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Waco, Texas

Commissioner

Mary Scott Nabers

Texas Business Today



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I cannot cover in detail all the things TEC can do for you. Let me suggest that you call your local office today and speak to an employer service representative. I guarantee you will find professional, friendly service...service designed to help YOU.

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: I have been working for my current employer about five months. During that time I have had three of my payroll checks bounce for insufficient funds. The checks have always been made good within about two or three days but I really feel this is something no employee should have to put up with and I have told my employer so. I am in the process of looking for another job but if this happens again before I find one I am going to quit. Would I be disqualified from getting unemployment benefits by quitting under these circumstances.

S.B.  
Bay City, Texas

DEAR S.B.: If, after discussing the matter with the employer, you are forced to go through the same situation again you would most likely qualify for benefits if you quit and filed a claim. No employee should have to tolerate frequent bad payroll checks. However, I would urge you to remember that because of the economy thousands of employers are experiencing cash flow problems and jobs are extremely scarce. Unemployment benefits would probably provide you with less than half of your current salary.

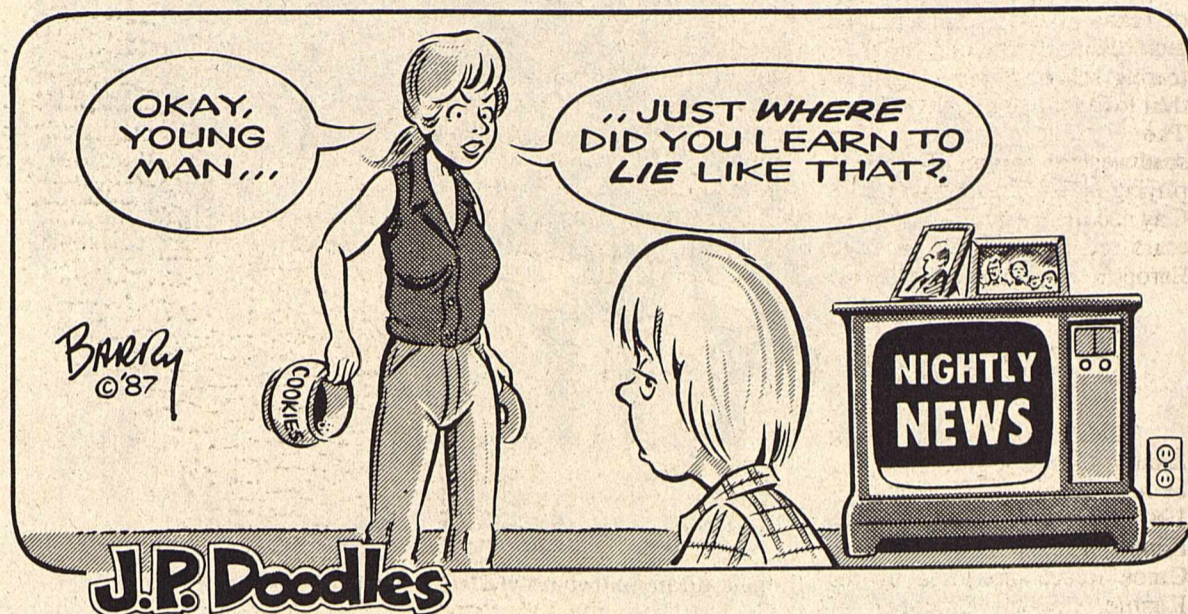
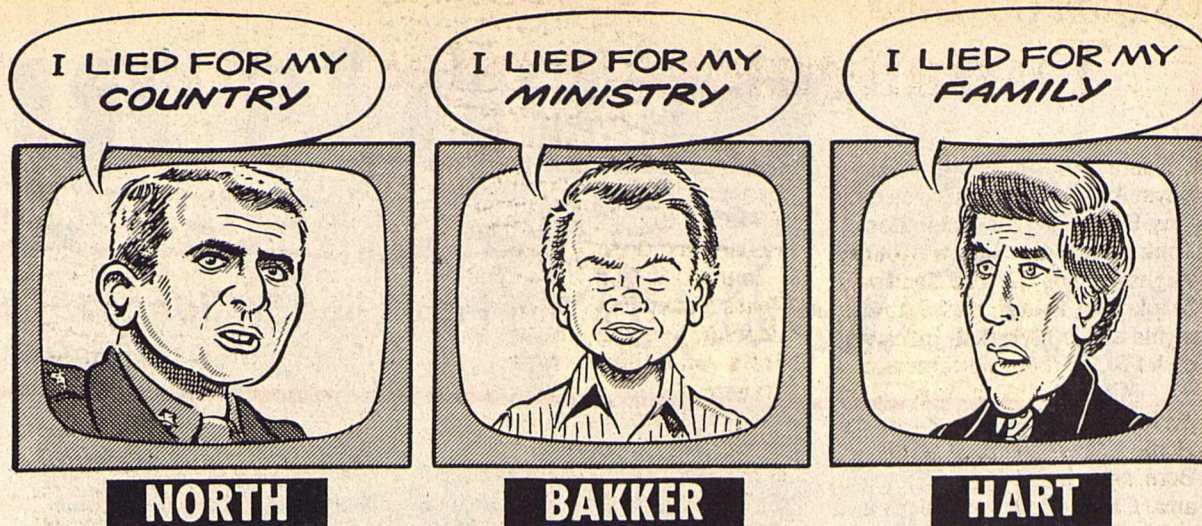
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Sutton County Bank for the use of their Community Room to the public. I have made use of the room on several occasions and think that they should be recognized for offering this service to the community so generously. Once again, thank you to the Sutton County Bank!!

Wynette Halford



## CHAMBER NOTES

by Diana Trainer

Seems like I just wrote this column and its already time to write again. This office stays so busy and there are so many people in and out all day long that the time seems to whiz by.

The Chamber of Commerce is trying to compile a list of everyone who has ever lived in Sonora. If you have the address of a relative, a friend, a neighbor, an acquaintance or even an old enemy who has at one time lived in Sonora, please write it down and either mail it to the Chamber office (Box 1172) or come by and drop it off. We want it so we can send letters to these people informing them of events in Sonora, such as Sutton County Days.

Speaking of Sutton County Days, we are really getting it together. All of the booths are filled and I have about 8 or 10 lawn spaces left. We have a lot of people we have had in the past and some new faces with interesting crafts and wares will be joining us this year.

We're going to have a pie eating contest this year! You must be 16 and over to enter and we will accept the first 8 entries. If you want to get in on the fun (and good pie) please give me a call. For those of you who aren't big pie eaters, we are to have a watermelon eating contest (everyone can enter). And since we will have all those watermelon seeds left over, we are going to have a watermelon seed spitting contest. All this, plus tricycle races, sack races, egg toss, orange push and anything else we can think of between here and then.

You ranchers don't forget that we are getting ready to go to Fort Worth the end of August and we need your listings. The only way the Chamber of Commerce can help get these people to Sonora is to have YOUR name and address.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the luncheon, Fashion show at noon on August 20. The Sutton County Days Queen contestants will be modeling fashions from Image and

Carols' Merle Norman and it promises to be very entertaining.

Be sure and watch KLST TV next Monday at noon for Jim Stephen and Preston Love. Then on Tuesday at 6:15, Herb Jones and Preston will be on the Top of the Morning program. And Wednesday at noon, JoAnn Jones and I will be up there, all of us talking about Sutton County Days and the rodeo.

If you have an apartment or house for rent, a child that babysits or mows lawns, or you have a specialty such as alternations or cake baking, please give me a call. I have requests for this type of information everyday and would like to have a record for references.

Be sure and plan on coming to the Chamber of Commerce BAR-B-Que on August 21, immediately following the parade. Ronnie Bowers, Jim Stephen, Preston Love, Royce Mears, Smith Neal, Earl Johnson, Bruce Kerbow and Gil Trainer are going to be cooking brisket, chicken and goat meat, along with potato salad, beans and all the fixins. I guarantee it will be good and the plates will sell for \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

I probably sound like a broken record, but I want to keep reminding you that the Chamber of Commerce is here to help Sonoran's and Sonora Businesses but we can only help if we have the support of the community. You don't have to own a business to be a member of the Chamber, but if you do own a business you SHOULD be a member.

See you next week.

## ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

Could we be plagued by distorted perspectives? We sit and watch a television orgy go on for weeks, seeking to determine where and how ten or twelve million dollars from the Iranian Arms Sales was spent. Simultaneously, Congress devoted ten-point-eight BILLION dollars to subsidize, or perhaps more accurately, to perpetuate, proven (by results) incompetent management.

The billions went, or will go for FSLIC (Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation) to protect those depositors who put their money in unregulated financial institutions. It has a bad odor, without FSLIC, most Savings and Loans would disappear. We must assume that the billions are to perpetuate the system, and associated with that assumption the question whether or not the involvement of politicians in the game influenced the decision.

It would appear that the Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Council do not have the only covert activities in the District of Columbia. The

billions to FSLIC amounts to putting on taxpayer's backs all of the risks taken by the unregulated "high rollers" who run some of the Savings and Loans. Our flexible perspective then allows us to wonder where the national deficit comes from.

It is a very lucrative game from the standpoint of the chiefs of the Savings and Loans. If you can operate in a bank's domain, without bank's regulations, it can be like being in a gold mine with a shovel and a bucket. Better yet, if the bucket has no bottom--the taxpayer picks up the tab. The deductions are heavenly, almost as good as the PTL.

Perspective aside, Congress' path is clear; a sense of justice and avoidance of being party to a taxpayer fraud requires action. If federal money is going to stand the risk, legislation imposing federal regulation is a must.

Who has a distorted perspective now? My assumption that Congress is overly concerned about the taxpayers is a little wild. Oh well, it takes one to know one.

## Attention 4-Hers!

4-H participants will compete in the final playday on August 16 starting at 2:00 pm. Ribbons will be awarded through sixth place in all events and participation ribbons awarded thereafter. If members suffice, age divisions will be PeeWee, Junior and Senior. Entries are 50 cents per event.

Following the August 16 playday, parents and participants are invited to stay for ice cold watermelon. Come and enjoy!

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Sutton Co. Days

# Two nights of western swing

Sonora and the Sutton County Days Association will welcome Clay Blaker and the Texas Honky Tonk Band to Sutton County August 21 and 22. The Band will be playing Friday and Saturday nights at the Park Slab following each PRCA Rodeo Performance.

Clay Blaker has been performing with his Texas Honky-Tonk Band since 1975. Born and raised in the Houston area, Clay relocated his band and music business to the hill county of Texas in 1983 in order to be more centrally located for their touring schedule and because of their love for that region of Texas. They tour mainly the southwestern portion of the U.S. playing mostly one-nighters. Also Clay and the band have made four tours of Europe along with Europe's #1 country band, the

Emsland Hillbillies of West Germany. They have performed in Wales, Scotland, England, Holland and West Germany.

In the U.S. Clay Blaker and the Texas Honky-Tonk Band are very popular, playing mostly dance halls and honky-tonks, but because of their excellent rapport with audiences and performances of original material they play showcase clubs and concerts as well. Several of the band members write songs and they always include some of these in their show. Clay recently had one of his songs, "The Only Thing I Have Left," cut by George Strait on his Strait From the Heart album. The band's material consists mostly of traditional country and western swing. However, they also include in their shows some of the other

influences to which they have been exposed such as Cajun music, blues, jazz, rockabilly and rock.

Clay and the band have appeared on several television shows and radio programs in Texas and have appeared in many concerts with national headliners.

Clay Blaker and the Texas Honky-Tonk Band have released two albums in Europe which are unavailable in the United States. They have released two singles in Texas on "D" records and had their first single released nationwide last year on the "Paid" record label. They are currently releasing their first and long-awaited U.S. album entitled What A Way To Live on the "Texas Musik" label out of Austin.



CLAY BLAKER AND THE TEXAS HONKY TONK BAND

# The race is on in Kimble County

The Fourth Annual Great Kimble County River Race will be held Saturday, September 3, 1987 as the lead-off event of the Kimble County Kow Kick. The Canoe Race, sponsored by the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Tipton Carson Distributing Company, is a 16 mile event along the scenic South Llano River to Junction.

In the 1986 race, 38 participants competed for three trophies which were awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both the Racing and Country (novice) categories. This year's race will feature an Open Class for kayaks, etc.

An added attraction this year will feature a women's division which will offer a shorter course of approximately 7 miles. The men's course is approximately 16 miles.

The men's race will begin with a water start at 10:00 a.m. September 5, 1987 and the women will follow at 10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at the Chamber of Commerce. Registration will be accepted the day of the race at the beginning point of the race.

The men will begin at the "first crossing" of the South Llano River, 12.6 miles south of Junction on Hwy. 377. The ladies will begin at the crossing located at the Walter Buck Wildlife Management Park located 4.3 miles south of Junction on Hwy. 377.

The Racing Class canoes must be manned by two paddlers using single blade paddles only. Maximum canoe length must not exceed 17'3". No beaver or racing hulls are allowed at this class. The Country Class entries may consist of any type watercraft so long as it is propelled by paddles of any type and may include one or two paddlers.

Award ceremonies will be held at the finish line located at Schreiner Park in Junction.

Entry fee for the men is \$15.00 and women is \$10.00.

Entry forms and rules are available from the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce, 402 Main Street, Junction, Texas 76849, (915) 446-3190.

The Kimble County Kow Kick will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 1987 in Schreiner Park in Junction. This is an annual event featuring various art and craft booths, food booths and entertainment.



Talk about a fish story... and the Zook's can tell a fish story. Jon-jon, Robby and John Zook caught this catfish, the end of July, on a trot line they had placed in the Llano River, just outside of Mason on the 2-D Ranch. The yellow "cat" weighed a healthy thirty pounds and put up a good fight as they pulled it into the boat.

# Oral workshop a telling experience

On July 30 the Sutton County Historical Society hosted an Oral History Workshop at the new home in Sonora of Bob and Nancy Brockman.

Mr. Frank Hilton and Mrs. Vivian Stockton, members of the Ft. Concho oral history group of San Angelo shared their expertise in compiling oral history with those in attendance.

Points discussed were: 1. Proper recording equipment, 2. Tips on conducting interviews, 3. The importance of recording the oral history of your family now.

A book- "Instant Oral Biographies" was made available to the group. A copy was purchased by the Historical Society for its library.

Plans are in the works to form a group to tape oral histories of Sutton Countians for the Historical Society's Archives. More about this later.

# Army News

Cadet Rene B. Porras, son of Joe H. and Maria E. Porras of 710 Rock Ave., received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Riley, Kansas.

The six-week camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, included instruction in communications, management and survival training.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in either the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard for the cadet.

Porras is a student at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

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# Balloon to detect drug smugglers

by Lamar Smith

While the problem of drug abuse has been overshadowed recently in the headlines, it still remains out front among the concerns of Americans.

In one major poll released this spring, 83 percent of people in the southern half of the country--including 500 Texans--said they are very concerned about drug abuse. The single issue that topped it was drunken driving,

but that was only by 1 percentage point.

For more than a year I have been active in efforts to propose several actions that might help eradicate drugs from our society.

For example, I urged creation of a special federal task force--similar to the one Vice President Bush established five years ago in Southern Florida--that would concentrate on stopping the flow of drugs into Texas and the other southwestern border states. Happily, President Reagan did just that by creating Operation Alliance seven months ago.

Shortly after that effort was announced, I became convinced that no attempt to squeeze off the flow of drugs across the Mexican border could be considered complete without the lofting of a team of aerostat radar balloons.

Pardon the pun, but these balloons are no pie-in-the-sky idea. Since 1982, a pair of them have been tethered off the coast of Florida in a configuration allowing the Customs Service to detect drug-running planes flying at low altitudes anywhere in the state. A third was lofted to years ago in the Bahamas. When a suspicious flight is detected by any of them, jets are sent on intercept missions that have proved extraordinarily successful.

The same should soon begin happening in our back yard,

where there are now gaping holes in our radar coverage of the border. With manned radar flight becoming extremely expensive, the unmanned blimps are our best hope.

Although the balloons now being designed are as big as a Boeing 747 jumbo jet, they are vitually impervious to sabotage because they are anchored 10,000 feet above the ground. And their 3,500 pounds of radar gear--topped off by a 30-foot antenna--gives them a range of 150 miles in all directions, so a few of them could watch all along the Rio Grande and monitor smuggling activity as it begins deep inside Mexico.

The Customs Service appears to agree with me, and we have been looking at possible sites for an aerostat balloon in the Big Bend area of West Texas. Later this year it appears likely we will have the final details worked out so a formal announcement of a location can be made. Then the balloon should be constructed and lofted by as early as the end of next year.

Of course, that would be wonderful news for our area's fight against drugs. But the aerostat balloons are only an important first step.

We must continue to build-up the force of border patrol agents so we can increase apprehensions of illegal aliens bearing drugs.

We must make drugs a major foreign policy issue by pressing nations where drugs are made to stop production in their back yards-- and by curtailing our aid if they do not heed our requests.

We must continue to educate our young on the evils of drugs.

Finally, we must encourage American families to re-emphasize such values as self-reliance which discourage the use of chemicals as a crutch.

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10 feet and climbing...Pictured is Gene Denton the jailer at the Sutton County Jail with his 10 ft. tall tomato plant. And boy do those tomatoes taste good!

## Historical Society to sponsor home tour

The Sutton County Historical Society will sponsor a Home Tour and Craft Sale on Saturday, October 17. Four homes will be shown from 1 pm to 6 pm.

The homes are the former James Hunt home now the Episcopal Retreat, the Curt Mooney home, the Rip Ward home and the Edwin Sawyer home.

The Craft Sale will be held in the freight room of the Santa Fe Depot on Mulberry Street. Baked goods will also be sold. Tickets for both the Home Tour and the Craft Sale will be available from

10 am to 6 pm at the Ticket window of the Depot. Five dollars will purchase a ticket for the entire Home Tour plus admission to the craft sale. Admission to the Craft Sale is only \$2.00.

The waiting rooms of the Depot will be transformed into a tea room. Coffee-Tea and goodies may be purchased throughout the day.

Mark your calendar now. Proceeds from the Home Tour and Craft Sale will be used in the continuing renovation of the Sutton County Heritage Park.

## "All Together"

**Charles Huffman, Pastor**  
*Hope Lutheran Church, Sonora*  
*"He (Christ) was before everything, & He hold everything together" Colossians 1:17*

Does it ever seem that just when you think you've about got it all together, things begin to break apart in your life? The early New England Primer Reader states: 'In Adam's fall, we sinned all! Truly, the Fall into Sin was-- & is--the Crash heard around the world, for the more people there are living on earth (5 billion now), the more evidence we see of the brokenness & destruction sin brings.

A Christian mother was reading this nursery rhyme to her 5 year old son: Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall; Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's

horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again'. The boy thought for a minute, and then as if he had come up with a solution, he beamed brightly and said: 'Jesus could have done it!' How true and in a much higher sense!

The apostle Paul tells us in the above reading that Jesus Christ not only put all things together in the beginning, but that He still holds them together. As the omnipotent Son of God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, He is the uniting force that holds both the physical universe and all of human history together.

He's the One who laid aside His eternal glory to become a human being for a period of 33 years as Jesus of Nazareth. And in His immeasurable love for us He went to Calvary's Cross in order to repair the brokenness of

our relationship to God. After defeating our enemies: sin, death and Satan, thru the sacrifice of His own precious life; Jesus Christ gave evidence of His victory by His glorious resurrection from the grave. Then before ascending to the right hand of the Father and His rightful place of glory, He declared in Matthew 28: "I have been given all power in heaven and on earth. Go and make disciples of ALL people: Baptize them in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always till the end of the world".

Throughout his Epistles St. Paul not only presents Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer, but also as our omnipotent Creator and

Sustainer. For instance, he tells the Ephesian Christians in chapter 1 that the Father has put His Son "above all rulers, authorities, powers, lords... and has put everything under His feet, and gave Him as the Head of everything to the Church, which is His body". Truly, "He holds everything together!"

Most important for you and me, who have been called to a living faith in Jesus Christ, He holds our little lives together. In a work that seems to be flying apart, not only does He have 'the whole world in His hands', but He also holds you and me.

So when things seem at their worst--when brokenness comes into our lives--we can rest assured that He holds all the pieces, and that He knows where every piece belongs. With Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in our lives, we've got it ALL together!

## Church Directory

Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm	The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Rev. William R. Jones Worship Service-10 am Communion first Sunday of each month	Somebody Cares Center Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour-9:30 am Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 am Morning Service-10:45 am L.I.F.E. (youth)-3 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7 pm	First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11 am Church Training-6 pm Evening Worship-7 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm
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## DEATH NOTICES

### Ervin Willman

Ervin Willman, 80, of Sonora died Tuesday, August 4, 1987 at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Kent Kepler officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Willman was born July 27, 1907 in Wagram in Mason County. He was married to Jennie Behrens November 3, 1928 in Mason. She preceded him in death in 1979. He was also preceded in death by one son, Joe Gayle in 1967. Ervin had been a resident of Sonora since 1934. He was self employed in the insurance business for many years and also worked at Home Hardware and Furniture and White's Auto. After retirement he

worked for K&K Kar Kare and enjoyed tending his garden. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Peggy Sharp of Sonora; five brothers, A.O. Willman of Austin, Tony Willman and Robert Willman both of San Antonio, Marvin Willman of Mason and Roy Willman of Marinette, Wisconsin; by one sister, Alice Dannheim of Mason; one granddaughter and her husband, Kathy and Ron Morris of Houston and by one grandson Michael Joe (Mickey) Sharp of Sonora.

Serving as pallbearers were: Max Hardegree, Jim Mathews, Bill Webster, Ronnie Cox, Curly Faulks, Doug Campbell, Bill Gosney, Bill Keel, Jack Kerbow and Jerry Kemp.

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WHELESS BAKER

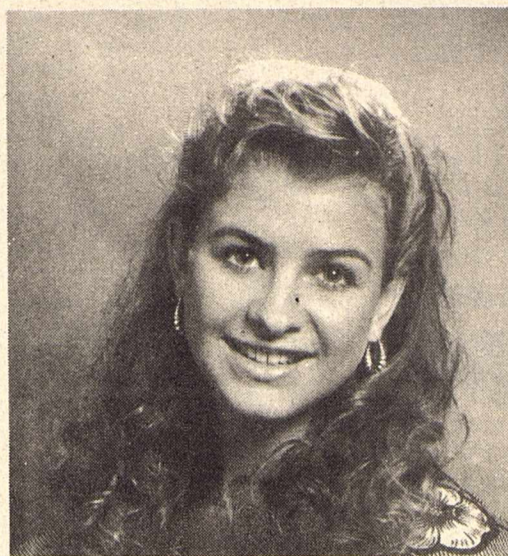
Wheless is the fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and is a junior at Sonora High School. She is sponsored by the Sonora Duplicate Bridge Club.

She is active in 4-H, National Honor Society, FCA, Peppermint Ball Club, basketball, track, high school rodeo and is an acolyte for St. John's Episcopal Church.

Wheless has received awards for National Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, served as Vice-president for the Freshman Class, secretary for the Peppermint Ball Club, 4-H Sweetheart, Junior Secretary of 4-H and Vice-president of 4-H.

Miss Baker plans to attend Texas A&M and major in animal science.

She enjoys reading, animals, and anything outdoors. "The people of Sutton County have always been unified, supportive, and generous in their contributions to our community. Sonora is a unique town exemplifying the friendliness of West Texas. I would consider it an honor to promote my town and represent my fellow citizens as Miss Sutton County."



PRECCIA MILLER

Preccia is the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson. A senior in Sonora High School, Preccia is sponsored by San Angelo Savings Association.

She has been a Varsity cheerleader for three years, is a member of FCA, the Debate Team, Student Council, a member of the Varsity Tennis Team for three years, and was a Freshman Class officer, 4-H Lamb Show, Wool and Mohair judging team, and is a member of the Junior Rodeo Association.

Preccia was a District 1st place Champion and Regional Qualifier in tennis, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, All American Cheerleader, a nominee for Lions Club Queen and runner-up.

Miss Miller plans to attend TCU and major in marketing. Her interests include cooking and snow-skiing.

"I feel at this point in my life the single most important thing I can do for the betterment of my community is to live up to my high moral standards, not only for my benefit, but for any influence that my life might have on other young people in the community. I feel being a leader in my own community, by representing Sutton County in this contest is a good start to be a better leader for my state and country plus a great honor."

A junior in high school, Leah is the sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown. She is sponsored by Sutton County National Bank.

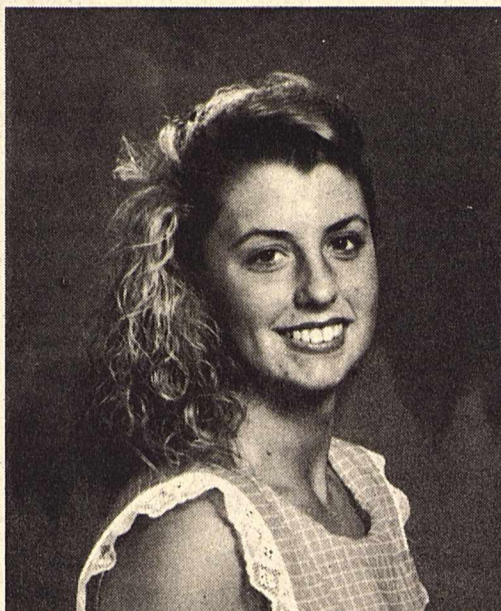
She is active in tennis, Varsity cheerleading, GAA's, 4-H, United States Gymnastics Federation, and the American Junior Quarterhorse Association.

Leah was a nominee for All American Cheerleader, won a 4-H Citizenship award, a member of the Top Ten Horse Judging Team at the San Antonio Stockshow, and has won gymnastic competition awards.

Miss Brown plans to attend Texas Tech and perhaps go into the field of child psychology.

She enjoys riding and showing horses, gymnastics, tennis, writing, poetry, dancing, cheerleading, arts and crafts, cooking, and working with children.

"I would like to represent our county because representing this community would be a great honor to me. I am proud to say that I'm from Sonora and I am also proud of the accomplishments of this community. Our town is very unique in that the people are warm, caring, and very friendly. I would be proud to serve as Miss Sutton County."



LEAH BROWN

Jannifer is the seventeen year old daughter of Blas and Mary Solis. A senior in high school, she is sponsored by Food Center.

She is involved in Spanish Club, band, choir and The Sweetheart Club.

Jannifer was the 1987 Sweetheart runner-up.

Miss San Miguel plans to attend the University of Texas at El Paso and study rehabilitation.

She enjoys dancing, talking on the phone, being with friends, meeting new people, and most of all, eating.

"I would like to represent our county as the Sutton County Queen because I've never had a chance to be involved with the community and this gives me an opportunity to do so. This could be the start for me to get involved. Miss Sutton County means alot to every young lady and I would like to be one of them who gets to experience being Miss Sutton County."



JANNIFER SAN MIGUEL



CAMILLE S. CAUTHORN

Camille is the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Cauthorn. She is a senior in high school and is sponsored by First National Bank of Sonora.

She is active in drama, band, and in the flag corp.

Camille was named to the UIL All Star Cast at Regional competition and received honorable mention at District competition.

Miss Cauthorn plans to attend Southwest Texas State University and major in television broadcasting.

She enjoys horseback riding, cooking, swimming, drama, clothes, and her porcelain doll collection.

"I would like to represent Sutton County because I have lived here all of my life and this is my hometown. I also think it would be an honor for me and my family because my great grandfather was one of the founders of Sonora."



KELLY WHITEHEAD

Kelly is the seventeen year old daughter of Bud and Tommy Whitehead. Sponsored by the Sutton County Historical Society, Kelly is a senior in high school.

She is active in MYF and has attended Camp Waldemar for the past five years, Varsity basketball, tennis, 4-H Club, High School Rodeo Team, and is a member of the AJRA Rodeo Association.

Kelly won 1st place in tennis at District, was voted Most Valuable Player at O.C. tennis camp and has won several tennis awards. She was also named All Around Cowgirl at the Big Lake Rodeo.

Miss Whitehead plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in interior design.

She enjoys tennis, swimming, meeting people, water and snow skiing, and rodeoing.

"I enjoy public relations and working with people. It will be a challenge and fun to represent Sutton County at the differnt functions this year. The Chamber of Commerce does so much to help Sonora, and I would like to be a part of this promotion."

Robbi is the seventeen year old daughter of Bobby and Ruth Ann Dickenson. She is a senior at Sonora High School and is sponsored by Shurley Industrial Park.

She is active in choir, band, FCA, GAA, track, and cross country.

Robbi was selected for State Choir Solo and Ensemble, regional Cross Country, and is a member of The Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Miss Dickenson plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Sociology.

She enjoys listening to music, singing, reading, running, and being with her friends.

"Running for Miss Sutton County is hard and demanding but it has it's advantages. It has allowed me to meet new people and has given me the chance to learn more about Sutton County. I feel that being chosen to represent Sutton County is an honor and a privelege. If chosen to be Miss Sutton County, I would represent Sutton County with honor and pride."



ROBBI DICKENSON



CYNTHIA KEPLER

Cynthia is the daughter of Kent and Virginia Kepler. Sixteen years of age, Cynthia is a junior in high school. She is sponsored by the Downtown Lions Club.

She is involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Club, band, tennis, UIL Number Sense and Calculator, choir accompanist, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, church choir and pianist, Youth Member of American Cancer Society, and SADD.

Cynthia won the Algebra II Award and was a regional competitor in Number Sense and a state competitor in Calculator.

Miss Kepler plans to attend Stanford University in California where she will study mathematics. She then plans to get a job in a math related field.

She enjoys reading, writing both short stories and letters, piano and choral music, puzzles, riding around with friends, and knitting.

"I have appreciated the warm welcome the members of this county have shown to both me and the members of my family during the one year we have been here. I welcome the opportunity to represent Sutton County."

Kanda is the sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kropp. She is a junior in high school and sponsored by the Sonora Golf Auxiliary.

She is active in FCA, GAA, tennis, is a J.V. cheerleader, and a member of the Spanish Club.

Kanda was selected as District Alternate for UIL Poetry.

Miss Kropp plans to attend UT for a year and hopes to attend one year of school in Norway if possible.

She enjoys reading poetry and collecting Classic Teddy Bears.

"I think that it would be a fun and educational experience. I would be very proud to represent the people of Sutton County."



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# School Board

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budget review, questions and comments from the audience were invited. Todd Meadows, tax representative from Enron, the largest single taxpayer in Sutton County, commended administration and the Board of Trustees on Sonora's lack of "gold plating" in the budget. He added that many districts throughout the state are not so considerate of the taxpayers' pocketbooks.

Clay Hicks, appearing in his capacity as chairman of the Tax Appraisal Review Board, questioned the expense of paying teachers the local supplement of \$3,500 over state base. He expressed the opinion that the local supplement was not necessary to recruit or to keep quality teachers, and suggested that the Board drop the local supplement.

Mrs. Winnie Allen commented that extra-curricular costs and school housing were two areas of major concern to her. She was answered by Todd Meadows who said that in his experiences, the

good morale and training learned in extra-curricular activities in the public school systems far outweighed the cost. He also pointed out that the many scholarships awarded students involved in these activities actually helped the local economies.

As to the 24 housing units available for school personnel, the rent charged not only provides for the upkeep, the excess is a source of income to the district, thus reducing the tax burden.

At this point, Board member Jim Garrett told the audience that the district's policy of providing the \$3,500 local supplement and school housing were two areas which had been highly commended in a recent accreditation audit conducted by the Texas Education Agency. He added that the auditors felt that both were a strong factor in Sonora's ability to attract and keep teachers and administrators of the highest caliber.

Todd Meadows, expressing approval of the proposed budget,

commended the director of business and the superintendent on their preparation of a budget which was without frills of any kind. He concluded his remarks with the observation that while "education costs a lot, ignorance costs a lot more."

The director of business explained to the Board and to the audience that the district would, in fact, be operating on a \$1 million deficit budget for the coming year if the tax rate of .087 per \$100 of valuation remained as is. This led to an explanation of the term "effective tax rate". Mr. McCarson defined that phrase as that rate which will generate the same amount of income as was generated the previous taxing year. In other words, as taxable values go down, the effective tax rate goes up, and vice versa.

He then explained that by using some of the district's reserves, the district could survive at the current tax rate for about two years, or until the fund balances were exhausted. At that time, presuming that the tax base remains much as it is now, a large tax increase would be necessary to cover the district's expenses. The increase would have to be greater than the eight per cent allowed without the risk of triggering a rollback situation.

He then said that in the event that a rollback proposition was approved by the voters, the district would be in dire financial straits--there would not be enough money to pay basic bills, meet the payroll, and cover the cost of teaching materials.

A three-year plan to increase the tax rate slightly each year was introduced and explained. Both the oil company tax representatives present--Mr. Tulloch of Meridian Oil and Todd Meadows of Enron--said that they had examined the plan and that it appears to be the best route to take in order to protect the fiscal integrity of the district.

A general discussion of the merits of a small tax rate increase,

ensued. Administration recommended the three-year plan as a protective measure to insure that the district will have the necessary funds in case the tax base stays much as it is now. The oil company representatives predicted a gradual increase over the next several years, but there is no guarantee that it will be enough to make up the drastic drop experienced in 1986. The matter will be decided when the tax rate is set by the Board early in September.

Superintendent Bible told the Board that Menard Special Education Co-op area superintendent had met and appointed Mary Ella McCarson as the new director. They also elected to move the administrative functions of the Co-op to Sonora, leaving the fiscal function in Menard. The Co-op office will be in two rooms of the old Kindergarten metal buildings. The Co-op will pay utilities.

Mr. Bible informed the Board that employee health insurance bids had been received and were under study for the Board's action on August 11.

The Board, with a motion by Julio Samaniego and a second by Sam Perez, accepted resignations from Helen Huffman, Kathy Donoho and Eddie Noriega. The motion carried unanimously.

Sam Perez moved to employ Carol Graham and Selena Galbreath as high school English teachers for the 1987-88 school year. The motion was seconded by Gary Hardgrave and unanimously carried.

On motion of Sam Perez and a second by Gary Hardgrave, Rodolfo Perez was unanimously hired as a member of the custodial staff.

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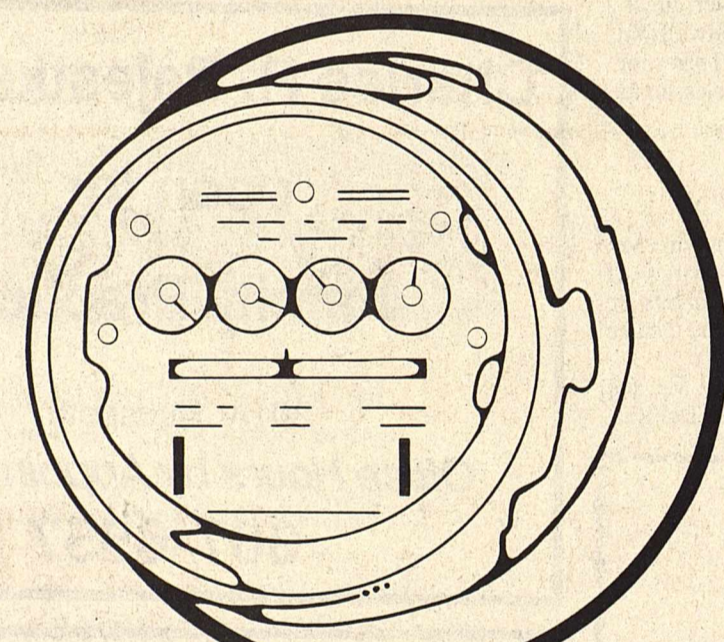
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