



MIAS AMIGAS WAS A HAPPY REUNION--About 400 ex-students of the Eldorado school system gathered at the Memorial Building over the weekend for the annual Mias Amigas meeting. In the first photo, Mary Jewel Van Dusen and Jo Lawrence Morris of Odessa register Friday afternoon. Secondly, Glenn Ratliff of Monahans and Leon Younger of Odessa try to recognize people in an old photo of the class of 1929. In the third picture, Ida Neill, one of the group's founders meets an old friend, and in the last picture, Mabel Beulah Kerr Griffin pins a name tag on her aunt, Mabel Kerr Griffin.

400 Gather Around For Annual Reunion

About 400 former Schleicher County ex-students attended homecoming festivities here last weekend in spite of gas shortages and in many instances great distances.

Members of the class of 1929 were introduced by former classmate Ola Mae Watson McDonald as follows: Fenna Jones Whitten, Ed Ratliff, Glenn Ratliff, Una Ford Headstream, Mary DeLong Steen, Mabel McClatchy Younger, Isabel Isaacs McCutcheon, Nina Smith Klink, Ruby Chick Hord and Elton "Tut" Ellis.

The incoming class of 1959 was presented by Myrta Topliffe with three other members present. They were Alvin Atkinson, Emma Lou Menees Chiles and Martha Jo Lawrence Morris.

President T.P. Robinson recognized the four members present who organized Mias Amigas. They were Ida Neill, Lucile Hill Walker, Josephine Hill and Lula Mae Evans Smith.

A total of 325 persons ate barbecue at noon, served by Orland Harris. They returned to the Memorial Building where they heard the nominating committee composed of Jewell Roach Bailey, Bob McWhorter and Margaret Frost present a slate of names for approval by members as officers for 1980. New officers will be Jimmy West, president; Victoria Jones Ohlenburg, first vice president; Patsy Taylor Kellogg, second vice president; Becky Mund Moore, third vice president; Ann Ballew Barker, secretary and Ruth DeLong Harper, treasurer.

Former superintendent C.A. Reynolds, former superintendent was introduced by Peyton Cain. Cain noted that Reynolds had spent his entire teaching career in only three schools, Bowie Public

Schools, Eldorado Public Schools (from 1939 to 1951) and Brady Public Schools from 1951 until his retirement in 1974.

Reynolds reminisced experiences as a grade school principal and coach for one year before he became superintendent. Listeners were carried back to preWorld War II days with his accounts of school board members personally borrowing money to pay for boiler replacements before cold weather and adequate tax collections came.

One amusing anecdote concerned W.F. Edmiston, current Schleicher County ranchman, who as a grade school footballer had feet so small no football shoes could be found to fit him. However, he was so small a good barefooted ball carrier one opposing school laid down ground rules that players must wear shoes to keep the Eldorado lads led by W.F. from overwhelming them.

In conclusion, Reynolds expressed his pleasure at being invited back as speaker for the homecoming and the enjoyment in meeting and talking with friends of those days.

Festivities began with registration Friday night and a sandwich supper following. Saturday's activities began with Ida Conner Neil ringing the school bell.

During the business meeting, Virginia McIntyre Calcote was named the person travelling the farthest. Also receiving applause were Margaret Frost for work on the Schleicher County history book and Glenn Ratliff's poem composed in 1929.

The meeting adjourned with Lucile Hill Walker leading the Mias Amigas song which she composed and members adopted as the organization's official song years ago.

West Com, Inc. Buys Schleicher Co. Leader

The Schleicher County Leader has been sold to West Com, Inc., a Texas corporation which specializes in publishing weekly community newspapers. The firm publishes the Devil's River News in Sonora, the Karnes Citation in Karnes City, the San Saba News-Star, The Dublin Progress and the Stephenville Star. The change was effective Monday.

The local paper's name and publication day will remain the same. However, some of the production will be done in Sonora and printing will be done in Del Rio.

The newspaper will also continue to offer office supplies and is expected to increase its stock in the near future. The office will also

Booster Club Slates Meeting

The Eldorado Booster Club will have a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

Members will discuss fund raising projects and a membership drive.

Anyone interested in boosting girls and boys athletics during the upcoming school year is asked to attend.

offer printing services, such as stationery, business cards and other custom printing.

Gus Allen of Sonora is president of the firm, Ron Willyard of San Angelo is secretary-treasurer and Darrell Rasberry of Sonora is general manager.

Allen commented, "We are pleased to have an opportunity to serve the Eldorado community. We have great confidence in the future of Schleicher County and West Texas."

Rasberry added, "We will offer the best small town newspaper possible in Eldorado, and are looking forward to working with the people here."

Allen is a long-time newspaper man and was formerly associated with the Harte-Hanks newspaper chain in San Angelo. Rasberry is a graduate of Ozona High School and holds degrees from Southern Methodist University and Tarleton State University. A Vietnam veteran with an agricultural background, he has been in the newspaper business seven years, formerly living in Stephenville.

Terry Neill of Stanton, president of Permian Basin Publishing Co., former owners of the paper, "I feel the new owners will be an asset to the community and ask that they support the Leader as they have in the past."

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Local Gas Dealers Remain Optimistic

While many people across the country are having problems getting gas and many filling stations around the country are closing, Eldorado gas dealers are taking a wait and see attitude, although some of them ran out of regular fuel over the last weekend.

Davis Fina, Sofges and Adobe Mini Mart all ran out of regular gas during the weekend. Tanks at Davis and the Mini Mart were refilled Monday morning, but the Sofge tanks remained empty Tuesday morning.

Sharon Hale, manager for the Mini Mart, said she is low on premium at the present time, mostly because test cars bought their unleaded gasoline from her because of a shortage in San Angelo.

Raymon Mobley, of the Exxon station, says his supply has never been critical, although he cannot handle storage tanks for rural customers. He added he is not taking any new wholesale accounts so he can handle his existing accounts and the general public.

"July will be our critical month," he said, "We're running on 78 percent from last year, closing on Sunday and earlier in the afternoons. With a few changes, I can't see us running out of gas this month."

Gail Mittel, owner of the Texaco station, noted that he received only 1200 gallons Tuesday morning whereas he usually receives over

2,000 gallons. "And they had to borrow gas from another company to give me that," he added.

Although he is out of the regular gas, Doc Sofge says he is selling twice as much lead free gas as before and still has a ready supply. He was expecting a shipment of regular gas Tuesday afternoon. He said this is the first time he has been out of gas for more than 24 hours.

"It may be sky high, but I am getting a little gas," commented Hollis McCormick, "But it is not a problem yet." He receives a shipment of gas every two weeks.

On a recent trip through the western states, the McCormicks reported seeing many closed stations, but actually had no

problem getting gas. They noticed the problem was not as large in rural or suburban areas.

Another couple reported going on a trip to the western states and having little trouble finding gasoline during their 3600 mile trip, until they got nearly home. At Christoval, they encountered a ten dollar limit on gasoline purchases.

Prices here vary, from 79.9 to 89.9 for regular and from 82.9 to 92.9 a gallon for premium.

Some of the local merchants have reported people coming to fill up extra tanks or barrels of gasoline for storage. Other than that, there have been no unusual incidents other than a lot of unhappy travelers, and gasoline dealers who are hoping they can keep a steady supply of gas.

Arrests, Charges End Two Cases

One person has been arrested and charged in connection with the recent theft of three trays of diamond rings from Cathy's Gift Shop.

Tiodolinda Herrera of San Angelo was arrested by the Tom Green County sheriff's department last week. She was charged with felony theft over \$10,000 and she is out on a \$20,000 bond.

Some of the stolen jewelry was recovered. There is still one more suspect in the case. Sheriff Orval Edmiston praised

Tom Green County law enforcement officials in their assistance with the case.

Edmiston and his department also reported arresting two persons, one a local juvenile in connection with breaking into and pilfering the school offices.

In the local jail is Dwayne Edward Welch of Leakey. He is under a \$5,000 bond. Welch was also arrested in San Angelo. He is charged with burglary. The juvenile connected with the case has been released to his parents' custody.



ELDORADO WHITE SOX--Pictured are the Eldorado White Sox, which was one of three teams in the local Little League system this summer. In back, from left to right, are Bill Huckabee, Donald Huckabee, Mitchell Bradley, Mike Belman, Erik Cheatham,

Chris Woodward, Steven Bowers, Arch Huckabee, Steve Flanary and coach Randy Flanary. In front, from left to right, are coach Shane Church, Ventura Agullar, Rusty Church, Todd Edmiston, Neal Edmiston, Corey Rogers and Shawn Fimbres.

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Congressman Tom Loeffler has been elected to serve on the powerful House Administration Committee, the committee which is "the keeper of the purse" for the House of Representatives. "I am very pleased to receive this particular committee assignment," Loeffler noted, "because the Committee has such broad jurisdiction over the fiscal affairs of the House, including the employment of committee staff, salaries, and a variety of rules and regulations concerning the conduct of the House."

The new Loeffler assignment, coming after only six months of service by the Freshman Republican, came about through a chain of events which began in early June. At that time, Congressman John Anderson of Illinois, Chairman of the House Republican Conference and third ranking Republican, announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States. He subsequently resigned as Conference Chairman. Congressman Sam Devine of Ohio was then elected Chairman of the Conference, which prompted him to resign his position on the House Administration Committee. Devine then nominated Loeffler to fill his seat on House Administration, and the nomination was approved unanimously by the Republican Committee on Committees.

Franklin New Chairman

Jim Franklin of San Angelo, co-owner of M.L. Leddy & Sons of Texas, has been appointed chairman of Southwest Texas region of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Cattleman's Round-Up for Crippled Children. "Franklin sees West Texas ranchmen everyday as they come into the Leddy Boot Shop in San Angelo," commented Shelley V. Smith, WTRC executive director, "He is the right man for the job!"

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4-H Girls Ready For Revue, Style Show

Many local 4-H girls have been busy this past week finishing garments they will model for the annual dress revue and style show which will be in the Memorial Building July 13. The girls will meet at 9:30 a.m. wearing their garments for judging on appearance. They will return for the style show at 3 p.m. that afternoon for the style show. Parents, friends, relatives, etc., are invited to attend. There is no charge. The girls will be divided into four age groups, sub-junior, younger than nine years of age; beginner, from nine to twelve years old; intermediate, from 12-14 years old; and senior, from 14-19 years old.

Participants are to return entry forms to the extension agent by Monday.

Tip Finleys Have Baby Girl

Tip and Janee Finley became parents of a baby girl, born June 23. She is named Summer Lea and has a five year old sister, Lacy. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lacy of Eldorado and Jim Finley of San Angelo. Pearlina Lacy of San Angelo is a great-grandmother.

Overstreet Is On Honor Roll

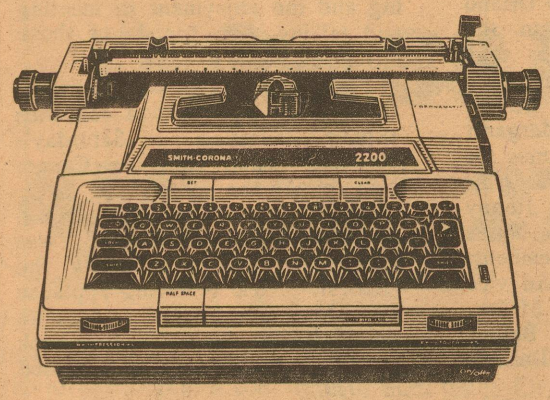
Donnie Overstreet of Eldorado has been named to the president's honor roll at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. He is enrolled in the two-year building construction technology program and has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average for the spring quarter. TSTI is a state-supported technical and vocational institute offering more than 54 training programs in everything from aircraft pilot training to computer science and underwater welding. The institute includes four campuses, located in Waco, Harlingen, Amarillo and Sweetwater.

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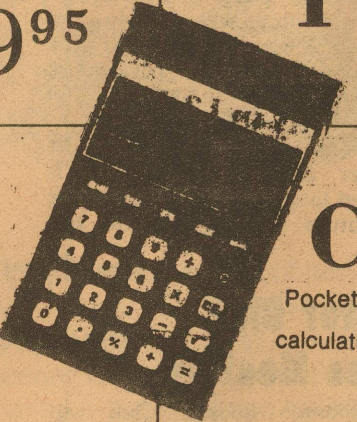
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Fleas are everywhere this spring due to prolonged cool, wet conditions. Flea problems are widespread on pets, in homes and in home landscapes. And a dedicated effort is necessary to get rid of flea infestations.

Fleas are blood feeders in the adult stage and can become a health problem. In the immature stage, fleas feed on organic matters in the soil. The larvae worm stage of the flea hatches from a small egg into a pearly white worm about one-sixteenth of an inch long. Fleas produce a new generation every two weeks to two months, depending on weather conditions.

Successful control procedures must include both population reduction and continuing preventive measures. This two-phase control program must include good sanitation and chemical application as follows:

1. Chemical control of adult fleas on pets and in and around the home is the

first order of business. This must all take place at the same time. Wash pets with a medicated soap or dust them with an approved flea preparation. Extend residual kill with a flea collar. It may be desirable to contact a licensed exterminator to treat infested carpets. Use propoxor (Baygon) for spot sprays in the home. Use ronnel as an area spray.

2. Treat infested yard areas with carbaryl (Sevin), propoxor (Baygon) ronnel or diazinon. Be sure not to contaminate food stuff or pet feed.

3. Give special attention to treating resting or bedding areas used by pets. Replace old bedding material.

4. To rid fleas from the home, begin with a good cleaning before applying insecticides. Vacuum carpets and remove any debris from cracks and crevices. Be sure to properly discard trash collected in the vacuuming process.

5. Retreatment of infested premises is extremely important to keep fleas under control. Retreat at 10 to 14 day intervals until flea problems have been eliminated. A thorough effort will reduce the number of treatments required. As with all chemicals, it is important to read and follow label directions.

SPIDER MITES
Spider mites, or red spiders, are probably the most difficult pests to control in vegetable gardens. With hot dry weather approaching, gardeners should be on the lookout for this pest by checking the underside of plant leaves. Although spider mites

will attack almost any plant, among their preferred hosts are beans, tomatoes, peas, eggplants and corn.

Actually, spider mites are not insects but are eight-legged relatives of ticks and spiders. Their small size, about 1-60 of an inch, makes them difficult to see without a magnifying lens. They range in color from red, green and yellow to white and brown. Spider mites deposit their eggs on the underside of leaves. These hatch in about five days. They may be ten to 15 or more generations per year.

Mites can cause considerable plant damage by sticking their needle-like mouthparts into leaf tissue and sucking out the juice while injecting a toxic substance into the leaf. Heavy infestations will cause leaves to appear blotched or spotted, turn pale or yellowish in color, curl up, turn brown and eventually drop off. A thin webbing may cover leaves and stems.

Begin a control program as soon as spider mites are detected and before plant damage is obvious. A light infestation of spider mites can be reduced and kept at low levels by spraying plants with a strong stream of cool water every few days.

If chemicals must be used, select from such effective materials as Kelthane, diazinon and malathion. Two to four applications may be needed at five day intervals. Always follow directions on the label.

New '1 Coin In Circulation

Five hundred million of the new Anthony dollars will be available for release on July 2, said Director of the Mint Stella B. Hackel. The new dollar will be distributed by the 37 Federal Reserve Banks to commercial banks, who in turn will distribute them to the business community and to the public. Mrs. Hackel noted that the 500 million coins available for the initial release will provide sufficient coins to the public so that they are readily available. Production and distribution of the coin will continue after release at a rate needed to meet the demand.

"Providing that consumer acceptance meets expectations, the new dollar should generate significant savings," she said. The Treasury Department is already saving 60% of the cost of minting dollar coins when comparing the production costs of the large Eisenhower dollar to the Anthony dollar. As the coin displaces the need for the dollar note, the Federal Reserve System could achieve dollar savings as high as \$50 million a year through reduction of printing, processing and destruction costs for dollar bills.

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Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Bailey were honored with a reception at The Country Club in Ozona June 24 to observe their golden wedding anniversary.

The former Jewel Roach and T.J. Bailey were married June 25, 1929 in the First Baptist Church in Eldorado. Their children are Martha Bailey Henderson and Joe Allen Bailey. Their grandchildren are John Lee Henderson, III,

Mrs. Jack Baggett Jr. and Kevin Bailey.

Bailey is retired from West Texas Utilities Co. after 40 years and Mrs. Bailey is a retired teacher with 28 years service. She is a member and president of the Heart of Texas District, Federated Women's Clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey divide their time between Ozona and their Bailey

Barn Ranch in Schleicher County. Their interests and hobbies include travel, golf and bridge.

The couple's children were hosts for the anniversary celebration.

Bailey, who suffered a badly burned foot and leg injury two weeks ago at the ranch, returned to the hospital after the event. He was to undergo skin grafts this week.



ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE-Sherry Page tells a story about the Bible to two and three year olds during Vacation Bible School recently. A record number of youngsters attended the event sponsored by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Time's Here For Lip-Smacking Barbecued Chicken

Time's at hand for some lip-smacking barbecued chicken.

Texas weather is right for barbecuing, and broiler chickens are one of the most popular meats to barbecue, says Dr. David B. Mellor, poultry marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

For tastebud-tantalizing chicken barbecue, cook slowly over a glowing fire, turning the meat frequently and basting often to keep it moist, emphasizes

Mellor.

Barbecue whole birds on a rotisserie or place halves, quarters or parts on a grill. Charcoal or wood fire, open pit or small patio grill—no matter what you use, barbecued chicken is always good, Mellor says.

Some people marinate chicken overnight and use the remainder of the marinade for basting. Others partially cook chicken in marinade on top of a stove and then finish it on a grill. Purists don't marinate at all, but

barbecue slowly over an open fire, says the specialist.

According to Mellor, each American consumed 47.6 pounds of chicken last year, most of this being broilers. And broilers should be plentiful this year, with production expected to increase 10 percent.

So, stock up on broilers at your favorite supermarket and get ready for some chicken barbecue, urges Mellor. It's right for a big social gathering as well as for a family event.

Griffin Family have visitors

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Stovall of Fresno, Calif., visited the Griffin family in Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Woodward in San Angelo.

Mr. A.T. Stovall of Fresno visited the Griffin family and Ella Parrent, her sister.

James A. Griffin of Hobbs, N.M., visited his mother, Mabel Griffin, over the weekend. A daughter, Mrs. Jim Bracken of Norwalk, Calif., also visited her mother and relatives. Both attended Mias Amigas.

Beulah Mae Brownson visited relatives and attended Mias Amigas.

Weather

Date	R	Hi	Lo
June 25		91	68
June 26		87	65
June 27		90	62
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Calendar Of Events

Today, July 5--Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse; Beginners tennis, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Sunday, July 8--Mixed foursome at golf course; devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 9--County Commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse; Order of Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall; School board, 7:30 p.m., high school library; Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts; Booster Club, 8 p.m., band hall.

Tuesday, July 10--Kountry Kousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Firemen, 7:30 p.m., fire hall.

Wednesday, July 11--Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Thursday, July 12--Beginners tennis, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Friday, July 13--4-H Dress Revue, style show at 3 p.m., Memorial Building.

Sunday, July 15--Devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 16--Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Tuesday, July 17--TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Firemen, 7:30 p.m., fire hall.

Wednesday, July 18--Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast; Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Thursday, July 19--Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse; Beginners tennis, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Friday, July 20--Ministerial Alliance, 9:30 a.m.

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CHRISTOVAL

Rufus Beard visited with his mother, Ethel Beard, Saturday.

Emma Derr went to the park for the Western Jamboree.

Rita Stroud, Roy and Gwen McCann visited with Emma Derr.

Arnold Lively visited his father, Fletcher Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nance's daughter, Carol, visited with them.

Karen Hohmann visited with Grace McShan and Annie Henson. She is their grandchild.

Those returning from the hospital were Valerie Tate and Doris Parker. Glad to have both of you back.

Chicken Jones was here to play the piano Tuesday. Everyone enjoys you so much!

Bill Perry visited his mother, Callie Perry, Tuesday.

John and Mary Helen Passow visited his sister, Ann Passow, Wednesday.

Maggie Rodden went for a ride with Mrs. Billie Sawyer.

Ruby Hulsey's Jolly Time band was here Thursday night. Nineteen attended.

Patsy Goetz and her daughter, Denise Goetz, visited with their grand-

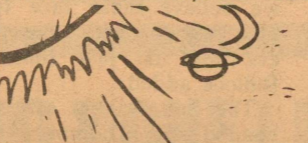
Mrs. Porter, Peaslee Win

Billie Porter and Tom Peaslee of Sonora were again first place winners in Duplicate Bridge Club play last week. Second place was won by Lottie Puckett and Fred Atkins of Sonora.

Winnie Helen Hilliard and Mary Christian won third and fourth place was won by Sarah Hall and Margaret Frost. Helen Beebee and Tom Ratliff won fifth.



Among the high livers is *Stellaria decumbens* - a plant that has been found growing in the Himalayas at more than 20,000 feet.



It takes Pluto 248 earth years to make one complete orbit of the sun.

mother. Stella King went to church Sunday and had lunch with the Bessires.

Thelma Lasater visited with her mother, Lorena Bell. Also visiting was her son, Lloyd Bell.

Two Weeks Ago

Stella King went to the Church of Christ with the Don Bessires and had homemade ice cream with them and the Bill Crosswhites.

Several from Golden Years Nursing Home visited with the Vacation Bible School and told stories to them. Those attending were Sam Nance, Maria Barboza, Opal Joiner, Emma Derr and Jessie Henson.

Emma Derr had supper

with her son, Roy and Gwen McCann.

Visitors for Annie Henson were her son and wife, J. W. Henson and Mac and their son and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Henson and children. Also visiting were Gwen Henson, Ames Albro and Marie DuBerry. Amanda Abernathy's daughters, Mrs. Quinton Roberts and Mrs. Gene Stovall son and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Abernathy all visited her.

Myrtice Nance's sister from Sonora visited her.

Alvin Beaty and Alta McMillian visited with Ethel Atkins and Mrs. Swart. They also visited Vada Glenn. They are from San Angelo.

Short Notes

Shorty Montalvo.

In Eola's game, Billy Wyatt and David Linhan scored. Paul Martin hit a double in that game.

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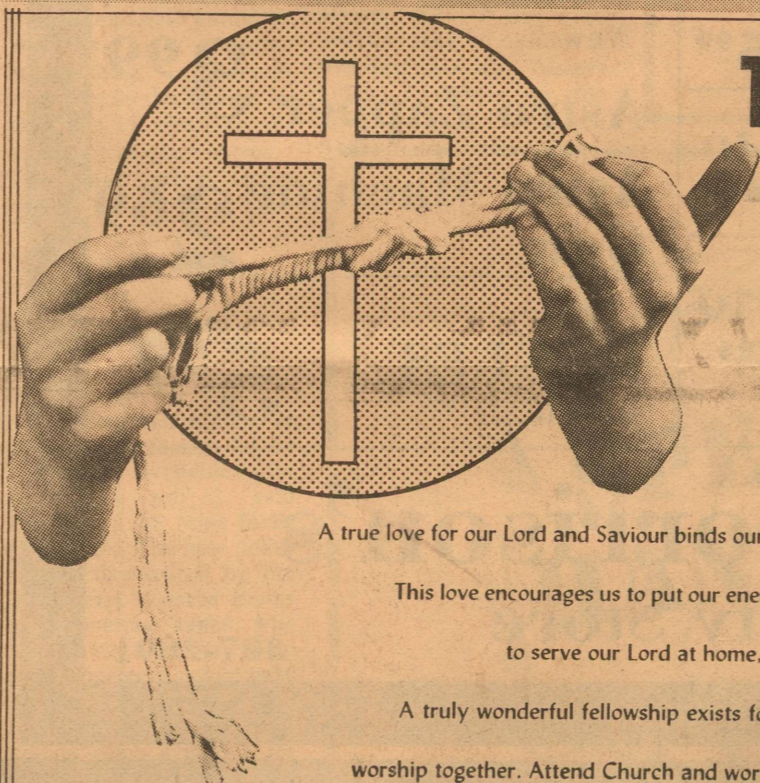
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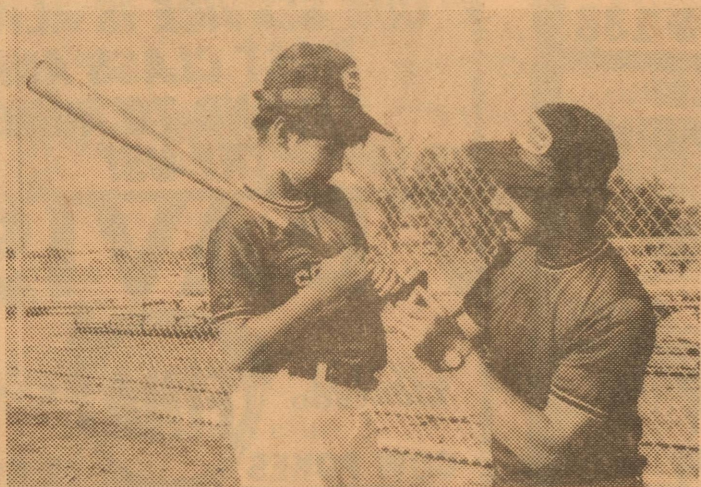
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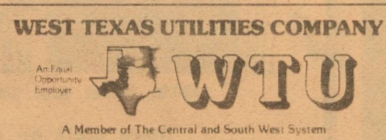
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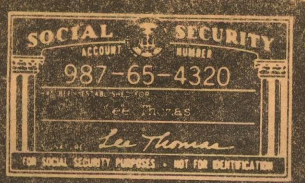


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 A. Social security benefits were increased by 9.9 percent effective June 1979. This reflects the rise in the cost-of-living over the past year. The increase will be included in the social security checks for June, which should be delivered about July 3rd.

Churchill New WTU President

Glen D. Churchill began his duties as president and chief executive officer of West Texas Utilities Co. on July 1, succeeding Durwood Chalker, who became chairman and chief executive officer of Central Power and Light Co in Corpus Christi. Churchill, former vice president and chief financial officer of WTU, moved back to Abilene after three

years in Corpus Christi as executive vice president of CPL. At Corpus, Chalker replaces Roff W. Hardy, also a former WTU president, who has retired after heading CPL four

and a half years and is returning to Abilene. Churchill, a graduate of Texas A&M University, joined WTU in 1964 after seven years with a Houston accounting firm.

Boys Ranch Rodeo-July 7

The Annual All Boy Rodeo at West Texas Boys Ranch will be held in the West Texas Boys Ranch arena, July 7 at 7 p.m., according to Buck Owens of Barnhart, rodeo chairman. There is no admission charge to the rodeo.

Barbeque will be served for \$3.50 per plate, serving from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Featured attraction at this year's rodeo will be Tom Green County 4-H vaulting team under the direction of Emmy Datlof. Boys Ranchers will be

competing for All Around Cowboy trophy buckle and ribbons for events such as calf riding, goat sucking, goat tying, calf mugging and other events. All events are for Boys Ranch boys only; Owens said. Judging will be by

Benny Friend and Rusty Owens with stock to be furnished by Boys Ranch. The rodeo was started in 1961 as an all-boy event for the boys at the Ranch to compete in and has since become a traditional July favorite with the public.

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West Texas Rehabilitation Center Shows Big Increase In Admissions

West Texas Rehabilitation Center's San Angelo campus has shown a 78.7 percent increase in total admissions in the first five months of 1979.

The announcement was made at the regular monthly meeting of the WTRC Board of Directors in the River Club here this week. Jim Hadley, WTRC-San Angelo Director, stated physical therapy treatments were up 21.3 percent and the special education program here showed a 14.9 percent growth. Speech

therapy and occupational therapy were down, however.

The diagnostic and treatment center for the handicapped operating campuses in San Angelo, Abilene and Snyder showed a 13.1 percent growth in total admissions at all locations for the first five months ending in May. PT treatment showed a 14.8 percent increase in combined campuses figures.

First appeal letter for the annual Cattleman's Round-Up for Crippled

Children has just been sent out, according to Shelley V. Smith, WTRC executive director. The Round-Up in the fall is a major fund-raising event for WTRC. "Obligations of \$200,000 net is needed from the cattle industry," he added.

Smith also told directors the Bob Hope Benefit Dinner set for Abilene August 3 is a sell-out. The event will kick-off the annual Joint Venture for Crippled Children, the fund-raising division of WTRC, conceived and organized by oilmen.

In other business the WTRC board discussed plans to acquire a building site for a new facility here. "Services are being demanded more and more as a result of the increasing availability of the benefits to the handicapped of the Southwest," said Smith. "Our increase in orthotics alone is requiring us to have a brace man in San Angelo

one day per week, and we may need him here more."

Richard Salmon, WTRC Board of Directors vice president, said at the close of the meeting he will select a special committee to investigate possible building sites and type of structure needed and "Hopefully, that committee can report back to the board in August."

State Comptroller Representative In Eldorado Wednesday

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Eldorado on Wednesday to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Esther L. Esparza will meet with local taxpayers in the Memorial Building from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

"If Eldorado area merchants, or anyone else for

that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Esparza will be there to assist them," Bullock said. "We're trying to cut the red tape in this office, and we believe these face to face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added.

The San Angelo office, headed by Thomas M. Goff, serves San Angelo and surrounding counties.

One Person Injured In Accident

One person was slightly injured about 1 a.m. Saturday in a one vehicle accident ten miles north of Eldorado on Highway 277. Stephanie Neill Eichenberg of Eldorado was driving south when she apparently fell asleep. Her car left the road, hit an embankment and rolled over on its top.

Schleicher County deputy sheriff Barry Hale came upon the accident and transported the victim to the Schleicher County Medical Center. She was hospitalized one day. Her car was badly damaged.

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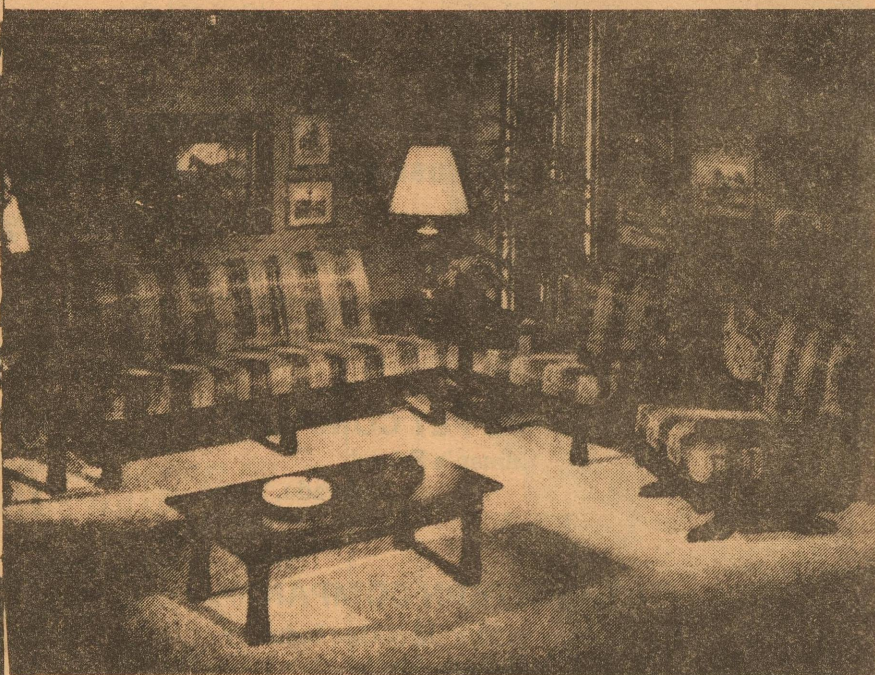
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Railroad Commission Raises Questions On Reopening Whalen Lake

The Railroad Commission will seek clarification of the Texas Department of Water Resources' role, if any, in oilfield brines disposal before reopening Whalen Lake or continuing an eight-months-old ban on the use of the desertlike basin in Andrews County as a discharge site for salt water produced with oil and gas.

Chairman John H. Poerner and Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and Mack Wallace made that determination Monday after receiving from RRC General Counsel Rex H. White Jr. an analysis of the Commission's statutory position in the Whalen Lake proceeding, statutes dealing with the jurisdiction of oilfield brines disposal and responsibilities of the Department of Water Resources as pertain to waters of the state.

Poerner directed White and Chief Legal Counsel John Soule of the Oil and Gas Division to confer with representatives of the Department of Water Resources to establish whether that agency: --Claims jurisdiction over playa lakes such as Whalen, Cedar and Mound Lakes, where oilfield brines have been or are being discharged under RRC permits. --Intends to promulgate rules relating to water quality of brines discharged into playa lakes.

White and Soule are expected to report on their discussions with the Water Resources Department representatives during next Monday's weekly conference on Oil and Gas Division matters. The Commission ordered a shutdown of disposal operations at Whalen Lake last October after the Oil and Gas Division reported "substantial pollution" at the lake. At the May 7 conference, the Commission was presented an examiners' recommendation calling for conditioned reopening of the lake in view of substantial changes in Whalen Corp's disposal procedures. Whalen Corp. is the operator of the principal discharge facilities at the lake. White, at that conference was instructed to review the examiners' proposals for decision. The examiners pinned seven conditions to their recommendation to reopen the disposal facilities.

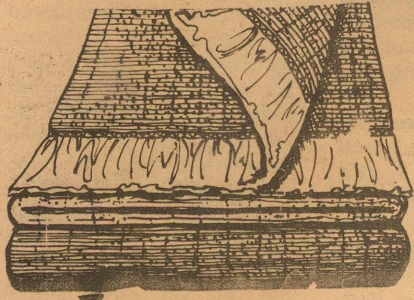
White reported that his review of the Whalen Lake situation indicated: * Discharge of salt brines into the lake does not affect ground water. * Use of the lake by animal life is not heavy and that evidence of any damage to wildlife is inconclusive. * Produced water discharges do not significantly affect surface water in the playa lake.

During exchanges with White, Chairman Poerner stated at one point: "I have no problem with the (Whalen) lake being used for the disposal of salt water provided it is done with a sense of propriety and that it does not hurt anyone."

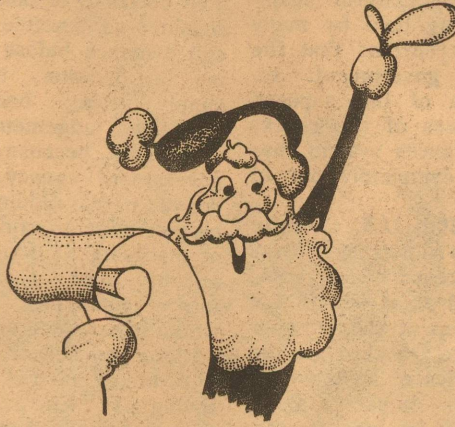
At another stage of the discussion, Poerner said: "If the Commission enters an order for these people to continue or resume operations at the (Whalen, Cedar and Mound Lakes) discharge points--they are natural phenomena--the permits should be limited to the life of the wells now existing. Anything beyond that--new wells--would have to go to underground injection."

The Commission deferred consideration of an examiner's proposal for decision on Mound Lake disposal operations until White and Soule make their report on discussions with the Department of Water Resources officials. Mound Lake is a playa lake in Terry County, some 10 miles east of Brownfield. The Cities Service Oil Co. has used the lake as a disposal point for produced water since 1963. Senior Staff Engineer Willis C. Steed, who conducted a review hearing on Mound Lake operations last February, recommended that Cities Service be allowed to continue the use of Mound Lake subject to these conditions: 1) Sufficient collecting tanks and skimming pits must be maintained to prevent any oil from entering the lake. 2) Samples of the discharged brines must be taken at random times of 30 to 40 days from each discharge, analyzed by a qualified analyst, and a report filed quarterly with the Commission district office showing the oil content. The quarterly oil and grease content of each discharge will be limited to 35 milligrams per litre. The proposal carries a stipulation that authority may be cancelled at any time on failure of the authorized operator to meet RRC standards for use of the Mound Lake disposal system.

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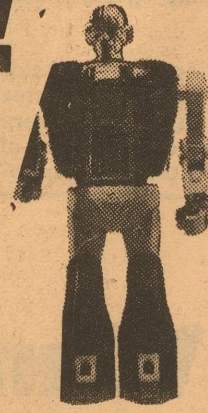


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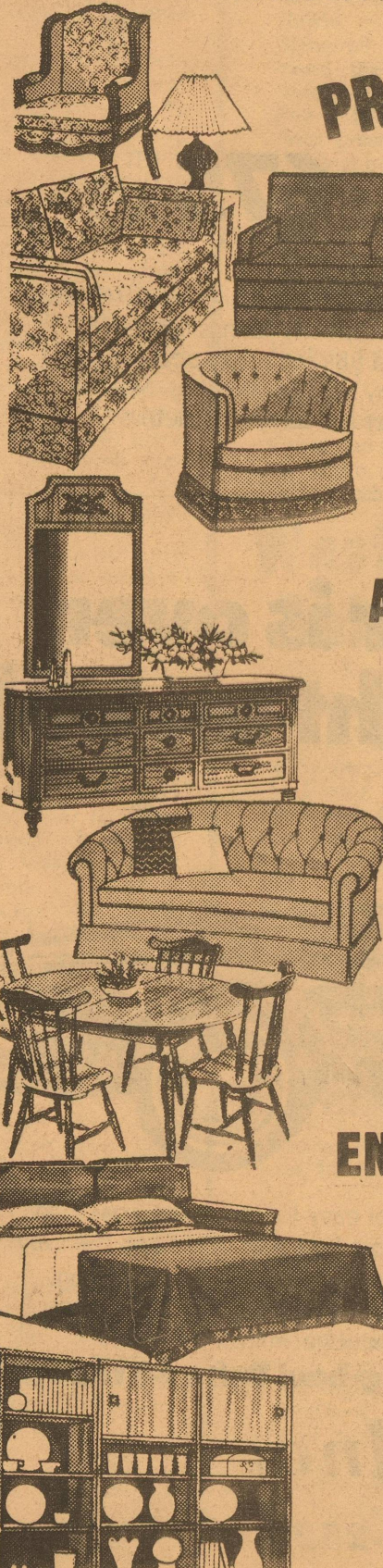


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Texas Oil Production Down In April

Reported and estimated unreported production of Texas crude oil totaled 81,667,823 barrels in April 1979, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reports.

The preliminary figure compares with final compilations of reported March 1979 production totaling 85,432,064 barrels and April 1978 production of 86,793,362 barrels.

Texas oil production averaged 2,722,261 barrels daily in April, down from 2,755,873 barrels daily in March.

The April allowable totaled 106,852,133 barrels

for the month. The preliminary April summary indicated Texas

oil production was 23.57 percent under the allowable for that month.

Wallace Urges Rejection Of Provision

Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace has urged the Interstate Commerce Commission to reject a track factor surcharge provision in a purchase proposal involving a Colorado

railroad spur over which Texas-bound coal will move.

Wallace, in a statement filed with the federal regulatory agency and released today, warned that the surcharge concept in the acquisition proposal of Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Co. contains "the seeds of a bogus new rate escalation device...which will exacerbate the rate inflation problem."

The Texas energy and transportation official said ICC approval of the surcharge could lead to more than a million dollars a year in additional costs of service of customers of a South Texas electric utility that has a contract for Colorado coal to fuel a generating plant.

D&RGW seeks ICC authorization to acquire 6.48 miles of railroad near Craig, Colo., built and owned by Empire Energy Corp. of Des Plaines, Ill. A Texas corporation, Empire Energy operates a coal mine approximately 7.5 miles southwest of Craig. Coal moves from the mine over the Empire Energy spur to Ute, Colo., where it connects with a

rail line operated by D&RGW for further shipment to intra and interstate customers.

More than half of the coal traffic that would use the Empire Energy spur and another rail extension

to a coal mine at Axial, Colo., is destined for an electric generation plant at Coletto Creek in South Texas. The plant is owned and operated by Central Power & Light Co. of Corpus Christi.

Wallace wrote the ICC that implementation of the Track factor surcharge "would almost certainly result in significant increases in freight rates to be paid by CP&L on coal it will soon begin shipping" from Axial over the spur line.

In the acquisition agreement, Wallace noted, D&RGW promises it will add a 24 cents per net ton "track factor" to the rates it charges on coal originating on the Empire Energy spur. He noted the Texas attorney general views the proposed D&RGW sur-

charge as "an unorthodox ratemaking device."

Wallace described the surcharge as the "sleeping" in the D&RGW/Empire Energy acquisition pact.

Use of the track factor device, if not prevented by the ICC, Wallace maintained "will both increase the cost of electricity to CP&L's ratepayers, and, ironically, encourage the substitution of imported coal for domestic coal."

Furthermore, observed Wallace:

"The increased rates would result, not from passing on of legitimate

and necessary costs incurred by the railroads to handle CP&L's coal traffic, but rather from D&RGW's attempt to reap profits through exploitation of its monopoly power over transportation of coal mines located along its lines."

In event D&RGW acquired the longer Axial rail extension utilizing the track factor surcharge, Wallace said it is conceivable that CP&L ratepayers, alone, would wind up in paying an additional million dollars a year for electric service.

Wallace said the extent to which the Texas utility accelerates the conversion to coal of its existing gas and oil-fired generating facilities hinges on rates established for the transportation of its coal from Colorado to Coletto Creek.

"But CP&L has, it appears, another alternative: imported coal," stated Wallace.

"Obviously, substitution of imported coal for imported oil for domestic natural gas will do nothing to solve our balance-of-payments problems or achieve our energy self-sufficiency goals which are the major reasons justifying this nation's coal conversion program."

"Nor would such a substitution do anything to help improve railroad revenues," Wallace advised the ICC.

Railroad Commission Authorizes Operation Of New Oil-Producing Sector

The Railroad Commission has authorized operation of an 1,139-acre oil-producing sector of Fisher County as a unit and initiation of a water-flood program there that is expected to yield an additional 1,365,000 barrels which otherwise would not be produced.

Chairman John H. Poerner and Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent

and Mack Wallace approved the unitization/secondary recovery application of Texas Pacific Oil Co. during Monday's weekly

conference on Oil and Gas Division matters. The action established the Pardue (Canyon Sand) Unit, Pardue, (Canyon Sand) Field.

The field was discovered in 1949 and has produced more than 2.3 million

barrels of oil. Testimony at the hearing on the Texas Pacific application indicated the field, although 95 percent depleted, can produce 1.3 million-plus more barrels of oil if operated as a unit

with the proposed secondary recovery program.

The West Central Texas field has 10 producing wells, making four barrels daily per well.

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Decision In Wyoming, 1080 Case Bad For Stockmen

Stockmen have been dealt a blow by a recent Court of Appeals ruling in the Wyoming 1080 case. The U.S. 10th District Court of Appeals ruled, essentially, that the case itself was invalid. The Wyoming lawsuit

sought to enjoin enforcement of EPA's ban on predicide 1080. Among charges brought by the State of Wyoming and such participants as the State of Texas and sheep and goat industry organiz-

ations was a claim that EPA had failed to issue an environmental impact statement prior to their 1080 ban. The case originated in 1974 and has been in and out of court, denied, reaffirmed and denied

again, and stalled repeatedly by various federal agency actions. The Court of Appeals ruled once that EPA had not been required to issue an environmental impact statement. That court's justification for its opinion

may well confirm suspicions long held by many common citizens that the federal government, regardless of the supposed guarantees of the checks and balances system, has gotten completely out of hand.

The 10th U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that "it was not necessary for EPA, engaged as it was in the protection of the environment, to go through the formalities of an (environmental) impact statement." In other words, the court considers EPA, the prime authority on what is good or bad for the environment, incapable of error, and exempt from laws and regulations that grant non-government experts or even experts from other branches of government a chance to dispute the agency's decision.

This assumption holds EPA incapable, by virtue of its supposed concern with the environment, of making a politically motivated decision, of failing to consider all possible facts and evidence before making a decision, or of simply using bad or misguided judgement. In short, EPA, because it is a government agency, may do whatever it diddley well pleases without explaining or justifying its actions to anyone, least of all the mere commoners over whom it has been appointed lord and master.

Wyoming district judge Ewing T. Kerr, whose decisions in favor of Wyoming and the livestock industry apparently prompted the government's mad dash to a friendly appeals court, accepted the higher court's ruling, as he was bound to do by law. He apparently interpreted the wording of the ruling, however, to indicate that other charges in the original case were still open to decision. Accordingly, he set the case for court on one or more of those remaining grounds. Within a couple of

weeks, the government was back in the appeals court seeking a ruling against Judge Kerr. The ruling the government sought was that, essentially, Kerr acted beyond his jurisdiction in setting the case for trial. The government, of course, was not actually concerned with the limits of Kerr's jurisdiction. Rather, it was incensed at his audacity in ordering a trial to question the validity of a royal proclamation issued by a federal agency.

Dutifully, the appeals court handed down a ruling favorable to the government, much as a good soldier would carry out a direct order from a superior. That ruling? The Court of Appeals announced that Wyoming and its supporters had failed to challenge the 1080 ban early enough.

The law under which EPA supposedly operates allows complaints 60 days to challenge a regulation or proclamation. The \$1,080 suit was not filed

for two years. Industry spokesmen say they didn't issue a challenge during the first 60 days because such challenges are considered for acceptance or dismissal by EPA itself, hence they knew ahead of time that their challenges would be refused. Had they known then what they do now, they would have issued an admittedly futile challenge anyway, so that the ensuing legal battle would not be cut short on a technicality.

They simply didn't realize, they say, that the government would go to such lengths and split such slim hairs to prevent an open, court-orderly review of the motives behind a decision made by one of its agencies. The Wyoming suit is stalled for now, but participants plan a meeting in the near future to consider further action. The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be watching for new developments.

Crops In Good Shape

Status quo best describes farm and ranch activity in Southwest Texas last week.

Hay harvesting was by far the major agricultural activity, and prevailing

hot, dry conditions allowed many farmers and ranchers to step up hay bailing operations.

Some farmers in the Winter Garden also took advantage of the weather

to look ahead to fall crops. County Extension Agent Ray Caraveo said many

farmers in Zavala County either prepared land or began planting fall vegetable crops such as

cabbage, carrots and some tomatoes.

Cotton, grain sorghum, and corn crops also made ample use of the warm sunshine. Those crops are in good shape throughout the 19-county area.

Fed. Gov's Appetite For Power

There's a revolution brewing in many of the Western states, a revolution against the federal government's increasing appetite for power.

Washington is getting strong warnings about the upcoming clash, but incredibly, or possibly inevitably, the feds seem bent on extending their authority and exercising their power all the more.

A major source of western displeasure comes from Washington's increasingly heavy-handed administration of public lands, and the bureaucrats are currently in the process of pushing things even farther in that department.

Texas sheep and goat producers, fortunately, suffer little direct damage from public land decisions, but they are part of an industry heavily dependent in other states on public grazing land. Too, federal policy toward public grazing lands is seen by some as a foreshadowing of future federal policy regarding private land use as well—the thrust of public land play in recent years runs directly parallel with the wishes of those who would do away with private land ownership entirely.

Recent developments in New Mexico could be very enlightening.

Much of Southeastern New Mexico is made up of

public lands administered by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management. It is almost entirely grazing land and is checkerboarded among private and state-owned lands. In many cases ranchland owners absolutely must have use of surrounding or intermingling BLM lands to make a go of their operations; loss of grazing on the public land would force foreclosure and loss of their deeded holdings as well.

If this looks like stage-setting for a gruesome story—it should. The BLM has recently proposed grazing cutbacks they say would average 28 percent on much of this Southeastern New Mexico lands. Ranchers claim the cuts are closer to a 40 percent average because BLM is basing its figures on recent stocking levels already depressed by several years of droughty weather.

Ranchers, bankers, merchants and community residents of the affected area are up in arms over the loss of livestock income the proposals would cause, as well as disruption in the job market when ranchers unable to survive at the lower stocking rates are forced to seek work in town.

State officials, too, are hot, and some are said to

be favoring "Sagebrush Revolution" proposals that would demand the federal government hand over control or even ownership of these lands to the states within whose borders they lie.

Apparently destined to be a ticklish issue in deliberations over the stocking reduction issue is just how such a proposal ever came about in the first place.

The reduction proposal is part of a series of environmental impact statements concerning grazing of public lands in general. The impact statements themselves were the outgrowth of a lawsuit questioning the government's right to lease land for grazing at all, and filed by an outfit called the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The lawsuit was settled out of court, essentially, the judge in the case instructing both sides to get together on a compromise which he would then adopt as a decision. It's at this point that the going gets sticky—very sticky indeed.

Sources in a position to know contend that at least one of the Interior Department lawyers involved in reaching the compromise was himself a former counsel for NRDC!

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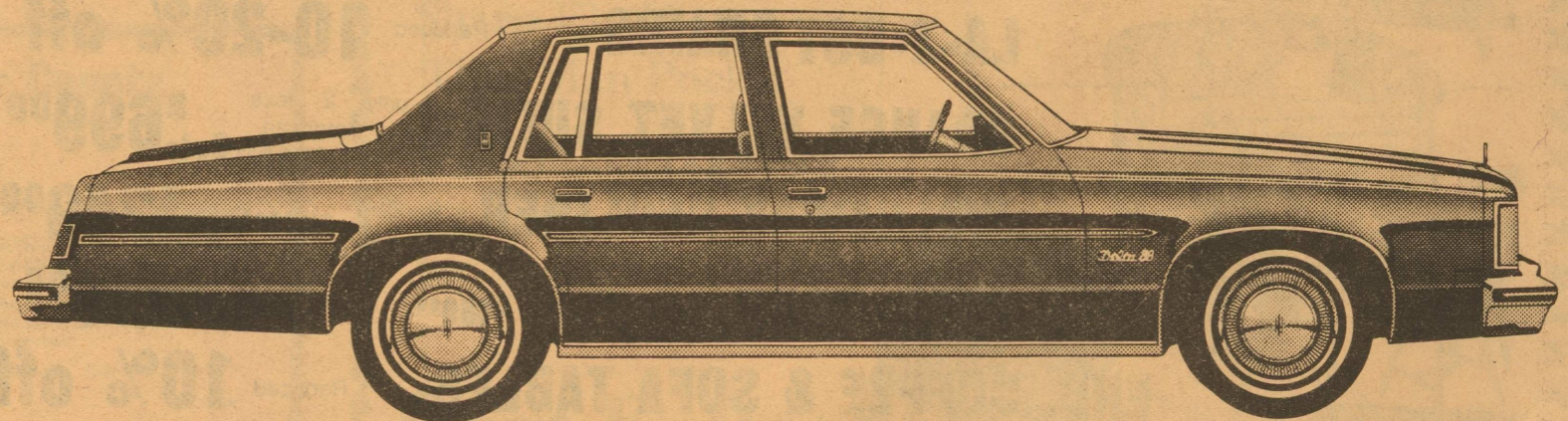
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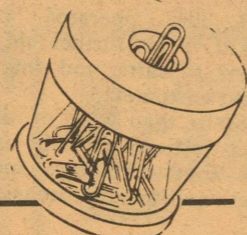
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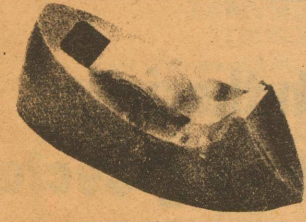
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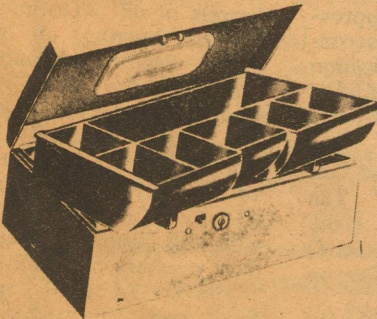
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