

County goes on spending spree

In a lengthy session Monday the Schleicher County Commissioners took care of numerous matters including the opening of bids submitted for a new car for the Sheriff's Department. The nod went to Jim Bass Ford of San Angelo with \$10,660.00. The other bids turned in were Arrow Ford, Abilene \$10,783.30; Cee Gray, Abilene \$11,333.24; Chaparral Motors, Sonora \$11,698.16.

The county bosses then opened the bids submitted for a new motor grader for the county. The low bid went to Plains Machinery Abilene with a Gallion 500-E \$65,649.00. Other bids turned in were: Anderson Equipment, San Antonio with a Champion \$69,274.00; Holt Machinery Co. with a Catapillar-140 \$86,195 and Tillson Godsey, Odessa with a John Deere 770-A \$77,664.00. Work on the rodeo arena was the

next item on the Commissioner's Agenda. The county agreed to reject all material bids submitted for the proposed enclosing of the rodeo slab. The county agreed to extend the cement slab but decided to reject the Schleicher County Rodeo Association's offer to provide the labor for enclosing the slab to create a community center. Due to liability insurance, etc. it was decided by the court that it would be to the advantage of the community to place the job in next year's county budget and have it done by a contractor.

Commissioners then discussed the need for a lawn mower for the courthouse. Judge Griffin will check on purchase prices and report back to the court before a decision is reached.

The court read correspondence for the Texas Department of Energy Management concerning the approval

of S.B.A. loans for Schleicher County field crops. This is the first time these loans have been authorized for the county. In other correspondence the county learned that they, along with all other counties in Texas, are being sued by a Mr. Bush. Mr. Bush is a proponent of stronger jail standards and is taking this means to make his convictions known.

In an unrelated jail matter, Joe Slater, state inspector on jail standards made an inspection of the county's facility and certified that it met all standards. Mr. Slater then presented the court with a certification of such.

The court then heard the official reports of various county department heads.

The Tom Green County Juvenile Center was the next topic up for the Commissioners attention. The Center, when completed, will service

surrounding counties including Schleicher and the county would require that each county pay \$50 per juvenile from their individual counties for the use of the facility. The

Commissioners agreed to comply with this request.

The court then discussed the request for private road work. County Attorney T.P. Robinson

approached the court and urged the county to microfilm the county clerk's records. No action was taken.

The court then adjourned after no further business was presented.

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Area winners at stock shows

Members of Eldorado's FFA and 4-H Clubs came home from the San Antonio Stock Show with some impressive winnings.

Those placing in their respective categories are:

Stan Spinks - 8th place Heavy Weight Hereford.

Kelly Leggett - 4th place Light Weight Brangus.

Mitzi Mittel - 5th place Light Weight Brangus.

Stephen Whitten - 13th place Light Weight Maine Angus.

Stephen Whitten - 8th place British

Cross Light Weight.

Marty Wells - 15th place Light Weight Chininia.

Marty Wells was scheduled to show his Angora goat Wednesday February 15th and Jeffery Hausenfluck and Amy Turner were scheduled to show their Angus heifers on Thursday February 16th. The Leader will report their placings in next week's edition.

County Agent Jerry Swift reports that the kids will have a two week rest before traveling to Houston's Stock Show.

7th grade boys take 3rd

The seventh grade boys basketball team won consolation at the district tournament held last week in McCamey. On Thursday they lost their first game to Big Lake with a score of 33-21. On Friday they beat Big Lake by a score of 23-22 with Carter Edmiston tossing in the winning basket with 5 seconds left. They then went on to beat Wall with a score of 37-24.

Trey Preston posted 15 points for high scorer and Fred Robles came in with 8 points.

The team coached by Philip Meyer ended the season with thirteen wins and only four losses. The team consists of: Chris Flutsch, Dusty Barton, Stan Meador, Marco Martinez, Steve Whitten, Carter Edmiston, Cody King, Joe Montalvo, Fred Robles, Howard Ledbetter, Larry Ramos, Scott Robison, Skeeter Roubison, Rudy Sanchez, David Rodriguez, Michael Kent, Jeff Hutcherson, Danny Fuentes, Trey Preston and David Regaldo.

Watchdog Loeffler honored

Congressman Tom Loeffler was presented with the Golden Bulldog Award on February 1 by the Watchdogs of the Treasury, Inc., for his voting efforts to keep federal spending down and thus avoid waste and burdensome deficits.

The Award is presented to those members of Congress who vote for fiscal responsibility in government based on the "Economy Voting

Record," a compilation of selected congressional votes published by an independent research firm. Congressman Loeffler maintained a 100 percent voting record according to their index.

Watchdogs of the Treasury is a nonpartisan organization whose award for fiscal integrity in government is presented during each Congress.

Elections get interesting

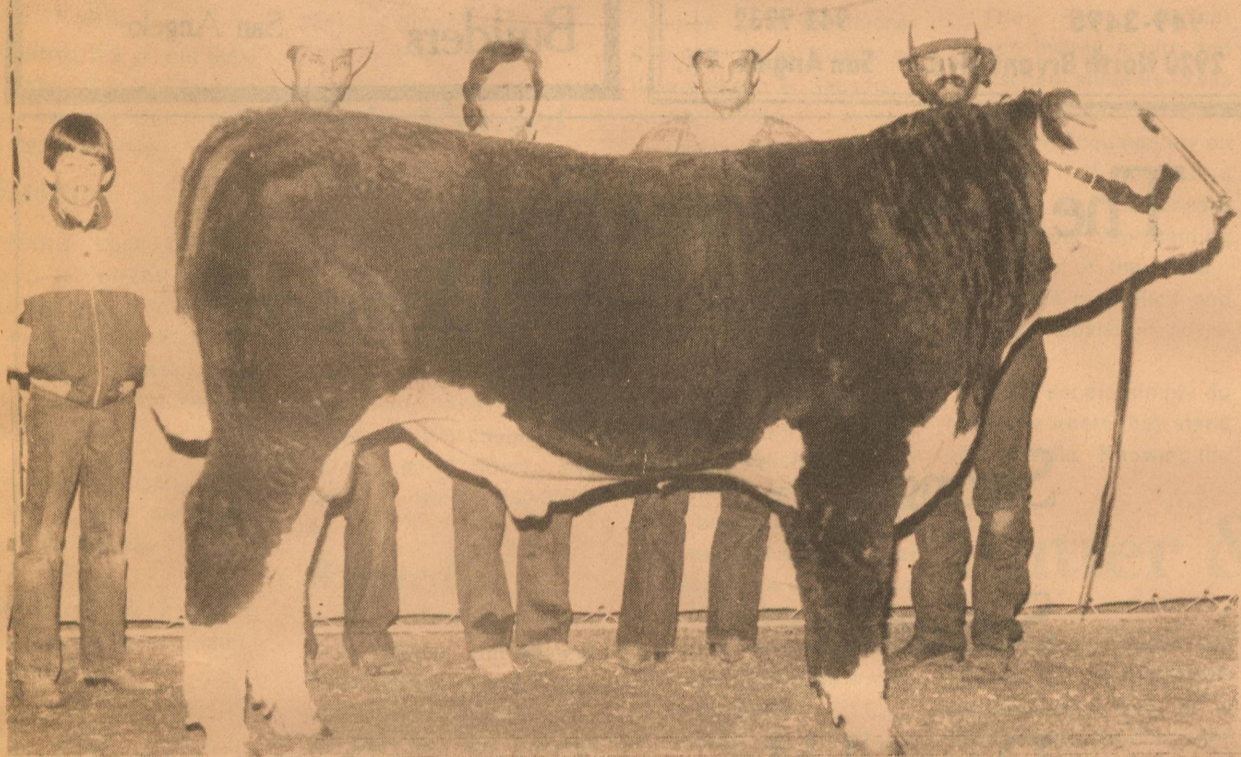
The selection expands for the three expiring terms on the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees, incumbent Richard Kent and Bobby Helmers entered their names into the school board race to join earlier filers, Joe Max Edmiston, Phil Edmiston and Terry Green. At present Sonny Turner has not filed for the seat he presently holds on the

board and an additional vacancy is to be filled by the resignation of Frankie Hardy from the board.

The Schleicher County Medical Center Board of Trustees has four members reaching tenure with no filings being reported earlier this week. The four positions are presently being held by Curtis Andrews, Mike Moore, Sam Hender-

son, Jr., and E.C. "Pete" Peters.

The Eldorado City Council has seen two of its incumbents, Edwin "Rooster" Jackson, Jr. and Bobbie Sanders filing for their seats on the City Council for the upcoming term. Gus Willeke has resigned his seat on the City Council due to the fact that he has moved outside the city limits and will no longer be eligible to hold a place on the Council.



The first-place senior bull calf at the 1984 Southwestern Exposition Register of Merit Hereford Show, Fort Worth, was RCR Domino 11D ET, a September 1982 calf sired by Le Grand

Domino 7184, and owned by Rocking Chair Ranch, Fort McKavett, and Dillard Hereford Ranches, Ringling, Ok.

Pictured with the first-place bull calf, left to right, are Mike Rich,

Ringling, Ok; Dale Rich, Dillard Hereford Ranches manager; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dillard, Dillard Hereford Ranches, and Mark McClintock, Rocking Chair Ranch manager.



Work on the new Producer's Gas building is progressing on schedule.

Don Hudson, manager, says that the new facility should be ready for

occupation by April 1st. An Open House will be held later in the spring.

S.C.I.S.D. okays order of two buses

Schleicher County Independent School District's Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night covering a lengthy agenda that ran from acquiring two new buses to appointing election judges.

The board approved the ordering of two new passenger buses, a nineteen passenger and a forty-seven passenger bus. In order to have the vehicles here for the next term the board had to order them now.

Johnny Griffin appeared before the board to request the school's endorsement of a rodeo club. Superintendent Whitaker was instructed to contact schools with rodeo clubs to determine what regulations needed to be established. The rodeo club would not be affiliated with the school nor would it receive financial support from the school but it would allow students

to participate in rodeo related events.

Ray Ballew met with the board to discuss stepping up the collection process of taxes. Mr. Ballew was instructed to continue in the current trend of collection and if it was necessary to file on taxpayers to pay taxes, it would be handled at a later date.

The board then heard Weldon Moore and his computer committee and their recommendations. The board agreed to support the computer program and to purchase a computer network for the high school and elementary school at a later date.

Recommended changes on the handbook for band were presented by Mr. McCarson and Mr. Marsh. These changes were approved.

The election judges for the upcoming school board election and ab-

sentee voting have been appointed, they are Bill Gentry, absentee judge and Helen Bebee, election judge. The clerks appointed are Cynthia Sauer, Patsey Kellogg, Laura Gentry and Joy Henderson.

The trustees approved the Shriners' request to be exempt from paying a fee and deposit for their use of the exhibit building during a circus for a reception and rest area.

Trustees were advised that the state has changed the required guidelines for Special Education Co-op; Schleicher County is in the Menard Co-op. The policy was adopted by the board.

All contracts of the administration were renewed by the board.

After payment of the monthly maintenance bills the board then adjourned.



These young ladies were in the cookie business this week as they sold Girl

Scout cookies. L to R: Kathy Moore, Kelly Blakeway, Christy Robinson,

Mary Kirkendoll and Angie Fitts.

Community News

Thursday Feb. 2, at a Chamber of Commerce banquet in Dimmit, Texas, Gainell Minnick was presented as Teacher of the Year by Lorannell Hamilton.

Gainell is the daughter of Mrs. H.A. Belk and the late H.A. Belk of Eldorado and graduated from Eldorado High School. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree and her Masters from West Texas State University in Canyon.

She has been in the Dimmit School system for thirteen years. She established the eighth grade reading program, which she continues to teach. She has also worked with Adult Education and was a seventh grade class sponsor. She has taught fourth grade and Title I Migrant. She is on the evaluation committee for the schools and is a member of the Texas State Teacher's Association, the Dimmit Classroom Teacher's Association and Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for teachers. She has held offices in all three organizations and is currently president of the Dimmit CTA and vice president of DKG.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmit and sings in the church choir. She serves on the Worship Committee and has done special singing for children's sermons and for weddings.

Her husband is Jodie Minnick and they have a daughter, Shelley.

On Monday Feb. 6, Governor White was at a dinner meeting in Dimmit and Gainell was asked to sit at the head table with him. She felt honored to have the privilege.

Gladys Gunn retired as County Librarian the first

of the year. Mrs. Tony Cheatham (Fayla) was selected to be the Librarian in her place.

Mrs. Gunn had been Librarian for thirteen years. She was assistant to Miss Ruth Baker eight years before she became Librarian.

There will be a reception honoring Mrs. Gunn in the Library Sunday afternoon, March 4. The community is invited to attend. If you have not been to the Library, this will be an excellent opportunity to see what had been done this past year and how the Library has improved through the years.

Leon Stricklan had open heart surgery in a San Antonio Hospital last week. He is doing well and is at home now.

Sarah Hall, from the Nursing Home, was rushed to San Angelo Community Hospital Monday of last week. She is much improved and is in a private room now.

Amy Robertson, daughter of the Gene Robertsons, has been in a San Angelo Hospital but is home now and doing much better.

Bill Williams is in Intensive Care in Community Hospital after complications resulting from a car accident last week.

Mrs. Dora Mankin has had surgery in a San Angelo hospital recently.

Orland Harris has had back surgery recently in Shannon Hospital but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McWhorter attended the funeral of Jack Montgo-

By Evelyn Stigler
mery in Angleton, Texas Wednesday Feb. 1. The Montgomerys are former Eldorado residents. His wife was a nurse in the first hospital we had in Eldorado. They have three sons: Monty, Philip and Scott, one daughter, Dale and five grandchildren, 2 granddaughters and 3 grandsons. Bob was a pallbearer for Jack's funeral.

About 18 members of the Sewing Club went to San Angelo to meet with Opal Meador Monday Feb. 13. A number of other guests were there too. They enjoyed visiting, crocheting, knitting and other types of crafts. Mrs. Meador took them to South Fork for lunch, then they returned to her home for a time before returning home.

Mrs. Rick Sterling, Becky, was helping to trim trees in the yard when a limb broke and caused her to fall. She broke a bone in her wrist and will wear a cast for about six weeks.

Mrs. Evelyn Stigler attended the funeral of a long time friend in Eunice, N.M. Monday afternoon. He was Theo Armstrong, husband of a former Howard Payne College room mate of Mrs. Stigler. He was taken to Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs, N.M. but the funeral was in First Baptist Church of Eunice, N.M. They have one daughter, Mrs. Ross Robinson, her husband and two grandchildren.

Baby shower

Mrs. Jimmy Dan Doyle was honored with a baby shower Sunday in San Angelo in the home of Mrs. Ann Davidson, 226 Mamosa Dr.

Hostess was Donna Bradford, Debbie Sekack and Debbie Sanders. Refreshments were served. Several guests attended. Those from Eldorado were Frankie Short and Bessie Doyle.

Merry Makers meet

The Merry Makers Club met at the Eldorado Dairy Mart. Forty two games were played. All twelve members were present.

Mrs. Mildred Stanford, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kent, stayed in to visit with the club, which everyone enjoyed.

Come one, Come all

The LEON Group is having a dinner in the basement of the Presbyterian Church for the entire community of Eldorado. They will serve the meal consisting of Stew and Cornbread from 12:00 to 1:30 on Sunday February 19th. Donations will be accepted and take-out orders are available. The proceeds will be used for the Ski Retreat during Spring Break. The LEON Group is made up of Presbyterian and Methodist Youth Groups.

Clark receives honor

Bill Clark was chosen as one out of ten FFA youths in the state to receive an award at the Rural Youth Honor Banquet.

This banquet was held in the Iberian Ball Room at the La Mansion Del Rio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on February 10, 1984.

Twenty of these awards are given to 4-H members, 10 to FHA and 10 to FFA members.

Each honoree is selected by his organization based on individual achievements.

Bill's achievements in

FFA include Greenhand President, Chapter Secretary, Chapter President 2 years, Concho District President 2 years and Area II President at the current time.

He has received the Star Chapter Farmer Award Swine Proficiency Award and Swine Showmanship Award twice.

He has shown barrows 4 years and finewool lambs 1 year.

He has been on the Greenhand Quiz Team, Junior Chapter Conducting Team and Senior Chapter Conducting Team. He also placed 1st in District and

2nd at Area in the Extemporaneous speaking contest this year.

The San Antonio Stock Show along with the

Kiwanis Club host a reception and dinner each year for the outstanding young men and women.

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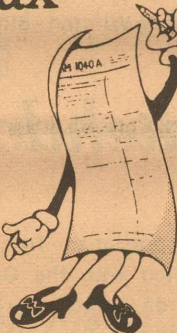
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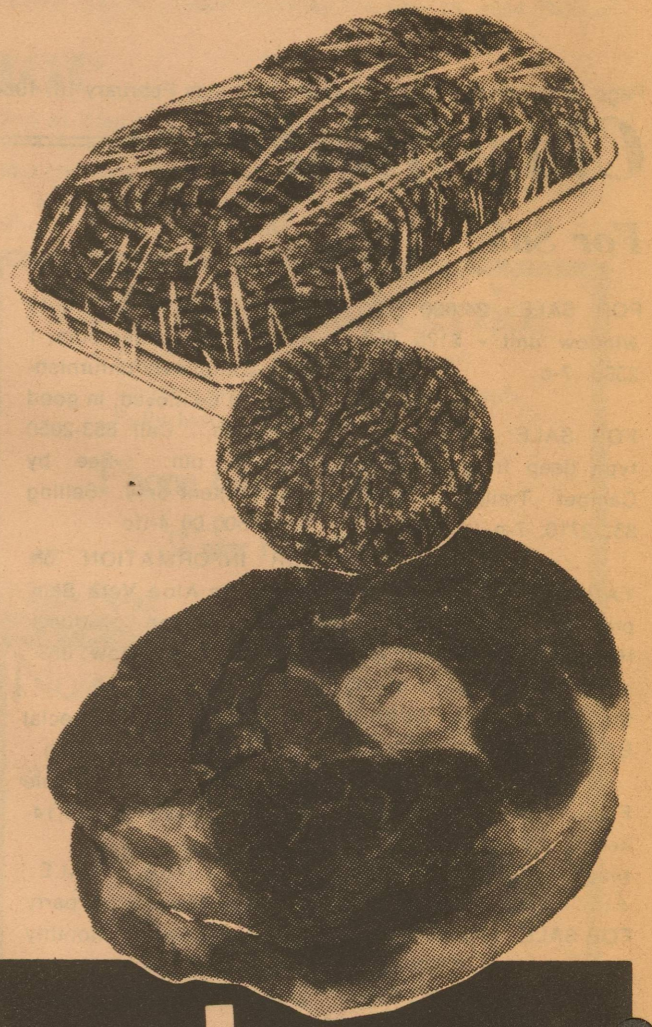
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