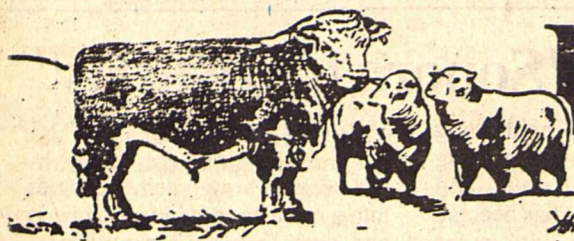


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Christmas baskets

Once again this year the Ministerial Alliance will coordinate the giving of food baskets to needy families here in Sonora. We are asking that you turn in names of persons needing a basket to the Justice of the Peace office in the courthouse.

If you care to help fund these baskets, you may give your contribution to the Community Fund to Roberta James at First National Bank, or to any of the pastors in town, naming the Ministerial Alliance as the recipient.

Social Security

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his December visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, December 20, between 9:30 and 10:30 a. m.

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

Al Anon meetings

Al Anon meetings are held Thursday night at 8 p. m. Newcomers meet at 7:30 p.m.

Please call 387-5775 for further information.

Los Amigos club

In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, the Los Amigos Club has chosen to recognize the hispanic young men who are serving in the armed forces. We honor those who are not only stationed in the Middle East, but also those who are overseas as well as here in the states. Their valor and courage has been worthy of recognition and honor.

We pray for their safety and safe return to our community.

Family shelter

The ICD Family Shelter holds support and counseling for victims of domestic violence and their supporters every Tuesday at 7 p. m. The sessions are open to the public and activities are available for children.

For more information call 655-5774. Outside of San Angelo, call toll-free 1-800-749-8631.

Hotline Number

Violence need not be a part of your life. Call the Family Shelter in San Angelo at 655-5774 or 1-800-749-8631. Transportation is available.

Clinic Services

The Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. is providing complete family planning services and confidential AIDS testing and counseling at the San Angelo Clinic at 2619 Sherwood Vay. All services are confidential and based on a sliding fee scale. For more information call (915) 944-1909.

evil of a Deal

Our subscribers can now place buy, sell or trade ads in a weekly column designed for commercial purposes. A minimum of 20 words or five lines are allowed for anything less than vehicles, help-wanted ads or real estate. Ads must be placed by 5 p.m. Fridays.



DRN staff photo by Griffin B. Cole

LETTER CAMPAIGN - Stetson Hall and Mayra Carbajal, first graders, write letters to let Santa know what they want for Christmas. See the Letters To Santa tab in this week's paper to find out what these two and other kids requested for Christmas from Santa.

Foster kids provide special gift

By Griffin B. Cole
DRN Editor

For Alan and Sharon Alexander the Christmas season has been a time of joyful transition as their family gained two members in a matter of hours.

Chris, almost three, and Justin, 11 weeks, joined their foster parents just in time to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Alan and Sharon completed their required 10 weeks of MAPP training Monday Dec. 10 and settled in for an expected long wait before becoming foster parents. Instead, they received a call the next day telling them to pick up the two boys.

It took time for the Alexander's to become foster parents.

Alan gave credit to a couple of sources for getting involved in the program at all, "Between Lions Club and Maxine (Locklin), we got our foot in the door."

Alan and Sharon found out about the foster care program through a West Side Lion's Club

presentation earlier this year. The very next day Alan called Maxine and "got into it."

The next step was the 10 weeks of MAPP training. MAPP stands for Model Approach to Partnerships and Parenting. Alan described it as, "Three hours of classing each night preparing us for how to deal with abused kids of all types. They made us ready for the worst."

Alan and Sharon consider themselves very lucky as Chris and Justin were not abused.

During a telephone interview (Sharon and Alan both work, it is difficult to get both together during the day) Sharon described Chris as real friendly, "I woke him up at 8:30 this morning and the first thing he said was, 'Hi'. I think it's amazing."

Alan agreed, "If (Chris) walked in right now he'd say 'Hi'."

Of course, Justin is a typical baby waking up at strange hours ready to be fed. "It's something (I) have to adjust to," said Sharon.

Holiday business is steady

By Griffin B. Cole
DRN Editor

It has not been a stampede but steady business during the Christmas season keeps local businesspersons in a positive frame of mind.

While reluctant to go into any real detail, John Tedford, owner of Tedford's Jewelry, said, "We have remodeled the store and this reflects our confidence in the economy of Sonora."

Hill's Jewelry owner, J.T. Hill, said his business for 1990 appears to be up some from 1989. Hill said the numbers for the season really cannot be known until the season is over because so many people wait until the last minute to shop.

"The last week is usually the busiest," said Hill. "In my business if I make one good sale it could change the figures for a day a whole lot."

Carol Parker of Merle Norman Cosmetics agreed, "I really won't know my numbers...or how I did until Christmas Eve."

Hill couldn't put a finger on why he feels business is better but

offered, "More people are getting more hours who work for an hourly rate....That hasn't been the case for three or four years."

Parker said she can't complain about the business she has received lately. "Summer into fall I've seen an increase in my

business," said Parker.

She has added another member to the sales staff as well.

While Hill usually gets a rush toward the end of the Christmas shopping season, Parker said that has not been the case with her, "It

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DRN staff photo by Griffin B. Cole

DRAWING WINNER - Julie Jones, daughter of Cleve III and Lolabeth Jones, talks with Don Jones after being selected a winner in the second Merchants Association Share the Pride drawing.

Drawing winners named

Six winners were selected during the second round of drawings in the Sonora Merchants Association Share the Pride Christmas drive.

Winners took home gift certificates ranging in value from \$88 to \$200. Saturday's winners included Mandy Turk, \$88; Bernice Ramirez, \$115; Karen Voight, \$125; Julie Jones, \$145; Terry Shannon, \$160 and Belia Reyna \$200.

Two more drawing are still scheduled for the Share the Pride drive. The next drawing will be Saturday in the Perry's parking lot. That will be followed by another drawing Christmas Eve day downtown.

Both drawings will begin at 2 p.m. People may still get involved by getting tickets at participating businesses in Sonora.

Some of the surprise sellers include little kitchen sets which James said can go for \$80 or so. And, thanks to a few wins, Dallas Cowboys items have picked up.

As for adults, James said the big gifts, televisions, VCRs,

refrigerators still sell but not as much for Christmas gifts.

Both owners of the jewelry stores in town say there isn't any specific items people are looking to purchase this year.

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Ninja Turtles lead the pack

By Griffin B. Cole
DRN Editor

While the traditional colors for Christmas are green and red, it is the green portion which is making the waves this shopping season.

Green as in Ninja Turtles, and the bucks being dished out to purchase the items which have put kids in a frenzy ever since the hit movie came out this summer.

Clara James at Sears said Ninja Turtles are the hottest item by far. Actually hottest items since anything with the Ninja Turtles on them is fair game. Anything from figures, watches and sheets to underwear featuring the characters disappears fast. Halloween may be over, but James said Ninja Turtle costumes continue to sell well.

Nintendo items are doing well too, said James, "You put Nintendo by the name and it's gone."

Simpson items are still popular, but not as much as James thought they would be.

The old stand by, Barbie dolls, is having another hot selling year. All the accessories also continue to be popular.



DRN staff photo by Griffin B. Cole

HELL'S BELLS - Rice Brooks talks to area youngsters during last week's Hell's Bells held at the 4-H center. In the neighborhood of 400 people turned out each night to see Brooks founder of Champions for Christ.

Hell's Bells: revival steps into the modern times

By Griffin B. Cole
DRN Editor

Dressed sharp, but not stuffy, young, tall and handsome, Rice Brooks of Midland attracts young people.

Brooks, founder of Champions for Christ, came to Sonora last Wednesday and Thursday for Hell's Bells: Reel to Real. Brooks described the two evenings as, "Trying to look at our culture and ask what is going on."

Sonora responded with crowds in the 4-H Center at or approaching 400 both evenings. Most of the crowd was made up of high school students most likely drawn by the attachment made to rock music.

It was the old time revival reaching into the new age.

Brooks uses the look at rock music more as a prop than anything else. The major portion of the program is preaching by

Brooks, who is a non-denominational minister.

His approach is forceful, so Brooks says, "I'm a minister who stirs things up."

Brooks believes society has put those who believe in God "in a little Christian reservation." By that, he means speaking about how the belief in God is not real popular. But he is not afraid to do so.

"Society has gotten a way of thinking...and nobody is challenging it," said Brooks.

It's also an approach which is appealing to children, especially teenagers. Using both humor and mocking, Brooks had the audiences attention. And when he asked for those who may have decided they wanted God in their lives more, each evening nearly 100 people, again, mostly teenagers, joined him at the front.

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Just Chatting

By Griffin Cole
DRN Publisher



Keep that guard up

Last week's Hell's Bells turned out to be the first revival meeting I ever attended. It caught me a little off guard because I didn't expect a revival, but more of a live documentary about the evils of rock music.

But then again, I was caught off guard on several things concerning Hell's Bells. The first thing that really struck me about this Rice Brooks guy was how tall he was.

I was sitting toward the back and never really got a great view of Rice until I walked up to meet him after the first night's show. When I finally did get a chance to shake his hand I was struck dumb.

Rice was about three inches taller than me and built like the perfect defensive back in the NFL. But what really struck me was how much he looked like Joe Montana of the San Francisco 49ers.

Since I didn't think this would be the proper thing to point out, being a professional journalist, I decided on something much more appropriate.

I said, "Boy, you're a lot taller than I thought."

I know that had to impress the heck out of him. This guy has been around reporters from papers like the Chicago Tribune and New York Times and I acted just like a dumb weekly newspaper editor people like to make fun of.

I turned red, mentioned I'd like to interview him after the program the next day and quickly retreated.

The next night I was getting some photos of Rice and he stood on a chair. Perfect, that would make a great shot. I slowly worked myself to the other side to get a shot. He saw me and said, "Uh oh, here's the newspaper man, I better get down."

And he did get down before I could get a shot of him.

So far it's 2-0 Rice Brooks.

He made it 3-0 just prior to the interview. I'm all set to ask my first brilliant question and Rice says, "What did you think of the

show? Let me interview you first."

That sort of thing just isn't supposed to happen.

I guess that's why I like this business so much. You just don't know what's going to happen or who you're going to meet and how they will act. The best thing is I have filed away all these strange things and will know what to do next time.

With my luck though, the instance will never happen again and I won't be able to use my well thought up answers.

Another step has been taken in my becoming a Texan. Green Bay was stomped by Philadelphia 31-0 Sunday, but my day wasn't ruined because Dallas and Houston each picked up victories. Slowly, but surely, my allegiance to Texas football is becoming a reality.

Of course, it helps that Houston is 8-6 and Dallas is 7-7 while Green Bay has stumbled to 6-8.

Another reason to cut my ties to Wisconsin. With "dipping" being rather popular this story should get a few guffaws.

While dipping is also done in Wisconsin sometimes the folks can get a little confused. A friend and I were in a local drinking establishment during my college days and decided to visit the bathroom. As we walk in two guys are holding a can of a popular brand of dip.

What really struck us funny was the two guys had the can up to their noses. When we asked what they thought they were doing, one replied, "Well, it says it's snuff on the can."

Just another reason Texans can make fun of Yankees.

One other special note: one of the guys trying the "snuff" is a television reporter now. You would never find a newspaper reporter doing anything of the sort.



WINNING DOOR - This door won the most Christmacy award at the annual junior high school competition. The other winners are pictured on page 7.

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For Your Information...

By Lolabeth Jones
County Extension Agent-
Home Economics



Merry Christmas to all of you!

Never Fail Fudge

- 3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup margarine
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk (5.3 ounces)
- 1 12-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 7-ounce jar marshmallow creme (small)
- 1 cup nuts, chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, margarine and milk in a heavy 2 1/2-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling 5 minutes over medium heat, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Remove from heat. Stir in chocolate. Continue stirring until melted. Add marshmallow creme, nuts and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Pour in greased 13x9-inch pan. Cool and cut into small squares. Yields about 4 dozen pieces.

Peanut Butter Balls

- 1 12-ounce jar crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup margarine
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 pound confectioners sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup nuts, finely chopped
- 1 4-ounce bar paraffin
- 1 12-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips

Mix first 6 ingredients well. Hand roll into logs about size of little finger. Melt paraffin and chocolate chips in top of double boiler. With a fork, dip logs one at a time into chocolate mixture. Place on waxed paper to dry. Yields 100 or more.

Better if logs are made one day, refrigerated, and dipped the next day. May be kept several weeks in a tin.

Old Fashioned Fudge

- 4 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 cup Karo (white)
- 1 cup half and half
- 3 or 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups (or more if you wish) pecans

Mix sugar and cocoa. Mix Karo and half and half together and add to sugar mixture. Mix well. Using a heavy, well buttered pan with a lid on it, cook on medium high until it comes to a full, rolling boil.

At this point, taste test for undissolved sugar. A single undissolved sugar crystal, can ruin the entire batch of fudge!

When the sugar is completely dissolved, insert a candy thermometer (a thermometer is essential for candy) and cook to 230 degrees.

Remove from heat and add butter, vanilla and pecans. Beat vigorously and thoroughly until mixture loses its gloss; turn out on buttered marble or foil. Let cool.

Caramel (Patience) Clusters

- 6 c. granulated sugar
- 2 c. half & half cream
- 1 T. white corn syrup
- 1/4 tsp. soda
- 1/2 c. real butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. pecan halves

Carmalize 2 cups of sugar by melting it in a heavy skillet. Combine 4 cups sugar and half and half and corn syrup in a large, deep saucepan. (Bring this mixture to a boil while other sugar is caramelizing.)

Pour caramalized sugar slowly into boiling mixture, stirring constantly. (Mixture will bubble up. Keep stirring!) Cook to 240 F., stirring frequently.

Remove from heat; immediately add soda, stirring vigorously as it foams up.

Add butter, and stir until mixture is very thick and creamy (PATIENCE!! This step takes a long time!)

Add pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Swirl tops of clusters. Keep indefinitely.

Peanut Brittle

- 3 cups white sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 teaspoons soda
- 1 cup white Karo Syrup
- 3 cups raw peanuts
- 3 teaspoons butter

Mix sugar, syrup and water together and cook until mixture threads. Add peanuts and stir continuously, cooking until syrup mixture turns light brown in color, and peanuts are done. Remove from fire and add soda, salt and butter. Stir until thoroughly mixed and pour onto a buttered cookie sheet. Spread as thin as possible.

Toasted Nuts

Put a small amount of popcorn oil into shallow pan, pour in nuts and stir until they are well coated. There should not be any excess oil in pan but enough to give an oily surface to each nut. Set the pan in oven and stir often until they become light brown. Drain them on paper toweling then spread on platter and sprinkle with salt.

Peanut Patties

- 2 1/2 c. sugar
- 2/3 white Karo syrup
- 1 cup canned milk
- 3 cups raw peanuts

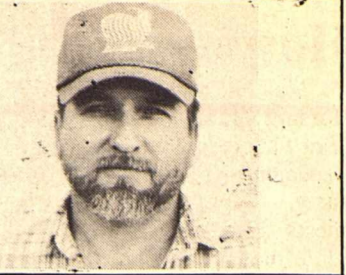
Cook 1 hour on low heat--stir often. Then add: red food coloring, 1 T. butter, 1 T. vanilla, pinch of salt. Cool--heat until thickens--then spoon on wax paper.

French Fried Peanuts

Heat deep fryer to 375 F. and put peanuts in hot Peanut Oil. In 4 minutes take peanuts out of boiling oil and drain them on paper toweling. Spread peanuts on a platter and sprinkle with salt.

Ramblin'

By Jim Fish
Contributing writer



Search: "Sonora Christmas"

There are many coalescing factors responsible for making Christmas the personal and institutional holiday it has become in today's society. It is as individual as the memories and experiences each of us collect during a lifetime of living. It is a state of mind built on a foundation of past Christmases, ever evolving as we progress from this to the next; always blossoming into something a little better or slightly different each year.

For about a month each year, both perspective and lifestyle revolves around the expression and perpetuation of some basic Christian beliefs. Every year we find evidence to show that good is always accompanied by elements of negative significance. This, too, is good.

The sadness we feel at the plight of the homeless and less fortunate steers our compassion towards more humble and benevolent priorities. The subtle gratitude we feel when helping to relieve such burdens is a gift unto itself. The effect can be likened to that of a battery charger, giving us a boost to sustain us through the months in between when society's good side is not as apparent.

When it seems as though commercialization has descended upon Christmas as would a vulture; are we forgetting our nation is economically based on capitalist principles? It is by means of profit from Christmas sales that many businessmen support and sustain Christmas for children, family and friends. It is the livelihood by which they contribute to the less fortunate and support civic and personal interests within the community. The sale of their services and wares assists us as we express ourselves at this time every year.

Most important, through the realization that we tend to overdo

it at times, we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas spirit. We seek to bring such deficiencies into a more harmonious balance in our own lives and are able to rectify social imbalances in our community through our actions.

When we have matured to such a state when the magic of the yuletide season can be produced without the aid of a child's fantasy, we discover the reality on which the more meaningful "magic" is rooted. I can't speak for everyone, but much of my appreciation stems from the solitude and insecurities experienced while being abroad and at war during past seasons. When I combine that with all those special moments and memories in my past, and play my part in the imaginations of my children, it makes the time with them more precious.

As a community, we have the opportunity to create a "Sonora Christmas." We are able to look back on our hundred or so past years and express the season as only Sonorans can. Through our rich moral fiber and heritage steeped in American Indian, Mexican, and cowboy flavors, we can produce Christmases entirely unique to our region. It is by the medium of our various talents, skills and abilities that we are able to convey to the world, "This is who we are and what we are all about. This is the manner in which we celebrate the best that mankind has to offer and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ." That is what we carry with us throughout our lives.

Everywhere, we can find things to bring us down, but they are the very things that propel our spirits to soar the heights of Christmas. They give life purpose, by providing barriers to overcome.

Merry Christmas Sonorans, where ever you are.

Healthcare

By M. Scott Gilmore
Hospital Administrator



The paradox of healthcare

The shell game of shifting costs from one party to another has done little to alleviate the pain in health care for the past decade. By pain, I mean hospital closings, a decline in social fairness, and continuing decline of inner city health services, such as emergency rooms, training networks, and health care statistics for the poor. Few people argue with the conclusion that health care is in a terrible mess and enlightened leadership is needed. It is becoming clear that the "old saw" for health care reform just won't work. No longer can we say greater efficiency, increased competition, managed care, more technology, controlled hospital expenses, controlled doctor bills, or a one-time government fix (a peace dividend, if you will) will correct the ills of the current health care system. Experience has shown that the problem transcends these often discussed solutions. Even if we started today to address the problem, it would take us a decade to get solutions in place.

How we think about health care seems fundamental to the discussion. Health care in the U. S. has traditionally been delivered on an individual-focused basis to the customer. This individual focus is consistent with a deeply held political and philosophical view of democracy and freedom in the United States. Up to this time, most consumers only focused on health care issues when they, or members of their family, were patients. This interface and focus was on a limited individual level. When a life was at stake and it was in one's family, then any cost was justifiable to save that life. And now we must ask: How much is enough?

Costs relating to treating diseases and normal wear and tear on the human body as it ages have

escalated to amounts far beyond what a typical person can afford. Combine these costs with the mind-set that each individual is entitled to the best care and one arrives at the present impasse we face on a national basis: If each person pursues his own best care without regard to cost, to self, or to society, we end up depriving others of adequate care, whether by a calculated decision or by default. The solution of this dilemma is as much a discussion about individual and societal values as a debate about costs. Health care policy has become a national issue and demands a national discussion and consensus.

The dialogue about such a broad-based national issue should involve or concern the entire population. Citizens have always been consumers of health care but what has changed is that health care is in such a state of crisis that fundamental issues of national priorities, ethics, limits, and health care rationing are on the table to be discussed. Daniel Callahan, an expert on medical ethics at the Hastings Center, suggests in his book, *What Kind of Life*, that the debate needs to address some fundamental questions. His list includes:

*What place and importance should be given to health care in managing our political and social systems?

*What kind of life is appropriate to expect medicine help us achieve?

*How much and what kind health does a society need in order to be a good society?

*Who is to provide it, pay it, and take responsibility for it?

NEXT WEEK: "...propose solutions have abounded, improved quality, efficiency, appropriate access have not realized..."

Hospital auxiliary holds meeting

The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary met at Lura Sawyer's home on Monday, December 10 for their Christmas Party. Nineteen members and guests were served refreshments while they listened to a program of carols sung by Joy Galbreath, accompanied by Doris Rousselot.

Virginia Epps was given useful articles to be donated to the Concho Valley Home for Girls for Christmas.

There will be no meeting in January and plans for the Bridge and Forty Two Benefit, to be held in March, will be finalized at the February meeting.

In search of Miss Texas American Coed

Applications are now being accepted for girls who are interested in participating in the eighth annual Miss Texas American Coed Pageant, which will be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston on June 28-29, 1991. The pageant has four age divisions; Coeds 16-19, Teens 13-15, and Pre-teens 8-12.

Last year over \$600,000 in cash awards, prizes, and scholarships were given out nationwide. The winner of the Coed pageant will receive an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii to participate in that national pageant next August.

The winners of the Teen and Pre-teen age divisions will receive a trip to Tampa to compete in their national pageants, along with a day in Disneyworld.

The reigning Miss Texas American Coed is Rebecca Packard from Vidor, Texas. She also holds the current national title. The Miss Texas American Pre-Teen is Emily Jordan from Texarkana, Texas.

For applications and further information write or call: American Coed Pageants 12005 Brookmill Point, Alpharetta, GA 30201; 404-475-4057.

Whiddon completes recruit training

Navy Seaman Recruit Timothy K. Whiddon, son of James L. Whiddon, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During Whiddon's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

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

A 1990 graduate of Sonora High School, he joined the Navy in September 1990.

Business From page 1

has been steadier through the month rather than toward the end...and that's good.

Clara James at the Sears store is going through her first Christmas, which she describes as busy, "You can definitely see business is picking up in Sonora," said James.

Most of James business is done through the catalog which means it will take time to get the items. James wishes people would order earlier to insure the customer gets their items.

Toys From page 1

"Purchases are...going to be in the medium range," said Hill.

Hill said sometimes the jewelry industry will advertise more, but this has not been one of those years.

Tedford Jewelry's John Tedford said his store stresses items of quality that will still be in style 10 years from now.

"People don't come in looking for one particular item," said Tedford. "We stay away from trendy items."

Carol Parker of Merle Norman also tends to stay away from faddish things. She said her business just doesn't lend itself to that kind of selling.

Raffle held at St. Ann's Church

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

The members of St. Ann's Church would like to express their sincere appreciation to the citizens of Sonora for their support of the fund raising effort at their church.

Thanks to all of you we were able to raise \$1662 for roof repairs received from the hailstorm in May.

Winners of the prizes were: John Zook, gift certificate from Country Fried Chicken 'n Fish; LaNell Garcia, \$25 gift certificate from Pizza Hut; Lisa Schiederma, \$25 gift certificate from La Mexicana; Jessie Paredes, \$100 gift certificate from L & H Groceries; Joe Anthony Guerra, \$25 gift certificate from Tedford Jewelry; Yvonne Rodriguez, \$30 gift certificate from Commercial Restaurant; Catherine Kepler, one copy of Sutton Co. Centennial Celebration video tape from Cameron Resources Co.; Brenda Murillo, \$25 gift certificate from Hill's Jewelry; Sara Guiterrez, \$25

gift certificate from Avon from Sandra Luz Gonzalez; Pat Robbins, \$50 savings bond; Eddie Sawyer, \$25 gift certificate from Westernman Drug from Jim Ramsey; Cynthia Ward, \$20 gift certificate from Sonic, \$25 gift certificate from Pizza Hut, and \$26.18 gift certificate from Sutton County Steakhouse; Billy Burch, gift certificate for free car wash and complete oil change from Live Oak "66"; Kent Brown, \$50 savings bond from Wayne Munn Real Estate; Boomer Galindo, \$100 gift certificate from Food Center; Juanita Coronado, \$25 gift certificate from Westernman Drug-Ron Cox donor; Regina Guerra, \$25 gift certificate from Sugar and Spice Baby Wear; Lourdes Garcia, \$50 savings bond from Beverly & LeeRoy Valliant; Prajediz Aviala,

Students attend ballet

Kristen Hicks recently accompanied her advanced ballet students to a presentation of the "Nutcracker" in San Antonio. On Friday, December 7, the students saw Ballet West from the Netherlands perform the holiday favorite at Lila Cockrell Theater.

Girls that attended were Lora Hale, Sarah Marrs, Carla Weaver, Ashley Brockman, Kimberly Bustamante, Sarah Cook, Kristen Hardgrave and Erin Marrs.

A note of appreciation to citizens of Sutton County

I wish to express my gratitude to the citizens of Sutton County for letting me serve you through

pleasure and if I can assist any of you through out my remaining years, just give me a call. May God Bless each of you.

Herman and Maydell Moore
Retired & fishing.

Senior Center menu

Monday, December 24 - HOLIDAY

Tuesday, December 25 - HOLIDAY

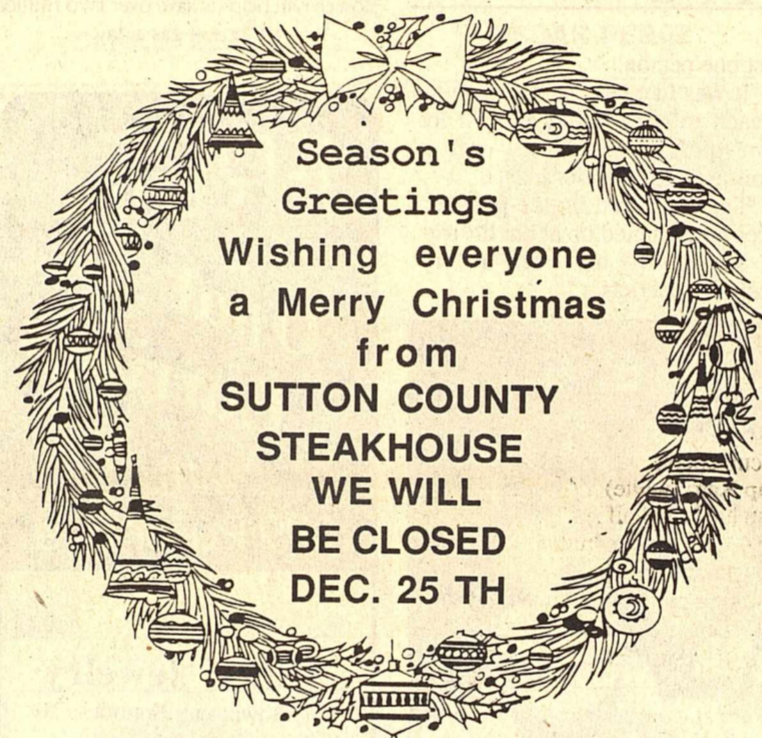
Wednesday, December 26 - Hamburger pattie w/ cheese, potato salad, sliced tomatoes & lettuce, hamburger buns, onions and pickles and apricots.

Thursday, December 27 - Oven fried chicken, red beans, spinach, cornbread and lemon squares.

Friday, December 28 - Roast beef w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, hot rolls, coleslaw and brownies.

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Proud grandparents are Gary and Marcia Schwieng of Roosevelt and Jay and Judy Edmondson of Sonora.

\$50 savings bond from Lura & Eddie Sawyer; R. W. Palmer, \$25 gift certificate from Perrys; Sonny Samaniego, \$25 gift certificate from Gosney's; and Lalo Gonzalez, \$50 gift certificate from Air Con Heating and Air Conditioning.

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Obituaries

Evalyn McDonald

Evalyn McDonald, 80, died Tuesday, December 11, 1990 in a local hospital.

Services were held on Thursday, December 13 at St. John's Episcopal Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born April 27, 1910, in Mart. She received a master's degree from Baylor University and was a retired teacher. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Texas State Teachers Association and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include four sisters, Maurine Smylie of Henderson, Mary Folley and Alyne Wood, both of Fort Worth, and Nellie Moore of Sonora; and several nieces and nephews.

Cordie Drennan

Cordie Drennan, 82, died Wednesday, December 12, 1990 in a local hospital.

Services were held Friday, December 14 at First Baptist Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Born January 1, 1908, in Sonora, she was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Drennan of Odessa and Roland Drennan of McKinney; three daughters, Bobbie Smith of Sonora, Frances Johnson of Lubbock and Ruth Ford of Denver City; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Edith McCutchen

Edith Joyce McCutchen, 53, of Grandfalls died Saturday, December 8, 1990 in a Monahans hospital.

Services were held on Monday, December 10 at First United Methodist Church in Bronte with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, directed by Clyde Wilson Funeral home.

She was born September 11, 1937, in Silver Valley. A housewife, she was a member of the Union Church of Grandfalls.

She was preceded in death by one son, David F. McCutchen, December 29, 1981.

Survivors include her husband, Harold F. McCutchen of Grandfalls; a son, Harold Lynn McCutchen of Kilgore; two daughters Beverly Gail Munoz of Farmington, N. M., and Susan Leigh Henderson of Sonora; five grandchildren; her mother, Viola Faries of Coleman; three brothers, Glen Faries of Coleman, David Faries of Big Lake and Jerry Faries of Fort Worth; and a sister, Bessie Pennington of Mertzon.



DRN staff photo by Griffin B. Cole

HELPING HAND - Seco Mayfield, left, hands over a check for more than \$1,300 to Maxine Locklin representative of the Sutton County Child Protective Services. The money is from the wishing well at the Caverns of Sonora in which tourists from around the world donated to.

Broocks/from page 1

Event chairpersons were pleased with the turnout, but for Broocks the turnout is difficult to gauge.

"I've spoken before a million people at one time, so I'm a little immune to it."

Numbers do not really matter to Broocks who said one time he walked into a room and there was

just one person.

"It was like God said, 'Learn to preach to one person and I'll let you preach in front of a thousand,'" said Broocks.

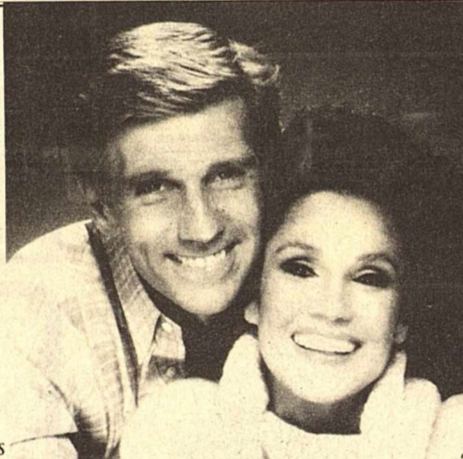
"I'm impressed by the people," Broocks summed up about his trip to Sonora, "It has been a very positive experience."

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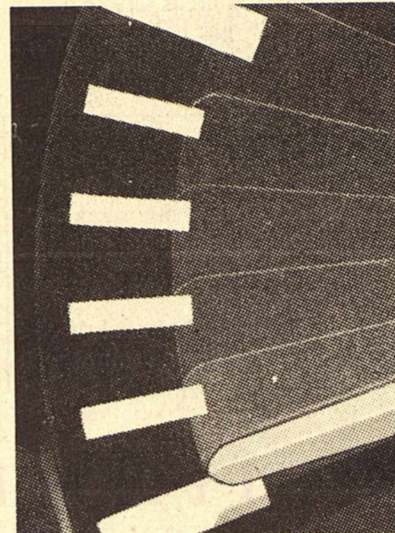


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New Life Assembly of God 306 N. 4th Street Sun. Worship 10:30 am Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm Weds. Study 7:00 pm Daniel Timmerman, Pastor	Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's / 387-2679 or 7-3947 English Meeting Public Talk-10 am Sun. Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed. Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday Bible Study-7:30 Monday	Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8 pm Charles Huffman, Pastor
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Somebody Cares Ministry 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)-3:00 pm Evening Service-6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 pm	Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm	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- Wed. 7:15 pm Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11:00 am Church Training-6:00 pm Evening Worship-7:00 pm Wednesday Service-7:00 pm	First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KHOS 92.1 FM-11 am Chancel Choir Wednesday-7:30 pm	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea de Dios St. Ann's Street Sunday School-10 am Sun. Worship Serv.-11 am Sun. Evening Serv.- 5 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm Friday Prayer Meeting-7 pm Daniel Diaz de Leon, Pastor

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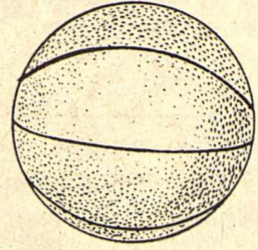
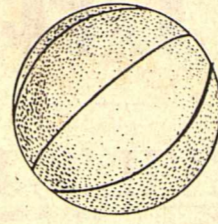
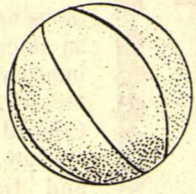
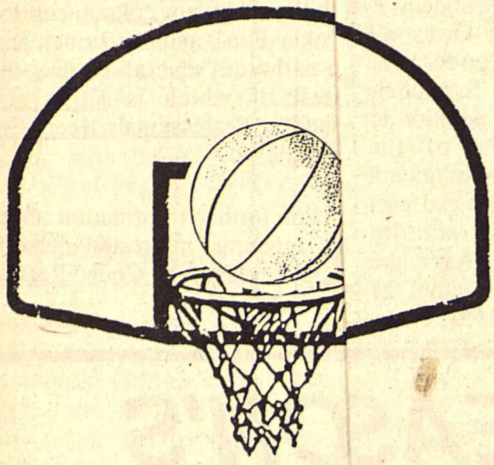


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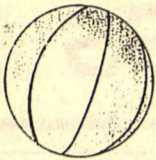
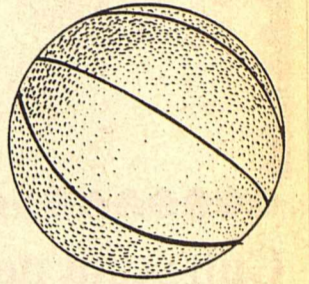
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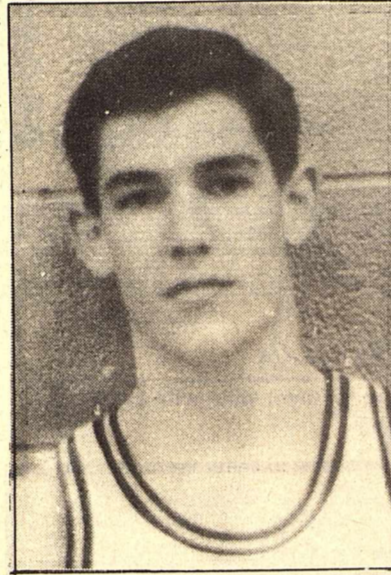
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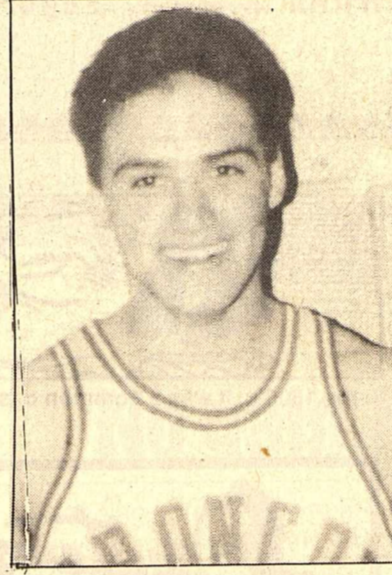
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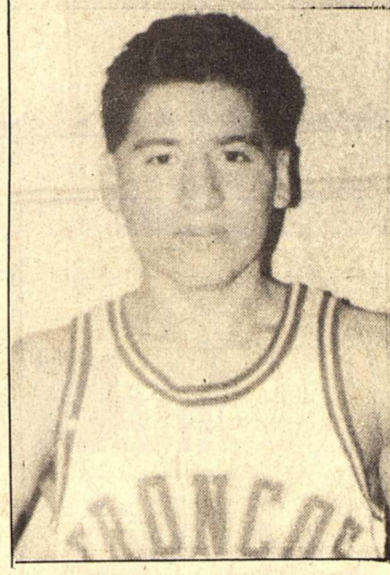
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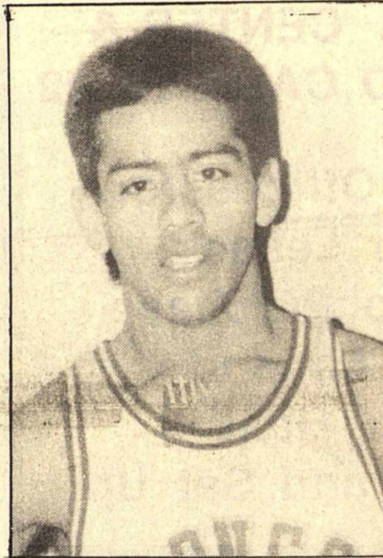
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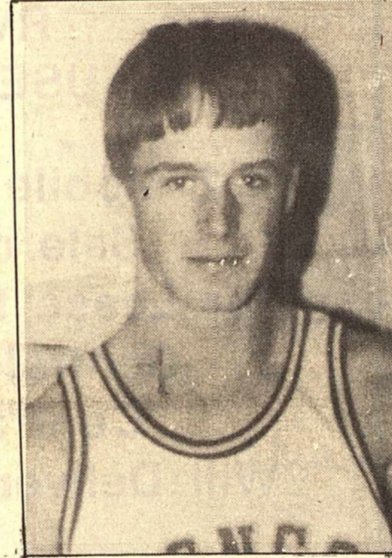
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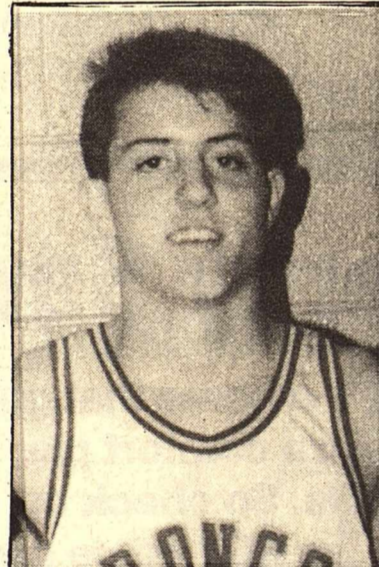
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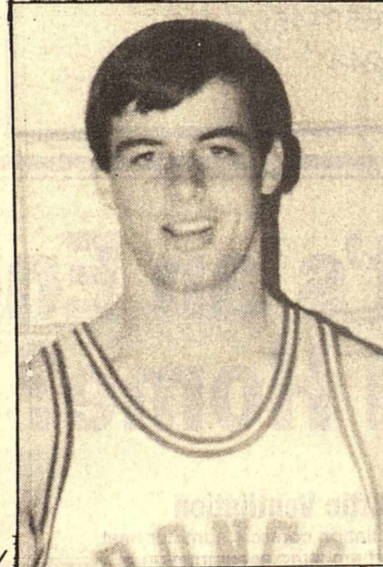
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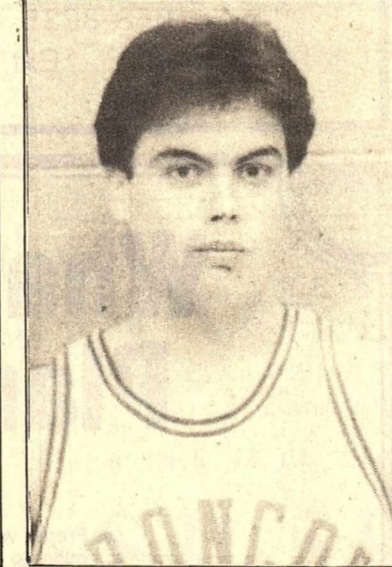
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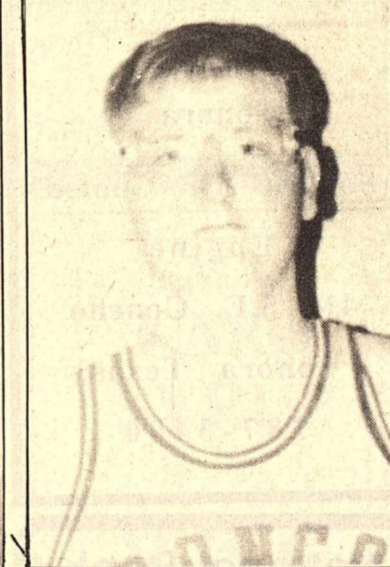
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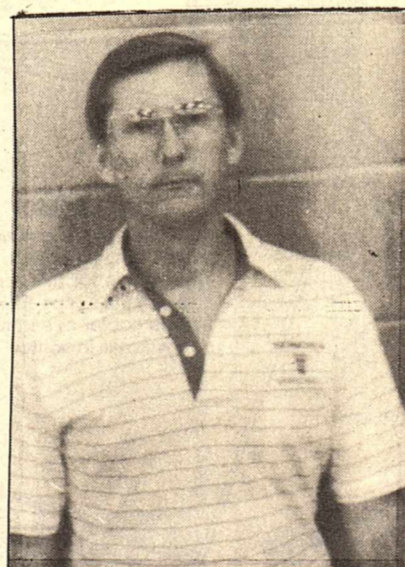
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Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

November 13	McCamey	Here	66-53
November 16	Junction	Here	53-25
November 20	Wall	There	23-42
November 27	Ozona	There	53-35
Nov 29-Dec 1	Sonora Invitational Tournament		W2-L1
December 4	Junction	There	45-40
Dec. 6-8	Irann Tournament		W2-L1
December 11	Lake View	There	72-57
December 18	Ballinger	Here	6:30p.m.
Dec. 27-29	Texas Basketball Festival (Kerrville)	TBA	
January 4	Colorado City	There	8:00p.m.
January 8	Crane	Here	6:00p.m.
January 11	Greenwood	There	6:30p.m.
January 15	Reagan County	There	6:30p.m.
January 18	Kermit	There	5:00p.m.
January 25	Colorado City	Here	6:30p.m.
January 29	Crane	There	6:30p.m.
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December 14	Lake View	There	43-64
December 18	Ballinger	Here	8:00p.m.
Dec. 27-29	Texas Basketball Festival (Kerrville)	TBA	
December 31	Ozona	Here	2:30p.m.
January 4	Mason	There	8:00p.m.
January 8	Crane	Here	7:30p.m.
January 11	Greenwood	Here	8:00p.m.
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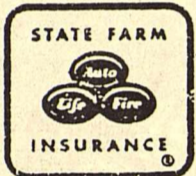
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Best wishes for a prosperous new year,

Griffin B. Cole
Griffin B. Cole, Editor

Mohair council hold meeting

The Mohair Council of America will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on January 24, 1991 at the Plaza San Antonio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. 1991 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Council.

Mark McLaughlin, President of the Mohair Council, urges all mohair producers and persons with an interest in the U. S. mohair industry to attend. In addition to the regular business of the Council, reports on domestic and foreign markets surveys and past and future Council activity reports, growers will have the opportunity to elect directors for 1991.

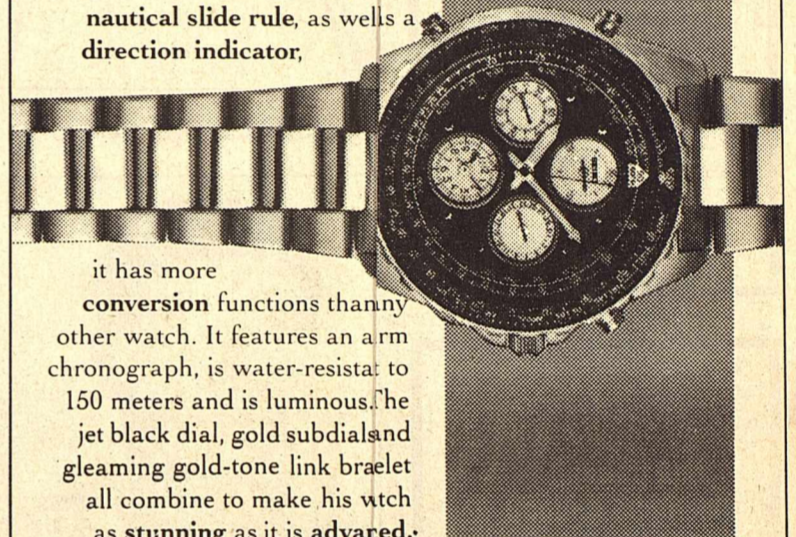
On Thursday evening, January 24th, a banquet will be held honoring Dolph Briscoe, the late Noel Fry, Walter Pfluger, and Sid Harkins, founders of the Council. Doc Blakely will be the featured speaker. He writes a weekly syndicated humor column entitled "Pokin' Fun", and has written and co-authored several books, the latest of which is *How the Platform Professionals Keep 'Em Laughin'*.

For further information about the meeting, interested persons should contact the Council office at 915/655-3161.

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Cub scout news

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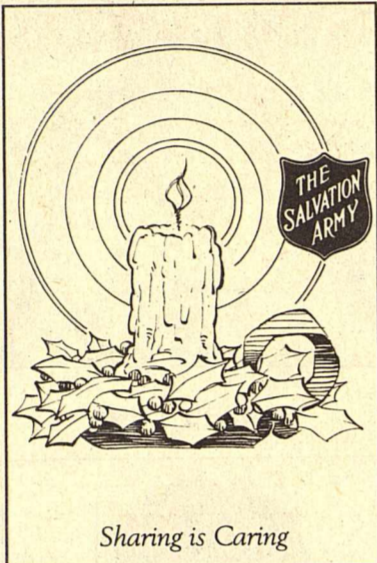
On Sunday, December 9, members of Cub Scout Pack 19 visited the nursing home to sing Christmas carols. Being of service to others is an important lesson to be learned by young boys involved in Scouting. The Scouts were able to brighten the lives of the nursing home residents, while at the same time have a good time themselves.

Following the caroling, the boys and their families met at the Junior High Snack bar for cookies and hot chocolate. Refreshments were provided by the 1st, 3rd and 4th grade Scouts. The 2nd grade Scouts, in a closing ceremony, presented symbolic gifts to the children of the world. Wishes for peace, love, happiness, freedom from hunger, and many more such thoughts were "wrapped" in holiday paper and ribbons. The gifts were offered by Joe Galindo, Jason Gutierrez, Ryan Hardgrave, Shane Mathews, Anthony Sanchez, Pete Samaniego, and Chris Weingart, and placed around a globe of the world surrounded by tiny Christmas lights and dolls from many nations. In this season when it is so easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas, the ceremony helped focus the children and their families on wishes that are truly from the heart.

This year's fundraiser has come to a close. The members of Pack 19 would like to thank everyone who supported the Cub Scouts with their purchases of popcorn and candles.

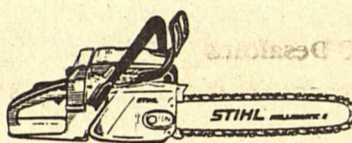


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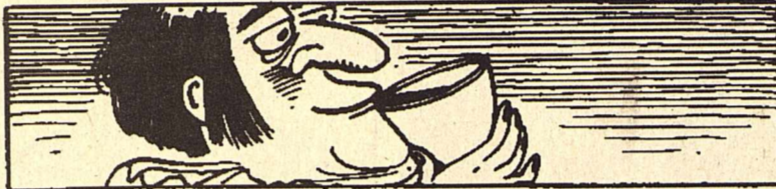
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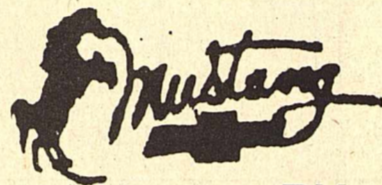
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Best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season

Seventh-grade girls pound Iraan 32-15

The Sonora seventh-grade girls basketball team used a strong first half to defeat Iraan 32-15 Dec. 10. Sonora completely shutdown Iraan in the first quarter jumping to a 10-0 lead. They then extended the lead to 20-4 at half time. "The girls showed a lot of improvement from their first meeting with Iraan," said head coach Carol Sessom. "They still

need a lot of work on rebounding and defense." Iraan was led in scoring by Elzertiz with 10 points, Lilly Tro had eight, Betty Saigo six, Laura Purvis four, Milcarn two and Laura Chalk two.

The victory evened the team's record to 3-3.

Eighth-grade girls win

Breaking open a close game in the third quarter, the Sonora eighth-grade girls basketball team defeated Iraan 27-18 Dec. 10. The game was close through out the first half as Sonora built a slim 10-6 lead at half time. But, in the third quarter Sonora outscored Iraan 12-2 to take a 22-8 lead. Sonora then held off a fourth quarter rally by Iraan to pick up the win. Seven Lady Colts contributed points led by Vicky Richardson's eight. Virginia Morales scored six

points followed by four each for Kiburge and Sara Gonzales. Coach Sessom and Sara Reston scored two points each and Rosa Gloria hit on a free throw. This is the free throws that coach M.L. Martin as the Lady Colts hit just 10 percent of the charity stripe. Martin said the team played well and needed to work on the inside game. The eighth-grade team is now 3-1 for the year.

Eighth-grade boys win

The Sonora Colts eighth-grade team defeated Iraan 27-16 Dec. 10 in Sonora. Cody Renfro led the team in scoring with nine points. Robert

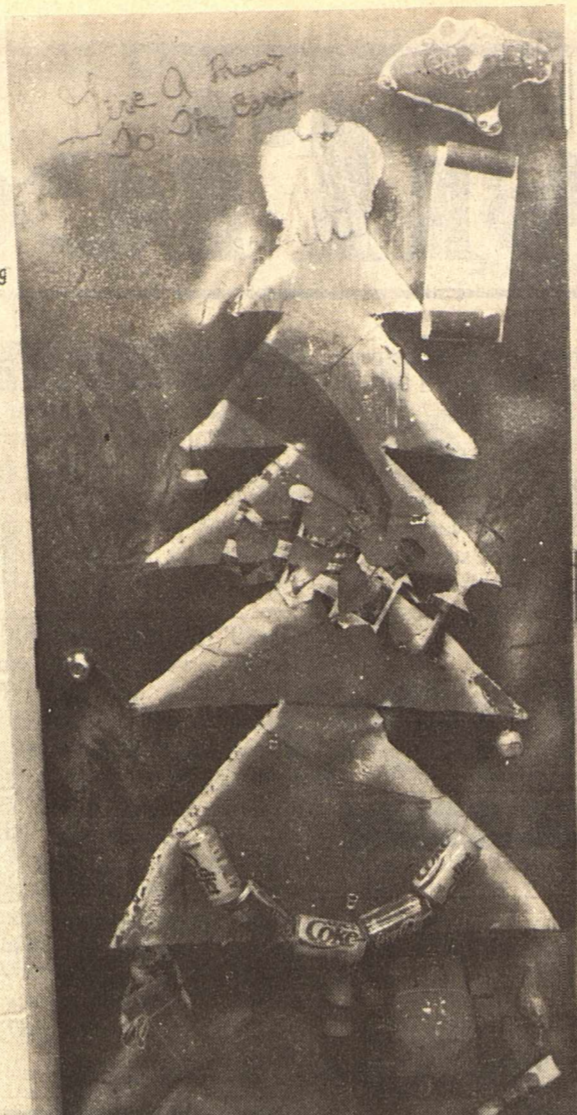
Tino added eight and Jason My five. Sonora hit on 60 percent of three throws.

Seventh-grade boys fall in tough game to Iraan

Iraan outscored the Sonora Colts seventh-grade team 12-0 in the second quarter on their way to a 35-16 victory Dec. 10.

Sonora played even with Iraan through the first quarter which ended a 6-6 tie. In the second quarter Iraan caused several Sonora fouls and an 18-6 lead. Iraan extended the lead to 33-11 at the end of three quarters.

The kids played their best game of the year. They just haven't moved as quick as the kids they are playing," said coach Heryford. "Time, and with hard work, this will even out." The boys led Sonora scorers with seven points, Burnham scored five and Dempsey and Hale added two points each. Sonora is 0-6 for the year.



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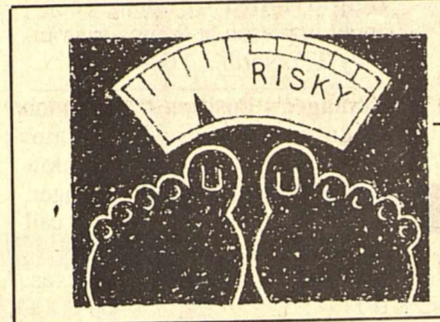
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By Fred Adkins

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Campbell McGinnis
Attorney for the Utility

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Fair Housing Resolution

The State of Texas
County of Sutton

WHEREAS, it is the recognized right of all citizens of Sutton County to have access to housing without regard to their race, sex, color, religion or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, all citizens are entitled to an opportunity to have access to housing of their choice through fair, orderly and lawful procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the denial of any citizens right to have access to housing because of race, sex, color, religion or national origin is detrimental to the citizen's health, safety, and welfare; and,

FURTHERMORE, it is the government's proper responsibility to protect citizens from such denial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Sutton County, Texas, that the denial to any or all citizens of Sutton County of the right to have access to housing of their choice through prejudicial considerations constitutes an unjust deprivation of said citizen's inalienable rights and is an injustice from which all individuals are duly protected by government.

Carla Field, County Judge

Date: December 10, 1990

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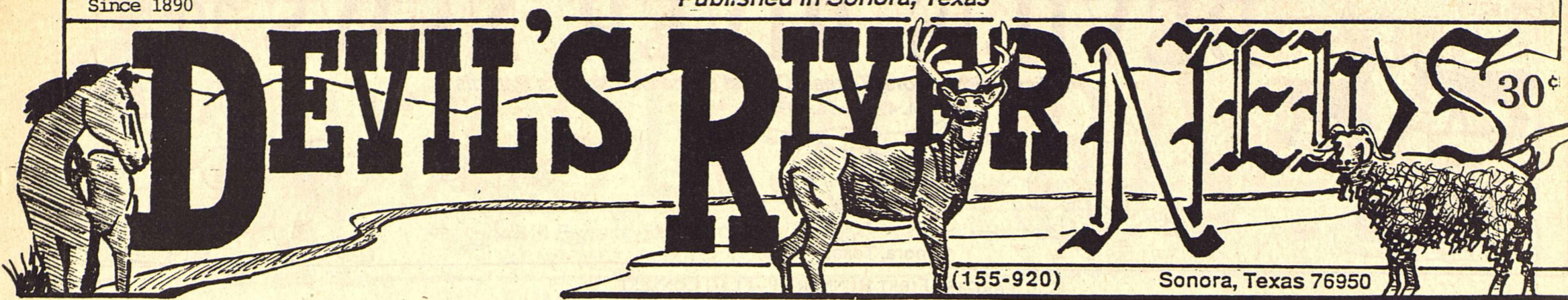


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RON A. NICHOLAS - GRAND PRIZE WINNER--FLAG CONTEST

May 28, 1921

Thy kingdom come thy will be done

Saturday, May 21st, an elderly man and woman and a young man ate dinner at the Commercial hotel. After dinner the man showed Mrs. McDonald the photo of a girl and asked if she had remembered seeing her. She was his daughter and had runaway from home and that they come in search of her. The car she was in was supposed to be a Buick roadster, State License No. 389628. Mrs. McDonald had called Deputy Sheriff Merck and while he and the father were talking, a traveling man who had overheard the conversation, noticed a Buick roadster coming down the street with one front casing off, and called out "there's a Buick and it has the number." The occupants of the roadster had evidently intended stopping at the City garage on the corner opposite the hotel, but at the same time they were discovered must have recognized the people on the hotel gallery or their car, for the driver put gas to his car and left town out Concho avenue, east, the way they were headed when they turned the corner to enter the garage. The people at the hotel got into their car and gave chase. Deputy Sheriff Merck followed in his car immediately after. The cars left town about 1:30 and before three o'clock word was received that a young woman had been killed and a young man thought to be dying in the Joe Wyatt pasture about 11 miles southeast of town.

The news of the elopement had spread and when the report of the killing came in excitement was at its height. Deputy Sheriff J. L. Cook, Justice of the Peace H. B. Balch, Dr. A. G. Blanton left immediately for the scene of the killing and the next chapter was when Sam McKee and his son Frank McKee arrived in town. Mr. McKee said he was coming to town when in the Joe Wyatt ranch near the 11 mile rock, he was stopped by a woman, about 50 years of age, who distractedly cried for help, saying "they have killed my baby girl." Mr. McKee seeing a wrecked car thought it was an automobile accident and asked where her baby was. She pointed to his left of the road and about 100 yards from the road he saw a body lying on the ground and what he took to be the heads of two men squatted near by. The woman's story was confusing but he gathered that there had been a fight and a young woman had been killed. He thought it was his duty to notify the officers and did so by crossing the country to the Joe Wyatt headquarters ranch and phoning to town. Just as they were leaving the woman he saw two men running from where the body was supposed to be. He did not go to the body. Mr. McKee did not see or hear the shooting. There was only the wrecked car on the road near the scene when they came by.

Will Wyatt and Will Word, not having heard of the elopement, but seeing a man who had been arrested that morning for having violated the traffic regulations, get to his car and follow Mr. Merck out of town, got in Wyatts car and took the trail thinking to prevent Mr. Merck from abuse.

On reaching the forks of the roads, about 7 miles from town where the right goes to Bonds and the left to Lost Lake and the Llanos, the Wyatt car took the Bond road and when nearing the 11 mile hill were met by a young man in a Hudson who said he wanted the officers as in a fight with a bootlegger, his sister had been killed and the bootlegger seriously injured. Wyatt told him "you have not had a fight with a bootlegger, but with one of the best old men in the country"

(meaning Mr. Merck) Wyatt got into the Hudson and Word started to come back to town for the officers but the jitney was hot and in a short time Mr. Merck, who had gone up the Lost Lake road and finding he had lost the trail, had returned to the Bond road, came along and Word got in the car with him and they arrived at the scene of the tragedy a few minutes after the Hudson car. Deputy Sheriff Cook, Justice of the Peace Balch, Dr. A. G. Blanton, and many others were soon on the ground.

The strangers at the scene were Dick Harris and wife of Valley Mills, and H. S. Harris of Caddo, his son. They told of the fight and stated that the dead woman was their daughter and sister, Elizabeth Dorothy Harris of Valley Mills. They accused her companion, a young man named McNeill also of Valley Mills, with having killed her and who after attempting suicide and being disarmed, had jumped up and ran away. The Coroner and Doctor began the examination of the wounds in the dead girl's body and in turning the body over found the "Butt Plate" of a shot gun. Dick Harris said he had fired one load of buck shot at McNeill and had hit at him with the shot gun. The

gun was found in one of the cars with the stock smashed. The wounds in the girl were found to be; One in left breast, passed through lung and came out below the left shoulder; one entered in front of the left hip and raged around coming to the back; the other and fatal wound entered the neck back of the right ear, broke the neck and was taken out of the left cheek. The wound in the breast was powder burned. The body was brought to town and taken to San Angelo to be prepared for burial. Most of the people returned to town with the body and were here some minutes before the Harris' arrived. No charges had been made against the Harris and they were the objects of attraction at the Commercial hotel. The officers and citizens posse remained out all night looking for McNeill.

Sheriff Escorts Harris' to Schleicher County Line

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris and H. S. Harris left Sonora Monday morning, about ten o'clock, escorted to the Schleicher county line by Sheriff Hutcherson, when they were met by Sheriff Luedecke of Schleicher county would escort them through that county and the Sheriff of Tom Green county

Please see Shoot out, page 4



Photo by Sam Nichols

SURRENDER - Sam Nichols, residing in Sonora, took this picture during the surrender of the Japanese on the U.S.S. Missouri in 1945. More pictures taken by Nichols are found on page 2 along with letters from soldiers to their families.

April 22, 1932

Mrs. Priscilla Howton, 100 dies; 111 relatives mourn the loss

Mrs. Priscilla Hollie Monasco Howton, Sonora's centenarian, was laid to rest in the Sonora Cemetery Monday one month and 2 days after she reached the century mark of life.

Death came to the aged mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, with 111 descendants, at 8:35 o'clock Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Perry, in Sonora. For three years Mrs. Howton had been confined to her bed, and death finally came because of organic breakdown.

Mrs. Howton was born in 1832, four years before Texas revolted against Mexican rule and became an independent republic. She left her home in Alabama and came to Texas in 1867. The trip from Alabama was made by water to Galveston, thence to Evergreen, Texas by rail. From Evergreen the party in which Mrs. Howton traveled went to Lampasas, then a Western frontier town, in a freight wagon.

Mrs. Howton had married David Howton in 1854 in Alabama, and when they came to Texas they brought five children. Mrs. Howton had many interesting and exciting experiences while living on the Indian-infested frontier of that day.

For the last several years Mrs. Howton had made her home with

Mrs. Perry, and also had near her, two other daughters, Mrs. J. L. Davis and Mrs. O. L. Traweck, until five years ago a resident of Lake Victor.

Mrs. Howton comes of a family in which long life is no novelty, her father having lived to the age of 95. Her husband was 89 years old at the time of his death.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Stephen, former pastor of the Sonora Baptist church, and who was summoned from his present pastorate at Sealy when the seriousness of Mrs. Howton's condition became known. The services were conducted at the Baptist church beginning at 3:30 o'clock Monday, with a brief ceremony marking the close of an epochal career.

Pallbearers were six grandsons, by birth and marriage, of the pioneer mother. They were O. D. Traweck, E. V. Traweck, Bert Davenport, W. E. Wallace, B. F. Meckel, and J. R. Davis.

The rites were supervised by Joseph Berger.

The following biographical sketch was written by the Rev. Mr. Stephen:

"Mrs. Howton was born in Fayette county, Alabama, March 15, 1832. She was married to David Howton, January 19, 1854,

Please see Howton, page 9

By: Sims

S.P. No. 1779

SENATE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to join with the citizens of the City of Sonora and Sutton County in paying tribute to this quintessential Texas town and county on the grand occasion of their 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Legend has it that the City of Sonora and Sutton County would never have been developed without sheep and goats; the rocky landscape made it a perfect place to raise and breed these mountain-climbing animals; and

WHEREAS, Soon after their foundation, Sonora and Sutton County became prosperous and still remain leaders in the sheep and goat herding industry today; and

WHEREAS, Hardy and self-sufficient pioneers battled Indian raids, stifling summers, arctic winters, and lack of medical care in order to develop one of the Lone Star State's finest cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, As a tribute to Colonel John S. Sutton, who led the 7th Texas Cavalry CSA, was a former captain on the Santa Fe Expedition, and actively participated in the Mier Expedition, the eastern portion of Crockett County became Sutton County; and

WHEREAS, On February 11, 1889, the City of Sonora was born with the discovery of a water well; a year later, Sonora was selected to become the county seat; and

WHEREAS, With their profitable sheep, goat, and oil industries, Sonora and Sutton County have contributed to the overall growth and development of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Perhaps their most outstanding assets are their citizens, who are noted for their honesty, trustworthiness, and openhearted hospitality; and

WHEREAS, It is indeed a pleasure and privilege for the Texas Senate to honor this outstanding Texas town and county and their citizens; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby extend sincere congratulations to the citizens of the City of Sonora and Sutton County on the 100th anniversary of their region with best wishes for a most memorable and joyous celebration; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared for the City of Sonora and Sutton County as a memento of this grand event.



Bill Sims
Member, Texas Senate

I hereby certify that the above Proclamation was adopted.

Betty Ling
Secretary of the Senate

This centennial issue

With Sonora and Sutton County celebrating its centennial in 1990, we at the Devil's River News believed it would only be appropriate to take a look back at some of the events which have marked that time.

It must be stressed that it was impossible to cover every event, major or minor, that went on during the previous 100 years. The selected stories were chosen for several different reasons.

We tried to get as many different areas involved in addition to different eras.

Jo-Ann Palmer of the Sutton County Historical Society was a tremendous help in not only selecting stories which would be of interest, but also in finding the stories in the old newspapers.

It was not an easy job as the Devil's River News has also been around for 100 years.

A lot of other people were also kind enough to bring in material to be included. We thank them tremendously.

Just a couple quick notes: the dates above some of the headlines marked the day the story previously ran in the Devil's River News. The top story on the front page, "Thy kingdom come..." was a story which made national news. The headline is the original.

Mr. Sam Nichols provided the photos from World War II found on the front page and page 2. Those shots were taken by Mr. Nichols, who also has been noted for his song writing ability, and he currently resides here in Sonora.

The staff of the Devil's River News hopes each person enjoys this brief look into the past of Sonora and Sutton County.

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C. J. VARGAS - FIRST RUNNER UP--FLAG CONTEST

From Our Men

Friday, February 25, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Locklin received the following from Lt. J. K. Shurley, stationed overseas with the Air Corps:

"Thanks ever so much for your Christmas Letter. It came in the midst of a dreary spell, and it cheered me up a lot. It really is a swell thing for the folks at home."

"This country over here is alright to travel through, but it would be a terrible place to live. Give me West Texas any time."

"Thanks again for the Christmas and New Year's greeting."

B. M. Halbert, Sr., received the following letter from Sgt. L. D. Martinez, who is stationed overseas with the Army:

"Received your nice letter recently and was very glad to get it. Here's hoping that this letter finds you as well as always."

"Glad to hear that all of you had a nice Christmas and that you have been getting some good rains. I know how good the rains must be for the country."

"Must close now, as it is about time to 'hit the hay'."

Mrs. H. V. Stokes received the following letter from Lt. Hattie Taylor, who is stationed in England with the Army Nurses Corps:

"How are you these days? I have thought of you often, even though I haven't written. I wish I could write as I want to, but I will have to fill in my stories when we have a chance for a long talk again. I've had many interesting experiences already and am only getting started."

"England is a very beautiful country. There were still May flowers here when I first came, and I wish you could have been here to see them. We have taken several hikes which combined training and pleasure. Too bad I'm not smart enough to write just how pretty some of those paths were. The farms and pastures are very small in comparison to ours, and each has a low fence or hedge or both around it. Everything is very clean in spite of the coal dust."

"I have been to London once and am going to meet my brother, Jimmie, there again next week. We plan to see a show or shows and do some more sight-seeing. I

have seen St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, etc. already. London is full of interesting places, such as those I have mentioned, but otherwise I can't say much for the place. I guess I am naturally partial to the U. S. Most of the bombed areas have been cleared in London, but many walls are still standing, and a few of the windows in nearby buildings have been replaced. The biggest problem is trying to get around in the blackouts.

"The money system was hard to learn. The coins are about like carrying a pocketful of rocks, and the pound notes are about the size of a peso bill."

"I am living in a hut with six other girls now--two from New York, one from Iowa, one from Michigan, one from New Mexico and the other is from Louisiana. All of them are a lot of fun. I was main fire builder at first but have taught the others how to build fires now. I hadn't had much experience using coal, but I did know how to build a fire."

"You may think you have seen some real fogs, but these here are terrible. Just picture a fog and a blackout combined. We were five hours trying to get home from a dance (35 miles away) one night."

"I am on night duty at the present but will finish up this week. I like to work nights, except I have to get up for two hours of lecture and drill nearly every day. You should see me trying to get my pigeon toes headed in the right direction during close order drill. A fine soldier I'm making."

Friday, November 20, 1944

Copr. D. H. Ramirez, A Troop, 7th Cav. U. S. Army, Ft. Riley, Kansas states, "I am writing to tell you hello and hope that you are well. I am well. I received the candy that you sent. Many thanks. Last night I had my picture taken, but they won't have them ready for a week. As soon as I get them I will send you the picture that you want. They are 5 by 3."

"Say hello to my friends in Ozona."

Corp. John F. Nichols, U. S.

M. C. Unit 160-Co. C., Post Master, San Francisco, California, says, "It has been a long time since I've written, but I will let you know I am O. K."

I can't say how glad I was to get that picture. Anything that looks like home looks good to me.

Lawrence (Nichols) is close but I can't find him. I may get to see him later. I have been asking about Daymon Swails but I haven't found him.

There is a lot I can't say but it is for my good as well as the rest of the service. When you don't hear from me don't think anything about it."

September 3, 1944

The letter that follows is from Cpl. W. Francis Stubblefield, who is a brother to Edgar N. Stubblefield of Sonora.

"I've been going around in circles - not doing so much work but keeping plenty busy. I thought I had better write to let you know I am still O.K. Just came back from a basketball game (we lost 28-33) and have time for a few lines before 'lights out'."

"The fellow in the office with me that put in for aviation cadet (air crew) at the same time I did is going up before the Board in the morning. It is his last step and if he makes it he will go back to the States for training. I am sure my papers will be through in a couple of weeks now. His came through first, because his papers didn't have to go through Washington like mine did."

"Had a letter from Mrs. Odom. She said Paschall was in a hospital in North Africa with an eye injury. She also said that he has seen Jack Shurley. Small world."

April 13, 1945

Lt. C.T. Driskell writes from England:

"I sorta feel like O.L. Richardson. I don't think I will come back until they build a bridge. When you are seasick, one day you think you are going to die and next day you are afraid you won't. If I had been sick one more time I believe my socks would have come up. The boat ride over here was very pleasant and we were fortunate in the fact that we got a good boat. I see now, though, that I am not particularly adapted to sea travel. The weather on our trip over was ideal, except one night it was a little rough; still I got sick just the same."

April 20, 1945

Pfc. Leova Urias writes from France.

"Hello there, how are you doing? Fine I hope, just like me."

"I am getting pretty lazy now that I am back in France. It is very nice while you are back for a good rest with good hot meals instead of cold C or K rations. I suppose that all of you were pretty worried when you got that telegram about me missing in action, or did you get one? Well, anyway, I guess you already knew what had happened to me. I was taken by the 'block-heads' and they had me for quite awhile, until the Yanks retook me and the others. Boy, that was a happy day for me. I almost cried, or maybe I did. I

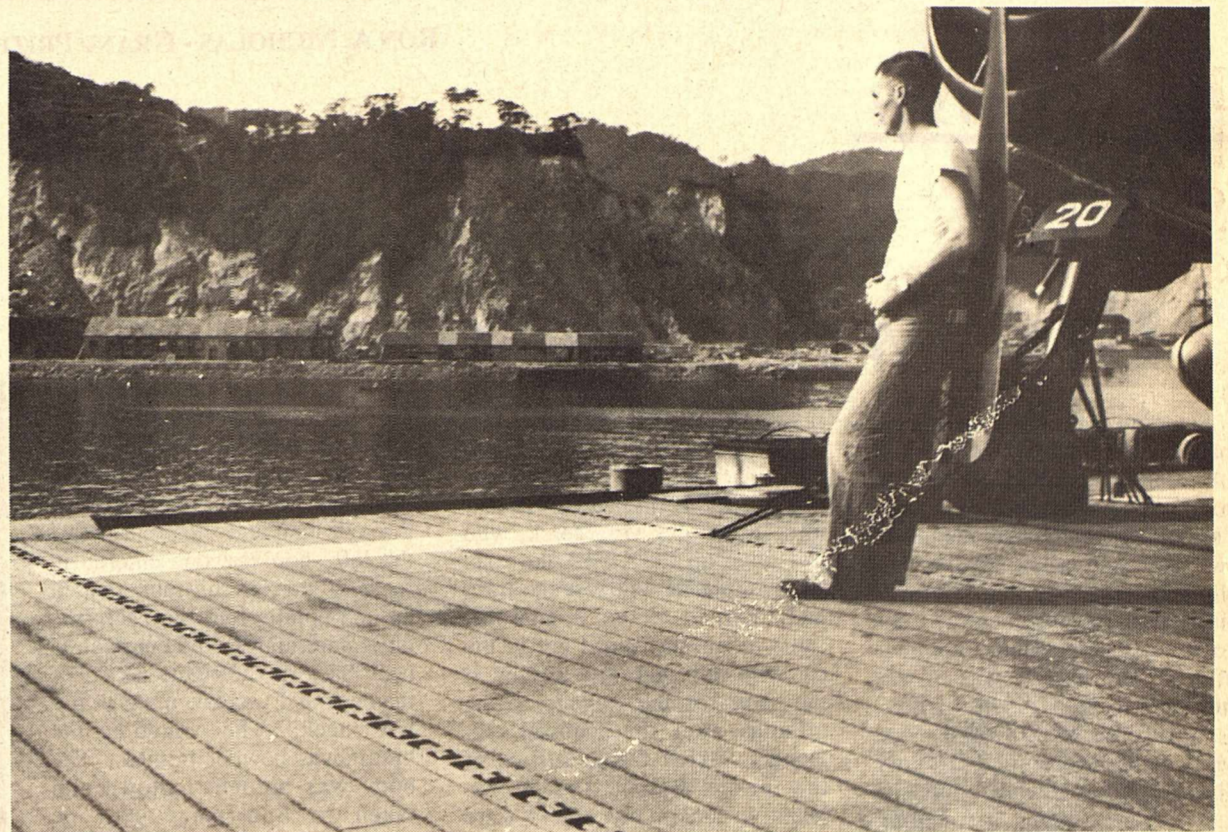


Photo by Sam Nichols

REFLECTION - A sailor takes a moment to enjoy the view of the shore from the ship he served on during World War II.

don't remember, but it sure was good to see those G.I.'s once again. First thing that we did was to give thanks to God. We did this when the Captain held a general service, and we all thanked God from the bottom of our hearts for setting us free again.

"You know that the last letter I got was way back in December, and I believe you told me that Manuel Pena was back in the States. Has he been home on leave yet? Be sure and tell me if any of them that have been home."

"I'll bet there have been a lot changes in Sonora: By the way, I may get to see the old town soon; at least I hope so."

"I must sign off, but I'll write again. Answer me real soon."

September 18, 1942

Jesse Kring, whose letter came to Mrs. W. D. Kring marked "Censored, U. S. Army Air Forces," must have flown to his overseas post. He writes, "I had a nice trip. One of our CENSORED went out on us while we were CENSORED. But the other three kept on running so we didn't get nervous. Tell everyone hello for me. I have a hard time trying to talk to these people here and I have just begun to learn how to count their maney. It sure is hot here. It is winter here now and I wonder what it will be like when summer comes." Sgt. Kring may be written at APO 603, Care of postmaster, Miami, Florida.

August 13, 1944

Flight Officer Alan Saunders, stationed in India writes, "I was going to send you a telegram from China yesterday, but I could not. They had stopped taking rupees as pay, and would take nothing but Chinese money, of which I had none. The finance office was closed, so I couldn't get any. I did send you a registered letter from there. It had some pictures in it, so I wanted you to be sure and get it."

Guess what! Six of the boys

that went over the 'hump' have gotten out, and two more have been located. They are dropping food and supplies to them. When two of the boys went down, they landed within hollering distance of each other, but the jungle was so thick that it took them five hours to get together.

"The weather has had a turn for the better. It isn't raining so much and we don't have to fly through so much instrument weather."

February 5, 1943

Pvt. T. C. Thiers is now somewhere in Africa. The first part of the letter was written before he landed. He says, "Hello folks-How's everybody at home? I'm doing just fine and am riding the waves, and have been for sometime. I don't know how much longer it will last. I have seen lots of interesting things, and have been very lucky in not getting seasick. Most of the boys were sick, and some were pretty sick for several days. I don't know whether we will still be on the water Christmas or not, but when you get this letter you will know I

have landed safe at our destination.

No letters will be mailed until we land. We got permission to write now so we could mail them as soon as we land. They told us at first we could tell what country we would be located in, but cancelled that today. It really doesn't make much difference as one place is as good as another. It was announced this morning that everybody on ship would get five dollars to do our Christmas shopping with, which will be buying enough toilet articles to last us some time. I'm going to buy all cigarettes I have room for in my barracks bag, but that won't be many. They are sixty cents a carton on the ship, and we won't be able to get anymore American cigarettes and may not be able to get any kind.

I don't know anything to write, except that I'm doing fine. I'm glad that I finally got to cross the pond, and get started to doing something that will help get this all over so we can all come back home again.



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Goof Off Time - Sailors take some time off from their duties during World War II.

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LILIA GUTIERREZ - SECOND RUNNER UP--FLAG CONTEST

May 16, 1930

First Santa Fe train arrived in Sonora on Tuesday afternoon

Completion of road expected about June 15

A great dream is at last a reality! This sub-conscious thought is one of Arthur Stillwell's, great builder, who was told by the fairies where to make his moves. And too, it is one of W. L. Aldwell's dream that has come true.

The steam horse pulling the work train snorted into the city limits here Tuesday afternoon for its first time when the first foot of steel rails landed on Sonora soil. The work is now proceeding through the city limits near the residence of Marion Stokes and will continue to the bridge and stock pens west of town.

Work on the depot and freight warehouses is progressing, and 3 residences for employees are being

constructed. This should be completed within the next three weeks, it is believed.

Children, dogs, cats and even grown men and women stood amazed or ran when the engine first approached town. The whistle of the work train can be heard at almost any hour of day and draws much comment and excitement.

The Lone Star Construction Co., contractors, will turn the line over to the Santa Fe about the middle of next month, it is thought. At that time Sonora will "put the big pot in the little one," commemorating the event with a rodeo and race meet. A special train will run out of San Angelo on that day.



June 13, 1930

Santa Fe to run special trains here for July Celebration

Less than one way fare to be charged

"All aboard for the Santa Fe south bound to Sonora" will be the exclamations by the conductor who pilots the first train to leave San Angelo for Sonora at 7 o'clock the morning of July 1. Reduced rates, less than one way fare, will be given by the Santa Fe from San Angelo to Sonora for the two-day celebration here July 1 and 2 when thousands are expected to join this town in commemorating the completion of Santa Fe rails to this city. Seventy-five tickets have been purchased by the Stockman's Paradise Association for those who wish to ride the first official train into Sonora. The morning train will leave San Angelo at 7:00 a. m. and arrive here at ten, giving time for stops at Christoval and Eldorado. The specials will depart here at one o'clock each morning for San Angelo.

When the train arrives Sonora business men and ranchmen will be at the station to greet the visitors. From the depot they will be led through the business section by a forty-piece band and a crowd of cowboys on horseback.

Free Barbecue First Day

A free barbecue for everybody will be served at the park at noon. The barbecue committee, E. R. Lawrence and Buster Halbert, is now busy raising money for the feed. Ranchmen are donating sheep, goats and beeves that will be served with plenty bread, pickles and coffee.

Approximately \$2,500 will be given in purses for the races and rodeo. Twenty trained bucking horses owned by the park will be in trim for the many riders who will be here. There are now about ten race horses in the stalls at the park training for the big event. About fifty more are expected to be present when the first starting signal is given.

Two Dances Each Night

A big platform dance will be given the night of the 30th. An old-time dance and the modern dances will be going simultaneously each night.

Sonorans recall railroad's arrival 1968

In the Friday, June 27, 1930, Devil's River News edition the news of the day was definitely the arrival of the first train to Sonora. Many events were planned for one of the most exciting days in the history of the community. Some of these stories as reported in that edition are re-told here:

The big celebration here next Tuesday and Wednesday was the chief discussion at the Lions Club Monday when Buster Halbert reported that approximately \$900 had been collected by the finance committee for a free barbecue July 1. He also said that 118 muttons and 6 beeves had been donated and that 15 beeves and 25 more muttons were needed to feed the crowd that would be here the first day.

The barbecue dinner will be served at 12:10 in the middle of the Gilmore and Vander Stucken block. It is thought that the crowd can better be accommodated at noon time as the visitors can carry their meat to the sidewalk and eat it in the shade. Buster Halbert is in charge of the barbecue and is being assisted by S. H. Stokes and E. R. Lawrence.

"Buzzy" Stokes, Joseph Trainer, B. Hamilton and Frank Holiday agreed to visit surrounding towns and place advertising matter in business houses. The towns within 100 miles were visited and told of the two-day celebration.

It was voted to have the Lions Club "Welcome Sign" painted and repaired at a cost of \$35, for painting.

The West Texas Utilities Company agreed to put in a string of lights from the depot to the business section of town if the Lions Club would furnish the globes. This proposition was accepted and the Lions will pay \$35.

W. L. Aldwell, who is in a Fort Worth hospital, with a broken thigh bone, said he would be unable to attend the celebration. He holds the first ticket purchased for transportation from San Angelo to Sonora. B. M. Halbert purchased five tickets and presented Mr. Aldwell with the first one. Mr. Aldwell is a director of the Orient Ry. which is owned by the Santa Fe.

FAST RACES WILL FEATURE TWO-DAY RAIL CELEBRATION

Yesterday morning there were sixty race animals in the stalls at the Stockman's Paradise Association park and at least fifteen more are expected to arrive before the week is over. Owners of horses who reside in San Antonio to Oklahoma are here and have their trainers at work getting their horses in condition when the bell rings Tuesday, July 1. Approximately \$1,800 will be given in race purses during the two days of frolic.

Ten dollars entrance fee will be charged for the calf roping contests during the two days. The bronc riding contest carries three purses. There will also be wild cow milking.

FIRST WOOL TO BE SHIPPED OVER SANTA FE

Sonora ranchmen will see their first shipment of wool to leave on rails here next week when forty carloads, about 1,500,000 pounds, will go to Boston to the Co-ops. Twenty-five cars have been loaded and ready for shipment and the additional fifteen cars will be ready the latter part of next week when a

solid trainload will be pulled from the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company's \$40,000 warehouse. The shipment will represent about \$500,000 worth of wool.

Draper and Company, sales agents for the National Wool & Marketing Corporation, will dispose of the trainload of wool in Boston.

100 TICKETS PURCHASED FOR FIRST TRAIN

W. R. Barnes, manager of the Stockman's Paradise Association, stated yesterday morning that 100 tickets had been purchased for those who wish to ride the first train into Sonora. The fare is \$2.25 and entitles the holder to a round trip. Those desiring tickets can purchase them at the Gilmore Hardware Company.

J. M. Lee, one of the owners of the O. S. T. Stages, said that they would put on additional buses to care for the passengers who would want to ride the first train into Sonora. The stages will leave here at 5 o'clock in the morning and get to San Angelo in time to make connection with the first train.

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Dee Ora Lodge functions for over 50 years in Sonora

Although organized in 1888 the Dee Ora Lodge No. 715, did not receive its charter until July 11, 1891. At that time lodge meetings were held in Wentworth, a rival town, a few miles south of Sonora.

E. C. Saunders, county surveyor, and resident of Sonora now, was a visitor at charter night. Mr. Saunders at that time was a member of the Camp San Saba chapter.

First officials of the newly chartered body were:

F. M. Drake, worshipful master; J. W. Odom, senior warden; D. H. Covington, junior warden.

Charter members, other than the officers mentioned, were:

B. M. Steegal, W. H. Deboe, C. C. Hammond, E. M. Ford, S. H. Stokes, C. T. Covington, H. W. Sowell and R. J. Bean.

The old building was moved from Wentworth to Sonora in

September, 1891, and used as a school building, with the newly chartered Masonic lodge holding its meeting in the upper story. The third meeting of the lodge was held in this old school house October 10th of that year.

In 1904 the lodge bought all of Block R, consisting of a plot of ground 200x60 feet from the school and its interest in the lower floor of the building.

The old building at that time was quite a distance uphill from the present location, and after being purchased by the lodge it was moved to the site where now stands the new Masonic Temple. (1907)

In 1913 the lodge built an addition of about 16 feet on the rear of the building.

With the razing of the building last year an old land-mark passed into oblivion. The new hall is a credit to the city of Sonora and Sutton County.

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could escort them to San Angelo. This precaution was taken to prevent further bloodshed because friends and relatives of Nelson McNeill were known to be on the way to Sonora.

Sheriff Hutcherson was unavoidably absent from Sonora Saturday and returned from Menard Sunday morning. Everyone regrets the absence of Sheriff Hutcherson at this time.

District Judge James Cornell arrived from Brackettville Monday morning, but in view of the action taken decided not to call the Grand Jury in special session. The Fall session of District court will be convened on October 31st.

Centennial 1890-1990

\$7,629 masonic temple to be dedicated

Tomorrow is to be a red letter day in the history of Dee Ora Lodge No. 715, A. F. & A. M. when ceremonies are completed for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple.

Invitations have been sent to sister lodges over the state. Around two hundred Masons and their wives are expected to be here for the occasion.

Guinn Williams, past grand master, of San Angelo, will be the principal speaker. A special program of entertainment has been arranged. There will be musical numbers, and a quartet composed of Boyd Caffey, F. T. Jones, Carrol Stephen and Rev. R. C. Brinkley; Edwin E. Sawyer, at the piano.

From 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock there is to be a chuck wagon supper. The dedication program will follow.

The dedication of the new building will fulfill a dream of years standing. Several years ago the lodge started its building fund by a monthly donation from each member. The funds thus secured have gone into the new structure.

The present officers are: Paul Turney, worshipful master; Dave Locklin, senior warden; W. J. Fields, Jr., junior warden; W. C. Gilmore, secretary; R. D. Trainer, treasurer;

H. P. Largent, senior deacon; Gus Love, junior deacon; A. W. Awalt, tiler.

Mr. Trainer is serving his fifteenth term as treasurer.

History of New Building
The building was started November 16, 1938, and was accepted February 3, 1939. Its cost is \$7,629.

The building is 331/2 x 62 feet, two stories high, and located on a lot which is 50 feet wide by 100 feet deep. The upstairs contains the main lodge room and two ante rooms while the reception hall and kitchen is in the lower portion.

Recently the building has been equipped with new furniture. Fifty cushioned chairs with station chairs have been installed. The building is heated by gas.

There are 114 lodge members with the majority living in Sutton county.

1939 History of the Sonora Chapter of the O. E. S.

by Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr.

On September 11, 1914, a group of women, who were wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of Master Mason, met at the Masonic Hall here for the purpose of organizing a Chapter of the Eastern Star.

These women received their inspiration largely through a very dear lady, Mrs. John Findlater, of San Angelo, Past Grand Matron of Grand Chapter of Texas, O. E. S.

The Chapter was organized by Mrs. Bessie Alexander of Eldorado, Deputy Grand Matron. The charter members are as follows:

Mrs. Lillian Allison, Mrs. Alla M. Aldwell, Mrs. Josie Bellows, Miss Bertha Eaton, Mrs. Ada Eaton, Mrs. Kiddie Halbert (deceased), Mrs. Ellen Lowrey, Mrs. Hattie North, Mrs. Annie Stuart, Mrs. Rose Thorp, Mrs. Bessie Vander Stucken, Mrs. Nannie Wheat, Ro E. Aldwell, H. P. Allison, A. F. Bellows, J. D. Eaton, B. M. Halbert, J. J. North (deceased), L. R. Thorp (deceased), Ira L. Wheat (deceased).

The Charter was given under the seal of the Grand Chapter of Texas, October, 1914, and signed Mrs. Carrie A. Chase (deceased), Worthy Grand Matron, and M. T. Bell, Worthy Grand Patron, and Cassie C. Leonard (deceased), Grand Secretary.

The first Matron and Patron were Miss Bertha Eaton and J. D. Eaton. Our chapter has been fortunate in always having a splendid corps of officer to guide our footsteps through the years, given is a list of the Matrons and Patrons from October 1914 to October 17, 1939:

Past Worthy Matrons, Bertha Eaton, Josie Bellows, Lillian Allison, Nannie Wheat, Bessie Vander Stucken, Sybil Eaton, Estelle McDonald, Allah Aldwell, Edith Babcock, Violet Morrow, Muriel Holland, Juliette, Lucille Hutcherson, Laura Odom, Manilla Trainer, Mamie Awalt, Jean Westbrook, Buena Davis, Ruby Stephens, Mary Lee Hull, Adena Speed, Vida Lightfoot, Della Logan.

Past Worthy Patrons, J. D. Eaton, J. D. Lowrey, Roy E.

Aldwell, Will Word, Joe Logan, Ralph Trainer, J. C. Stephens, B. W. Hutcherson, Ban Odom, Murton Shurley.

At the meeting Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall Mrs. Margaret Murray, Grand Chaplin of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O. E. S. of El Paso, served grand installing officer; Miss Emma Hall as grand installing Marshal; Mrs. Laura Odom as Grand installing Chaplin for the installation of Mrs. Pearl Le Shurley as Marshal filling the vacancy of Mrs. Mary Lee Hull, resigned.

After initiating Mrs. Clara Jim Wheat and Ben L. Wheat into the mystic rites of our beautiful order, a program celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary followed.

Mrs. Vida Lightfoot, Junior Past Matron, gave in her own expensive way a history of our chapter.

A collection of pictures of past matrons and past patrons of the chapter, placed in chronological order and enclosed in a silver frame, was presented, a gift of Mrs. Estelle McConnell, Grand representative of Oregon. The outstanding feature is that all thirty-five persons are living.

Grand Chapter, which convenes

in San Antonio, October 22, through 26, was discussed. Mrs. Della Logan, Worthy Matron, unable to attend the grand sessions appointed Mrs. Iris Locklin, associate matron, as her proxy. Joe F. Logan, Worthy Patron,

appointed W. P. McConnell, Jr., associate patron on his proxy. Others going are Mrs. McConnell, and Mrs. Vida Lightfoot.

At the close of the program refreshments were served in the recreation room.

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Lowrey Draw, April 19, 1957

June 7, 1935

Men escape death Tuesday night

Heavy rainfall in the Sutton section in a short time Tuesday night brought Lowrey Draw roaring into Sonora, damaged the bridge contractor's work and three men who attempted to cross Meckel Draw, six miles from Sonora on the San Angelo highway.

In town 2.65 inches were recorded. Telephone service in several directions was hampered. At the Ranch Experiment Station nearly 3 1/2 inches of rain fell, with some hail.

Several hours exposure and considerable fright was the net result of three men's attempts to get to Eldorado shortly after nine o'clock Tuesday night.

Deeper Than Was Thought

The men, Cecil Cunningham, San Angelo insurance man, Rex Martin and E. S. Etheridge, of Eldorado, drove their coupe into Meckel Draw after one had insisted that it was not very deep. Their car was washed downstream one hundred yards or more.

As Mr. Cunningham told it in Sonora Wednesday morning, he crawled out a car window, pulled Mr. Etheridge after him. Mr. Martin then succeeded in opening the car door and emerging through that opening. After sitting on top of the car until the water went down slightly they returned to the inside.

Shots from a revolver called the attention of searchers to their plight. After a time they were able to wade to shore. Mr. Cunningham said he lost his work kit and a number of checks and papers.

Water in Kirkland Home

At the Kirkland Ranch water from the draw stood about six or seven inches deep in the house at 11:30 Tuesday night. The house is on an eighteen-inch foundation.

Mrs. E. F. Cloudt of Hondo, a guest in the Kirkland Home, said Thursday morning that about 200 sheep were lost and 100 chickens, the neighboring ranch of Joe F. Logan and the Logan garden was damaged considerably.

Lightning tore loose two corners of the porch at the Aldwell Brothers ranch house. Three and one half inches of rain fell there, L. E. Johnson said Thursday. Although considerable hail fell no damage was done.

Hail fell from a point about at the Robert Kelley place to the North Llano.

Only Half Inch at T-Half

Three inches and some hail at the Wardlaw Brothers Ranch. The T-Half Circle Ranch got about one-half of an inch. Fred Earwood reported one inch. Hail fell at the Carnie Wyatt and W. H. Kelley places.

J. A. Sykes and his son Wesley, of the Owensville community said There was little rain at the house, damage being done by waters of the draw which is ordinarily about 300 yards from the house. Mrs. Cloudt said that when the water began coming in the house they placed all that could on tables and chairs and then, as she said it, "we got up on chairs ourselves."

Heavy damage by hail was reported from below Camp Allison. Asa Hallum said Thursday morning that eight and a half inches of rain fell at the Fort Terrett Ranch in thirty-five minutes. Traffic was going through all the way to San Antonio at that time although Llano waters Wednesday delayed travelers.

Hail Destroys Garden

At the Lum Adams place in the same section, it was said Wednesday by a member of the Adams family, ten inches fell. Their garden was destroyed.

At the E. E. Steen Ranch, near the head of Lowrey Draw, 2 1/2 inches fell but the draw was nearly as high as after the recent heavy rain. There was considerable wind with the rain there and some hail fell. Slight damage was done to the windmill which was leaning Wednesday morning. Hail fell at in Sonora Thursday that they had had three inches of rain in two downpours Monday and Tuesday nights.

H. C. Polly, superintendent of construction for the bridge contracting firm, Wednesday estimated their loss at \$800. An attempt was made to finish pouring four footings before the draw came down Tuesday night. Water came so rapidly, Mr. Polly said, that they were fortunate to get all of their tools out of the channel.

Thursday morning men were at work removing the rock and silt from the concrete poured Tuesday. Mr. Polly said that the footings appeared to be undamaged but would probably have to have smooth coating applied on them.



FLOOD OF 1957 - This picture shows water slightly over city sewer line over Lowrey Draw near its intersection with the Dry Devil's River on April 19, 1957. This picture was taken after a three-inch rain.

Dec. 26, 1968

Sonora wins Class A crown

Sonora Broncos capitalized on numerous Poth Pirate mistakes and went on to win the Class A State Championship for the second time in three years. The Broncos boast a 13-2 record with their losses to Reagan County and Ballinger. Friday's victory came in San Marcos stadium before a large gathering of football fans.

A steady, chilly rain began about 4 p. m. and continued throughout the day. The field was in fair condition at the beginning of the game, but as the night wore on the footing became hazardous.

The Broncos won the total offense tussle with a total of 204 yards with 189 yards being ground out on the ground. Poth managed 199 yards total offense.

Ed Lee Renfro, all-state halfback, led the offensive units with 118 yards on 30 carries averaging a little less than four yards a carry. Sophomore fullback, Kerry Joy, added to Renfro's efforts with 53 yards on 22 attempts.

Poth's Ross Poth was the Pirate's leading rusher with 50 yards on 11 carries. Quarterback Raymond Cantu was the second leading rusher for the Pirates, picking up 48 yards on 11 carries.

Renfro intercepted three passes, David Wuest, one, and Robert Mata one to stall several serious Poth threats. A fumble and a bad snap from center for a punt also

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To the public-boy scouts--1915

Last September at the commencement of the Public School I started the Boy Scout Movement in Sonora, but it was October the 25th, 1914 before I had completed my arrangement of enlisting the boys with the Boy Scouts of America. Since that time I have devoted a great part of my spare time with these boys trying to instruct them in Scout Craft. At first I did not know whether the movement would last for any length of time, and would not permit the boys to buy uniforms for about a month after we had started. I wanted to see if they intended to stay with it, and profit by the instructions they were given. The public knows whether the boys have been benefited from this movement. Since the organization of this movement it has grown from 24 boys to 37, and only a few have dropped out.

There are three classes of scouts Tenderfoot the class that the boys enter when he first joins, Second Class and First. The last two are attained after a series of examinations and tests. With the exception of one or two boys all will be second class Scout within a few days. There are many merit badges to be given First Class Scout when they show proficiency in certain class of professions. This last is done to try and find a boy's talent.

The business men all know that the success of any organization depends upon how well it is handled and financed. So far I have financed the Boy Scouts of Sonora myself, which of course has been very small, because I did not feel like asking the public to donate their money on a movement that was likely to end in a month or two. But I now believe that the movement is here to stay for awhile any way.

In the larger cities several thousand dollars have been raised for the support of the Boy Scout Movement. Schools of instructions have been opened for the teaching of Scout Masters, while these men who devote their entire time to the Boys are paid a large salary, in smaller places the Scout Master gives his time free of charge, but the town finances the movement in larger places with work shops, machine shops and other such places are built and supported by the citizens for the use of the Boy Scouts. The

people of this day and time have come to realize that there is a vast amount of talent lost in the newsboys and boot blacks, because these boys have no place to develop their talent until it is late or from discouragement of having no one interested in them they fall by the way side. The Boy Scouts Movement is intended to fill that place, it bars no boy who is willing to submit to its rules and abide by its teachings.

Troop Committee--Dr. J. F. Peek, Dr. H. R. Wardlaw, R. H. Martin.

Boy Scouts of Sonora, Troop No. 1--Roy E. Aldwell, scout master, Prof. I. B. Peek, Prof. Seth Wagnon, Fred Simmons, assistant scout masters, Herman Huebner, troop leader, Hiram Stokes, troop scribe.

Patrol No. 1--A. B. Stokes, patrol leader (second class), Wade Grimland, assistant patrol leader (second class). Harvey Morris, Collier Shurley, Joe Martin, Basil Halbert Jr., (second class) Alfred Cooper.

Patrol No 2--Will Adams, patrol leader, Willie Miers, assistant patrol leader, Justice Adams. Ben Martin, George J. Trainer, Joseph Vander Stucken, Ariel Wardlaw.

Patrol No. 3--Emmitt Archer, patrol leader, Joe B. Ross, assistant patrol leader, Durad Archer, Edmund Alley, J. V. Alley, Merrill Bodenheimer, Fordie Beard (second class.) Earnest Parton.

Patrol No. 4--Delma Smith, patrol leader (second class), Henry Decker, assistant leader, Wallace Davis, (second class), Birdwell Davis, John Fields, Homer Parker, Tom Davis.

Patrol No. 5--Rufus Ward, patrol leader, Joe North, assistant patrol leader, (second class,) Jim Merck, Justice Pinston, Millard Bryson, Mier Savell.

I feel that the time has now come for me to call upon the Citizens of Sonora and Sutton County for financial aid in carrying out this work. I have promised to take the boys on a hike to the Llano River in June to stay one week. This will cost a considerable amount of money, as you all know provisions for about forty five boys and men for one week will be no trivial amount. There are also tents and other equipments to buy for the trip. Many may say that we do not need these tents and equipments, that

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April 14, 1931

Pneumonia is fatal to "Father of Sonora"

"The Father of Sonora" is dead.

W. L. Aldwell, 72, veteran West Texas banker and ranchman, often referred to as "The Father of Sonora," died Tuesday morning at 9:15 at Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, ending eight months of pain he had suffered from a broken thigh bone received at a Fort Worth hotel last June when he fell after stepping on a magazine. Since that time he had returned to Sonora on two occasions, walking on crutches and had had three operations. Pneumonia proved fatal after he had been in Baltimore for a few days, following an operation.

Bank Prospered with People

Mr. Aldwell was not a "high and mighty" banker; he was an intensely human being, approachable and a lover of his fellow man is the tribute of his associates. As president of the First National Bank of Sonora since 1911, he had pulled Sutton County through several periods of depression, advising with the ranchman, becoming stern in a fatherly way when necessary but never filing foreclosure suits. Under him the bank prospered, paying dividends year after year and the people of the county prospered with it.

The greatest disappointment he ever had was his inability to ride the first train run into Sonora from San Angelo.

He had worked unceasingly for the road for 20 years, but was in a Fort Worth hospital when the train pulled out of San Angelo loaded with a group of cheering excursionists. The Santa Fe had offered him a special coach in which to ride, but the doctors advised him not to go.

Surviving Mr. Aldwell are his widow, formerly Winnie R. Harris, two daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. T. A. Williams of Rocksprings and Mrs. John O. Nesbit of Plainview. The sons are Roy Edward and George Lea Aldwell. The wedding of Mr. Aldwell and Miss Harris was at San Angelo December 15, 1884.

Native of Canada

Mr. Aldwell was born in Canada February 14, 1859. He grew up there and attended the public schools of the county until he was 13 when he quit and went to making his own living. He worked for three years, saved enough to buy a small store, and made his first business a paying proposition. He continued to save and invest on a larger scale, entering the shipping business. He purchased cattle and sheep and shipped them to England, making several trips across the ocean with his stock. After engaging in this business for several years, he moved to Texas.

His first settlement in the Lone Star State was near Eden, where he purchased a flock of sheep. He constructed the first dwelling there, in the spring of 1881. During this time he once made a trip from Menard to the Rio Grande, horseback, purchasing sheep in the border country. He took them to San Antonio, where he sold them.

In the spring of 1882 he, with Ed. R. Jackson, went to what is now Irion county, near Dove Creek, where they worked with sheep. He later made another excursion to the Rio Grande country, where he purchased 15,000 ewes, returning by New Mexico, purchasing on his trip. He made the trip astride a burro, and returned to where Mertzon now is, locating his stock on a ranch north of the present site of Mertzon. Soon after he started raising cattle, in connection with his sheep raising. He moved his stock to a site which is opposite the town of Sherwood; deciding to do this after the Ben Ficklin flood.

Banked at Eldorado

In 1907 he, with others, organized the Eldorado State Bank, operating this institution until 1913, when it consolidated with the First National Bank of Eldorado. Both these institutions were organized at the same time, but severe panic hit and it was decided that for the good of the country they should consolidate, which they did. He was an active officer, serving as vice-president in this institution and spent some of his time in Eldorado attending to the business.

The First National Bank of Sonora was organized seven years before the Eldorado institution was chartered, Mr. Aldwell going to Sonora with Ed R. Jackson and others to found the First National Bank of Sonora in 1900. He was made cashier of the institution, which position he held until December, 1911. Mr. Jackson, who was president and one of the main organizers, died December 23, 1911. This gave Mr. Aldwell the president's chair, which he held until his death.

Mr. Aldwell was active in the early affairs of the Orient, being a director, and his railroad dream was achieved largely last year when the Orient was extended by the Santa Fe to Sonora. The first contract for the extension was let in 1910. He made many trips to Washington and New York subsequently, but it took the guiding effort of the Santa Fe to overcome some of the early financial obstacles of the Orient.

Patriotic Service

During the World War, Mr. Aldwell was active in Sutton County, serving as chairman of several of the Liberty Loan drives and assisting in putting the county over the top on many occasions. The Fort Worth Star Telegram ran an editorial on the great work which he had accomplished. He was also active in war savings stamp sales and was a director in the Sonora chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. Aldwell served as Sonora's first mayor and since that time had been alderman. He was a member of the school board when Sonora's first stone building was constructed, serving as president and treasurer of the board. During its organization, he was president of the Sonora Commercial Club.

The sixth district bankers' association named him a vice president in 1910, and he served for one term.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge, the knights of Pythias and Macabees. He had held offices in each of the organizations at various times.

Services Tomorrow at 2:00 p. m.

Funeral services for Mr. Aldwell will be held at the Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, unless the present arrangement is changed.

Active pallbearers will be Geo. Joseph Vander Stucken, S. E. Mc S. Allison, E. F. Vander Stucken, Knight, E. E. Sawyer, Geo. H. Neill, Cecil Allen and Edwin Heinze.

February 8, 1935

First Scouts in Sonora now ranchmen and business men

Roy E. Aldwell was cashier in the First National Bank when he first heard of the Boy Scout movement. First Scoutmaster in Sonora he became interested again when the work was reorganized a few years ago. He is a member of the troop committee and is also a vice-president of the Concho Valley Council.

"The people of this day and time have come to realize that there is a vast amount of talent lost in the newsboys and bootblacks because these boys have no place to develop their talent until it is too late or from discouragement of having no one interested in them they fall by the wayside."

"The Boy Scout movement is intended to fill that place, it bars no boy who is willing to submit to its rules and abide by its teachings."--Roy E. Aldwell in Devil's River News in 1915

Sonora's Boy Scouts weren't newsboys or bootblacks, nor are they now, but the general thought about boys in the statement quoted above holds true today as in 1914 when Mr. Aldwell, "daddy" of Boy Scout work in Sonora, first decided to see if boys wanted to be Scouts.

Dr. J. F. Peek was school superintendent when Mr. Aldwell enlisted his aid in September, 1914. About twenty-four eligible boys were interested when a meeting was called at the school

building. Organization was completed October 25, 1914. By the next spring there were thirty-seven enrolled in the work.

Mr. Aldwell recalled Thursday that he had as assistant scoutmasters Prof. I. B. Peek, the superintendent's son, Prof. Seth Wagnon, another teacher, and Fred Simmons. Dr. Peek, Dr. H. R. Wardlaw and Bob Martin, sheriff, were interested in the work and helped out as they could. Dr. Wardlaw told the boys of first aid at some of their meetings which were held in the Masonic Hall.

You Know These "Boys"--Now Men

The boys of that day, many of whom are now business men and ranchmen of this section, who were active in Scout work then were:

Patrol leaders and assistants: A. B. Stokes, Wade Grimland, Will Adams, Willie Miers, Emmitt Archer, Joe B. Ross, Delmar Smith, Henry Decker, Rufus Ward and Joe North.

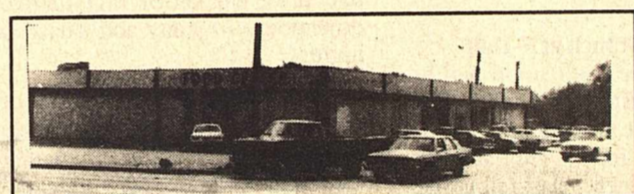
Other members were: Joe Vander Stucken, Emile Vander Stucken, Ernest Parton, Alfred Cooper, Justice Adams, Willie Adams, Millard Bryson, Fordie Beard, Jesse E. Martin, Ben Martin, Joe Martin, Libb Wallace, J. V. Alley, B. M. Halbert, Jr., Birdwell Davis, Homer Parker, Rufus Ward, John Fields, George J. Trainer, Jr., Justice Pinkston, Wallace Davis, Edmond Alley,

Herman Huebner, H. V. Stokes, Merrill Bodenheimer, Tom Davis, Miers Savell, Fred Smith, Harry Sharp, Harvey Morris, Collier Shurley, Ariel Wardlaw, Henry Decker and Jim Merck.

The "Handbook for Scoutmasters" had just been published and Mr. Aldwell lectured to them from that material. Most of the boys managed to get uniforms and the group began to attract attention. When a celebration was held Sheriff Martin looked to the boys for public service and they gave it--just as they do today. One hike was to the G. W. Morris place west of Sonora, now owned by G. W. Stephenson.

In the spring of 1915 Mr. Aldwell was sure the movement had worthwhile possibilities and a camp on the Llano River was planned for June. The material quoted above was in his statement

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Sutton County 4-H Club

The Sutton County 4-H Club was organized in the spring of 1937 by H. C. (Clay) Aitchison, Jr. with 10 boys completing their projects in sheep and wool production that year.

Betsy Ross was the first girl to enroll in the 4-H project in Sutton County in 1949. Since that time, the number of girls in 4-H has increased to 50% or more.

4-H Home Economics projects and activities were started in 1971 by Jean Holland, County Extension Agent-at-Large. 4-H Home Economics projects include food and nutrition, clothing and child care. Agricultural projects include sheep, goats, cattle, horse and range management. 4-H judging activities include livestock, wool and mohair, and range and grass judging. Other projects include recreation, health, photography, citizenship, leadership and shooting sports.

Major activities sponsored by the Sutton County 4-H Club each year include: Sutton County Livestock Show and Sale, Sonora Junior Horse Show, 4-H Fashion Show, 4-H Achievement Banquet and Dance and the 4-H Food Show.

Other special events include

parties, clean-up days, highway clean-up days, camps and sponsored trips to district, state and national 4-H events.

The Sonora Wool and Mohair Show, which is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club in cooperation with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has encouraged Sutton County youth and youth throughout the state and nation to participate in 4-H sheep and goat activities. The first show was held in 1938 and the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest was added to the show in 1961.

The Sutton County 4-H Center, now called the Clint Langford Memorial 4-H Center, has served Sonora and Sutton County as a community center since 1959. The original 4-H barn was constructed in 1949 to house the annual Sutton County 4-H Livestock Show. The barn was designed in a U-shape with the thought that the interior of the U could be enclosed in the future for an indoor show ring. That was accomplished in 1959, and since

that time improvements have been made to the 4-H Center. An annex building has been added to the 4-H Center for animal projects, judging practice, and shooting sports.

The 4-H program in Sutton County has been supervised by the following County Extension Agents: Agriculture--Clay Aitchison, Jr, 1937; Berry Duff, 1944; Ray Shaver, 1945; Clint Langford, 1949; and Preston Faris, 1979. Home Economics--Jean Holland, 1971; Sarah Mahon, 1975; Rachel Oehler (Hall), 1982; Pam Young, 1983; Gail Rucker, 1985; Micki Miller, 1987; and Lolabeth Jones, 1990.

The Sutton County 4-H Adult Leaders Association was organized in 1949 with all 4-H leaders and parents considered members. The Adult Leaders Association begins each 4-H year with a Parent Social to introduce parents and leaders to opportunities available to 4-H members. The leadership provided by the parents and leaders coupled with the support of local organizations, businesses, and individuals has made possible a strong 4-H program in Sutton County.

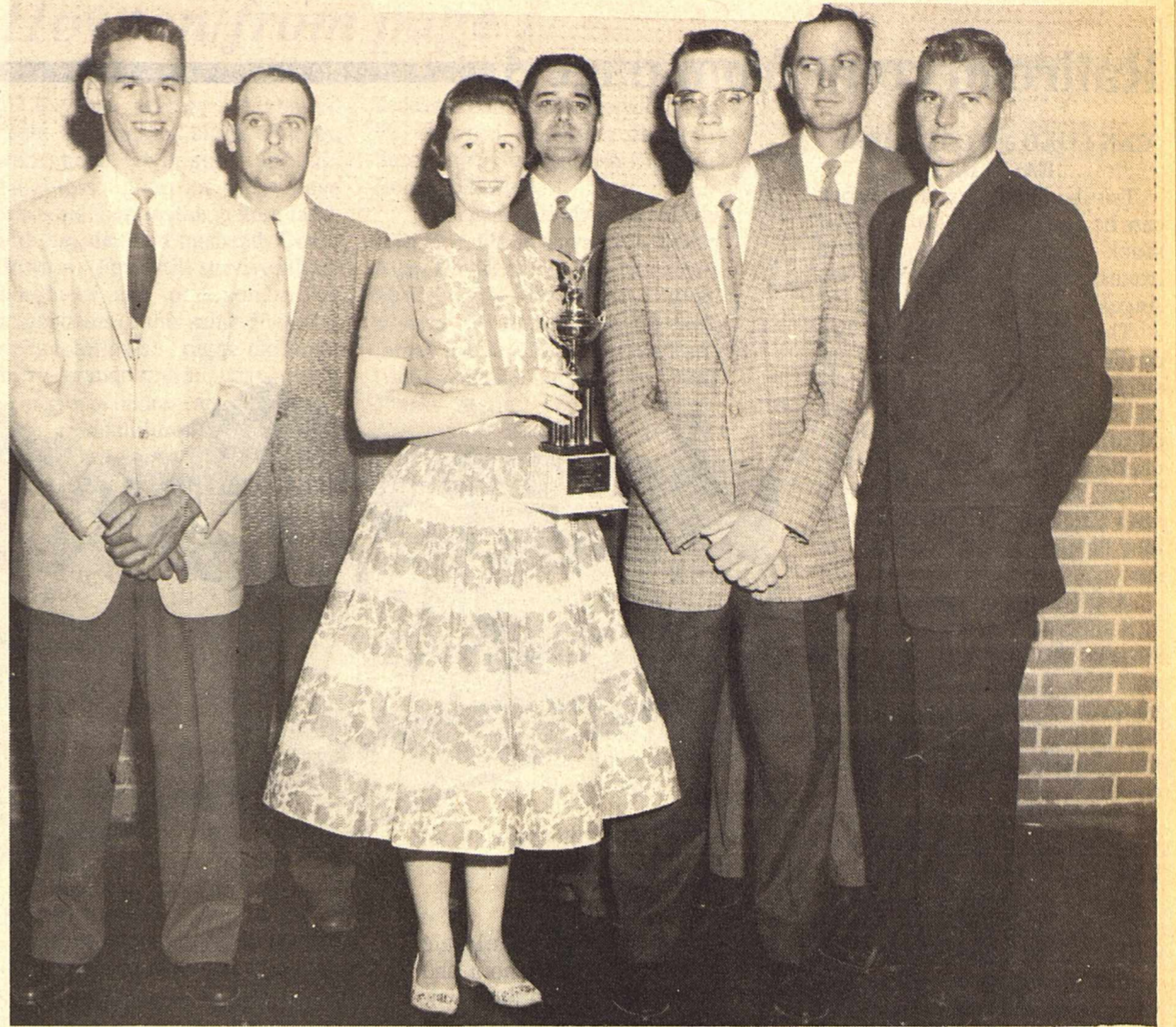


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4-H RANGE JUDGING TEAM - The first national 4-H Range Judging Team was made up in 1958. Members included front row, Freddy Fields, Claire Jones, Joe Friess and Tommy Love. In the back row, Garlyn Hoffman, E.B. King and Clint Langford.

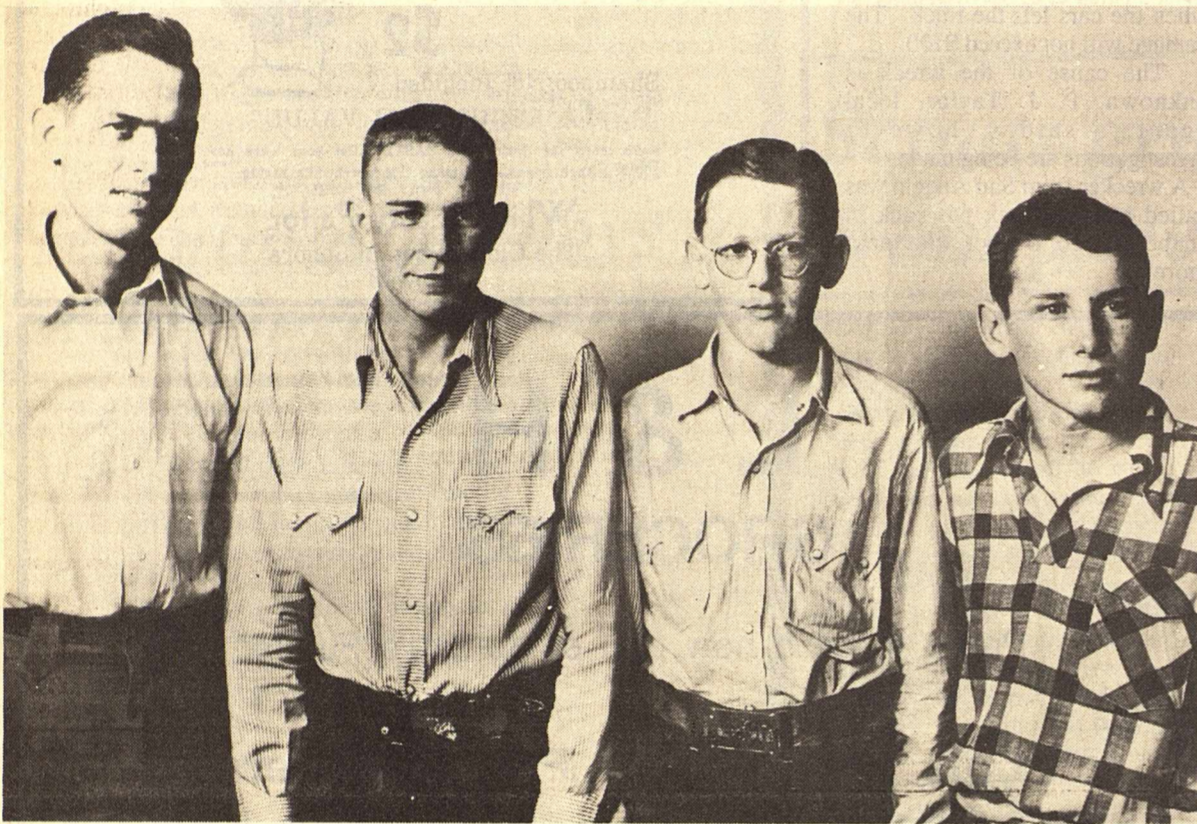


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FIRST STATE CHAMPS - These gentlemen made up the first state champion wool and mohair team in 1950. Pictured from left are, Clint Langford, agent and team members Corky Schwiening, John Mittel and Joe David Ross.

Emergency Management Services increases over the year

In the past 15 years ambulance services have gone from merely transport vehicles to a professional service. Laws, medical views, and other factors have brought to light the need for a trained EMS service in rural areas, as well as cities.

Sutton County is fortunate to have one of the more advanced organizations in this region for a small community, having its own department and all personnel licensed. This particular system is set up on 12 hour shifts with three man crews. This enables the EMS to have constant service. A paging system in the sheriff's department enables quicker response from pagers carried by crew members.

After originally working out of the hospital, then moving to a temporary location at I-10 west service road in the N. L. McCollough Building furnished by Joe David Ross, the new EMS offices were completed at 211 E. Third Street in October 1984.

Also in 1984, the new by-laws of the Emergency Medical Service were adopted. There were 16 original members and since that time the organization has grown at a steady rate.

All of the members have spent long hours studying and many more hours practicing their skills. Nearly all started out with the 40 hour emergency care course and

most have gone on to earn their Emergency Medical Technician license. Three members have advanced their training even farther. The organization members are dedicated to helping others and working on the ambulance gives them that chance.

The EMS holds business meetings the first Monday of each month, and training meetings on the third Monday. These meetings enable personnel to be aware of the day to day operating situations and keeps skills sharpened. Many members of the organization are certified skills instructors, lecturers, CPR instructors, and skills examiners.

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the boys can sleep in the open and "rough" it and it will be good for them. That may be all right gentlemen, but the parents who let the boys go in my charge expect me to take ORDINARY PRECAUTION and not let them do something that will make them sick or be injurious to them.

"Roughing it" is alright, and I think all the boys can stand it, but there may be a few who cannot. Suppose it should rain two or three days while we are on this trip. I feel that a great majority of the boys would stand it all right but there might be two or three who would have colds and probably pneumonia or rheumatism. For these reasons we want these equipments. When we once have them we can use them a long time by properly caring for them. The total cost of these equipments, provisions and all incidental expenses for the purposes stated above will cost somewhere between \$200 and \$300.

Within the next few days a list will be presented to you to which you can subscribe any amount that you may feel like contributing to this cause. Whatever aid you may

give us we assure you will be highly appreciated by the boys and myself, and we feel too that you will not afterwards regret assisting us. Assuring you too that we appreciate the moral support which you have given us, as much

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Railroad con't from page 3

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Two hundred cars of livestock can be loaded daily at the four stock pens on the Sonora extension of the Orient from San Angelo.

The pens at Sonora have two double-deck loading chutes and one single-deck loading chute. Each of the four pens of the latest type construction. W. H. Rochester, engineer of the Orient, and Bill Tilton, livestock agent, conferred with ranchmen in regard to what they thought would be the best of such pens.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Southbound trains leaving San Angelo this morning will carry with them hundreds of "first train" passengers, but more important will be the everlasting binding of the Concho and Devil's River countries.

As that first train steams its way through Christoval and Eldorado to blaze its way on to Sonora a dream will have been realized. It is easy to say that a dream will have been realized, but neither printed papers, nor spoken word will ever be capable of portraying that dream.

Names, many of them, could be mentioned as belonging to persons who have played a big part in the realization of the project. The backing of some \$3,000,000 and the reason for building of the road lies in the fact that the resources of a great country are ample to warrant it.

W. L. Aldwell, J. B. Christian, James Cornell, G. W. Stephenson -- those are a few of the leaders to whom much credit is due. Behind them is the name of Arthur Stillwell, who visioned the road years before. Hundreds of others played on important part -- but the productiveness of the soil and the resources of the Concho and the Devil's River countries stand out as the primary factors in that first train's journey this morning to Christoval, the resort city, Eldorado, coming oil center and Sonora, famed ranch city. (San Angelo Times, July 1)

"A ROUND OF SLUGS"

Steel rails have already helped out city. Due to the fact that we



have rails several wholesale houses will come into Sonora, and they will be an asset to the town. Among the new enterprises that have already come and will come are: two or three oil and gas stations, wool warehouse, steam laundry, salt plant and others.

Congratulations are due the hundreds who were here and for the manner in which they conducted themselves. It was one of the most orderly celebrations in the history of the town. No more than half a dozen arrests were made and those were for gambling at the carnival.

J. M. VANDER STUCKEN SHIPS FIRST LIVESTOCK

Joseph M. Vander Stucken, a prosperous young ranchman, was the first to ship livestock over the new Santa Fe rails. Mr. Vander Stucken shipped a double-deck of three-year-old muttons to the Fort Worth market Monday. The run to Fort Worth requires 24 hours. The charge for a double-deck car to Fort Worth is \$81.40.

E. F. Vander Stucken received the first carload of freight to come into Sonora over the Santa Fe. The car consisted of Purina feeds.

DEPOT AGENT HERE IS PLEASED WITH SONORA

P. J. Taylor, new Santa Fe agent here, says he likes Sonora well, and he is pleased with his work and the Sonora people. Mr. Taylor came here from Alpine, where he had been in the employ of the Santa Fe. He has a wife and one child. Mr. Taylor handles the Western Union business here and also that for the American Railway Express Company.

RAIL BONUS PAYMENT PLAN STILL PENDING

No definite action was made by the Sutton County Railroad Committee at their meeting Monday of this week as to the plan of payment for the \$75,000 bonus pledged to the Santa Fe as an inducement for them to build a road into this county. This bonus was subscribed several months ago to the Santa Fe and it was agreed by both the railroad and Sutton county that the sum would be paid on the completion of the road.

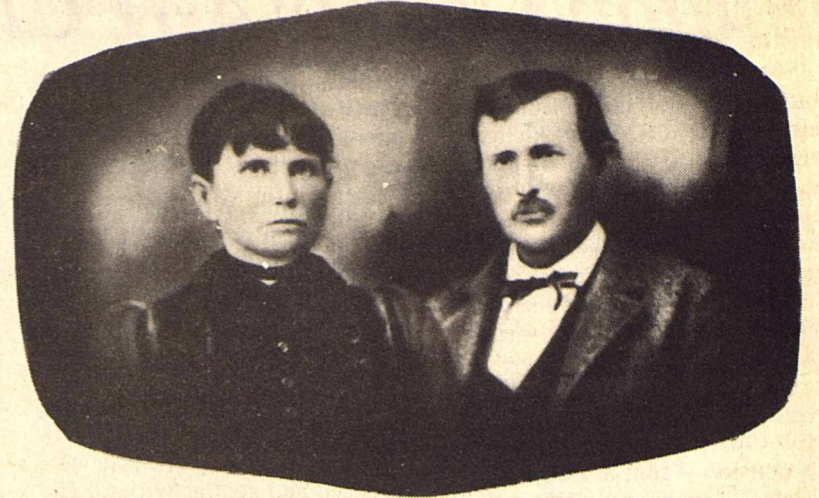
FIRST SANTA FE WRECK DAMAGE \$200

The first wreck on the San Angelo-Sonora extension of the Santa Fe happened Friday

afternoon at 2 o'clock when the engine tender, box car and three cars of cattle were derailed two miles north of here. No one was injured and no cattle were killed when the cars left the track. The damage will not exceed \$200.

The cause of the wreck is unknown, P. J. Taylor, local agent, said, however investigations are being made.

A wrecker from San Angelo was called and the track put back in shape by 10 o'clock the next morning.



Clarence Valliant family history

In 1905 my great-grandparents L. P. and Martha Ann Valliant, moved to Sutton County. They came in a wagon with their children: William Devers, Perry, Arch, Roy, Lossie Mae and Clarence. They first leased a ranch. L.P. bought 3 sections of land from D. T. Yaws of Ft.

Mckavett for \$1.25 and \$1.50 an acre. The family moved to this ranch on November 16, 1905, the day my Grandpa Clarence was 2 years old. In 1906, L. P. bought 2 more sections of land from Calvin R. Mower. This is the Clarence Valliant ranch in Northeast Sutton County.

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Shearing operation featured in Fort Worth Star-Telegram

When spring comes to West Texas and the trees start budding and the pastures green up, you can be sure that it won't be long until shearing time.

Shearing time is a sure sign of spring for the Edwards Plateau country of Texas, where the state's sheep population is concentrated and where a big part of Texas' big wool crop is produced.

Sheep numbers are down. They're way down when compared with prewar years and the first year or two after the war.

Drouth forced many ranchers to sell sheep which would have been kept for foundation stock. And many who learned the danger of overstocking during the three and a half years of rough drouth say that they'll never be faced with a bad year and overstocked ranges again.

Shearing is a colorful part of the sheep and wool industry of the state.

In Texas nearly all the sheep are sheared by itinerant crews who work a regular schedule of ranches, shearing a complete flock every time.

The clippers are operated from a drive shaft hooked to a gasoline motor which pops like an old-fashioned washing machine.

The motor pops and the clippers whirl and the whole fleece soon rolls off, white and fluffy. Then it is graded, stuffed into wool bags for trucking to warehouses where it is held until the market is right for a sale.

When shearing time came around this year on the ranch of Mrs. Luella O'Leary near Sonora, Miss Edith McIlwain, Mrs. O'Leary's daughter, who is active in the ranch operation, called on a shearing crew "captain" who has been shearing the sheep on the ranch for 34 years.

Francisco Avila, who got his start through the help of Mrs. O'Leary's father, the late T. D. Word, arrived at the ranch at midmorning with his two trucks and his trailer shearing rig.

One truck carried the equipment and effects of the crew. The other is used to haul the wool to storage.

Avila found that Miss McIlwain already had most of the 800 fine-wooled Delaine sheep penned and ready for shearing and as the shearing rig was pulled into place ranch hands headed for the pasture to bring in the remaining animals.

Fred Earwood, Sonora warehouseman and a sheep rancher in his own right, known over the nation as a leader in the wool and mohair industry in the country, was on hand to start the shearing crew and grade the first fleeces.

Please see shearing, page 9

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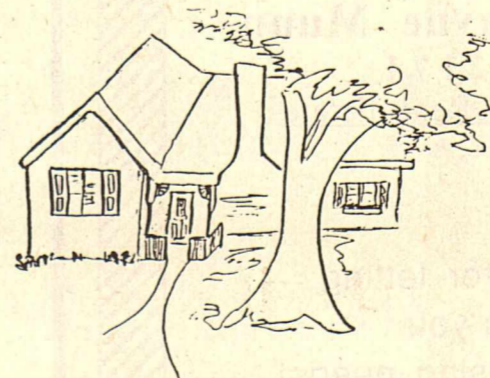
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The petroleum industry; a vital part of Sutton County

by Jim Fish

Most of us view Sonora and Sutton County as new to the petroleum industry. True, the Devil's River country experienced the sonic 'economic' boom of the oil field in the mid 1970's. Nevertheless, a quick rummage through the records of the County Clerk show petroleum interests being bought, leased and sold as early as 1910.

Documents show promises of exploration, development and exploitation in 1912, with subsequent re-occurrences of activity in ten and twenty year cycles since. "Doodle-buggers" criss-crossed our country in the mid-40's, to be followed by techniques that even include searching for oil and gas deposits by means of an orbiting satellite. One might say, we are "old hands" in the oil patch.

How many of us remember the before and after, when Sutton County saw the emergence of this laid-back cow, sheep and goat country into the round-the-clock search for Black Gold? Remember when the primary source of

entertainment was bull shipping and buffalo hunting at the Gulf Restaurant, and watching "Lord knows what" get off the buses that stopped?

Quite a transformation, huh?

Though perspectives vary regarding it's positive and negative qualities, most of us reap a great deal of benefit as a result of managing existing production assets and the continued development of future interests. The streets are full of the familiar faces of our long terms residents who successfully made the change from cow man to oil man. Still others combined the two in successful operations. Those new faces, with new ideas confront the old daily in differing ways and usually, result in friendliness. Many have come and contributed to the sustained growth of the already striving communities of our West Texas area. For the most part, all have gained from the petroleum industry. Our future is a little brighter and more secure because of it.

Our cultural heritage has gained a wider horizon with the color and

romance that accompanies the oil patch. Whole books could be filled with the unsung heroes who have died and prospered. Poetry and movies were born of West Texans' sacrifices.

Most evident, is the contributions to our civic and educational institutions. Our new high school was financed with many petroleum dollars. The John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building and civic complex is a testament to the generosity of interested citizens whose abilities to give their offerings were enhanced by the economic rewards of mineral assets. Indeed, traces of oil can be found at the very core of civic pride, promotion and growth.

We have just gone through a hundred years (or more) of the best years of our lives. Who's to say what will happen in the next century, but you can bet the petroleum industry will play a lasting role in the quality of our lives and the legacy we leave to our children.

"Share the dream of years gone by, Sonora's on the grow."

Howton/from page 1

in Fayette county, Alabama. From this union, eight children were born, two sons and six daughters. Four of these have preceded her to the better land, with her devoted husband, David Howton. Four still survive, three daughters and one son. The descendants of this sainted woman are as follows: eight children, thirty grandchildren, sixty eight great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, a total of a hundred and eleven.

"Mrs. Howton professed faith in Christ in her eighteenth year, and united with the Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member for eighty-two years. She was a woman of strong character, wonderful mind, and courageous purpose. She was a great mother. she loved her God supremely, her husband devotedly, her children as only a true mother can. She was devoted to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with the deepest affection. She was the sweetest of mothers and her offspring were faithful to her, to the last moment. She leaves to mourn her death, four living children, Mrs. Martha S. Davis, Sonora; Mrs. Ann Haseltine Traweck, Lake Victor; David Gaston Howton, Selma, California; and Mrs. Lucy Adiline Perry, Sonora. There are four

deceased children, namely: Sidney H. Howton, Suzanna Howton, Sarah Jane Howton, and Margaret Belzora Howton.

"Her grandchildren are Lilly Lovelace, Davis Covington, David Allen Davis, Hollie Beatrice Davis McGonagill, Iva Pearl Davis, Myrtle Viola Davis Meckel, James Rupert Davis, Esther Ruth Davis Wallace, Lucinda Ray Davis Clark, Jasper Leslie Traweck, Alexander Hamilton Traweck, Emory Charles Traweck, Rosa Traweck, Margaret Rebecca Traweck Lauderdale, Hollie Iva Traweck Stockman, Ocala David Traweck, Edgar Virgil Traweck, Annie Haseltine Traweck Parsons, Daisy Leslie Perry Davenport, Alva Ola Howton Higgins, Grace Flavia Howton Fury, Flavious Josephus Howton, Cdra Beatrice Howton Nee, Willie Bell Howton Foley, Marion Lee Howton, Vira Louise Howton Fred, Ollie Truett Howton.

"Her great-grandchildren are Exa Davis Meckel, Mora Lee Meckel,

James Lavelle Meckel, Doris Love Meckel, Geraldine Fae Meckel, Ruby Helen Davis, James Leonard Davis, Howard Wright Davis, David Dennis Davis, Jack Ray Davis, John Leslie Stockman, Merle Christine Stockman, Orville Loraine Stockman, Douglas Odell Stockman, William Francis McGonagill, James Wayne McGonagill, William Lavohn Covington, Ruth Loray Covington, Osie Olive Traweck, Billie David Traweck, Wilbecca Traweck, Jane Traweck, Wilvie Dewaine Smith, Wayland Rodgers Smith, Dorcas Annella Davenport, Dorothy Elva Davenport, Billy Bert Davenport, Lavohn Lauderdale, Loeta Lauderdale, Sunshine Lauderdale, James Lauderdale, Katherine Stockman Moore, Ruby Dee Stockman, Duward Hamilton Stockton.

"Her great-great-grandchildren are Margaret Jane Moore, Velva Joy Stockman, Hattie Jane Covington, Leslie Lou Covington.

Shearing/from page 1

A trained warehouse worker took over as Earwood left and saw that the wool was sacked according to staple length.

Mrs. O'Leary is right proud of her fine-wooled sheep.

They are a strain of Delaines which has been developed on the ranch since the late 1880s.

Her father, a pioneer in the sheep business in the Sonora area, started the strain.

"He worked on wool all his life," said Mrs. O'Leary.

The O'Leary Ranch contains six sections. Some goats are run on the place and formerly cattle were part of the operation but they were sold out during the dry years when the price of feed became to high to make keeping them a profitable

venture, Mrs. O'Leary said.

The sheep milled around the shearing pen as the workmen plied their skill.

As the shearer completed one animal, he would turn it loose, stick out his hand and grab another one by one the foot pulling it into place.

The belly and legs are shorn first. Then the shearer gets to work on the fleece, which comes off almost in one piece.

The fleeces can be handled easily by one who is an expert but fall to pieces when picked up by an inexperienced hand.

The shearers on Avila's crew handled an average of 15 sheep per hour.

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A thunderstorm's relentless bath,
The frequent stings of wind and hail,
The blasting force of sand and gail.

Although she's claimed their flesh and bone,
Her workers drill to reach a zone,
Through layered earth, a mile of hole;
A bonus when they've made their goal.

With all these things she's beautiful.
She's full of grace and fanciful,
With jewel-like lights that light the night
And promises of wealth's delight.

Each day and night that passes by,
She stands erect with crown held high.
Her throne remains on Texas soil
And glorifies the quest for oil.

jim fish

SONORA'S ON THE GROW

Eighteen ninety left a mark on Devil's River land.
Ranchers drawn by hopes and dreams, had come to make a stand.
Wells were dug and windmills built, that life could be sustained.
Plots of land became the homes of those who had remained.

They confronted every woe with simple ways they knew.
Spending fortunes, lives and stock, they made their dreams come true.
'Gainst all odds, they labored long and tried to make a show;
By and by, a town took shape. Sonora's on the grow.

Sutton County's seen extremes, the climate sets the trend.
Drought and flood, and flood and drought, the cycles never end.
Days you dodge the falling hail, and some you nearly drown,
Most you pray for rain to come and slake the thirsty ground.

Outlaws walked our city streets and rode our county's trails,
Lost their lives and freedom, too, to lawmen tough as nails.
We were wooly, wild and free, proud to let'em know;
"We are masters of our fate, Sonora's on the grow."

Families stayed a hundred years, and raised their children here.
Some remained and some have left, but one thing should be clear;
Things they learn and take away, will grow within their care;
Like a seed, Sonora's own, for all the world to share.

Join me now, let's toast our town, let's lift our glasses high.
Drink to times we've yet to live and those that have gone by.
Sip the water cool and clear, that comes from far below.
Share the dream of years gone by, Sonora's on the grow.

jim fish

Centennial 1890-1990

Scouts grow up/ from page 6

telling of the Scout work and asking assistance, financially, in putting over the camp.

Group Held Intact Two Years

People began to get the wrong idea of the purpose of the work, Mr. Aldwell says. No one knew about the origin of the whistle that night and Mr. Aldwell says he didn't think he should use his influence to discover the boy who was at the base of the incident that didn't help a religious service.

The Boy Scout work had continued through two school years and for one reason and another was 'dropped'. People were interested but just didn't understand it. Woodie Martin did his best to carry on the work. An attempt at reorganization was made by Jim Buchanan in 1917-18 but people had other thoughts in those days. Two years later another effort was made.

Then in 1927--Mr. Aldwell believes the first meeting was in the first part of 1928--a new "lease on life" was taken and the Boy Scouts of America, as Sonora was concerned, was revived. Carroll Stephen was the first Scoutmaster. His "noble six," the only members for the dreary, discouraging first week were: G. W. Archer, Lea Roy Aldwell, Louie Trainer, Edwin Sawyer, John Hull and Dewitt Lancaster.

Prospects Not Encouraging

It looked bad to Mr. Aldwell and Mr. Stephen, one of them recalled yesterday. Boys were still interested although it was an entirely different group from that of ten or twelve years before. Those joined soon were:

Charles Pharis, Max Turney, Linden Turney, Pat Cooper, Marvin Barnes, Edgar Glasscock,

Harold Friess, Pete Taylor, Charles Harold Evans, J. H. Brasher, Jr., Jack Pfister, Wesley Hill, Harry Pierce, Troy White, Cleveland Jones, Vincent Roueche, Herbert Fields, Ikey Kring.

Mr. Stephen had the work about a year and when he gave it up he became a member of the committee in charge--composed of Mr Aldwell, L. W. Elliott,

Vernon Hamilton and W. C. Gilmore.

Second place in a wall scaling contest in San Angelo was won by the boys about this time. They took second or third in the entire competition. There must be something to these boys, people began to think.

Among the scoutmasters to follow Mr. Stephen were: Reese Hill, A. C. Elliott, R. V. Davis and C. B. Foster, the latter two area executives who tried to supervise the work of several troops in towns of this section.

John Eaton "Does the Job"

Then John Eaton was appointed Scoutmaster and has served ever since. Under his direction the boys have accomplished a great deal and have become known for their scoutcraft ability all over West Texas. Mr. Eaton was graduated from school here in 1922, attended Thorp Springs Junior College and returned here to work with his father. For several years he has been manager of Interstate Public Service Co., owner of the Sonora Water Utility.

As Mr. Aldwell expressed it Thursday: "John really put it over in a substantial way." Individual Scouts have made progress under his guidance and Troop 19 has won contest after contest in competition with other West Texas boys of the area.

Several years ago the suggestion was made by Mr. Aldwell that a district be formed of towns in this section for more efficient work. Brice Draper, area executive then, created the division which is composed of Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona.



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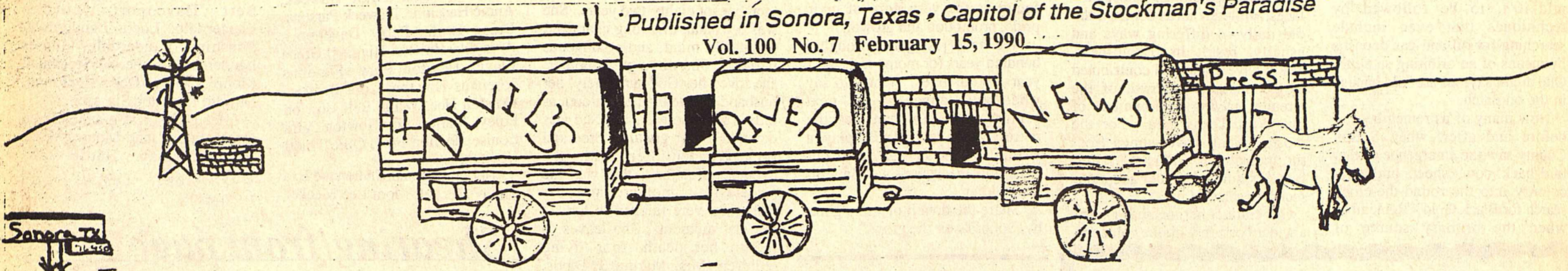
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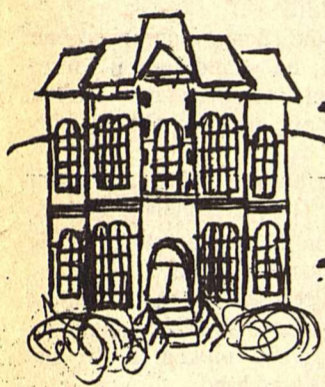
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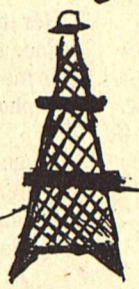


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FLAG CONTEST ENTRIES

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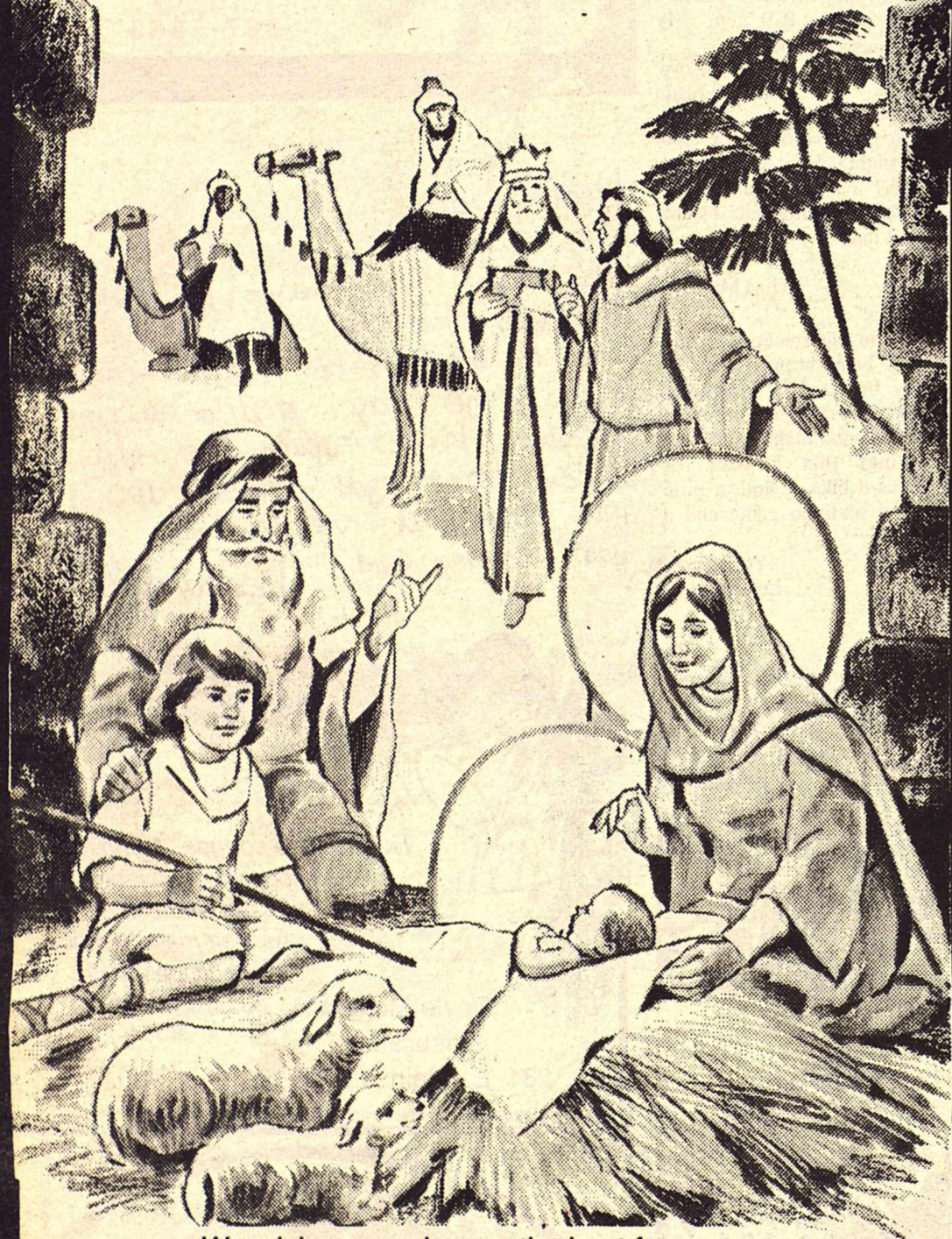


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Lisa Valdez

Greeting The Holy Season

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Dear Santa,
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Love,
Joseph Perciful

Dear Santa,
I have bin good. I want a skateboard for this Christmas. Houw are you. Not good or good? I nowe you or good.
Shane Mathews

Dear Santa,
I wat a Nintotape and a pig and a gocer i wat a dog.
Love,
Alex Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a puppy and a gme boy and games for the game boy. Also a Big Ninga Turtle van. and a pizza thrower.
Love,
Jason Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I ben a good girl this year. I really whant a white dog and a trapien.
Love,
Serena Duran

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How have you been? I hope you have a Merrey Christmas. I want a Nintendo and P. J. Sparkles doll for Christmas.
Love, Brook Bolt

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want for Christmas is a baby surprice doll, trappleen and lots of more stuff for Christmas. how are you Elffs doing making the present for all the kids.
XXXXOOOOO
Love,
Alison Montalvo

Dear Sant,
How is miss clous? i hope evrone is good. Will you plesse give me P. J. sprokls. littl ballrenrena. and play makeup? Tell your elv's to make that plesse. have a nice trip.
XXXXOOOOOO
Love,
Shalayne Hobbs

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a chramalen and a swimming pool for christmas.
Love, Kristina Edmondson

Dear Santa,
I wont a game boy and a bebey gun for crismas I have ben ril good in shcool bring my present to me.
Love,
Jesus Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a slay for christmas in a toy car to.
Love,
Pedo Capuchin

Dear Santa,
Santa. I want a bike and a computer I bin a good boy in shcool 4 wiler and a big bank.
luve,
Friend Mendez

Dear Santa Claus,
You wrote me a letter. I got it around December 3, 1990. You called my mom and dad and they gave you some ideas what I wanted for Christmas. You said you would give me a good present and I bet you do. You always give good presents to kids. My Mom and Dad didn't tell you everything I wanted for Christmas. These are some other things I want for Christmas. A bb gun, gameboy, computer games, unicycle, magic, and a key board.
Your friend,
Ryan

P. S. Have a Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I haf been wanting a Nintendo and a power glove. I will lev you sum cookces and sum milk.
Love,
Joc

Dear Santa,
I want to know how are your reindeer. Last year my mom and I liked what that litter said Oh and I want Little Miss Makeup and P. J. Sparkles. My sister wants a computer.
P. S. writ back
Love,
Daisha Rashawn Henson

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would want a Nintendo and a computer because I like those thing and Merry Christmas Santa Claus. And I want the reindeer to be happy.
Love,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. I wont a dinosaur and a Nintendo for christmas. Also I wont nejutrils Lmado and Domtalo.
From,
Jason

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year and I would like a knife, computer, power wheel to.
Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa Claus,
Have your elves been good or not? Is Rudolph real? Can you bring me a keyboard a computer, BB giun and some drums? And can you give me a Game Boy.
For,
Crispin



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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hliiday brabie and a gogo pupe dug.
How are your dear.

Love,
Monica Lira

Dear Santa,
How are the elvs and
Rolyd and Vixen and Fransts
and dasher and how old are they?
I have been good this year.
On my list I have a lot of things
I have a watch and foot ball
fellohp. I wish that my
dogs... come bak in Christmas
ev.

Love,
Trey Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? And are your
Reindeer? I hope you are feeling
good on Christmas! Everyb's hoodgar
going to pale your sleep, hope I've
been good enough. Will you bring
me a dog, cover a leash, and a
toy shoe. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Love,
Kandra McIntyre



Dear Santa,
I want o Nintendo
for Christmas. I is Danise
primer zupid carmit rudophe
vixon donner.

Love
Anthony Sanchez



Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy, Nintendo
gaps, Remote Control Airplane,
Back to the Future part 1, 2 and 3,
penge Mutant Ninja turtles,
Hot keys and a Nintendo Joy-
stick.

Love
Christophe Green



Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will you bring me a doll, kite, yo-yo, gams,
toy cat, toy bear, toy dog.

Love
Emily Luna

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Sonora
387-5908

PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR

Dear Santa,
I want to know how your reindeer
are. Is Rudolph ok. Are you doing good? I
want to tell you what I want for
Christmas. I want a Little Miss Makeup
and a doll. I also want a Barbie and
an P.J. Sparkles. I also want a sewing
machine and some doll clothes.

Love,
Lindsey Nicole Bowers.

**Merry Christmas
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387-3756

Dear Santa I want a Baby Alive Baby shivers GoGo Barbie doll Barbie house a play house teddy bear Barbie car hair dryer a dressing table dress shoes a Santa claws doll and a roadoff doll to I want you would spin the night with us at winters. but the most thing is to get Jason to spin the night with us. Thanks for coming to give us presnts. I was a good girl.

I will leave some cookies and milk.

love Kelly

Happy Holidays to all
our customers and friends



**Foxworth Galbraith
Lumber Co.**
112 E. 3rd Sonora, Texas
387-2536

Dear Santa,
I have ben a vere good girl. will you get me these thgs. dolls, typwriter, lite brite, beanbag, rainbownfun hut, roller skates, bike.

Love,
Marjorie Elizabeth Becknell

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be nice wo will you give me some presents? and My sister is trying to be nice so she can get some presents to.

Love,
Melissa Brents

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good girl. Ples give my Sisters and perants a present. I want This: Christmas Book and a Barbie and a Doll. and music Tape and a Crayans and Barbie and a Miss Magic Hair and clothes. and a Barbie house and a Teddy Bear ans some Color Books.

Love,
Mary Bryant

Dear Santa,
(X) I am trying to be good for you because I wot to get a prest for Me. I wot a dog.

love,
Deawn

Dear San Claus,
(X) I've ben a good boy today and I want an army Tshirt and a bort simpsn Tshirt and a Lecanaredo and the turtle blip.

Love,
Sean Fields

Dear Santa,
(X) I want to get some super maro s-3 and Tuntle ninja and Batman gun anb a pupy.

Love,
Juan Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I am so happy to see you. I wot a ninja turtle gun.

Love,
Baldemar Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want gloves-tennis shoes-Socks-supc-maros-3.

Love,
Maribel Hernandez

Dear St. Nick,
I Want a BR BE and Kim dol.

Love,
Amanda Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been good will you breg me my prrd boorne, lite mis mag heer.

Love,
Leslie Gamez

Dear Santa,
I am eod this yir. I wrt a bzoc. hiw are yowr Runder and Rodof.

Love,
Matt Batchelor

Dear Santa,
I have been vary good. This witre pules bring me a baoyes.

Love,
Heather Lawson

Dear Santa,
Please may I wot a crosfir and a skooter. I am a good boy.

Love,
Shawn Odom

Dear Santa Claus,
(X) Will you breg sum glasses and rol skas? I have ben good.

Love,
Heath Prather

Dear saita claus,
I won a santa toy.

Love,
Carlos Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a ftbol. Marc Krestmis!

Love,
Juan Luis Reyes

Dear Santa,
I am sorry that I forgot to tell you that I wanted to have a scope and a dog for Christmas. I tr'd to be good.

Love,
Byron Williams

Dear Santa,
Please Santa bring me a pue an a Pawgiw.

Love,
Marie Samaniego

Dear Santa,
Pleasc brig me A gameboy. and Nagf urtle.

Love,
Ruben Brown

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a barbee pawill, and a gogo dog. please bring me a barbee.

Luv,
Megan

Dear Santa,
Pleasee Christmas I WOt a woCING PUPanda 5 BaBE.

Love,
Maura Chavez

Dear Santa,
Pleasee will you bring me a pateingsinr witha buchof papre. Please may I hav a one netdoe game for Christmas. Please may I a tay of you. Santa how are you this Christmas. How is Rubolph and all of uther reindeer.

Love,
Beau Hughes

Dear Santa,
I have been vere vere good. I wut a Siph boba, and a Skepr and a Tv. and a Desk Set, and a Dire and much mur.

Love,
Kasey Kearney

Dear Santa,
I want a stop and dog dog and laos and laos of stickrs and a presis momintse Bible too.

Love,
Genny Cramer

Dear Santa,
Please may I have a dol that chachs kaors and a dog that woks and a tape. Santa I hav bn good.

Ashley Bible

Dear Sata,
I am happy to see you come and see me. I have some cake and milk. I wot a sprkl dol, bik, kumputr, Brbe and swimming pul.

Love,
Vanessa Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dog that wks and a bb gun. Santa hawryou wut o par wil I have ben good.

Love,
Brandi

Dear Santa,
Haw are The ran dirs and rod of. Haw are yeu. I wot a Slepín bag.

Love,
Ashley Vickers

Dear Santa,
How are The Dearosand RUDOLPH The Raindoors. and i wot two brabies.

Love,
Gabby Coronado

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 2 20 3 gun and remot control fire trac.

Love,
Chance Armke

Dear Santa,
I want a bazukca and I want a Paowr Glava and I want a saat bord.

Love,
Lionel Cervantez

I have being good.

Dear Santa,
Pleasee may I have. a pupy and I wunt. a beby rabbit and I want. a GoGo pupy.

Love,
Lee Voight

Dear Santa,
Pleasee beg me a be b gun. and a msgun and a 204 gun. I wot a ctr car. I wus good.

Love,
Eloy Torres

Dear Santa,
Pleasee bring me a cot fordefive and a dybl barl shogun and a 2202.

Love,
Riggin Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I wut a 3030 Shogun and anitno guv bzug and a Rmey. Thanc.

Love,
Poncino Castillo C.

Dear Santa,
Santa how do you deliver all those presents in one night? Sant I want a little mouse, A book called little mouse on the prarie. i want a stocking and a Nintindo.

Love,
Heather Felts

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good boy. I wot a boll, I wot a bat, I wot a book Loony tos.

Love,
Moises Galindo

Dear Santa,
I have been vare good. Will you bren me some shos?

Love,
Adrian Mendez

Dear Santa,
I have bne good gral. Will you bring a rabbit, kite, doll.

Love,
Bianca Caballero

Dear Santa,
I wanjtiaa truck, a car and a train. I want a dog.

Love,
Jorge Guerra

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl. Can I get three hig for me. I wot a dog and a cat and a bear.

Love,
Dora McAfce

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I hope you come soon. Haw is your elves dooing And your wife. I want a jump rope and a backit boll and pee jay-spockus. Merr Christmas Santa.

Love,
Morgan Hobbs

Dear Santa,
I bn good. Will you brg me Teder, brbes, clos, bic, cabecas holer, Prhbemack.

Love,
Candance Luna

Dear Santa,
I haev ben a great boy. Will you bring me a powr gluv, powr wheels.

Love,
Harvey Villanueva

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will you bring me a nife, bebes, and a bebe gun?

Love,
James Elliott

Dear Santa,
I have bin vere good. I wut ol the nizr turtles, and ahemen sord.

Love,
Alex



Dear Santa,
I have tired to be very good this year. I hope I will get some of the things I want from you. Here is my list of things I would like to have in my stocking: pins and pens, gum, candy cane, chap stick, (any), and a few surprizes. Here is a list of presents I would like to have: lil miss magic hair, Magic Nursery Baby, bubble gum machine, and a few surprizes. I hope all I want if not to much stuff. Bye Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Andi Allen

Dear Santa,
I wnt a bear and a book. and a pretty dress that has a Santa on it. and a brebe that has long hear. and a necl.

Love,
Mary Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a ninja turtle.

Ubaldo

Dear Santa this christmas I want Melvin a gameboy, pupy., A pitcher of you clothes Nintindo games, Ninja Turtles, McDonolds play set, elf sout.

from,
Pete Samaniego the IV

Dear Santa Claus,
I what the game of sharkatack and I what the game of anybodys gess and I what a baby chiwuwa.

Cassi Cole

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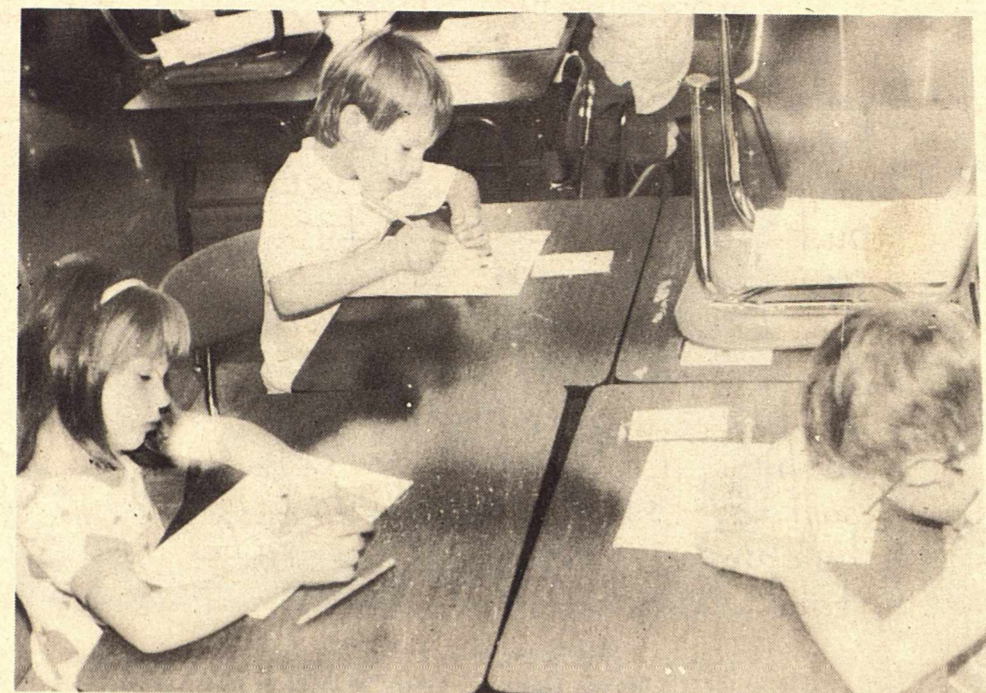
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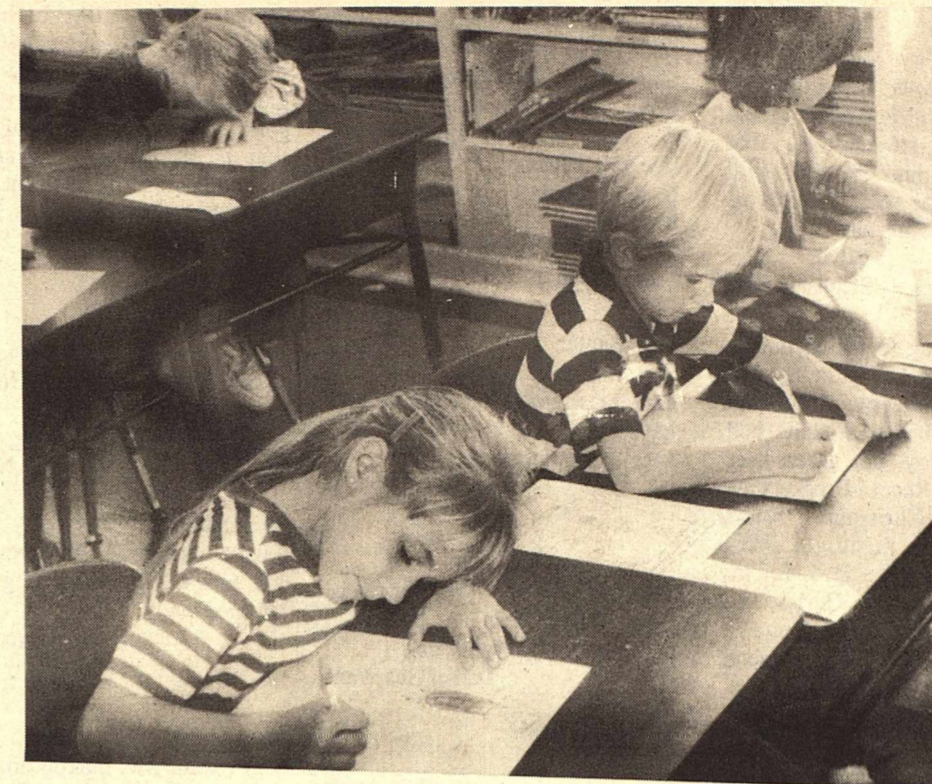


Dear Santa,
I have binee goob. Will you bring me a hrs, truck.
Love,
Michael Nichols

Dear Santa,
I have bin a very good little girl. Will you pigr a picture uver you Santa.
Love
Kimberley Danin

Dear Santa,
I have ben good. Will you brig me a remot cntrol big truck, ras kr, vedeo gam.
Love
Jeremy Brown

Dear santa, I am
If you will a ford what
want please send me a
hintendo and a computer and a
elcirt guitar and a knife and
one more thing I would like
typewriter and how are you
Are your reindeer ready for
a long trip? hope the people
a psheate what you give
them and I am sure I will
I'm sorry I have to go
I will leave some cookies for
you. Merry Christmas
happy new year
Love Larry,



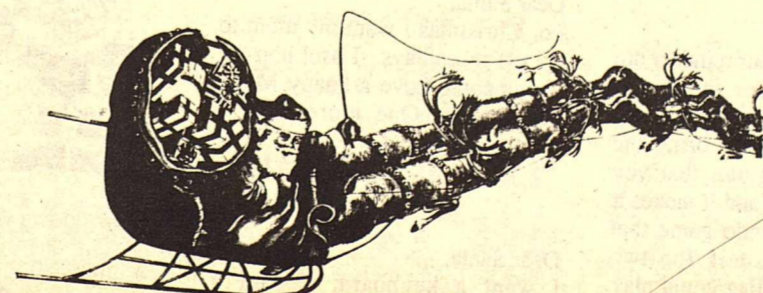
Dear Santa,
How are the rindir doing? I hape you can bring me a sonicix and you bring my brthr a Gamboy.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby thet drink and ets and wets. I want a ice cream maker and Baby Pooshr. I want a flowers and Christmas Tree. I want My DaD to say HoHo! on Christmas Day.
Love,
Jessi

Dear Santa,
I hope your randear are fin and I hope you are fin to. I hope you bornga lot. My sesdr wants a serero.
Love,
Eddie

Dear Santa,
Wen is yor brthda? I sit oon the 25. I hop you are betr. Breing me rolrscats and a Newton Gimmek. Me brotr wans a Nesinvanteg. Mi frend wons a magic nursery beby.
Love,
Jaclyn

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS STAFF!



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Merry Christmas

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Merry Christmas

DEVIL'S RIVER INN

IH-10 and Golf Course Rd. 387-3516

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I hope you are not sick this Christmas. If I can I will leave some hay and cookies and milk. I would like a sewing machine, and a letter too a computer, a typewriter too. That is all cause I think my family will bring me the rest. I like you. Have a merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Stephanie Hard

Dear Santa, I been wanting to meet you and Rudolph Prancer. I wish the elves will come with you. These are the presents I want a skateboard, TV, game Boy, hot green bike, drums, and a Record Breakers and also a good Christmas. And a Mickey Mouse nightlight also a goofe wache and a P. J. for my sister. And Happy Christmas I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Your friend,
Adam

Dear Santa, Hope you are ready for the big ride you are going to have to take. For Christmas what I really want is a cowboy hat. I don't have a very good one. The second thing I want is a belt and a belt buckle and on the belt buckle I want a picture of a cowboy riding a horse. The third thing I want are some chapes because my Mom hates for me to get holes in my pants. The fourth thing I want, if your elves can make it, is a typewriter. If it just so happens your elves can't make it, that's o. k. because. I have already asked for a hole bunch of things and I won't forget to put the milk and cookies. I hope you like them.

Merry Christmas from,
Bryce Williams

Dear Santa, How are you. I am fin. how are your reindeer. I hope you can bring a gameboy, and a computer and a remote control car.

Merry Christmas from,
David Youngblood

Jeremiah
December 5, 1990
X I would like a little remote control robot a skateboard and lots of remote control cars. I really want the Frosty the snowman tape and a new Nintendo game.

Love,
Jeremiah James McLaughlin

Dear Santa, I want to know if your reindeer are ready to fly all over the world because I want you to come to my house. I want you to bring me something like a guitar that you can push the buten and it makes a sound and a Nintendo game that could play. Make if for two players so my brother could play, and thats all.

Love,
Jerrad

Dear Santa, How are you doing and the ranedere? I am going to leve you some oreos and milk. I hope you like lime. How are the elves? Have they made a lote of toys. We havit pute up owre crismis tree yet. Have you? Owsr is gone to be beudefol. I Hop yours is beodefol.

Corey Scheidemann
I love Santa

Dear Santa, I whud like a gameboy for christmas. it will be a plesher too have one. I will also like my dog, Magie, she ran away.

Austin Youngblood

Dear Santa, I Buleiv in you! I want a remot controll-submercan.

your pal,
Daniel Gus Ward

Dear Santa, I want some toys I want some clothes for school. I want wagon. I want a waterbed.

Love,
Jerry Lopez

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. i would want something. I want a sweater and a Nintendo and a video for the Nintendo. I hope your elves are busy and your reindeer ready.

Merry Christmas from
Sandra Cardona

Dear Santa, I want a T. J. Sparkles, a dancing balerina and a bike. I want a computer and a video game.

Love,
Carolyn Mendez

Dear Santa, Dear Sant, I would like a Chemistry set, school supplies, Books, dictionaries and ninga turtles.

Love,
Chris

Dear Santa, I would like Toys for Christmas. I would like a scooter so me tennis balls, a football, a dog and some other presents. You are very nice and cute I hope you like me too I love you. Santa

Thank you,
Eloy

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want my mom to get off more days. I osol hop the poor people have a haapy Merry Christmas. One more thing I want a football.

Love,
Riley

Dear Santa, I want a keyboard, I want a ninteno, I want a camer.

From,
Texie

Dear Santa, I wold like for crismas, some things. I wold like to have a hores a game boy and a cow and a pig a new book and a new vedeo game and some new shows and some show laces and some pump that is all the stuf I want far chrismus. but I will want some more some more next yere.

love,
Bobby

Dear Santa, please brig a 5050 shgin. and please brig a BB gun. How are your Dears.

Love,
Sam Nichols

Dear Santa, I have been good. Will you beeg me toycs. Can you breg me a truk for me.

Love,
Ervas Torres

Dear Santa, (X) I want Mis makup dol and a babe uh oh and a tilefon.

Love,
Amy King

Dear Santa, I want 3 thing. A rat snake. A horse. And a g. i. joes sate.

from,
Stuart

Dear Sante, I want a game. It is nameed maroi brother part 3 and i want a pet turtles and i want a BMX bike and a football and a little bloodhound and a bird nameed blue jay.

Love,
Sante

Dear Santa, I wood like a jcket and a desk to and some candy and a bike and a Netendo to. Some Reebok pump to.

Love,
Myrna

to Santa,
Dear Santa, This Christmas I wish for a bumpbed so Colely and I can move together in my room now that my mom got her wish. I also wish that the men who fight in Sodearadde to come home for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Walker Thompson



Dear Santa,
How many times
i want to see you
santa. I want a toy of
tiny dog. I will be
nice to friends. I will
put some cake for
you santa at the night.
I knen. Christmas will
be a nice week.
I like Christmas so
make. I like you
santa so make too
be case you give gifts
too.

Love
Rocio Renteria.



Dear Santa, I wood like a belt, a skate bord, a beard like yours, a musstash like yours, and ninja turtles, a teddy bear, a santa doll, a bike. I will leave you a glass of milk and cookies.

Love,
Nicholas

Dear Santa, To Santa I will wish for Christmas a barbey and a barbey boy and some barbey clothes for my barbey that I wish for Santa.

Thank you Santa,
Jessica

It's Christmas!


Wishing you seasonal joy abloom with love and peace.

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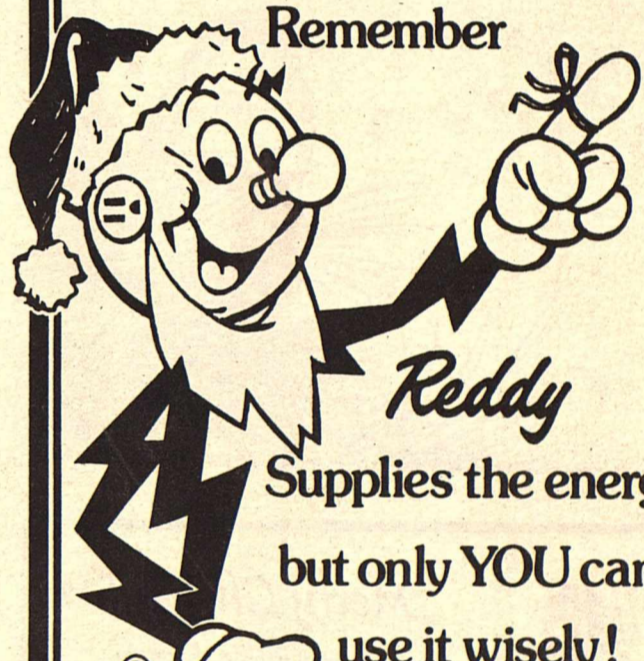
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