

# SCHLEICHER COUNTY LEADER

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Eldorado, Texas

'On Top of the Divide'

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## Eldorado Boomed in 1981



by Nell Edmiston

1981 was a very busy year for Eldorado and Schleicher County as the community grew in population, passing the 2000 mark. There were several major news stories all connected with the new growth and all adding up to one thing - growth and progress for the community as a whole.

New businesses, business growth and new construction told the story of 1981.

Joining the business district was the branch office for Heart of Texas Savings and Loan Association which put in a new building at the intersection of Highways 277 and 190. Lucy Burke, manager, held the open house in October.

Several women opened the new businesses here this year. Marga Smith opened the Head Quarters located in the shop next to Love's Flowers while Mary Conatser and Pat Gentry both opened their shops in Eldorado, featuring handmade articles for sale.

Mary Leggett, opened The Cottage with her sister-in-law, Kathy Frerich. The store, now situated in the Holley House, features junior and many other articles for fashion conscious women.

Richard and Lori Stricklan began another new business, a photography studio which is the first in the city.

J.W. Johnson, attorney, and his wife, Betsy, opened a business office in the downtown district to join the business community.

Another new business, Bautista's Grocery, opened in the Spring.

John Callison, owner of the Eagle Dairy Mart, opened the Eagle Spa for men and women who wanted to lose weight through exercise.

Mikeska Gin was sold at the beginning of the year to a group of local farmers who formed Schleicher County Cooperative Gin. The gin, a vital part of the agriculture business

in the county, is being managed by Duwain Sauer.

In other business news, Casa Arispe suffered a fire early in the year and underwent a remodeling project. Owners Mike and Juanita Arispe reopened their doors in record time to please all to the satisfaction of their customers.

Cathy Niblett celebrated her tenth year in business in Eldorado with Cathy's Gifts, and McCalla's Department Store added a new dimension to their merchandise, Hallmark greeting cards.

Bobby Phillips, owner of Eldorado Instruments, and his employees moved into a new building on Highway 277 because of the major growth of their business.

Moving into their old shop was S&D Laundry owned and operated by Shirley and Delbert Overstreet.

Kwik Service moved into its new building at the same time, also located on highway 277.

Your Place, a new recreation center operated by Dee Dee Duncan, moved into their old quarters.

Meador Land also expanded, opening a branch office in Dallas operated by Rusty Meador.

Also expanding their businesses were Whitten Feeds, Quadra, Top Liquor Store and Kent's Automotive.

The Schleicher County Leader expanded because of the city and county's growth, publishing special editions on petroleum, agriculture, scouting, a newcomers guide, women's edition, progress and hunting. Special advertising has also honored scouting, basketball, football, spring sports and additions to the business community.

### CONSTRUCTION BOOMS

Construction in the city was at all time high in every area except for housing. The county completed construction of the new law enforcement center in the spring. Sheriff Orval Edmiston and other law en-

forcement officials moved into the building in March and held an open house in June.

Moving into the old jail building was the new tax appraisal district.

The three new buildings at the school, the elementary wing, learning center and cafeteria, were still in the news because of details carried over from 1980. The school also remodeled part of the high school gymnasium this year.

The new wing of the medical center was completed in the fall and an open house is being planned for January. Hospital officials are hopeful that another doctor will join the facility shortly.

The city has also played a part in the progress of the city by paving several miles of streets inside the city limits. During the last year, the city has repaired some gas lines and repainted the water tower which was damaged because of vandalism.

The housing authority completed its building project as well, building 18 housing units for the elderly next to the post office.

Board members of the First National Bank turned over the first shovels of dirt for the bank in March and construction of the new facility located on the corner of Main and Highway 190 is still in progress.

Some new homes were built during the year, but not enough to ease a severe housing shortage which has forced many families to live in mobile homes. However, the city has accepted plans for the new housing addition on the north of the city from Britt Poynor during December.

The city and county resumed their work agreement and went a step farther as they agreed to build a new firehall. The city agreed to purchase the land next to City Hall and the county agreed to build the structure.

### INCUMBENTS RETURN TO OFFICES

During the April elections, most incumbents in local offices returned to their positions. Wayne McGinnies and Jimmy Doyle kept their seats on the City Council and were joined by Ronnie Sauer.

Frankie Hardy and Richard Kent stayed on the school board and Sonny Turner was elected to the board for the first time.

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## Perry's Store Comes Here

Eldorado will have a new variety store opening next spring.

Perry's will be building a new store close the the R&H trailer park on highway 277 toward San Angelo, according to Wally Padgett, manager of Perry's in Sonora.

Padgett said the store will probably be larger than the Sonora store and will handle a wide variety of merchandise including toys, material, housewares, hardware and many other items.

The land has been purchased by the chain and construction is expected to begin shortly with the opening tentatively set for April or May.

## Some Make Resolutions

As the new year arrives, many local people have resolved to do special things in the new year. An on-the-street survey revealed, however, that most people in Eldorado are not going with the traditional resolutions because they feel they cannot live up to them.

Most of them who did make resolutions, however, resolved to lose weight.

Some of those interviewed were as follows:

Virginia Standorf - "Try to be a better person."

Linda Walling - "To lose ten pounds."

Joy Gibson - "To lose weight."

Patsy McDonald - "To sit and rest awhile."

Orval Edmiston - "To make it through another year."

Henry Holquin - "To lose weight."

Judge Johnny Griffin - "To eat less."

Buddy White - "To make '82 better than '81."

Rev. Serran Braun - "To get to know people in Eldorado better."

Jerry Edmiston - "To pay for Christmas."

## Girls Tourney Is Set

Twelve schools will be represented here during the annual Lions Club girls basketball tournament which begins Thursday, January 7.

Exciting action will begin at noon Thursday in Eagle Gymnasium when Marble Falls meets Mason. First round action also pits Bronte against Sonora, McCamey against Wall, Iraan against Junction, Christoval against Ozona, Menard against Eldorado.

Second round action will take place all day Friday. The consolation game will be played 5 p.m. Saturday followed by third place competition at 6:30 p.m. and championship action at 8 p.m.

Eldorado High School girls coach Larry Mitchel is hopeful the Eaglettes will be "fired up" because they have a good chance to win the tournament which has a lot of competition against them.

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# 1981 Was A Year Of Progress For This Community

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#### TAX RATES CHANGE

All taxing jurisdictions changed their tax rates during 1981 because of a new appraisal which has not been done in many years. Even though the new appraisal picked many thousands of dollars of improvements from land and property owners, most taxes increased significantly.

Oil companies felt the least pinch because they had been apprised periodically.

#### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT JUMPS

In school news during the year, local students swept the UIL district competition last spring. John Paul Joiner and the girls track team went to state as well as two seniors, the Sandy Willeke and Mark Wallis who both placed in top journalism competition.

School enrollment jumped to 660 students and teachers received pay raises.

The school hosted the Plateau Relays which were a success as usual and the Romper Relays for elementary students.

High school students took sweep-

stakes during district UIL competition in the spring.

Sandy Willeke and Mark Wallis took top honors in state journalism competition while John Paul Joiner and the girls track team went to state.

Miss Willeke was valedictorian and Wallis was salutatorian.

The Eagles fell to a 1-9 season in football, but the JV Eagles won their 19th consecutive game. The girls varsity and JV basketball teams won the Sonora tournament in November and promised to be a real threat to the district title later in the season.

#### COUNTY ADDS BUILDING

The big story for the county was completion of the law enforcement center and the use of the old jail for the tax appraisal district.

De Lux was named to the commissioners court to succeed the late Billy Gene Edmiston who was killed in an accident.

Application was made to the Texas Aeronautical Commission to build a new airport and was approved.

However arrangement to purchase the needed land have not been made.

#### CITY MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The big news for the city is problems with leaking gas lines. In December, the Railroad Commission visited the city which reported losing a large amount of gas in its gas system. Workers found leaks around the school and several other places in

the downtown area which were repaired by the city crews.

The city has also been busy this year trying to repair gas lines and pave new streets.

#### HOSPITAL ADDS TO STAFF

April Fuentes was the first baby born in the local medical center in 1981.

Pat Battelega joined the facility as a physician's assistant.

#### NEW MINISTERS NAMED

The Rev. Serran Braun was as signed to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Mike Sokoff became minister of the Westside Church of Christ.

The Rock Church of Christ sponsored a series of six films on marriage enrichment.

#### CLUBS HELP TOWN

Several organizations are joining the community spirit to improve this area. The Schleicher County Progress Council sponsored the successful Schleicher County Day in August and made enough money to purchase more Christmas decorations for the city. They also sponsored the Super Santa Celebration in December which featured a visit from Santa Claus and drawings from local merchants.

The Women's Club began a fund for new street signs and were joined in their efforts by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Jaycees.

The Lions Club held a large broom

sale to help the blind and had many interesting programs this year.

The medical auxiliary held their monthly parties for nursing home patients and included a going away party for activities director Ruthie Da

Members of the Kountry Kousins Square Dance Club hosted a square dance of about 100 people on Independence Day.

The monthly Country-Western Jamboree continued with many local and visiting musicians delighting their audience each month.

#### TRAGEDIES AND DEATHS

Several tragedies and deaths marred the news in 1981. Fires damaged the home of Rita Lloyd and elderly Mattie Royster and Casa Arispe Restaurant. Ronnie Mittel barely escaped death during an explosion at the Agriculture stabilization and Conservation District office.

Rose Edmiston, Mike Phillips, Daisy and Wayne Mikeska, Mike Wilks, and Mr. and Mrs. Santos Pina were all injured in car accidents.

A drowning accident claimed the life of Jody Minnick in the summer and a freak truck-pickup accident claimed the life of rancher and commissioner Billy Gene Edmiston.

Several car accidents claimed the lives of local residents, Ernesto Martinez, Joe Saldivar, Billy Greg Etheredge, Clay Williams, and H.W. Scott.

Joe Dean Lewis, 12, was killed during a shooting accident and Francisco Cruz died during an oil well accident.

The community also lost several of its long-time citizens to illness and age, including Bethel Jeffrey, H.A. Belk, Fred Riley, C.V. Carroll, Gertrude Nixon, Fred Gunstead, Manuel Bosmans, Domingo Cortez, Sam Gausemeier, Tiny Godwin, Billie Porter, Earl Hicks, Mattie Royster, Billie Jones, Roy Rixse, Richard Cheatham, W.F. Stevenson, Hollis McCormick, Eugene St. Clair, Rance McDonald, Charlie Kinchloe, Felis Arispe, Sherrill Posey, Jack Gartman, Hazel Parks and Ella Mae Mercer, among others.

#### OTHER NEWS STORIES

Other news stories that went across the Leader's pages during the past year included:

--The annual stock show in January.

--The two foreign exchange students who lived here, two girls from Brazil and Monica Kristen of Austria

--A district library workshop held here for representatives of libraries in surrounding towns in February and a book sale was held by the library in June.

--Steve Williams and Walter Pope being honored by the Soil and Water Conservation District.

--Christine Hodges receiving a

plaque from firemen for answering the fire phone for the past 25 years. Also, the late Fred Riley was recognized for his participation in the volunteer fire department for many years.

--A record wheat crop produced by local farmers.

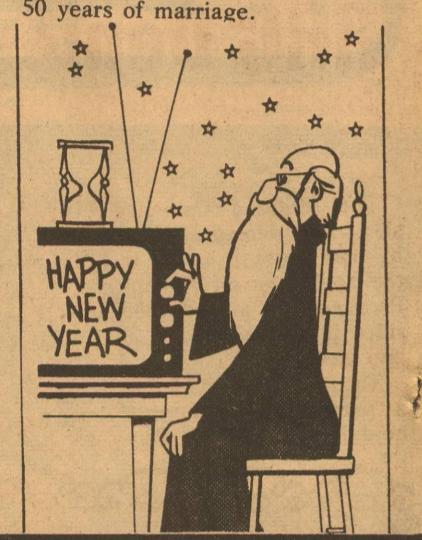
--About 300 persons attending the annual Mias Amigas gathering and about 600 attending the annual barbecue held by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

--In June, local members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association hosted a district meeting at the El Dorado Restaurant.

--Both Gerald Geistweidt, state representative and Tom Loeffler, United States representative, visited Eldorado in the fall.

--Bill Nikolaik showed off a bi-plane he was flying in the spring.

--The Lester Hendersons, J.E. Evets and Lewis Kinsers celebrated 50 years of marriage.



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**OLD CHRISTMAS TREE**--One of the favorite tunes of youngsters before Christmas is "Oh, Christmas Tree," because the tree is the symbol of the yuletide season. However, when the festivities are over, the tree gets

dumped into the trash. Here Henry Holguin is seen carrying out the famous symbol of Christmas, thus finishing the final chore of the season.

## RRC Denies Motions in Application

The Railroad Commission today denied motions by both sides involved in the application of Phillips Petroleum to amend field rules in 11 Panhandle oil and gas fields.

The motions were filed at a pre-hearing conference held Nov. 10. The Pan-

handle Independent Producers Group asked that Phillips' rule change application be dismissed. Phillips asked for an interim order that would put most of its proposed rules changes into effect pending a hearing on the applica-

The Phillips application asks that natural gas liquids recovered from casinghead gas or oil well gas not be reported as crude oil production. The Panhandle Independent Producers Group says adoption of that interpretation of the field rules will result in the

reclassification of many wells from oil to gas wells, forcing many independent producers to shut in their wells because of existing rules.

The next step in the case is expected to be a paper by Commission hearings examiner Susan Cory Kovar formally stating the issues to be considered by the Commission. After that, attorneys for the parties to the case will discuss what information they will exchange. A public hearing date will be set following the exchange.

The fields involved in the proposed rule change are the Panhandle oil fields in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hutchinson, Moore, Wheeler, and Potter counties and the Panhandle East, Panhandle East (Albany Dolomite, Lower), and Panhandle West gas fields.

## RRC Sets New Rate

The Railroad Commission today set the Texas oil production rate for January 1982 at the market demand factor of 100 percent for the 59th month in a row and the 115th time since the commission first went to the ceiling level in April 1972.

Commissioners Mack Wallace and Buddy Temple directed the continuance of the maximum statewide allowable after receiving and reviewing purchaser nominations for Texas oil in January totaling 2,460,950 barrels per day, an increase of 2,394 barrels daily when compared with December 1981 buyer requests. January 1981 nominations totaled 2,587,925 barrels daily.

Next month's permissible rate of output is calculated to average 2,997,218 b/d with actual production estimated at 2.41 million b/d. The maximum allowable applies to all but 10 fields in Texas that are assigned lower legal rates of flow for conservation purposes. Actual production in January 1981 was 2,490,513 barrels daily.

## From the County Agent

By Jerry Swift, extension agent

which would help reduce the host-parasite reaction.

Use of nonsystemic dust applied by hand or in dustbags would eliminate the possibility of host-parasite reaction. But because of a lack of penetration of heavy hair coats, dusts do not provide as effective lice control as dips or sprays.

Self-treatment devices, backrubbers and dustbags, properly placed and maintained in a preventative program offer effective lice control. These devices should be placed early in the fall prior to lice build-up in order that cattle will become accustomed to using them. They should be placed in areas that cattle frequently use or placed in such a manner that cattle are forced to use them.

The spot-on formulation of chlorpyrifos is a new product that has been effective against lice. The product kills all stages of lice - eggs, nymphs and adults. One application is adequate for season-long control if the entire herd is treated and no untreated animals are later introduced into the herd.

Only a small amount of chlorpyrifos is required,

thus eliminating cold stress from soaking animals with sprays and dips. The insecticide is not a grubicide, so it can be used anytime without fear of a host-parasite reaction.

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Additional information on control of lice and other external parasites of cattle is available in the publication, "Suggestions for Controlling External Parasites of Livestock and Poultry," at the County Extension office.

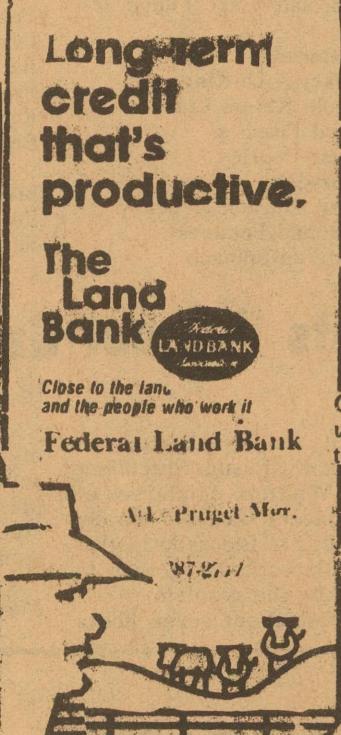
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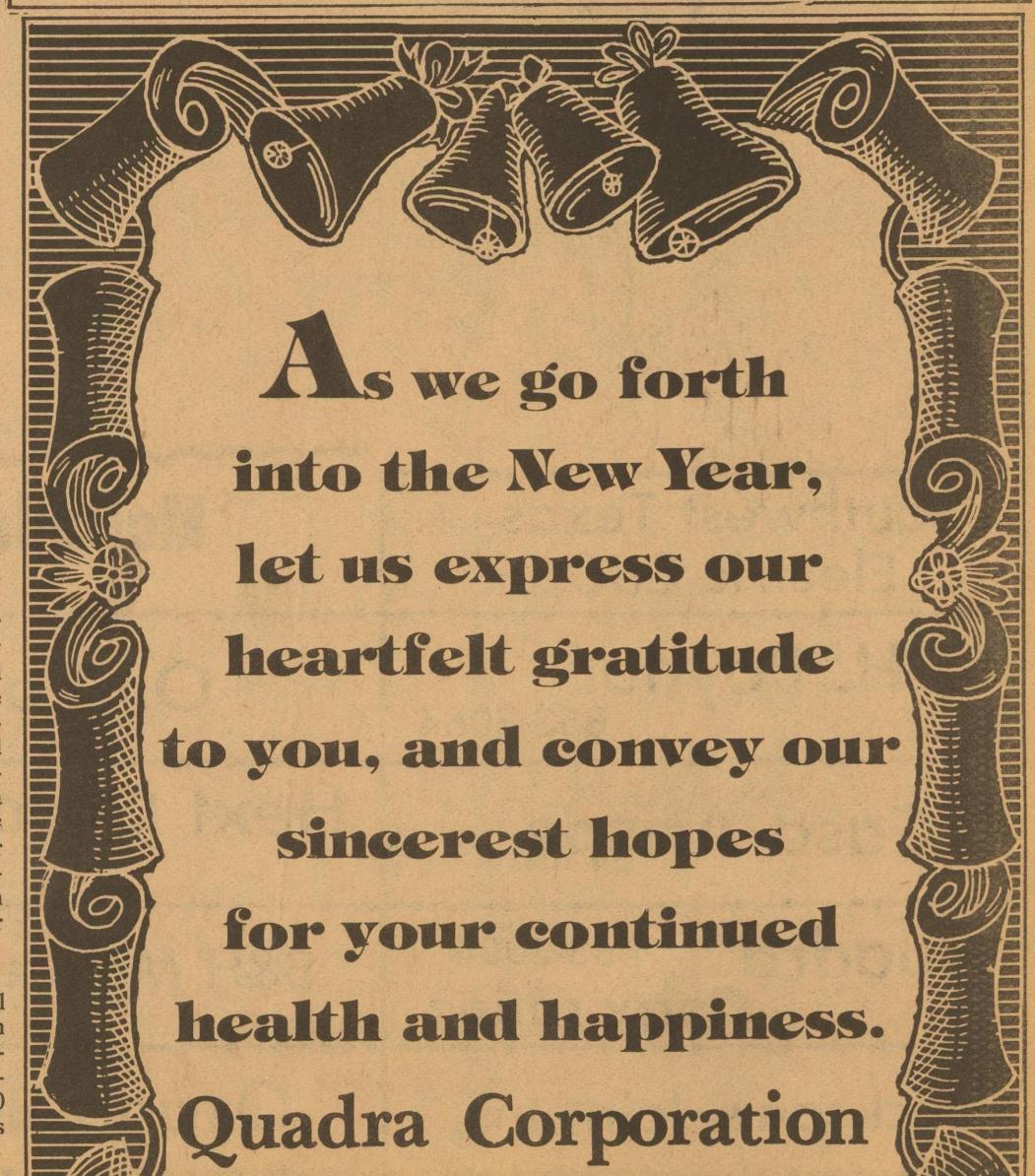
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## Historical Marker Honors Hoovers

In 1881 Laura and William Peery Hoover left their home in Hamilton County and headed west. William and a cowboy rode horseback and drove 200 head of longhorn cattle while Laura carried her infant daughter in one arm, watched after her two-year-old son and drove the covered wagon loaded with their supplies and meager possessions. Hoover stretched a cowhide under the wagon to carry calves born on the trip. Although Indians, Spaniards, wagon trains, and military expeditions had crossed the region along the Pecos River, the Hoovers were the first permanent settlers in present Crockett County. The family camped for three months on Devil's River while Hoover searched for a permanent location. They built a one-room house of cedar pickets, mud and

grass on a bluff overlooking the Pecos.

Since it took several days to reach the nearest town for supplies, the family had to be self-sufficient and supplies were brought in only twice a year. Hoover moved his family to the new community of Ozona and was instrumental in the formation of Crockett County in 1881. He helped organize the Ozona National Bank and served as a community leader until his death in 1922. As their children reached adulthood, they were given an allotted amount of land for their own ranches.

The Texas Historical Commission has placed an OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER honoring the Hoovers on US 290 to Hoover Divide, 50 miles southwest of Ozona, Crockett County.

# What Is Spirit?

What is spirit? It is defined as liveliness, animation, a vital principle. What then is school spirit? It is a lively, animated and interested attitude toward your school.

Where does school spirit come from? It comes with having pride in your school. Where does pride in your school come from? It

comes from having pride in yourself.

Sound complicated? Not really. It is not so hard to have pride in your self-it just needs to be worked at.

Pride does not necessarily come from winning at something. Pride in yourself can grow from just having tried and knowing you tried hard.

Pride also depends on how you conduct yourself in and out of school. Being courteous, keeping grades up and getting involved are just three of the ways to build pride.

The spirit level in all schools rises and falls like a barometer. Ours seems to have been experiencing some stormy weather. But

we think we see the sun breaking through.

Hard work on the part of some of our students is beginning to push back the clouds of apathy. While the sports program is of great importance, it can never be the only motivation of spirit. There are so many areas for us to take pride in. For example, being a working member of the band, student council, spirit club, FFA, etc., can help you begin to feel useful. The yearbook and the newspaper staffs work hard to turn out a good product. Representing our school in various UIL activities helps build confidence.

## Late Decisions Could Affect Income Tax

Farmers and ranchers have only a few more days to make decisions that could affect their 1981 income tax situation.

Year-end planning can help save tax dollars.

He suggests that farmers and ranchers follow a systematic procedure in making end-of-year tax management moves.

First, decide what your tax management goals are. Commonly, the goal is to save income taxes, but check the impact of this goal on social security retirement income. Although an important objective in income tax management is to smooth out variations in income from year to year, individuals nearing age 65 may want to defer the recognition of income until age 65 to take advantage of the larger personal exemption.

Because of the phase-in of that delaying income until 1982 and paying expenses in 1981 will save tax dollars. This strategy reflects lower income tax and lower income tax brackets in 1982 and in later years as provided in the tax act as well as other taxpayer benefits.

After defining your tax management goals, it's time to make some estimates. Calculate 1981 net farm profit, taxable non-farm income, and total tax due. Estimate the same items for the 1982 tax year.

**LUNCH**  
Monday Beef & Cheese Enchiladas  
Pinto Beans  
Lettuce & Tomato Salad  
Cornbread  
Iced Cupcakes  
Tuesday Fresh Fish Fillets  
Blackeyed Peas  
Macaroni & Cheese

Cole Slaw  
Chocolate Cake/Fudge Icing  
Wednesday Turkey-A-La-King  
Whole Kernel Corn  
Diced Peaches  
Sugar Cookies  
Thursday Fried Chicken & Gravy  
Creamed Potatoes  
Buttered Spinach  
Carrot & Pineapple Salad  
Peach Cobbler  
Friday Barbecue-on-a-Bun  
French Fries  
Ranch Style Beans  
Brownies  
**BREAKFAST**  
Monday Peaches  
Pancakes-Syrup  
Tuesday Prunes  
Buttered Rice-Toast  
Wednesday Pineapple Juice  
Hot Biscuits-Sausage-Jelly  
Thursday Apple Juice  
Cinnamon Toast  
Friday Banana  
Choice of Cereal

## Local Residents Without Gas Service Over Holidays

Several parts of Eldorado including the Glendale and Sunset Acres additions as well as others were without gas service or suffered low gas pressure on Christmas Eve.

City employees under direction of superintendent Hal Whitten, employees of Producers Gas and Bobby Phillips of Eldorado Instruments worked together to remedy the problem. After about seven hours

of work they found the source of the problem, a plastic sack and hand towel stuck inside the gas system.

City secretary Carolyn Mayo said that the sack and

towel have apparently been inside some pipes or the system when it was installed about a year ago. It became dislodged and then stuck inside the system thus causing the problem.

## Upcoming Action:

**Varsity boys, girls JV Girls and Boys vs. Ozona Jan. 5, there 5 p.m.**

**Varsity boys go to Reagan County Tourney Jan. 7-9**

**Eldorado Varsity girls tournament, here Jan. 7-9**

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**The Cottage**

**Sutton Specialty**  
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**Big John's Welding**

**Eldorado Feed Store**

**First National Bank  
of Eldorado**

**Pat's Sew-N-Sew**

**El Dorado Restaurant**

**Parker's Food**

**Kerbow Furniture**

## Houston Girl Delights Eldorado With Her Harp

An unusual program featuring selections on the harp were presented this weekend to members of Primera Iglesia Bautista and residents at the nursing home. The harp was played by Alpha Omega Gonzales who was in Eldorado visiting her aunt, Delia Pina.

She helped Mrs. Pina with a live nativity scene for her church during the holidays and their presented seasonal music at the nursing home on Saturday.

Miss Gonzales and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Gonzales extended their stay to present an impromptu invitation Sunday at First Baptist Church morning services.

The harpist has been taking harp lessons for five years under direction of Beatrice Schroeder Rose, reknowned national harpist, author, composer and principal harpist with the

Houston Symphony and professor at the University of Houston.

She has acquired several awards, postions and honors. She graduated with honors and was named in "Who's Who of American Distinguished High School Students." She has been the principal high school harpist in the Houston Youth Symphony, Rice University Symphony, Campanelle Orchestra, A&M University Symphony and at the present with the University of Houston Symphony.

As a member of the First Baptist Church of Houston, she performs with its orchestra occasionally. Her vocal abilities have also bestowed her with many awards in the city, regional and state levels. In June she toured Japan, Hong Kong, Red China and Hawaii as part of the 150 youth choir from her church called "The Singing Texans."

Presently she is working on a music degree as a performing harpist at the University of Houston.



**PLAYING AWAY** - Alpha Gonzales performs holiday selections of her harp for patients at the local nursing home. Miss Gonzales is using a borrowed harp which she has to move in a van made especially for her instrument. The harp she is having made for herself will be complete next year, as it takes five years to make one of the beautiful instruments.

## In Those Days

**FIVE YEARS AGO**--Jay Halbert was killed in a hunting accident.

Several citizens met with the city council about low gas pressure.

Attending the Sandhill Hereford and Quarterhorse show in Odessa were Todd and Shanna Swift, Leonard and Jimmy Lloyd, Danette and Wendi Dunagan and Tanya and Kelly Leggett.

**12 YEARS AGO**--Gene McCalla announced his intentions to run for reelection as commissioner of precinct two.

David Whitten returned from Germany where he had been stationed with the

Army for 18 months.

Services were held in California for Fleta Armelia Whitley.

The Eaglettes won their tourney by defeating Iraan. Top players were Lisa Whitten, Lisa McAngus, Gay Lynn Richardson, Claudia Meador, Kathleen O'Harrow, Sherri Roberts, Randy Yates, and Loretta Schooley.

The top story of the past year was the opening of the new medical center.

**35 YEARS AGO**--Jack Whitten was killed in a plane crash about seven miles north of Eldorado.

The Band Parents Club had almost reached their goal of \$2100 for uniforms.

Mrs. Sam Williams and Mrs. Grace O'Harrow were honored with turkey dinners on their 70th birthdays.

The new year began with a blanket of snow and temperatures of 20 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. D.E. DeLong were honored on their 48th wedding anniversary at their ranch home.

Martin Belman died in San Angelo from gunshot wounds suffered at his home in Eldorado.

The Railroad Commission approved Tuesday a memorandum of understanding with the department of Water Resources and the Department of Health describing the jurisdiction of each agency over waste relating to the oil and gas industry.

The existing authority of the agencies is not changed by the memorandum, just clarified. House Bill 1047, passed during the last session of the Texas Legislature, required the agencies to issue the memorandum before January 1, 1982.

Generally, the Railroad Commission has jurisdiction over waste materials resulting from the exploration, development or production of oil and gas. The Commission agreed in the memorandum to execute their responsibility in agreement with the water quality standards of the Department of Water Resources.

Oversight of industrial solid waste and the discharge of wastes into waters in the state not to oil,

The Poinsettia (*Euphorbia Pulcherrima*) is a native plant of the Republic of Mexico. This plant was brought to the United States many years ago by our Ambassador Poinsett, and thus bears his name.

This plant is suitable for cultivating for winter display in the deep South, but it requires quite a bit of care for the northern climates. In the South it may be grown outdoors and it will grow into large shapely bushes which produce very handsome bracts of red, pink, or creamy white. There are single and double flowered poinsettias. In the double-flowered poinsettia you will find the bracts to be more numerous and remain attractive much longer.

We in this area are more familiar with the single stem plant in a six-inch pot with a single head of bracts, which are in full bloom at Christmas time.

Some plants are grown with more than one branch, but the flower head (bracts) is usually smaller than a single plant stem specimen. After flowering, the plant should be cut back and kept dry in a temperature of 50 to 55 degrees for several weeks. In May, they should be pruned to within six to eight inches of the soil and started into growth again by watering and keeping in a sunny,

warm location.

After new growth has started, a minimum temperature of 65 to 70 degrees should be maintained. If you want additional poinsettias, cuttings can be taken from this new growth and rooted at that time. The soil should consist of fibrous loam, three parts, and one part of equal proportions of dried cow manure, leaf mold, and sand. These plants need to be ventilated more freely and the atmosphere should be kept drier than at any other time during the growth season.

Weekly fertilizing with a dilute liquid fertilizer with a reading of 20/20/20 is required for maximum growth and beauty. You must remember that the red bracts is not the flower. The tiny yellow center cluster is the flower of the poinsettia.

Poinsettias resent drafts and are easily damaged by spraying of insecticide. They need short days and long nights to bloom. Light at night prevents flowering and the formation of the bracts. The old myth that the poinsettias are poisonous has been recently disproved. If you like plants and enjoy working with them, you may want to pick up some poinsettias after Christmas and try to make them bloom for the next year.

## Memorandum Clears Jurisdiction For Agencies

gas or geothermal resource falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Resources.

The Department of Health has jurisdiction over the management of municipal solid waste. When both municipal and industrial solid waste is involved, the Department of Health assumes jurisdiction.

Waste under Railroad Commission authority may be disposed of at facilities permitted by the other two agencies when the facility owner and the agency with jurisdiction over the facility agrees.

Specifically, waste generated from refinery storage tanks is subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Resources, while solid waste resulting from the marketing of refined products is controlled by the Department of Health.

Spills occurring during the transportation of crude oil to the refinery will be handled by the Railroad Commission. Spills which occur during transportation within the refinery or from oil tankers are subject to

the jurisdiction of the other two agencies.

Disposal of waste from compressor stations and from pipeline cleanup operations is under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. Discharge of wastewater from pipeline pressure tests falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Resources.

Waste from all crude oil reclamation plants is subject to Commission jurisdiction. Also under Commission authority is waste from gas plants and pressure maintenance or repressuring plants.

Waste streams resulting from refining operations are managed by the Department of Water Resources.

All waste from exploration, drilling and well completion for oil, gas and geothermal resources including drilling muds, cutting trash, waste hydrocarbons, fracturing fluids, spent acid, waste cement, and saltwater are supervised by the Railroad Commission.



## Church Directory

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Oak and Gillis  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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Wed. Prayer Service 7:30

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Rev. Ronald J. Sutto  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
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Bishop: Bryan Galloway  
San Angelo 658-4797  
2817 Christoval Rd.

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Primary: 9 a.m.  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sacrament meeting 11 a.m.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Pastor 853-2663  
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Mike Sokoff, minister

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Dale Lipsett, Minister

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

853-2101

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Rev. Walter Ford

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sun. Eve. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Eve. Serv. 7:30 p.m.

ROCK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Huff, Evangelist

708 Lee St.

Sunday Bible Class 10 a.m.

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Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

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TO: BAILEY RANCH BAPTIST CHURCH AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN LAND UNDER DEED HERETOFORE GIVEN TO DEACONS OF BAILEY RANCH BAPTIST CHURCH AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE, OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS, AS GRANTEE, Defendants in the hereinabove styled and numbered cause.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, 51st Judicial District, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, on or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 18 day of January, 1982, and answer the petition of MRS. J.E. (JESSE LEE) SPENCER in Cause No. 1644, styled MRS. J.E. (JESSE LEE) SPENCER v. BAILEY RANCH BAPTIST CHURCH AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN LAND UNDER DEED HERETOFORE GIVEN TO DEACONS OF BAILEY RANCH BAPTIST CHURCH AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE, OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS, AS GRANTEE, in which MRS. J.E. (JESSE LEE) SPENCER is Plaintiff and her predecessors in interest have been in adverse possession of the real property involved here, under Articles 5509, 5510, 5518, and 5519a of Texas Revised Civil Statutes.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS Mrs. Helen Bebee, Clerk of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Eldorado, this the 3rd day of December, 1981.

Mrs. Helen Bebee,  
Clerk of the  
District Court of  
Schleicher County, Texas.

Plaintiff brings this suit to remove a cloud and quiet title to a parcel of real property and all improvements on that property, consisting of a five acre parcel of land, described as follows:

Being five acres of land in Schleicher County, Texas, out of the North one-half (N ½) of Section NO. 164, Abstract No. 803, in Block "A", originally surveyed for the Common School Fund by the H E & W T RY CO..

by virtue of Certificate No. 84, and sold by the State of Texas to John Hutto. Said Five acres described by metes and bounds as follows: to wit:

- Beginning at a large fence post in the North line of said survey 164 766-3/10 vrs from its NE Corner, Thence South 103 vrs. to a mesquite stake for the S.E. Corner of this tract;

Thence West 274 vrs. to an iron pin for the S.W. Corner of this tract;

Thence North 103 vrs. to a large mesquite gate post in the North line of said Survey No. 164 to the place of beginning.

Thence North 103 vrs. to a large mesquite gate post in the North line of said Survey No. 164 for the N.W. Corner of this tract;

Thence East 274 vrs. with the North line of said Survey 164 to the place of beginning.

This five acre parcel was conveyed to Deacons of Bailey Ranch Baptist Church by a deed dated January 19, 1924. The Bailey Ranch Baptist Church ceased holding services in the early 1950's, and since that time, Plaintiff (and her predecessors in interest) have been in adverse possession of the real property involved here, under Articles 5509, 5510, 5518, and 5519a of Texas Revised Civil Statutes.

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### Refineries

#### At New Low

The refineries in America are producing at the lowest level since 1975 because of the drop in the demand for oil and gas products. About 12.3 million barrels of oil a day are being refined according to the American Petroleum Institute. And this is 65 percent of capacity.

## Houston Rodeo Heads Lists Line Of Entertainers

25395, Houston, Texas 77265-5395.

The greatest line-up of star entertainers in Houston Rodeo history was announced today to appear at the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Show, February 24-March 7, 1982 in the Astrodome.

"For our golden anniversary Show, we wanted to present the most spectacular entertainment line-up ever," said Board Chairman Allen H. Carruth. "Of course, with 16 performances this year and the expansion of our schedule, there's more than ever for the entire family to enjoy." Horse show events begin on February 20; livestock judging on February 22 and rodeo performances on February 24. All events conclude March 7.

Stars appearing at the 1982 Show include Eddy Arnold, Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band, Merle Haggard, The Oak Ridge Boys, Charley Pride, Mac Davis, The Statler Brothers, Moe Bandy and Joe Stampley.

Carruth noted that the rodeo had added two new evening performances, with opening night now falling on Wednesday, February 24. "The addition of these evening performances makes attending the rodeo much more convenient for families. And, it gives us a chance to present even more of the star entertainment that has made the Houston Show the biggest and best of all."

Rodeo ticket prices are \$4 and \$8 and include admission to all livestock show events. Tickets will be available at the Astrodome Box Office on Kirby Drive and all Ticket Master of Houston locations on January 4. Mail orders, being taken now, may be addressed to Rodeo Ticket Director, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, P.O. Box

25395, Houston, Texas 77265-5395. Leading off at the opening performance on Wednesday night, February 24 is Eddy Arnold. Arnold is a special rodeo favorite and has sold more than 70 million records in his legendary career.

On Thursday night, February 25, Anne Murray returns.

This beautiful Canadian vocalist has taken rodeo audiences by storm in her previous two appearances.

On Friday night, February 26, Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Brothers Band perform. This Grammy-winning vocal group has played packed houses in their previous appearances here.

On Saturday, February 27, brings two stars to the rodeo. Appearing at the matinee performance only is Entertainer of the Year,

Merle Haggard. At the evening show only, is the County Music Vocal Group of the Year, The Oak Ridge Boys.

Sunday, February 28, Charley Pride appears at both the matinee and evening performances. Pride has appeared at the Houston Rodeo more times than any other star; 1982 will mark his 12th appearance in 13 years.

Monday, March 1, Mac Davis, the popular Lubbock Texas, singer/songwriter will star at the evening performance.

He is followed on Tuesday, March 2, for one performance only by The Statler Brothers, the most award-winning vocal group in country music history.

Wednesday, March 3, marks the return of the Good Ole Boys, as Moe Bandy and Joe Stampley bring their down-home fun to the rodeo for one performance only.

Thursday, March 4, Conway Twitty performs all his hit songs at the evening rodeo performance.

On Friday, March 5, for the evening performance, and for two performances on Saturday, March 6, the rodeo presents Dolly Parton. This beautiful singer, songwriter and actress is unequalled when it comes to putting on a dynamic show.

## SSI Assists Elderly and Needy

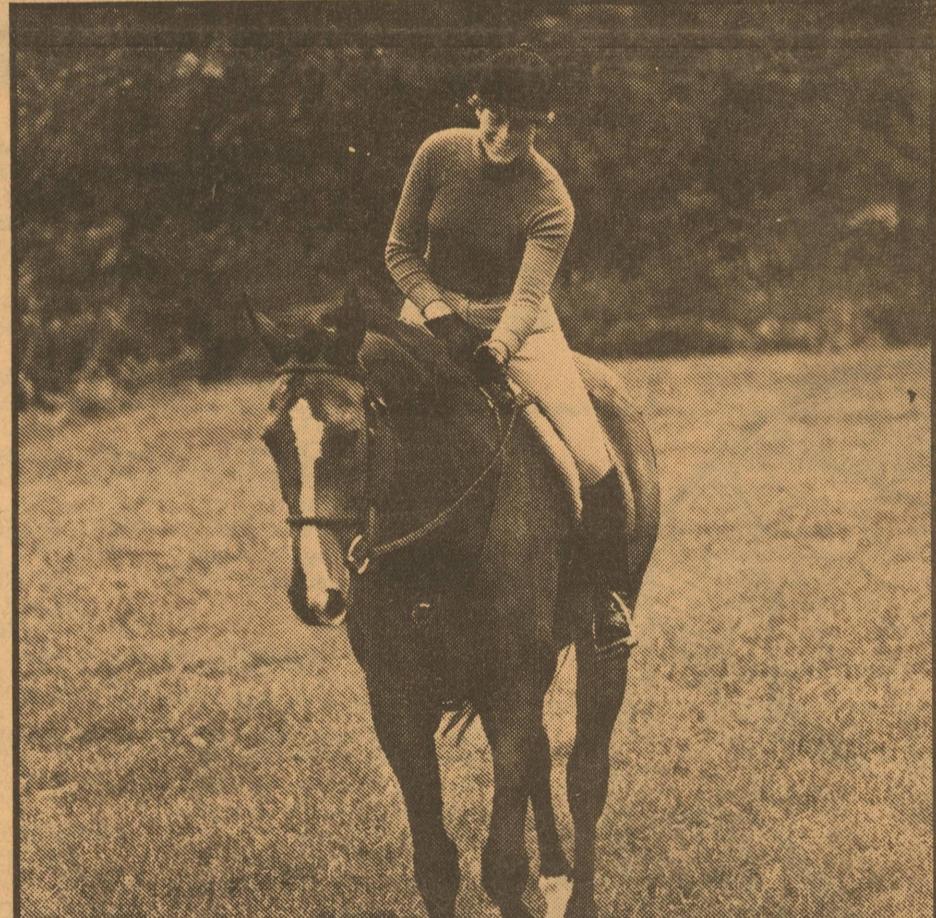
Amidst all the publicity about ways to alter the nation's social security system to make it financially more sound, one money-saving change quietly went to make it financially more sound, one money-saving change quietly went into effect last summer. Passed in June 1980, was a legislative amendment package containing a variety of new proposals designed to improve several aspects of the program. While some provisions were implemented immediately, others were planned to go into effect later so the administration would have time to prepare. The latest phase of the 1980 amendments to be activated is called SSI offset.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is an assistance program for needy people who are 65 years or older, or unable to work because of blindness or disability. SSI is run by the social security administration but the money for it, including administrative costs, doesn't come from social security trust funds. SSI is designed to assure that its recipients can obtain the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. The more income a person has from other sources, including regular social security benefits, the less SSI he or she is due.

Because the requirements for social security and SSI are similar as far as age and disability are concerned, many people apply for both benefits at the same time, especially in disability cases. It often takes a month or more to collect and evaluate the medical evidence needed to establish whether an applicant meets the legal disability requirements. As a result, by the time the decision is made a person whose claim is approved is often due back pay for earlier months.

The SSI system is geared to issue checks as fast as possible for people who are in urgent need. The social security system, because it is so much larger and more complex, takes longer to begin paying benefits. So, if a person is awarded both kinds of checks, the SSI check will almost always be paid first what results from its method of operation is that the SSI payment amount is figured without considering social security benefits as part of the same period of time. The recipient ends up getting more money for each month of back pay from social security and that person has already been paid SSI for any of the same months, even if the applications were not filed at the same time, the social security administration will figure how much less in SSI would have been due if all benefits had been paid when they were due. That amount will then be held out of the back pay check.

What results is that a loophole has been removed that allowed people whose checks were delayed to receive more money than they would have gotten if their checks were on time.



## On top of Ole Smokey

I was cold and wet that night in Maryland. I was helping Mom with the dishes when my brother Dave came running into the house shouting, "The mare just threw a colt. Come see."

To me it was the most perfect colt I'd ever seen in my life. A beautiful animal the color of blue-grey smoke. My Dad said that'd be his name, Smokey.

I spent every spare hour I had with that colt. Then one morning at the breakfast table, Dad announced, "Sandburg Stables'll be coming to fetch Smokey today."

"You're selling Smokey?" I cried. "Why can't we keep him? Can't I ever have a horse of my own?"

"Honey, we can't afford to raise horses for money, then keep 'em around for pets. We need that money. Smokey's a fine young colt but we have to sell him. Maybe someday we'll have enough to keep one just for you."

Maybe. Well, what with the cost of feed and labor,

"maybe" never came for my folks. Eventually, the ranch was sold and I went off.

As soon as I got a job, I joined the Payroll Savings Plan and started buying United States Savings Bonds.

I wasn't really sure what I was saving for. I guess I didn't ever want to find myself in a position where I'd have to sell something I loved just to get along.

I never knew what happened to Ole Smokey until a few years later. I was telling Linda, a friend at the office, how my car had broken down on the way to work. She offered to drive me home. "But I've got to stop and pick up my daughter dismount. As she led the horse toward us I recognized Ole Smokey."

The owner was talking to Linda, so I asked as casually as I could, "Is that horse for sale?"

He looked at Smokey, shrugged and said, "Anything's for sale if the price is right."

Right then I knew why I'd saved all those Bonds.

The price was a bit stiff for a school horse, but the Bonds had grown over the years and I knew I had enough.

As it turned out, Ole Smokey had a lot of talent no