



Congratulations, to the Eldorado Woolen Mill on its 60th Anniversary!

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Woolen Mill's 60th anniversary celebration slated for weekend

The Eldorado Woolen Mill will celebrate its 60th anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 24th and a full day of activities have been planned to mark the occasion. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. a parade will wind down South Main Street in Eldorado, ending at the Woolen Mill. There, a registration table will be set up. Guests may enjoy coffee and a visit with old friends before Representative Bob Turner, the keynote speaker for the day, addresses the crowd at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. an auction of will be held to benefit the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation's "Raise the Roof Fund." The foundation began the fund to raise money to pay for much needed repairs to the building's roof.

A noon meal will be served, consisting totally of Texas grown products, including beef, goat and

lamb. Tickets for the meal will cost \$5.00 at the door. Advanced tickets may be purchased by calling 853-2541.

Following the meal, a Texas Fiber Style Show will showcase apparel items from numerous retailers across West Texas. Of course, each of the items will feature Texas grown materials like wool, mohair, cotton and leather.

A silent auction for a number of items will be going on throughout the day. The items will be awarded to successful bidders at 1:30 p.m.

Rounding out the day's activities will be a performance of "Star Spangled Girl" on the stage of the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater, just three blocks north of the Woolen Mill. The play, written by Neal Simon, is a patriotic comedy-drama. Tickets may be purchased by call-

ing 853-2062.

Opened in 1941, the Eldorado Woolen Mill was the first woolen mill built in Texas and remains the only surviving full-process woolen mill in the southwestern United States. Eldoradoan Joe Muller Christian, a young textile engineer and son of the local bank president, purchased the first equipment for the mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, on November 3, 1939.

Ground was broken for the mill on January 2, 1940, and the building was completed in May of that year. The mill has operated continuously in the same structure and on the same location now for 60 years.

Joe Muller Christian also served as the mill's architect. He was a graduate of the Textile Engineering Division of Texas Technologi-

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Local landmark turns 60 — The Eldorado Woolen Mill has been a major part of Schleicher County's economy for 60 years. The grand opening of the facility was held on February 27, 1941. Texas Governor W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel attended the event, as did a crowd of more than 5,000 people from across West Texas. This Saturday, a 60th Anniversary Celebration is planned at the Mill. A parade on Main Street will begin the festivities, followed by a day-long celebration at the mill. State Representative Bob Turner will be the keynote speaker for the occasion. A Texas Fibers style show is planned, as are other activities, including an auction, a Texas Fibers Style Show and a "Totally Texas Barbecue" featuring food items grown in the Lone Star State.

Traffic stop on U.S. 277 leads to seizure of \$13,498.00 in cash

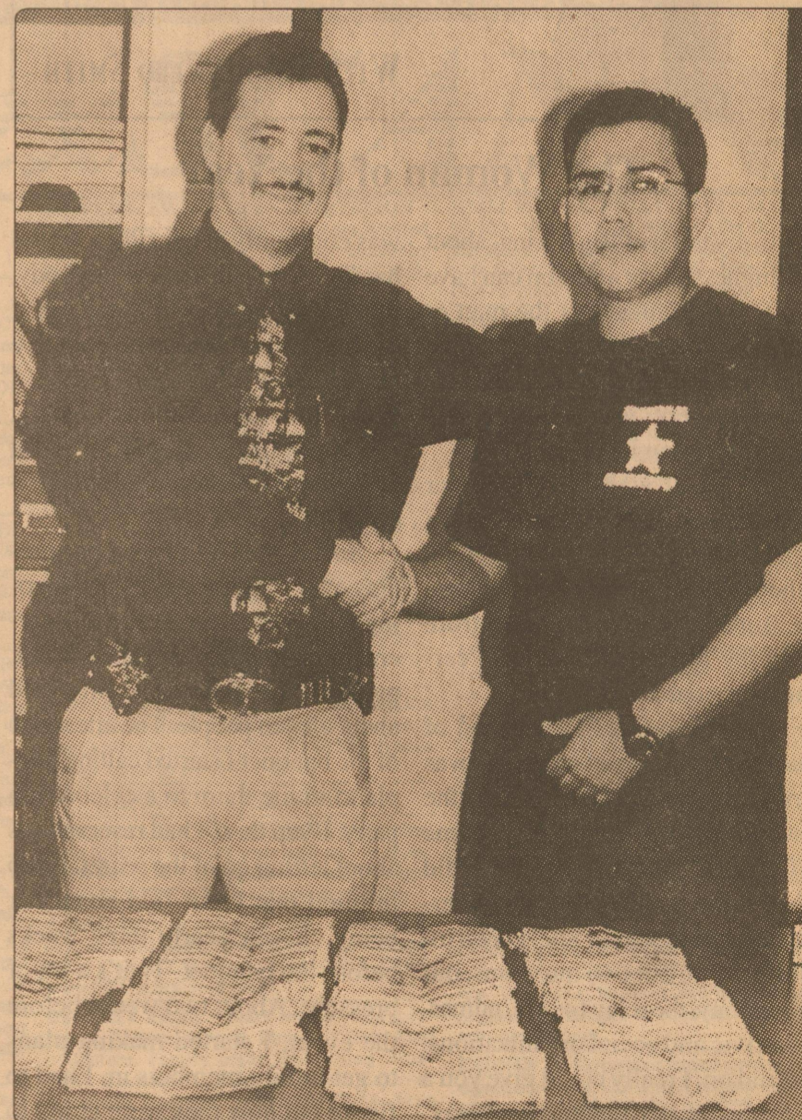
A routine traffic stop turned out to be anything but routine Monday night for Schleicher County Deputy David Olivian. When an oncoming automobile failed to dim its headlights, Olivian pulled the car over. What he found was a car with a fictitious registration and a driver without a driver's license or insurance. Olivian also discovered an intoxicated passenger in the car who just happened to have more than \$13,000.00 hidden in his boots.

The traffic stop occurred approximately five miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277 at 11:20 p.m. Olivian arrested Salvador Salinas, 21, and Samuel Medrano Espinoza, 30, both of Mexico. Salinas was booked into the Schleicher County Jail on charges of Driving Without a License, Driving an Auto With a Fictitious Registration and Driving Without Insurance. Espinoza was booked into jail on a charge of Public Intoxication.

While searching the men during booking procedure, Olivian and Jailer Stephen Whitten discovered that Espinoza had hidden the money in his boot tops. Espinoza disavowed ownership of the money and, when a drug dog later detected the presence of dope on the money, the department began legal procedures to seize the cash. In all, the loot totalled \$13,498.00.

Olivian said that at first Espinoza resisted when ordered to remove his boots. "I told him if he didn't take them off, I would take them off for him," Olivian said later. "When he pulled the boots off and the money started falling on the floor, I was stunned."

With nothing more on which to hold the two suspects, they were released from jail on time served. The pair left behind the 1989 Oldsmobile that, it turns out, caused the traffic stop in the first place.



courtesy photo

Cold, hard cash — Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran (L) congratulated Deputy David Olivian Tuesday after a routine traffic stop led to the discover of more than \$13,000.00 in cash hidden in a suspect's boot. The department, working with District Attorney Steve Lupton's office, moved to seize the money after the suspect disavowed ownership of the cash.

"The low beams were burned out on the car so they couldn't dim their lights," Olivian said.

If the men fail to return to Eldorado to claim the auto, then it will also be seized by the Sheriff's office. "I doubt seriously if we ever see them again," commented Sheriff David Doran on Tuesday.

The sheriff went on to praise the work of Deputy Olivian. "He was doing his job and following depart-

ment procedures," Doran stated. "That, and a little bit of luck helped get this money off the street."

The cash will be divided with the district attorney's office. It is unclear how much of the loot will be awarded to the Sheriff's Department's seized cash fund. However, any of the money which does make its way into the fund may be used to upgrade the department's equipment.

Local 4-Hers show well at San Antonio

by Scott Edmonson
Schleicher County CEA-Ag

Schleicher County 4-H members recently participated in the San Antonio Livestock Exposition in San Antonio. This being one of the largest shows in the state, the competition is very tough. Local 4-H members participated in the Boer Goat,

Whether Goat, Lamb, Swine and Steer shows.

In the whether goat show, Ben Edmiston placed 3rd, Courtney Brown placed 7th, Frank Edmiston placed 9th, Neal Brenner placed 13th and Lauren Brown placed 16th. Other 4-Hers competing in this show were: Bryce Leggett, Neal

Higgins, Briley Leggett, Haley Higgins, Tracy Brenner, Wes Brown and Allison Reynolds.

In the Boer Goat show, Marty Powell had the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Buck and the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Doe.

In the lamb show, exhibitors were: Dest Sudduth, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Neal Higgins, Haley Higgins and Whitney Edmiston. In the barrow show, exhibitors were Mark Bybee and Gary Hanusch.

In the steer show, Gary Hanusch placed 11th. Other exhibitors were: Meg Griffin and Will Griffin.

From here we go on to Houston and then to San Angelo.

Grand jurors issue thirteen indictments

Schleicher County grand jurors met on Friday, February 9, 2001 and handed down thirteen indictments. Among those indicted were the following individuals:

Lee Roy Fuentes, 22, of Eldorado, was indicted for "Family Violence -- Felony 3rd Degree" in relation to an incident that occurred on Oct. 21, 2000. Bond was continued.

Joseph Joe Tijerina, 39, of Eldorado, was indicted for "Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd Offense or More." The incident occurred on Dec. 9, 2000. He remains in jail in lieu of \$10,000.00 bond.

Jimmy Dale Timms, 44, of Lubbock, was indicted for "Possession of a Controlled Substance" for an incident that occurred on Sept. 28,

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Smith aide to visit Eldorado

A member of Congressman Lamar Smith's staff will be in Eldorado on Monday, February 26, to assist Schleicher County residents with problems or questions they may have involving federal agencies or programs.

JoAnne Powell will be available to meet with constituents from 9 a.m. until noon that day in the Schleicher County Courthouse. No appointment is necessary.

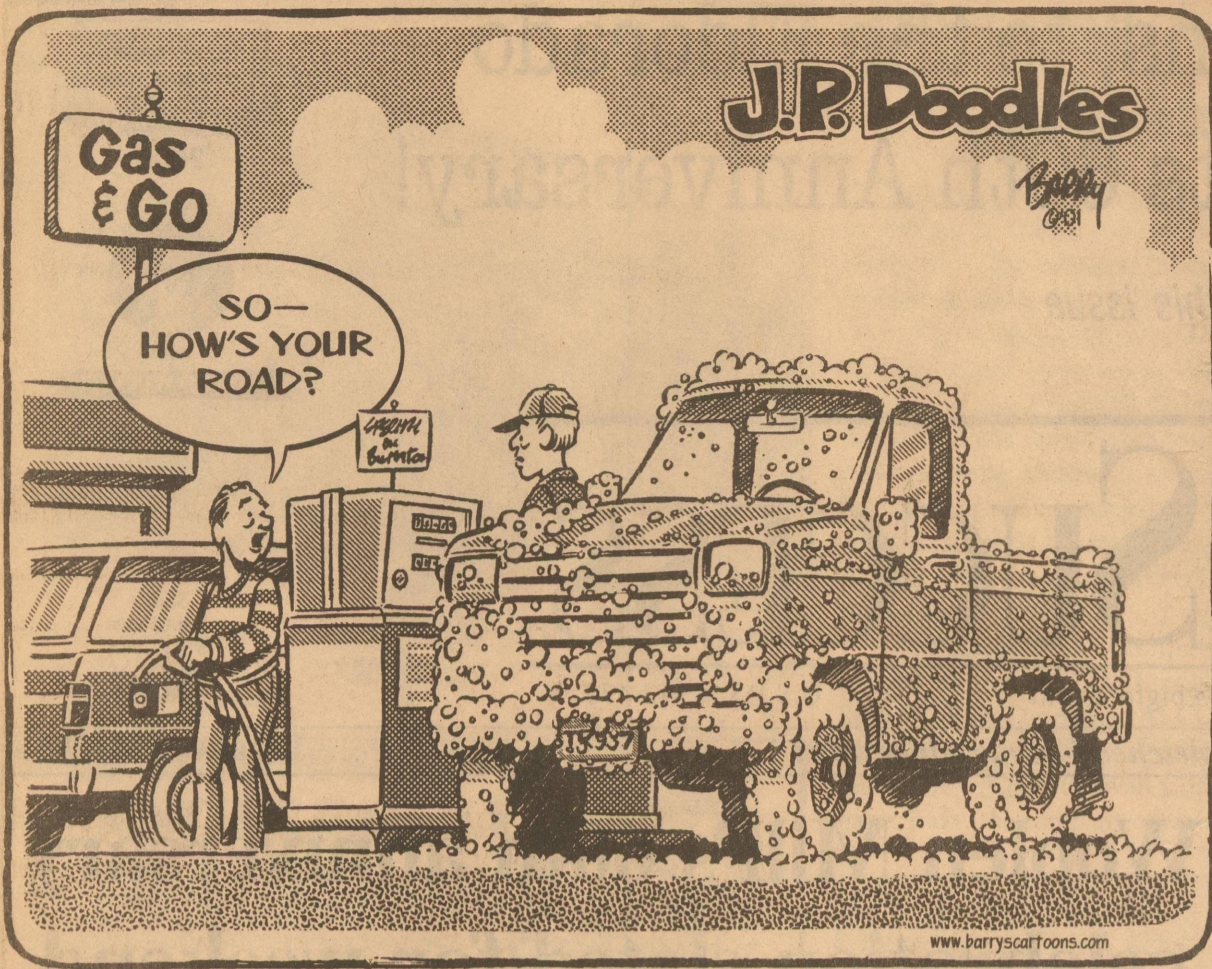
Mrs. Powell, who is based in

Congressman Smith's West Texas District Office in San Angelo, will also be available to answer questions concerning federal legislation. Congressional staff members routinely assist residents who have difficulties in dealing with federal agencies, programs or policies. Common requests include those involving Social Security and Medicare benefits, veterans programs, and Department of Agriculture programs.



photo by Kathy Mankin

State bound soloists — (L-R) Jackie Crawford, Maria Hernandez and BreeAnne Davis will represent Eldorado High School at the State U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble contest in San Marcos after qualifying at the Regional Contest held at San Angelo State University on Saturday. See story on Page 9



Sunday afternoons will not be the same without #3



by Randy Mankin

I'm not much of a race fan, but when I do watch the sport, I prefer watching stock cars — NASCAR Winston Cup, to be specific. Of all the drivers on the circuit, Dale Earnhardt was my favorite. His death on Sunday came as quite a blow.

I can't say when or how I first became a Dale Earnhardt fan. I know it was many years ago, however, when he was driving a blue and yellow car sponsored by Wranglers jeans.

Dale Earnhardt was a hard charger. On the rare occasions when his car wasn't good enough to compete for 1st place, he would battle it out for 7th...or 15th...or 24th. He was a competitor and he

owned both of the cars in front of him.

When Marlin's Dodge clipped Earnhardt's rear bumper, the black #3 fishtailed then turned right, straight into the wall. A doctor at the scene said Earnhardt died instantly.

Dale Earnhardt first raced on the Winston Cup circuit back in 1975. He didn't get his first win until 1979. From that time until now he won 76 races, including 34 at the Daytona International Speedway. He amassed an amazing 7 Winston Cup titles.

Earnhardt's wreck on Sunday didn't look that bad. Only a few laps earlier, a spectacular crash propelled Tony Stewart's car into the air where it flipped end-over-end, disintegrating in a heap amid an 18-car pile up. Except for a few minor injuries, everyone involved in that one was okay. By contrast, Earnhardt's crash looked tame. Everyone who saw it expected him to walk away. He didn't.

NASCAR pioneer and TV commentator Ned Jarrett said, "Dale Earnhardt was the greatest race car driver that ever lived. He could do things with a race car that no one else could. He leaves a big, big void here that will be very hard to fill."

Like I said, I'm really not much of a race fan. But I was a Dale Earnhardt fan. I admired his competitive spirit and I shall miss him a lot.

Texas Independence Day celebration gaining momentum

AUSTIN—When 59 Texans signed a declaration of independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836, the Alamo was surrounded by an army whose leader viewed those advocating Texas sovereignty as nothing but pirates.

General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna intended to put down the rebellion and leave Texas scorched and soaked in blood. The 42-year-old dictator had done the same thing the year before in putting down a revolt in the Mexican state of Zacatecas.

Four days after the Texas independence declaration was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos, Santa Anna stormed the Alamo and soon was marching east in pursuit

State Capital Highlights



by Mike Cox

of the remainder of the Texas' rag-tag Army.

But on April 21 Sam Houston and his soldiers defeated the Mexican general at San Jacinto and Texas was on its way to a decade as an independent republic before becoming a state of the union.

The anniversary of the signing of that cheeky document that got it all started has been a state holiday for years. As late as the 1960s, most schools closed in observance of the day.

Eventually, the day was dropped as a school holiday and activities in observance of the holiday began to fade.

Three years ago, a group of later-day Texas patriots led by Jay L. Johnson and Roger T. Moore of Austin decided more attention should be paid to March 2 and the reason the date stands out in Texas history.

The result was the organization of Celebrate Texas, a non-profit group whose goal is to "encourage and promote the education of the general public regarding Texas Independence Day and the history of Texas and its people."

Since then, the group has organized a Texas Independence Day celebration in Austin that has grown larger each year.

This year's March 2 observance begins at 9:30 a.m. that Friday with a memorial ceremony at the State Cemetery. At 11:30 a.m., a parade will move up Congress Avenue from First Street to the Capitol.

So far, 80 units, from bands to reenactment groups, have signed up to be in the parade. That's 13 more than last year.

At noon on the south steps of the Capitol there will be some brief speechifying and Texas music.

"My attitude is that we ought to appreciate Texas at least one day a year," said Moore, an Austin advertising agency owner and cartoonist.

"There was a lot of Texas-bashing in the presidential race last year, but we happen to think Texas

is a pretty nice place," he said.

Good drivers to get a break

Beginning soon, qualifying Texans will be able to renew their driver licenses or identification cards on line or by telephone.

There's a catch, though. Only those eligible to renew by mail will be able to take care of driver license or ID card business without going to a Department of Public Safety driver license office. To qualify, you have to have a clean driving record for the previous three years.

The DPS says about 80,000 Texans a month currently renew by mail. That number is expected to increase when the online and telephone renewal program kicks in. Eventually, the DPS says, it expects 40 percent of Texas driver license or ID card holders will be renewing without having to go to a DPS office.

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The Woman of the Year

In my town of Big Spring, about the highest honor a person can have is to be recognized as the man or woman of the year at the annual chamber of commerce banquet. In January, my wife Susan was named woman of the year.

In typical woman of the year fashion, she said she didn't deserve it, that she knows several women who should have received the honor. But everybody I've heard from says she was a good choice. I certainly concur.

Sometime last Fall a friend of ours called me and said she was going to nominate Susan for the award. She asked me to list some of Susan's accomplishments. I did so, thinking to myself that she certainly should win it. She's been involved with our two museums, our symphony, the relay for life, numerous civic and social organizations, on and on. I really could give you a long list of her volunteer endeavors. But all the time I was getting the list together, I was thinking to myself "It'll never happen."

A committee meets once a year to go over the nominees, consider the good they've done and name the recipients. I got a call one day telling me Susan was the winner. I shed tears of joy. Here in Big Spring, the winner is supposed to not know about getting the award until about 20 seconds before it's presented. That means keeping it a secret.

I was in the Army Security Agency during the cold war and had a top secret clearance, but I never had to keep a secret like this one. I became a human shield. I

was constantly at her side. I would hardly let my wife talk to anybody, for fear someone would tell her. I did tell our two sons, who both live out of town. When they called, I ended the conversations quickly, afraid any pause would bring on some tiny hint that would spoil everything.

Susan goes by to visit her parents every afternoon. I started going with her to make sure her parents didn't spill the beans. In all, prior to the banquet I only told about eleven people. The afternoon of the banquet I started calling people to invite them to a celebration party. Even then, I had reservations about letting go of the secret. Keep in mind that I was told about her being chosen nearly three weeks before the banquet. That's a lot of pressure. About two weeks before the event, I started making plans to get family members in. I had to figure out how they were going to be picked up at airports and taken to a place where Susan would not see them.

Well, we got everybody in and situated and when the President of the Chamber announced her name, she just about went into shock. At home, we had a fun weekend with everybody here. I put several bouquets of flowers and cards she received on the dining room table along with her plaque and a frame containing the words which were read about her at the banquet. I went into the dining room early Sunday morning and saw nothing on the table. "I couldn't take the shrine," she said. Spoken like a true woman of the year.

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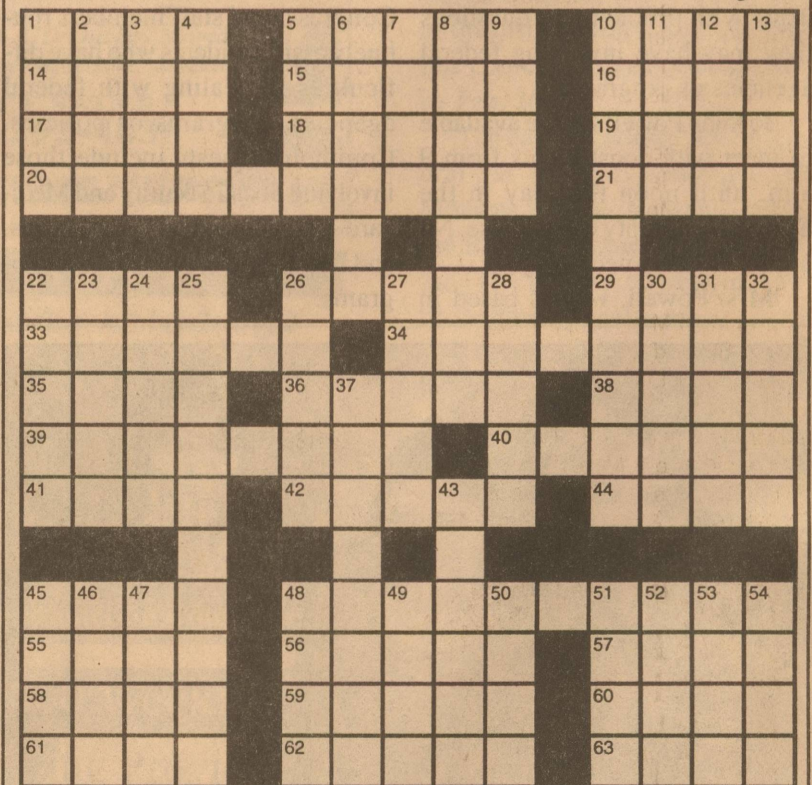
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OBITUARIES

Vonnie Pauline Woodward Smith Willis

SAN ANGELO — Vonnie Pauline Woodward Smith Willis, 78, passed away at home on February 20, 2001. Vonnie was born December 16, 1922 in San Saba County. She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a gardener of roses.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Jim Smith and Bill Willis, parents Oscar and Ivy Woodward, and one brother James Woodward.

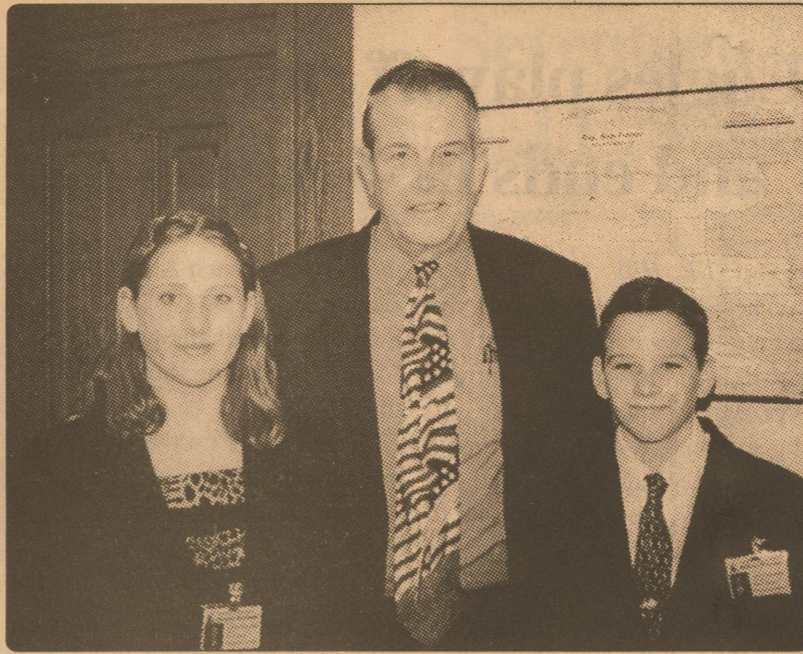
Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 23, 2001 at Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo. Graveside services will be held in Eldorado Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

Survivors children include four

sons, Joe Smith of Mannville, Allen Smith of Galveston, Raymond Smith and Ben Smith of Hitchcock; five daughters: Helen Wall and husband Eddie of Ozona, Linda Sliter and Bill Brown of Alvin, Dorothy Taylor and husband J.W. of San Angelo, Brenda Brown and husband George of Grape Creek, and Bonnie Watkins of Christoval.

Surviving brothers and sisters include Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Woodward of San Angelo, Burl Woodward of Benson, AZ, Billy McAlpine of Christoval, and Ruth Taylor of Bracketville.

She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.



Roaming the halls of power — Jennifer and Jeffery Bybee of Eldorado posed with State Representative Bob Turner on Monday, February 12, 2001 at the capitol in Austin. Jennifer and Jeffery, both freshmen at Eldorado High School, spent the day serving as pages for the Texas Legislature. They are the children of DPS Trooper Robert Bybee of Eldorado.

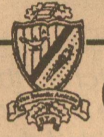
Senior Connections meeting scheduled for Feb. 28th

Schleicher County Senior Center and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments are hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Schleicher County Senior Center Located at 106 Gillis Street in Eldorado. "Senior Connections" is a community meeting designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals. A brief introduction to the Area Agency on Aging will be followed by a question and answer session. Senior citizens, their families and friends, and other persons who are interested in issues affecting the aging population are invited to share their insights, concerns and thoughts for solutions to the

unmet needs of Schleicher County's older population. A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be distributed. Area Agency on Aging representatives, will meet with community members for "Lunch and Conversations" from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00. Representatives with expertise in the areas of Information & Assistance, Benefits Counseling, Nursing Homes Long Term Care and Care Coordination will be available to answer questions.

Persons wishing more information may contact Carol Garrett at 853-2123 or the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at 944-9666.

Make plans to attend this important event at the Schleicher County Senior Center and let the Area Agency on Aging staff help you get... connected! Services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley are funded by the Texas Department on Aging.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

On Monday, February 12th we met in the Lion's Club Room at the Memorial Building for our annual Valentine Salad Supper. Each member brought a delicious salad. In addition, hostesses Dorothy Dacy and Flora Hubble made chocolate cake and brownies. The Valentine theme was carried out in the beautiful table settings and party favors, along with a big cute gorilla that whistled every time a pretty girl walked by!

The program for the evening was a lively discussion of how we met our husbands and our very first date.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Linda Lindsey. We agreed to make desserts for the 60th Anniversary Woolen

Mill Celebration on Saturday, February 24th. We talked about the possibility of hosting a Spring Dance in April or May for the younger children since our Valentine Dance for middle school students was so successful.

We have several Beta Sigma Phi Cookbooks on hand for anyone needing a wedding, graduation, or special gift. Some of the salads and desserts made that night came from the recipes in this cookbook, and they were great! Please contact Linda Lindsey or Flora Hubble if you would like to purchase one.

Closing Ritual was repeated by Linda Lindsey, Dorothy Clark, Kim-et Nelson, Mary Jenkins, Flora Hubble and Dorothy Dacy.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 26th in the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan.



Royal couple — Tyler Dombroski and Veronica Belman were chosen King and Queen of the Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Dance held February 10, 2001.

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by Mabel Freitag and Committee

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Eagles playoff run begins and ends in 4-day span

by David E. Hill

The Eagles 2001 playoff run had a glorious beginning last Friday night in San Angelo Central's gym. After winning out in the regular season to force a play-in with Mason, the Eagles defeated the purple-clad Punchers 62-45 to clinch a playoff berth. But, a mere four nights later the Eagles playoff season died in a 4th quarter swan dive on the very same court. That's when the Eagles, leading the Reagan County Owls by 2 at the end of 3 periods, were outscored by 22 points in the final period of the Bi-District game to dash their hopes of advancing.

In the game with Mason, the Eagles were fighting for the right to represent Dist. 2-2A in the playoffs as the 3rd Place team. The Eagles outscored the Punchers in 3 of 4 quarters during the contest. Eldorado came out and took a 6 point lead at the end of the first period 17-11. Mason cut the lead to 2 points at the half as EHS led 30-28 at the intermission. The Eagles then took control of the game in the third, extending their lead by 9 taking a 49-38 advantage into the final quarter. Eldorado finished off the Punchers with a 13-7 run in the fourth for the 62-45 win.

Joey Bullard had 26 points in the contest while Johnny Herrera poured in 17. Five other Eagles scored in single digits to round out the scoring for Eldorado.

"We put ourselves in the position of having to beat Mason twice

in a week," Coach Alan Gillespie said after the game. "These young men met that challenge. We look forward to playing Reagan County in Bi-District."

The win set up the Bi-District contest on Tuesday night with the Reagan County Owls, the 2nd place team from District 1-2A.

The game began well for the Eagles as they came out tough on both ends of the floor in the first quarter, gaining a 4 point lead at 17-13. The Owls adjusted to the Eagles swarming defense, however, and outscored the Eagles by 5 points in the second. The Eagles went in to the locker room trailing by 34-30 at the intermission.

The third quarter saw the Eagles score 22 points to RCHS' 16, taking a 52 to 50 lead into the final eight minutes. Eagle fans, coaches and players wish it would have ended there, as Reagan County out-paced the Eagles 32-10 in the final quarter to come away with the 82-60 win.

Joey Bullard led Eagle scorers with 28, followed by William Robledo with 15 and Ramon Barajas had 10. Johnny Herrera, Benji Gonzales, and Bullard all had a good night on the defensive end of the floor. All the Eagles played tough on the press.

The Eagles just finally ran out of gas in the final quarter. Reagan County's height and Eldorado's inability for second chance shots finally took its toll on the Eagles.

"These guys fought hard for four quarters," Coach Alan Gillespie stated after the game. "We just couldn't make the shots down the stretch. I really appreciate these seniors as they really stepped up and we are definitely going to miss them."

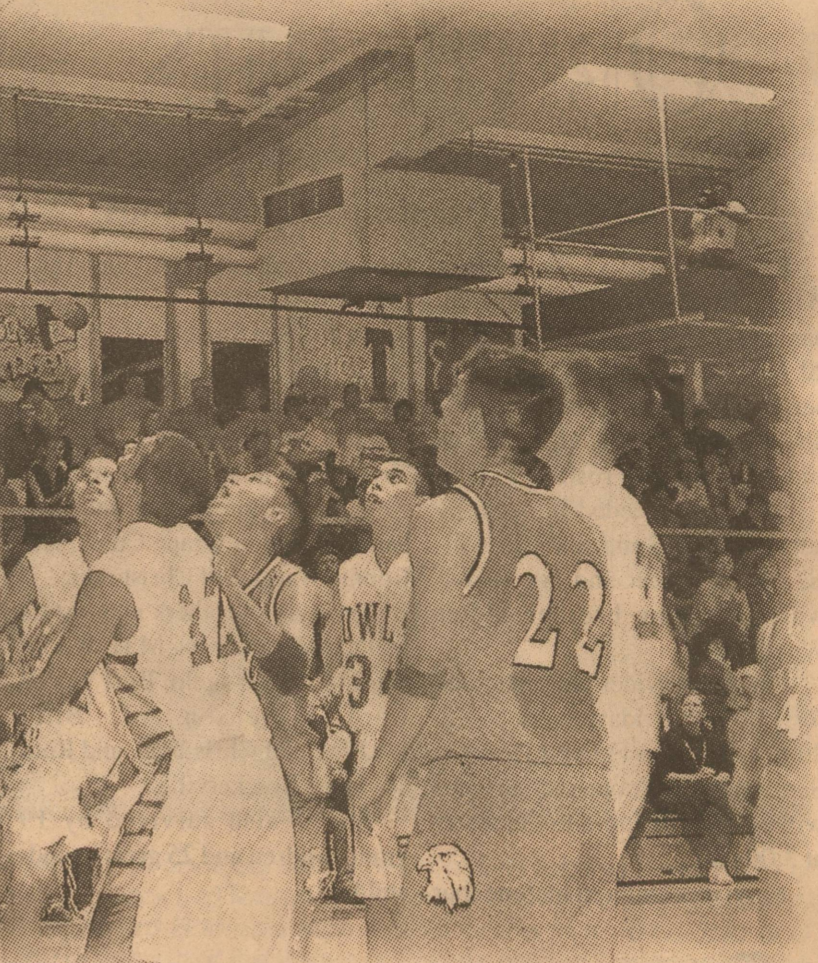


photo by Kathy Mankin

Round and round it goes — Eagles and Owls alike watched the ball roll round and round on the rim Tuesday night in the Bi-District playoff in San Angelo Central's gym. The ball just wouldn't drop for the Eagles however as they fell 82-60 to end their playoff run.

Hoop SCORES

8th GRADE BOYS

District Game
January 25, 2001

Eldorado	04-12-08-11=35
Grape Creek	11-12-10-16=49

Bryce Leggett 4, Ryan Cathey 4, Lance Roberts 5, Eric Garcia 2, Logan Neal 20.

8th GRADE GIRLS

District Game
February 1, 2001

Eldorado	02-06-04-05=17
Sonora	02-08-02-12=24

Selina Rojas 2, Lindsey Schwiening 3, Britney Sellers 8, Betsy Green 3, Sheryl Alexander 1.

7th GRADE BOYS

January 25, 2001

Eldorado	05-03-04-06=18
Grape Creek	11-07-06-05=29

Frank Edmiston 4, Patrick Chavez 1, Jeremy Ussery 4, Michael Ballew 5, Caleb Nixon 2, Frank Wipff 2.

8th GRADE BOYS

District Game
February 1, 2001

Eldorado	14-08-14-13=49
Sonora	05-08-04-11=28

Bryce Leggett 3, Ryan Cathey 8, Kolby Dombroski 1, Lance Roberts, Eric Garcia 6, Logan Neal 11, Will Griffin 2, Joey Hernandez 8.


8th GRADE GIRLS

District Game
January 25, 2001

Eldorado	04-00-02-00=06
Grape Creek	11-10-00-02=23

Amanda Figueroa 2 and Betsy Green 2.

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Monday, February 26
Pepperoni Pizza, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Gingerbread/Glaze

Tuesday, February 27
Pork Choppettes/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, February 28
Hot Dogs/Chili, Corn Chips, Pork and Beans, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, March 1
Turkey Pot Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, March 2
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, February 26
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

Tuesday, February 27
Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burrito

Wednesday, February 28
Apple Sauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Thursday, March 1
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

Friday, March 2
Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy, Ham

Fast Food Line

Monday, February 26
Taco Rolls, Tossed Salad, Rosy Apple Sauce, Gingerbread/Glaze

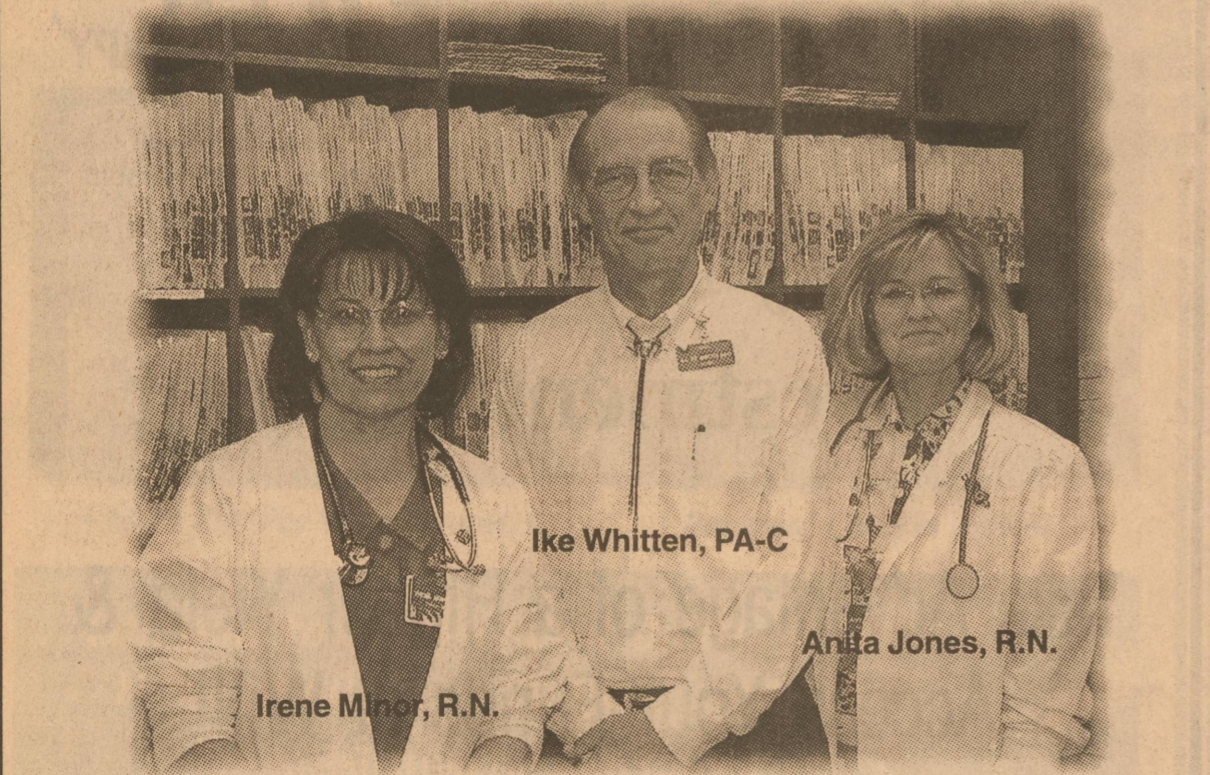
Tuesday, February 27
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, February 28
Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Crushed Pineapple, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, March 1
Bologna and Cheese Sandwiches French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, March 2
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp


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Fire Department Attends Brady Convention Tue.

The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department was well represented at the Hill Country Fireman's Convention at Brady last Tuesday. The business meeting Tuesday morning was attended by Chief Palmer West, Jimmie West, A. E. Tree and their wives. Later in the day they were joined by other firemen and their wives. A team composed of six firemen entered the pumper race in the afternoon but were nosed out of the contest by the team from Brownwood.

Others attending were Robert Issacs, Asst. Chief Jack Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Whitten, and Asst. Chief L. T. Barber and Mrs. Barber. The next meeting will be in Ballinger in August.

V. G. Tisdale Prefers Aberdeen-Angus

Aberdeen-Angus may be "black mules" to some, but they are tops for Schleicher county range, according to one pioneer rancher. He is V. G. Tisdale, who sums up his respects for them, in five words: "Healthy, hardy, heavy, prolific and marketable."

Mr. Tisdale now lives on land he leased in 1897, four years before Schleicher County was organized. He served with the late Tom Palmer and E. E. Strickland on the county's first jury commission, went through the mad scramble of a land rush, bought stock in Eldorado's first cotton gin, helped launch a movement for a city fair park, and has done much for the promotion of oil in this county. In recent months he, like most Eldoradoans, has been particularly interested in the development of a new industry, wool manufacturing in our county.

"Some 35 years ago," Mr. Tisdale (Continued on last page)

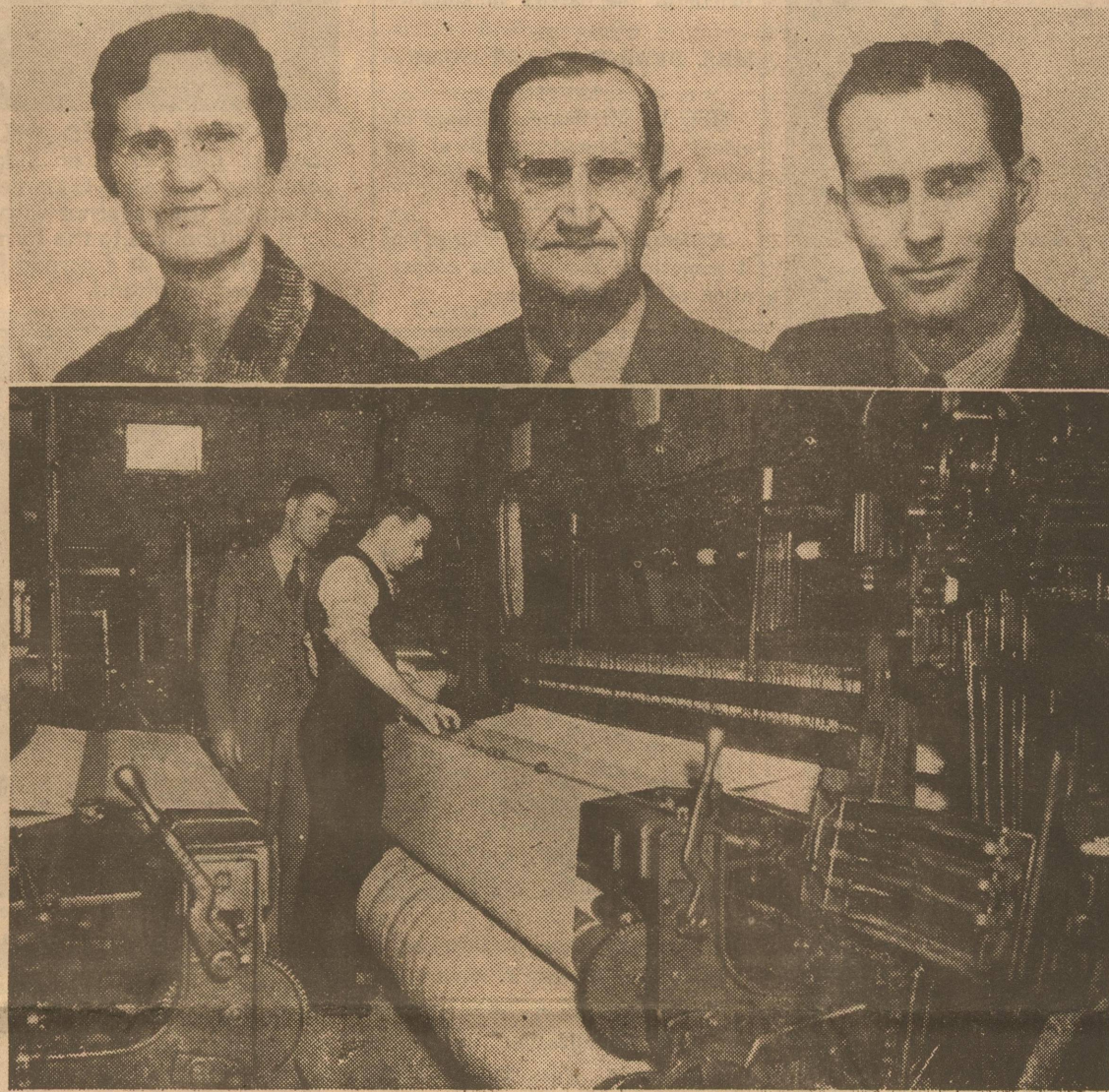
Dr. Davis Of Howard Payne To Speak Here



DR. M. E. DAVIS

Dr. M. E. Davis, professor of Bible and Greek at Howard Payne College, is expected here to conduct services at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, according to an announcement made by the Rev. W. D. Kirkpatrick, pastor. Dr. Davis is to be guest speaker at zone meeting of the Masonic Lodge in Sonora Saturday night.

The Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick is conducting a revival meeting at the Missionary Baptist Church in Boia.



At top are Mrs. E. W. Brooks, J. B. Christian and J. M. Christian, owners of West Texas Woolen Mills. At bottom, Jerry Pennington, West Texas Utilities company manager being shown the operation of a loom by Arthur Howatt, mill superintendent.

J. B. Christian Has Confidence In Progress Of Schleicher County



DON McCORMICK
Chairman of Program Committees

J. B. Christian, long time banker and stockfarmer, is firm in the belief that Schleicher and adjoining counties offer the best as a stockfarming region. This opinion he affirmed by his becoming associated with a son, J. M., and a daughter, Mrs. E. W. Brooks, in the West Texas Woolen Mills, a business new to West Texas.

He came to this section in 1900, locating in Eldorado, after traveling over most of West Texas and says he has no regrets in the selection he made.

Mr. Christian was born in Greenville, Ky., and reared in Williamson County, Texas. He served as clerk and bookkeeper in a general mercantile store in Round Rock and engaged in the hardware business at Hutto before coming here.

Forty years ago he bought a ranch just east of here which he owns. At that time there were only about twenty-five families living in Eldorado and farming in this section was not thought to be possible.

Mr. Christian has been associated with the First National Bank almost continuously since its organization in 1907, serving as president much of the time. He also continued to manage his ranch, raising only cattle until 1916 when he bought some sheep. Two years ago he sold his stock, leased his ranch and built two residences here.

When his son J. M. decided to erect a building and install machinery for a complete wool processing plant, Mr. Christian knowing the possibilities of the county, was willing and ready to cooperate with him. He is now looking forward to a profitable business in a new field.

World War Veterans To Register Saturday, Feb. 22

Saturday, February 22, has been designated by the National Commander of the American Legion, Milo J. Warner, as voluntary registration day for all ex-service people of the World War, according to an announcement made this week by H. T. Finley, local post commander. Mr. Finley points out that, "Veterans should register regardless of whether they are members of a legion post."

The purpose of the registration is to classify veterans according to trade, so in event their services is needed by our nation they will already be classified. Registration is not compulsory, but is urged by the national officer and approved by the president of the United States. Schleicher County veterans are urged to register in Payne Robinson's office Saturday between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Mr. Finley also, stated that definite plans had been drafted for the erection of an American Legion Hut and that donations from members and other citizens were being received.

BOYS HOME FROM CAMP

Clifton Henderson and Dozier Yates are expected home from Ft. Sam Houston this week-end.

Help Promote Woolen Products



Mrs. H. C. Noelke of San Angelo, president of the Auxiliary, right, Mrs. Ed Hill, director, center, and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead of Del Rio, past president, are assisting with the formal opening of the West Texas Woolen Mills.

Natural Gas Service Helps To Modernize Eldorado

Of the many indications of progress for Eldorado and Schleicher county, none in recent history

have been more prominent than the establishment of a natural gas distribution system last year.

Piping natural gas from the Bert Page field 9 miles southeast of the city, Eldorado now has an abundance of natural gas for commercial and domestic purposes. The company has a large number of customers in the city and is continually adding others.

In contrast to the days of only a few years back when the fuel problem was of major concern to people of the divide country, residents of the city now merely have to turn a faucet and strike a match, instead of the difficulty of securing wood in a barren country.

Natural gas service is a definite accomplishment for Eldorado that places it among other modern cities of the area and assures even greater development in the future.



Above is W. A. Pointer with one of his choice show lambs.

Band To Participate In Del Rio Parade

Eldorado High School Band, under the direction of John I. Carrico will leave Saturday morning to take part in the Del Rio Americanism parade, scheduled to start at 10:30 a. m. in Del Rio.

The local band has been working during the past week in preparation for the marching competition which is a part of the parade.

Following the parade the band students will be guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a barbecue. Fifty students will make the trip.

Woolen Yarn Makes Nice Toys Too



Yarn made in the West Texas Woolen Mill is just about as nice to play with as cute pink wool sweaters are to wear, seems to be the opinion of Beverly and Sarah Irene, daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Wilkinson. The little ladies are pictured above entertaining themselves in a comfortable chair with bobbins of yarn.

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Miss Jacqueline Noelke, of San Angelo, does her part to promote the use of woolen products. She is shown above attired in a tailored slack suit in front of West Texas Woolen Mills at Eldorado. Miss Noelke is the daughter of Mrs. H. C. Noelke, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, which organization is helping to sponsor a formal opening of the new Woolen Mill Thursday, February 27th.

and it was the custom to unload the stock in the pens built and operated by the Kansas City Stock Yards Company. Soon livestock traders from all over the east were attracted to Kanass City. Here these traders would congregate and contact the owners and try to strike a bargain. The Texas stockgrowers wanted to sell, and the traders wanted to buy. So it was but a short time that selling and buying at Kansas City became a more important part of the stock yards business than the feeding and watering. Thus, the great Kansas City Livestock Market came into existence.

The British Empire, including protectorates and territory under mandate, covers practically one-fourth of the world's inhabitable area, with a population of more than 50 million, or more than one-fourth of the earth's inhabitants.

MRS. BEARCE ILL AT HOME

Mrs. W. M. Bearce, pioneer resident of Eldorado, is ill at her home here

A woman can keep a secret, but it sometimes requires the cooperation of her neighbors.



'CITATION' SERVED ON GOVERNOR—Sheriff E. H. Sweatt, member of an Eldorado delegation which called on Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel Monday, reads a citation charging the governor with "negligent neighborliness" and inviting him to the formal opening of the West Texas Woolen Mills at Eldorado Feb. 27. The smiling O'Daniel promised to attend.

Telephone Is Important To Development Of Area

Blazing a trail through the unconquered hills of West Texas in the early days, and remaining there to serve through the years of toil and hardships, the telephone line has played a definite role in West Texas progress. Strung to Eldorado when buffalo roamed the divide country and the city was but a mere hamlet, the telephone has always served its place in the community.

Efficient telephone service is important to farmers, ranchmen and businessmen alike in the transaction of their affairs. It is essential that a continuous service is maintained and it is to this task that personell of the firm are trained. In all kinds of weather, any hour of the day, the telephone man, must be ready to carry out his task of service.

C. C. McLaughlin, manager of the local telephone company is efficient in his position. He has been in Eldorado six years last Wednesday, and for the past 15 years, he has been with the San Angelo Telephone Company.

Employed by the firm a operators are Mrs. Melvin Harris, Mrs. W. C. Doyle, Mrs. Robert Sproul and Mrs. McLaughlin.

30 SETS OF TWIN LAMBS

E. C. Parker, stockfarmer in the Bailey Ranch community, reported Thursday that he had 30 sets of December twin lambs from 110 ewes, and that he lost only one of his triplet lambs.

Rome announces that Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italy's foreign minister and Mussolini's son-in-law, has gone to the fighting front as a lieutenant-colonel in the air force. When he or any other Italian brings down an enemy plane it will be news.



C. C. McLAUGHLIN

Fire Destroys Fred Matthews Home

A four room residence on Perry Middle's University lease 26 miles west of here was completely destroyed early Sunday, according to Fred Matthews who with Mrs. Matthews and their small daughter lived in the house. Mr. Matthews stated that only a few clothes and quilts were saved. He was riding in the pasture when the fire started in the roof of the house and Mrs. Mathews was unable to put it out.

VACCINATES 300 EWES

Dr. I. B. Boughton, of Ranch Experiment Station near Sonora vaccinated 300 ewes for Mrs. Frankie Thompson. The vaccination which is still in the experimental state is intended to prevent milk colic in young lambs.

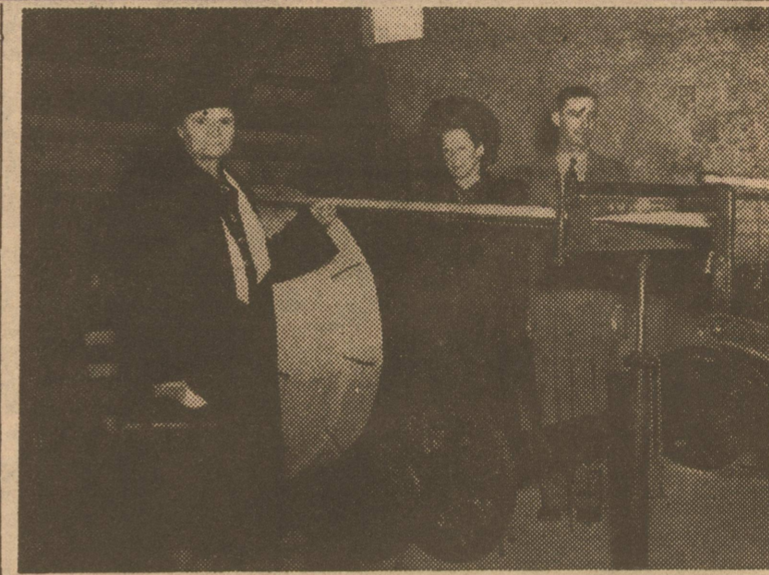
B. E. Moore Has Fine Farm; Is Sheep Breeder



B. E. Moore, who operates a farm three miles west of Eldorado, is also an outstanding sheep breeder of the county and each year has animals in various livestock shows of the state.

Shown above is Wayne Crocker

4-H club boy and Mr. Moore with three of Wayne's fine sheep that will appear in the local show as well as other exhibitions this year. The Moore sheep always bring home honors and this year is destined to be no exception, according to the above specimens.



Mrs. Bert Page, president of the Eldorado Woman's club, Mrs. Dave Williamson, president-elect of the organization and Jerry Pennington, West Texas Utilities

Company manager, are shown above watching the yarns being wound onto the warp dressing reel in the final operation before being transferred to the loom for weaving into materials.

TO BE HOSTESS AT WOOLEN MILL

Twenty-two members of the Self Culture Club attended a business meeting and program at the home of Mrs. John Williams Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Aycock, president, presided during the business. Letters concerning the Dies Committees from Tom Connelly, Morris Sheppard and C. L. South were read. The group voted to endorse safety through legislation. Mrs. Wiley Ratliff announced that three planting demonstration would be given at the Scout Lodge Feb. 22. Following a discussion on plans for the formal opening of the West Texas Woolen Mill by Mrs. John Williams, the club accepted an invitation to act as hostesses at the plant on its opening day and agreed to make souvenirs for those attending, to be responsible for

registration of guests and to assist as ushers.

Mrs. E. H. Coulter was appointed chairman of the "Bundles of Brillian" committee and plans were made to ask other organization to cooperate in an effort to make the project county-wide. Appointed to serve on a committee to secure the removal of junk from the city limits were Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. W. D. Kirkpatrick and Miss John Alexander.

Mrs. N. G. Hodges lead a program which included a description of the House of Bolivar by Mrs. Hodges and a discussion of the Panama Canal by Mrs. J. L. Neil.

Attending were Misses Alexander and Chris Enochs, and Mesdames Aycock, Joab Campbell, Richard Cheatham, J. M. Christian, Reuben Dickens, W. G. Godwin, Palmer West, W. C. Mund, Bill McSwane, Neill, Ratliff, Edgar Spencer, W. J. Steward, Geo. Williams, John Williams, Ernest Finnigan, Hodges, Carroll White, Kirkpatrick and Coulter.

MRS. FARRAR OF EDEN HERE

Mrs. Alice Farrar of Eden is here for a two weeks' visit with a son, Carl and Mrs. Farrar.

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Subject Sunday morning:

'Rest With Us.'

Subject Sunday evening:

"Admires of Him"

Miss Schults and the ensemble will sing for us Sunday morning.

League 6:30

Preaching 7:15 p. m.

We will be in the Rudd community Sunday 2:30 p. m. for services. We appreciate the growth in interest and attendance at this place.

Mrs. James Williams Adds Equipment To Poultry Yard

With an expenditure of \$5.50 for lumber and hardware cloth and \$1.60 for labor, Mrs. James Williams of the Reynolds Home Demonstration Club has a lamp brooder which will accommodate 60 or 70 chicks but may be used for as many as 100. The brooder is 4 feet long and 3 feet wide with a sun porch 6 feet long and 3 feet wide. The bottom of the sun porch is of 1-2 inch mesh hardware cloth.

The brooder is heated with an ordinary low type kitchen lamp. The sun porch is planned with a hardware cloth floor to keep the chicks off of a contaminated soil and too it affords them a direct contact with the sunlight. Directions for making the brooder and description of it may be found in bulletin C-141, Homemade Lamp Brooder which may be secured at the County Home Demonstration Agents office.

Having been cut into the various blanket sizes, the final operation is the binding. Satin bending to harmonize with the various colors and shades of blankets manufactured is sewn with a four-tach automatic machine. At left watching the machine from left to right are Miss Dorothy Wilkes, teacher; Miss Opal Stribling, teacher; Miss Margaret Stewart, Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Margaret Denman, teacher.

vance Domino 3rd, by Supreme Advance Domino 2nd, by Jack Frost's Supreme Advance Domino The Dam is Mabelle 43rd. Breed of this calf carries 37 1-2 percent of the blood of Prince Domino Mischief.

Chief herd sire of Mr. Martin's coveted herd is Blanchard Anxiety 4th, originally the herd sire of W. B. Dameron, of Hereford. The outstanding bull was purchased by Mr. Martin at the Dameron dispersion sale last October.



Pat Martin To Exhibit Anxiety 4th Herefords At Angelo Show

Pat Martin who operates a modern ranch in eastern Schleicher county, will have a number of bulls and calves from his fine herd of Anxiety 4th Herefords at the

San Angelo Livestock show next week, he stated today.

Among the animals that Mr. Martin will exhibit at the San Angelo show will be Supreme Ad-

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W. H. Parker Interested In Schleicher County Development

That there is oil beneath the rich, black soils of Schleicher

County is the firm belief of W. H. Parker, 81, retired grocer.

Mrs. Williams Operates Only Hatchery Here

Those who would make poultry raising a profitable business should strive for better breeding, is the advice Mrs. George Williams, owner and operator of Schleicher County's only hatchery, would offer.

Arriving at the above conclusion after several years' experience, Mrs. Williams set to work to increase the egg production of her flock by better breeding. From 100 Buff Orpington mated to R. O. P. Cockerels she gathers more than 10z eggs daily and only 10 percent of that number are too small to meet the hatchery weight of 23 ounces per dozen. More than 50 percent of the pullets from her flock are in production at six months, a large number begin laying at five and a half months.

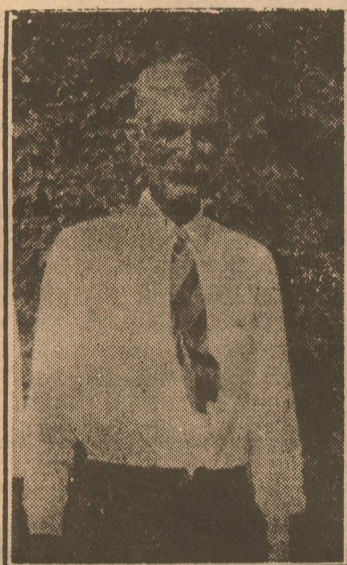
Enter the chicken business in 1933, Mrs. Williams now has a 9,000 egg capacity incubator from which she hatches 1,200 chicks twice a week. Custom hatching, selling baby chicks and raising fryers, she manages to always be busy and as a result of study, industry and good management enjoys a profitable business.

Recent excavations in the ruins of Pompeii, destroyed by the great eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A. D. disclosed the petrified bodies of 85 persons in an outdoor gymnasium. About 20 of the bodies were those of athletes.

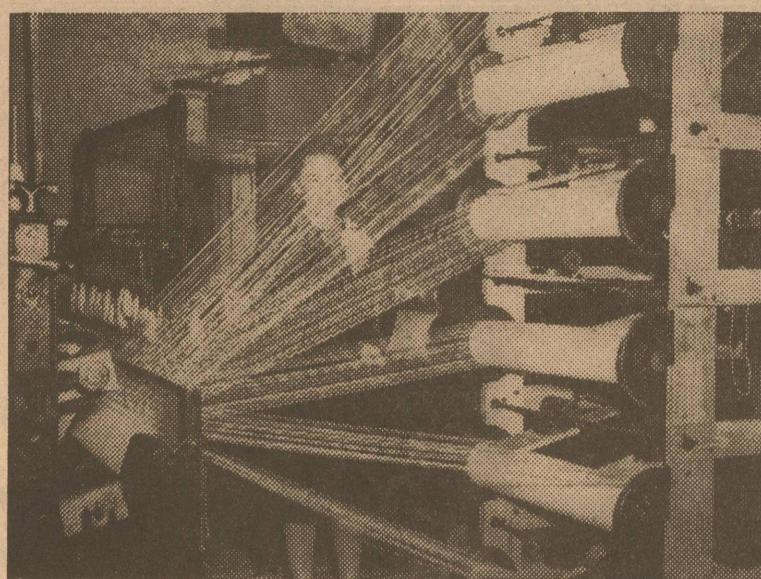
Mr. Parker came to this county in 1909 and engaged in stockfarming two years before going into the grocery business. Failing eyesight necessitated his giving up business in 1934.

Though blind for several years, Mr. Parker keeps informed on political and world affairs, enjoys the radio, telephone calls and visits by friends. His chief interest, however is in oil development in Schleicher County, particularly in the vicinity of the Opp No. 1 Jackson. He owns nearby acreage and feels confident oil will be found there some day. Only slightly less interested is he in the West Texas Woolen Mill, for that, he says, "should be a big boost for Eldorado."

The buildings occupied by the Red and White Grocery, Ideal Barber Shop and the L. B. McClary Hydro Gas Co. erected by Mr. Parker in 1930 stand as proof of his belief that Eldorado is and will always be a "Good town."



W. H. PARKER



Miss Margaret Stewart, Schleicher county Home Demonstration Agent, is shown above smiling through the woolen yarn as it is run from the spool creel, another operation in the warping process. The hundreds of threads are assembled and transferred to the warp dressing reel, from which the approximately 2,000 parallel strands are wound onto the loom-beam. A full beam includes about 500 yards of yarn to be woven into various kinds of materials.

Mrs. West Is County Pioneer

"Firsts" are so numerous in the life of Mrs. C. C. West that it would be hard to enumerate all the important "firsts."

In 1891 after living a few years in Edwards County, Mrs. West, the late Mr. West and their two sons located at old Veranda and Mr. West opened the first post office established in the area that is now Schleicher County. When Eldorado was established and Veranda deserted in 1895 the Wests moved here, Mr. West became the first justice of peace and Mrs. West managed the first hotel. A daughter, Agnes, now Mrs. C. T. Womack of San Angelo, was the first baby born in Eldorado and a son, Palmer, was the first birth to be registered in the county. The Wests owned the first automobile in this section.

First in this and first in that and so has it been all these years since this county was settled. Having acquired the habit of being first, Mrs. West continues to be first. When a neighbor becomes ill she is on hands to assist. When something nice happens to a friend she never forgets to send a message of congratulations. Told that woolen batts could be bought at the West Texas Woolen Mills, she immediately decided to make her sons and daughters comforters from the first batts. When plans for the formal opening of the mill were started she was among the first to offer her assistance.

And so will her thoughtfulness which has endeared her in the hearts of many for more than a half century continue.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HONORS FIVE AT REYNOLDS

At right are H. M. Fitzhugh, Vocational Agriculture Instructor and C. W. Yancy with three of the fine 4-H club lambs that will be shown here Thursday.

Sheep & Goat Raisers' Ass'n. President Praises Woolen Mill

"Congratulations on the opening of the West Texas Woolen Mills at Eldorado. We are glad to see any development of woolen industries within our state because the business of producing lambs, wool and mohair in Texas is, and always will be, one of this state's major enterprises.

"Last year approximately 90 million pounds of wool was shipped out of the state to be used for clothing and blanketing our nation's people. What portion of

this was returned to Texas in the form of clothing, blankets or other woolen goods, I cannot say, but we know that some of it was returned. Who knows but what this mill in Eldorado may lead to a much greater development of similar industries close to the source of supply.

The growers wish the best of success to the West Texas Woolen Mills.

Sincerely yours,
J. Price Maddox, president



"RECOLLECTIONS"

Mrs. E. H. Coulter, Eldorado, Tex
As I lay on my pillow, dreaming,
Of the days as a lad,
When I did my tricks and scheming,
To catch a big craw-dad.

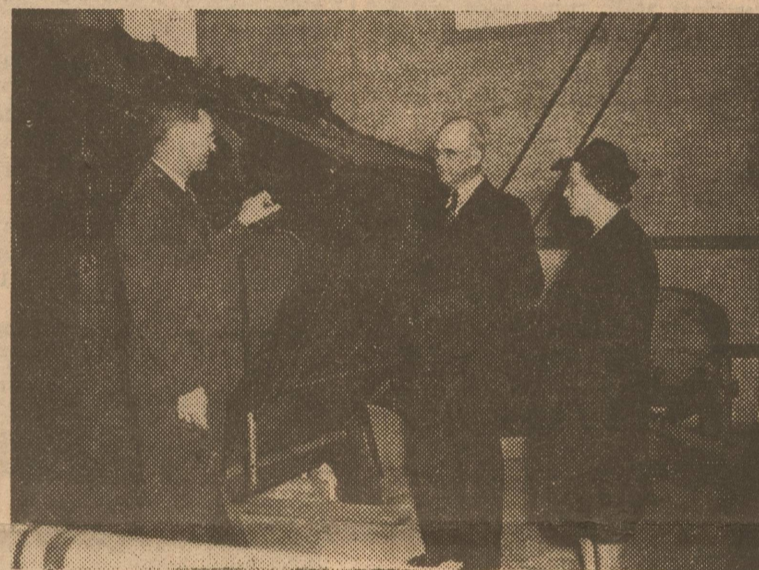
With my bait and lunch just swinging,
From the end of the "fishin' pole,"
I'd trek along whistling,
To the familiar "swimmin' hole."

There I'd meet the other fellows,
I can still call each by name.
The dog-woods are there as always
But the haunt ain't just the same.

As for Jim he's a cowboy,
Like we read in 'Diamond Dick,'
And I remember mischievous
Freckles,
The lad we couldn't lick.

He's a big shot on Wall Street,
And a big financier.
But ole Jim, he's just a rough-neck
Just hankering for his beer.

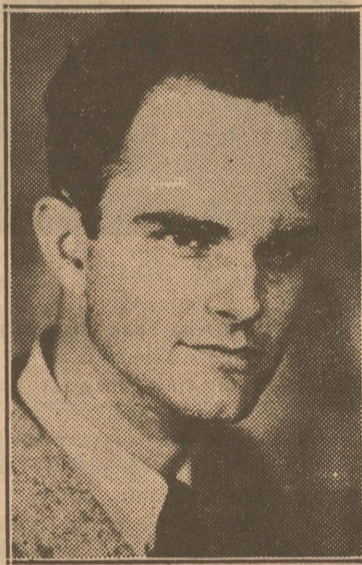
Let them sing about the side-walks,
Clean from east side to west.
But I'll just stay with Jim in Texas,
Where I like the people best.



Taken from the looms in 50-yard cuts, the material goes through the fulling mill for pre-shrinking in preparation to the napping flucing process. All the higher quality blanket material

undergoes the fulling process. Shown above are E. W. Brooks, postmaster, left, W. O. Alexander, banker, center and Mrs. Alexander, right, inspecting the fulling mill.

Chester Wheeler Heads Publicity Committee For Mill Opening



CHESTER WHEELER

Chester Wheeler, advertising committee chairman, in charge of promoting and advertising the West Texas Woolen Mills dedication program, has played an important role in publicizing the event that is destined to bring the largest crowd in history to Schleicher county. Mr. Wheeler has as his assistants, Dave Williamson and Kay McKinney.

Mr. Wheeler is operator of Wheeler Grocery here and is an active member of the local Lions club. Attending school at Texas University, Chester came to Eldorado in 1933 and entered the grocery business. He is numbered among the progressive business men of the city and is an enthusiastic booster for further development of the West Texas country.

GUEST IN COULTER HOME

Mrs. Laura Caster of Los Angeles, Calif., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Coulter the first of the week. She was enroute to Havana, Cuba.

An Irish potato weighing six and a quarter pounds, grown last season at the state hospital at Medical Lake, Wash., is believed to be the largest on record. Spud raisers of Idaho and Maine are invited to take notice.

CHAN WHITTENS HERE

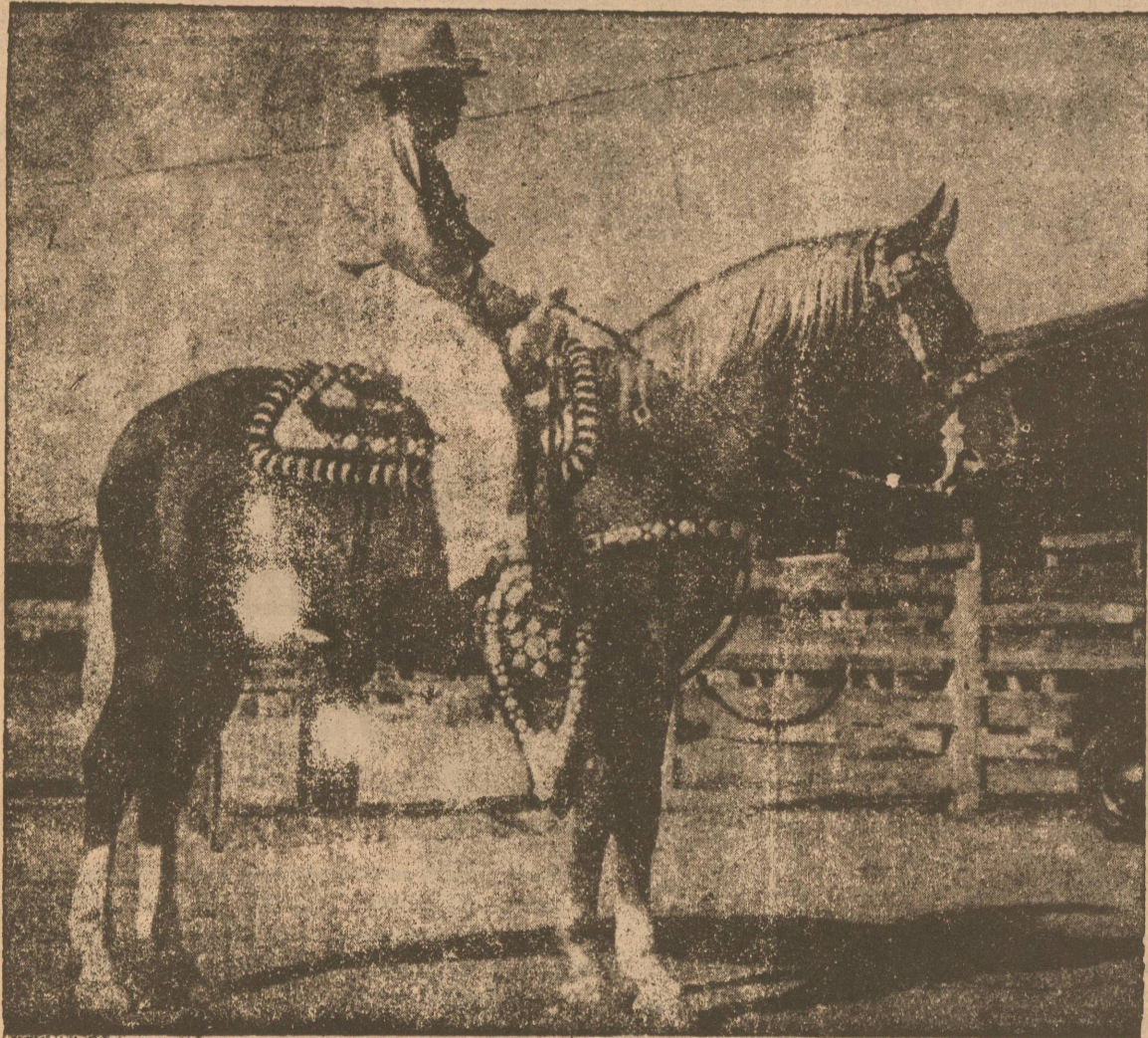
Mr. and Mrs. Chan Whitten and sons, Jimmie and J. A., of Fredericksburg visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

breeding. Last year he sold Golden Palominos to the amount of \$12,625. He is now enlarging his stable accommodations and plans to keep in stock finished Palominos to meet the demand of 1941. A director of Texas Palomino, he attends every Palomino show and carries off his share of prizes.



In the finishing process, the material is given a thorough final inspection for defects, or imperfect places. Shown above is Mrs. J. M. Christian, demonstrating the inspection operation.

Drive Safely — Save A Life.



Having participated in many parades the past few years, it was fitting that J. E. Jones, Palomino breeder, who was recently appointed parade marshal, should be in charge of the parade here on the formal opening day of the West Texas Woolen Mills. Another advantage Mr. Jones will have in arranging the affair is

that he has a large number of sleek, shining and finished golden horses that are worthy of a ring-side seat at a show.

A "horse lover" in the true sense of the word, Mr. Jones started training at the age of twelve. His father, a "horse and buggy doctor" in Ellis County, depended upon him to care for his horses

and to have an animal in shape for a "buggy or saddle" trip over miles of road that was never too good. Swift durable well gaited horses were needed. Here necessity was the mother of breeding horses suitable for these conditions.

This type of work appeals to Mr. Jones and he continued horse

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JUNIOR B. T. U. ENTERTAINED TUESDAY

The members of the Junior B. T. U. were entertained with a party at the First Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Kirkpatrick and Miss John Alexander were hosts.

Games were directed by Mrs. Kirkpatrick and refreshments were served to seventeen.

A Tribute to the Eldorado Woolen Mill

Stories and Photos as they first appeared on Feb. 21, 1941 in the pages of The Eldorado Success

Mias Amigas Club Erects Drinking Fountain On Court Lawn



"Erected by the Mias Amigas Club to Commemorate the Spirit of their School Days" is the inscription a bronze plaque placed on a drinking fountain in the courtlawn bears. The fountain, which was completed late in 1940, is topped with the school bell that called many of Eldorado's citizens to their lessons in an early day.

The Mias Amigas Club includes those who graduated or were eligible for graduation from the Eldorado High School between 1909 and 1919. One or more members of the organization may be found in nearly every West Texas town, many in other parts of the state and a few in other states.

The committee in charge of financing the project was composed of Mrs. Ed Hill, and Mrs. W. T. Whitten of Eldorado, Mrs. Vester Hughes of Mertzon and Mrs. C. T. Womack of San Angelo. The erection committee included Mrs. Womack, Mrs. J. W. Walker of Plainview, and Mrs. L. M. Hoover and Mrs. W. M. Davis of Eldorado. J. L. Neill was construction engineer.

The group meets annually the last Thursday and Friday in June. Officers are Mrs. Neill, president; Mrs. Davis, first vice-president; Miss Ruth Baker, second vice-president; Mrs. Hill, third vice-president; Mrs. R. O. Smith of Junction, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Womack, historian; and Mrs. D. C. Royster, publicity chairman.

TO GALVESTON

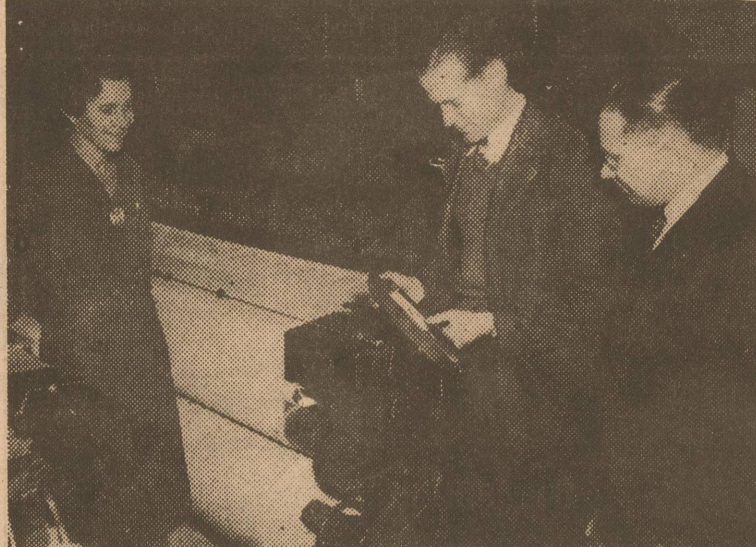
Alfred Steward of Ioleman county is to go to Galveston soon to have an arm which was broken when a horse kicked him two years ago treated.

Summer Rates On Water In Effect For Garden Planting

Summer rates for users of city water are now in effect to afford greater use for gardens, lawns and shrubbery, according to J. D. Tinning, city water superintendent.

Rates effective February 18 are \$2.50 for 4,000 gallons; 25c per 1,000 for the next two thousand; all over 6,000, 20c per 1,000.

Rates are made during the spring and summer months each year to benefit citizens who have gardens and lawns, it was pointed out. The practice encourages a greater use of water thus helping to beautify the city, Mr. Tinning said.



J. M. Christian, mill manager, explains the loom shuttle to Mrs. W. M. Davis, American Legion Auxiliary president, left, and to W. A. Mullett, local Santa Fe railroad agent. Mr. Christian shows how the filling comes from the bobbin in the shuttle to make the cross-wise threads of the cloth.

Bert Page Interested In Wool Industry

Particularly interested, from a citizen and property owner's standpoint, is Bert Page in the West Texas Woolen Mill. Why shouldn't Schleicher, one of the greatest wool producing counties in the state, be the location of a complete wool processing plant, he reasons.

Mr. Page came to this county in 1904 from McCulloch County and bought a ranch, part of which was in Sutton County. Eleven years later the Pages moved to Eldorado to school, the children, but Mr. Page continued to operate

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his ranch, raising Hereford cattle, and Angora goats and buying lambs in the fall which he fattened and sold in the spring. In 1928 he sold his ranch and a year later he bought the 10 section ranch he still owns.

Believing that oil lay beneath the soils of Schleicher, Mr. Page in 1930 gave the lease on several thousand acres of land to Mungers-Wilson Oil Corporation who agreed to drill a well 5000 feet deep, completing their contract with no paying results. Later he made a similar trade with John Cooper who brought in a paying gas well in June 1934. Since then four other gas wells and one oil well have been bought in, the oil well being tied into the Shell pipeline to Houston and the gas wells furnishing Eldorado with natural gas.

In 1937, Mr. Page sold his stock leased his ranch and retired. He now spends his time reading, visiting with friends, attending football games and studying the needs of his home town and country.

Eldorado To Go Forward Next 40 Years, Mr. Wright Says

Schleicher and Eldorado will make as rapid progress in the next forty years as they have in the last forty, is the prediction of A. T. Wright, past mayor and present alderman.

Mr. Wright came to this section in 1900 and has lived here continuously since. Few people have studied the needs and watched the progress of this locality as closely as he. He has seen this county change from an open range to a modern farm and ranch area, and Eldorado grow from a tiny village with less than a half dozen buildings to a thriving little city. Owner and operator of the Eldorado Success for nearly thirty years he has done much to promote industries in this locality.

During his four years' administration as mayor, he was instrumental in securing the construction of an adequate water system and in securing natural gas from the Page field.

Sheep and cattle have been the leading industry in our county, but Mr. Wright is of the opinion that eventually oil and gas will lead all other industries. Sheep raising will continue to be an important business, more acreage of level land will be put under the plow, and industries new to this part of West Texas will be developed. Thus assuming that Mr. Wright is correct in his surmising, we may look forward to an ever growing, progressive town throughout the years.

Drive Safely — Save A Life.



A. T. WRIGHT

MRS. SPURGERS HONORS MOTHER WITH PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

To compliment her mother Mrs. W. L. Smith, of Sabinal on her 70th birthday anniversary, Mrs. R. C. Spurgers entertained with a party in the home of Mrs. B. K. Cheek Thursday afternoon.

Twenty guests were included and birthday cake and coffee were served.

The first death among members of the new Congress was that of Representative Kenneth F. Simpson, Republican, of New York. He was the victim of a heart attack after serving only 22 days as a lawmaker.

Joab Campbell Came To County As Attorney In 1901

In 1901 a young man who had just graduated from a law school at Valparaiso, Indiana, came to Eldorado, and although he didn't know it, he came to stay. He is Joab Campbell.

A year later he became county attorney and since then he has always, with the exception of two years, held some county office. First he was county attorney, then judge, commissioner and then attorney. Ten years of the twelve he lived on his five section ranch in the Cliff community, he served

as commissioner. Mr. Campbell is a former law partner of the late W. B. Silliman and was at one time associated with Mr. Silliman and R. A. Evans in the commission business.

A county attorney at present he still manages his ranch which he has stocked with Hereford cattle, Rambouillet sheep and Angora goats. When asked what he thought of the future of his home town and county, he replied, "just what I thought in the beginning. I came liked here and stayed."

Pioneer Druggist Boosts Football And Eldorado



L. M. HOOVER

Few men who have no sons are as interested in football as L. M. Hoover, long-time druggist here. Every fall he is heard to say to the Eldorado Eagles repeatedly, "Win that game boys and anything my fountain affords is yours." Seldom does he miss a game the local boys participate in and so at home do the boys and high school girls feel in his place of business that it is a sort of

"headquarters" for them.

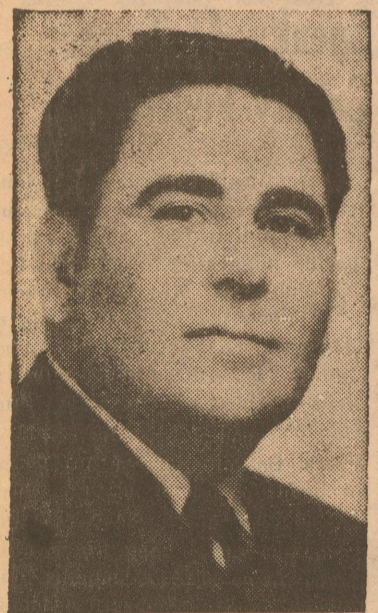
After completing a course in pharmacy at Galveston and working for a while at Brady, he came to Eldorado in 1906 to look the situation over. The town, people and so on, meeting with his approval, he bought a drug store from B. E. Earl, which through the years followed has been known as "Hoover Drug."

Treasurer for the First Baptist Church for more than a quarter of a century and deacon for a good many years, he is always to be found in a certain pew at the church on Sunday morning. He is a charter member of the Lions Club and a Mason.

Believing that it is good to be out under the open sky and to hear the murmur of the brook as the birds sing in the trees, he manages to go fishing frequently when the weather is fair. Usually his daughter, Mary, is chosen as his fishing companion on these trips. Study, social and civic organizations, several of which Mrs. Hoover is a member, are interesting and worthwhile, Mr. Hoover thinks, and reading a great deal he is often able to add to a paper she is preparing.

Happy is he over the introduction of a new industry, wool manufacturing, in Schleicher County, for it will be a help to west Texans and an asset to Eldorado. Mr. Hoover has done his part in assisting with oil development here, as well as in solving civic problems. In short he is 100 percent for Eldorado, and Schleicher county and West Texas.

Burrus Texo Feeds Have Given Proof Of Their Merit



WILEY AKINS

Mrs. Batchler Has Established Big Bread Business

The Angelo Bakery owned and operated by Mrs. J. E. Batchler, has established a long list of customers in Eldorado for her products. Established in 1935, the firm has complete baking facilities and trucks rush the fresh steaming loaves to Eldoradoans every morning.

O. D. "Red" Cypret operates a truck that serves this community and has a thriving business, he says.

"I think the establishment of the mill at Eldorado is a fine thing, and I believe it will prosper," Mrs. Batchler said when asked her opinion of the new institution.

Known throughout the Southwest by their slogan, "It's in the Bag," the line of Burrus Texo Feeds have proven their merits through many years of profitable results to feeders, Wiley Akins, general manager of the Burrus Feed Mills of Fort Worth, Dallas and San Benito, said recently.

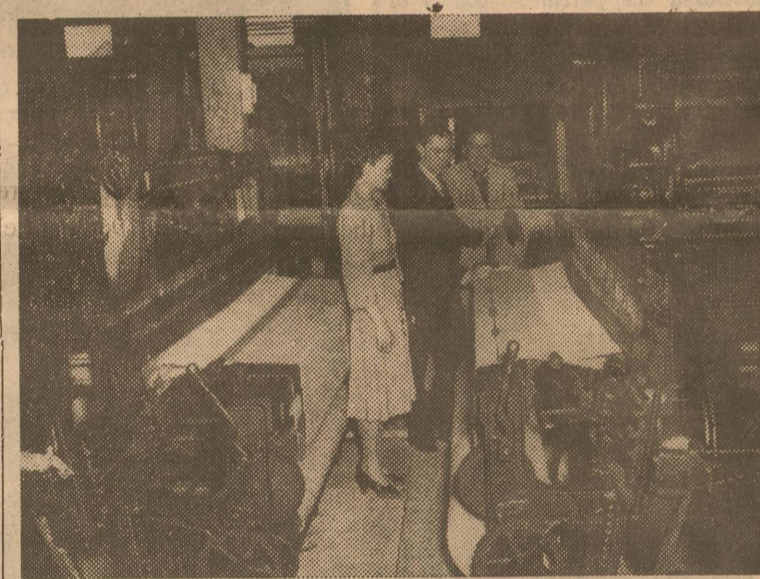
Texo feeds, Akins said, are manufactured under the supervision of a staff of men whose services average more than 27 years each in the feed business, and are manufactured in a modern mill which is equipped with the most up-to-date mixing and grinding machinery.

Before being offered to the ultimate consumer, each feed is proven by scientific research, laboratory tests and actual feeding conditions, Akins said.

"A complete line of feeds for poultry, dairy herds, range cattle, horses, mules, swine and dogs is produced under the most rigid standards set by the United States' Official Grain Department," the general manager declared. "Grains of highest quality, which must have uniform size and color and the correct moisture content, are properly mixed with other vital ingredients such as cod liver oil, ground meat, bone content, charcoal, minerals, fats, salt, dried milk and ground limestone.

Banner To Open Station Here

The Banner creamery of San Angelo will reopen a station in Eldorado within the near future, the firm announced this week. The station will be opened about the 1st of March.



Warp and filling having been completed in previous operations, actual weaving of material is now in progress. The complicated looms with automatic devices and numerous technical cams, rollers and springs, the precision operation of the unit combines the warp and filling in the weaving process. Timed to accuracy and uncanny in its task, the shuttles bound back and forth through the changing shed to carry the filling and leave it secure in place as its individual part of a perfect piece of fabric. The looms have 100-inch reed space, thus making the manufacture of material up to this width possible. Shown above

is Mrs. Howard Aycock, Self Culture Club president, left, and Mrs. W. B. Whitehead, representative of Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Ladies Auxiliary, right, being shown the weaving process by Arthur S. Howatt, mill superintendent, center.

Rumors that Chief Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court will shortly retire are said to be incorrect. Although the eminent jurist will be 79 years old on April 11, he plans to remain on the bench as long as he feels able to perform his duties.

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Congratulations To

West Texas Woolen Mills, Wool House, 4-H Club, F. F. A. Boys, and the Schleicher County Sheep Industry.

Schleicher County Sheep have been among the winners of State and County Shows for many years and why should we not lead all others in opening the First Woolen Mill in the State.

The sheep industry is our leading product and we are glad to give it first place. Come to our opening and see the first Woolen in the State in operation.

Congratulations to Joe Muller Christian on its opening, who also, is a Schleicher County product.

Wright's Cash Store



When you're in a hurry and want a tasty meal prepared quickly, stop by Cactus Coffee Shop. Our personnel is keyed to give you good service. Moreover, you'll get a swell meal along with speedy service.

CACTUS





1941 Lions Club Members — With the help of several of our readers, the Success has been able to identify most of the men in the photo above. The men, most of whom are believed to have been members of the Eldorado Lions Club, posed with a specially made blanket from the West Texas Woolen Mill, on the day of the Mill's Grand Opening 60 years ago. They were (L-R) Jerry Pennington, Lum Davis, E.H. Coulter, John Williams, Ernest Hill, R.L. Samples, R.J. "Pitcher" Page, Jess Walston, Charlie McLaughlin, Don McCormick, Alvin Clark, Cicero "Smokey" Swift, Jimmy West, Joe Muller Christian, W.G. "Tiny" Godwin, Skeet Mace, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown and Jack Ratliff.

Woolen Mill celebrates 60th anniversary

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cal College at Lubbock, now Texas Tech University. Construction foreman for the job was John Griffin. A twelve-man construction crew quarried limestone for the building locally, on ranches owned by Will Whitten and J.B. Christian.

The first shipment of scoured wool, 2,300 pounds arrived at the mill on June 27, 1940 from Cent-Tex Wool Company at San Marcos. The wool was produced in Schleicher County and shipped to San Marcos for scouring and was stored in the Woolen Mill building until the machinery arrived. The bulk of the textile equipment was sent by sea from Boston to Galveston, arriving in Eldorado by rail on the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railroad. By December 13, 1940, a first run of brilliant lavender blankets came off the mills looms.

On February 27, 1941, a grand opening was held to officially dedicate the new mill with more than five thousand people in attendance — that was three times the population of Eldorado at the time. Texas governor W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel had been "subpoenaed" in Schleicher County Clerk Dogie Finley and a motorcade of enthusiastic Eldorado boosters. Sheriff E.H. Sweatt served the smiling governor with a citation noting his, "negligent neighborlessness." O'Daniel did attend the grand opening, as did two state senators and a state representative. A barbecue, stock show, parade, speeches and an auction of first-run mill blankets autographed by the governor, were attractions of the day.

Early in World War Two, blankets from the mill were woven for the relief of English refugees in the German air blitz. Then, from July 1942 to September 1945, the mill produced 25,000 U.S. Army blankets. Most were sent by rail to Mira Loma, California, for use in the Pacific theater. During this time the mill operated sixteen hours a day, six days a week, and had a top payroll of twenty work-

ers. Peak wool use was 250,000 pounds per year. After the war, production was "re-civilianized" with the introduction of the custom weaving program, a barter system by which sheep ranchers could trade in their raw wool for finished blankets. By 1953 a rainbow of sixteen fabric colors replaced the monochrome "olive drab" of the Army blankets.

From 1964 to 1968 the mill was owned and operated by a consortium of Schleicher County ranchers. Creative innovations at the time included the weaving of mohair drapery, stadium blankets, ruanas, shawlies, dresses, and mouton pelt pillows and rugs. A showroom on Divide Street in Eldorado featured the new products. In 1968 Penfield Barker of Brownwood, Texas, purchased the mill and began specializing in fire-retardant upholstery fabric. In 1987 his son Jim Barker assumed operation of the mill. Mill products ended up in such faraway places as Sweden, France and Saudi Arabia. A stream of visitors came to the mill, including Governors John Connally and Dolph Briscoe.

The mill is a unique showcase of the history of the woolen manufacture industry. The mill equipment, antique but in perfect working condition, was largely manufactured in New England and Germany. To observe the mill in full operation, with card-machines rolling, bobbins spinning, and shuttles coursing back and forth, is to take a nostalgic step back in time. It is

exciting to see how wool "fresh off a sheep's back" is magically transformed into a beautiful finished product.

In 1996 a group of Eldorado civic leaders led a fundraising effort to buy the Woolen Mill and preserve it as a Registered Texas Landmark. The group eventually raised \$60,000.00 by selling non-negotiable shares in the Woolen Mill. The mill was purchased and the group organized itself as the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, a non-profit group dedicated to maintaining the facility for future generations to see and enjoy.

Today, the mill and its equipment is leased to Stacy Jurecek who operates Natural Fibers of Texas from the facility. Guided tours are regularly conducted by the foundation as an ever growing number of tourists stream to town to catch a glimpse of Texas history.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, February 26**
Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/ Strawberries & Bananas, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk
- Tuesday February 27**
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday February 28**
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk
- Thursday March 1**
Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w. Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Friday March 2**
Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/ Fruit, Milk

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• Save The Last Dance DTS (PG-13)	2:10 4:45 7:20 9:45
• Saving Silverman (PG-13)	2:30 4:50 7:30 9:40
• Miss Congeniality (PG-13)	1:45 4:20 7:10 9:35
• Chocolat (PG-13)	1:30 4:15 6:55 9:30

Times good for the week of 2/23 thru 3/01 only!

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• Recess School Out(G)	4:20 7:10 9:35
• Save The Last Dance DTS (PG-13)	4:15 6:55 9:30

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Seventeen EHS students will compete in U.I.L. State Solo and Ensemble Contest

Seventeen EHS students qualified Saturday to compete at the U.I.L. State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos. The Regional contest, held at Angelo State University in San Angelo, featured some of the best musicians in West Texas. Now, 17 Eldorado students have the opportunity to compete with the best in the state. The State Solo Ensemble Contest will be held in San Marcos on May 26, 2001.

For the 4th consecutive year, BreeAnne Davis qualified on a French Horn solo along with Maria Hernandez on Trumpet and Jackie Crawford on Alto Saxophone. In order to advance to the state level competition, these students not only have to receive a First Division rat-

ing, they must also perform their solos by memory. Jerrie Arispe earned a First Division on her Bass Clarinet solo and as did Kathy Gonzales on a Clarinet solo.

Ensembles also qualifying for State competition include:

Clarinet Choir: Samantha Smith, Tabitha Lloyd, Cristie Jo Belman, Andrea Robles, Quisto Gonzales, Kayla Case, Jackie Crawford, Toni Martin and Brittany Key.

Horn Quartet: BreeAnne Davis, Kristina Prater, Elibeth Montalvo, and Tana Williams.

Brass Quartet: Maria Hernan-

dez, Kimberly Hight, Ashton Murr and Cole Pina.

The next competition for the Eldorado band students will be the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contests in April. On April 4 and 7, the 7th & 8th Grade Band will travel to Coleman. The EHS band will make the trip on April 5. Both groups will perform a pre-contest concert on April 1st at 2:00 p.m. in the EHS Auditorium. The Spring Band Concert will be on May 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. and will also include the 6th grade beginning band.



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Division 1 Solos — Kathy Gonzales (L) and Jerrie Arispe (R) received Division 1 ratings for their clarinet solos at the Regional Solo & Ensemble Contest in San Angelo last Saturday.

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60th Anniversary Celebration

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Saturday, February 24, 2001

9:30 a.m. Woolen Mill Parade on historic Main Street in Eldorado

followed by Featured Speaker --- State Rep. Bob Turner, along with many political dignitaries, public figures, community leaders, community organizations, family and friends will attend.

On the lot next to the Woolen Mill
In the event of bad weather, activities will be moved inside the Memorial Building on the Courthouse Square

Texas Fiber Style Show --- dress shops from around the region will bring clothing, wares and local models with the fibers of Texas: Cotton, Wool, Mohair and Leathers.

Lunch --- Texas raised beef, goat and lamb to be served. Tickets are \$5 at the door

Auction --- Special edition blankets, signed blankets and more to benefit the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation "Raise the Roof Fund."

Silent Auction --- Weekend hotel stays, gifts clothing and more to benefit the "Raise the Roof Fund."

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The "Raise the Roof Fund" is a project of the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, a non-profit organization. The Foundation seeks to help preserve our precious Texan Treasure, through the 60th Anniversary Celebration and tours of the Woolen Mill and by raising funds for the urgently needed new roof. The roof will preserve the Mill, which is a Registered Texas Landmark, and allow the continuing education of our children and tourists about this region's deep history in agriculture and the processing of wool and mohair fibers.

WAY OFF BROADWAY PLAYERS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY
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ALL MEMBERS ENCOURAGE TO ATTEND

Neal graduates from HSU

Hardin-Simmons University announced this week that Landon Neal of Eldorado was among the 222 students that received degrees during the school's fall commencement exercises on Saturday, December 16, 2000.

Neal received a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree from HSU's Irvin School of Education. HSU's president, Dr. Lanny Hall, presented the charge to the students, in addition to presiding over the ceremonies.

Grand jury indictments

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2000. Bond was continued.

Jesus Belman Garcia, 17, of Eldorado was indicted for "Intent to Commit Theft" for an incident that occurred on Oct. 5, 2000. Bond was continued.

Ruben Adam Garcia, 18, of Eldorado, was indicted for "Intent to Commit Theft" for an incident that occurred on Oct. 5, 2000. Bond was continued.

Bradley Kawika Figueira, 35, of Eldorado, was indicted twice for "Driving While Intoxicated." The first incident occurred on Aug. 7, 2000. He was arrested a second time on a similar charge on Dec. 31, 2000. Figueira remains in the Schleicher County jail in lieu of two \$20,000.00 bonds.

Craig Steven Williams, 39, of Eldorado, was indicted for "Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon" in relation to an incident occurring on Jan. 14, 2001. Bond was continued.

Five other indictments have yet to be made public pending arrests in the cases. The Success will report those indictments as soon as information becomes available.

An indictment is issued when at least nine of twelve grand jurors find that there is enough evidence against a defendant to bring a case against them in a court of law.



photo by Kathy Mankin

State qualifying clarinet choir — The clarinet choir consisting of (Front L-R) Tabitha Lloyd, Brittany Key, Cristie Jo Belman, Jackie Crawford (Back L-R) Toni Martin, Samantha Smith, Quisto Gonzales, Kayla Case and Andrea Robles III represent Eldorado High School at the State U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble contest in San Marcos after qualifying at the Regional Contest held at San Angelo State University on Saturday.

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The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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100 year-old chain — Although the local Duckwall's is only three years old, Duckwall-Alco Stores, Inc. is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Duckwall-ALCO company celebrates 100 years

Duckwall-Alco Stores, Inc. is celebrating its 100th Anniversary during 2001. The corporate offices, distribution center and truck line are located in Abilene, Kansas. The company began operation in 1901 when Alva Lease Duckwall, Sr. borrowed \$413 and started a Duckwall variety store in Abilene. It marked the beginning of a company that survived fires, floods, the stock market crash of 1929, the great depression and a number of wars.

The Duckwall company opened its first ALCO Discount Store in 1968. The name "ALCO" was taken from the original corporate name - A.L. Duckwall Company. Today the company operates

93 Duckwall Variety Stores and 175 ALCO Discount Stores located in 20 states. New stores continue to be opened each year.

"We thank all the people who contributed to our success over the years!" commented Glen Shank, President. "Very few companies can claim a 100-year history. This company was built on the old-fashioned values of quality, service and price, and we will continue to provide these for our customers into the future. The support of our fine customers and our excellent team of over 5000 friendly associates has made this great occasion possible. We're now looking forward to the next 100 years!"



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Keeping up with what's new — School trustee Kurtis Homer (L) of Eldorado attended a governance seminar sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards on Feb. 16-17 in Corpus Christi.

Kurtis Homer attends TASB school governance seminar

Kurtis Homer of Schleicher County ISD joined local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards' Winter Governance Seminar February 16-17 in Corpus Christi.

The one and one-half day seminar offered focused training for new and experienced board members. Participants were updated on hot topics this legislative session, including school health insurance, facilities, and budget priorities. Other sessions explored the latest in legal developments from recent court cases and attorney general opinions and detailed student issues, such as school prayer and sexual harassment.

Continuing education for experienced trustees covered district budget implementation, school finance, goal setting, superintendent evaluations, and the board's role in personnel decisions. Sessions es-

pecially for new trustees were offered on the basics of accountability, district planning, budget and finance, and school law.

Keynote speaker at Friday's general session was nationally renowned education researcher Uri Treisman, director of the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin. His presentation, "When Accountability Yields Improved Student Learning: A Close Look at Important Texas Successes," highlighted some of the incredible gains made by many local school districts.

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What a mess — Illegal dumping is a problem in Schleicher County. Although the Eldorado landfill is open, free of charge, to any resident of the county, some people still continue to dump where they shouldn't. Schleicher County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle found this mess dumped on his place on Depot Street last Saturday morning.

RRC seeks comments for natural gas hearing

AUSTIN — Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza invited Texans this week to use the Internet to submit their comments for a day-

long hearing focusing on natural gas utility issues. The hearing, which is set for Monday, Feb. 26, is being held in response to the rising cost of natural gas faced by consumers.

Texans are invited to comment on a variety of natural gas issues including: incentives for utilities to minimize the gas costs passed onto consumers; how to better notify consumers on anticipated price fluctuations; and the impact of severe price fluctuations on industries such as agriculture. An online comment form can be found at the Railroad Commission of Texas website [www.rrc.state.tx.us].

"The Internet provides an opportunity for all Texans to be part

of this very important process," Williams said. "Comments from consumers who have been impacted the most by recent natural gas price fluctuations are not only welcomed, they're encouraged."

"If we are to help the Legislature develop some real solutions, we must hear from all sides," Matthews said. "By providing an opportunity to comment via the Internet, the Railroad Commission of Texas is working to ensure all voices are heard."

"With Texans facing some of the highest natural gas bills in recent memory, who better to ask for suggestions than consumers?," added Garza. "Through use of the Internet, everyone can offer suggestions that will ultimately lead to real reform."

Williams, Matthews, and Garza noted all comments submitted via the Internet will become part of the official hearing record. Online comments must be submitted by Feb. 26.

The daylong conference on natural gas issues is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 26, in room 1-111 of the Railroad Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress in Austin, beginning at 10 a.m.

The goal of the hearing is to develop specific short-term recommendations to be shared with the 77th Texas Legislature. Recommendations formulated from invited testimony at the hearing and Internet comments will be passed onto the House Committee on Energy Resources and the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the state's chief energy agency. Through its Gas Services Division, the Commission works to ensure a continuous safe supply of natural gas is available to Texas consumers at the lowest, reasonable price.

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