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## Sesquicentennial plans expand

In a letter from Jeanine Hicks, Program Officer for this area, Schleicher County 150th Committee's application was officially approved by the Texas Commission. She stated, "We are proud to have you affiliated with the Texas Sesquicentennial and have therefore notified the State Legislators who represent your district that you were officially sanctioned." A list of activities that are being planned to be used during 1986 was sent in to the Commission to be included in the official guide of events which will be sent to all sanctioned communities in the state of Texas.

Elton McGinnes, treasurer of Schleicher County Committee met

with Commissioners Court Monday July 8, and asked for funds to get some things started. They granted \$1,000 to the committee. Texas Logo decals and pens with state logo on them have been ordered. Plans are being formulated to make a county quilt. Clara May Donaldson and Noweita Briggs are planning the quilt and would appreciate help in designing blocks with pictures or patterns of something representative of our country.

There will be a big Texas Music Festival in May in conjunction with the Spring Music Concert May 15, 1986.

Mias Amigas 1986 which will meet the last week in June will carry out some phase of the Texas

Celebration in its meeting.

Sesquicentennial 1986 activities will be combined with Schleicher County Days August 15-16. There will be a large Arts and Crafts display - particularly antique quilts and old things of interest. There will be food booths of all kinds, games for all ages and plenty of music. The Schleicher County Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday nights. A big parade with many interesting features will be the main event. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place floats. All organizations are urged to begin planning a float now.

Schleicher County Sesquicentennial 1986 should be a time to remember.

## Bill Clark honored at State FFA meeting

The 57th annual convention of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America was held at the Astro Arena in Houston, Texas July 10, 11, and 12.

Five FFA members from Eldorado attended the convention along with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean Clark, parents of State vice president Bill Clark and local Vo. Ag. teacher Fred Igo. Matthew Dahlberg, Brian Daniels and Sonny Dean received their Lone Star Farmer degrees at the third general session Thursday morning. Wendi Dunagan attended the convention and acted as the voting delegate from Eldorado part of the time.

State Vice President Bill Clark conducted the Sweetheart Elections during the Stars of Texas program Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean Clark received the Honorary Lone Star Farmer award at the Thursday evening session. Their award was presented by their son Bill Clark. The Texas Association has one president and nine vice presidents. There is one state officer for each of the ten vocational agriculture areas in the state.

The ten state officers cast secret ballots to select a Student vice president of the year. Bill Clark, vice president from Area II and Eldorado received the student vice president of the year.

The association of past State FFA Officers select one of the ten

state officers to receive the outstanding officer of the year award. This award along with a \$500 scholarship was presented to Bill Clark.

Aaron Alejandro, from Boys Ranch in Area I was elected state FFA president for the 1985-86 year. Nancy Tollett, from the Jonesboro chapter in area VIII was elected first vice president. This is the first time

for a girl to hold this position.

Scholarships were presented during the FFA convention. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo presented 50 FFA members with an \$8,000 scholarship each. The San Antonio and Fort Worth shows also presented scholarships. There were approximately \$550,000 in scholarships presented during the convention.

## Local towns show increase

State Comptroller Bob Bullock made a lot of people happy when he mailed out this month's sales tax payments. A total of \$56.8 million was mailed out the 1003 cities that levy the one-percent city tax.

Area towns are showing increases for this pay period such as Irion County's 19.40% increase. Their check this period totaled \$3,512.31 which brings their 1985 payments to date to \$37,239.85 as compared to \$31,188.93 for last year.

Eldorado's check for \$3,668.48 brings the 1985 payments to \$31,592.65 which is a 3.07% increase from last year's total of \$30,651.77.

Sonora is really showing an upswing in their economy with a 18.81% increase. Their check for \$21,750.12 brings their 1985 total to \$145,979.94. This time last year the total was \$122,871.88.

Menard remains in an economic slump of sorts with a 7.95% decrease with their check of \$3,056.70. To date this year they

have totaled \$21,926.60 whereas last year at this time they had received a total of \$23,819.46.

San Angelo is showing a 6.26% increase over last year. Their latest check from Bullock totaled

\$343,537.89 for a 1985 total of \$2,981,715.76. Last year's to-date total was \$2,806,020.33.

So, overall, the area is showing a definite economic upward trend as compared to the same time last year.

## VFW to host community BBQ

The VFW of Eldorado will be hosting a BBQ on Friday, August 3rd on the Courthouse lawn at 5:00p.m. For \$4.00 you get a plate full of delicious BBQ with all the trimmings. VFW members will be doing all the cooking and a spokesman for the organization promises that it will "be the best meal you could get anywhere for just \$4.00."

After the BBQ a ¼ beef and a

Remington Model 1100 Vent-Rib Shotgun will be given away. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy all the delicious BBQ and to also enjoy a night of fun and visiting. Make plans now to come August 3rd.

Tickets for the BBQ and donations can be procured from any VFW member or at the BBQ.

## July 22 deadline for queen

Time is running out for local young ladies to compete for the title of Schleicher County Days Rodeo Queen. According to Lori Logan, Chairman of the queen contest, if more interest is not shown by July 22nd, the contest cannot be held.

There are many local girls who can qualify to compete in the contest and it would be a shame not to have the contest due to lack of interest.

Rules of the competition call for the girls to be between the ages of 14 and 21 and must not be married, divorced or the parent of a child. The contestants are to be judged on personality, appearance, horsemanship and ticket sales. Each of these requirements will represent one-fourth in her tabulated total in the competition. The chosen queen will be eligible to compete for the Miss Rodeo Texas title later in the year.

If any one is interested in vying for the title and honor of being chosen Miss Schleicher County Days Rodeo Queen then please call Lori Logan at 853-3067 or reigning queen Wendi Dunagan at 853-2864. Remember, July 22nd is the deadline.

## "Old Settlers" new to S.C. Days

It won't be long now till Schleicher County Days on August 10. A new feature will be added to this year's festivities, the crowning of "Old Settlers King and Queen."

Longtime residents of the county will be eligible to be nominated for the honors. Nominees must have lived in Schleicher County for at least 20 years and must also plan on attending the celebration. To nominate persons for the titles include the nominee's name, your name and a brief biography stating why you feel they should be chosen. All entries must be submitted to Candy Richards, Ron Sutto or City Hall.

## Rodeo nears

Rodeo time is approaching fast and as in the past, Eldorado is gearing up for an exciting two nights August 9-10. The 16th annual Eldorado Open Rodeo will be produced by Lester Meier of Fredricksburg, Texas and will start Friday night at 8:00p.m.

The cowboys and cowgirls will be competing in the following events: bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team

The entrants will all be presented on stage during Schleicher County Days.

Other activities planned for the day include: horseshoes, washers, dominoes, 42, Little Mister and Miss Contest, Breakdance contest, Fun Run and much more.

Booths are still available for groups or individuals at \$10.00. If interested in renting a booth, contact Candy Richards or Ron Sutto.

A more complete schedule and list of events will be printed in the weeks to come.

## Gliddon new store owner

Monday morning, July 15, Hext Foods which has been in operation in Eldorado for twenty three years with Granvil Hext as owner and manager, became Gliddon's Grocery.

Mr. Gliddon is from Temple, Texas and has been in the grocery business for many years. He and his wife grew up in McCulloch County near Brady. They have a grown daughter who is working in Gainesville, Florida as a tennis instructor. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Gliddon states that he will continue to offer about the same quality of merchandise and the employees will remain the same.

Mr. Hext is retiring from the business world for now. He is looking forward to relaxing, fishing and playing a lot of golf. He is a civic minded person, active in Lion's Club for many years. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church and has been for 21 years. He is still a strong leader in the church.

Granvil and his wife, Mary, moved to Eldorado February 16, 1962 where they lived on Dixie Drive. Later they bought a home on Brooks Ave. where they lived together until Mary passed away in September 1984. Granvil still lives there.

The Leader, on behalf of the Community would like to extend best wishes to Granvil on his retirement and would also like to welcome the Gliddons as new merchants and citizens of Eldorado.

## City Council meeting

City Councilmen burned the midnight oil Tuesday, July 9th during their regular meeting.

Several guests were in attendance at the meeting, the first of which was Mrs. Mike Arispe who requested that their home be permanently connected to the city's water line in the Three Sisters Addition. The council, after discussion, granted permission for the connection after payment of the necessary tapping and deposit fees.

Mr. W.W. Sudduth was also requesting to tap onto city water lines as well as gas and sewer lines. Mr. Sudduth's property is located south of Derl Griffin's property and easement is on record for his line across the Griffin property. The council voted that meters be installed as requested.

Joe Christian also met with the council to discuss the accepted bid on the clay liner for the new sewer treatment plant. Also present for the discussion was plant inspector, Marvin McAngus.

SK Engineering has presented a proposal to the city for the preparation of a new map of the City of Eldorado. Estimates from Motheral were reviewed and the council instructed Secretary Mayo to contact SK to begin. Billing for the new map will be delayed until September 1st when the new budget begins.

Secretary Mayo reported to the council on monitoring by H.U.D. representative Jim Livingston on June 27th. According to Mr. Livingston unappropriated C.D.B.G. funds may be used by the city for clean-up on a request basis until the monies are depleted. This was satisfactory with the council and Mayor Bob Lester appointed Richard Mendez and Edwin Jackson, Jr. to co-sign with Mayo on H.U.D. draws and the checking account.

Mayo also reported to the council on a letter received from WTU concerning the refund of \$125,678.52 plus \$11,519.00 in interest to customers. The petition has been submitted to the Public Utility Commission for approval.

The council was presented with the proposed 1985-86 budget as well as 12 month estimates. Various changes were made with the council to consider the proposals before the next meeting before the final draft can be prepared for the hearing in August.

In other action the council: heard Superintendent Long's report; was brought up to date on the C.D.B.G. activities as well as the sewer plant progress; reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 11 and June 18 meetings and initialed the June bills.





Meador



Sterling

## Eldorado runners monopolize Masters

Eldorado was well represented at last week-end's West Texas Masters Track Meet held in Ozona. The Eldorado runners brought home 13 medals for their efforts.

The runners faced some stiff competition with the 285 partici-

pants from all over the Southwest.

The following is a list of the Eldorado runners' results:

- 10K - John Stuckey 31.13 1st place overall
- 10K - Brenda Stuckey 38.48 1st place women
- 100M - Jennifer Patton 13:04 1st place new record

- 200 M - Jennifer Patton 28.05 1st place new record
- 400 M - Lynn Meador 60 seconds 2nd place
- 100 M - Rita McWhorter 21.21 3rd place
- 200 M - Rita McWhorter 43.14 2nd place

- 800 M - Rita McWhorter 4.22 2nd place
- 1500 M - Rita McWhorter 8.14 3rd place
- 800 M - Rick Sterling 2.22 2nd place
- 1500 M - Rick Sterling 5.20 1st place
- 800 M - Harvey Wink 2.30 3rd place
- 200 M - Jenny Wink 37.38 1st place

Photos courtesy of Rita McWhorter

## Miss Wink goes on to TAAF Meet

Jenny Wink, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wink of Eldorado, recently qualified to participate in the Texas Amateur Athletics Federation meet to be held in Ft. Worth July 18th.

Jenny earned the right to compete in the state meet by qualifying at the TAAF Regional Qualifiers Meet in Midland in June. She will be

competing in the 400 meter and 40 meter dash as well as the 800 meter.

The pretty blonde runner has competed in other runs this summer including the mile run at the Run In the Sun at San Angelo where she placed 3rd in the 35 year and under division and she most recently won first in her division at the West Texas Masters Track Meet held in Ozona last Saturday.

## Keep Texas Beautiful

The Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission has a goal that all Texans should adopt for 1986 - to make the state as spotless and litter free for our Sesquicentennial visitors as possible. Keep Texas Beautiful Inc., an officially sanctioned Texas Independence Association, is sponsoring the 1986 Governor's Achievement Awards with that goal in mind. It wants to involve every community in the state.

Among Keep Texas Beautiful's objectives for the awards competition are reduction of litter in Texas at the local level, particularly along highway rights-of-way, involvement of citizens in community enhancement projects such as cleaner streets, highways, downtown areas and fostering of local pride.

The Governor's Community Achievement Awards competition is open to all Texas cities, regardless of population size. It is divided into

eight population categories, from towns with less than 2500 people, that would be our category, to more than 300,000. Each category winner receives a graduated percentage of the \$700,000 highway landscape fund provided by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Cities will be judged in eight different areas, including cleanups and litter reduction, education, public awareness, citizen participation recycling and beautification.

This should be an incentive to try to clean up Eldorado first then try to make it beautiful. Drive down Main Street in the business section and see the vacant building, old service stations, vacant lots, weeds and more weeds, old cars around homes, on highway and in business section. One way to attract new people to this community is to show we care!

## Garvin to sell plants

Doug Garvin has built a metal building with intent to have plants of all kinds for sale out on Sonora

Highway near Jerry Swifts. New stock of plants will be arriving soon.

## Good Neighbors meet

The Goodneighbor Extension Club met with Ola Ruth Barbee at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 15th. Flora Riley called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Ruby Hight gave the Secretary's report and called the roll. Roll call was answered with each members preference in exercise classes.

Those attending were Flora Riley, Margaret Gillaspay and Hettie Bryan. Also in attendance were Ruby Hight and Ruth Barbee. Refreshments of ice cream and cake and a drink were served by the hostess. Mrs. Hettie Bryan will be hostess to the club for their next meeting on August the 19th.

This crowd enjoyed all the good food and good music Tuesday at the Nursing Home as Kathleen Holmer and Ruth Hext were feted with a birthday party.



**Menu for July 22 - 26**

*Soup of the day*

**Monday-Potato**

**Tuesday-Nacho Cheese**

**Wednesday-Broccoli & Cheese**

**Thursday-Chicken Vegetable**

**Friday-Corn bread and beans**

**Daily Specials**

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**Tuesday-Poor Boys**

**Wednesday-Lasagne**

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## 42 Club meets

Mrs. Zelma Henderson was hostess for the "42" Club party at her home last Thursday, July 11. She had four guests, Mrs. Vi Finnegan, Mrs. Jessie Sudduth, Mrs. Gladys Gunn and Florence Hinton. She was assisted by Bessie Clifton and Lillian Mikeska. Maudie Bassinger and Virginia Griffin were hostesses for the June meetings which were also enjoyed by both members and guests. Louise Logan will host the next meeting on July 25th.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT RATES**

General Telephone Company of the Southwest in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas gives notice of its intent to implement new exchange access rates for the provision of shared tenant and tenant resale services.

These proposed rates are applicable to customers of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, excluding hotel/motel customers, who provide local exchange telephone service of General Telephone Company of the Southwest to their tenants or patrons on a resale or shared use basis. This resale or sharing arrangement is normally provided utilizing a customer-provided PABX or other similar stored control switch capable of common control processing or other features commonly associated with a PABX "Smart" switch.

These proposed rates are designed to recover costs on a usage basis for local exchange telephone service access and are identical to General Telephone's "Optional Measured Service" rates. The monthly access rate will be \$28.95 per trunk line and the usage rates are as follows:

Over	Up To and Including	Band	Set Up	Full Rate Period Each Minute
0	7 miles	A	\$ .025	\$ .015
7	14 miles	B	.035	.021
14	21 miles	C	.050	.030
21	28 miles	D	.070	.042
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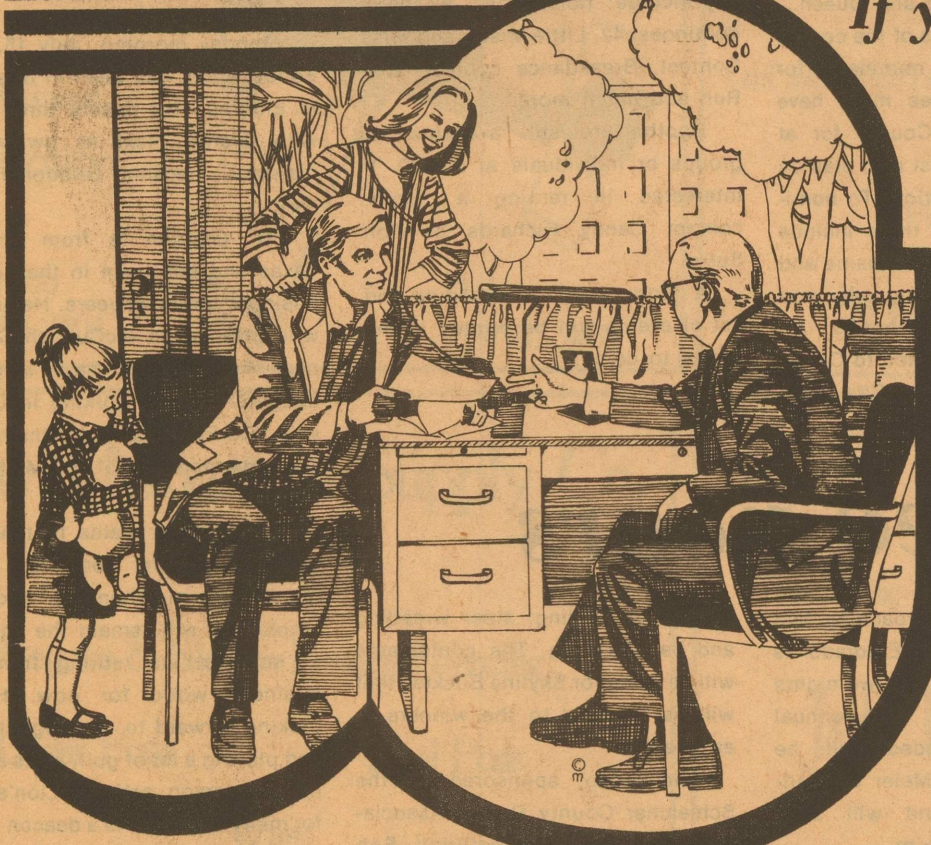
As this is a new service offering, we are unable to determine the number of customers who may be affected. Currently, there are no known prospective customers. Until any customer utilizes this new offering, there will be no effect on the revenues of the telephone company, and in any event, the telephone company does not expect revenues to be affected by more than 2 1/2 percent. These proposed rates, where applicable, will provide tariffed local exchange access to customers who then will provide shared or resale services to tenants.

These proposed rates have been suspended by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and will become effective as proposed or modified by order of the Commission on a date to be determined by the commission.

The proposed rate schedule is on file with the Commission for public inspection and is also available at any business office of General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumers Affairs Division at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Under the proposed tariff, Private Coin Service would be offered for use with a customer-provided, instrument-implemented coin telephone at the request of the customer. The new service is scheduled to become effective on November 16, 1985, or upon approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The matter has been assigned to Docket No. 6309.

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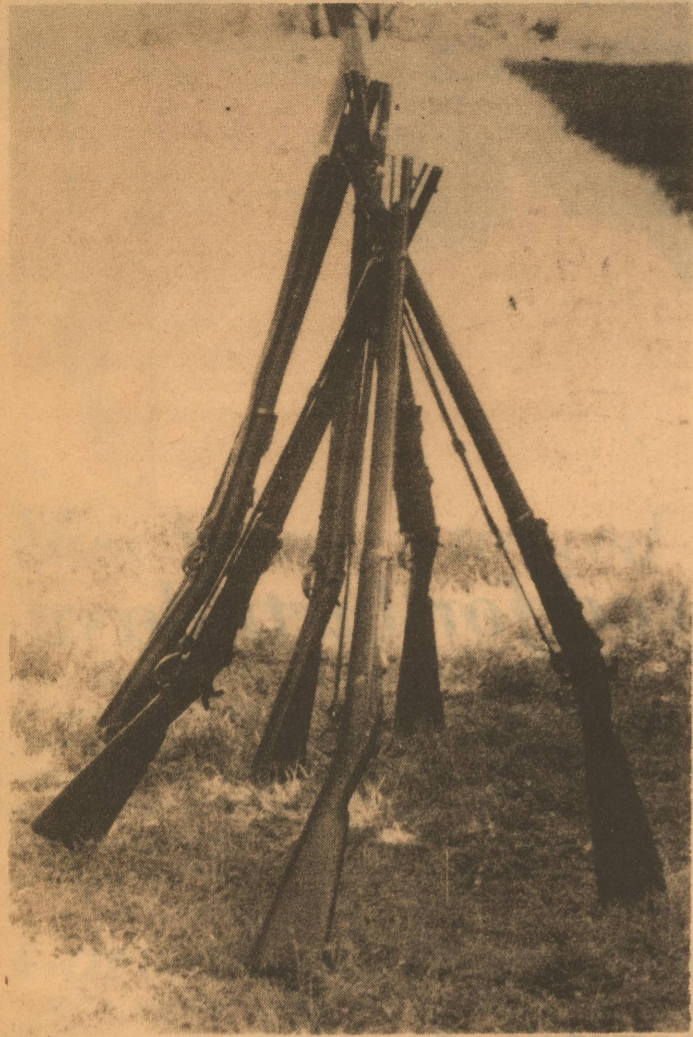
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# Ft. McKavett relived for a week-end

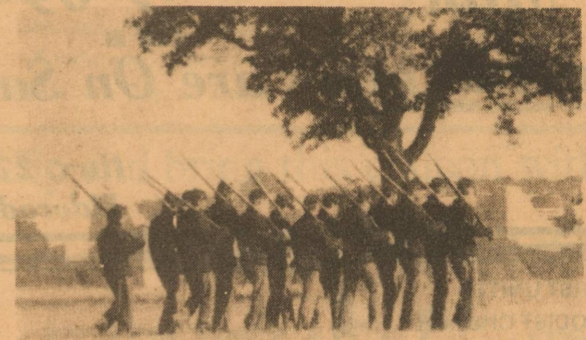
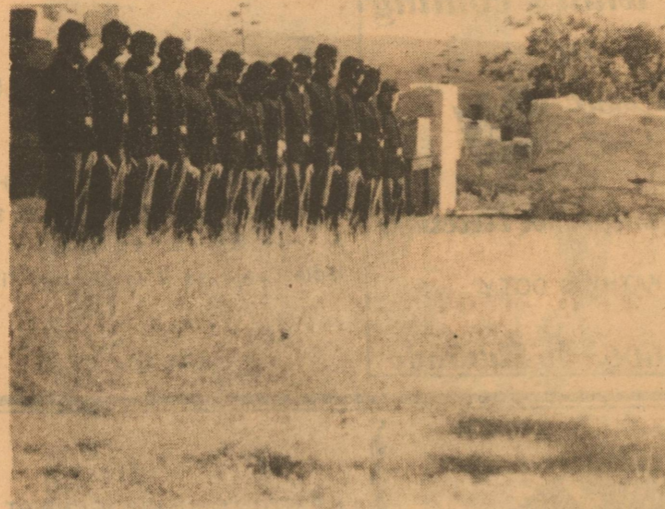
Photos by Weldon Jenkins



by Mary Jenkins

Ft. McKavett was alive with activity over the weekend as members of the Fort Concho Infantry and Cavalry performed activities of the frontier soldiers of the 1800's.

The Fort Concho Infantry is a branch of the education department of the Fort Concho Museum of San Angelo. It was founded in the Spring



of 1982, and was legitimized in September of 1982. According to the by-laws of their constitution, the unit "shall portray the 16th U.S. Infantry of the late 1870's and early 1880's." A contingent of the 16th Infantry regiment was stationed at Ft. McKavett during this post-war period.

The Fort Concho Cavalry was

established in the summer of 1984. The unit portrays Company "D" of the 4th Regiment which was stationed at Fort Concho in its early years in 1871-1873.

The Infantry and Cavalry are dedicated to the authenticity of their units, from their uniforms and equipment to their on-field programs. Time-period military rank

and procedure are followed during all activities. Their main objective is to educate the public about the life and activities of a frontier soldier.

This re-creation of military activity at Fort McKavett pays tribute to all who fought and lived there, and establishes Fort McKavett as a major part of the frontier defense system.

## Youths attend Expo.

Four Eldorado youths took stock to Herford Expo held at Rocking Chair Ranch's Lipan Spring division south of San Angelo last Friday and Saturday. They were Danny Willeke, Farley Dakin, Stanley Spinks and Eric McGinness.

More than 135 exhibitors showed steer and heifer at the Expo, the first held in Texas since 1976. The youngsters were from 11 states,

including Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, California, Arizona, Louisiana, Oregon, Kentucky, New Mexico and Colorado.

Pete and Fred Case showed a steer and Danny Willeke bought a heifer at the show.

The boys did some judging and got a lot of experience in being a part of such a great show.

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**TOM LOEFFLER**  
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**Reports from Washington**

### The IRS — A Taxing Problem

During my six years as representative of the 21st District in Congress, I have never received more complaints and inquiries about the Internal Revenue Service than I have during the past four months.

The IRS has always been the federal agency Americans love to hate. During the 1985 tax season, however, passive dislike for this necessary institution has turned to rage and distrust as Americans have reacted to reports of shredded IRS documents in Austin and massive backups in processing of returns in Philadelphia.

My friend and fellow Texan, J.J. Pickle, has taken the lead in investigating the discrepancies uncovered in the IRS Service Centers, with particular emphasis on the paper shredding incident in Austin. According to IRS investigators, a first-line 'unit' supervisor at the Austin Service Center ordered an employee to destroy between 5,000 and 6,000 pieces of taxpayer correspondence. Luckily, no actual tax returns were destroyed, and the IRS has taken steps to correct the procedures which had been used in the Austin center.

The Philadelphia Service Center, which has had computer and human problems even more severe than the rest of the country this year, will not wrap up processing of all its cases until August. More than 176,000 pieces of taxpayer correspondence have piled up at the Philadelphia Center and, to date, remain unanswered.

In response to questions from the members of the Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee, IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger testified that as of June 1, more than a million taxpayers who had filed their returns on time had not yet received refunds to which they were entitled. Given the fact that the average refund this year is \$833, one can calculate that as of June 1, the IRS was withholding more than \$916 million which was due American taxpayers.

The federal government pays a high price for these late returns, too. By law, the government must pay 13 percent interest on all refunds not returned to taxpayers by June 1. Commissioner Egger's promise that virtually all outstanding returns would be processed by late July did little to allay the concerns of the members of the Ways and Means committee.

Clearly, the Internal Revenue Service is in need of a thorough house-cleaning. This agency has not been responsive to the public, has broadened its powers unnecessarily and is becoming increasingly inefficient. The growing inability of the IRS to carry out its basic tax-collecting and processing tasks is only one of the very real reasons that Americans have become disillusioned and resentful of what should be a willing contribution to finance our federal government.

In recent years, the Congress has tried — with little or no success — to impose order and enforce equity at the IRS. Perhaps the glaring inefficiencies and deficiencies which occurred during the 1985 tax season will at last open Congress' eyes — and stiffen our spine — in dealing with this powerful federal bureaucracy.



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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Bratcher:

The officers of the 1985 Mias Amigas Club want to thank you and your staff for all the wonderful articles about the Mias Amigas gathering this year. We had a lot of compliments on this years write-ups and that's due to the talent of you and your staff. Our community is indeed fortunate in having such a co-operative editor.

Gratefully,  
Mias Amigas Club  
by Noweita Briggs

P.S. I would like to add my personal thanks.

Noweita Briggs, Pres.

Look what's coming



Appointment Not Necessary

KATHY S. DOTY

853-3606 Eldorado



## Ladies honored for birthdays

Kathleen Holmer and Ruth Hext were honored Wednesday July 17th as July Birthday honorees. The ladies enjoyed a lovely day filled

with fun and activities. They were honored with a party in the dining room of the Nursing Home where they, along with the other residents,

numerous guests and members of the staff enjoyed the afternoon by having cake, and listening to Jo Parker serenade them all. Many happy returns to both ladies!

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John Stukey  
Church School 9:50a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50a.m.  
Youth Fellowship 7:00p.m. Wed.  
Youth Adult Study 7:30
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERTZON**  
Pastor Randy Messer  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00p.m.  
Wednesday Worship 7:30p.m.  
Prayer Services
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
Bishop Keith Knepp  
Priesthood 11:00a.m.  
Primary 10:00a.m.  
Relief Sec. 11:00a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Sacrament 9:00a.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Minister Joe Partlow  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Service 11:00a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.
- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Rev. Raul Tirado  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.  
Training Union 6-7p.m.  
Evening Worship 7-8p.m.  
Sunbeams Wed. 3:00p.m.  
Prayer Service 7:00p.m.
- UNITED PENECONSTAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Walter Ford  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
Sun. Evening Service 7:00p.m.  
Wed. Evening Service 7:30p.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MERTZON**  
Minister Jay Spurlin  
Sunday 10:45a.m.



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Minister Rusty Kwast  
Sunday Services  
Bible Class 10:00a.m.  
Assembly 11:00a.m. & 6:00p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Ladies Bible Class 10:00a.m.  
Bible Class 8:00p.m.

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MERTZON**  
Pastor Ron Albright  
Church Sunday School 9:30a.m.  
Worship 10:45a.m.  
Bible Study 7:00p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Chris Graham  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00p.m.  
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30p.m.
- IGESIA GETHSEMANE ASEMBLEA DE DIOS**  
Rev. Nick Robledo  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.  
Evening Services 5:00p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Services 7:00p.m.  
Friday Services 7:00p.m.

- MERTZON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Preacher Rueben Stanley  
Sunday Bible Class 10:00a.m.  
Church 11:00a.m.  
Wed. Study 7-8p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00p.m.  
Ladies Thursday 9-10a.m.
- OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Rev. Maurice Voity  
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30a.m.  
Wed., Sat., 7:00p.m.  
Sunday 9:00a.m.
- AGAPE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Morning Service 11:00a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.  
Rev. Ken Otwell
- ST. PETERS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MERTZON**  
Pastor Fr. James Betzen  
Sunday Morning Confession 10:30  
Spanish & English  
Mass 11:00a.m.  
Tues. Mass 7:00p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30p.m.
- ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Morning Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
No Sunday Night Service
- ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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## Hospital Auxiliary meets

The Hospital Auxiliary met in the lobby of the Hospital Thursday, June 11th.

In the business meeting a letter of application from Susie Richters for financial aid to finish her Nurses Course was read. It was voted to pay the tuition for finishing her course.

They also voted to have a drink stand for Schleicher County Days on August 17th.

Plans are in the making for putting up a fence outside near the patio so residents can spend some time outside.

Members were asked about beginning a Volunteer program with volunteers assisting nurses where there is a need. Members who are interested were asked to sign their name and later there will be a training session directed by a staff member who will give directions as to what a volunteer can do. Each person can select their own time then a schedule will be made out.

After the meeting members adjourned to the patio where they put new plants in pots to put in the Gift Shop. Come by and visit the Gift Shop.

## Hartgraves services held

Longtime Eldorado resident, Bascom Frank Hartgraves, 82, died suddenly at his home Sunday, July 15, 1985.

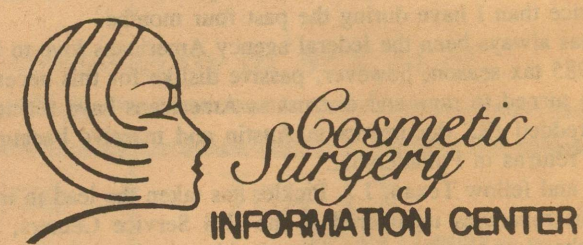
Funeral services for Mr. Hartgraves were at 10:00a.m. Wednesday July 17, 1985 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Chris Graham officiating. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Hartgraves was born May 14, 1903 in Maryneal. He married Edith Mae Waldrop at Maryneal on August 2, 1925, they moved to Eldorado in 1955. He was a rancher and a member of the First Baptist Church. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald B. and Patsy Hartgraves, of Dallas; a

daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Neal Sanders, of Houston; 3 sisters, Jewell Arrick, Vida Conner and Ada Crowell; 6 brothers, Ray, Ennis, Louis, Elwood, Roy, and Harold Hartgraves; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The Family requests that memorials be made to the American Heart Association, The First Baptist Church Building Fund or to a charity of their choice.

Pallbearers were: Weldon Davis, Wayne Mikeska, Granvil Hext, Russel Sallee, Skeet Mace and Harry Mercer. Honorary Pallbearers were: Henry Moore, Bill Williams, Leslie Bassinger and the Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Eldorado.



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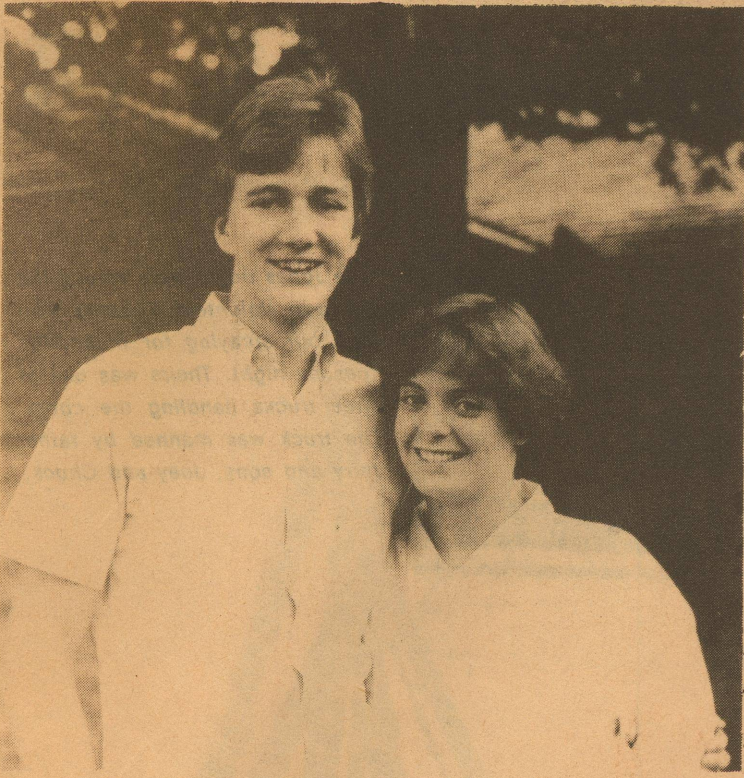
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## Miss Spencer to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Spencer of 105 S.E. Harris, Burleson, Texas would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Carla Sue Spencer and Bret Cockerham of Burleson, Texas.

The wedding is planned for 11:00a.m. August 17, at Steppingstone Baptist Church of Burleson.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Burleson High School and is a 1980 graduate of A & M University and is an Industrial Engineer with Cesna Aircraft Corp. of Wichita, Kansas. Her fiancé will be a student at the University of Wichita, Kansas.

Carla Sue is the grand daughter of Mrs. J.E. (Jake) Spencer of Eldorado.

## Garcias celebrate 50th

Martin and Otila Garcia celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Saturday afternoon, June 13, with a special Mass. Father Maurice Voity conducted the service, assisted by Father Dan. Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren had a special place in the service. Father Voity gave a special commendation to Martin and Otila for spending fifty years together as husband and wife. They reaffirmed their wedding vows by repeating

them again. Hymns were used throughout the service.

A dinner was served after the service and a big wedding cake was also served.

Mr. and Mrs. Garcia have lived in Eldorado all of their married life. They have one daughter, Mrs. Esteban Fava of Christoval, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Hosts for the party were the couple's daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

# Appreciate our highways

Ashley Nicole arrives in Odessa

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Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Van Dusen are the great-grandparents of a baby girl, Ashley Nicole Reynolds, born on July 4th in Odessa, Texas.

The mother, Lisa Morris Reynolds, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morris; Mrs. Morris the former Jo Lawrence, Mrs. Van Dusen's daughter. This is the first grand child for Jo and Jesse.

Ashley weighed 6 pounds. Her father is Michael Reynolds, an electrical contractor in Odessa. He did the wiring for the new ag barn a few years ago.



Jo Parker entertains residents, guests and staff at this week's Nursing Home Birthday Party. The group thoroughly enjoyed Mrs.

Parker's beautiful singing and playing. She was among the many wishing a happy birthday to Kathleen Holmer and Ruth Hext.

## Bradshaw and O'Diorne exchange wedding vows

Janet Gwendolyn Bradshaw and James Michael O'Diorne exchanged wedding vows July 4, 1985 in the First Baptist Church of Eldorado. The Rev. Chris Graham officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bradshaw of Eldorado. The groom is the son of Doris O'Diorne of San Angelo and Jim O'Diorne of Midland.

Maid of honor was Mary Byrd of Waco. Best Man was Jeff Chappell of San Angelo.

Janet is a graduate of Eldorado High School and Angelo State University. She is employed by Thomas D. Coffman in Austin.

James attended Central High School in San Angelo. He is employed by Texaco in Austin.

After a wedding trip to Arlington, the couple are now living in Austin.



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## Schleicher County Quarterly Statement

By A.G. McCormack Schleicher County Treasurer

	BALANCE APRIL 1, 1985	TOTAL RECEIVED (INC. TRANSFERS)	TOTAL DISBURSED (INC. TRANSFERS)	CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 1985
JURY	203.50	2,005.00	1,783.69	424.81
ROAD & BRIDGE	40,294.26	53,475.82	18,309.28	75,460.80
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL	1,192.65	48,503.13	42,325.82	7,369.96
FARM*MARKET ROAD	18,404.48	68,439.00	83,210.43	3,633.05
LATERAL ROAD	144.46	-0-	-0-	144.46
GENERAL	16,152.83	97,479.59	89,932.72	23,699.70
OFFICERS SALARY	11,496.63	79,715.73	82,966.23	8,246.13
LAW LIBRARY	192.33	1,610.00	970.72	831.61
SOCIAL SECURITY	55,929.76	800.05	19,647.90	37,081.91
REVENUE SHARING	60,504.42	16,565.44	2,908.00	74,161.86
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	44,888.93	2,605.58	-0-	47,494.51
MEMORIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND	-0-	203,244.77	18,686.02	184,558.75
	249,404.25	574,444.11	360,740.81	463,107.55
TOTAL SECURITIES OWNED BY COUNTY				413,765.63
TOTAL CASH & SECURITIES				876,873.18

## A boy for the Snodgrasses

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Snodgrass of San Angelo, the former Sarah Day, have a baby boy, their first child, born in Shannon Hospital, Friday July 12th. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces, was 21 inches long and named Jedediah Joshua.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Snodgrass of Sonora and Mrs. and Mrs. Ira Day of Eldorado.

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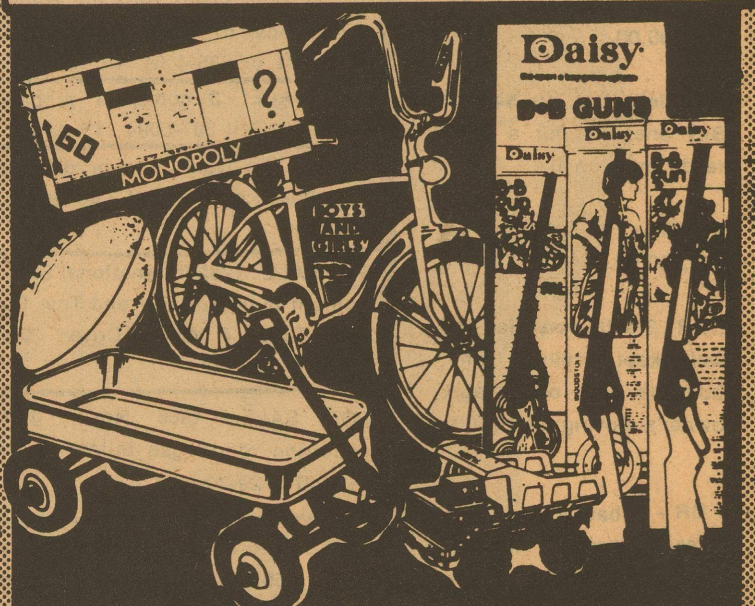
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FOR SALE: 50 X 150 foot lot; with 1984 Solitaire 16 X 78 mobile home. 3 bed. 2 bath. Composition roof and masonite siding. Asking \$5,000 equity and take up payments of \$376.32. Phone (915) 853-2653. 29-30-31-32-c

FOR SALE: 14 X 72 1985 Oakcreek mobile home. 2 bed. 2 bath. Furnished, washer and dryer included. \$600 down and take up payments. Call 853-3251 after 6:00p.m. 29-tfc-nc

FOR SALE: 2 story, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Formal dining room. Price reduced for quick sale. Call 853-2027 or 817-842-5290. 28-32-nc.

OWNER TRANSFERRED  
HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bed., 2 bath, built in range in sunny kitchen. Large living area, utility room, lots of storage inside and out, central heat/air, nice backyard with fruit trees. Over 1500 sq. ft. living area. Move in July 1. \$38,000. Call 853-3103 for info. 24-c 24-tfc-c

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3 BR - 2 bath extra spacious on corner lot. Will be 3 years old in May. Utility room, tool room, good quality buy. \$80,000.

New Edgefield Subdivision for Mobile Homes - 1 acre tract - \$3,500.00.

Price reduced on this 3 BR 2 bath home in Glendale. Vacant and ready for a new owner. Central heat & air. Lower \$40's.

Lot with mobile home hookups and 2 car garage. \$10,500.00.

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FOR SALE: 29 X 80 Cinder block building; 6 city lots (1/2 city block), 20 X 32 2-car shop with plumbing; 1980 14 X 80 trailer split-level model; fenced backyard, landscaped with underground water sprinkler system. Call 853-3200, if no answer Keep Calling 11-tfc-c

HOUSE FOR SALE: Two bed., one bath, carpet, large lot. Reasonably priced. 306 E. Hill. Phone 853-2190 or 915-597-3608 after 6:00 p.m. 7-tfc-c

## Misc.

### BIG GARAGE SALE

July 25 & 26  
Place - 10 Mill Street  
Time - 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

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The officers of Mias Amigas would like to thank all the wonderful people who brought food for the Friday night sandwich supper. It was a huge success and everything was appreciated. 29-nc

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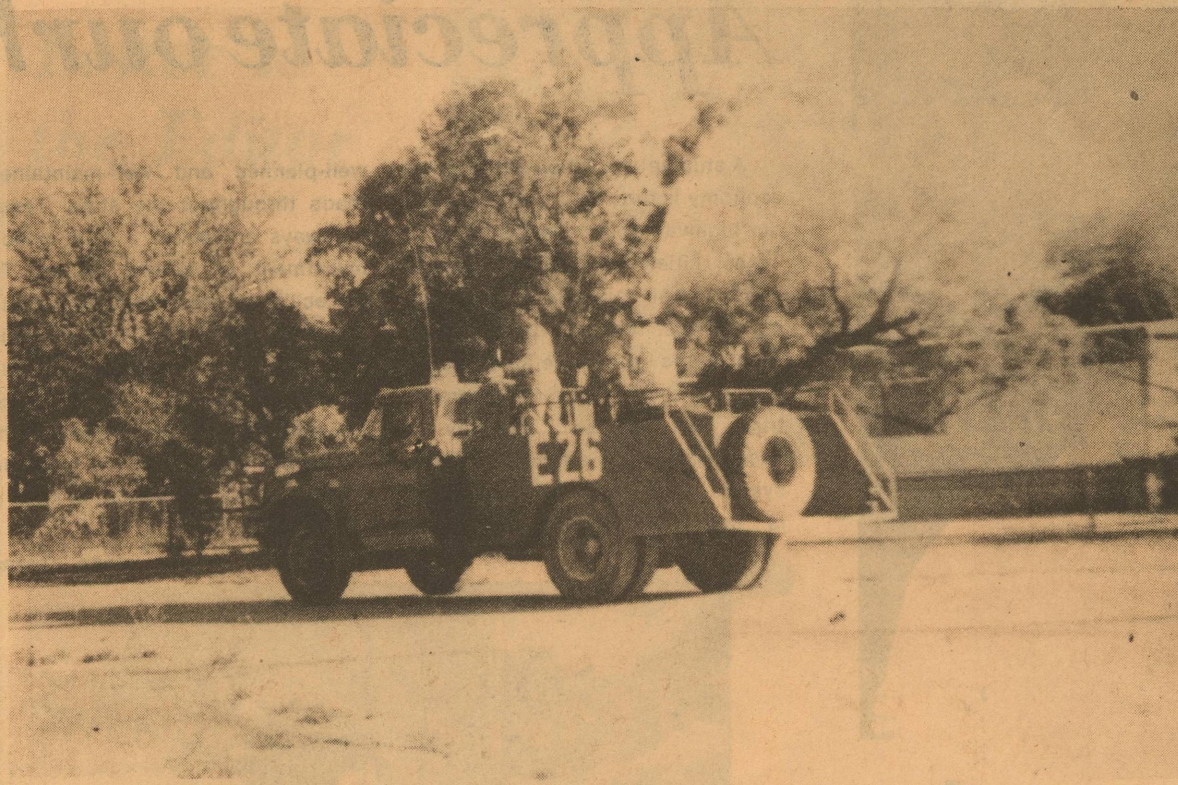
FOR SALE: 1962 International Scout Custom built Roll Bar and Tow Bar New Tires. 4 Wheel Drive Call 835-4771 tfc-nc

FOR SALE: 1968 Nova, good condition, good gas mileage. Call 853-2271. 29-30-p

FOR SALE: 1 milk goat; metal horse feeder \$50; Honda 450 motorcycle. Call 853-2272 or contact Darrell McDonald. 29-p

FOR SALE: AKC Brittany Spaniel pups. Good hunting stock. Affectionate family dogs. \$50. Bruce Deere 853-2720 or 853-2150. 29-c

FOR SALE: Used farm machinery in good condition. 1 - 5,000 Ford diesel tractor with attached breaking plow, Heston-Windrow cutter, 4 row Dempster planter, 1 side delivery rake, 4 row lister with bar, Master cultivator, International rollover plow, 1 section harrow, 40 acres of cultivated land with part minerals. In sec. 15 blk 3 close to Imperial, Texas in Pecos county. Call or see Tom Johns at 915-536-2341 or 915-536-2291 in Imperial, Texas. 29-tfc-p.



"The Jones Boys" were among the Eldorado Volunteer Firemen who were out spraying for mosquitos Tuesday night. There was one of three trucks handling the chore. The truck was manned by father Jerry and sons, Joey and Chuck.

## Refunds to increase

West Texas Utilities Co. has increased by \$3.9 million the amount of fuel cost savings it wants to refund to its customers, bringing the total to \$17.6 million.

This amount reflects the fuel cost savings achieved in June, and a lump sum refund of the remaining balance reconciled in the Company's last rate case.

The June fuel savings totals \$1.6, with interest. The figures for June were not available when the original request to refund \$13.7 million was filed with the Public Utility Commission on July 2.

The additional \$2.3 million represents a lump refund of fuel cost savings balance, plus interest, realized prior August 1984. Under the

Commission's order in the Company's last general rate case, refund of the total savings commenced in mid-November 1984 and is scheduled to be completed in November 1985.

The Company has concurred in the PUC staff's recommendation that the remaining balance be refunded in one lump sum along with the fuel savings accumulated since last August.

The Company estimates that the increased refund will add about \$9 to the \$32 refund already requested, for a typical residential customer.

A pre-conference hearing has been set for Tuesday, July 16 on WTU's refund request before the Public Utility Commission in Austin.

## Oilers camp begins

The Houston Oilers of the National Football League returned to San Angelo and Angelo State University last week for their annual summer training camp, which opens July 19 with the arrival of the rookies.

Veteran players will report on July 21, and the Oilers are scheduled to break camp on August 22. Houston will play in the Hall of Fame Game on August 3 against the New York Giants in the preseason opener.

This year's camp marks the eighth summer that the Oilers have

trained at the Angelo State facilities, and it is the first year of a new three-year contract signed in 1984 between the University and the NFL club.

One of the highlight players for the Oilers will be 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, who just recently jumped from the USFL's Jacksonville Bulls to sign with Houston. Rozier rushed for over 1,300 yards in his final USFL season.

Earlier this year, the Oilers also obtained New York Giants' running back Butch Woolfolk in a trade and

## Mason Rodeo is set

The annual Mason County 4-H Open Youth Rodeo will be held July 26 and 27, 1985, at the Fort Mason Park Arena. There will be four age divisions: Sub Pee-Wee (6 and under), Pee-Wee (7 to 10), Juniors (11 to 14), and Seniors (15 to 19). The rodeo will be produced by Lester Miers Rodeo Company. The entry deadline is July 23.

Junior and senior events will be jackpot, with prize money paid to top three contestants. Trophy belt buckles will be presented to All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl in both junior and senior divisions. Trophies will be awarded in the Sub Pee-Wee and Pee-Wee divisions.

The rodeo is sponsored by the Mason County 4-H Council. A dance will be held Saturday night in the park.

For information and entries contact Randy Moore, (915) 347-6459, 347-6807, or contact Sandra Bartts, 347-6908.

## Scouts attend Sol Mayer

Six members of Boy Scout Troop 18 attended Camp Sol Mayer summer camp June 23 through June 29. Those attending were Rudy Sanchez, Chris Meador, Salvador Martinez, Michael Jenkins, Bruce Copeland and Donnie Quintez. Scout leaders attending were Lynn Meador, Steve Hassel, Mike O'Connor and Weldon Jenkins.

Summer Camp at Sol Mayer is held each summer. It provided the scouts an opportunity to earn merit badges. It was an educational experience as well as a fun time. The boys learned activities ranging from basket weaving to archery, from wood and leather work to riflery and shotgun. They enjoyed canoeing, swimming, hiking and fishing to name a few.

Rudy Sanchez and Donnie Quintez were selected into the Order of the Arrow during Friday night's activities. This is an honor bestowed on a select few.

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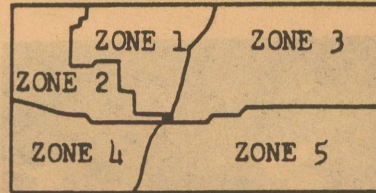
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## Students enjoy learning at Meador Ranch

Thirty-nine students from MRS. JOHN CALLISON's and MRS. JOHNNY GRIFFIN's sixth grade classes traveled to DAVID MEADOR's ranch to observe and

participate in a variety of demonstrations showing the importance of soil and water conservation.

The students were taught how soil is made and some of its

characteristics. They were shown the importance of soil as one of the basic elements of the life cycle. The students participated in demonstrations where they were shown how to protect against soil erosion by using

different conservation practices on crop land and range land. A variety of desirable and undesirable plants for livestock and wildlife were identified for the students. Basic principles on how to manage for these different plants were discussed. The students were taught the importance of wildlife on their lands and the management of their habitats and populations were discussed.

A noon meal of hotdogs and cookies was provided by the directors of the Eldorado-Divide SWCD. Following the meal a presentation on wool, mohair and cotton was given showing how these fibers are prepared and made into clothing. The students also observed the film "Soil, We Can't Live Without It" discussing how everything is dependent on the soil and what we can do to protect it.

Demonstrations were given by Dr. Jake Landers, TAES from San Angelo; Dwight Guynn, TAES from Uvalde; Reuben Cantu, TP&WD from San Angelo; Clarence Weltenfeld and Mark Moseley, SCS from San Angelo; Virgil Polocek and Tom Payton, SCS from Sonora; and Carrol Green, SCS from Eldorado. Others assisting with the field day were Jerry Swift, Schleicher County Agent, and the district board and wives.



## Planned grazing systems being used in county

Increasing production of beef, wool or mohair with little extra expense is one benefit of a relatively new grazing technique being used in Schleicher County.

CARROL GREEN, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, said the technique is called a planned grazing system.

"A planned grazing system merely means you rest, or defer from grazing, pastures in a planned sequence," Green said. "Several producers in our county are using this method and each system has its own advantages and disadvantages."

"What is important is that they all work when carried out properly and they all improve profits while improving rangeland. The key is to graze and rest all pastures in a regular sequence, especially during the growing season."

One local rancher has stated that they have not had to feed livestock during winter for the past ten years except during bad weather. He attributes this to his increased range production from his planned grazing system.

Another rancher was able to increase his stocking rate to near 60 animal units per section using a 12 pasture 1 herd system before this past drought. Even though he had to reduce stock numbers he was able to maintain what most ranchers were stocked at before the drought.

The most simple system used locally is called a two pasture, one herd system, one herd of livestock is rotated between two pastures about every four months.

Some other variations of systems are a three-pasture, one herd system; a three-pasture, two herd system; a four-pasture, three herd system; a short duration grazing system (eight or more pastures grazed in rotation with one herd); a cell grazing system; a high intensity, low frequency system.

Resting rangeland in a planned sequence gives the better plants a chance to compete and multiply, thus increasing the amount of high quality plants available per acre.

Nearly all rangeland pastures also have areas where livestock concentrate such as around water, bedding grounds, and feed grounds. Under continuous use, these areas are always overgrazed and never produce up to their potential due to low plant vigor of the better plants. By resting pastures, you allow those plants to rapidly increase vigor, thicken the stand, increase forage production, and reduce erosion.

Resting also breaks the selective grazing pressure that continuous use puts on the more productive range sites. In a pasture with both deep clay and shallow soils, livestock usually tend to overgraze deep sites under continuous grazing. Because of this overgrazing, they seldom produce to their capability.

SCS personnel who give technical assistance to landowners and operators through the local Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District, can help producers work out grazing systems. For information, call 853-2430.

## An Eleventh Commandment

by W.C. Lowdermilk

When in Palestine in 1939, I pondered the problems of the use of the land through the ages. I wondered if Moses, when he was inspired to deliver the Ten Commandments to the Israelites in the Desert to establish man's relationship to his Creator and his fellow

men--if Moses had foreseen what was to become of the Promised Land after 3,000 years and what was to become of hundreds of millions of acres of once good lands such as I have seen in Chins, Korea, North Africa, the Near East, and in our own

fair land of America--if Moses had foreseen what suicidal agriculture would do to the land of the holy earth--might not have been inspired to deliver another Commandment to establish man's relation to the earth and to complete man's trinity of responsibilities to his Creator, to his

fellow men, and to the holy earth.

When invited to broadcast a talk on soil conservation in Jerusalem in June 1939, I gave for the first time what has been called an "Eleventh Commandment," as follows:

*Thou shalt inherit the Holy Earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing by thy herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth.*

## Aerial spraying declines in county

Many producers found that aerial spraying for mesquite control was impractical this year. Besides some initial uncertainty about availability of effective chemicals, most mesquite growth in the county was not in the best condition for spraying. Due to winter freeze damage and

cool soil temperatures well into spring, growth was erratic and foliage was very sparse. MORT MERTZ did manage to catch conditions right for a few days and aerially sprayed 736 acres of dense second-growth mesquite.

## Scaling named head

Wilson Scaling of Henrietta, Texas became chief of the USDA Soil Conservation Service on May 21. In the July issue of Soil and Water Conservation News, he said he is pleased with his new job.

"The Soil Conservation Service runs an excellent voluntary soil and water conservation program," Scaling said. "I'm proud to be named the agency's new chief and I am confident in my knowledge and understanding of the strong partnership between SCS and conservation districts."

"I've learned firsthand how that partnership works - as a practicing steward of the soil, director of the Little Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District, area director of the Texas Association of Conservation Districts, and member of the National Association of Conservation Districts."

Conservation districts are governed by locally elected landowners who coordinate conservation work within their district.

Scaling said he firmly believes soil and water conservation is the key to America's long-term productivity in agriculture.

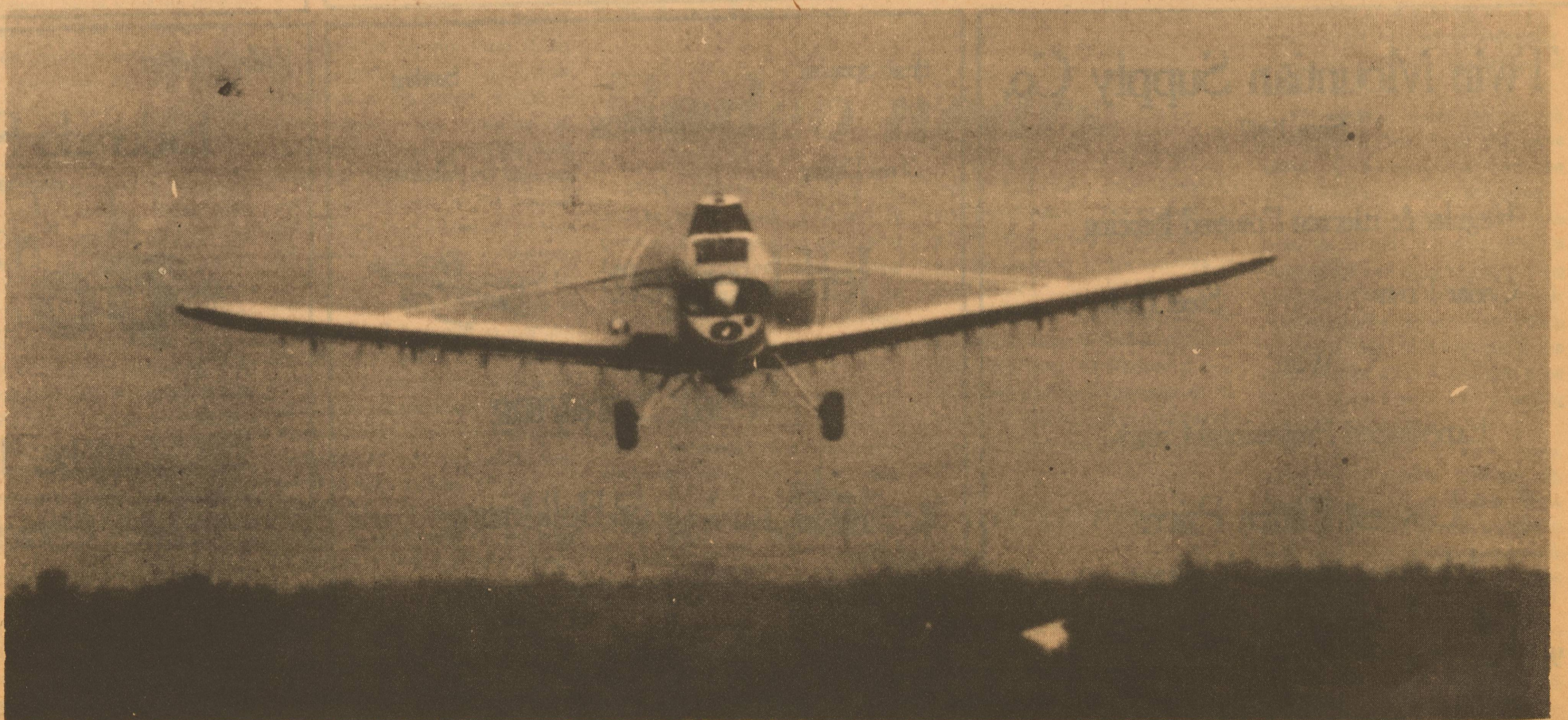
"Conservation has served my family well for many years," he said. "It's the care that my ancestors have taken of the natural resources that's

keeping our livestock operation in north-central Texas profitable today.

"I plan to lead SCS in helping many more people share the feelings of pride and satisfaction that taking good care of the soil, water, and other resources has given me and

my family. I believe SCS and local conservation districts working together have the natural ability to make it happen for generations to come," Scaling concluded.

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### District holds first fish sale

The district held its first fish sale in June. Response was good considering that rocky Schleicher County does not offer the best potential for stocking fish. The district sold 1285 catfish, bass and sunfish to 10 different individuals. The fish were delivered to Eldorado by Danbury Fish Farm located south of Houston.

Catfish 810

Bass---

Native 125  
Florida 100  
Native Bluegill Sunfish 250  
Minnows 11 lbs.

### District range judging contest held at Meadors'

The district sponsored its annual range judging contest on the DAVID and KATHY MEADOR ranch this past April. Ten teams consisting of thirty-six individuals from Menard, Runnels, Crockett, Tom Green and Sutton counties participated in the contest. The contest included plant identification, evaluation of range condition and selection of conservation practices for range improvements. Dr. JAKE LANDERS, TAES, was the contest judge. The following is a list of the placings for the contest:

Junior Individuals

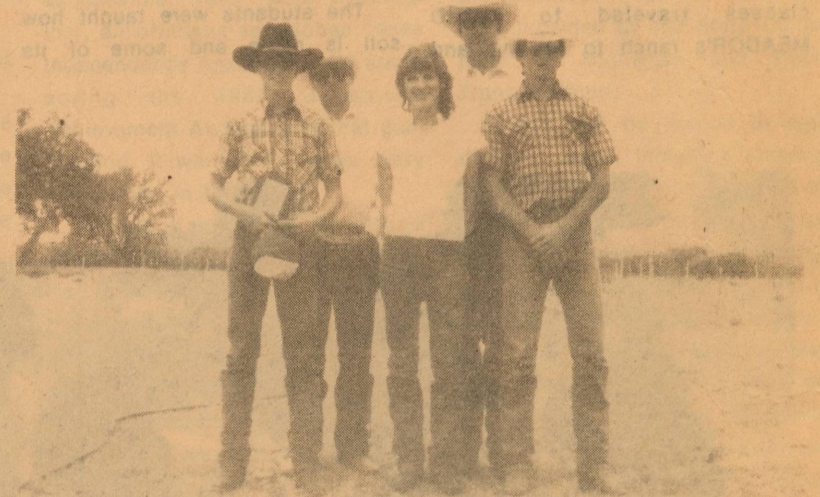
- 1 Danny Feather - Menard No. 1
- 1 Lisa Runge - Menard No. 1
- 3 Dandy Clark - Menard No. 2

Senior Team

- 1 Menard
- 2 Runnels
- 3 Crockett

Senior Individuals

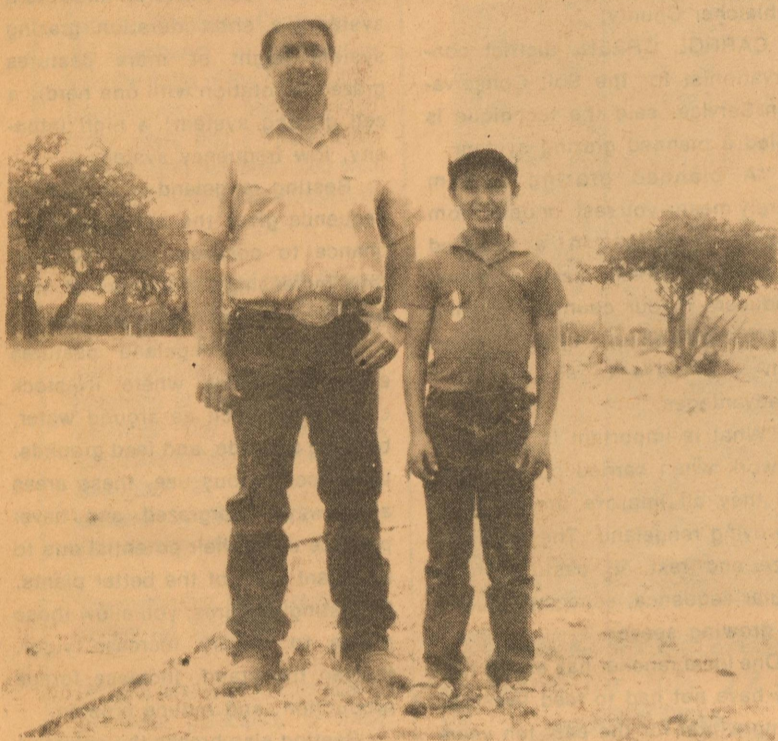
- 1 Cindy Davis - Menard
- 2 Art Runge - Menard
- 3 Grant Teplicek - Runnels



David Meador with coach Charles Anderson and 1st place senior team from Menard



David Meador with coach Charles Anderson and 1st place junior team from Menard.



Director De Lux with Danny Feather, Menard, high individual in junior division.



Director De Lux present buckle to Cindy Davis, high individual for the contest.

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