to see that state income was going to be cut. Ergo, state spending should be cut, or at least frozen.

The new legislature is in session, and we're already hearing rumblings of either tax increases, new taxes, or both even though two ad hoc committees, composed of the various Oil & Gas Associations in Texas, in separate meetings with the

Son-Tex formed in 1980

Son-Tex Rathole Service is owned by Bill Cascadden of Sonora and C.B. Harris of Dallas with Cascadden managing.

The rathole service is based from 412 Taylor and was formed in 1980.

The company was originally known as Harris Rat Hole of Midland in 1977 when the Cascaddens moved to Sonora. In 1980 it was incorporated and became known as Son-Tex.

powers that be in Austin, were told that there would be no new taxes on the petroleum industry. And, for those who don't know, the petroleum industry is second only to the state sales tax, in producing income for Texas.

Let your state and federal Congressional and Legislative representatives know that now is the time to cut spending, or else!!

The Permian Basin rig count for this week is 358. Last week 365 and one year ago 331.

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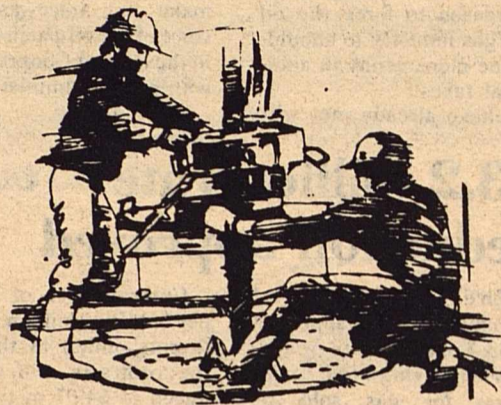
Son-Tex has two rigs working this area and has recently expanded to serve the Abilene area with two more rigs.

There are three employees in Abilene and four in Sonora. Cascadden oversees both operations.

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The total number of oil well completions in Texas increased by 17.4 percent in 1984, but the number of oil discoveries dropped, according to Railroad Commission Chairman Buddy Temple.

A discovery is an exploratory well that is completed in a previously untapped

reservoir. Operators reported 634 oil discoveries last year and 715 in 1983.

Total oil completions reached 18,716 in 1984 and 15,941 in 1983. The increase can be attributed to a 2,856 jump in the number of wells drilled in existing fields. That total reached 18,082 last year.

Gas well operators reported 5,489 gas completions last year, a nine percent increase over the 5,027 reported in 1983. The number of gas discoveries also increased from 1,226

in 1983 to 1,377 last year.

Total new holes for oil and gas operations last year amounted to 30,313, nearly an 18 percent increase over the 25,722 drilled in 1983. These totals included wildcats (an exploratory well drilled in an area previously unproductive of oil and gas), holes drilled in existing fields, service holes, and dry holes.

A total of 6,693 dry holes were reported to the Commission in 1984. In 1983, there were 5,914.

Haynie Const. formed in 1982

Haynie Construction Inc., oilfield construction company, was formed in August of 1982 by Ralph Haynie, owner and operator.

Haynie Construction is located at Shurley Enterprises in Sonora and at West County Road and Hwy. 57 in Odessa.

Their specialty is good work.

Yard managers are Johnny Yarborough in Sonora and Ralph or Dudley Haynie in Odessa.

The telephone number in Sonora is 387-5008 and is 915-366-8702 in Odessa.

Haynie employees a total of 25 persons.

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Titan Services Inc. has been in Sonora serving the oilfield industry since 1978.

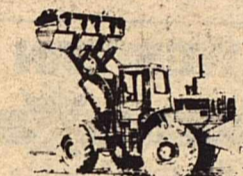
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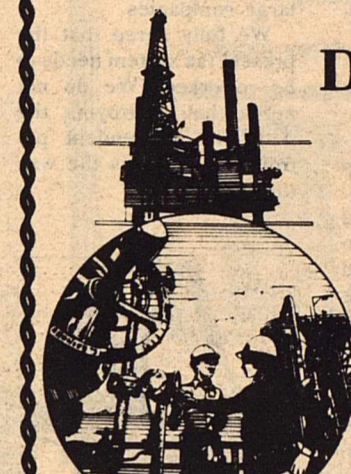
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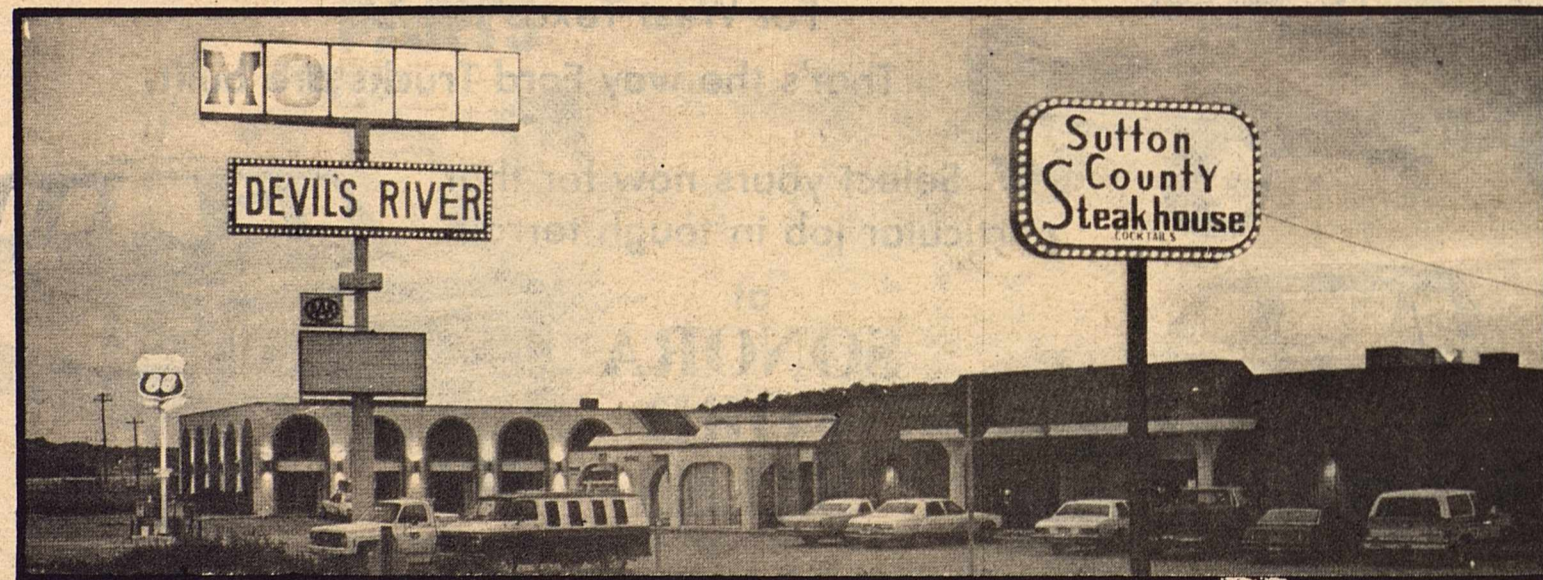
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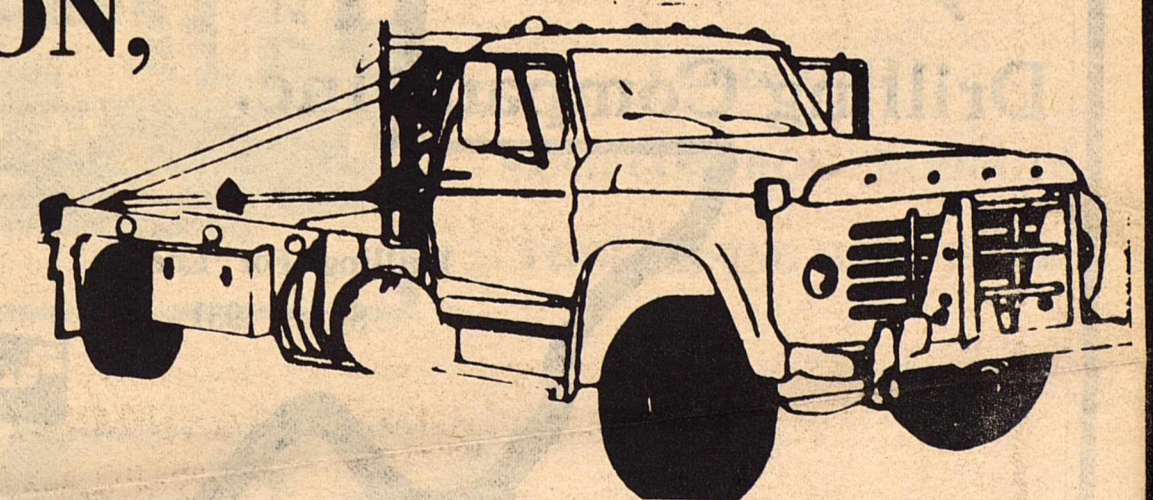
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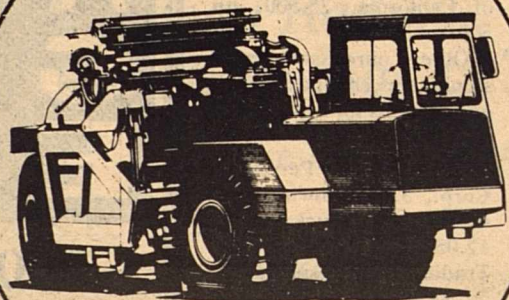


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Scholarship essay contest deadline set for March 1

March 1, 1985 is the deadline for the 1984-85 scholarship essay contest which has been announced by the Permian Basin chapter of Mensa the "High IQ Club" and the Mensa Educational & Research Foundation. Awards of \$1000, \$500, \$200 and \$150 will be made in each of Mensa's nine regions, including the Permian Basin area.

It is not necessary to be a member of MENSA to apply for the scholarships. Awards are unrestricted as to age, race, sex, level of post-secondary education, and financial status. The sole requirement for the Mensa Scholarship is that the applicant be enrolled, for the year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited American institution or post-secondary education.

In addition, two special awards will be given. The Rita Levine Memorial Scholarship will award \$500 to a female returning to school after an absence of seven or more years. The

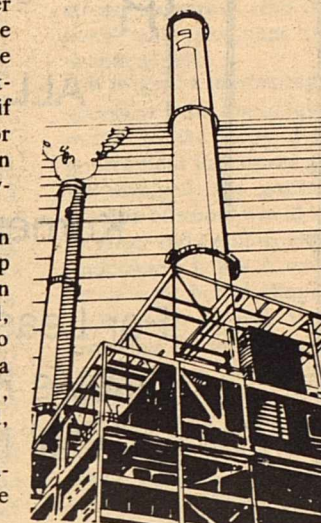
Howard M. Turney Financial Aid Program will provide \$1000 for study or career in engineering, mathematics, medicine, or the physical sciences, and requires that the applicant score in the top 2 percent of the general population on a standard IQ test.

The award is made on the basis of an essay of about 500 words which describes the applicant's career, vocational, academic, or goal direction. The application should describe a career direction toward which the scholarship is to provide aid. Essays may be rejected, regardless of content, if flawed by poor grammar or spelling or if application instructions are not followed.

For further information concerning this scholarship and to obtain application forms, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Permian Basin Mensa Scholarship Chairman, 3213 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701.

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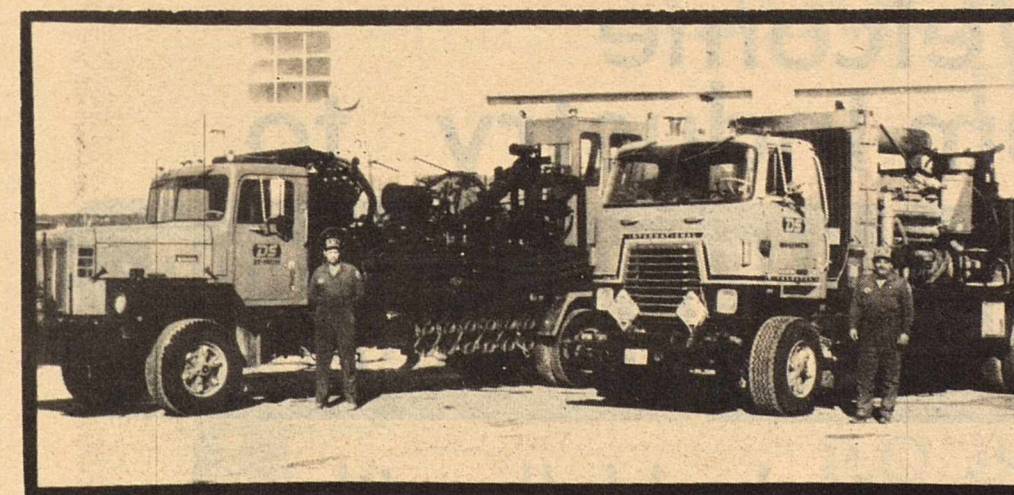
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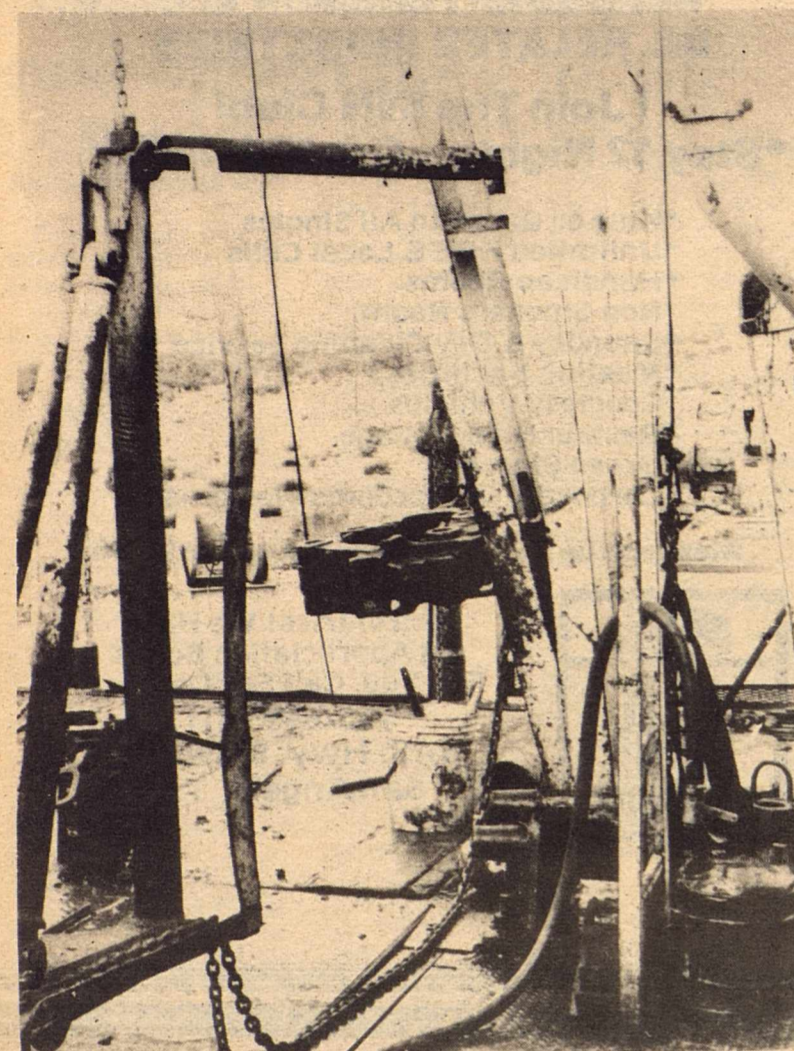
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Production stays at 100%

The Railroad Commission recently continued the Texas oil production rate for February 1985 at 100 percent of market demand.

Chairman Buddy Temple and Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and Mack Wallace directed the continuance of the top production allowable after reviewing oil companies' nominations to buy a total of 2,288,213 barrels of Texas oil per day. The February nomination total, an increase of 11,417 barrels daily when compared to January purchaser nominations, indicates market demand. February 1984 nominations totaled 2,378,419 barrels daily.

Although next month's state total for the permissible rate of production is calculated to average 2,831,178 barrels per day, actual production is estimated to reach 2.25 million barrels per day. Actual production in February 1984 was 2,321,063 barrels of oil per day.

The Commission first went to the ceiling level for oil production in April 1972, and February marks the 96th month in a row for the maximum allowable. It applies to all fields in the state except those that are assigned lower legal rates of production so that reservoir pressures will not be depleted before maximum amount of oil has been recovered.

Temple also reported that February nominations for the purchase of Texas gas totaled 23,743,742 Mcf/d. (thousand cubic feet of gas per day). January gas nominations totaled 24,240,130 Mcf/d. February 1984 nominations amounted to 23,870,118 Mcf/d.

The next statewide oil and gas production allowable hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, in Room 309 of the Railroad Commission's headquarters building at 1124 S. IH 35 in Austin.

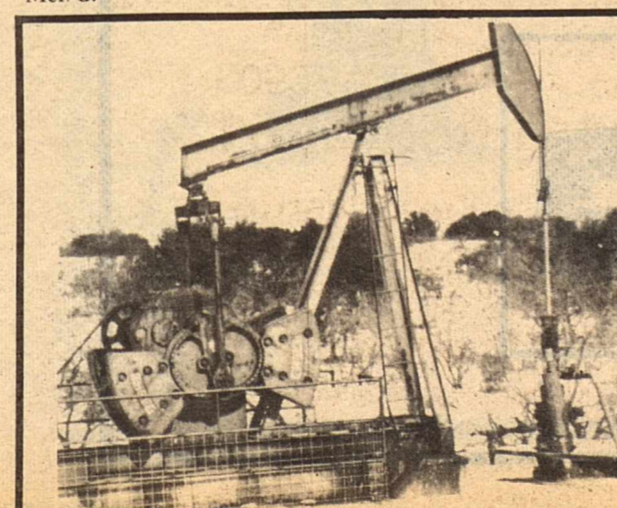
Major purchasers filed these nominations for Texas oil in February.

Amoco Production Co., 153,000 barrels daily, unchanged from the previous month; Conoco, Inc., 64,000, unchanged; Exxon Co., U.S.A., 280,100, down 1,500; Gulf Oil Corp., 105,500, unchanged; Mobile Oil Corp., 168,900, up 700; Phillips Petroleum Co., 75,300, unchanged; Shell Oil Co., 148,000, unchanged; and Union Oil Co. of California, 25,500, up 500.

Other purchasers with significant changes in oil nominations for next month included:

Crown Central Petroleum Corp., 3,835, down 1,010; Geer Tank Trucks, Inc., 12,050, up 1,708; Getty Trading & Transportation, 27,333, up 1,508; JM Petroleum Corp., 40,696, up 1,616; Lantern Petroleum Corp., 16,544, up 1,700; Matador Pipelines of Texas, Inc., 74,039, down 1,394; P & O Falco, Inc., 12,760, down 1,085; The Permian Corp., 185,159, down 1,861; Pride Pipeline Co., 35,800, up 1,400; Sohio Supply Co., 7,100, up 2,900; and Texas City Refining Inc., 1,428, down 2,476.

Chairman Temple reported that crude oil and petroleum products imported into the U.S. averaged 4,694,000 barrels per day for the four weeks ending December 28, 1984, an increase of 19,000 barrels per day from the same period last year.



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Industry faces danger and opportunity in '85

BY MACK WALLACE
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The oil and gas industry enters 1985 facing both danger and opportunity.

The danger comes about in the form of a federal "tax simplification" proposal which would devastate independent oil and gas producers across the nation.

And, since Texas is the leading oil and gas producing state, the burdens of the proposal would fall heaviest here.

The proposal by the United States Treasury Department would abolish two existing tax incentives which are critical to exploration and production.

The plan would eliminate the tax deduction for intangible drilling costs and repeal the percentage depletion allowance.

One study estimates that if the Treasury plan had been in effect last year, 30,000 fewer oil and gas wells would have been drilled in the United States. In addition, about 4,000 independent producers

would have been put out of business.

This comes at a time when the oil and gas industry is searching for stability, both in the market place and in the area of federal regulations.

The country's energy position is made worse by the rising level of imported crude oil and gas products brought into this country—almost 6 million barrels each and every day of our lives.

We have an opportunity to alter this threatening course.

I believe a tax should be imposed on imported crude oil and crude oil products.

Additionally, I believe tax incentives for domestic exploration and production should be expanded—not curtailed.

In 1984, energy imports accounted for 45.3 percent of the nation's entire total trade deficit. Since 1973, the cost of crude oil and crude oil product imports into the United States has totaled more than \$500 billion.

That is unacceptable to

me. A \$2 per barrel import fee on crude oil and crude oil products imported into this country would bring in \$17 billion over the next five years. A \$5 per barrel import fee would bring in \$42.5 billion over the same period.

We need to lessen our dependence on foreign oil—not increase it.

Today, imports make up about one-third of the U.S. energy consumption.

I believe a tax on imported oil would boost domestic exploration and production and would go a long way to help reduce the federal deficit which all agree is unacceptable.

If we are ever to have domestic energy security in America, our dependency must be replaced with a determination to achieve energy independence.

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Petro-Politics perplex people

BY JERRY RAUN

As an outsider to the petroleum industry, I have always had the feeling that it had to be the most chaotic and disorganized industry in the modern world. Boom or bust seem to be the only conditions that exist in this business—no in betweens, no stability. There seems to be no way the industry can level out for more than a brief period of time.

Many of the people involved in the business appear as caricatures, drawn larger than life. Of course the amount of risk involved in the exploration for petroleum precludes involvement of pessimists, cowards or anyone looking for a guaranteed return on investment.

I have spent most of my life living in the middle of oil and gas country. One of my earliest recollections of Texas is the sight of gas flares and rig lights visible for miles across the flat fields of the southern Gulf Coast. I also spent four years studying geology, long ago.

If I am confused, think about most of the people in this country who probably

think that unleaded gas comes straight from the ground to the service station. They think that "Oil Field Trash" refers to the junk laying around the rig site. If you told them you were in the business of drilling rat holes you would probably be assaulted. A wire line service is something you send messages through. Swabbing is something you do to a deck and a workover rig is a set of brass knuckles.

Many of them think the oil business is made up of people from "Dallas" or "Dynasty" or more recently, Boone Pickens. Oil means money—lots and lots of money!

Therein lies part of the rub. Some of those people I have described are members of the U.S. Congress or bureaucrats in the Department of Energy or Internal Revenue Service.

To them oil means money and money means taxes—lots and lots of taxes! They probably watch the maneuvers of J.R. Ewing and Denver Carrington with all the excitement of a teenage boy at his first XXX-rated movie.

All that beautiful money! They have to get their hands on as much as possible and then regulate the rest of it. It makes sense. If there were no regulations, they wouldn't have any jobs.

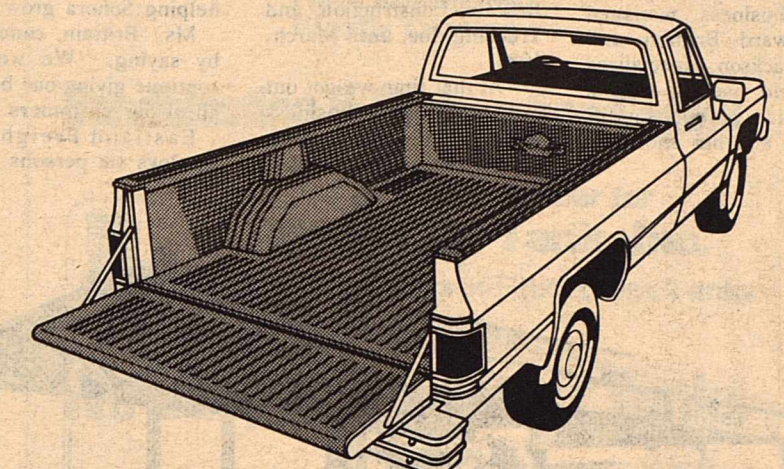
I wonder how many people there are whom the petroleum industry provides jobs that have nothing to do with the exploration, production and distribution of petroleum and all of its byproducts? Wow! If all the regulators were out on the street tomorrow, the national unemployment rate would double.

It might be interesting to speculate what the industry would be like today if the government had never gotten involved. My guess is that the business would still be crazy and I still wouldn't understand it but it would be in a lot better shape.

Oh, well. I think I will just send a wireline to my roustabout in that rathole called Washington and ask him to acidize a regulation or two or maybe just put the whole thing in a kill-truck and frac it. While we are plugging holes, let's start at the top.

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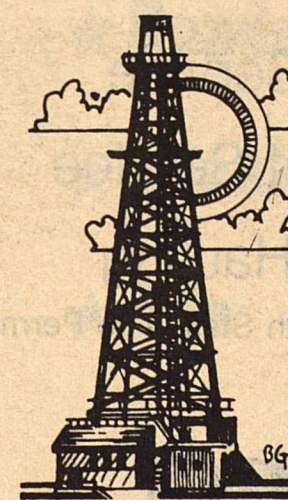
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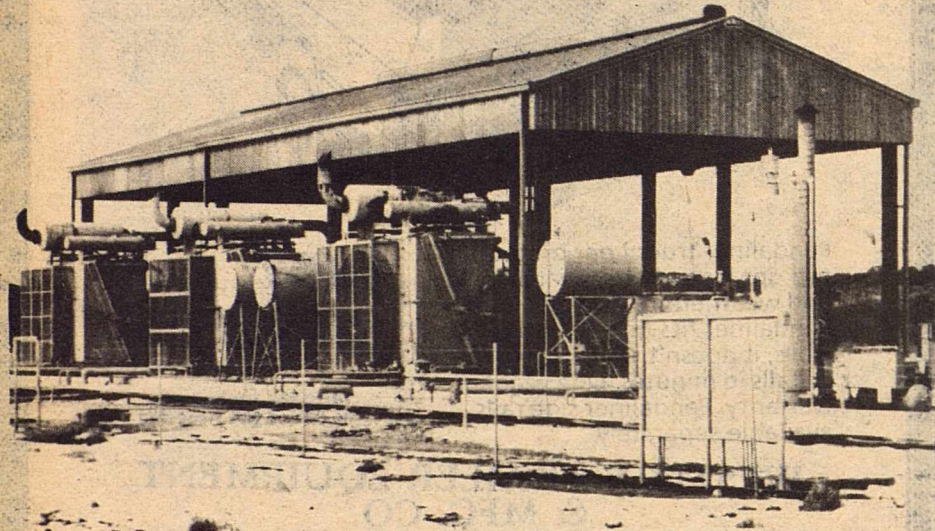


Eastland Freightway, started in Sonora March 1, 1983

Eastland Freightway, Inc., owned by Mollie Brittain, is located at 409 Del Rio Street and was formed March 1, 1983. The business, managed by Howard Brittain and Jerry Jackson, specializes in oilfield hauling with a state wide permit, forklift service, and hot shot service.

Ms. Brittain says, "John and I started our business in February, 1961 in Odessa. In 1976 we moved to Sonora and operated Brittain Construction and Trucking, Inc. until March, 1983. "At that time we got out of the roustabout business and went into pipe hauling, forklift service and hot shot

service under Eastland Freightway, Inc. "We really appreciate all the business everyone has given us and have enjoyed helping Sonora grow." Ms. Brittain concluded by saying, "We wish to continue giving our best to all of our customers." Eastland Freightway employs six persons.



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John Wing elected H.N.G. Sr. vice president

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Wing comes to Houston Natural Gas from General Electric Company, where he was general manager of GE's cogeneration business, responsible for that company's activities in the cogeneration marketplace. Prior to joining General Electric, he was employed by Continental Resources Company, where he was senior vice president and general manager of Florida Hydrocarbons Company and director of Corporate Development.

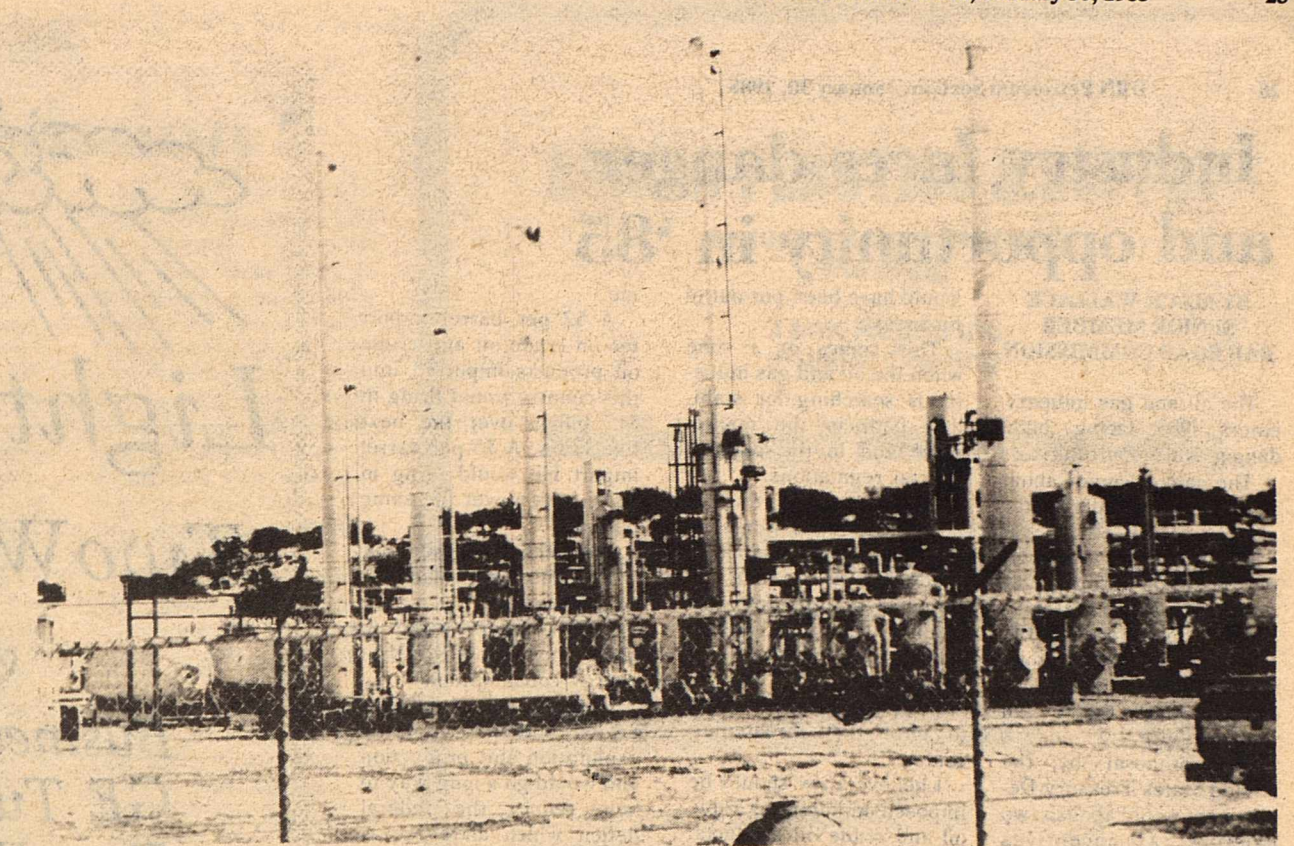
A native of Norfolk, New York, Wing is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering. He also earned a Master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School, where he was designated a Baker Scholar.

As a member of the U.S. Army, Wing served in Europe and Vietnam as an aviation unit commander and pilot. He is on the Board of Trustees of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida.

Kelly assumes his new role after serving as manager, planning and fuel supply-cogeneration for General Electric Company. Prior to joining GE in 1983, Kelly was director, strategic planning/corporate development for Continental Resources Company.

Kelly received his Bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Military Academy and holds Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University.

After serving in the office of economic affairs in Vietnam and as a commander of a tank company at Ft. Carson, Kelly became an associate professor of economics of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He began his civilian career at Continental Resources Company in 1981.



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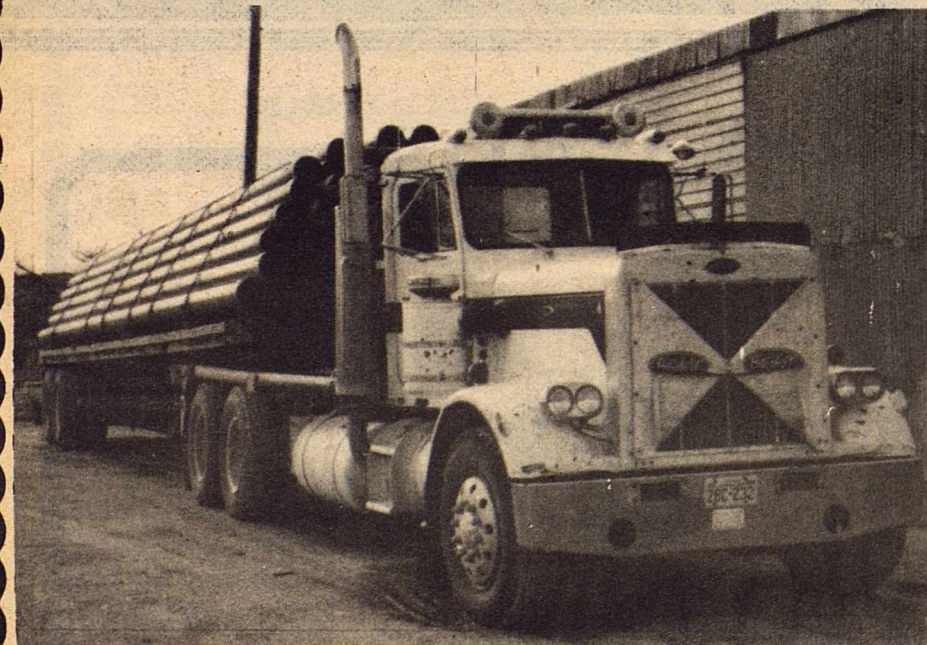
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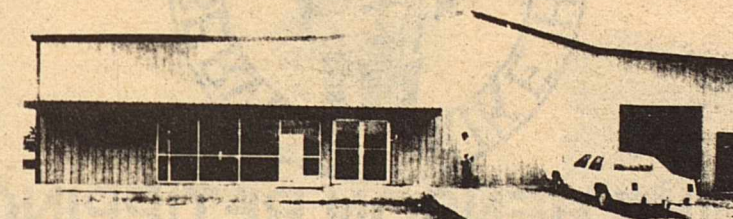
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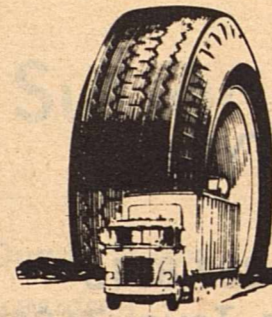
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The Railroad Commission of Texas was created in 1891 to regulate rates and operations of railroads, terminals, wharves, and express companies. It is the oldest agency in the state and one of the oldest of its kind in the nation.

Given new responsibilities over the years by the Texas Legislature, the Commission now oversees a broad range of activities that include the vital areas of energy, transportation, environmental protection and public safety.

Today, the Railroad Commission's responsibilities include regulation of: the oil and gas industry to prevent waste of valuable resources and to protect property rights and the environment; trucks and buses in intrastate service; natural gas utilities, safety involving hazardous materials pipelines, natural gas pipelines, and distribution systems; safety regarding the use of propane, butane, and compressed natural gas, as well as licensing of dealers and handlers; and surface mining for coal,

uranium, and iron ore, as well as reclamation of the land when mining is complete.

Under the direction of three Commissioners, Mack Wallace, Buddy Temple, and James Nugent, regulation is carried out by five divisions—Oil and Gas, Transportation, Gas Utilities, Surface Mining and Reclamation, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

The Commissioners, elected by Texas voters, serve overlapping six-year terms. One Commissioner is chosen in the general election every two years.

Over the years, the Railroad Commission has earned worldwide recognition, particularly for its leadership in petroleum regulation and conservation. It has been credited with preventing waste of millions of barrels of oil and billions of cubic feet of gas from the producing areas of Texas.

The Commission operates from its headquarters in Austin and district offices throughout the state.

Largest of the Commission's divisions, the Oil and Gas Division has been given these responsibilities through law: to prevent the waste of oil, gas and geothermal resources; to protect the environment from damage that might result from oil or gas operations; to collect resource data; to provide for equitable production among operators; and to ensure the safety of the public.

To do this, the division develops statewide rules to be followed by oil operators, conducts open hearings and recommends action to the Commissioners, and regulates production through a system of proration and allocation.

Federal legislation gives additional responsibilities to the division. These include the classification of gas wells into categories set by the federal Natural Gas Policy Act and supervision of the underground injection of fluids and the disposal of water produced through oilfield operations.

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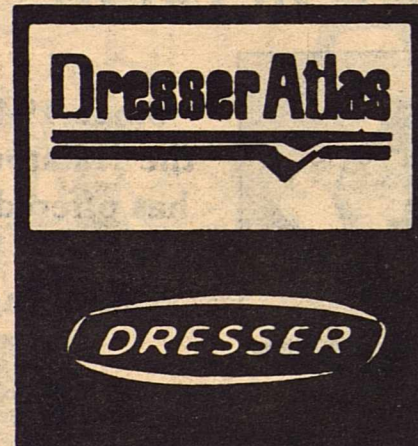
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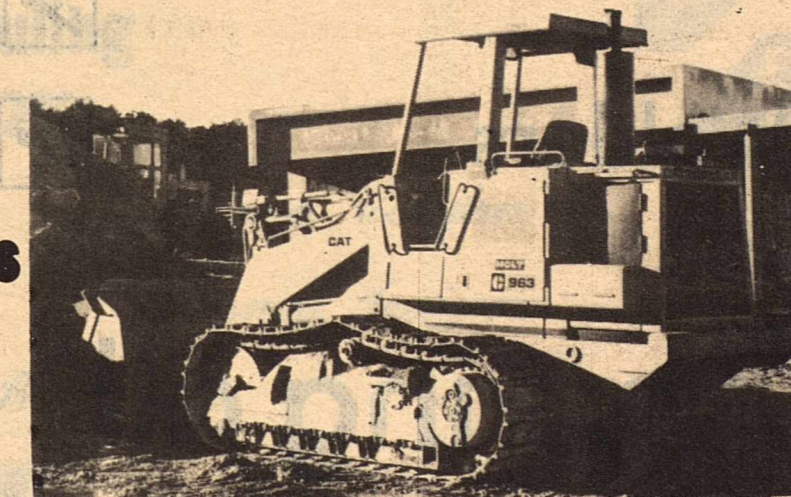
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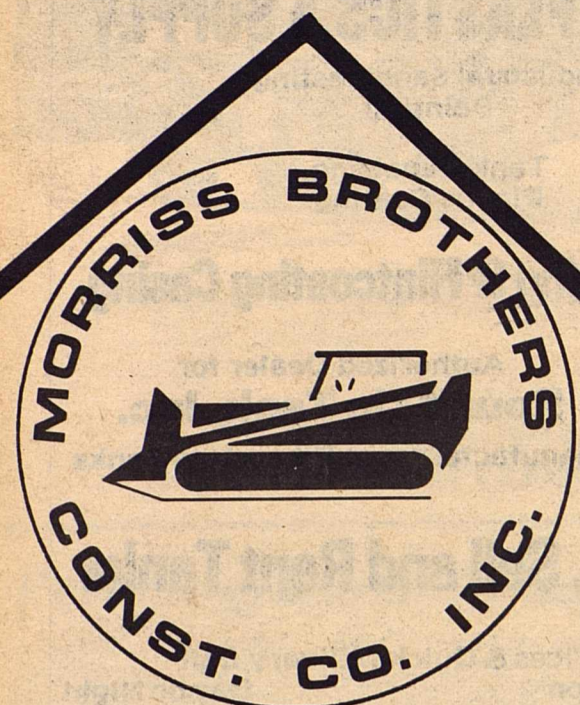
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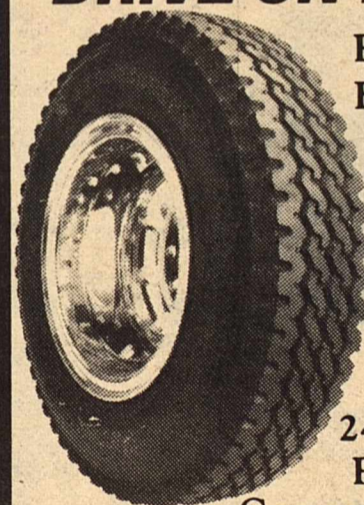
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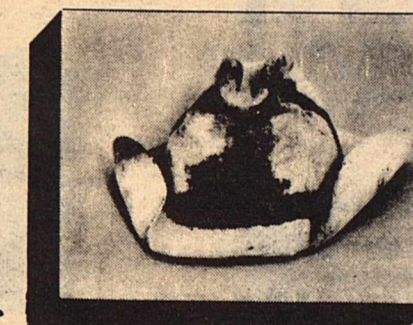
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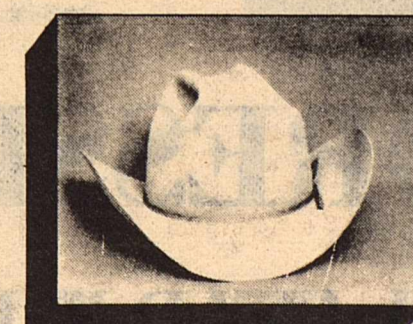
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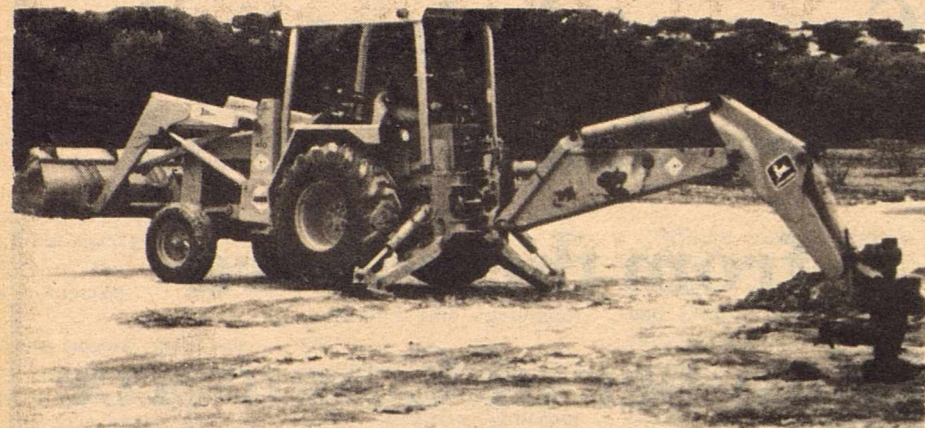
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The number of permits issued during the week was the highest reported in 1984. The previous high was reported during the week July 19-23. The total is 20.4 percent higher than

the 2,151 permits issued the previous week. The total also exceeds the number of permits issued the same week a year ago by 76.7 percent.

The last full reporting week of the year brings to 105,108 the cumulative number of permits issued in the United States in 1984. This compares to 105,899 permits issued in 1983.

New field wildcat per-

mits-for purely exploratory drilling-totaled 241 for the week, compared with 168 a year ago. Another 255 permits were issued for other exploratory drilling-including deeper and shallower pool tests and field extensions-up from 175 a year ago.

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If they really want to cut the budget and deficit spending in Washington, why not start by cutting out some useless departments, such as Energy, Education and maybe even Treasury. Then reduce the defense budget by \$30 billion on materials, not on pay cuts, freeze the rest at '84 levels, sell all Federally owned lands, and do away with foreign tax credits. That's saving and cutting about \$200 billion.

Please note that we said cutting, reducing and freezing. We probably should have included 30,000 pages from the Federal Register and half the Congressional and agency standing committees, sub-committees, etcetera. There was no mention of indexing for inflation, holding to only some percent of growth, or any other increases. They are talking tax increases in both Washington and Austin, and only the President has called for a cut in spending. Unfortunately, they immediately opted to cut our Armed Forces fringe benefits and reduce their pay; jump and Social Security (we thought

they-Congress-saved Social Security for at least 50 years-during the last session) and other little people benefits.

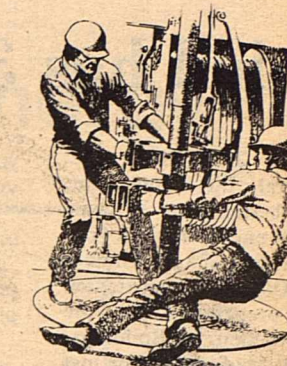
In the so-called tax-reform proposal, they say they'll eliminate unfair tax shelters, such as domestic petroleum industries percentage depletion and intangible drilling costs. They failed to point out that 106 other extractive miner-

als included coal, gravel, iron, and oyster shells, get percentage depletion, and that the international, integrated major oil companies get it too, but call it cost depletion. Their intangible drilling costs are minimal, and are amortized. Their foreign tax credits are deducted, dollar for dollar, from their domestic tax bill. Ain't no independents we know get foreign tax credits.



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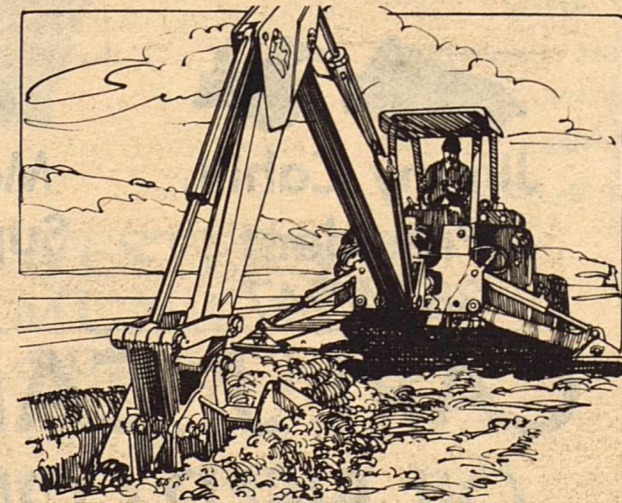
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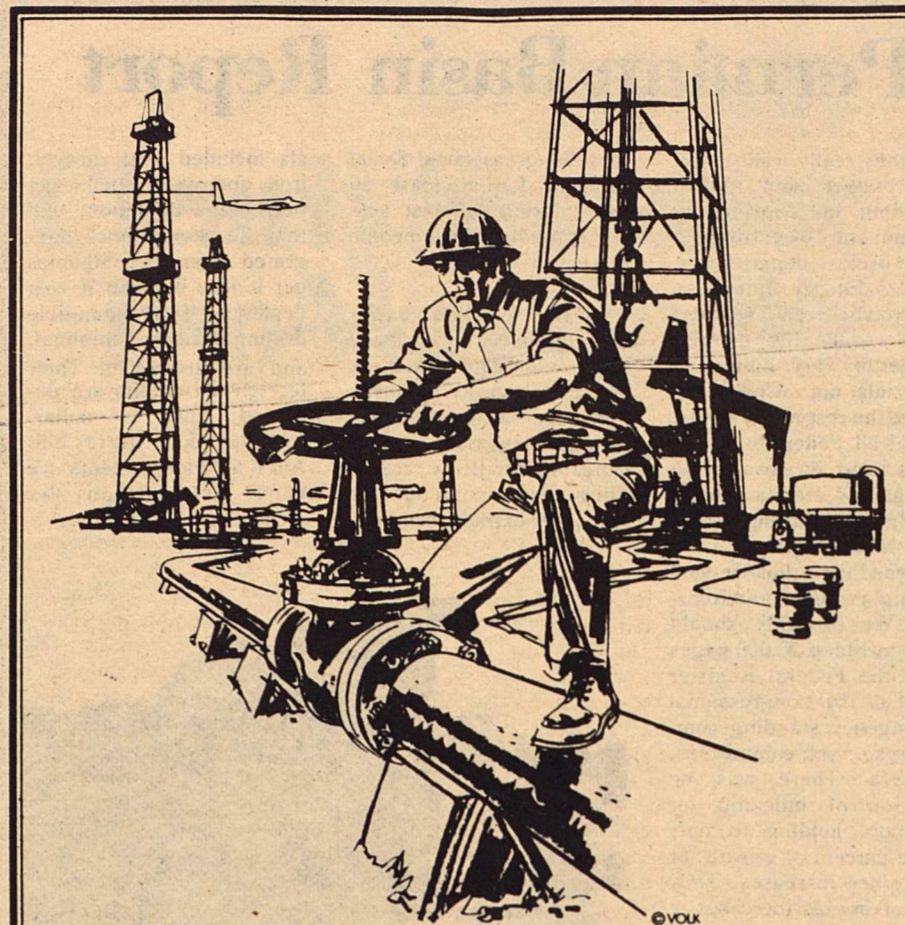
The Board of Directors of Houston Natural Gas Corporation has elected Peggy B. Menchaca to the position of corporate secretary at HNG.

Mrs. Menchaca, formerly administrative assistant to HNG's chairman and chief executive officer, began her career at Houston Natural Gas in 1965 as executive secretary to the vice president and general counsel. She also has served as administrative assistant to the president and chief operating officer, a legal assistant and ad-

ministrator of corporate contributions. She will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the HNG Foundation.

A native of San Angelo, Texas, she holds a certificate in legal stenography-court reporting from Alvin Community College and is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Legal Assistants Division.

Mrs. Menchaca is a member of Executive Women International, the Heritage Club, Inwood Forest Golf Club, and St. Ambrose Catholic Church.



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Drilling fee increase proposed

Each week offers something new, exciting and different. This week it was the Governor's proposal to increase drilling permit fee from \$100.00 to \$900.00. Only \$100 of that extra \$800 would be used for the Railroad Commission and the balance would go into the general fund. It turns out that Jim Nugent says the Commission is already turning some \$17 million in surplus funds to the general fund. We believe it is time to quit thinking Tax Increase and operate on the Budget Decrease.

The second something new, exciting and different, was to be told that the Treasury Tax Proposal is exactly that, and there is no trial balloon being offered. The folks over in Treasury have decided that all the industry does is put together funds, charge off Senator Kennedy's definition of intangible drilling costs, and make obscene profits. Senator Kennedy uses the directory definition of intangible as something that cannot be seen, heard, smelled, or touched, so it must be imaginary.

Add to this the fact that domestic crude oil prices continue being cut and

refined product imports continue to grow and you begin to think that somebody is making a valiant effort to eliminate the domestic, independent, petroleum industry. They wasted billions in joint ventures with the big boys, on synthetic fuels, coal gasification, shale oil production, etcetera, and none of it has been successful. It can't be with the price of crude oil and natural gas

below the economic level of production for all those exotic energy sources. And now, somebody has to pay the piper.

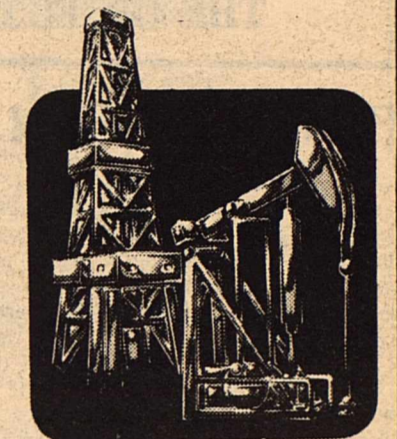
In spite of all this, the independent segment does not plan to roll over and play dead, but is already unlimbering its guns to fight every tax, fee, commission, or additional cost, put forth by any branch of government.



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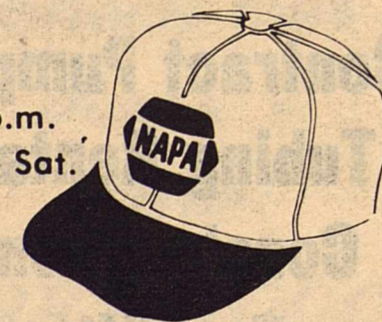


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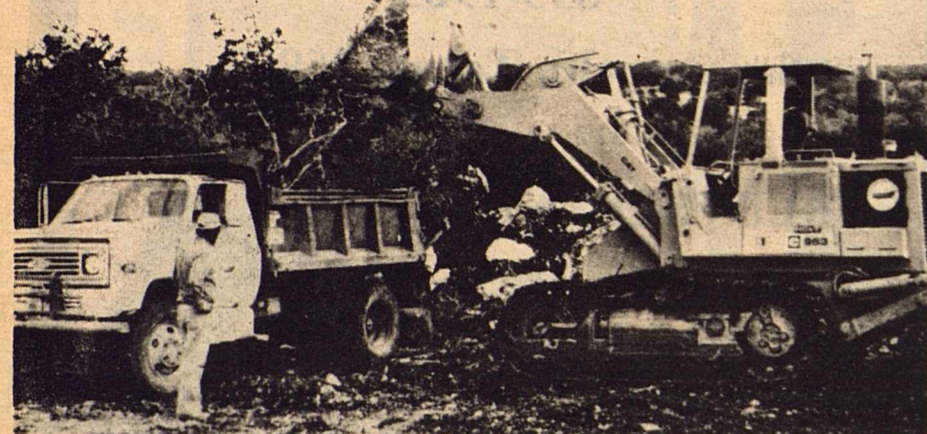
The idea came into being in the early summer of 1980 with a roustabout crew forming from needs in the fields. After that, a forklift was added and from there personnel and equipment grew.

Jimco Enterprises, Inc. specializes in oilfield services, forklifts, contract pumping and roustabout

crews.

Jimco is located six miles north of Sonora on Highway 277.

Officers include Jimmy Condra, president, Jimmy Trainer, vice-president, and Diana Condra, secretary-treasurer. Mario Duran Jr. is the trucking superintendent and Billy Burnham is the superintendent.



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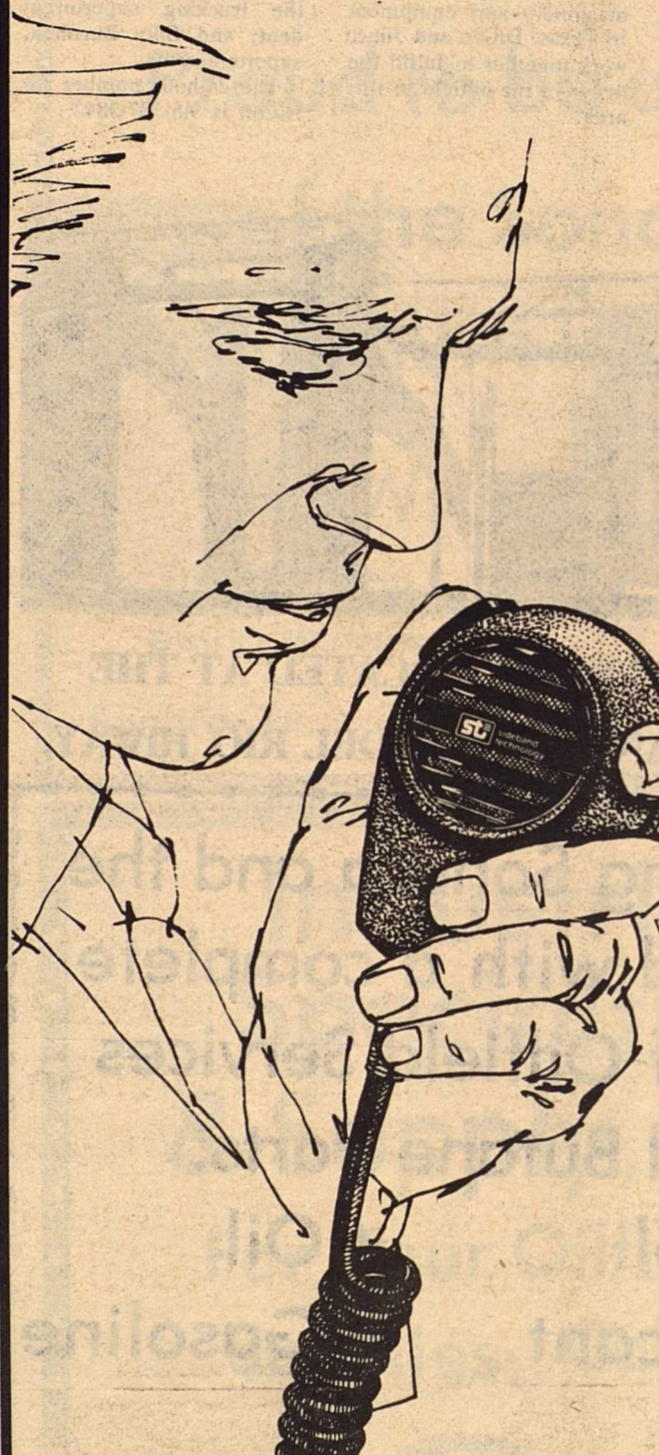
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Underground injection control regulations, which protect fresh water from pollution, were the first state regulations approved by the Environmental Protection Agency under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Oil and Gas Division maintains 10 district offices across the state where field enforcement and support personnel monitor and inspect oil and gas operations.

Oil and gas leases, payment of royalties, damage to surface property, and related items are matters of contract between the owner of mineral or surface rights for a piece of land and oil or gas operators and are not under Railroad Commission jurisdiction. Nor does the Oil and Gas Division have authority to regulate prices for oil or gas.

The Transportation Division helps establish safe and economical ground-based transportation systems to serve the distribution needs of Texas citizens and industry.

The division oversees motor carriers, motor bus operators, railroads, and transportation brokers operating only in Texas. It also regulates certified in-

terstate carriers and exempt interstate carriers operating in the state.

Under provisions of state law, the Commission denies applications for new motor carrier authority only if it is proven that no public need exists for the new service. A trucking or bus company that wants to operate in Texas must also file proof of adequate insurance coverage, register its vehicles, file annual reports on its operations, and charge Commission-approved rates for its services.

In approving rates, the division's staff studies how reasonable a proposed rate is, whether the rate covers the carrying company's expenses, and whether it provides a reasonable return to investment. Different shippers may not charge different rates for the same purpose.

A recently-passed federal law now preempts Commission jurisdiction over applications on new bus authority, bus schedule changes, rate reductions and route changes. The new law also allows the ICC to override the Commission if it denies a rate increase. As a result of other federal legislation, the Commission no longer sets rates to be

charged by rail companies, although it can hear complaints about rail rates under certain limited circumstances.

Transportation rate enforcement is handled by the division's audit section. Auditors also investigate complaints against carriers.

Another part of the division, the rail planning section, studies railroads to determine how best to use the 13,000 miles of track in the state.

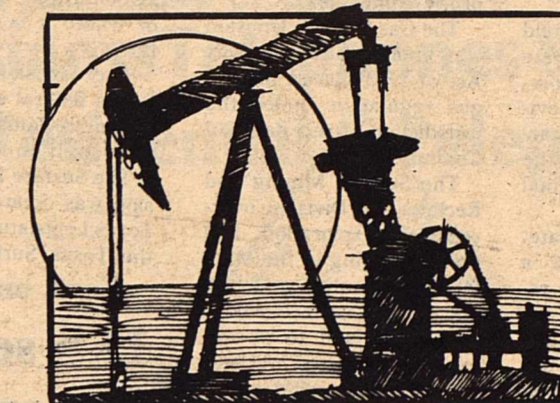
The Texas Motor Carrier Acts of 1927 and 1929 brought motor buses and trucks under the Commission's jurisdiction.

The major responsibility of the Gas Utilities division is to ensure a continuous safe supply of natural gas at the lowest reasonable price for Texas consumers through regulation of the transmission, distribution and sale of gas by gas utility companies operating in Texas.

The Commission can approve rates for unincorporated areas of the state. City governments approve rates for citizens living inside their city limits. The Commission only gets involved in the rate-setting process

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inside cities when the city government and the utility company cannot agree on rates. Then, the Commission can hear appeals from either.

Public hearings are held by the division on all rate matters before it. Recommendations, based on evidence presented at hearings, are made to the Commissioners for final approval.

To determine a fair rate, the Division examines a utility's expenses and revenues to make sure the company can adequately serve its customers. A utility must have rates that allow it to buy gas, pay its employees, and maintain its system as safely as possible.

A safety and engineering section is responsible for the safe distribution and transmission of natural gas throughout the state. Personnel based in field offices inspect natural gas facilities in the state to evaluate their design, construction, operation, and maintenance. The emergency procedures of utility companies are also reviewed. Safety regarding hazardous liquids pipelines is another responsibility. The division's auditing

section reviews records, accounts, cost of gas reports, unaccounted-for gas reports and gross receipts taxes of more than 300 utility companies.

The Gas Utilities Division was created after the Cox Act of 1920 placed natural gas regulation under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission.

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Division oversees all exploration and surface mining in the state for coal, uranium and iron ore, as well as reclamation (return of land to a pre-mining condition) of land disturbed by mining operations.

Mining companies must have a permit for each mining site they operate in the state. Before a permit is issued, the company must present a performance bond which will provide funds for reclamation if the company can't adequately do the job.

The division studies mining sites to determine if mining harms the quality of water in the area. Studies are also made to determine if the mine operator should replace topsoil and what kind of grass or other plants should be used in reclaiming the land.

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The Surface Mining staff can also recommend to the Commissioners that land be declared unsuitable for surface mining where mining is too difficult or expensive, or where it is against the law.

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The Surface Mining Division was created after the Texas Legislature approved the Texas Surface Mining

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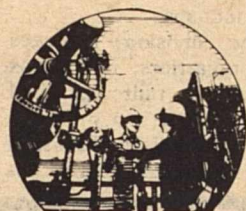
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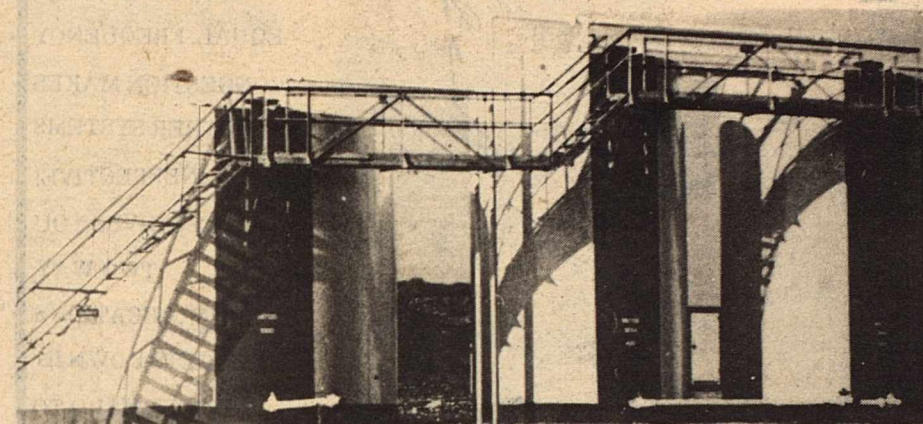
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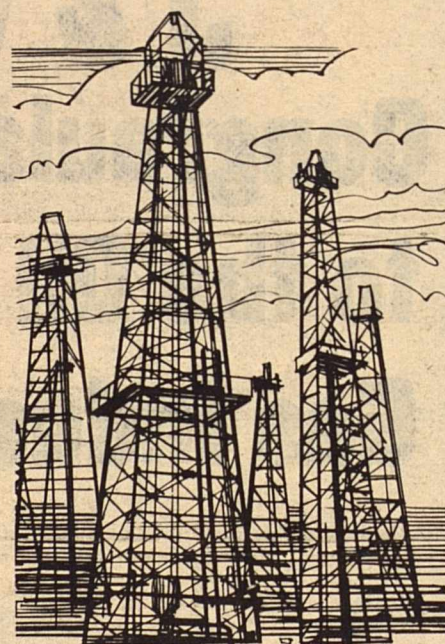
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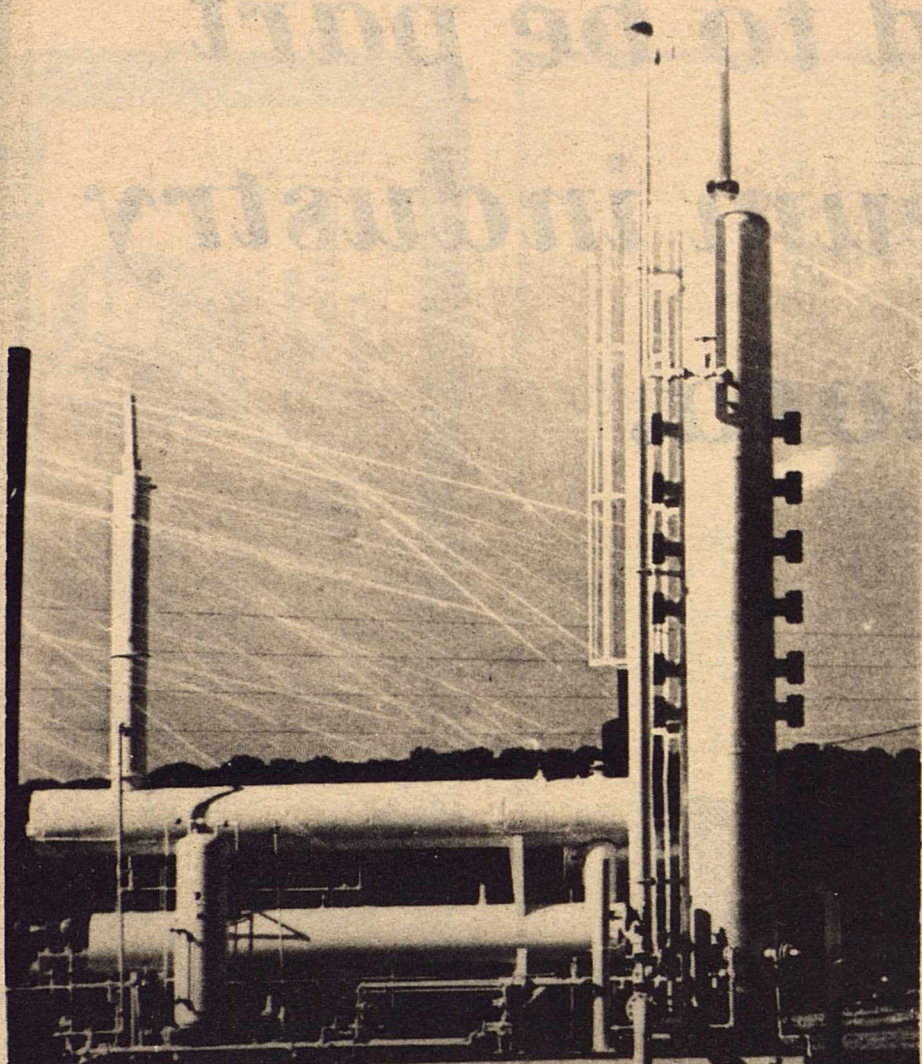
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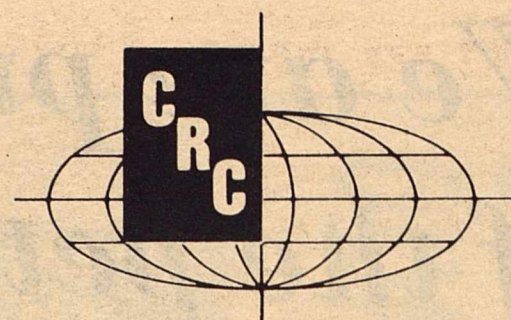
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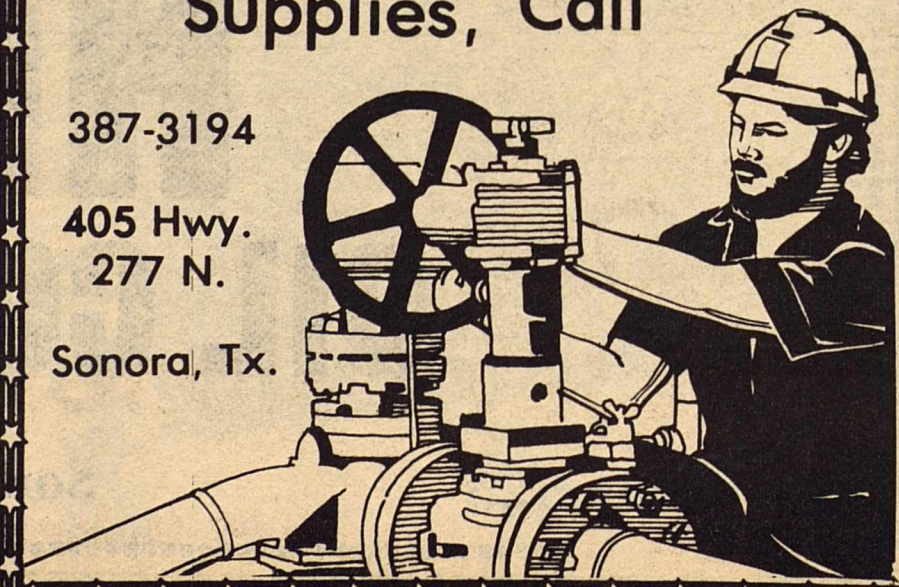
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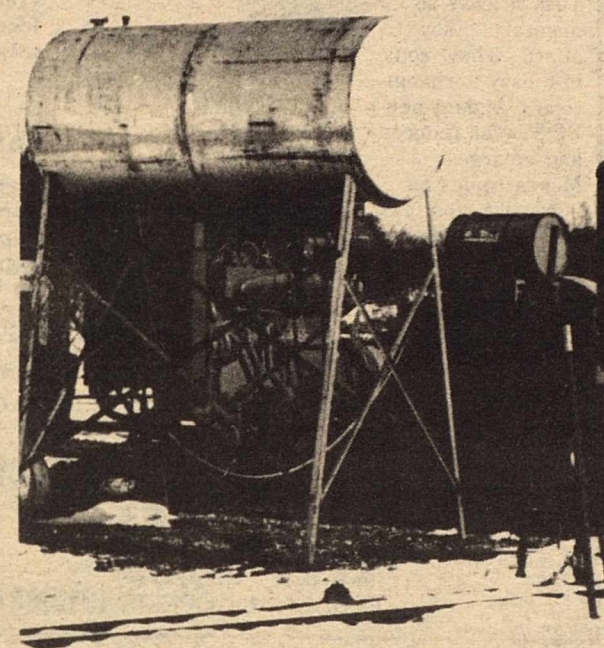
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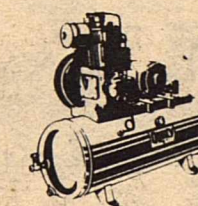
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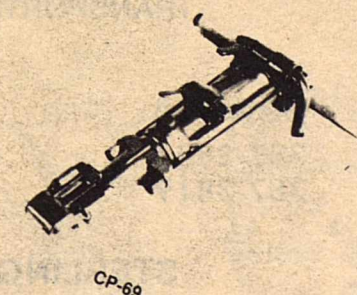
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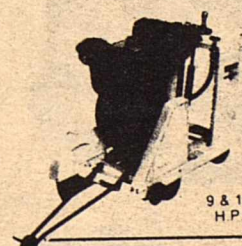
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