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Tara Walker, knows just how to cool off at the swimming pool as the temperatures soar into the high nineties.

Tara is the two year old granddaughter of Jerry and Faye Whalen. It's easy to see why she is the "apple of their eye".

W.E.P.P. conducted at station

The Agriculture Research Service was at the Texas A&M Experiment Station this past week simulating rain.

Why would anyone, given our recent weather, want to simulate rain?

The research team, based in Tucson, Arizona, was working on an experiment called Water Erosion Prediction Project, or W.E.P.P. for short.

Dr. Mark Weltz, who headed up the fourteen person crew, said the site of the A&M Experiment Station had been selected because of ideal conditions including the clay type soil and the curly mesquite. In addition, Dr. Weltz explained that Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, head of the Experiment Station, was already active in watershed work and would offer a controlled setting as well as complete cooperation.

W.E.P.P. employs a computer simulation model which has been designed to replace the Universal Soil Loss Equation that has been in use for the past forty years.

The team worked with several plots of land with vegetation and without vegetation to compare soil erosion from sheet flow, rain drop splash, rill and channel.

The purpose of the experiments is to show how the changes in vegetation affect erosion.

The first day the plots were subjected to the equivalent of a 2 and 1/2 inch rainfall for one hour. The second day began with a simulated rainfall of 2 1/2 inches for thirty minutes, variable 2 1/2 inches for fifteen minutes, 5 inches for fifteen minutes and 2 1/2 inches for fifteen minutes. Then both plots were hit with overland flow at the rates of three gallons per minute, nine gallons and fourteen gallons.

Through the use of the sophisticated technology, records were made of the run-off and the sediment loss on each during all of the above conditions. Dr. Weltz explained it as a sequence of natural events.

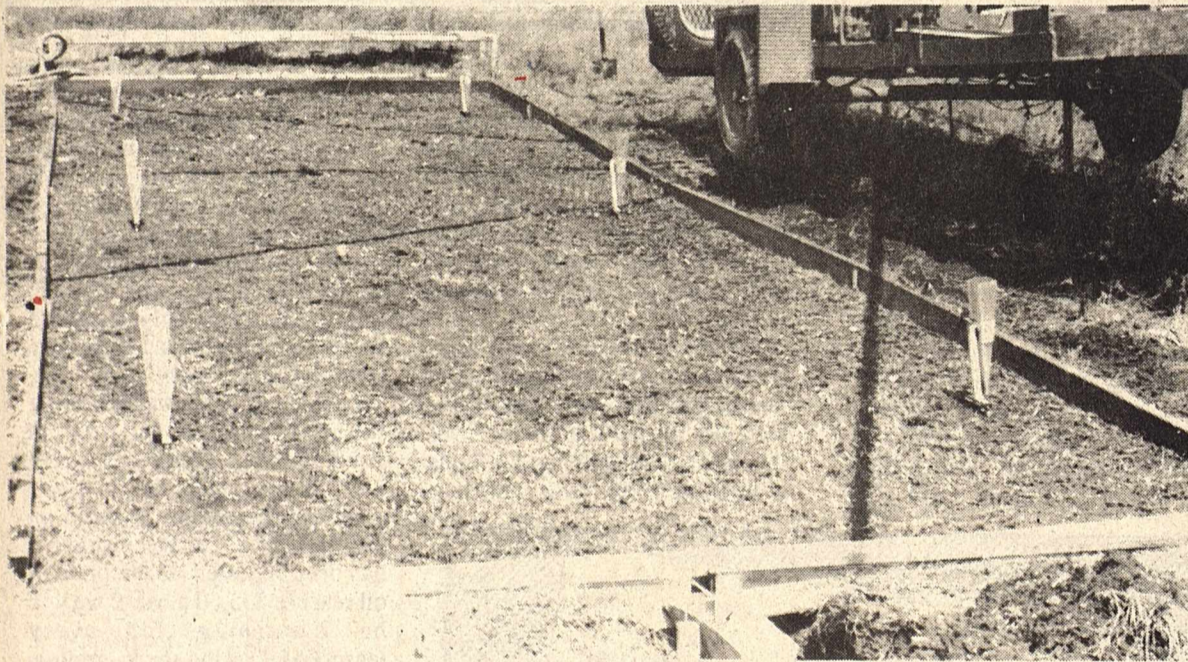
Also on hand, and working in the experiment was a Stereo Photo

Unit from the University of Georgia. With the aid of a seventy foot boom, the cameras recorded 3-D diagrams of each plot throughout the simulated rainfall. The photos are said to be accurate to + or - three millimeters in deviation.

The Erosion Research is being conducted through the cooperation of the Departments of Agriculture, Interior and Defense. All three have contributed scientists and funding.

At present there are twenty-four teams working in test areas in California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington state. The tests are being conducted on range, crop and disturbed forest land.

Dr. Weltz, who stated how critical top soil is to survival, said the team would be back next year to verify the accuracy of the experiments performed on this trip.



Soil erosion is recorded from a plot of land without vegetation during the experiments conducted by the Agriculture Service Research team.

Board considers reduced financial resources

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 1987.

For the convenience of the bank officers present, A.W. Bishop from the Sutton County National Bank and Michael V. Hale representing the First National Bank of Sonora, Mr. Samaniego skipped to the discussion and award of the bank depository contract for the 1987-89 biennium.

The superintendent informed the Board that the district's independent auditor, John Ingram, CPA, of the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant & Featherston, recommended that the depository contract be awarded to the First National Bank of Sonora based on their higher interest rate for certificates of deposit. Most of the district's monies are and will be invested in CD's, hence more interest income will be generated.

On motion of Sam Perez and a second by Julio Samaniego the depository contract for the 1987-89 biennium was unanimously awarded to the First National Bank of Sonora.

After questions by Board members concerning various bills were answered to their satisfaction, on motion of Rosemary Mathews with a second by Julio Samaniego, current bills in the amount of \$162,514.62 were unanimously authorized for payment.

Rex Ann Friess, tax assessor/collector, reported on current and delinquent collections, noting that the collection rate for 1987 school taxes stood at 96.5 per cent.

Director of Business Warren McCarson reported on the status of the revenue and expenditure budgets and the cash balances by fund. All were in line with earlier projections.

The 1986-87 district budget was amended by \$2,500 to cover the unexpected cost of state mandated student testing. The motion was made by Jim Garrett, seconded by Gary Hardgrave, and carried unanimously.

Superintendent Bible informed the Board of a Board study session in San Angelo on Saturday, June 13, adding that anyone who could attend would earn six credit hours toward the state-mandated 20 hours.

He then presented the annual media agreement with Education Service Center Region XV for the Board's approval. The cost for this service is \$2.50 per ADA, or a total of \$3,114.25 for the 1987-88 school year. On motion of Gary Hardgrave and a second by Julio Samaniego, the media agreement

was unanimously approved.

The superintendent proceeded with a report on summer maintenance and repair needs throughout the district. The board elected to replace the window and frame in the old rock building with a close replica. They instructed Mr. Bible to check on the cost of partially replacing roof shingles as opposed to a complete reroofing of one of the old teacherage apartments on Castle Hill.

Mr. Bible's closing comments were aimed at the need to replace the exterior door units in the elementary building. He estimated the cost at approximately \$2,250 per unit. The Board authorized the call for bids on the project.

President Shurley declared the public hearing on use of federal funds for the coming year to be open. There were no comments from the audience. Warren McCarson explained that federal funds next year would be used for the purchase of four VCR's and for school library books. At the end of his comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

The report of the Accreditation Auditing Team from the Texas Education Agency was reviewed by superintendent and the Board. Emphasis was placed on the many positive, complimented areas of the system, and Mr. Bible assured the Board that the few minor areas in which full compliance was lacking would be corrected well in advance of the required date.

In answer to a question concerning first aid procedures, the superintendent said that a complete plan for emergency first aid on all campuses was being developed and would be in place by the September, 1987 opening of school.

Co-curricular budgets for 1987-88: Athletic Director Jerry Hopkins answered several questions concerning the proposed athletic budget for the coming year to the apparent satisfaction of the Board.

A brief discussion of the feasibility of including new band uniforms in the band's proposed budget resulted in the Board's decision not to do so due to the reduced financial resources of the district.

After consideration of the choir, speech and UIL budgets, on motion of Sam Perez and a second by Gary Hardgrave, the co-curricular budgets for the 1987-88 school year were unanimously approved.

By general consensus of the Board, Jim Garrett was named official delegate to the September joint conference of the TEA/TASB in San Antonio, and Scott Shurley the alternate delegate.

The board elected to submit a resolution objecting to the state-mandated expansion of student testing. Assistant Superintendent Mario Sotelo was asked to draft such a resolution for the Board.

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June 26 and 27 Sonora Nights

The weekend of June 26 and 27 have been designated as *Sonora Nights* for the "Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" as has been previously announced.

There was an error in last week's article concerning the entertainment slate for the opening week-end.

On hand for opening night, Friday, June 26 will be master story teller Gus Clemons of San Angelo.

Following the story telling, the audience will be entertained with the fancy stepping of the Kountry Kickers, a local square dance group.

Saturdays performance will highlight the story telling of Joe Lane with his unique style of yarn spinning.

Tammy Bowman, a young singer from San Angelo will follow Lane providing her own song styling.

Both evenings should be delightful and all Sonorans are encouraged to attend.

Tickets for the performance are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Devil's River News, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Westernman Drug, Sutton County Steakhouse and the Caverns of Sonora. The price is \$9.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children under twelve.

Season tickets for theater only are available for \$14.95. Dinner is extra for season ticket holders at a cost of \$5.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children under twelve.

Only a limited number of tickets will be available at the gate each evening so advance ticket purchases are recommended.

The list of entertainers for the summer performances grows more exciting daily and promises to provide something for everyone.

There will be some great surprises and details will be announced through the season.

Please join us for an evening of fun and entertainment at the Caverns.

Briefly

Vacation Bible School June 22 through the 26. Hours will be from 9am to 11:30am.

The church is located at 504 Santa Clara.

Exhibits wanted

Patti Strauch, D.V.M., wants to set up exhibits for the Museum on: (1) History of the Sheep and Goat Industry, (2) old saddles, particularly sidesaddles and (3) any type of horse-drawn conveyance, particularly chuckwagons.

Patti is interested in photographing these items and recording the history on them. Anyone having old photos of these or the old item, please call Patti at 387-3784.

Cookbooks on sale

The First Baptist Church Youth cookbooks Our Favorite Recipes are now on sale.

They can be purchased at the church, Chamber of Commerce or any of the youth from the First Baptist Church for \$6 per book.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meets in Sonora on Thursday nights and in Eldorado on Tuesday nights. For more information on the organization or on the meetings, call 387-5775.

Medical Dates

The optician from Royal Optical will be here on June 25 at 12:30.

Dr. Lummus, the podiatrist, will be in Sonora on June 16 at 1 pm. For appointment call 658-4020.

Reception slated

There will be a reception honoring the Harold Millers, the Forrester Halamiccks and Jinger Myers immediately following services at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, June 21. Everyone is invited.

Help needed

The Historical Society is looking for volunteers to work at the Miers Home Museum. Even one hour will help!

This is a community project and everyone is needed. We are trying to open the museum to the public this summer.

If you are interested in helping, please call 387-5921.

UMYF party

The UMYF invites all present and former UMYF members to a going-away party for Jinger Myers. The party will be held in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 20 at 7pm.

Ya'll come and give Jinger a big send-off.

Office to be closed

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be closed during the week of June 22 through June 26. If you have any business to conduct at the Chamber, please get by before or after next week.

Wool Show Reunion

Thursday, June 18 is the date for the National

Wool Judging.

Sonora Wool and Mohair would like to invite everyone who has ever participated in the Wool Show to come by the Wool House at 10am for coffee and visiting on that day.

The former participants are also invited to stay for the Wool Show and lunch to be held at the 4-H Barn.

SCD booths available

The Chamber of Commerce is now renting booths for the Sutton County Days celebration.

It is a good idea to rent early as the booths are going fast.

For information, call the Chamber at 387-2880.

Benefit dance

There will be a food sale, starting at 11am, and a dance, in the evening, on Saturday, June 20 at the 4-H Center.

The food sale and dance has been organized by "Los Solitarios de Sonora" and the West Side Lions Club and all monies raised from both events will be donated to the people of Saragosa who were struck by a tornado.

Foods will include barbecue, tacos, menudo and other goodies.

There will be several groups playing for the dance. Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person.

If you are interested in helping or need additional information, please call Roberto Herrera at 387-3318 or Alberto Luna at 387-3353.

Your help is appreciated.

Rainfall

(As recorded at Sonora Wool & Mohair)

June 10 thru 16	2.97
Year to date	15.28
1986 to date (5-31)	6.74
Heaviest recorded for May	
1943	6.44

S.S. representative

Edwin Draughon, representative for the San Angelo Security Office, has scheduled his June visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, June 18th, between 9 am and 10:30 am.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration mat contact him at this time.

Vacation Bible School

The Primera Baptist Church will be having their

Chargebacks affecting tax rates can occur up to 18 months

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: Our company just received notice of a claim for unemployment benefits on someone who has not worked here for about a year. How can this be? The form is called a Notice of Maximum Potential Chargeback. What should I do?



Commissioner
Mary Scott Nabers

G.E. BAYTOWN

DEAR G.E.: Without getting into the philosophy or rationale behind the structure of the unemployment compensation system, let me just give you some basic facts.

Anytime you put an individual on your payroll, your company has POTENTIAL liability for unemployment claims up to 18 months AFTER the person has left your employment.

The Notice of Maximum Potential Chargeback is telling you that someone who used to work for your company and then

Texas Business Today went on to work somewhere else has become unemployed, has filed a claim for unemployment benefits and is being paid. In order to determine whether your company should be charged for a portion of the benefits, TEC needs to know why that person left your employment.

The notice gives you a certain time frame for responding. If you miss the deadline, your account will be charged, regardless of the reason for the work separation. If you respond in a timely fashion and indicate that the person either quit voluntarily or was fired for

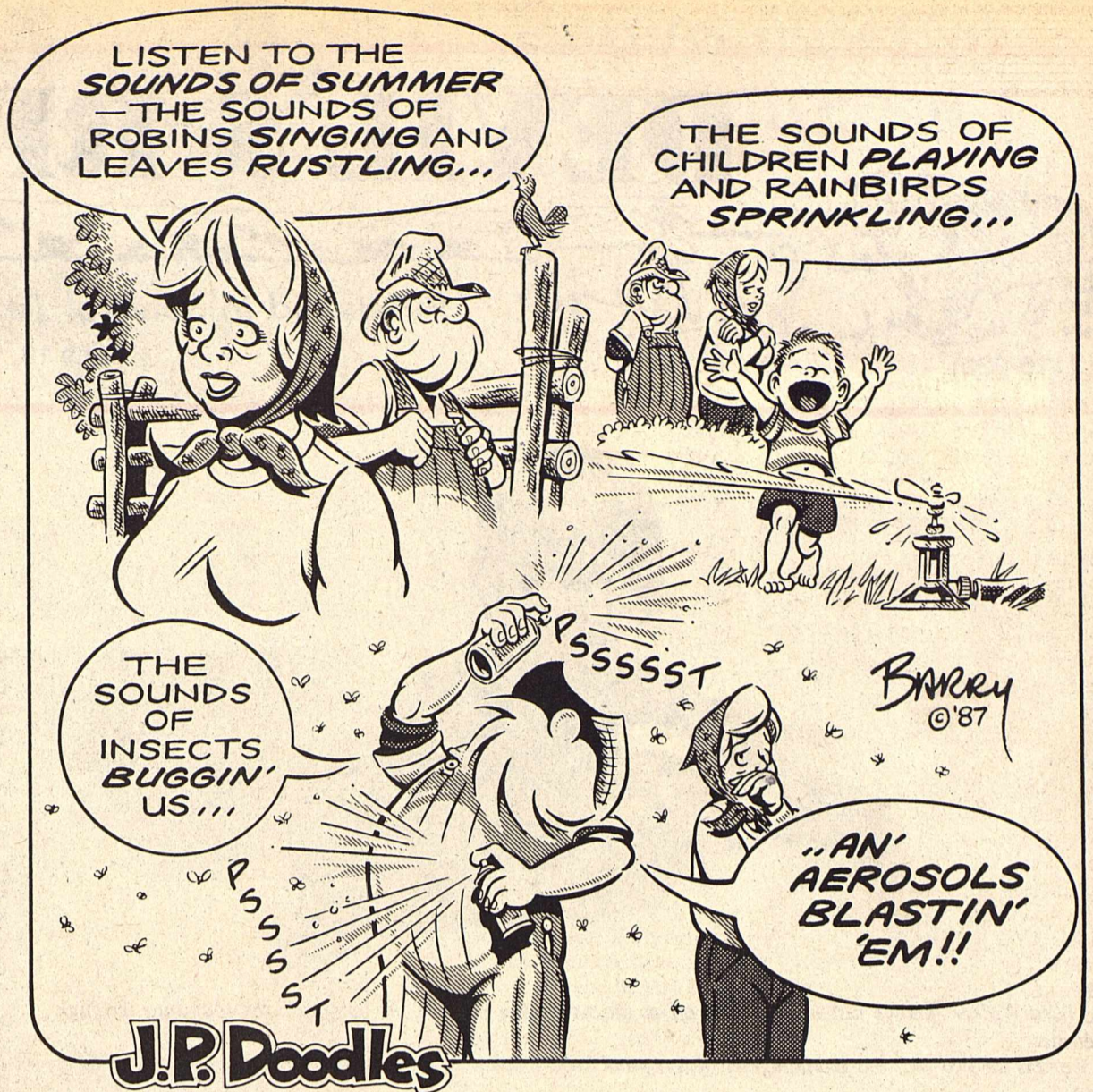
work related misconduct, your account will be protected.

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: I have a small drilling company and, as you know, times are not the best in the oil patch. I have had to cut back the hours of my employees substantially and don't know when I'll be able to give them more work. Can they draw any kind of benefits and continue to work for me? I need to know what kind of assistance may be available to them.

TRYING TO HANG IN THERE ODESSA

DEAR TRYING: Your employees may qualify for partial unemployment benefits if the cutback in their hours has been substantial. Tell them to visit the local TEC office for information and assistance.

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.



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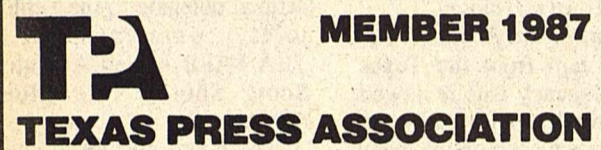
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Tourism Brings in New Money:

While the economic impact of tourism varies substantially between Texas counties, every single county receives some tourist expenditures. These expenditures spread through the community by what is called the "multiplier effect." This means that money received by tourists may be spent several times over within the community. The smaller the community the fewer times that dollar is respent and therefore the less economic impact there is. Local income from tourists is spent on wages and supplies creating more income and more expenditure and so on. The more tourists revenues are respent in the local community instead of other retail areas, the greater the economic benefits of tourism.

Tourism Creates Jobs: Tourism is a service industry requiring managers and large numbers of employees in relation to the amount of investment. Many jobs created by tourism often require only moderate education and skills. Tourism is, however, often seasonal in nature and thought must be given to what these people will do during the off-season. For many communities, the tourism season coincides with school vacations, providing employment opportunities for area youth and the necessary labor force for successful tourism operations. Careful analysis of a community's labor force for successful tourism operations. Careful analysis of a community's labor situation must precede tourism development efforts.

Tourism Supports Small Business:

Of particular importance to communities, both large and small, is the fact that small businesses dominate the tourist/travel industry. In small and medium-sized communities, these businesses employ local people, promote diversity and help to increase the economic spinoff of tourism by keeping tourism dollars within the community. Frequently, "cottage industries", such as artisans making pottery, tapestries, paintings, carvings and repair businesses are seasonal or part-time spinoffs from tourism.

Tourism Attracts Other Industry: Economic diversity is a key ingredient of economic stability in all communities regardless of their size. Tourism helps to maintain a diversified economic base in two ways. First, the very presence of tourism requires a range of economic activities and suppliers. Second, tourism activity in a community can be an important attraction to businesses seeking to relocate.

Most modern businesses require travel as condition for proper operation--for sales consultation, management, supplies, and services. Thus travel access and services for hosting visitors are important in business relocation decisions. Recent studies have also shown that businesses prefer to locate and operate in high-amenity areas. A community that maintains its resource quality and offers high quality service in order to generate tourism may also find that it is attractive as a location for manufacturing trade, and other

industries.

Tourism Helps Support Community Amenities:

Tourists expenditures are valuable revenue sources for community facilities such as theaters, sports facilities, shopping centers, food services and entertainment. In small communities revenue generated by local use alone is often not sufficient to keep these kinds of facilities operational. Tourists' support of them often provides the critical difference needed to maintain amenities to the benefit of both tourists and residents alike.

Tourism Enhances Civic Pride:

Many communities experience an image problem--even among resident population. Tourism development requires community examination from a visitor's perspective and discovering its special qualities and problems. By

playing host to tourists, residents often gain a heightened sense of pride and interest in their community. This in turn makes the community even more attractive as a place to live, work, and visit.

Tourism Can Promote Conservation and Preservation:

Visitors are attracted by those things which are unique to an area and community--cultural heritage, architecture, scenery and natural resources. An awareness of the value of these resources to tourism can motivate communities to develop management programs to conserve and protect them. For example, some communities with special heritages have been motivated by tourism to preserve unique artisan techniques that might have otherwise been forgotten.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

Sonora has an unsavory reputation (avoid if possible!) to vagrants, professional unfunded itinerants and apparently to would be burglars. It is a reputation that has been developed over the years by hard work and the community can rightly be proud of it.

We are paid dividends on a daily basis. Among those dividends are one of the lowest burglary rates for cities of our size and a lot of the least desirable individuals passing on IH-10 never come into

town. If Mr. Hammer, the president of Occidental Petroleum, is right in his assertion that oil in a few years is likely to reach \$100 per barrel we will need our city and county security forces, plus an augmentation. We will have an influx of a virtual polyglot of the social strata of America's people, equal to the gas boom.

Looking at 1972, and following the evolution of our present policing forces from the forces of 1972 it took a lot of time and personnel screening to build an effective force. The fuel restriction has been repealed. If the price of oil reaches \$35.00 a barrel we will be scratching for every teaspoonful of the thick, shallow crude around us. Any way you chop it, the possibility exists that our present policing forces may be inadequate.

Reports that the commissioners are considering reducing our county policing forces are disturbing. Reduction of the policing force will show up in poorer protection for the commissioner's constituents.

The word will go out east and west on IH-10 and north and south on 277. Sonora will make the hit parade on the IH-10 notebooks: Policing: inefficient. Relief agencies. Soft Touches: Individuals and Businesses. Shoplifting: A series of firm's addresses. Town's Social Characteristics. The 277 Pickup "collectors" and the New Mexico "swap outs" will be operating in Sonora assets again.

Police forces cannot be moved up and down like a yo-yo-it takes a lot of time and gas activity is likely to pick up. Can we afford to be caught short?



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DEATH NOTICES

Cullen Luttrell

Mr. Cullen Luttrell, 72, passed away Friday, June 12, at Hudspeth Hospital. Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Stephen officiating. Masonic graveside services followed in Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Luttrell was born October 26, 1914 in Bronte. He married Pauline Bell May 16, 1937, in Robert Lee. He began working for the Texas Highway Department in Bronte July 20, 1942. He was transferred to Sonora May 1, 1953, as maintenance construction supervisor and held this position until October 31, 1976, when he retired. The highlight of his 35 years of service came in 1972 when he won the Ladybird Johnson Beautification Award for spending many hours gathering and planting bluebonnet seeds in Sutton and Schleicher counties. He received his award, a plaque and a check, at an Awards Ceremony in LBJ state park.

He was a member of the Sonora Lion's Club, Dee Ora Masonic Lodge No. 715, Sonora Golf Club, and a retired member of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.

He was past president and vice

president of the Hill Country Fireman's Association. He held all offices in the local Masonic Lodge and was a district deputy of the 55th Masonic District in 1969. He was granted lifetime membership in the Masonic Lodge in January of 1985.

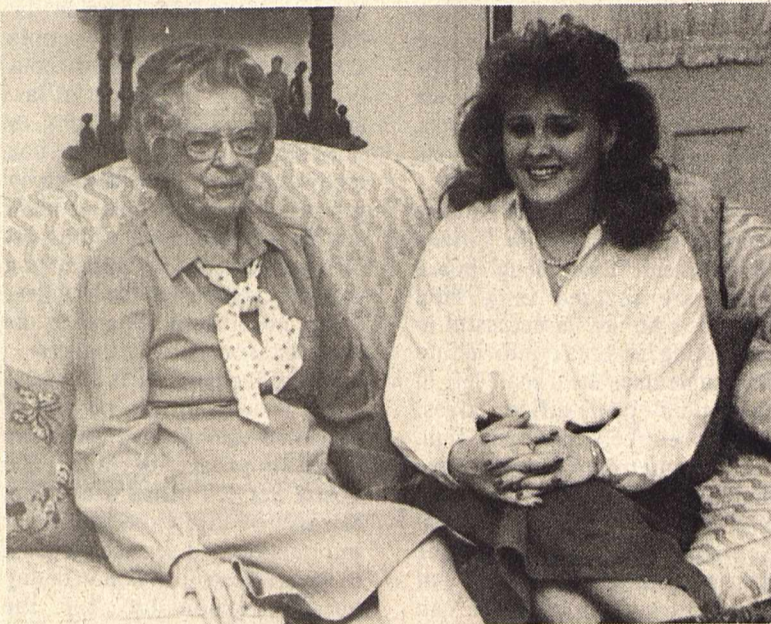
He was one of the principal originators of the Texas Public Employees Association and he served many years on its board of directors.

His hobbies, which were always family-oriented, included fishing, hunting, camping, and playing golf. He shared these activities with his wife and two children and their families.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Joe Luttrell, and one daughter, Elaine Donaldson, both of Sonora; two sisters, Lilah Wood and Myrtle Sanderson both of San Antonio; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Earl Johnson, John Wesley Joy, L.P. Bloodworth, Earnest Lykins, J.B. Baker, of Barnhart, Jack Kerbow and Bruce Kerbow.

Honorary Pallbearers: Members of Masonic Lodge and Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.



Angie Carrasco was selected as the 1987 Senior to become the recipient of the David Law Scholarship.

Angie plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin.

In the top photo is Mrs. Jack Neill and Angie Carrasco, standing behind is Maria Carrasco, Angie's mother and Nancy Neill.

The bottom photo is of Mrs. Neill and Sidonna Ridgeway. Sidonna was a recipient last year as well as this year. Sidonna is attending school at ASU.



ANNA CHAVEZ

Anna Chavez receives Bachelor's Degree

Anna Chavez daughter of Tony and Olivia Chavez graduated on May 27, 1987, from Women University of Dallas with her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

She is the granddaughter of Victor and Ramona Noriega and also the granddaughter of Antonio Chavez Sr. of Sonora.

Market Report

by Glen Fisher

The mohair market continues to be sluggish with demand for adult hair virtually non-existent and supplies of finer hair almost gone. Demand for the finer grades appears to be good. Some contracting of fall kid has taken place with one warehouse selling their entire accumulation at \$7.00 per pound with discounts for lower quality and defect. South Africa has a stockpile of approximately 5,000,000 pounds of adult.

The wool market remains strong with all of the Texas wools sold. The Australian market has been up slightly in recent weeks after a month of steady prices. The Texas wools sold at record prices

with a top price of \$1.84 on original bag wools.

Here at Sonora, our graded, skirted wools were the highest yielding ever. The following table summarizes the average prices for our wool: Staple-\$1.923; French-1.853, Clothing-1.43; Skirts-1.05; Average for all grades=\$1.826.

Our top price on staple was \$2.21 with several lots over \$2.00. It appears that the grading program was very profitable this year.

It is rare that we have both high yielding, well grown wool and an active high priced market. This year we had both and also excellent range conditions.

Eatons observe 55th anniversary

A family gathering was held Saturday to celebrate the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton.

Ruth Lee Eaton and John D. Eaton exchanged wedding vows June 5, 1932 in Sutton County where they have made their home since their marriage.

The couple has two children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Their children are Mrs. Gene (Nancy) Groom of Ft. Worth and Dr. John D. Eaton, III of San Angelo.

In Sonora, where Mr. Eaton has lived since 1913, he was associated with his father, the late J.D. Eaton in light, water and ice-making business. After World War II, John established "Eaton Electric" from which he retired in 1968.

For many years, Mr. Eaton was a Scout Master in Sonora, and was presented a 20 year service award by the Boys Scouts of America for service in scouting beginning in 1928.

John is an active charter member of Sonora Lions Club, serving in all the offices from tail-twister to president. Also he is a member and past Master of the local Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Eaton was employed as an insurance secretary for sixteen years and retired in 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton are members of the Church of Christ where he has served as an elder.

They are also members of the Sutton County Historical Society.

The dinner was hosted by their children and their spouses.

CFC Camp July 27-31

Christian Family Camp will be held July 27-31, 1987 at Lazy Hills guest ranch near Kerrville.

C.F.C. is non denominational in character. For more than 30 years its chief aim has been to exalt Jesus Christ and bring people into a vital relationship with Him.

C.F.C. is family oriented with programs for all age groups including singles. The planned schedule is for mornings to be for

worship, Bible studies and fellowship. Afternoons are free for families to rest or take part in ranch activities. Each night there will be a worship service.

This is a wonderful way to spend a weeks vacation with your family and God.

For information or reservation contact Gerald or Odella Gartman, 440 Poplar St., phone 387-5211 or Barbara Barr, 2326 Turtle Creek, Missouri City, Tx. 77459.

Write for calendar of events

The Summer Calendar of Texas Events for June, July and August will be out about mid-month and it's chock full of hundreds of events, large and small, across the Lone Star State. From ice cream freezoffs to high school rodeo championships, from the Clute

Mosquito Festival to sand sculpture contests at Freeport, plus a passel of 4th of July events---there's something for everyone. Yours for the asking at any Texas Tourist Bureau, or by writing Calendar of Texas Events, P.O. Box 5064, Austin 78763.

Hill's Bridal Registry

Mickey Mooney, bride-elect of Joe Schaefer
Leah Evans, bride-elect of Ricky Peacock
Kate Mathews, bride-elect of Larry Jennings
Sheila Rice, bride-elect of Mark Hemphill
Paula Terry, bride-elect of Marney Sorenson
Ellen Bugg, bride-elect of John Elliott
Mrs. Kerry Jones, nee Lane Cayce

Downtown Hill's Jewelry 387-2755

Tedford Jewelry

BRIDAL GIFT REGISTRY

Sheila Rice, bride-elect of Mark Hemphill
Leah Evans, bride-elect of Ricky Peacock
Paula Terry, bride-elect of Marney Sorenson
Mickey Mooney, bride-elect of Joe Schaefer
Mary Sue Galindo, bride-elect of Manuel Juarez
Kate Mathews, bride-elect of Larry Jennings
Martha Guerra, bride-elect of Marcos Perez
Ellen Bugg, bride-elect of John Elliott
Carol Nix, bride-elect of Cades Pope
Mrs. Kerry Jones, nee Lane Cayce

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by Mike Smith

Citizens asked to help protect post office

Texas and Oklahoma continue to be the target of post office burglars, according to Postal Inspector in Charge D.C. Strader, Fort Worth. Strader, whose area of responsibility includes the

northern half of Texas (north of Austin) and all of Oklahoma, said that over 50 burglaries will occur within the boundaries of the Fort Worth Division this year if the current trend continues.

Most of the burglaries have occurred at post offices that are located in rural communities that have limited or no local law enforcement available for routine patrols at night.

"A majority of the burglaries do not involve the loss of postal funds, because very little money is kept overnight in post offices and postal stations. Safes and security containers are used to secure the money and blank money orders which are kept overnight," stated Strader. "In addition to burglary-resistant security containers, we are continually adding and updating existing alarm systems where appropriate. However, we need for the residents of each city, town and community to help us protect their post offices and stations from burglaries and vandalism."

Local postmaster Jerry Landers emphasizes the need for citizen involvement. "Even though postal funds are secured in a safe, burglars who are unsuccessful in attempting to break into a safe will sometimes steal mail left in customers' post office boxes. Even when they don't steal mail, they sometimes just cause malicious vandalism. In either event, it does cost the Postal Service money to repair the damage incurred and for the Postal Inspectors to conduct an investigation. Our local tax money is also spent by our local law enforcement officers who incur expenses, because they are usually the first agency to respond, and they also provide valuable assistance in the

investigations to the Postal Inspectors.

"But they most important reason for citizen involvement is because it causes a hardship to those whose mail is stolen or destroyed as the result of a burglary or a senseless act of vandalism," said Postmaster Landers.

Residents can help reduce burglaries and vandalism by reporting suspicious activity at or around the postal facilities which occurs after business hours. This activity would include such things as automobiles or trucks with license plates from outside the local area, unfamiliar people asking suspicious questions about the post office or amount of law enforcement patrol at night, or loitering in the post office box lobby or around the post office by groups of young people at night and on weekends when the post office is closed. This information should be reported to the local law enforcement agencies and to the postmaster or station manager.

Post office burglary is a Federal crime which carries a penalty of up to a \$1,000 fine or up to five years in prison, or both. The Postal Service offers a standing reward of up to \$5,000 for information and services leading to the arrest and conviction of any person responsible for the burglary of a post office. Any information about a post office burglary, or any crime committed against the Postal Service or its employees, should be reported to the local postmaster or the Postal Inspector in Charge in Fort Worth.

The 24-hour number for the Postal Inspector in Charge at Fort Worth is 817/887-1111. Postal Inspectors are also located at Dallas and Lubbock in Texas, and at Oklahoma City and Tulsa in Oklahoma.

"It's your community, your post office, and your mail," said Landers, "and we need the help of all our citizens in helping to reduce crimes against the Postal Service in our areas."

Mutual funds--Evaluating their performance

Some months ago, a mutual fund company released a report to shareholders which showed how one of their investments had increased more than 600 percent in value over a ten-year period ending May 31, 1986. Apparently, this report raised some eyebrows of shareholders and resulted in letters to the president of the fund questioning the accuracy of the figures. This prompted another message to shareholders explaining a very important feature of mutual funds--accumulation of shares. It's a feature so often overlooked or misunderstood by mutual fund shareholders that a brief review is always beneficial.

Mutual funds are required to distribute at least 90 percent of all investment profits. This is done in the form of dividends or distributions. These distributions consist of (1) capital gains recognized by the firm from the sale of securities and (2) income paid to the fund from interest or dividends on the portfolio. At the end of the year, each shareholder receives a summary of distributions to use when reporting his or her income tax. A copy is also sent to the Internal Revenue Service which can then match each shareholder's reported income with what the fund has reported paying him or her.

Of course, the choice of whether to accept these mutual fund distributions in cash or to reinvest them in additional shares of the fund is yours. But, regardless of the choice--cash or reinvestment--taxes are due on the distribution during the tax year they are declared. If you elect to receive all distributions in cash, the number of fund shares you own remains constant. If, on the other hand, you choose to reinvest these more likely to get the disease than those who have more pigment in their skin, the more natural blockage from the sun's rays the skin contains.

important with any type of cancer," the specialist warns. "Lesions on the skin can be removed fairly easily if they are caught in their early stages. Look for any change of coloration or texture of your skin, or any raised surfaces. These may be the dividend distributions in additional shares, the number of shares you own increases and compounds.

When measuring the performance of your fund, these distributions must be considered. Since the fund distributes most of the profits and income it earns, the quoted price of the fund could remain relatively unchanged yet you would continue to receive dividends.

For example, an examination of one shareholder's mutual fund statement in January 1986 showed he owned 7,538 shares with a net asset value per share of \$16.29 for a total value of \$122,794. By the end of the year, the per share value had increased \$2.07--not an overly impressive number, you say. However, during that year had he selected to receive his dividends in cash, they'd have amounted to \$22,459.

However, this shareholder chose to have his dividends reinvested in additional fund shares rather than accepting them in cash. So, at year's end he had 1,275 more shares. He now owned 8,813 shares valued at \$18.36 each for a total value of his investment by \$39,013 or 31.8 percent.

Keep in mind these results are for the year 1986 which showed a market of significantly rising stock prices. The purpose of this example is to illustrate the importance of considering the number of shares owned or accumulated, any dividends received in cash, and, finally, the power of compounding when measuring the performance of your mutual fund.

Understand your mutual fund and you'll either become more comfortable with it or you'll have reason to reconsider its investment value. Either way, you'll win.

Federal Land Bank lowers interest rates

Officials of the Federal Land Bank of Texas announced plans to extend their fixed rate, purchase money loan program.

Favorable response to the Land Bank's fixed-rate loan program in May prompted the bank to initiate Phase II of the program. Phase II offers qualified purchasers a 9 3/8 percent interest rate for the purchase of farms and ranches and a 9 5/8 percent rate for the purchase of rural residences. Each program has a 1 point closed loan fee to the bank.

"The bank's Executive Committee reviewed the overall benefits of the program and determined that the program would

be beneficial to our stockholders by helping stabilize the rural land market in Texas," says Jack B. Smith, Jr., president of the Federal Land Bank of Sonora.

Smith noted that during the first 30 days of the program, 298 applications were submitted to Federal Land Bank Associations across the state totaling \$47 million.

"We are encouraged by the response to the new program. We feel it could be an indicator that the real estate market in Texas is beginning to turn around," says Smith.

The program fixes the interest rate for 10 years and converts to the bank's variable rate at the end of the 10 years. Purchasers must qualify under the Land Bank's usual credit standards and use the money for new purchases only.

According to Smith, rates for the bank's existing variable rate borrowers also were reduced on June 1. The new rates are 10.25 percent on farm and ranch loans and 10.50 percent on rural residence and farm-related business loans.

The Federal Land Bank and 44 Federal Land Bank Associations located throughout Texas have \$2.38 billion in loans outstanding on 37,000 loans to approximately 100,000 Texas farmers and ranchers.

The FLBA of Sonora has \$38 million in loans outstanding to 250 member-borrowers in Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett and Edwards counties of Texas.

Those interested in more information should contact their local Land Bank Association, the President said.

LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

The Lower Colorado River Authority has filed an Application for Authority to Change Rates with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the City of Austin. The effective date of the proposed changes, which involve the LCRA's 44 wholesale customers and 70 retail customers, is June 24, 1987.

For the Period ending November 30, 1988, the proposed changes are expected to result in a system-wide annual revenue increase of \$25.4 million, which is a 12.9% increase when compared to the fully adjusted total operating revenues for the test year ending September 30, 1986. The base rate revenues would be increased by \$29.2 million or 33.3%, while the fuel revenues would be decreased by \$3.8 million or 3.5%.

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

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<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11 am Training Union-5 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2 pm Between Santa Clara & Chestnut</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler-Pastor Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KVRN 98 AM-11 am UMYF-6 pm Chancel Choir-7 pm</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8pm Charles Huffman, Pastor</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Bernard L. Gully Saturday Night Mass 7 pm English Sunday Mass- 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass-7 pm</p>
<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentacostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School-10 am Worship-11 am Evening Worship-7:30 pm Wednesday Service-7:30 pm</p>	<p>Live Oak Baptist Church Rev. Charles White Sunday School-10:00 am Sunday Worship-11:00 am Evening-6:00 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 387-3947 Spanish Language Meeting Public Talk-10:00 Sunday Watchtower Study-11:00 Sunday Theocratic Ministry-7:30 Tuesday Service Meeting-8:15 Tuesday Bible Study-7:30 Thursday</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8 & 11 am Sunday School-9:45 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing, 1,3 & 5 Wed., 7 pm Daily Morning Prayer-8:45 am Monday-Friday The Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector</p>

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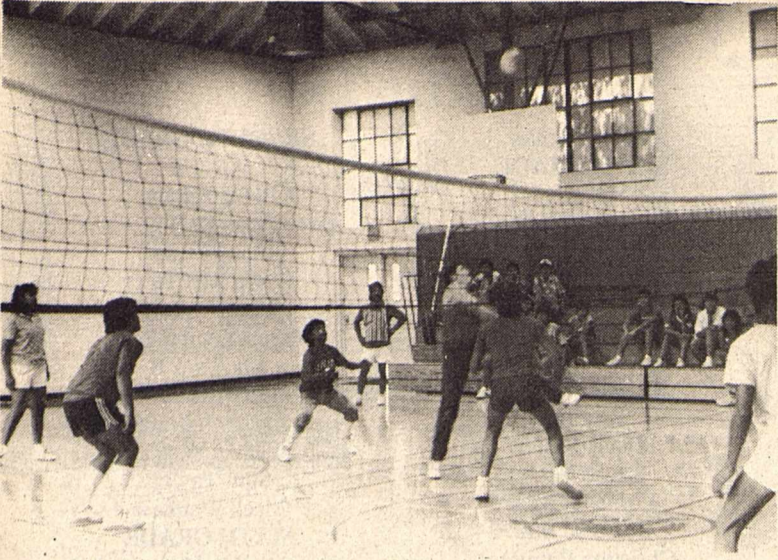
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Chamber of Commerce tennis tournament gives summer outlet



Volleyball was only one of the events held this past weekend at the Church Olympics. This action shot shows the energy and fun put into the games.

On Saturday June 6, 1987, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce hosted the Third Annual Tennis Tournament at Stadium Courts. Competition was held in six different divisions with a total of 94 entries.

The results were: Mixed Doubles, Helen Huffman-Ben Solis def. Angela Bautista-Sam Munoz (San Angelo) for third place. Mike Hooper-Tracy Tatum

def. Chris McCravey-Buff Whitten (Eldorado) for first place.

Women's Doubles-Frankie Hardy-Chris McCravey (Eldorado) def. Helen Huffman-Kathy Klement for third place. Bownds-Hiddel (Eldorado, Detroit Michigan) def. Tatum-Sessom for first place. Women's Singles-Karen Williams def. Bautista for third place. Katie Hardy (Eldorado) def. Bautista (San Angelo) for first

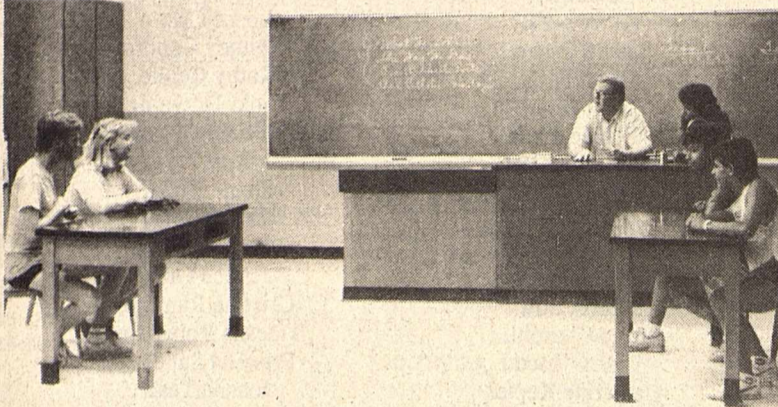
place.

Men's Doubles-Munoz-Enriquez (San Angelo) def. Heumier-Garza (San Angelo) for third place. Epps-Schaffer (Ft. Stockton-Big Lake) def. Heumier-Garza for first place.

Men's Singles (13-18), Shon Jones def. Kohutek (Big Lake) for third place. Travis Burks (Ozona) def. Charlie Jackson (Big Lake) for first place. Men's Singles (19 and

up) Epps def. Jesse Lynch for third place. Schaffer (Big Lake) and Munoz played for first and results were not called in.

A special thanks to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas and the Jimmy Condras for the use for their tennis courts. Also to the Bill Huffmans, Carol and Don Sessom, and Dede Doran for helping make the tennis tournament a success.



Catholic "Trivial Pursuit" was a winner among the participants. Kirk Macon presides over the games as host. Categories included "What We Believe," "The Way We Pray," "Our Biblical Roots," and "Our Catholic Heritage."

Church Olympics prove a success

The King's Club of St. Ann's Catholic Church hosted their Summer Olympics this past Saturday.

Approximately 300 young people participated in the games coming to Sonora from St. Vincents in Abilene, Lady of Guadalupe in Eldorado, St. Marys and Sacred Heart in San Angelo, Good Shepherd in Crane and St. Margarets in Crane.

The games began in the old high school gymnasium at 10 am with entrants bringing a sack lunch. A chicken spaghetti supper was served at 6 pm and a dance was held from 8 to 11 pm in the Junior High snack bar. Music for the dance was provided by disc jockey "DeJa Vu" of Austin.

The Kings Club, of Sonora, won the Overall Team Trophy.

Results of the other events are as follows:

Obstacle Course: 1st, Eldorado; 2nd, Sonora; and 3rd, Crane.

Frisbee Toss: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Sonora.

1st Relay: 1st, Eldorado; 2nd, Crane; 3rd, Big Lake.

Sack Races: 1st, Sacred Heart, San Angelo; 2nd, Sacred Heart, San Angelo; and 3rd, St. Marys,

San Angelo.

Trivial Pursuit: 1st, Abilene; 2nd, Sonora; and 3rd, Sacred Heart, San Angelo.

Egg Toss: 1st, Crane; 2nd and 3rd, Sonora.

Balloon Toss: 1st and 3rd, Sonora; 2nd, Sacred Heart, San Angelo.

Tennis: 1st, Big Lake; 2nd, Sacred Heart, San Angelo; and 3rd, Sonora.

Tug of War: 1st, Sonora; 2nd, Eldorado; 3rd, Big Lake.

Volleyball: 1st, Sonora, team #3; 2nd, Sonora, team #2; 3rd, Big Lake.

Basketball: 1st, Big Lake; 2nd, Sonora; 3rd, St. Marys, San Angelo.

2nd Relay: 1st, Eldorado; 2nd and 3rd, Sonora.

The Kings Club would like to thank Ed Carrasco, West Side Lions Club, Chavarria Grocery, Commercial Restaurant, San Angelo Savings, Gary Galindo, Country Fried Chicken 'n Fish, Creek Swabbing, Jim's Thriftway, Rudy's Bakery, Mike's Gulf, Beto's and James Gibson for sponsoring the games and a special thanks to all the Parish families for their support and assistance.

Board . . .

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On motion of Rosemary Mathews with a second by Julio Samaniego, the school day for the 3rd grade was extended to 3:30 from its existing 3:00 p.m. dismissal time. The last thirty minutes will be used for counseling, teaching test-taking techniques, and for study work. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Julio Samaniego and a second by Sam Perez, grades pre-K through 2 were renamed

"Primary School", and grades 3 through 5 were renamed "Intermediate School". The motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Julio Samaniego and a second by Jim Garrett, Texas Association of School Board's Localized Policy Manual Update No. 29 was unanimously adopted.

Jim Garrett asked if budget plans included more books for the school libraries, and was assured that federal funds and local maintenance funds had been set aside for that use.

A motion was made by Sam Perez and a second by Jim Garrett

to employ the following personnel for the 1987-88 school year: Terry Turner, Junior High Science/Coach; Bryant Harris, Band Director; Sheila Harris, Library Assistant; Doyle Carter, Boys Basketball Coach; Becky Carter, 3rd grade teacher; and Mona Simpler, Special Education. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Jim Garrett with a second by Gary Hardgrave, the Board unanimously accepted resignations from Harold Miller, junior high science and coach, and from Jinger Myers, special education teacher.

Center Menu

Thursday, June 18
Baked Bar-B-Que'd Chicken
Red Beans
Fried Okra
Tossed Green Salad
Fresh Orange
Milk or Juice

Friday, June 19
Meatballs in mushroom soup
Macaroni & Cheese
Spinach
Yeast Roll
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
White Cake w/chocolate glaze
Milk or Juice

Monday, June 22
Meat Sauce w/Spaghetti
Turnip Greens
Garlic Toast
Creamy Coleslaw
Butterscotch Pudding
Milk or Juice

Tuesday, June 23
Beef Tips w/mushroom sauce
Buttered Rice
California Mix Vegetables
Cornbread
Grapefruit Sections
Milk or Juice

Wednesday, June 24
Baked Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese
Okra Gumbo
White Bread
Tossed Green Salad
Oatmeal Cookies
Milk or Juice

Thursday, June 25
Egg Salad Sandwich
Chef Salad
French Fries
Crackers
Orange
Milk or Juice

Over . . .

(Con't from pg. 3.)

June 14th was Flag Day. The grand old flag, emblem of our great nation, meant to inspire pride and deep thankfulness for being Americans, was officially adopted in 1777. Symbolic meanings of it's colors are: White-signifies purity and innocence. Red-hardiness and valor. Blue-vigilance, perseverance and justice.

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To put things in God's hands.
To give ourselves completely,
Our lives, our hopes, our plans.*

*To follow where He leads us,
And make His will our own,*

*But all it takes is foolishness,
To go the way alone.*

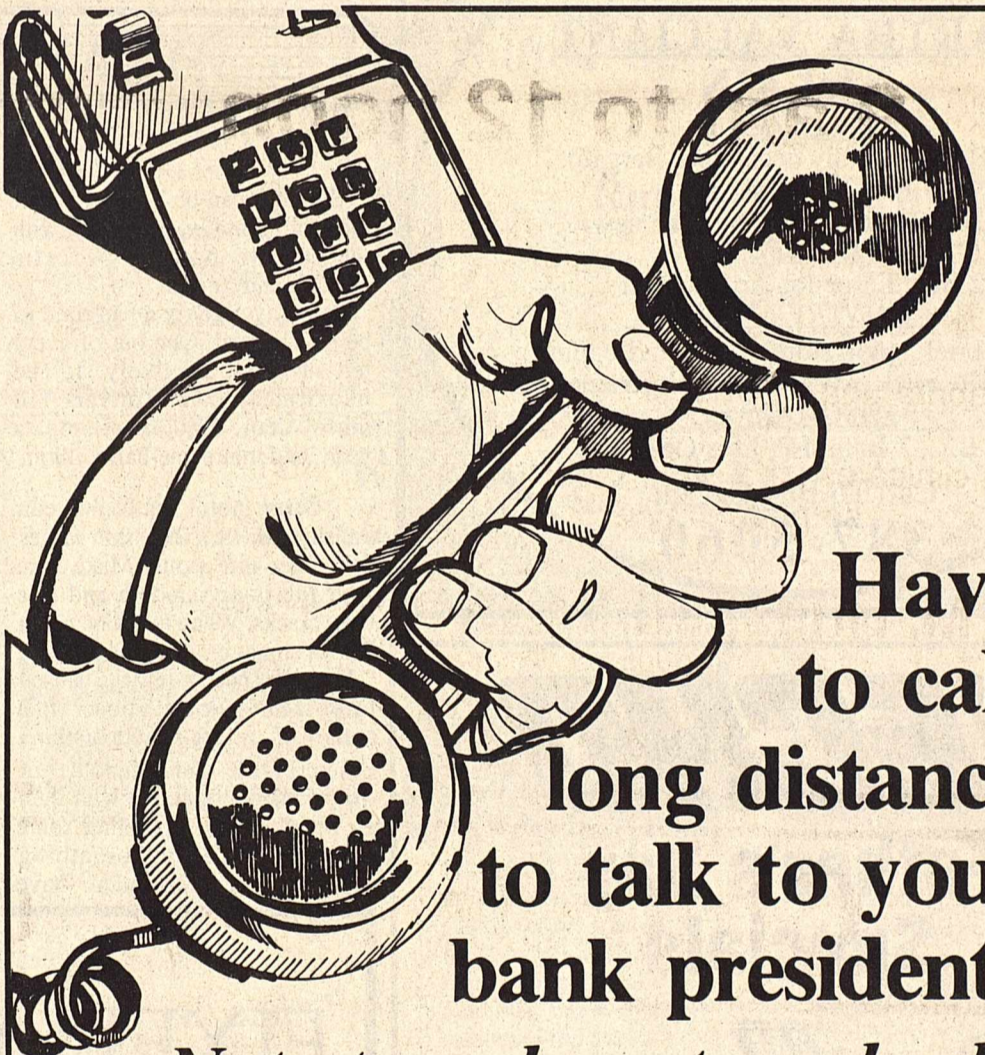
Betsy Kline

Bueno bye-until next week,
"Happy Father's Day"!

Flowers

by Irene 

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but will re-open in September

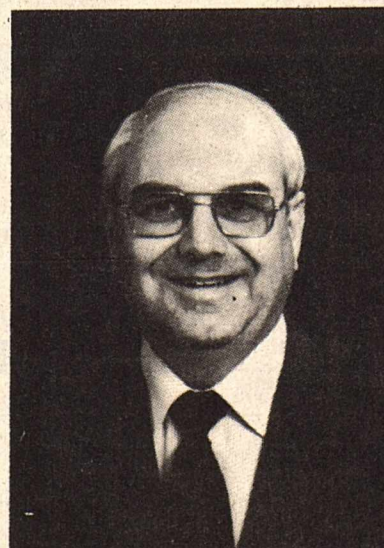


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1987-88 hunting regulation changes adopted

Effective September 1, 1987 are the following hunting regulation changes that were authorized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on May 7.

Eliminate requirement for hunters to obtain antlerless deer hunting permits or tags from landowners in the Edwards Plateau, South Texas, and most of the Trans-Pecos. Hunters would be required only to attach the appropriate tag from their hunting license to any white-tailed deer taken. (Landowners still retain the authority to designate numbers and type of game harvested from their lands.)

The antlerless deer permit system will remain in effect for mule deer and for white-tails in counties not under the either sex-system.

Statewide-Hunters will be required to retain the head of any deer taken until the carcass reaches its final destination. The head need not be attached to the rest of the carcass.

Provide an open antelope season in the panhandle area of Tom Green county. Antelope hunts are regulated by permit, and where

antelope don't exist in sufficient numbers to be harvested, permits will not be issued.

Provide a spring hunting season for Rio Grande turkey gobblers that will start the Saturday nearest April 1 and run for 23 consecutive days. The season for 1988 will be April 2-24.

Provide and open pheasant season in Lubbock and Crosby Counties, where pheasant populations have increased. Panhandle season is December 12-27.

Prairie chicken season has been closed in Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, and Roberts Counties.

These are only a few of the regulation changes. All the 1987-88 hunting regulations, except migratory bird seasons and bag limits, will be published in the department's 1987-88 Hunting Guide which will be available free at department offices and hunting license outlets in early August. For more information contact Wildlife Technician Mary Haecker at 387-3687 or Game Warden Rodney Knight at 387-3068 or 387-5159.

Junior High end-of-year honor roll

Junior High Honor Roll Sixth Six Weeks

EIGHTH GRADE

All A's
Liza Allen
Vicki Anderson
Tana Churchill
Catherine Kepler
John Russell
Allison Schwiening
April Spiller
Angie Stewart
All A's-1 B
Norma Alvarez
Laura Barlemann
Chris Bolt
Sherry Hocutt
Julie Jones
David Mirike
Kellie Webster
Mark Wootton

SEVENTH GRADE

All A's
Blake Adkins
Brian DeWitt
Dana Evans
David Kemp
Lisa Noriega
Adam Youngblood
All A's-1 B
Chris Hazelton
Jessica Johnson
Julie Jones

SIXTH GRADE

All A's-1 B
Daniel Anderson
Carmen Burch
Leslie Carrasco
Vicki Downing
William Haltom
Roy Ivy

Shane Keller
Lorna Olenick
Jessica Ortiz
Traesha Robertson
Priscilla Sanchez
Esmeralda Zamora
All A's-1 B
Whitney Condra
Kathy Cooke
Charlene Moss
Michele Pruitt
Christina Ramirez
Brian Rogers

SECOND SEMESTER EIGHTH GRADE

All A's
Liza Allen
Vicki Anderson
Tana Churchill
Catherine Kepler
John Russell
Allison Schwiening
April Spiller
Angie Stewart
Kellie Webster
All A's-1 B
Laura Barlemann
Tate Fincher
Sherry Hocutt
Julie Jones

SEVENTH GRADE

All A's
Blake Adkins
Brian DeWitt
Dana Evans
Susen McCleery
Lisa Noriega
Adam Youngblood
All A's-1 B
Chris Hazelton
Jessica Johnson
David Kemp

Mack Wardlaw SIXTH GRADE

All A's
Daniel Anderson
Carmen Burch
Leslie Carrasco
Whitney Condra
Kathy Cooke
Vicki Downing
William Haltom
Roy Ivy
Shane Keller
Carrie Neely
Lorna Olenick
Jessica Ortiz
Christina Ramirez
Traesha Robertson
Priscilla Sanchez
Esmeralda Zamora

SIXTH

All A's-1 B
Lance Castro
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EIGHTH GRADE

All A's
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Crusade to be held

There will be a Crusade beneath the tent on June 21, 1987 thru June 28, 1987 starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening at the Elliott school grounds.

Evangelist Porfilio Rodriguez of Seminole, Texas and Templo Jerusalem of Sonora, will be working together to have a city wide crusade for Jesus Christ.

Brother Rodriguez is an appointed preacher of the gospel.

Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sunday the 21 thru Sunday 28 of June. The tent will be located on the Elliott School grounds.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. Bring the sick and the afflicted and see God do wonderful things.

HEALTH CARE

by Scott Gilmore
Hospital Administrator

Summer can be a fun time for the whole family, but along with the fun we need to be extra cautious and careful.

Saturday night is a bad time to be on the road. One out of every ten drivers is likely to be intoxicated! Drunk drivers kill more than 25,000 people a year...and injure one-half million.

Dirty hotel bathtubs can transmit athlete's foot, skin rashes and other infections. Make sure your tub is dry smooth and free from cracks. When in doubt, clean it with comet or a similar product.

Summer sneezes may be caused by your car's air conditioner. In a study of allergy and asthma sufferers, 18% said symptoms got worse when they drove with their air conditioners, including some that can trigger breathing problems. Recommended: have

your mechanic clean the air conditioner and capsule before summer.

Recreational water slides can be dangerous. Several fatalities, as well as almost 3,000 fractures, concussions, and other serious injuries, occurred last year, mostly to inexperienced slide users.

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AROUND TOWN

by Hazel McClelland

Margarite and Edgar Reese of Longview were here visiting her mother, Mrs. Peace Martin and her aunt Mrs. Ada Wynn.

Stephany and Jeffery Morris of Big Lake were here visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Morris last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wuest left Sonora 28th of May for Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savell left Sonora 3rd of June, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neill Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane from Sonora also went to Las Vegas. They all met there and had a wonderful time. Herb and Betty Sue McKee and Virginia and Ford Allen of Coleman formerly of Sonora also met there in Las Vegas.

While there Bill and Oliver played golf. They all went to see "The Judds" and said they were real good.

While they were there Virginia Allen won a Cadillac car on the slot machine. Oliver and Anabell left Las Vegas and visited in Flagstaff and Albuquerque, New Mexico and then came home the 6th of June. Bill and Barbara went on to California for a visit. Bobby and Joe Neill and Joe and Anita came back home the first week of June.

Chip Savell of La Grange won his ball game and will go to State in Austin this week. Chip is the son of Bill and Barbara Savell.

Mrs. Oliver Wuest's brother, Dr. Ruben Bernhard of San Antonio, was elected Vice-President of Medical Association in Houston.

Mrs. Gilbert Grimmel was here last week visiting. She and Dr. Grimmel lived here for several years. We miss them.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris

were in San Angelo Thursday for Dr. appointments.

Mrs. Guila Vicars and Mrs. Lena Belle Ross were visiting in San Angelo Friday.

Mrs. Pauline Thompson spent several days in Lubbock visiting her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Pat Thompson.

Mrs. Myrtle Bridges has returned home after spending a week with her sister in Waco.

Mrs. Allen Snyder and daughter Robin were in Kerrville Saturday.

Our sympathy to the family of Mr. Cullen Luttrell who passed away June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell and daughter Sarah of Junction were here Saturday visiting her mother, Mrs. Wanda Van Hoozer.

Mrs. Gwen Wardlaw and Mrs. Hazel McClelland were in San Angelo Monday for doctor's appointments.

Mrs. Belle Steen and Mrs. Guila Vicars were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Visiting Mrs. Faye McClelland were her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Kelly from Ft. Worth.

Mark and Tammy Van Hoozer of San Angelo were here over the weekend visiting their mother, Mrs. Wanda Van Hoozer.

The Rev. Kent Kepler held the service at the Nursing Home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. A.W. Bishop played the piano for the patients to sing. Communion was served. Mrs. Bishop assisted Rev. Kepler. Guests present were: Mrs. Mary Earwood, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. O.L. Carpenter, Mrs. Lena Belle Ross and Mrs. Hazel McClelland.

Mrs. Ruth Shurley was in San Angelo Monday visiting.



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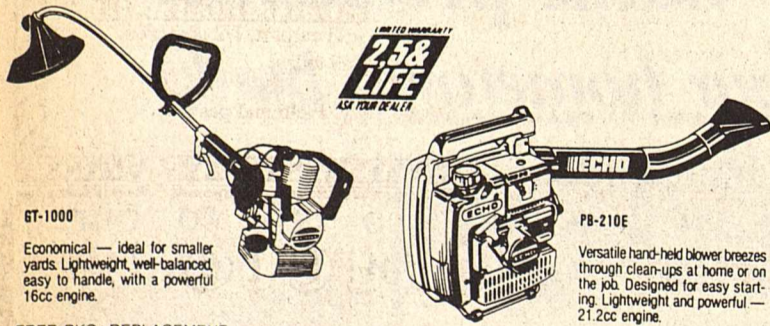
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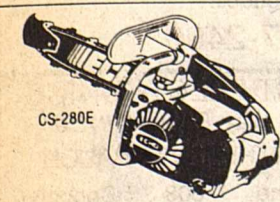
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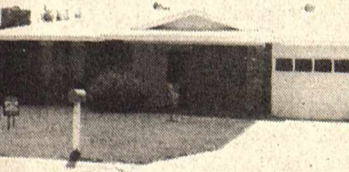


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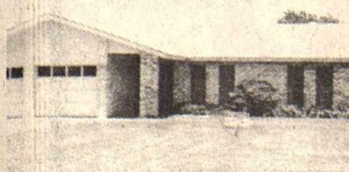
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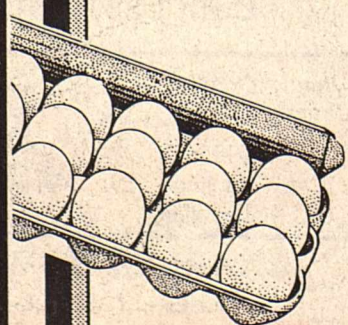
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(Con't from pg. 3.)

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The cleanliness of the cavern cannot be described other than to say that there is a complete absence of any signs of life. It is immediately obvious that the cavern has remained undisturbed for thousands, perhaps millions, of years during its formation. Floors are covered with stalagmites and helictites. There are approximately 100 million helictite formations growing out of the walls in every shape and size imaginable.

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In Halo Lake, Miss Wool of 1962 was lowered into the water and a short promotional movie was made with her

swimming in the seven-foot deep pool in a woolen swimsuit. Also a few weddings have been performed down under.

. . . take nothing but pictures leave nothing but footprints . . .

The most famous formation of the whole cave is the butterfly formation, it's the only one of its kind in existence. Its translucent, pale yellow wings unfold perfectly from its perch, frozen in stone for untold centuries. Nature has sculptured all the delicate beauty and perfect detail of a living butterfly. The cavern guide usually turns out all the lights except the one that shines on the butterfly to give a beauty that will be remembered.

The Caverns of Sonora are located south of Interstate 10, eight miles west of Sonora. The cave opens every day, except Christmas. Hours are 8 to 6 from May 1 through Labor Day and from 9 to 5 the rest of the year. The 1 1/2 hour tours leave regularly. The visitor center has a snack bar and gift shop. Free picnicking facilities are available with a fee for campsites with hookups. Casual summer clothes are recommended for the tour. Good tennis shoes or non-slip walking shoes make the walk through the cave easy. For more information, write to Box 213, Sonora, 76950, or call (915) 387-3105.



The "Butterfly" is perhaps the most famous formation in the cave. The formations are still alive and growing.



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Ask any Texan, native or transplant, why they choose to live in this part of the country. Chances are you will hear one or more of the following responses:

- "The air is clean."
- "I like the wide open spaces."
- "Great climate!"
- "Good water."
- "Friendly people."
- "You can see the stars at night."
- "Good location."

Actually *all* are correct! The air is clean since Sonora is located in a non-industrial area and we have no pollutants going into the atmosphere. The sky is usually painted a beautiful blue and scattered with white, fluffy clouds.

We have plenty of wide open spaces gently decorated by Mother Nature at her best. As is evidenced by the photo on this page, our Spring-times are glorious with the abundance of wild flowers.

The climate is excellent. We have a few days in mid-summer when the temperature reaches into the high 90's (and occasionally goes over the 100 mark) and we have a few days during the winter when we go below the freezing point. But for the most part, the our weather is a perfect mixture of a little rain, a little snow and balmy breezes.

Our water comes from the underground supply of the Edwards Aquifer where it reaches its blend of excellence allowing for the clean, sweet taste.

The people here are friendly. The citizens of the community work together for a better future and they are always ready with a greeting and a minute to pass the time of day. It is a town where neighbor cares for neighbor.

One comment that most visitors make is on the brightness of the stars at night. A true Texas attitude would account for this by saying that perhaps we are a little closer to heaven than many places but the fact of the matter may be that our air is so clean.

Sonora is located centrally on Interstate Highway 10 and Hwy. 277. To our north 65 miles is San Angelo, to the south 94 miles is Del Rio, Amistad Lake and Acuna, Mexico. By traveling east for three and one half hour the sights of San Antonio are available. And to the west is El Paso with many stops in between.

Being Texan, native or transplant, we are proud of our area. We also like sharing it with others so we are glad you stopped to visit.

We invite you to stay as long as you like and come back as often as possible. While in the area, please enjoy our clean air, wide open spaces, delightful climate, good water, friendly people, stary skies and convenient location but be careful, *Sonora gets to be a habit!*

The Devil's River News is grateful to Mr. Joe David Ross for allowing us to use the photo above. Mr. Ross, a local rancher, took the picture of an Angora goat and her kid at his ranch.

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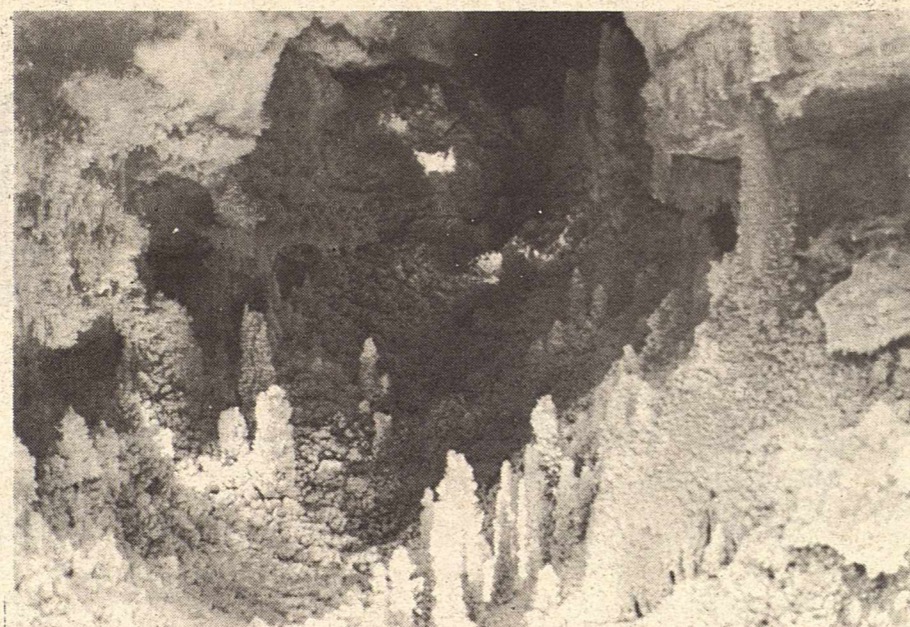
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Dr. William Halliday
 Caves and Caverns of the U.S.

dog chased an animal into the hole. Explorers were fascinated with the hole and dug deep enough to fit through the hole 18" in diameter. They made their way through until they reached the unpassable obstacle, the 60 foot drop off.

The hole was left unexplored for more than 50 years, until 1955 when Dallas spelunkers obtained permission to explore further.

Wearing only carbide lamps to see by, they attempted to scale the wall of the pit and failed. Then they careful inched across the edge of the now famous ledge, they succeeded and crossed the pit. Their next obstacle was the 45 foot crawl through a



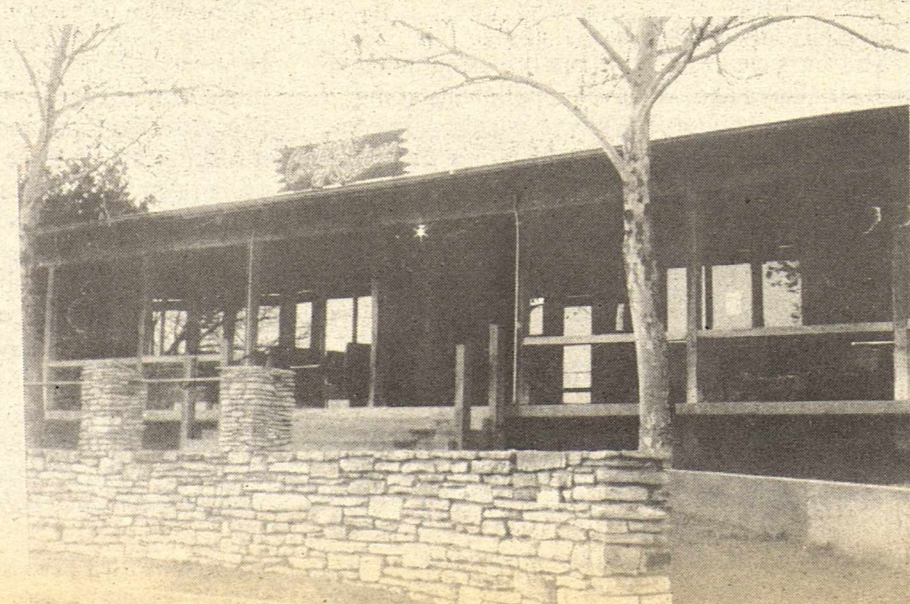
This spectacular view inside the cave shows the beauty of the Caverns.

Under the harsh rocks and thorny mesquites, water quietly dripped over delicate formations. Deep within the earth, nature had etched a cavern and decorated almost every square inch of it with jewels and chandeliers. And then with a sense of humor, she left one clue to her handiwork—an obstacle. A seemingly endless pit.

Legend has it that a Mexican sheepherder found the opening when his

hole only big enough for them to slide their bodies through and crawl to the other side. At the end of the cramped crawl, they emerged upon a large passageway.

With feats of heroics behind them their reward was found. Rooms of beauty and awe even beyond the spelunkers wildest dreams lay before them. Stalactites, stalagmites, and helictites cover every inch, the explorers could hardly move without damaging the fragile formations.



The Gift Shop and office at the Caverns also houses interesting artifacts.

Howdy

(Con't. from pg. 5.)

but it don't do no good to try and play one of em gainst the other cause I thank they git together and parlay ever evenin' over a friendly game of cards and discuss, well, at least cuss, if ol Elwood's been a snitchin' round agin.

Used to be that this here town only had one street light but the oil kept runnin' out and it got hard to find any matches, but now we got four of em and they burn jist fine.

They say he died with his boots on up in the old jail house, which ya can visit . . .

We also got one of them chamber of commerce, but I kinda wonder bout the name of the thang. I was over to one of their meetin's and I didn't see no one with a gown on like ya see in them judges chambers and alls they talk about is doin' somethin' good for the community. Here a week or so ago they did have a pretty fair country goat ropin', wish you folks could've seen that along with that goat cookin' they had too.

I understand that there chamber is gonna have a pretty good celebration come August, so you folks jist mosey back on down or over, whichever the case may be.

Nother nice thang bout this here community is that we don't have much crime. Last feller that got it here was in 1901. Guy name of Will Carver and his partner, George Kilpatrick tried to case one of them banks to rob but Sherrif Lige

Briant took care of em with his .45. George lived to see another day but ol Will took too much lead and they say he died of Lead Poisoning. Buried right here in the Sonora Cemetary.

They say he died with his boots on up in the old jail house, which ya can visit while you're here right across the street from the original home of Issac Miers built in the 1800's. You can go through that while you're here too along with the old train depot.

Don't worry none if you're here on Sunday cause we got some of the best church houses in all of West Texas and ya know that you're always welcome in the Lord's House and ya don't even have to worry bout the construction of them churches either, cause ol Elwood even walked into one one time and it didn't even creak or nothin'.

Back to that history of Sonora, there's a gentleman here in town that can tell ya more about this area than any livin' human and if ya inquire at the right place ya might git yore ear bent for a mite, if that kinda thang interests ya.

I wudn't gonna say nuthin' bout it, but since ya went and brought it up, I guess I'll have to. Yes, that is a drilling rig down by the draw. See, we believe in share and share alike here in Sonora so we all pooled (git it?) our money and set us a drilling rig right here in the city limits so those of us what ain't got big ranches with lots of gas wells could share in the fun of havin our own.

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FEBRUARY
 Girl Scout Father -Daughter Cake Bake and Sale

MARCH
 Region II High School Rodeo
 Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet

APRIL

MAY
 Trade Days Flea Market
 Family Rodeo and Goat Cookoff
 4-H Horse Show

JUNE
 "Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" June 26 and 27
 Annual Tennis Tournament
 AJRA Rodeo
 Wool Show

JULY
 "Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" each week-end
 Annual Angora Goat Sale in Sutton County sponsored by the Texas State Experiment Station

AUGUST
 "Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" each week-end through Sutton County Days
 Sutton County Days Celebration
 PRCA Rodeo

SEPTEMBER
 Annual Lions Club Auction

OCTOBER
 Fall Home Tour and Crafts Sale

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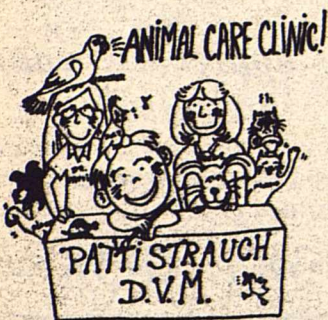


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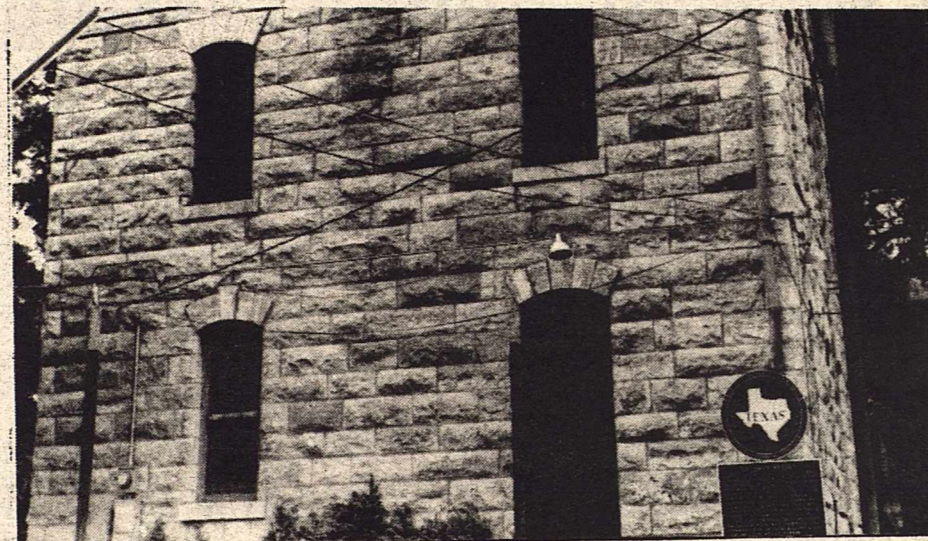
Appreciate the present by viewing the past

A walk through the downtown area of Sonora is as walking onto a page from a history book.

Main Street ends to the north directly in front of the Sutton County Courthouse.

The Courthouse was constructed in 1890 at an approximate cost of \$40,000. The workmanship in the building should be of envy to modernday craftsmen.

The walls of the Court room, located on the second story of the building, have heard much testimony in the past ninety-seven years with many "famous" trials taking place in the earlier years of the facility. Though an Annex was added in 1985 because of overcrowded conditions, the original building remains very much in use today.



OLD SUTTON COUNTY JAIL

Adjacent to the Courthouse on the west side is the old Sutton County jail whose construction was authorized in February, 1891, by county commissioners. The cost of the jail was to have been \$11,700 but upon its completion, some six months later, the cost had risen to over \$20,000.

The jail was retired in the 1970's with the construction of a modern facility across the street and today the old jail houses many treasures and stories of yesteryear.

Across the street from the old jail sits the Miers home. The oldest home in Sutton County, the home was built by Issac Miers in 1888.

The Miers home is now filled with enchanting relics of Sonora's past.

Directly behind the Miers home, sits the old train depot. The first train pulled into Sonora on June 27, 1930. While this may not seem like very long ago, take a moment to think of the country surrounding Sonora and the methods of transportation available during that period and you will realize how the arrival of the train revolutionized the area.

The depot was purchased by preservation minded citizens last year and moved to its present site.

The old jail, Mier home and depot comprise the Musuem Complex which is owned and operated by the Historical Society and is open for viewing during the afternoons.

On the south side of the street across



Well concealed lighting shines statagically to show the grandeur of the Caverns.

All the early exploreers had to sign in at the front of the cave to show who had come through. The following is a quotation taken from the register sign in the cave as one effort by the National Speleological Society to further stress the conservation of our natural wonders:

"Let it never be said,
and said to your shame,
That all was beauty here until you came.
Take nothing but pictures!
Leave nothing but footprints!"

Commercial development of the caverns began in March 1960 after Jim Papdakiss of Wisconsin and Jack Burch of Oklahoma concluded an agreement with landowner Stanley Mayfield.

Blasting and tunneling was accomplished through use of jackhammers and dynamite. Compressed air was delivered to the jackhammers deep within the cave through

lightweight irrigation tubing. It was impossible to use any other equipment without harming the fragile formations and all work was done manually.

Painstaking effort went into the indirect lighting system which displays to best advantage the unbelievably crystal-like stalactites, stalagmites, helectites and draperies.

After nearly five years of planning and carving openings, installing lights and building walkways, the cave opened for tourists on Saturday, July 16, 1960 with official dedication July 23.

As many as 2,000 people attended the dedication ceremony. Visitors were from eighteen states and several countries. The press was represented by numerous newspapers, radio and television stations.

The caverns of Sonora are probably the

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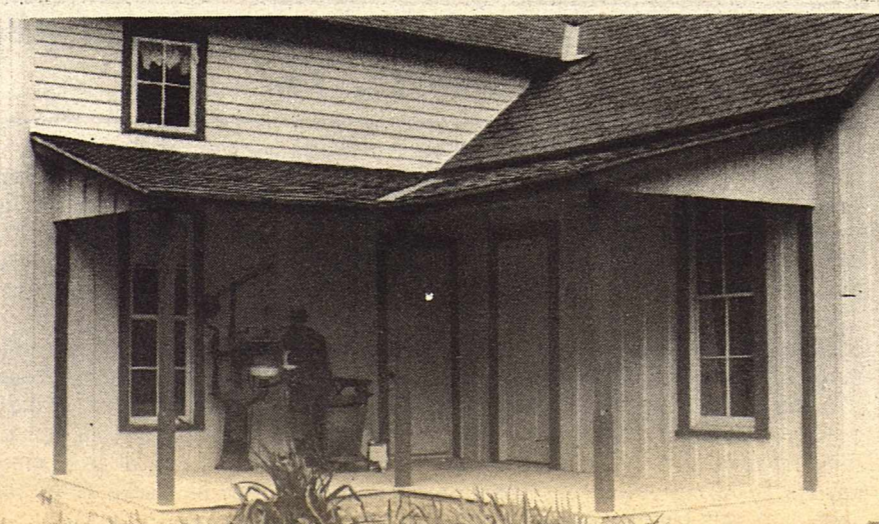


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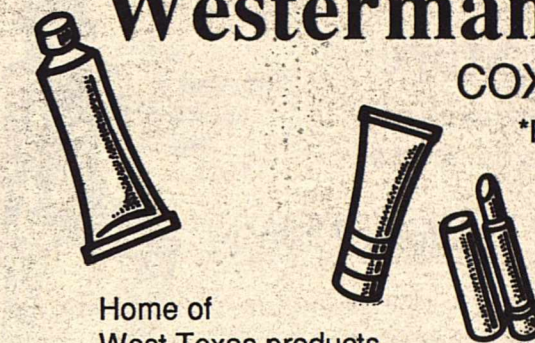
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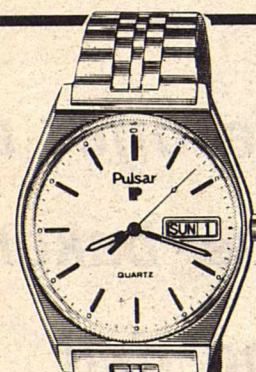
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Production staged under the stars

June 26 and 27, 1987 will be a big weekend for the Outdoor Drama Group with the premier of "The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater".

On slate for the first performance, Friday, June 26, are Gus Clemons and the Kountry Kickers.

Clemons, a noted area historian, will be telling tales of the old west with emphasis on this region. Clemons is a published author and has done extensive research on the region.

The Kountry Kickers are a square dance group comprised of persons from several of the neighboring communities as well as Sonora.

Saturday evening, June 27 will feature Joe Lane and Tammy Bowman.

Lane is a local "celebrity" who has long delighted the community with his talent for theaterics and his singing ability. Lane will relate a colorful saga of the past.

A young rising San Angelo star, Tammy Bowman will surely please the theater goers with her music. Bowman, who works as a legal secretary, has won numerous talent and beauty contests and has performed on the Louisiana Hayride.

These evenings of entertainment will be only two of many throughout the summer to be performed each Friday and Saturday evening.

Each evening will begin with a Sing-a-long starting at 6pm followed by a sit-down western style meal at 6:30. Entertainment will begin at 7:30 pm and ending by dusk.

Dinner at each performance will be catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse, long famous for their excellent fare. The menu will include the foods the region is noted for.

Showtime will feature a different story teller from around the area who will tell tales of the Old West and the not-so-Old West, each becoming distinctive by the manner in which it is told. The tales will bring to light the tenacity, perseverance, strength and humor of our forefathers who settled this part of Texas.

Following the story telling, the audience will be delighted by various performers who will highlight the many

forms of culture found in this region. These will include western bands and singers, Mexican ballets, jazz and ragtime piano as well as many other surprises.

The stage will be under the stars at the Caverns of Sonora and will be lighted by nature, with little help from man. The Caverns of Sonora are located off I.H.-10, eight miles west of Sonora.

The cost of the evenings entertainment

Purpose of the ODG

The Outdoor Drama Group of Sonora was formed earlier this year by various members of the community who are interested in the heritage of the area.

The Group has embarked on a three year plan which will culminate in a full scale production during 1990, of an outdoor epic-drama portraying "the interaction of the character of the early 1900's settler with the character of the land".

1990 will be the Centennial Celebration of Sonora since the date on the purchase deed to found the community was May 19, 1890.

As a part of that Centennial Celebration, it is planned that a drama reliving the birth and ensuing 100 years of growth and development of Sonora and Sutton County will be staged in an outdoor amphitheater.

Preparatory to the full-scale production, there will outdoor productions of a smaller nature during the summers of 1987, 88, and 89.

The Outdoor Drama Group is open to everyone. The only requirement for membership is a willingness to work toward the goals established by the Group.

For additional information regarding the Outdoor Drama Group or how you may join, please call Charlotte Gilmore, ODG Coordinator, at 387-2757.

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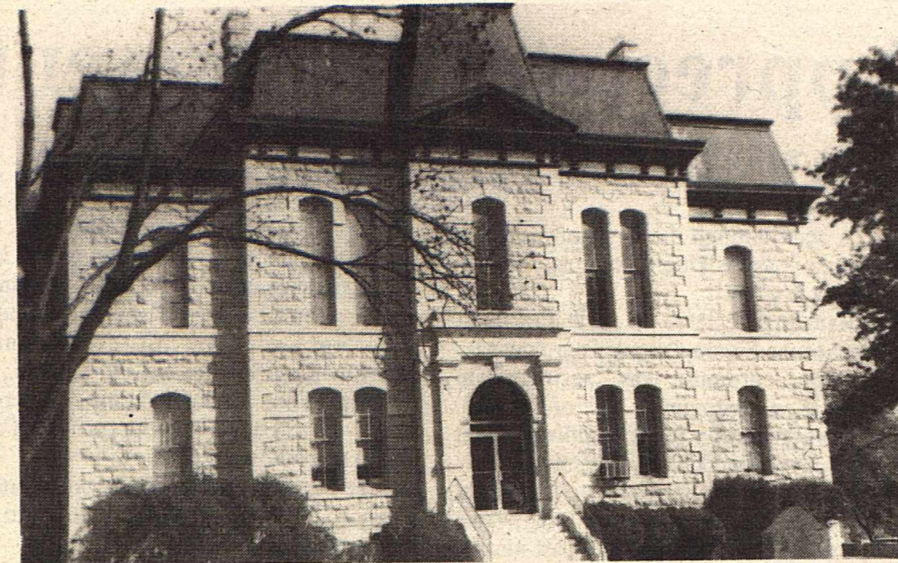
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Sonoras beginning proved embarrassing

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Sonora, as the with the rest of the Edwards Plateau, was rather late in developing. Most of the early settlers were shepherders who drifted in from the east and drifted back as the grass supply ran low.

The area was not readily adaptable for other livestock because of the lack of water. Sheep were the only livestock that could survive on the moisture that could be found.

The drilling of water wells in the late 1880's was probably the most significant reason for the migration of permanent settlers to the area.

The fact that most wells were of limited capacity coupled with the misconception of many ranchers that cattle could not survive on well water, stalled advancement into the area for awhile. Fortunately, a dramatic rise in price due to heavy demand of Texas beef in northern markets forced ranchers to rethink their positions.

It was around the water wells that the town of Sonora was built.

Charlie Adams, in his book *Forty Years a Fool*, says that Sonora was founded when he decided that the well he drilled cost too much and in order to break even, he would have to sell lots and start a town.

The communities beginnings proved to be one of its more embarrassing moments. Adams said he filed on a section of school

everything beneath the surface.

By the terms of the contract, Sonora had cut itself off from its water supply.

Lot sales ended until 1890 when R.W. Callahan, also traveling to New York, secured two deeds to section 85 from Edward Tracy and the estate of James Russel. The deeds, dated May 17, 1890, declared "full rights, no restrictions, underground or otherwise."

Sonora was founded on May 19, 1890 and was selected as the county seat by popular vote on November 3, 1890.

Adams' wife reserved the right of naming the town after a faithful employee who came from the state of Sonora in Mexico.

Sutton County was formed three years earlier when the Texas legislature passed an act creating Sutton and Schleicher counties out of Crockett County.

The county encompassed 1,500 square miles of territory and compares favorably in size to several states.

At the time of its settlement, the area was blanketed with high grass, the mesquite and other brush that now cover the terrain was nowhere to be seen.

A combination of overgrazing and droughts that hit in the period between the 1910's and 1930's caused irreparable damage to the range land and made an opening for less palatable vegetation.

Research, much of which is a direct product of the local experiment station, has helped the ranchers cope with the

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land, made payments and sold lots. But the land actually belonged to a New York firm.

For the next two years, Adams sold lots and the town grew steadily. At this point, however, the mistake was discovered. There was nothing the citizens of Sonora could do but pitch in and try to buy the town back.

A trip was made to New York but the owning firm reasoned the land must have some extraordinary value. Why else would anyone be trying to buy it? The firm agreed to sell but decided to reserve

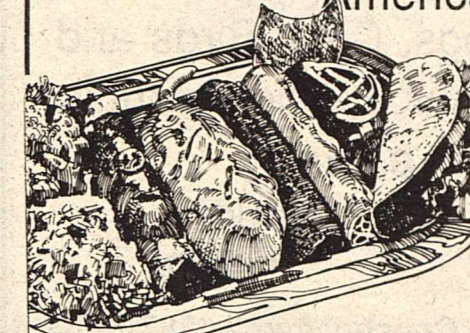
problems they have faced.

The determination of the ranchers to overcome hardships has established Sutton County as one of the national agricultural leaders. The wool and mohair produced here is considered by experts to be the finest in the world.

The Agriculture Industry continues to be the dominate factor in Sonora's economy. Though it took a back seat in the past decade to the natural gas boom, agriculture and the determination of local ranchers continues to be the backbone of Sonora and Sutton County.

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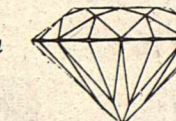
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As an added bonus, the Caverns of Sonora will offer tours to holders of Dinner Theater tickets at a special price of 4.00 for adults and 3.00 for children.

The final show will be held on August 15 at the Caverns, then performances will be held during the Sutton County Days celebration, August 21 and 22, on the Courthouse lawn.

Tickets for "The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" may be obtained at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sutton County Steakhouse, Devil's River News, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Westerman Drug and the Caverns of Sonora.

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from Elwood P Suggins
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Now don't thank that since I is from Idaho that I don't know nuthin' bout Texas.

Why, the origin of my birth has nuthin' to do with knowin' anything bout Texas anyways. I lived in this here great state for over thirty years.

See, I started out in life at a very early age and bein' Texan jist kinda come natchural. Of them thirty years that I been a Texan, I been a Sonoran for thirty one. We got some things here in Sonora that ya jist don't see nowhere else.

We got us a young filly that walks to town ever day and she ain't even 100 yet and she is the sweetest purtiest little ol' thang ya ever saw. If ya see this here little filly on your passin' through jist stop and give a big ol' Texas howdy to Belle and you won't never be sorry ya did.

. . . you go down in this big hole in the ground and walk about a jillion miles. . .

We got us somethin' else here that ya don't see nowhere else. We call it a big ol' hole in the ground but them spejackers or what ever they call themselves, call it the most beautiful cavern in the world. I thought the purtiest cavern I ever saw was the Longbranch up to Dodge City. Never could figger out what was so fancy bout a bar to call it a cavern. Anyways, this here cavern is located eight miles west of Sonora on IH 10. Nice little jaunt out to the country but sure hope ya don't want no red-eye cause alls they serve is sasarilliy, an that's after they make ya go down in that big ol' hole in the ground and walk about a jillion miles (not really, ya know how us Texans is always adgitatin').

We also got us a woolhouse. Everbody in the world has a greenhouse but we got us a woolhouse and stead o' plants we grow wool and some mo-hair.

What's mo-hair ya ask, well, I'm proud ya did; see, everbody in the worlds got hair, but us Texans got to have the best so stead of jist growin' hair, we grow mo-hair than anybody else. That's jist somethin' else that sets us apart from common folks.

Know what else we got here in Sonora? Knew ya didn't sos I'm a gonna tell ya. We got a feller what makes the biggest bobbers ya ever did see. Ya might thank these was used for shark fishin' but this

feller dropped one in a water trough one day and decided that these bobbers was stout enough to plug up all them windmills ya see whilst you're drivin' through this here fair state of ours. Stead of bobbers, he put a fancy name on em

. . . we couldn't come up with a satisfactory name so we jist dried that ol' river right up. . .

and calls em Reliable Floats.

We also got us a fair country cook over to the Brandin' Iron Smokehouse not to mention them folks what cook all the meals around town in them fancy eatin' places that have been gettin' quite a bit of attention of late.

We also got us one of them guys that likes to play with dead animals. I stopped in his shop the other day and I could have swore I saw one of them big Texas Whitetails look right at me. Scared the life out of me.

Why, I'll tell ya somethin' else we got right here in Sonora, we got us a dry Devil's River. We used to let it run, but we got to thankin' the name wuddn't a very nice mane to be used for a river in a town of God-fearin' people and when we couldn't come up with a satisfactory name we jist dried that ol' river right up.

We also got us a right fine golf course. I tried that golfin' one day but jist never could git the hang of it. Seemed kinda poor sport to shoot at them birdies whilst ya was supposed to be chasin' rabbits, or somethin' like that. They say this here course was designed by a feller name of Arnold Nickalaus, but since I never heard of him I kinda thank that may be one of them Texas brags ya hear so much about.

. . . they git together and parlay ever evenin' over a friendly game of cards. . .

We also got us one of them long highways that's used only for them flyin' cars. It ain't even got no stop signs on it. Never have seen one of them "Proud Birds With The Golden Tails" land on it yet but I been watchin' with my Sears and Roebucks binocs and I jist imagine that one day soon we'll have one of em sittin' right out there on Joe Berger field.

Also got us two banks here in this town
(Con't on pg. 15.)



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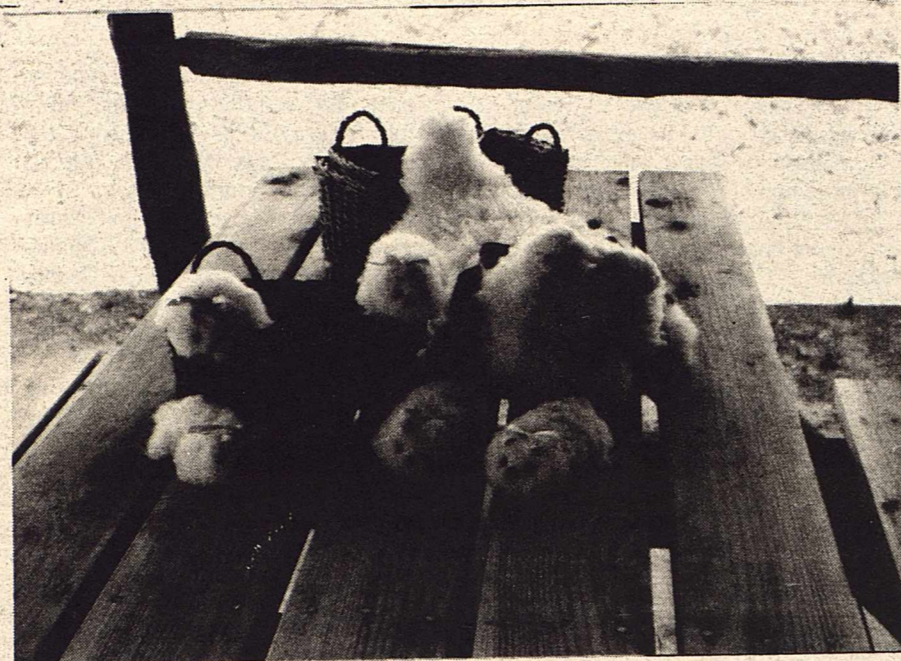
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These woolly critters are from the mind of LaVern Benton, constructed from wool pelts and for sale at the Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

Cutting, sewing, imagining . . .
from critters to fashion

When you see someone wearing an unusual sun visor made of goat hair, ask them where they got it. The answer will be the Ol' Sonora Trading Company, located Hwy. 277 N and I-10.

The visors are a creation of LaVern Benton, the shopkeeper of the Trading Company, who uses the Spanish goat hair and Angora mohair in her designs.

The hides of Angora and Spanish goat are from the Cahill ranch and are sent to the Ft. McKavett Tannery to be tanned. The tanned hides are then sent to the Trading Company and left to LaVern's imagination.

La Vern wanted to make something that people could take with them and remember our community. With the hides sitting around, LaVern decided that she could make "something" out of them. Through trial and error, she went about making all sorts of forms out of the skins.

One of her first projects was making shapes of Texas and hearts. The mohair first had to be cut from the back into the shape. Then the hair is carded and shaped with scissors.

Wall hangings of mohair goats also came into La Vern's imagination. A goat form was cut from heavy board, goat hair was placed behind that and put into a frame. In this way the original mohair could be shown off in its true form. Also wooden goats were made to accommodate and show the long mohair.

When Spanish goat hair was introduced to LaVern, she was delighted and set about with the same enthusiasm as the mohair.

Unlike the mohair, the goat hair usually grows one way and flat to the surface. Can holders were an obvious choice, they insulated and took advantage of the goat hair growth.

LaVern kept seeing sun visors on the horizon for the goat hair. These proved to be the most unusual and rather practical in the hot West Texas sun.

With lace collars being seen more and more, LaVern set about making a different



Charlotte Gilmore both models and shows one of the goat hide collars designed by LaVern Benton.

early spring and late fall and shortly after shearing, the fleeces begin to arrive at the Wool House. The bags are dumped and sorted, by hand according to various grading standards, then warehoused at the Wool House prior to sale.

The Wool House has always worked closely with government management agencies in a constant upgrading of the wool and mohair products and in rangeland control.

The Wool House has also been active throughout the years in working with the young people of the area.

In 1938, in conjunction with the Extension Service and the Sonora Lions Club, the Wool House began a yearly Wool Show, held each year in June, as a way of tying the young people to the land. The following is an excerpt from a 1937 issue of the San Angelo Standard Times:

Henry Malloy, farm agent from Sterling County, and Bill Fields, manager of the Sonora Wool and Mohair outlined the rules and regulations. Mr. Malloy declared that everything was being done to make the show interesting. The boys were to bring their fleeces for entry and see the entire show and sale and Mr. Fields gave

assurance that buyers were interested in having the wool put up properly and would be at the show in force.

Mr. Malloy is reported to have said "it was sad for him to see boys whose fathers and grandfathers pioneered in this section and owned ranches and farms to see these pass into the hands and names (of others) at the passing of the father. Much of the reason has been due to the fact that the boy only had a working part . . . he had no binding tie. If he inherited the land he was either incompetent to carry on successfully or he was interested in other work and the land and stock were only worth the money they would bring him in cash."

The Wool Show has become a National Wool Judging event and includes entrants, both male and female, from around the state of Texas and other wool producing states.

A trip through the warehouse helps one to better understand the people of the area by seeing what they are involved in.

Tours of the Wool House can be arranged by calling the Devil's River News at 387-2507.

The Wool House is located at the corner of Glasscock and College.

Misunderstanding and misconceptions often surround Angora goats

We won't kid you

As one travels through this region of Texas, one will see many forms of animal life. There are various breeds of beef cattle, sheep, goats, some exotic game, deer, javelina and wild turkey.

Perhaps the most misunderstood of all of these animals is the Angora goat. Angora goats are the source of mohair.

Angora goats are believed to have originated in the Himalaya Mountains of Asia.

They found their way to Ankara, where the name Angora was derived, the province of Turkey in which the goats thrived.

Angoras were highly regarded and their fleeces were spun and woven to grace the backs of kings and biblical wisemen.

The goats were fiercely protected from exportation until 1849, when Dr. James B. Davis of Columbia, SC, was given seven does and two bucks by the Sultan of Turkey in gratitude for experimental work to improve Turkish cotton.

After the Civil War, the flocks moved into Texas and California. Texas, today with herds totalling in excess of 1,800,000 goats, produces 96% of the total U.S. mohair.

Goats are "browsing" animals. A pasture which supports a herd of goats is easily identified as the under brush is almost non-existent and the trees and shrubs are "trimmed" as high as the goats can stand to nibble the leaves.



These Angora goats stand out soaking up the sun. (Photo courtesy of Patti Stauch, DVM.)

While docile in nature, the goats are highly intelligent. The nannies kid in the early spring and the kids soon become the "circus clowns of the pasture" as their high-spirited, inquisitive character forces them to perform various "death defying" antics.

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This view of the interior of the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse was taken during the mid-thirties. The tremendous amount of wool and mohair, bagged for sale, still remains an awesome sight even today.

Baa, baa black sheep Woolhouse holds more than three bags full

One question which often arises when traveling into an area is "How do the residents make their living?"

While natural gas wells and drilling certainly add to the economy, the agriculture and ranching industry remain the economic backbone of Sonora and Sutton County. And in the agriculture industry of the area, almost one half of the 1986 receipts came from sheep, goats, wool and mohair.

Sutton County has 96 producers of wool, and 150 mohair producers. In a state primarily thought of for cattle, a look at basic "bottom line" explains why ranchers of the area rely heavily on sheep and angora goats for much of their income. According to recent figures, the gross margin per animal unit for sheep was \$300, for sheep \$200 and for beef cattle \$140.

Also as explained in the history of Sonora (see page 13) the country was best suited for sheep in the early days of habitation due to lack of adequate water for cattle. Sheep and goats are beneficial in range management and control since they will eat some plants which cattle will not eat.

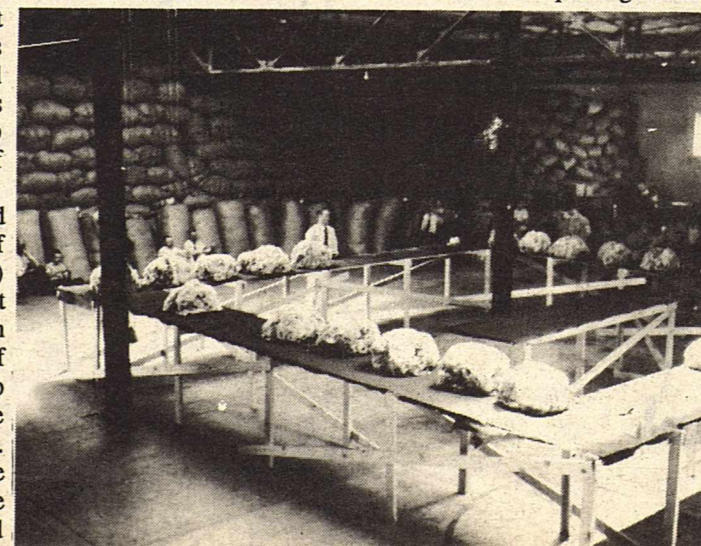
In an area which ships in excess of two million pounds of wool and mohair a year, a wool house was a natural.

It wasn't until 1930 that such an establishment was started and aptly named Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

An ad in the Devil's River News in November, 1932 boasts proudly that the Wool House is a "Fireproof building that will accommodate 1,500,000 pounds of wool and mohair."

Since its inception, the Wool House has housed and shipped approximately 1,425,000,000 pounds of wool and mohair for area ranchers.

Ranchers shear both sheep and goats in



This picture was taken during the first Wool Show ever held in 1939. Note the warehoused wool in the background.

kind of collar. The collar of goat hair can be worn with just about any shirt and on any occasion. The collar can add elegance or a casual look to any outfit. Also belts of goat hair make for an unusual accessory.

Still inventing through trial and error, LaVern says, "one thing leads to another and I'll make any thing else that I can think of." If you don't see something that

Also a store comparable to the 'Ol Sonora Trading Company is set up in New York to help promote our quality mohair and to give the Yankees a taste of West Texas hospitality.

People from all over the world have graced the 'Ol Sonora Trading Company. Within the pages of the register, all the United States are represented along with Nova Scotia, France, Switzerland,



Wearing a poncho and holding a vest, both original designs, Charlotte Gilmore stands in front of a mohair picture by LaVern Benton.

you want, ask LaVern and she'll find some way to make it.

Mohair from Sonora is also sent to weavers in New York where it is woven into fabric. The fabric is then used in blankets, shawls, scarves and afghans. Some of the fabric is sent back here and that's when Charlotte Gilmore takes over. Charlotte makes the ponchos and vests found at the 'Ol Sonora Trading Company.

With the fine quality of the Sonora mohair, the clothing has been highlighted in fashion shows in Dallas, New York and most recently in the European market.

Netherlands, England, New Zealand, Peru, Germany and Japan.

Greeting people with a smile and Sonora hospitality, LaVern Benton answers any question she can about the wool and mohair industry or just about the community of Sonora.

No stop would be complete without a glance through the 'Ol Sonora Trading Company. LaVern will be there stitching, cutting, carding and imagining. And remember "please sign the register on your way out."

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