

Season's Greetings from The Devil's River News

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CAROLERS - All the kindergarten classes serenaded various businesses around town Friday morning.

Villanueva to seek re-election

Michael Villanueva, county commissioner - precinct 1, has announced plans to run for re-election in March of 1992. Villanueva filed for re-election in the office of the county clerk earlier this month.

Villanueva first took office in 1983 following the death of Mr. Preston Love, Sr. In 1983 he was elected to his first four year term and was re-elected in the 1987 election.



Michael Villanueva

Early Deadline!!!
Deadline For All Copy Will Be
Friday 5:00 p.m. Due To
The Holidays.
Thank You

Looking back - the year in review 1991

JANUARY -- The United Secret Service investigated the apparent taking of a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Sonora bus station just before Christmas.

Erasmo Perez waits for his call to serve his country in the Persian Gulf War.

The Sutton County Courthouse Annex was damaged after a car plowed into it.

Sonora Junior High has joined the growing list of schools which provide Channel 1, a 12-minute daily newscast aimed at students.

Time continues to be the biggest factor as the drug trials, shelves since late last summer, are expected to start up in the next week.

Eriberto "Beto" Bernal, Ernesto Ramirez and Pete Don Lopez are scheduled to stand trial on drug-related charges in the 112th Judicial District Court.

The 112th Judicial District Attorney's office made it four convictions in a row on local drug cases Tuesday afternoon.

A six-man, six-woman jury deliberated just 15 minutes before convicting Ernesto Ramirez on one count of delivery of a controlled substance.

A one to six month wait is expected before a decision of the Jose Galindo appeal will be announced.

With a strong base of support built, the Christmas in April program looks like it will be a reality in Sonora.

FEBRUARY

With the funding portion of Senate Bill I being declared unconstitutional, the Sonora Independent School District could be left out in the cold.

After a little less than one year out of the service, Louis Olenick Jr. is now back in. Olenick, 22, received a notice from the armed forces January 22 to report to Fort Benning, Georgia.

West Texas Utilities customers can look for an increase in their bills late this year or early next year.

A seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated eight hours Thursday, but failed to reach a verdict in the drug trial of Eriberto "Beto" Bernal resulting in a mistrial.

It was in festive atmosphere, one which fit the person being honored, in which Herman Moore was honored for his long years in public service to those in Sutton County.

A sweep of Reagan County and Kermit last week sent the Sonora Lady Broncos into the high school basketball players as district

champions for the third year in a row.

The Sonora City Council unanimously hired Enviro-Tech Laboratories Inc. of San Angelo in response to an inspection which showed soil contamination at the Sonora City Airport.

Questions continue lingering as to whether an object uncovered at the number nine hole of the golf course is an archaeological find of worth or just another piece of the past.

The Sonora Lady Broncos defeated an out-manned El Paso Mountain View squad 44-29 in bi-district playoff basketball action.

The Sutton County unemployment rate was estimated at 3.4 percent for January 1991, well over a two percent drop from December 1990.

Brian Faris and April Spiller were awarded a champion in the lamb class at the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo. Preston Faris, said Brian had the Champion Rambouillet ewe and April won the Registered Angora buck competition.

The Sonora High School basketball teams placed five individuals on the first team All District squad for District 6-AAA.

Chosen from the Lady Broncos were juniors Dana Evans and Monica Gonzalez and senior Tana Churchill. On the boy's side, David Mirike and Ramiro Luna of Sonora were highlighted as All-District selections.

MARCH

County and city officials have apparently agreed to help get the county ballparks in shape for the 1991 youth baseball season.

A Sonora man suspected of murdering his wife March 16, attempted to commit suicide minutes after being incarcerated at the Sutton County Jail.

Sutton County Sheriff W. W. "Bill" Webster said Thomas "Tommy" Thorp, 46 tried to hang himself about three to four minutes after being put in a cell.

Sonora and Sutton County citizens are facing a crisis in medical care in the immediate future. The Hospital District will exhaust its funds later this year. This will probably happen before the tax revenue for next year begins to be available in November. When the funds now available are exhausted the Hospital Board of Directors will have the alternative of deferring payment of its bills, borrowing money against next

years tax revenue, or closing the hospital.

Terry Webb has had three additional charges filed against him in connection with burglaries at a pair of Sonora businesses.

It wasn't a tickertape parade, but the return to Sonora of David McDonald brought out residents for a heartfelt reception.

McDonald, 20, spent about eight months as part of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Sent to Saudi Arabia August 6 with the 82nd Airborne, McDonald was at the scene just four days after the invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein.

The Sonora High School boys track team easily outdistanced district rival Reagan County to win the first Bronco Relays held in three years.

Ronnie Cox was selected as Person of the Year and honored as so during the Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the 4-H Center.

Two challengers have answered the call for this year's city council election, bringing the total to five candidates for the three vacant slots.

APRIL

Taking on a similar look to the city council race, the three open school board positions has drawn four candidates.

Alfredo Gonzales and Victor Lira were honored with ceremonies just two hours apart at the courthouse lawn. The ceremony, part of the Welcome Home Committee's honoring of the veterans, included taking down of the yellow ribbon with their name on it.

Some 50 people, many of them leaders of the community, listened to Dr. Alvis Johnson and Scott Gilmore explain just why the hospital is in a crisis situation.

Sunshine, warm weather and keen competition brought out a crowd at the Dry Devil's River Bar-B-Que and Festival Saturday at Sutton County Park.

The number of confirmed rabies cases has increased to 14 in Sutton County during 1991.

Santiago Faz returned to Sonora among the fanfare deserved of one of "Sonora's Best" April 12.

The disqualification of Reagan County in the 1,600 meter relay cost Sonora the District 6-AAA boys track championship while four freshmen advanced the Lady Broncos to regional competition in the same event.

A tractor-trailer rig carrying approximately 15 tons of fresh fish overturned April 17 causing traffic

on Interstate 10 to be rerouted for more than six hours.

Thanks to the people and the good facilities, Sonora will be hosting the High School, Region II finals.

Javier Galvan and his wife, Angie returned to Sonora on April 18 after serving in Desert Storm.

Despite contested races in the city council and school board races, voting officials say absentee votes are still scarce.

MAY

Volunteers showing much enthusiasm along with a level of work which went beyond what the projects called for, made the first Christmas in April in Sonora a success.

For Ricky Mesa it is home, sweet home, after spending months in the Persian Gulf region during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

For the second consecutive year Eric Espinosa has advanced to the state track meet in Austin.

The Sutton County Commission hired the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath and Smalling, to look at possible changes of the county voting districts.

The runoff between Lemuel Lopez and Bob Mooney for the final city council slot had drawn quite a bit of interest in Sonora.

After a two-hour executive session, Sonora School Board members took no action on recommended personnel changes by Sonora Superintendent Charles Russell.

Sonora Schools Superintendent Charles Russell said there is a possibility Sonora could be a 2A football team in 1993.

The Sonora City Council voted unanimously to proceed planning for single-member districts.

Jose Alfredo Galindo is expected to be a free man this week after his conviction on a drug charge was reversed and remanded by the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio.

Rachel Merck and Kenneth Mauldin provided victories for the hometown during last weekend's Sonora Sensation at Sutton County Park Arena.

Saying it is important to have a Hispanic representative, Lemuel Lopez was sworn in Tuesday morning as the sixth Sonora City Council member.

Daniel Shanklin landed his Cessna 172 at the Sonora Municipal Airport for some gas and a short break. Daniel is in the middle of a new world's flying record.

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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS - Santa visited the Sutton County Senior Center last Tuesday evening during the Christmas party held there.

News Briefs

Tax office to be closed

The Appraisal/Tax Office will be closed on December 31 and January 1. Anyone needing to pay taxes in the year 1991 can do so on December 27 or December 30.

Dr. Brown's office to be closed

Dr. Brown's office will be closed for the holidays but will be open on Thursday, January 2 from 3 p. m. to late. Regular office hours will resume on January 7 and 8. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ICA to meet Jan. 6

The Independent Cattlemen's Association will hold its monthly business meeting and Dutch-treat supper, Monday, January 6, 1992 at 6:30 p. m. at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Mike Smith, manger of the Sutton County Water District will be on hand to explain the function of the water Water District.

All members and non-members are urged to join us at this time.

St. John's Sunday school

Sunday School at St. John's Episcopal Church will be cancelled for December 22 and the 29th.

Education classes

Adult Education Classes have been suspended for the month of December.

Classes will resume January 7, 1992.

Los clases de Educacion para Adultos han sido suspendidas por el mes de diciembre.

Los clases se reanudarán el 7 de enero de 1992.

Book fair

The Sonora Woman's Club is organizing a Book Fair. Now is the time to clean out your bookshelves and take your donations to the library. Don't forget that set of old encyclopedias, paperbacks, big print and condensed Reader's Digest, youth and children's books.

Let Librarian Florie Mesa know if you need a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

Please bring your books before February 28, 1992.

News Briefs

Ag expo

The first annual West Texas Ag Expo will be held January 10-12, 1992 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. The Expo will showcase current agricultural equipment and supplies, as well as provide educational programs for agricultural producers, presented by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. Hours for the Expo are Friday from 6 to 9 p. m., Saturday from 9 to 6 p. m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p. m.

Cursillistas

Please come to the celebration of the holy mass on Thursdays at 7 p. m. and attend the Ultrella at 7:30 p. m.

Clubhouse available

The clubhouse at the Sonora Senior Apartments is available to the public at no charge for meetings, clubs, suppers, etc. For more information or to make reservations call 387-5628.

AIDS test

Planned Parenthood of West Texas provides free, confidential AIDS testing and counseling services, and family planning services, based on a sliding fee scale. The San Angelo clinic is located at 2619 Sherwood Way, the phone number is 915/944-1909.

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.

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.

For Your Information...

By Lolabeth Jones
County Extension Agent-
Home Economics



Holiday recipes

DECEMBER 26

Would you like a punch that looks as beautiful as eggnog but has a slightly different flavor (every bit as delicious though)? This recipe is so easy the hostess should feel guilty when guests rave about it.

Coffee Punch

1 qt. strong coffee, 1 qt.

whipping cream (or Half & Half), 1/2 c. sugar, 5 tsp vanilla and 1/2 gal. vanilla ice cream.

Make coffee early and chill. Just before serving: combine cream, sugar and vanilla.

Spoon ice cream into large punch bowl. Break ice cream into large pieces. Add cream mixture. Pour in coffee and mix well.

Community Calendar

December

Thursday-19th: Christmas Band Concert, 6, 7, 8 and High School, High School.

Friday-20th: Classes dismiss for Christmas Holiday.

Saturday-21st: Merchant's Drawing, Perry's parking lot, 2 p. m.

Tuesday-24th: Merchant's Drawing, Downtown, 2 p. m.

Wednesday-25th: Christmas.

January

Wednesday-1st: Happy New Year!

Thursday-2nd: Classes resume

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Looking back - 1991

On May 26 Daniel took off from Lindbergh Field at San Diego, California and will complete his coast-to-coast flight at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina, near Kitty Hawk, on June 3.

In a ceremony which lavished in tradition, 77 seniors received their degrees from Sonora High School Friday evening at Bronco stadium.

JUNE -- A bill which increases the ability to tax for the hospital district in Sutton County is expected to be signed by Governor Ann Richards anytime.

The bill would increase the cap on taxes from the current 10 cents/\$100 property to 20 cents/\$100.

Coming off a spectacular 1990 showing, Sutton County 4-Hers will participate in the 54th annual Wool and Mohair Show June 11-13.

Eddie Perez and his cousin Erasmo Perez were welcomed back to Sonora as heroes after serving in the armed forces during Operation Desert Storm. Each of the soldiers from the area are being so honored as they come home.

The Sutton County courtroom is the scene of a major civil suit involving a local Sonora family, Martha Miers, et al, and Lone Star Gas Co. et al.

A hearing has been scheduled for June 19 in Sonora to determine bail for Alfredo "Primo" Galindo following the successful appeal of his drug conviction.

Julie Jones and Shawn Wallace placed first in Method Demonstrations during the State 4-H Roundup in College Station.

After six days of testimony in the Lone Star Gas trial, only one witness has been examined in the multi-million dollar civil suit being tried in the Sutton County Courthouse in Sonora.

An 11-member advisory board has been picked to help determine districts for future Sonora City Council elections.

Named to the board were: Al Elliott, Arcelia Carrasco, George Keese, Jack Kerbow, Rebecca Martinez, Doyle Morgan, Pete Samaniego, Ben Solis, J. T. Hill, Robert Duran and Sam Perez.

For the third year in a row Sutton County 4-H won the Sweepstakes Award as the best all around club at the 54th annual Wool and Mohair Show.

JULY -- The multi-million dollar lawsuit, (Martha Miers, et al vs. Lone Star Gas, et al) moved into its fourth week as the defense began calling witnesses.

The Miers family allege that a bypass line and valve were installed and used to avoid payment for gas from their Edwards County leases.

James Lee was honored on the courthouse lawn after serving in the military during Operation Desert Storm.

Lee and his cousin Robert Gandar were honored during ceremonies on the courthouse lawn after serving with the United States Marine Corps during Operation Desert Storm.

Final testimony in the Lone Star Gas trial included numerous depositions read to the jury. Depositions included Lone Star pumper, Aaron Burns and Railroad Commission employees, Bart Huffman and Dennis Purvis.

Dear Editor,

Back in the 1930's Felton T. Jones was superintendent of Sonora Public Schools. Now retired and living in San Angelo he wrote following letter, dated December 10, 1991;

Dear John,

The 50th Anniversary Services of Pearl Harbor revives our memory of those who gave their lives in the War.

A. W. Awalt is one we hold dear because he saved our daughter, Sandra Thompson's life from drowning in the fish pond on the school campus.

We feel you had a part in his Boy Scout training that taught him artificial respiration.

Please accept the enclosed gift to Sonora Boy Scouts in memory of A. W. Awalt."

Sincerely,

Felton and Grace Jones

Enclosed was a check for \$100 which was handed to Lewis Allen, Scoutmaster of Troop 19, who announced it to the Scouts and wrote a letter of appreciation to Felton and, being very busy this time of year, prevailed on me to announce the gift publicly and the best way to do that is get it in our local paper, the Devil's River News. Knowing they too were

911 emergency services began in Sonora.

On July 19, a jury panel of the 112th District Court returned a verdict that found that Lone Star Gas Company and Enserch Exploration, Inc. did cause natural gas to be taken off the Miers' leases without being accurately measured, recorded, or paid for. The jury valued the gas at \$1.3 million.

Sean Matthews, who works on a submarine for the Navy, was welcomed back home during ceremonies on the courthouse lawn after serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Proposals for next year's budget were the major considerations for the Sutton County Commissioners, meeting on July 22.

Commissioners considered their own salaries first, voted to double the present amount, and raised the wages to \$9,600. This is just a proposed salary and final consideration will be at a later meeting. This will allow citizen input to all of the proposals.

AUGUST -- Huge budget cuts at the state level for the Extension Service may have been avoided thanks to a strong negative response by County Extension Agents, Extension Directors and Extension Specialists.

An explosion and fire caused an estimated \$300,000 damage to Pool Company located on U. S. Highway 277 South.

Todd Churchill of Pool Company said the damage estimate included rigs, tanks and a clean up effort of the draw which runs past Pool.

Sonora City Manager Pete Gildon said there were no major problems created when a water line broke. The break, which occurred on Oak Street between Concho and Crockett streets, happened at the same time emergency crews were battling the blaze at Pool Company.

On July 31, Judge Brock Jones of the 112th District Court heard arguments in Sonora concerning the jury's verdict in the Martha Miers, et al, versus Lone Star Gas, et al civil lawsuit.

The final disposition of the case awarded the Miers' family \$2.6 million in actual damages and over a half million dollars in interest.

It is said that familiarity breeds contempt, yet in a town the size of Sonora familiarity is more a sign of hominess and comfort. For Sonora residents the store at the corner of Concho and Main streets with cursive Gosney's on the wall has been a sign of that comfort since 1974. Gosney's closes its doors after 17 years in business.

Coming off their best season in almost two decades, the Sonora Broncos will begin preseason workouts August 12.

Over 90 drug charges, in which Lonnie Hood was the undercover agent, have been dropped in two counties this month.

Hood was the undercover agent during a 1989 drug investigation in Sutton County which resulted in 14 arrests.

Looking to extend the fun of Sutton County Days, community leaders have set plans for the first Western Heritage Week.

The Sutton County Commission settled the question of redistricting by adopting one of four plans presented by a hired law firm.

The commission accepted a

motion by Commissioner Mike Villanueva to accept Plan D by a 3-1 margin. The only nay vote was tallied by Ernest Barrera.

The Sutton County Commissioners voted 3-1 to wipe out a plan raising their monthly salary from 4466 to \$800 during a budget session.

Kerry Jones was welcomed home during ceremonies on the courthouse lawn for his service to his country during Operation Desert Storm.

With a clutch performance, Walker Wallace won the 12-and-under world break-away roping Championship at the American Junior Rodeo Association Finals in Snyder.

The Old Sonora Depot, built in 1930 when the train made its appearance, was dedicated the John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building.

Anne DeBerry and Jimmy Cahill have combined efforts to open Wall's Well on the G. M. DeBerry Ranch, about four miles west of Sonora.

Sutton County Commissioners adopted a 1992 budget which will keep tax rates at the 1991 level.

It may have rained on the parade, but the fun and success of Sutton County Days were not washed away.

Taylor Niblett was chosen as Little Miss Sutton County and Younger Fawcett was chosen as Little Mr. Sutton County.

Western Heritage Week was highlighted by the honoring of the Cauthorns and VanderStuckens as "Pioneer Families" for Sutton County.

SEPTEMBER

Sutton County residents overwhelmingly approved a tax cap increase for the hospital district to help keep Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital open for at least 1992.

Beginning September 1, Texans were required to show proof of financial responsibility before they can get a drivers license, renew a license or have their motor vehicle inspected.

The Sonora Broncos defense stifled Lakeview in the second half as Sonora upended the Chiefs 19-10 in the season-opener for both teams.

The Sonora City Council unanimously adopted a districting plan recommended by an 11-person committee.

The districting plan splits the city into two wards. One ward will have 80 percent Anglo residency and the other 67 percent Hispanic residency.

Keeping up to par with recent auctions, the Lions Club raised more than \$13,300 in this year's event.

Three weeks into the football season and the Sonora Broncos defense continues to master the field.

OCTOBER

A visit to Snyder by a committee of Sonora citizens has provided some answers which had appeared elusive on the issue of attracting a state penitentiary to Sutton County.

Laura Chalk was chosen Homecoming Queen for 1991-92 in festivities during the Bronco vs. Ballinger Homecoming game.

John Hempel says a prison in the Sonora area could be a future remedy to the financial woes of

Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Thanks to Adam Youngblood's most productive night and a strong defensive effort, Sonora defeated Kermit 25-14 in its district opener.

Reagan County defeated the Sonora Broncos 14-13.

Laura Chalk was named Halloween Queen during the Halloween Carnival.

NOVEMBER

Molly Zimmerman was named Publisher/General Manager of the Devil's River News.

Broncos defeat Midland Greenwood 34-14.

The Sonora Broncos took a major step forward in their quest for a playoff berth by downing Midland Greenwood.

The Broncos overcame a 9-7 halftime deficit in strong suit against Crane, coming alive on offense and defense to take a 24-9 District 6-AAA victory.

Sonora was blessed with another doctor. Dr. Rogers and his wife were honored during a reception November 5.

Broncos head to Area I Championship as the defeat Alpine in Bi-District.

Marble Falls downs the Broncos 33-22 in Area I Championships.

November 25, the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District had a formal "ribbon-cutting" for their newly remodeled office facility at 301 SE Crockett.

DECEMBER

Sutton County Sheriff Bill Webster, has officially filed for re-election to a 5th term, remitting filing fee and naming Roberta James, Campaign Chairman and Treasurer.

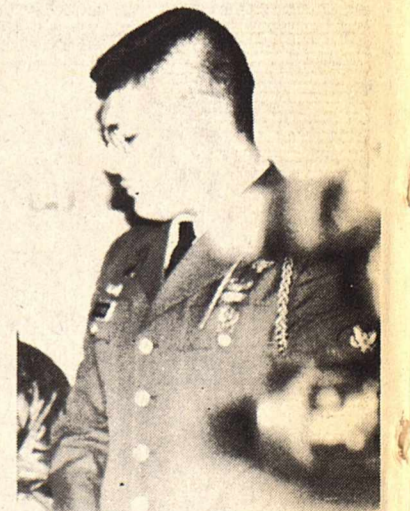
John R. Childers, a native Texan and 24-year banking veteran, has been named by the First National Bank of Sonora as its President and Chief Executive Officer effective December 16, 1991.

Childers will succeed J. W. Elliott who will retire as President and CEO at the end of this month.

Twenty-four Sonora High School Band students and eleven alternates earned positions in the 1991 Region VII High School All Region Band. The students competed against 30 other area schools during tryouts last Saturday, December 14, at Brownwood High School.



WELCOME HOME - Eddie Virgen was welcomed home last Wednesday, in ceremonies held inside the Courthouse, after serving his country in Operation Desert Storm.



WELCOME HOME - Osbaldo Castaneda Jr. was also welcomed home in the same ceremonies last Wednesday on return from his services for his country during Operation Desert Storm.

Letter to the Editor

overwhelmed this time of year my hopes were low but on phoning them was assured of publication if it was brought to their office before Friday. Getting my befuddled old brain in gear and working is not easy but a stroke of luck came in



A.W. Awalt

finding, among messed up files this striking picture of A. W., as we called him. Many friends, schoolmates, fellow Scouts, all of us, will appreciate seeing it.

Corporal Arthur W. Awalt Jr. of the 38th Infantry Division, US

Army. Born April 22, 1920 and died December 5, 1944.

Looking at this picture you can sense the vitality, the pleasant nature so typical of A. W. Personally, thinking on the idiosyncrasy of all wars, I don't know whether to cuss or cry. Maybe a bit of prayer is better.

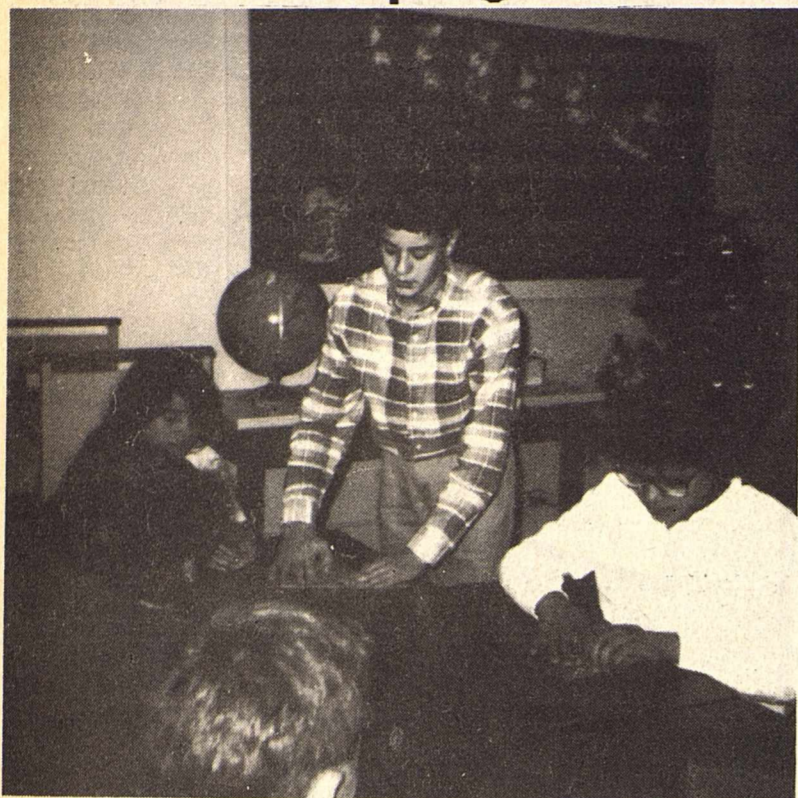
The boy never made it home for Xmas. He did come back to these Hills of Home, in a coffin. He is buried in our cemetery. His mother died in 1975, his father in 1981. Both were active in Boy Scouts and community work. A. W.'s funeral services were in January 1945 plus a Memorial Service in First Methodist Church February 11, 1945. His family now together in one plot.

A second look at the picture and I see a much younger boy, solemn and dedicated, repeating the Scout oath, "On my Honor I will do my best to do my Duty to God and my Country and obey the Scout Laws" -- To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight--" That's as best I remember it but I can see A. W. plainly, coming to attention and giving a Farewell Salute.

Appreciation to Felton for reminding us.

John Eaton

Students helping students



Daniel Anderson

The students in Rita Hale's informal geometry classes and in Claudia Dempsey's geometry classes have been very busy working on their third six weeks projects. The students studied the ancient art of origami. They researched and wrote a short history; they created mobiles, dioramas, Christmas trees, Christmas creches, jungle scenes and villages using origami; finally, they shared the concept of origami with younger students.

The Chinese started the art of Origami with the making of lamps and candle holders. Then as paper spread to Japan the Japanese started folding paper into the shapes of dragons, flowers and people. The Arabs introduced paper in Europe in the 12th century, and it became a very popular part of European life. As paper became available to the world the art of paper folding became increasingly popular. Origami has become sort of a folk art with many cultures inventing their own styles and concepts of design and folding, and with various people developing their own traditions.

The high point of this project was the sharing between students of different grade levels. Each high

school student worked with four to seven younger students. They gave a short history as an introduction to origami; and then demonstrated and led the younger students in folding their own origami creations.

Following are some of the reactions: Charles Russell-Superintendent - Good things seem to happen any time we get students and teachers from one building with faculty and students from another building. It seems that such a union brings out the best in both parties.

Jerry Hopkins, high school principal - The thing I thought most interesting was to see the delight and excitement of the high school students after their session. They obviously felt successful and satisfied that they had done something special.

Janet Patton, junior high school principal - The sixth grade students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience.

Donna Hill, intermediate school principal - The enthusiasm of both the high school and the intermediate students was contagious. The younger students admired the high school students and did their best for them. The high school students responded in kind.

Senior Center menu

Monday, December 30 - Hamburger patty w/cheese, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, hamburger bun and chocolate pudding w/topping.

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Holiday.

Wednesday, January 1, 1992 - New Year's Day Holiday.

Thursday, January 2 - Fried catfish w/tartar sauce, corn o'brien, okra gumbo, cornbread and brownies.

Friday, January 3 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, wheat rolls, coleslaw and peach cobbler.

Card of thanks

The Sonora Jaycees would like to thank the following people and business' for helping bring an extra special Christmas to the folks at the nursing home: Joyce Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Dannheim, Robert Duran, Mrs. Dorothy Evetts, Dovie Lewis, Rick and Jo Ann Palmer and the members of the Sonora Jaycees.

The business' that helped make this possible were: Cox Drug of Sonora, Gabriel's, M. L. Leddy's, Mahon's, and Oauchita Energy.

A very special and grateful "Thank You" goes out to Donna Dannheim, Kathleen and Terri Surridge. Without these people the Jaycees Christmas Present would never have come together. Once again thanks to everyone who helped make a special time a little more brighter.

Knights of Columbus receive recognition

Knights of Columbus #10609 of Sonora, Texas is a Gounder's Award winner for the outstanding promotion of the organization's fraternal insurance program during the 1990-91 fraternal year.

The Knights of Columbus international headquarters located in New Haven, Conn. presented the engraved plaque award to the Council at the local Christmas supper on December 19, 1991. Mr. Norman Dierschke presented the award.

In accepting the award, Grand Knight Ramiro Perez, head of the local group, stated that this was a great honor, especially since the Knights of Columbus have just recently organized in Sonora.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization with more than 1.5 million members worldwide. The local Council was organized during 1991.

PLEASE!
DON'T DRINK AND
DRIVE.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the January 2 edition of the DRN will be 5 p. m. on Friday, December 27. Anyone needed to submit copy or ads should do so by this date.

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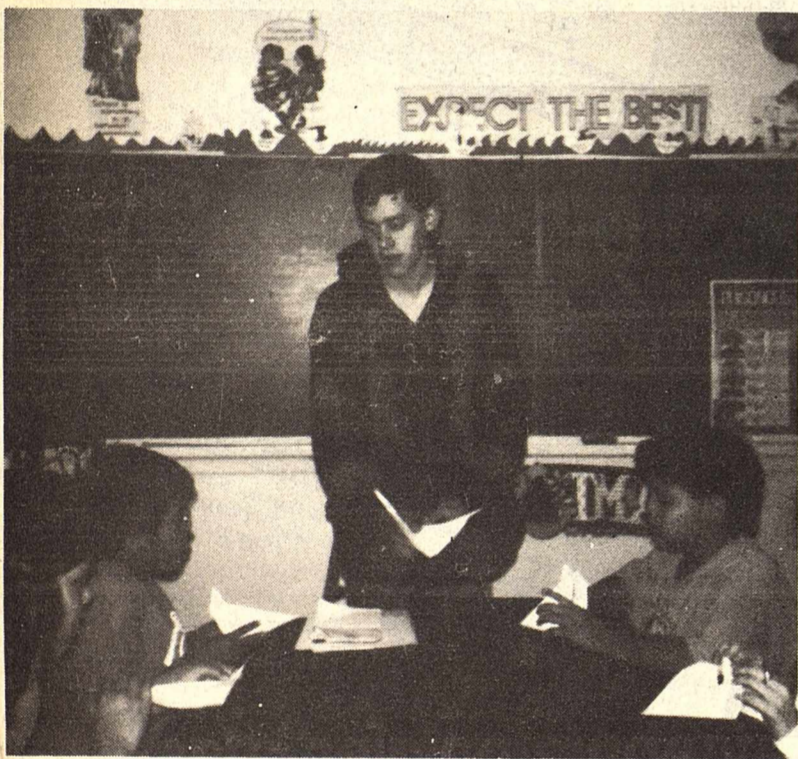
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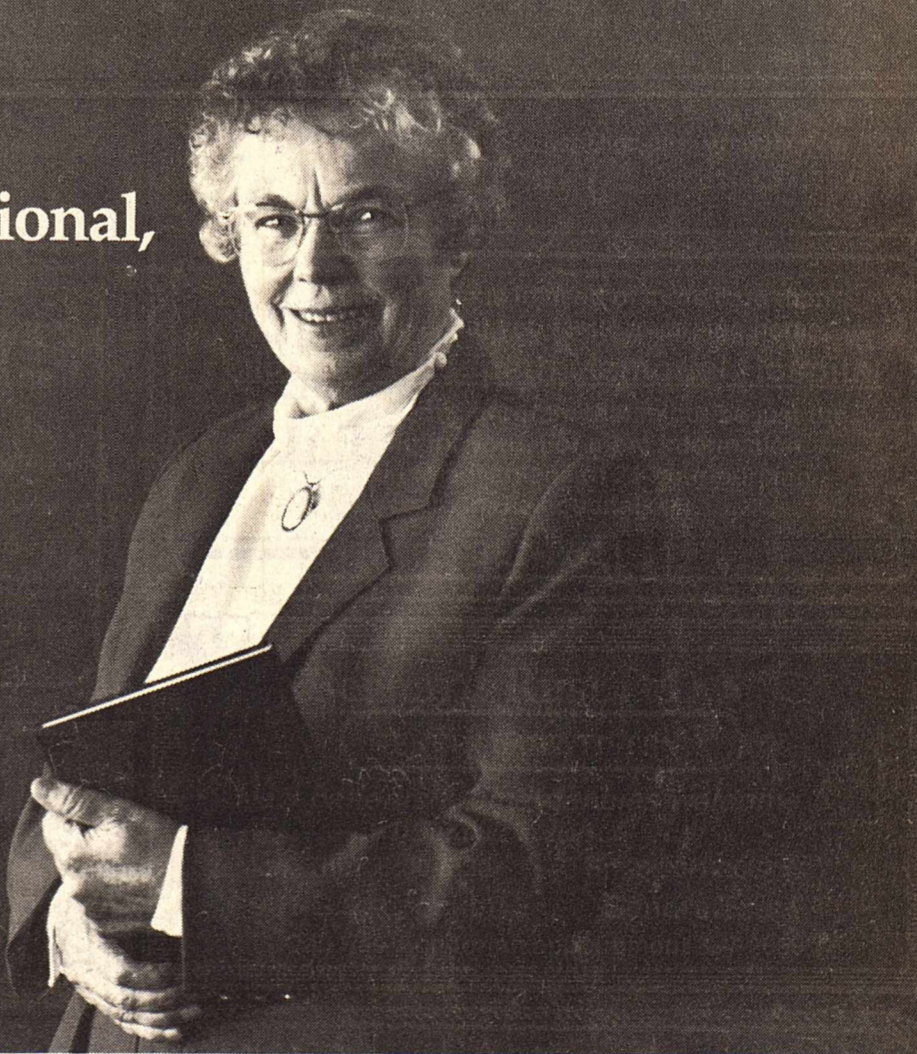


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Disability reviews underway for children

Deciding today if a child was disabled based on an application for benefits that was denied as far back as 1980 is a demanding task. But that is exactly what the Social Security Administration (SSA) is doing. It's looking at the claims of more than 200,000 children who requested reviews because of a new rule for deciding whether a child is disabled.

Children who qualify for reviews must have had their SSI disability claims denied or benefits terminated between January 1980 and February 1990. Now, because of the Supreme Court decision in *Sullivan v. Zebley*, children who are eligible under the new rule may be able to receive retroactive benefits.

Everyone whose claim was denied and who asks for a review will be interviewed to find out as much as possible about the child's medical conditions and how they affected the child's functioning. Those people bringing the needed information to the interview can keep the process moving along.

People need to tell Social Security how and where to get the complete record of the child's medical history. They will not be expected to obtain the records; Social Security will get them.

However, they should supply the complete names, addresses, telephone numbers, and record numbers of all medical sources as well as the dates of treatment. If all of this information isn't available, they should bring whatever they have to the interview.

Nonmedical sources of information are also needed. Information about the child's ability to perform everyday tasks normally done by children in the same age group is wanted. Such sources can include teachers, schools, babysitters, daycare providers, counselors, therapists, coaches, and Scout leaders. Social Security will need their names,

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Depending on their earnings, some people may still be able to get additional benefits by applying for Social Security early in the year, even though they won't be retiring until later in the year.

If Social Security is contacted early in the year, your current earnings and benefit information can help you choose the most

advantageous time to start your benefits.

In choosing the best retirement date, some things you should consider are your age (the earliest you can start collecting Social Security retirement benefits is the month you turn age 62), expected earnings for the year, estimated benefits, and whether family members will also receive benefits. How these factors will affect your benefits can then be discussed with you.

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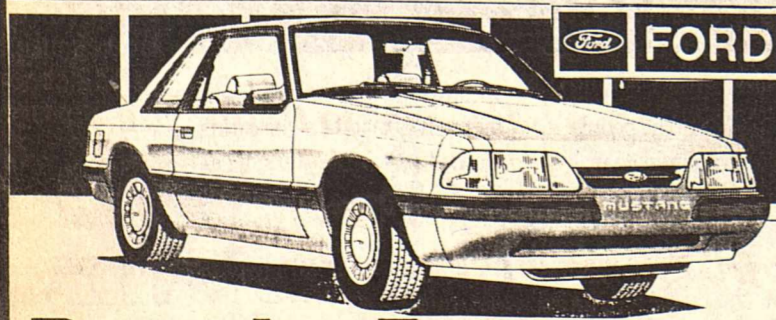
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According to coordinator Kyle Nunn, a phone bank will be located at the First National Bank in Sonora. Volunteers from the Sonora Jaycees will be soliciting donations for Rehab '92 which will help WTRC to continue to serve thousands of handicapped children and adults at treatment facilities in San Angelo and Abilene.

Area supporters may view the television special on KLST-TV in San Angelo which will air the network show beginning at 7 p. m. Phone bank reports from Sutton County and other area counties will be made throughout the KLST broadcast.

Entertainers scheduled to perform on the special include hosts Rex Allen Sr., Anita Bryant, and Rex Allen Jr., as well as Grand Ole Opry singer Lorrie Morgan, soap star Brad Maule of "General Hospital" and a host of "Rehab regulars."

This year's telecast will be dedicated to Rex Allen Sr., who's been lending a helping hand and his unmistakable voice in support of the Center since the 1960's.

For additional information about Rehab '92, contact WTRC-San Angelo at 949-9535 or Nunn at 387-2904.

DISABILITY

addresses, and telephone numbers, too. These sources will be asked to provide information about the child's activities throughout the course of an entire day.

Finally, they should bring along any papers, such as school test results from standardized test, school records like report cards or

the Individual Education Plan, or similar information that can help Social Security assess the child's abilities.

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ONLY IN SONORA

by Marti McLain

Two young couples were the closest of friends. Each had one child and they were being raised as brother and sister. Both families were semi-affluent, and Christmas presented a real problem in the selection of gifts. Everyone spent too much money for too many things that were not really needed. Both couples felt that the money could be better spent on someone truly needy.

The two young women were teachers and felt great sympathy for some of the children in their classes who had old and tattered clothing. Clothes for a junior high student mean so much. Often a young person's self-image is dependent upon clothing at that age.

The children and husband's were consulted and both families agreed to put the money usually spend for each other into a clothing fund for the child that they felt needed clothes the most. They studied the children closely and selected an eighth grade boy for their gift.

He came to school in clothes too big for him. He wore faded work clothes, probably given to him by an older brother. His battered old boots had holes in the sole and were so large that the toes curled up. The other boys called them "elf" shoes, and he had acquired the nickname, ELF. He was a tough little boy, wiry and muscular. He didn't seem to mind good-natured teasing. He was a pleasant, smiling, happy kid. But when the teasing went too far, he could handle it. There were stories of some after school fights that left larger boys battered and bruised. He wasn't a "bully", but he certainly could take care of himself.

The two teachers determined that he would be the perfect recipient of the two-family Christmas gift. Sizes were determined by having the PE teacher do a survey of his class. He had all of the boys list their sizes, so that he could get the right size for this one lucky boy. Many of their fellow teachers joined in the planning and the two teachers were feeling saintly as more and more people learned of this wonderful Christmas plan.

Both children in the family participated in the shopping and were reminded of how fortunate they were and how generous they were to be giving this boy gifts that usually were theirs. They cheerfully went along with the idea, but they weren't as enthusiastic as their mothers.

Clothes were bought for the young man to outfit him in the latest styles from the skin out. They started with underwear and socks and then added pants, a shirt, and a sweater. A terrific new jacket and new boots completed the ensemble. Everything matched, was color co-ordinated, and had the right designer's names on them.

With the help of the children, the items were each wrapped separately. All of the wrapped packages were then put in to one large box and were wrapped and decorated for Christmas. Everyone was feeling rather wonderful about the special generous gift.

They waited until Christmas Eve to deliver the package, and suddenly it dawned on them that the boy would know them and their cars. The husbands came to the rescue. They would find someone to deliver the package and keep it anonymous. They decided they would ask one of the city policeman to drop it by the house.

The two families had their traditional Christmas Eve supper. There were not gifts to open, but there was a feeling of real satisfaction. They had truly done

something wonderful for a little boy who at that very moment was having the greatest Christmas of his life.

January came, the schools reopened, and the teachers couldn't wait to see the young man in his new clothes. He was in one of the teacher's classes, and she wanted to hear every detail of his Christmas.

She began her class by saying, "Before we start into our work today, let's take a few minutes and share a Christmas memory with each other. Everyone will have a chance to tell about one special thing that happened during the holiday." She vaguely listened to the other children's stories and could hardly wait to hear the story of her wonderful Christmas gift.

The young boy was the last to speak. He never volunteered and finally, she called on him.

"Well," he said, "I didn't volunteer because nothing good happened to me this Christmas. In fact, it was the worst Christmas that I can ever remember."

"I'm sorry, but think. Something nice must have happened."

"Well, things did kinda start out nice, but they got ruined. Things really looked good for us. Everybody had a job. Mom was working at the cafe and my two brothers in high school had got jobs sweeping at the school. I had been helping some folks put up Christmas lights, so we really had a great Christmas planned. We were gonna have Christmas on Christmas Eve since my mom had to work on Christmas Day."

"We got everything on the table. It was the biggest and best meal we'd ever had. The best thing about it was that we were all going to be together for the first in years."

"Well, we had just sat down when we looked up and a darned old policeman was knocking on our door."

"My brother, who's on parole from the pen in Oklahoma, jumped up and went through the window trying to get away. He's not supposed to be out of Oklahoma while he's on parole. My sister ran the other way and left her children with us. We don't know why, and we still haven't heard from her."

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The high school band, directed by John Canfield, performs during the Christmas Band Concert last Thursday. Also performing were the sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands. A reception was held after the performances.

Volunteers needed for EMS

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Calling these people Volunteers can be misleading. All of them have spent long hours studying and many more hours practicing their skills. Nearly all started out with the 4 1/2 hour Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) Course and most have earned their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license. The third Monday evening of each month is used to practice skills and upgrade training.

Twelve hour shifts are set up with 2 and 3 man crews to maintain constant service to Sutton County and Sonora. Sutton County has furnished each member with a pager

to provide more efficient service. This enables the ambulance crew on duty to go about their lives without having to stay at the EMS building when on call.

These volunteers receive an hourly pay for time spent on an actual run. This is not the reason most volunteer their time. They are dedicated to helping others and working on the ambulance gives them that chance. It also enables personnel to hold other permanent jobs and still pursue the medical field.

There is a need for more people to maintain the high level service we now have in our community. Talk to some of the ambulance crew and get a closer view. It might be right up your alley.

Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) Course starting January 7, 1992 on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. The class will end March 3, 1992. There will be one class period on Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Call 387-5132 for cost and more information, or come by the Sutton County Emergency Service Building at 211 East 3rd.

Making venison taste just right

by Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO - With deer-hunting season in full swing, and the Christmas holidays here, venison will no doubt be the main course on many a Texas table.

"Properly prepared it's hard to beat," said Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo. "But woe be unto the hunter serving poorly handled venison during this season. It can turn the most open-minded consumer away forever."

This unhappy outcome can easily be avoided with a few simple precautions, Rollins said. Aside from the dire social and gastronomical consequences stemming from consuming spoiled meat, it's state law that game taken be maintained in an edible condition.

"A lot of us learned the hard way that it's best to take a little extra time immediately after the harvest to ensure a top-notch product on the table."

Rollins offers these tips to hunters striving to serve the finest fare to their holiday guests:

- Field dress your deer immediately if possible. If you want to age the meat or otherwise leave the carcass in tact, leave the hide on to prevent drying of the meat's outer surface.

- To increase the tenderness and flavor of the meat, age the carcass in cold storage a little above freezing for four to six days. If you're going to process the animal in the field, remove the hide soon after field dressing. If the weather is warm, remove the backstraps and quarter the carcass and place in an ice chest.

"A little care in processing and preparing venison will leave a good taste in everybody's mouth."

ONLY IN SONORA

My brother in high school hid in the closet because he thought they were after him. My mom started crying and she still is mad. All we wanted was one Christmas together and that lousy old policeman had to show up and spoil it."

With hope still in her heart, the teacher asked, "Didn't something

good happen? What was the policeman there?"

"Oh," the boy answered, "he was bringing me a Christmas present." "What was it?" she asked.

"OH, just a bunch of clothes. They're OK, I guess, but they sure spoiled our Christmas."

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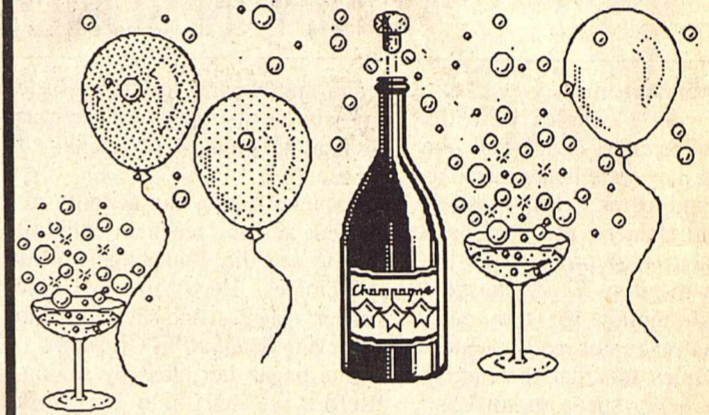
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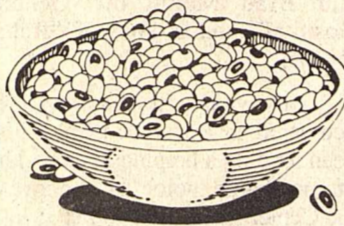
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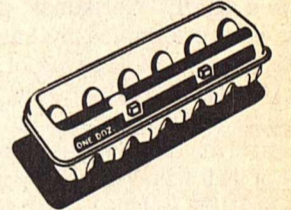
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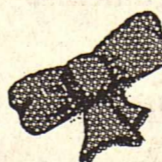
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4-H FUN - This group of 4-Hers enjoys themselves after participating in the hay ride last Tuesday evening. Pictures with the group are Bryn Humphrey and Tim Jarrett who took time out to escort the group around town.

Harris appointed to seventh term on ASCS committee

COLLEGE STATION - Jerry D. Harris, a cotton and grain sorghum producer in Dawson and Gaines counties, has been appointed to a seventh term as Chairman of the Texas State Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, according to U. S. Senator Phil Gramm.

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan named Mrs. Hope Huffman of McGregor to a third term on the Committee and reappointed veteran Texas State ASC Committee members Dale Hunt of Garwood and D. V. Guerra, Jr. of Edinburg. Joining the Committee for the first time will be Scott McGarraugh of Perryton.

U. S. Senator Phil Gramm stated, "These leaders bring a wealth of farming and ranching experience to ASCS. Jerry Harris has established an impressive record, combining years of experience as both a family farmer and a federal program administrator. Hope

Huffman, Dale Hunt, and D. V. Guerra all have done splendid work on behalf of Texas farmers and ranchers."

Jerry D. Harris is a member of the National Cotton Council, the Lamesa Cotton Growers, the Texas Food and Fiber Protein Commission, and the Texas Cotton Ginners. He is active in cotton ginning, warehousing, and marketing, as well as operating a 7,000 acre family farm and serving on the Board of Trustees of Lubbock Christian University.

Scott McGarraugh operates 11,000 acre spread over Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Gray, and Robert Counties in Texas as well as Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma. He is active in the Texas Wheat Producers Association, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Hope Huffman raises row crops, grain, and cattle in McLennan and Coryell Counties. She is an active member in the McLennan County Farm Bureau and the Waco Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Committee.

Dale Hunt is a recognized leader in the rice industry and has served as president of the Texas Rice Research Foundation.

D. V. Guerra is active in soil and water conservation. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Rural Development and was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

The State ASC Committee oversees farm program activities of the ASCS throughout Texas. ASCS employs a staff of 1,400 in Texas and supervises the distribution of more than \$1.5 billion in federal farm program benefits to the farmers and ranchers of Texas.

A new focus on Texas!

Visitors to Texas always rank shopping, historical tours, and historical museums as the top three activities while in Texas. And when asked what they enjoyed about Texas, friendliness, followed by scenery were the top answers.

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According to the Texas Auto Visitor Survey, 33% of the visitors rank photography as the top activity, taking advantage of the state's diverse scenery -- mountains, forests; hills and beaches. The survey, released by the Texas Department of Transportation, covers September through November.

"It seems visitors are discovering what we've always known, that Texas' diverse landscapes are beautiful," said Milton Meharg, director of the Travel Services Section of the Department of Transportation.

"For the first time, this quarter, scenery ranked number one above

friendliness," said Meharg. Meharg added our clean Texas highways are a photographer's delight and that Texas' unique museums are a great focal point for many amateur and professional photographers.

Top attractions during autumn were San Antonio's Alamo and River Walk, Big Bend National Park, and the State Capitol Complex in Austin -- "all photogenic," adds Meharg.

Visitors to the Texas Travel Information Centers completed the Texas Auto Visitor survey. These centers serve as the state's "front doors," where professional travel counselors extend friendly Texas hospitality to some three million visitors arriving from all directions each year. Counselors provide trip planning assistance, travel literature, and road condition information. These free travel services are available daily at 11 travel centers around the state, or by calling in Texas 1-800-452-9292.



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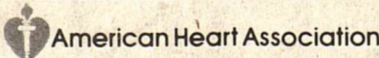
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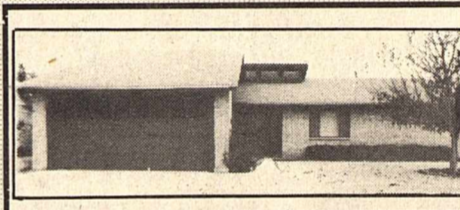
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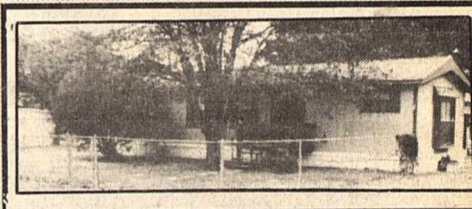
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