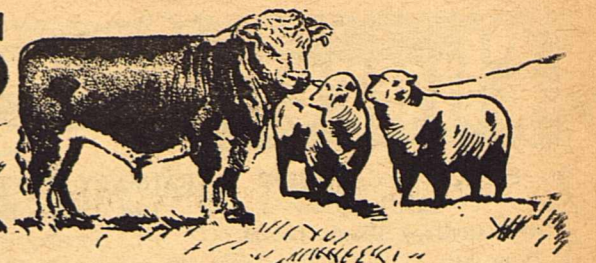


DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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FORTY-THIRD WEEK

Gerry Mayfield Sonora's Duchess To Court Of Miss Mohair August 4

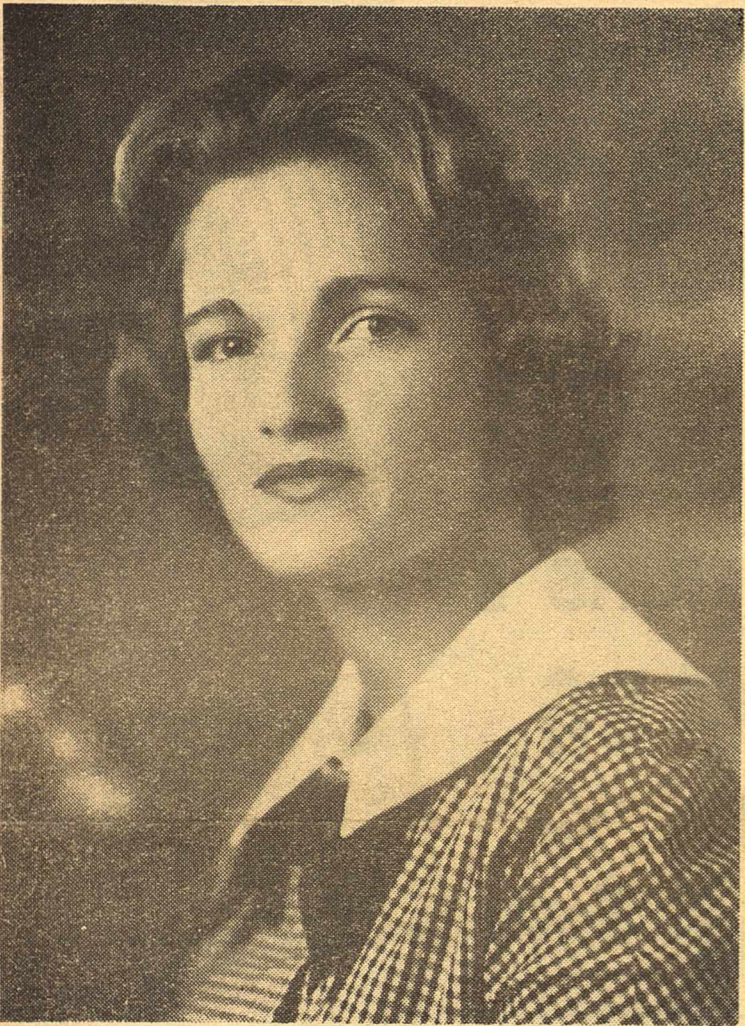
Miss Gerry Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Mayfield, has been selected to represent Sonora as Duchess to the court of Miss Mohair at coronation ceremonies to be held in Kerrville Thursday, August 4. The coronation is a part of the annual convention of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association.

Valentine Queen and president of the Sonora Band.

Her selection as Duchess automatically makes Gerry eligible for selection as Miss Mohair-Elect of 1961. Her escort for the coronation will be Artie Burt Adams.

Escorting this year's Miss Mohair, Sunda Callan of Menard, will be Joe Beasley of San Antonio, son of T. D. (Pat) Beasley of Sonora, Robert Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kelley, will act as crown-bearer.

Gerry is the daughter and granddaughter of Sutton County ranch people and was formerly active in 4-H Club work. She has been Band Sweetheart and



Miss Gerry Mayfield

More Than 2,000 Persons Attend Cave Dedication

More than 2,000 persons including cave enthusiasts and experts from several states were on hand Saturday morning, July 23, for the official dedication of the Caverns of Sonora. Herb C. Petry, Jr., chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, made the dedication speech and cut the ribbon officially opening the caverns.

"The Texas Highway Department," Petry said, "is given the responsibility of advertising Texas. We hope soon to be able to advertise such scenic attractions as this nationally." Petry continued by advising pursuit of a sustained and intensive advertising campaign urging local and area people to see and know the caves.

NEW HIGHWAY?

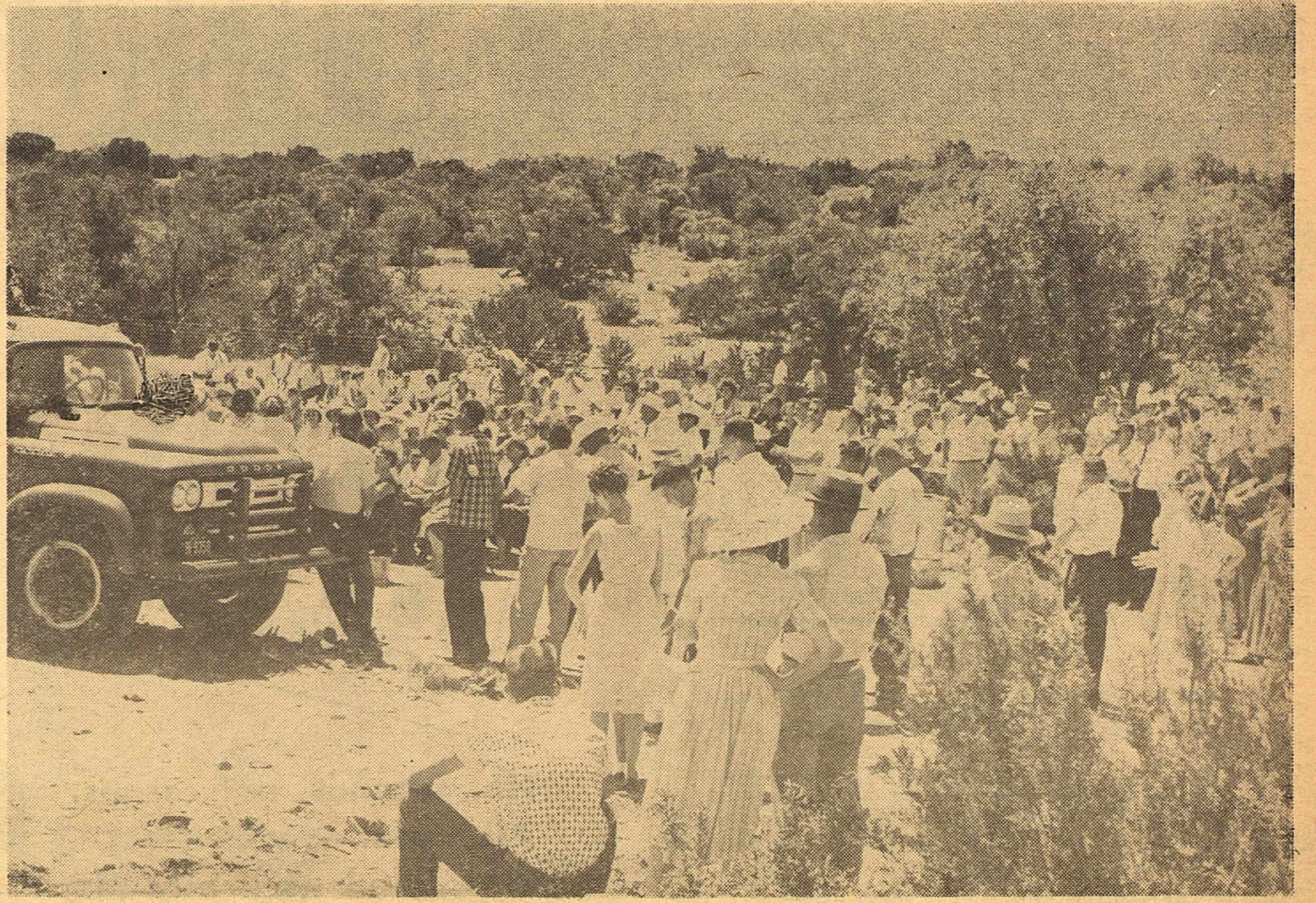
Indirectly Petry indicated that improved highways to the caverns will be built. He stated that the Highway Department will provide main highways to the caverns but that he could make no definite commitment since highway construction might be involved.

Master of Ceremonies Gay Copeland also called upon Col. Homer R. Garrison, Jr., head of the Department of Public Safety, who indicated the Caverns may some day become the world's greatest cave. State Senator Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo also made a brief talk. Rev. Alanson Brown, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

PRESS PREVIEW

Members of the press and radio and television personnel were honor guests at a preview showing of the Caverns and a reception in the cave's Press Room. Some 35 or 40 newspapers, radio and television stations were represented and many Chambers of Commerce. Included were representatives of: the Seminole Sentinel, Alice News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Texas Press Association, WOAI radio and television, Brady Standard, San Angelo Standard Times, Menard News, Carrizo Springs Javelin, Bronte Enterprise, Elgin Courier, KKKL radio, KCTV television, Meridian Tribune, Midland Reporter-Telegram, San Angelo Board of City Development, Texas Highway Department, Governor Daniel's office, Midland Chamber of Commerce, Department of Public Safety.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Teaff, Carl and Trouba will leave this weekend for a two week vacation near Paonia, Colorado.



A portion of the estimated 2,000 persons attending last Saturday's dedication of the Caverns of Sonora is shown here. The crowd is pictured as they heard Herb Petry, Jr., chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, dedicate the Caverns to the people of Texas.

Last Rites For Mrs. Jo Bell, 63, Held Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Jo Ella Bell, 63, were held Thursday morning, July 28, at the Church of the Good Shepherd with the Rev. J. Allan Guthrie, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Bell died at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital here Tuesday, July 26, after a lengthy illness.

Born Jo Ella Creagh at Breckenridge, Texas, October 17, 1896, Mrs. Bell had lived in Sonora for a number of years and was a charter member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian U.S.

She is survived by three brothers, George E. Creagh of Sonora, J. S. Creagh and W. A. Creagh, both of Breckenridge; one sister, Mrs. E. O. Box of Ada, Oklahoma, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bill Smith, C. T. Jones, Elmer Crumley, Wel-

TERRY LOWE BREAKS ARM

Terry Lowe, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lowe, sustained fractures of the arm in a fall at her home Tuesday afternoon.

R. L. Hardgrave, Martha Mittel On UT Honor Roll

Two Sonora students were listed on the spring semester honor roll of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Texas as by Dean J. Alton Burdine.

Listed as Magna Cum Laude was R. L. Hardgrave, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hardgrave. Miss Martha Mittel, daughter of Mrs. Don Jones, was listed as Ampla Cum Laude.

Graveside services were held at Breckenridge Cemetery Thursday afternoon. All arrangements were under direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral home.

HS Principal Morgan Sets Dates For Registration Of High School Students

Sluggers Win

The Sonora Sluggers downed the Sonora Horses eight to five here Sunday afternoon, July 17. The Sluggers will meet a Sonora Latin-American team at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, July 31, at Allison Field.

WEATHER

Wednesday, July 20,	.60	89	66
Thursday, July 21,	0	90	68
Friday, July 22,	0	91	68
Saturday, July 23,	0	95	66
Sunday, July 24,	0	98	67
Monday, July 25,	0	97	69
Tuesday, July 26,	0	98	65

Total precipitation for July 1960: 3.00 inches.

High School Principal Doyle Morgan this week announced the schedule for high school registration.

Seniors will register Monday morning and afternoon, August 8; Juniors Tuesday, August 9; Sophomores Wednesday, August 10, and Freshmen Thursday, August 11.

Registration hours are from 8:30 to eleven each morning and 12:30 to three o'clock each afternoon.

Morgan requests that students be accompanied by a parent if at all possible so that future plans of the student may be discussed. These plans would include such subjects as electives to be taken in public school, possibility of the student's attending college, post-graduation plans.

Odds And Ends

From time to time we've been reporting advance publicity and news stories appearing in all types of news media about the Caverns. The proof of the pudding is in the eating we've always heard and we are finding that saying, like a lot of other old-time ones is true.

Lots of reporters from papers, radio and TV stations were on hand last Friday and Saturday to find out for themselves if all the advance publicity was true

or an exaggeration. We've combed our exchange papers and here are a few of the reports from those who were present and saw for themselves.

L. B. Smith of the Brady Herald, and president of the Texas Press Association, wrote: "More than 2,000 persons gathered Saturday for the formal opening and dedication of the Caverns of Sonora, and to partake of the hospitality. All were impressed with the splendor of this subterranean wonderland."

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Champions of the Sonora Little League this year were the Evans Foodway Tigers. Members of the team and their managers are shown here with their championship trophy. Front row, left to right, are Ray Garza, Johnny Ramos, Al Letsinger, Noe Chavez, Sam Bermea, Bobby Ramos, Sandy Ingram and Sonny Favila, Back row, Manager J. D. Ingram, Carl Teaff, Dennis Schmidt, Barry Black, Pedro Martinez, Mike Sims, Jessie Villarreal, Gary McGilvray, Nick Esquivel and Manager Jimmy Hugh Harris.



Brucellosis Testing Underway On Sutton County Ranches

By D. C. Langford

The Brucellosis Testing program for cattle started in Sutton County Monday, July 25, in the areas nearest Kimble County. Sutton County has been divided into eight areas with local ranchers in each area to supervise the movement of testing crews within the area.

R. A. Halbert is in charge of Area 1, the area between the San Angelo Highway and the Menard Highway. Assisting him will be Frank P. Bond, Marvin Logan, Vestel Askew, W. B. McMillan and Harold Schwiening.

Curt Schwiening, Area 2 Menard Highway to the Junction Highway. Assistants will be Melvin Shroyer, Philip Jacoby, Wes-

ley Sykes, Jo W. Hardgrave, Elba Adams and Leonard Gibbs.

Sears Sentell is in charge of Area 3 between Ross Road, the Junction Highway and the Edwards and Kimble County lines. Assistants are Cecil Woodard, Bill Stewart, Lawrence Finklea and Bill Wade.

Gene Wallace, Area 4, Junction Highway, Bond Road, Ross Road and the Edwards County lines. Assisting him will be George Wallace, George Brockman and Alvis Johnson.

Billy Galbreath, Area 5, Del Rio Highway, Bond Road and the Edwards County line. Assistants David Shurley, B. H. Cusenbary, Harold Friess and Robert Pflinger.

L. E. Johnson, Sr. Area 6, between the old Juno Road, the Del Rio Highway, Val Verde and

Crockett Counties. Assisting will be Mack Cauthorn, V. J. Glasscock, Bill Savell and Dan Cauthorn.

S. M. Loeffler Area 7, Ozona Highway, Hill Road, Crockett County, the old Juno Road and the Del Rio Highway. Assistants are Gene Shurley, Lin Hicks, Stanley Mayfield and Bill Doran.

Andrew F. Moore, Area 8, Ozona Highway, Hill Road, Crockett County, Schleicher County and the San Angelo Highway. Assisting him are Norman Rousselot, John R. Tedford, Jr., T. E. Glasscock, Bill Tittle, W. F. Berger and Hillman D. Brown.

Glen Richardson will be in charge of supervising testing work for ranchers in Edwards County who also have livestock in Sutton County.

Church

Notices

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Rev. Godfrey Blank, O.F.M.
 S. Plum St. Phone 21861
 Weekday Mass 6:30 a.m.
 Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.
 Holy Days Masses 6:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. Alanson Brown, Rector
 Each Sunday
 Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
 Church School 10:00 a.m.
 Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Doyle W. Morton, Pastor
 Church School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
 If you do not worship at some other church we will be very glad to have you worship with us.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Alvin Loiry, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Mid Week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.

FIRST MEXICAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Julio Anguiano, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Training Union 6:45 p.m.
 Worship Service 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday:
 Brotherhood Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 W.M.U. 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST SUNDAY
 Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Singing 7:30 p.m.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Rev. William Mitschke, Pastor
 Meeting At
 Sonora Woman's Club
 Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
 Rev. Allan Guthrie, Pastor
 Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Lonnie Baker, Pastor
 Sunday Services
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
 Mid-Week Service, Wed. 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (South Side)
 Farm Road No. 1691
 Services Each Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

"He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches." (Rev 2:17).

No Fishing

License Brings On 176 Arrests

Too many fishermen still think they can get by without a license, according to the director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission. Last month 176 persons paid fines for failure to buy their \$2.15 fishing license. This license is required for all persons who fish with a rod and reel, except those under 17 and over 65. Persons fishing outside their home counties also need a license.

In all, there were 272 violations in May, with a total of \$5,197.74 collected in fines and costs.

A number of arrests also were made for killing game out of season. Several were caught shooting doves, quail, ducks and deer.

Two others were caught "telephoning" for fish, which is the illegal use of an electrical device for shocking fish.

Current fishing licenses will be valid until September 1, when a new license will be required.

The 1960-61 hunting license has been revised and the new licenses will be placed on sale September 1. The new license has been devised to provide a better record of sales and to facilitate handling of the licenses by license deputies.



YOUR MINISTER SAYS

means, as always, there are many things to do. Trying to take care of our business, go on a few fishing trips, plan a vacation for the family, keep the children occupied while school is out and a number of other or similar things all at once keeps us busy all the time.

So busy that we have to use some of these good things as excuses for not having time for more important matters.

What is more important than taking care of the business and keeping the family happy?

A gallant officer was being pursued. He discovered that his saddle-girth was coming loose. He coolly dismounted, repaired the girth, and then dashed away. The broken buckle would have held for awhile but later would have left him on the field a prisoner. The wise "delay" brought him to safely.

The Christian who is in such a haste to get about his business and neglects his Bible and season of prayer rides with a broken buckle.

But I don't have time! Neither do many families but they seem to take time. Perhaps it is all a matter of taking time. You take time for what you consider important. What's more important? Do not try to fool yourself but rather be honest. The time is there if you want it.

The man who is too busy will not have time to read this column. Maybe you can do him a

favor by telling him a few "de-lays" now may save him some "time" later.

Considering the price the Lord paid for you the cost was very high. Have you the time to share the profit man has gained from that price?

Recent guests of Mrs. D. Q. Adams were her daughter, Mrs. Leroy Russell and children of San Angelo.

Mrs. Ruble Glimp of Uvalde spent several days this week visiting relatives and friends here.

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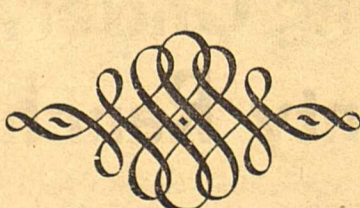
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Devil's River Philosopher Says Most Business Could Be Run From Underground, But Not Ranching

Editor's Note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-weed ranch on Devil's River has found something new to worry about this week, his letter indicates.

Dear editor:
There's a move on in the world that has me worried. It's the

theory that to be safe in this nuclear warfare age, everything has to go underground.

It's a fact. I read only last night that it's possible that all homes some day will be built underground. Why not, the argument went. We've already found

out buildings don't need windows, you and air-condition them the year around, so why not build houses underground? Eliminate all the costs of style and outside architectural appearance, the need for painting, re-roofing, etc. Just build them out of concrete, cover them up with dirt, turn on the air-conditioning, and be cool in summer and warm in winter. Not even any lawns to mow.

Moreover, we've already got underground munitions manufacturing plants, underground airports for bombers, underground launching sites for guided missiles, underground government

offices for emergency use, why only last week they launched some guided missiles from under water via submarine.

Now, I've been thinking about this, maybe it is possible to live underground, to keep all the grocery stores, drygoods stores, highways, filling stations, churches, football fields, schools, etc., below ground level, at considerable initial expense, I'll admit, but what's money against survival?

But, it has just occurred to me that there's one occupation that can't be put underground, namely, ranching.

Consequently, I can foresee the

day when everybody else is living safely and snugly underground, while us ranchers and farmers are up on top exposed to the hot sun and Russian fall-out.

This is a prospect on which I do not look with favor. Going to the added expense not only of keeping a high-priced pickup running, but also of equipping it with radar and a geiger counter and a lead-lined radiation-safe cab, plus an anti-aircraft gun, will be more than a rancher can stand, regardless of how much help both parties are offering him during the next few months.

Ranching is lonely enough as it is, but the thought of us being

up here on top of the ground working away while the rest of you are down there safe and carefree in the ground, telling Russian and china to blast away, is highly unpleasant. It is something which will not only

get all the inefficient, marginal ranchers off the ranches, but most of the efficient ones too.

Can't they think of some other way to run the world?

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Saturday, July 30,
W. F. Berger
J. Wray Campbell
Tom Womack
Mrs. Willie Ezell
Joe F. Logan
James D. Montgomery
Sunday, July 31,
Mrs. Maek Cauthorn
Ruth Ella Wallace
Mrs. Dan Cauthorn
Scott Miller
Sarah Suzanne Alley
Theo Cahill
Buck Bloodworth
Billy Lloyd McPherson
Wesley Franks
Monday, August 1,
William Bryan Johnson
Tuesday, August 2,
Mrs. George Joseph
Mrs. Aubrey Chadwick
Wednesday, August 3,
Jerry N. Shurley
James Stewart, Jr.
Wesley C. Young
Thursday, August 4,
David Archer
Elmer Wilson
Mrs. Tex Farr

NOTICE OF
BUDGET HEARING
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SUTTON
CITY OF SONORA
TO THE TAX PAYERS OF
THE CITY OF SONORA:
The City Commission of the City of Sonora, Texas, will meet from 9:00 to 10:00 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, August 9, 1960, at the City Hall for the purpose of considering the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1960. The Public is invited to be present and participate in said meeting.
Davie H. Taylor
City Secretary.

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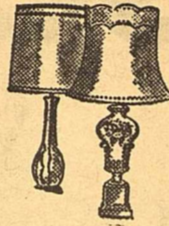
Girls **39c**
Ladies **49c**

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AND VANITY

Lamps



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Summer Dresses

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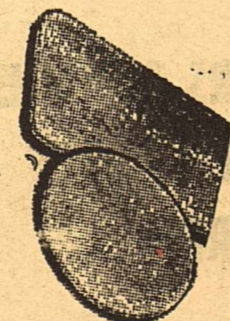
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JULY SALE **49c** EACH



ONE LOT INFANTS

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Sport Shirts

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JOSEPH'S MID-SUMMER

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Sonora and Ozona

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Congratulations To These New Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Groom of Fort Worth have announced the birth of a son, Gregory Mark, on Monday, July 25. The baby was born in a Fort Worth hospital and weighed six pounds, ten ounces.

He is welcomed by a sister, Diana Lee, who is two and a half. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Groom of Fort Worth. Mrs. J. D. Eaton of San Angelo is his great-grand mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morriss are the parents of a daughter, Lucy, born Monday, July 11. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. She is welcomed by two sisters, Shelley, 9, and Mollie, 5.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Morriss of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hankins of Rocksprings. Mrs. A. G. Morriss of Rocksprings and Mrs. S. S. Boutell of Terrell are great-grandmothers.

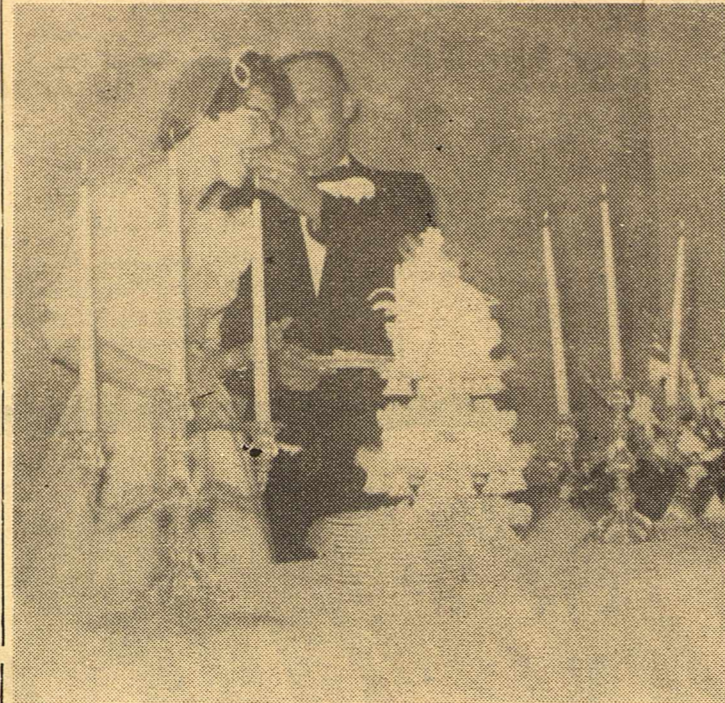
WEDDING PARTY FETED WITH BUFFET LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony were hosts to members of the Anthony-Haines wedding party and wedding guests with a luncheon at their home Saturday, July 28.

A white cloth covered the serving table which was centered with white flowers and a miniature bridal couple in an epergne.

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

Christine Haines, Wallace Anthony Wed in San Angelo Church Rites Saturday



Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Anthony

Miss Christine Haines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cris Haines, became the bride of Wallace L. Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony, in ceremonies held at the First Baptist Church of San Angelo Saturday evening, July 23. The Rev. James B. Leavelle, pastor, read the double ring rites.

Traditional wedding music was presented by Miss Marie Watkins, pianist, who also accompanied Mrs. Maxine Ellingson, soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a gown of bone silk designed with a waltz-length bouffant skirt and fitted bodice with extended waistline. The scoop neckline dipped into a low square in back. Her short veil was attached to a white bandeau. She carried a white Bible topped with white rosebuds and a carnation shower.

Miss Sue Haines, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. She wore a sheath of embroidered white linen with white accessories. Her nosegay was of pink gardenias. Bridesmaid was Miss Nancy Anthony, sister of the groom. Her sheer white dress was designed with fitted bodice and full pleated skirt. Her accessories were white and she carried a

nosegay of white gardenias. Bobby Joe Smith attended the groom as best man.

A wedding supper was held at the Bluebonnet Room of the Town House Hotel following the ceremony. The bride's three-tiered cake centered the table and was flanked with silver candelabra with blue tapers and twin arrangements of white gladioli with blue ribbons.

Jo VanderStucken At NTSC For Music Clinic

Jo Bess VanderStucken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. VanderStucken, is one of 70 junior and senior high school students from Texas who are enrolled in a 13-day music clinic at North Texas State College, Denton.

Students participate in concert and laboratory band work and attend practice and theory sessions for ensembles. The clinic will conclude on July 30 with a final band concert by the 70-piece student band.

THREE SONORA GIRLS WIN SILVER PRIZES

Celia Favela, a May graduate of Sonora High School, was named winner of a sterling silver teaspoon in the national Sterling is for Graduates contest held recently.

Winners of silver spoon pins were Frances Templeton and Earlene Smith. They will receive their gifts from the Ruth Shurley Jewelry next month.

Miss Bertha Harris of Cuero has been a guest in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George H. (Jack) Neill.

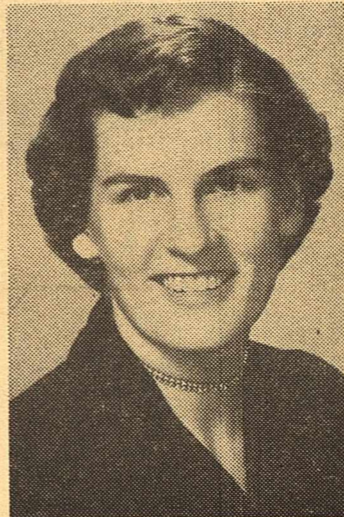
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony are at home in Fort Stockton where he is employed. Mrs. Anthony is a graduate of the Rocksprings schools and attended Sul Ross State College. Her husband is a 1959 graduate of Sonora High School.

Members of the immediate families were guests for the ceremony and supper.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Joyce Johnson to the Rev. H. Rudy Pace was announced at an afternoon tea in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph M. Connally of Dallas. Mr. Connally, Superintendent of the Dallas Southwest District of the Methodist Church, is former pastor of Munger Place Methodist Church in Dallas where Miss Johnson is serving as Director of Christian Education.

The daughter of Clif C. Johnson of Sonora, Miss Johnson attended the Sonora schools and the University of Texas, prior to graduate work at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee. Before go-



Miss Joyce Johnson

ing to Munger Place Church in Dallas, she served as Director of Education of Graham Road Methodist Church, Falls Church, Virginia.

Mr. Pace, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Linke of Houston, is a graduate of the University of Florida and Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. He is pastor of the Grace Methodist Church of Bremond, Texas, where the couple will make their home after an August 26 wedding at the Munger Place Church.

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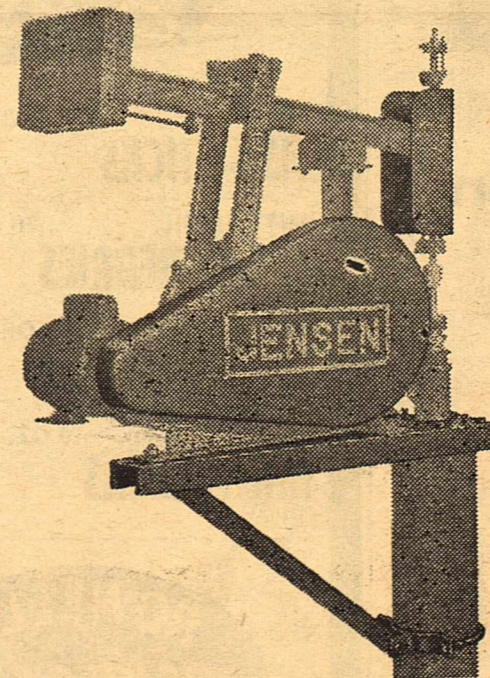
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Devil's River Philosopher Says Castro's Selling Sugar To The Russians Will Have Its Drawbacks

Editor's Note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-wood ranch on Devil's River offers a prediction about Castro this week, and he may be right. Dear editor:

I heard a man in town say yesterday he'll be glad when the national political conventions are over so he can get down to work, and all I've got to say is a man who has to depend on something held only once every four years to stop him from working, just

ain't trying very hard to stop working.

But what I started out to say is something entirely different. According to a newspaper I read one night last week while somebody on TV I never heard of was seconding the nomination of somebody else I never heard of for President, although I guest I should have heard of him as he said he was the most fearless leader who ever lived, I forget in which state, at any rate, accord-

ing to this newspaper, Castro over in Cuba, who has been taking over American plants over there right and left, is going to get even with the United States for cutting down on the Cuban sugar quota by selling Cuba's sugar to Russia. Well, it's not exactly a sale, he's going to do some trading with Mr. Khrushchev.

It's not any of my business, but I'm afraid Senor Castro is going to find trading with Mr. Khrushchev has its drawbacks.

Russia may take all his sugar, but it won't stop here. Before long, it'll take over all his cane fields too.

The it will divide up the cane fields among the peons, and then a little later divide up the peons among the Communist bosses. They'll go sweetening their coffee with wild honey, until Russia gets around to taking their coffee too.

Russia may take all his sugar bounds, and if Castro comes out of this Communist dickering with his beard left, he'll be lucky.

Winning a revolution is sort of

Junior Rodeo Scheduled Here August 19-20

Boys and girls from all over West Texas are expected to participate in the Sonora Junior Rodeo to be held here Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20 under

the sponsorship of the Sonora Park and Horse Show Association. The rodeo, approved by the American Junior Rodeo Association, will feature events for boys and girls in three age groups. Boys aged 16 to 19 will compete in tie-down calf roping, ribbon roping and steer riding. Boys aged 13 to 16 will participate in these events also. For boys 12 years of age and under there will be barrel racing, pole bending and goat sacking.

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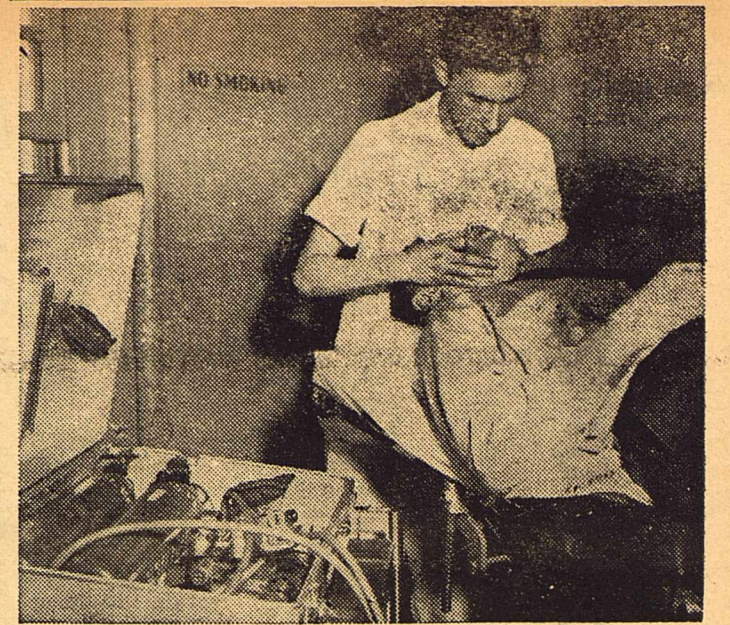
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FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA — SP4 Charles T. Bagley of Columbus, Ohio (standing) saves a life by using mouth-to-mouth respiration for more than 20 minutes before a resuscitator arrived. Bagley, an aidman on duty with the Post Dispensary took the call reporting the emergency. When he arrived breathing had stopped. Bagley started mouth-to-mouth respiration when he discovered a very weak pulse.

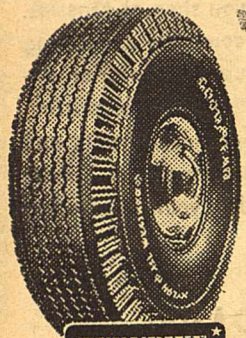


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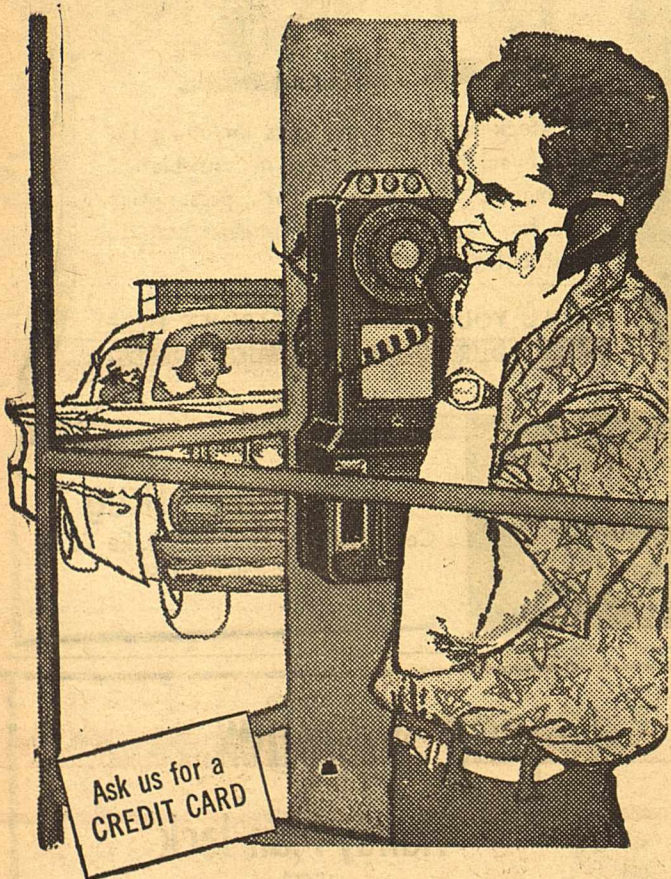
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Notice is hereby given of a meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, August 8, in the administrative office of the Sonora Public Schools located in the old elementary school building for the purpose of adopting a budget for the 1960-61 school year. All interested persons are invited to be present.
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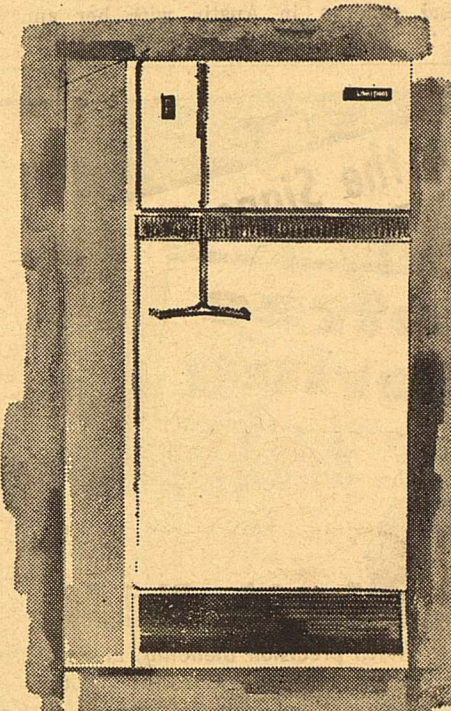
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Continued From Front Page

Frank Smith of the Midland Reporter-Telegram: "Caverns of Sonora, whose twisting rooms and passages reveal unusual crystalline shapes and patterns, was dedicated at the site eight miles west of Sonora Saturday. In the "live" cave, stalagmites reach from the floor toward stalactites projecting from the ceiling. Delbert Downing, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, pointed to a pair and asked Jim Papadakis how long it would take them to come together.

"Papadakis pondered a minute, then said, 'about 20,000 years.' "Pretty long romance," Downing replied."

E. D. Alexander of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram: "There are three levels of underground wonderland, with crystal formations rivaling the beauty of those found in Carlsbad Caverns. Some of the formations differ from those found in any other cave.

"One of the visitors at the dedication was Thomas D. Romine of Fort Worth, a retired mining engineer and geologist who said that the caverns, while not so large as Carlsbad, contain formations of more delicacy and beauty."

Fane L. Burt of the Carrizo Springs Javelin: "Rooms covered with some of the most beautiful formations you can visualize come into view. Every square inch of the walls, ceiling and floors is covered with stalagmites, stalactites and other awe-inspiring crystal and colored formations.

"Another marvelous thing is the way the friendly people of Sonora are working together to promote this tourist attraction. It was a real pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of these hill-country folk."

A letter from Vern Sanford, general manager of Texas Press Assn. "I never saw so many citizens so strong for any one pro-

ject. You folks really do have an enthusiastic town spirit.

"There is no doubt about the Caverns of Sonora going over with a bang. And they merit every statement that was made. Looks like Carlsbad had better look to its laurels."

We could go on and on-and we will as more papers come in this week's mail. Suffice it to say the dedication was a success, everyone is highly enthusiastic about the cavern's future.

And as a final note, no pun intended, Dock Simmons did a beautiful job of supplying background organ music during the social hour in the press room. Organ music in a cave? Sounds ridiculous to imagine packing an organ down and back but Dock did it and his efforts resulted in making a successful entertainment conversation piece.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and children of Fort Stockton, formerly of Sonora, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jacoby and children.

Kay Lynn Kerbow is visiting in Austin with her aunt, Mrs. Carroll Townsend.

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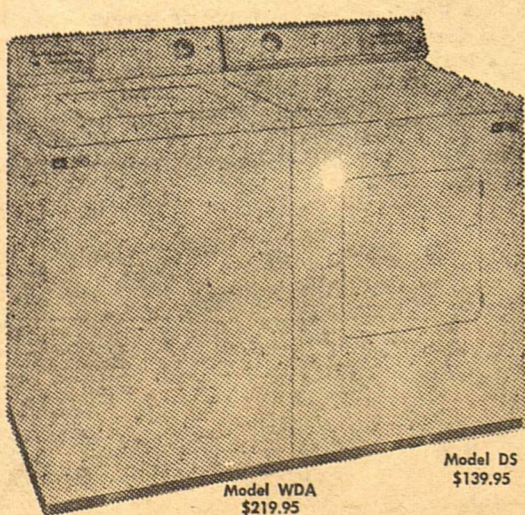


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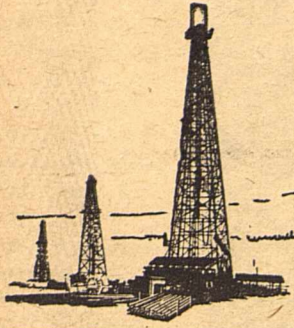
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FORTY-THIRD WEEK

Caverns Of Sonora Give Partial Answer To Origin Of Underground Water Supply

By E. B. Keng, S.C.S.

Where does our underground water supply come from? How does it get to the level where we find it in wells? Why don't we have greater fluctuations in underground water during short or long droughts?

At least a partial answer to these questions can be obtained from a tour of the Sonora Caverns. The Caverns offer a remarkable profile of the journey of the raindrop down through layers of limestone to the underground water supply.

Only a few feet from the Cavern entrance the first continuous "drip" is encountered. Small "seeps" are also evident in cracks between layers of rocks. At this elevation there can be no doubt but that the water originated as rainfall and was trapped on the rocky ground surface above.

Throughout the Caverns, and particularly at lower elevations, the drips and seeps of water become progressively more numerous. Beyond the "pit", some 60 feet below the ground surface, practically all of the sparkling formations are wet. This moisture, exposed to air in the prehistoric open passages, has evaporated very slowly through the ages. The calcium, magnesium, iron, and other mineral residue in solution in the water is left to form the beautiful stalactites, stalagmites and helictites in an unusual display of the handiwork of Nature.

The water from the trapped

raindrop continues to work slowly to lower levels. Finally, some 1,300 feet from the Cavern entrance, small pools of crystal clear water are found, and larger pools are found farther back. Even the water in the pools must wait its turn to seep very slowly downward through the limestone filter to the underground storage or impervious shale.

The presently explored portions of the Sonora Caverns do not extend 300 to 400 feet deep to the level at which underground water is found in our wells. But the story of Nature's process in creating and maintaining the water supply is clearly written in the beautiful formations recently opened for all to see.

The raindrop which strikes the ground surface today will require many days—perhaps several years—to reach the final underground storage pool. As the myriads of pools under the Edwards Plateau are filled to capacity the excess water probably feeds the spring on the Devil's, Llanos, Conchos, Nueces and other rivers around the high plateau.

Ranchmen in the Edwards Plateau soil conservation district play a most vital part in maintaining Nature's underground water plan. A good cover of grass vegetation is necessary to break the splash of the raindrop and slow it enough to get soil penetration. After the thin soil profile is wet the excess water will find thousands of rock crevices that lead to the underground storage.

MORT MORGAN, 5-YEAR-OLD SON OF MR. AND MRS. A. D. MORGAN, JR. OF AUSTIN, takes his first bite of West Texas "pan". Mort, whose daddy is with the travel information division of the Highway Department, found the "pan" and the cave to his liking.



More Than 2,000 Persons Attend Cave Dedication

A. & M. Adjunct To Tour Caverns

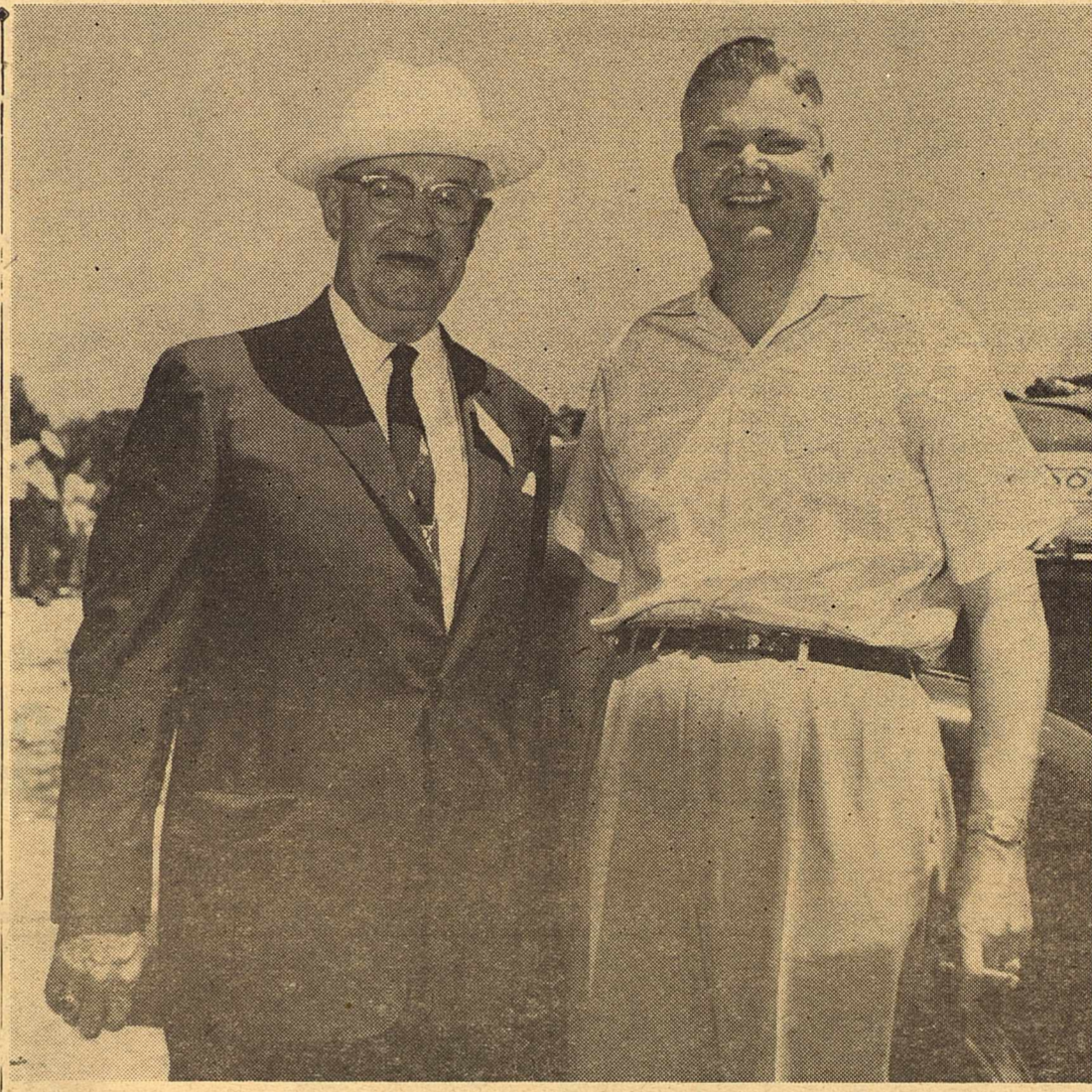
Students from the A. & M. College Adjunct at Junction will tour the Caverns of Sonora Saturday afternoon, July 30, according to an announcement made this week by Herman B. Segrest, director of physical education and recreation at the Adjunct.

The group of 50 students will leave the Adjunct at one o'clock Saturday afternoon and return that evening. The tour is part of the recreation program carried out at the Adjunct.

John Allen Ward III of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, spent last weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., and attending the cave dedication.

Raindrops crashing on bare rangland rapidly puddle the soil and seal the pores and tiny rock crevices. The rainfall is then forced to flow off rapidly on the soil surface, causing erosion, floods and depletion of our underground water supply.

Visit the Sonora Caverns and admire the fabulous beauty of Nature. But study the story of the raindrop on its journey to the underground water supply. IT'S TRIP IS REALLY NECESSARY!



Colonel Homer A. Garrison, Jr., and Herb C. Petry, head of the DPS and the Highway Commission respectively, express enthusiasm for the future of the Caverns. Petry made the official dedication and stated his belief that the scenic attraction is destined to be a major tourist stop.

More than 2,000 persons including cave enthusiasts and experts from several states were on hand Saturday morning, July 23, for the official dedication of the Caverns of Sonora. Herb C. Petry, Jr., chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, made the dedication speech and cut the ribbon officially opening the caverns.

"The Texas Highway Department," Petry said, "is given the responsibility of advertising Texas. We hope soon to be able to advertise such scenic attractions as this nationally." Petry continued by advising pursuit of a sustained and intensive advertising campaign urging local area people to see and know the caves.

NEW HIGHWAY?

Indirectly Petry indicated that improved highways to the caverns will be built. He stated that the Highway Department will provide main highways to the caverns but that he could make no definite commitment since highway construction might be involved.

Master of Ceremonies Gay Copeland also called upon Col. Homer R. Garrison, Jr., head of the Department of Public Safety, who indicated the Caverns may some day become the world's greatest cave. State Senator Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo also made a brief talk. Rev. Alanson Brown, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

PRESS PREVIEW

Members of the press and radio and television personnel were honor guests at a preview showing of the Caverns and a reception in the cave's Press Room. Some 35 or 40 newspapers, radio and television stations were represented and many Chambers of Commerce. Included were representatives of: the Seminole Sentinel, Alice News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Texas Press Association, WOAI radio and television, Brady Standard, San Angelo Standard Times, Menard News, Carrizo Springs Javelin, Bronte Enterprise, Elgin Courier, KGKL radio, KCTV television, Meridian Tribune, Midland Reporter-Telegram, San Angelo Board of City Development, Texas Highway Department, Governor Daniel's office, Midland Chamber of Commerce, Department of Public Safety.

PERSONALS

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. VanderStucken and Jan were Mrs. A. H. Augustinus and Miss Elaine Augustinus of Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crites and son Charles of Brownfield spent last weekend with Mrs. Pearl Crites and other relatives here and also attended the dedication of the Caverns of Sonora.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Clyde Gardner were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin of Midland, Mrs. R. S. Williams of Mertzon, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hamby and son. All attended the Caverns dedication.

LIONS ROAR

M. V. Watson of Ardmore, Oklahoma was guest speaker at this week's meeting of the Sonora Lions Club at the First Methodist Church. Watson, principle of one of the Ardmore schools and an ardent cave enthusiast, spoke on the newly opened Caverns of Sonora.

Watson told how he has visited and explored more than 200 caves in 36 states and several foreign countries and said he has yet to see one which will compare to the local cavern. "There are more helictites in the Helictite Room of this cave," he said, "than in all other caves of the world combined." He is currently visiting with cave developers Jim Papadakis and Jack Burch and assisting them in conducting tours through the cavern which he describes as the prettiest in the world-known or unknown.

Guests present Tuesday were Vernon Jones of Junction and Ralph White of Sonora.

DEDICATION DAY
CAVERNS OF SONORA — SONORA, TEXAS
—PROGRAM—
FRIDAY, JULY 22—PRESS PREVIEW
Morning and Afternoon—Arrival, Registration, Photographing
6:30 P.M.—Reception, Press Room, down under
8:00 P.M.—Authentic Chuckwagon Supper, top side
9:00 P.M.—Tale Swappin'—sky's the limit
SATURDAY, JULY 23—DEDICATION DAY
Breakfast—At chuckwagon for Press and official visitors
11:00 A.M.—Ribbon Cuttin', Cavern Entrance
12:00 Noon—Real West Texas Barbecue with beans and trimmin's for Press and invited guests.

Over 2,000 See Cavern During Opening Weekend

More than 1,000 persons saw the Caverns of Sonora Saturday, July 16, in their first opening for public viewing. Another 1,000 made the tour through the cavern on Sunday.

Visitors represented 18 states and several countries and all expressed their awe at the beauty of the fantastic and profuse formations which lie in the underground rooms.

Included in this year's tour are the formidable "Pit", War Club Room, Corinthian Room, Crystal Room, Lunch Room, among other sights. Perhaps most impressive

is the Corinthian Room with huge columns profusely decorated with helictites and calcite crystals. Small wayside pools of crystal clear water are found through the lower portions of the cavern.

Year round temperature of the cave is a constant 70 degrees and it is completely free from bats, animals and insects. Dripping moisture shows viewers that formations are still growing and gives some idea of how the cavern itself was made over a period estimated at 60,000,000 years.

The opening culminated four months of hard work for developers Jim Papadakis and Jack

Burch who began on March 10 the arduous task of excavating a new entrance, constructing stairways and bridging the awesome 60-foot Pit. Painstaking effort, too, went into the indirect lighting system which displays to best advantage the unbelievably crystal-like stalactites, stalagmites, helictites and draperies.

The Caverns will remain open this year until December when the developers will begin putting into effect their plans for expansion which will allow an alternate tour of three hours next spring.

The Caverns Of Sonora - - - Their History, Description, Exploration

By Mills Tandy

(Editor's Note: With the opening of the Caverns of Sonora scheduled for July 16, 1950, we begin with this issue a serialized treatise on the caverns (first known as Mayfield Cave) prepared by spelunker Mills Tandy who is assisting Jim Papadakis and Jack Burch in developing the cave.)

INTRODUCTION

Although the secret of Mayfield Cave has been known for slightly over five years, it has been acclaimed by many as one of the most beautiful and unusual caves in the world. A large amount of effort has been put into the exploration and conservation of the cave, but very little has been written about it. Having visited the cave many times in the past few years, the writer has developed a keen interest in it. Most of the people who have been instrumental in the exploration, conservation, and study of the cave have been contacted, and this is a summary of these activities.

LOCATION AND HISTORY

The Edwards Plateau is a massive upland extending over a large part of central and southwestern Texas. On the south and east the plateau descends to the low flatlands of Texas over the maturely eroded Balcones Escarpment, which decreases in height from 1,500 feet at Del Rio near the Rio Grande to less than 100 feet north of Austin, which is located 200 miles northeast of Del Rio. Along the escarpment, where the thick strata of limestone are exposed and highly dissected, numerous caves occur, ranging in size from small pits or shelters to gigantic cavern systems.

Mayfield Cave, located in west-central Sutton County, is one of the most extensive of these cavern systems, and is considered to be the most beautiful because of the many varieties of unusual speleothems found throughout

the newly discovered portion of the cave.

The exact time of the discovery of the old portion of the cave is not known. Residents who have lived for 30 years in the cave's locality have said that its existence has been known for at least that length of time. From observations and conversations with some of the townspeople of nearby communities, the writer would estimate that the cave was first discovered during the latter part of the nineteenth century. The old part of the cave has been visited frequently during the past 30 years by the local people.

EXPLORATION

Discovery of the New Part

In June of 1955, Bartley Crisman and Robert Crisman, of the Abilene Grotto (a chapter of a speleological society) made a ten day caving trip into Sutton County. They first visited Mayfield and explored most of the old part of the cave, as many people before them had done. They came to the same pit room that had ended the exploration of many others before them, and they noticed the small opening of a passage in the far side of the pit. After carefully investigating the walls of the pit, they decided that they could go no further. They then left Mayfield and proceeded to explore near-by Felton Cave which was, then, much more extensive and interesting than the drab and bleak solution tunnels of Mayfield Cave.

The location and description of Mayfield was then given to the Dallas Speleological Society and it is to the members of this group (Claude Head, Daniel Sheffield, Jack Prince, Jack Allen, Peter Cobb, and Allen Cain) that the full credit for the discovery of the new part of Mayfield Cave must be given.

On the Labor Day weekend of 1955, this group made a trip into the Edwards-Sutton County area. Friday, September 2, they spent

the night at the Devil's Sinkhole near Rocksprings, Texas. Saturday morning, they decided not to go into the sinkhole and they went to Red Arrow Cave instead. They spent all day Saturday at Red Arrow and slept there that night.

Sunday morning they headed for Mayfield Cave rather than any of the other choices they had. When they arrived at the Mayfield ranch, the group began to look for the cave. They had been given written instructions telling how to find the entrance but these directions proved to be of little assistance. This is well understandable to one who is familiar with Edwards Plateau topography. One mesquite, rock, or dirt road looks about the same as any other. Their search was made even more difficult because of the small size (18 inches in diameter) of Mayfield Cave's entrance. Finally, one of Mr. Mayfield's ranch hands came to their assistance, and calmly led them to the entrance. The rest of the morning and a great part of the afternoon were spent exploring the old part of the cave.

Later, while most of the group were resting or taking pictures, Prince tried to scale the west wall of the Pit Room in order to gain access to the northern passages plainly visible from there. He was unsuccessful in his attempts to hook a rope in the rocks there, and so abandoned this line of attack.

He then attacked it from the top—the now famous ledge. He had on tennis shoes, so his footing was more secure above the 65-foot drop than it appeared to be from the vantage point of the others. Even with this advantage, he remained as far from the edge as possible, a route which is now known to be the most difficult, even if it does give more psychological comfort. Prince inched his way across the ledge, to the

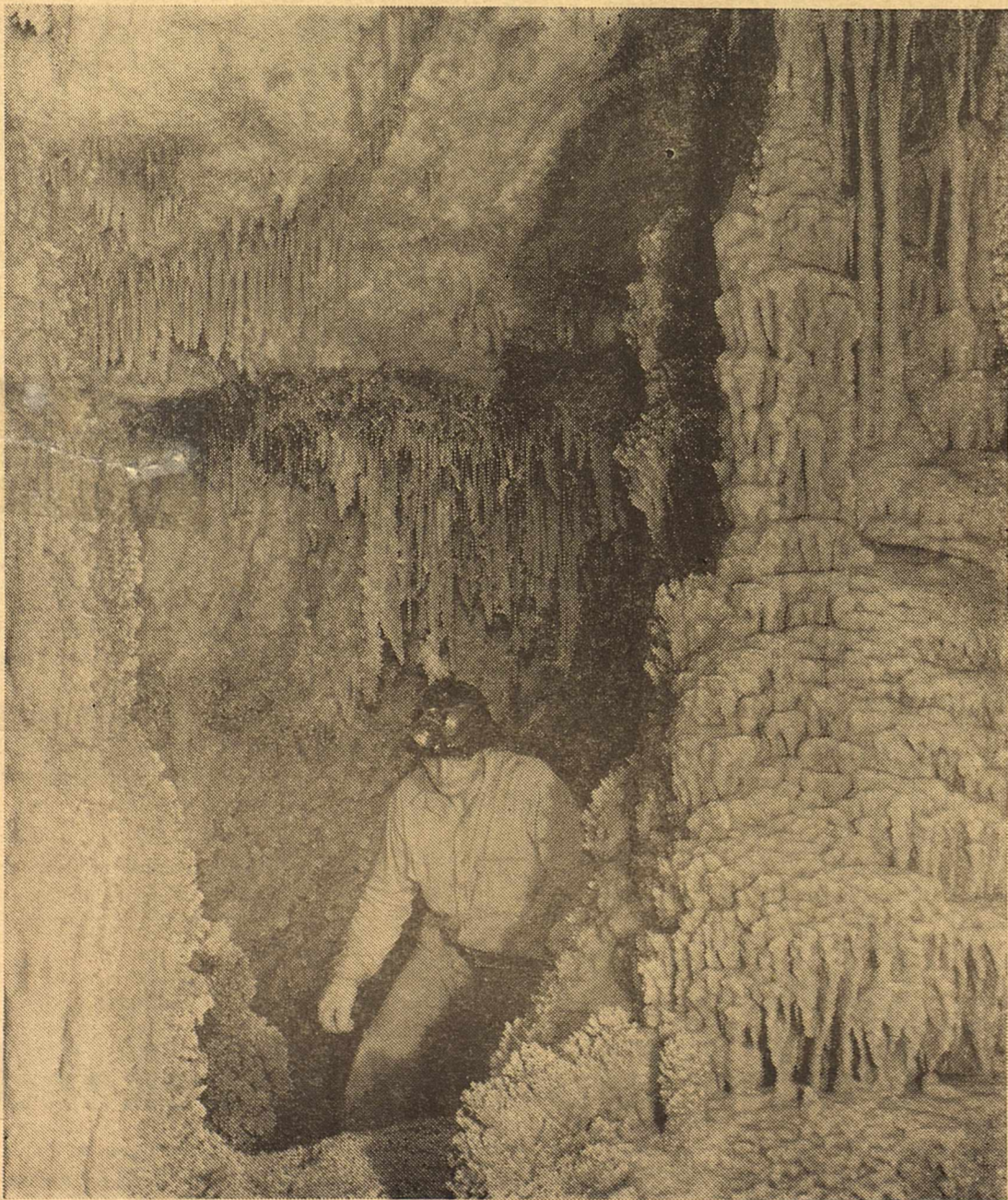
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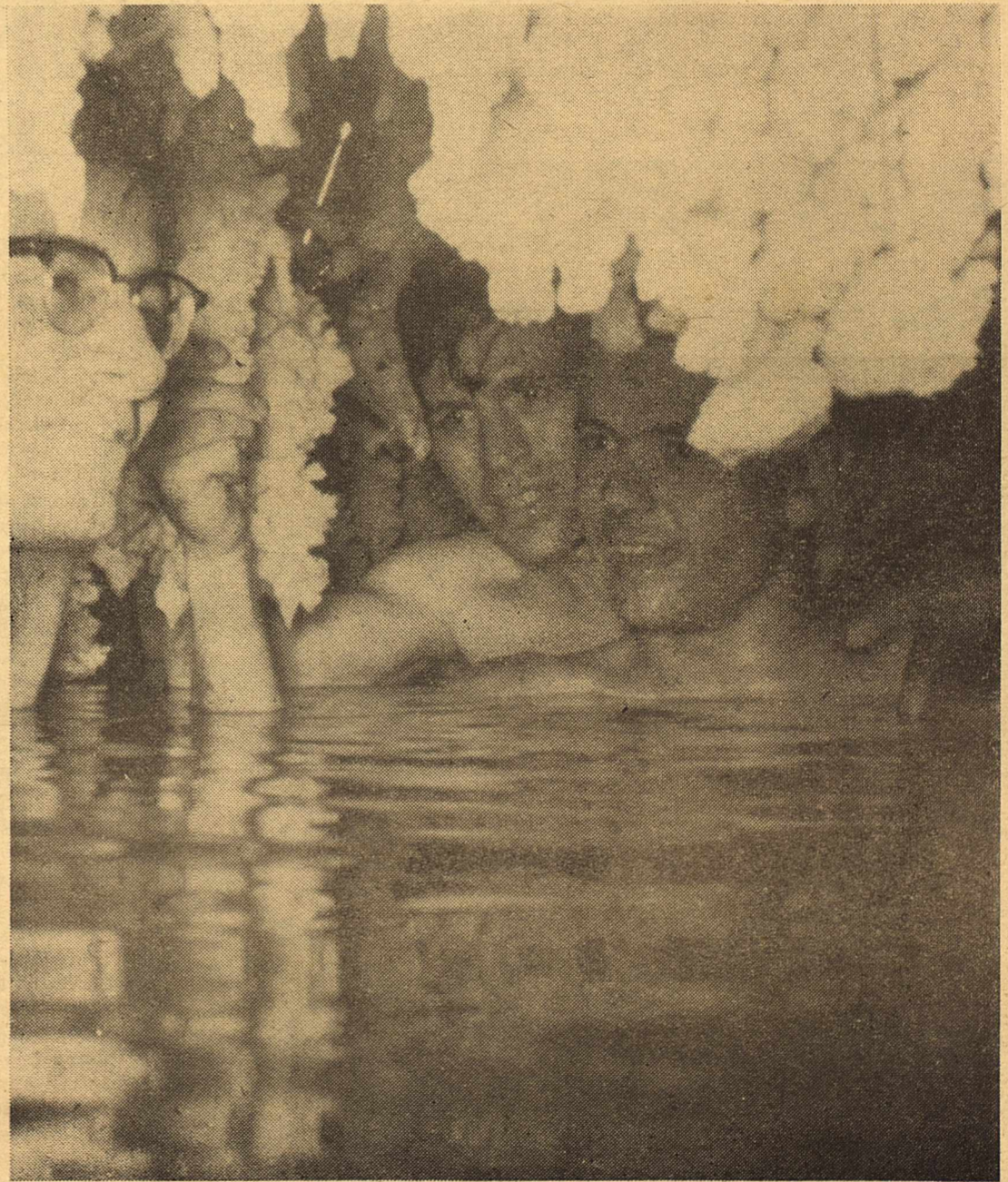
HELICTITES AND CORALLOIDS, CAVERNS OF SONORA—"Unbelievable" is what cavern experts call the lavish formations in the Caverns of Sonora. Here helictites recall the majesty of a winter scene and coralloids lend an incongruous tropic island atmosphere.

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CORINTHIAN ROOM, CAVERNS OF SONORA—"Heaven's Pathway," although neither straight nor narrow, leads viewers to the Corinthian Room of the Caverns of Sonora. Here limestone columns recall the splendor and majesty of the days of Corinth and its fabled architecture. Draperies, coralloids and stalactites accent the beauty of this unique chamber.



SUBTERRANEAN LAKE, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Three cave explorers stop to enjoy a refreshing dip in one of the clear pools within the cave. So clear is the water and so calm in the stillness of the cavern's atmosphere it is almost impossible to tell where the lakes begin and end.

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comparative safety of the other side. After his announcement that the passage appeared to continue, the rest of the group inched their marrow-chilling way across the "devil's delight".

After about an hour and a half of exploration of the West Passage, the group knew that they had made an important speleological discovery. In spite of the party's fatigue, for it was now evening, they hoped to follow the passage to the end. It was their opinion at the time that they had checked all side passages as far as they had gone, and they were at the top of the ten-foot drop-off to what is now known as the lakeroom.

At this point, they faced the decision either to send someone back to the Pit Room for ropes, or temporarily abandon their attempts to go farther. They were all tired, and they felt that they could not do justice to the explorations which might be ahead; so they chose the latter alternative.

After they got out of the cave, they faced a more difficult decision. They could either stay and explore Monday and drive back to Dallas Monday night, or they could leave and plan a future expedition to the cave. They had already caved for two days, and were pretty well bushed. A third day would just about finish them, especially with a six-hour drive. Furthermore, it was unknown whether one day would be adequate to complete the explorations. In view of this, they decided to return to Dallas Monday morning so that they would be recuperated for work Tuesday, and plan a future expedition as soon as possible to complete their explorations.

During the next month, two trips were made to the cave. Only the original five went across the ledge. During these trips, they were able to explore the West passage, and the passage up to, and including the Antler Room, or Helictite Room.

In November, a joint trip was made to the cave by members of the Dallas and Abilene Grot-

toes. On this trip, an attempt was made to explore the passage believed to exist above the route leading to the Helictite Room from the second rope-off. A rope was thrown over a stalagmite about 20 feet from the floor of the lower passage. Two members of the party succeeded in climbing to a point about 15 feet above the stalagmite where the rope had been secured but could not quite reach the promising passage. They then abandoned this lead and moved on to the traverse just above the second rope-off. Having negotiated the traverse, the passage, now known as the "Hall of the White Giants", was explored. Animal tracks of some type of small rodent were observed in the sandy upper levels of this passage.

The famous traverse which later became known as Berner's Precarious Precipice was crossed for the first time during this trip. The East Wing was partially explored although exploration was halted at the knotted stalagmite due to lack of time.

A month later the Dallas and Abilene groups revisited the cave and an entrance gate with lock was installed at that time. The entire East Wing was explored and the Rhombic Crystal Room was discovered.

In January and February, several trips were made to the cave by the Abilene and Dallas Grottoes, during which the long lake below the War Club Room was explored. The tortuous crawlway known as Pete's Passage was also explored and named in honor of its conqueror, Peter Cobb.

CURRENT EXPLORATION AND TRIPS

During the Easter weekend of 1956, Fred Berner, David Kyser, Larry Littlefield, and other members of the University of Texas Grotto met Bartley and Robert Crisman at the cave. The Crismans guided the others to the Helictite Room where the group divided and explored side passages. Quincy Berlin and David Kyser went to the uppermost level above Berner's Precarious Precipice, a coralloid covered ledge, which is traversed to enter

the East Wing of the cave, and spent several hours seeking an apparent second entrance to the cave. Strong evidence for this was found in the form of abundant animal droppings, bones bearing tooth marks, and cool, fresh air. A large centipede was found and later identified as a surface form. Despite their efforts, however, no outside openings were found. The ceiling in this area is highly pitted and honeycombed, making systematic search difficult. Approximately 20 hours were spent in the cave and two separate entries were made during this trip.

In June of 1956, Fred Berner, William Helmer, Larry Littlefield, David Kyser and other speleologists from the U. of T. Grotto visited Mayfield for the purpose of mapping it. The route from the Pit Room to the Helictite Room is well as the lower passage from the Pit Room to the entrance were mapped on this trip. A total of 20 hours was spent in the cave with two entries.

The U. of T. Grotto again visited the cave in July of 1956. They paced off the cave's route on the surface and found some interesting rock formations in the vicinity of the upper level. The East Wing of the cave was mapped on this trip as well as the ledge route and some of the level beneath the entrance. The U. of T. Grotto used the ledge route for the first time on this trip. Formerly, they had one person scale the wall of the pit and then lower cable ladders on which the others might ascend. The writer knows from experience that the ledge route is easier. The spelunker is confronted with a great deal more crawling if the wall route is taken.

In January of 1959, Jack Burch, Calvin Perryman, W. T. Perryman, Ralph Perryman and Don Shupe of the Ardmore, Oklahoma Grotto spent several days surveying the cave with a transit and tape. Although their map is not as yet complete, it is the most accurate one which has been produced to date.

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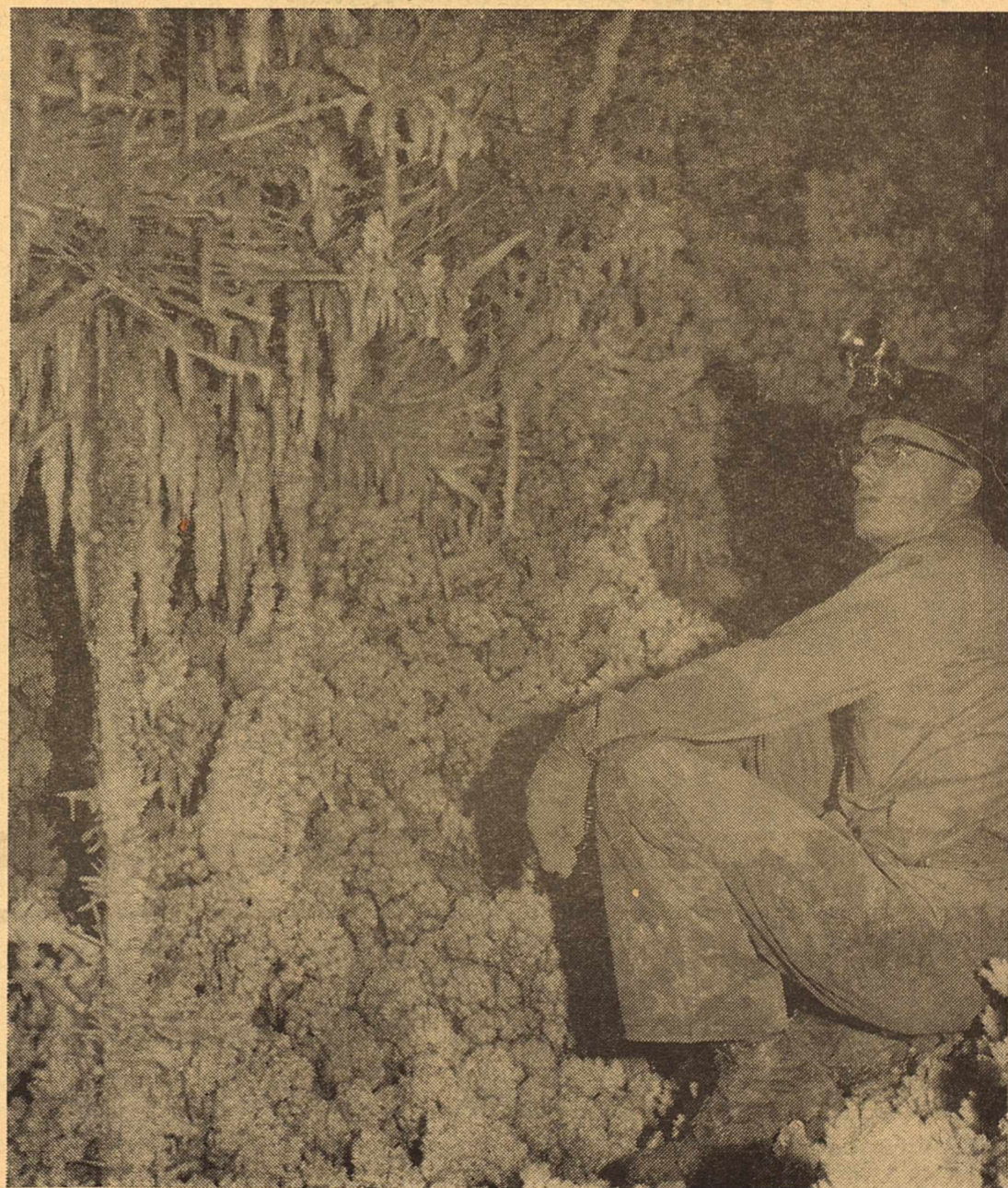
KNOTTED ROPE, CAVERNS OF SONORA—An anonymous "spelunker" stumbles on the wonder of the "Knotted Rope" formation in the Caverns of Sonora, a newly discovered cavern opening to the public on July 23. Forces of nature sculptured the floor-to-ceiling stalactite-stalagmite in the form of a giant's shoestrings with a monstrous snarl.

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GIANT STALAGMITES, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Wearing a carbide lamp and carrying a heavy rope for traversing "The Pit" an early explorer of The Caverns of Sonora comes upon giant stalagmites. So clear are these fabulous formations that they glow a saowy white when lighted from behind.



CRYSTAL TREE, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Forces of water, air currents and static electricity combined at Nature's direction to shape the rare tree formation, left. Helictites and stalactites form the branches and a stalagmite completes the illusion by forming the trunk.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMENTS

CAVE RUMBLINGS- In case you haven't heard the Caverns of Sonora are open for business. Many local people were fearful that the developers hadn't time to offer a creditable showing since they only began work March 10. The reaction of the first cash customers was the big thing. A knocker could keep away a hundred, a booster might send ten. That is the way gossip works.

But the argument is over, the 2,000 visitors the first two days left the Cavern with nothing but high praise. The attendance was astounding, the reaction even more pleasing.

The big story at the Caverns is, "so much work by so few hands." Not only has there been a tremendous work job there but the engineering is sensational.

IT HAS taken a lot of planning and a lot of work by different committeemen to date and even more for this weekend. Stanley Mayfield deserves a plaque for carrying out one committee assignment. Last Tuesday a Dedication Committee meeting was held under the brush arbor (which is Stanley's engineering) and then and there it was decided that the most urgent job was to tie down with water the new Carl Cahill road before the 16th opening.

After much discussion Chairman McKinney ended the argument by appointing Mayfield the committee of one to see to it that the road was wet down before Saturday.

Vern Rogers, who was present, volunteered El Paso's water tank. Stanley counted rapidly the County's, Carl's, Jack Rape's water trucks and it began to look like an impossible assignment. But on opening day the road was wet, no dust, some smog. Stanley had met the challenge.

EIGHTEEN STATES and 3 foreign countries (not counting Texas in either category) registered on opening day. Of all the people coming out of the Cave on Saturday and Sunday we did not hear one say anything but high praise for the attraction.

One lady was disappointed that she didn't get to see the butterfly. We don't blame her, we would like to see it too. Many people who had been in many Caves said this was by far the prettiest.

THE FIRST CUSTOMERS of the Cavern were 92 Boy Scouts and leaders from Dothan, Alabama. They went thru Friday night at ten o'clock and were they pleased. They can do us lots of advertising with those 55,000 Boy Scouts at the Jamboree. The first ticket purchaser was Joe VanderStucken. He holds ticket No. 1. He is having it embossed for the boys after writing on it, "Good luck, Jim and Jack."

The band parents worked like Turks at the concession stand last weekend. They plan to be even busier next weekend as they hope to feed 1,500 hungry people. They complained that L. P. Bloodworth hurt their business, he would meet people at their cars and escort them to the Cavern door, passing the concession stand right by.

The Caverns almost grabbed off a celebrity for a guest Monday. Governor Leroy Collins of Florida came thru Sonora and wanted to see the Caverns of which he had heard. It was late and he promised to return and see the Caverns at a later date.

SUNDAY the picnic area at the Caverns was a busy place. When completed this area will be popular many months of the year. It will be a busy place next Friday night and Saturday, too. The Press feed will be there and it is for people in the publicity field, a few invited dignitaries and a working committee. Saturday the dedication will be in the picnic area and it is for the public. He sure, be there.

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Since the new part of Mayfield Cave was discovered in the summer of 1955, many expeditions have been made to the cave by various caving groups. Many man hours have been spent in the cave with the hope of finding new wonders. The area of Berner's Precarious Precipice and the Hall of the White Giants offered clues for more virgin cave for a while, but even those leads have been pretty well gone over by now with no significant discoveries. The main lead now is the possibility of an extension of an upper level above the present passage leading to the Helictite Room. This area is also pitted and honeycombed, which will make exploration difficult. Except for a few skimpy leads such as this, it may now be said that Mayfield Cave is completely explored.

GEOLOGICAL ASPECTS

The Cave's Origin and Age
In solution caves, at least three related phases of development are recognized: (1) In the first phase, openings are developed in the rock by solution and are integrated to form cavern passages. (2) The second phase involves the filling of these passages with clay, silt, sand, or gravel, the source of which is the surface soils or rock in the vicinity of the cave. At times these deposits of cave earth accumulate to such an extent that they completely fill the primitive passages of the cave. (3) The third stage is a reverse of the second and results in the partial removal of the earth fill by streams flowing in the cave. These active streams also modify and enlarge the primitive passages. Simultaneously, the reopened passages receive deposits of calcite or other minerals that are carried through the rocks in solution. The deposition of these minerals on or from the walls and ceilings of passages develops beautiful stalactites, stalagmites, columns, flowstone, or other speleothems.

While these three phases of development are recognized by most scientists there are two schools of thought as to the tim-

ing and position of each phase. Some believe that all three stages occur simultaneously at or near the top of the ground water. This view, known as the one-cycle theory, is as follows: water descending from the surface of the Earth into the ground dissolves the limestone to form cavern openings. At the same time, some of the water containing large quantities of dissolved materials precipitates them on reaching the openings forming speleothems. Earth fills are also brought in from the surface by the descending water at the same time that the passages are being enlarged by solution. Another group thinks that each phase is distinct and separate. This view, which is known as the two-cycle theory is as follows: the first phase occurs in the phreatic zone well below the top of the water table, and the third phase occurs in the vadose zone.

When passages are elevated above the phreatic zone by regional uplift, the second cycle is inaugurated. William Morris Davis related the first cycle to regional peneplanation, and keyed the entire development of caverns to the peneplane cycle as follows: 1. Solutional development of deep-seated network of fissures, galleries, and shafts in the phreatic zone beneath a peneplane surface. 2. Enlargement of openings to mature proportions, still beneath the water table. 3. Regional uplift with change from phreatic to vadose conditions in cavern passages. 4. Depositional replenishment by dripstone and flowstone. 5. Degradation of cavern roof and walls by erosion and final peneplanation.

J. Harlen Brez modified Davis' theory by introducing a third stage in the cavern cycle. This stage, occurring in the transition from phreatic to vadose conditions, is characterized by deposition of clay fills in cavern openings. The clay is derived from the surface and transported to phreatic reservoirs where it forms deposits that may completely fill cavern passages. Upon uplift, vadose streams flowing in the cavern passages excavate channels in the clay and may ultimately re-

move it. William E. Davies, 1953, states that the fills are a result of alternate vadose and phreatic conditions in which active subterranean streams deposit sand and gravel when the water table is low and fine silt and clay when the water table is high and phreatic conditions exist. Such alternations would occur as the phreatic stage of excavation drew to a close, and uplift of the cavern passages began.

Mayfield Cave appears to have been formed according to the two-cycle theory. Networks of passages and irregular solution pockets in the cave's walls—characteristics of caves formed according to the two-cycle theory—are common in Mayfield.

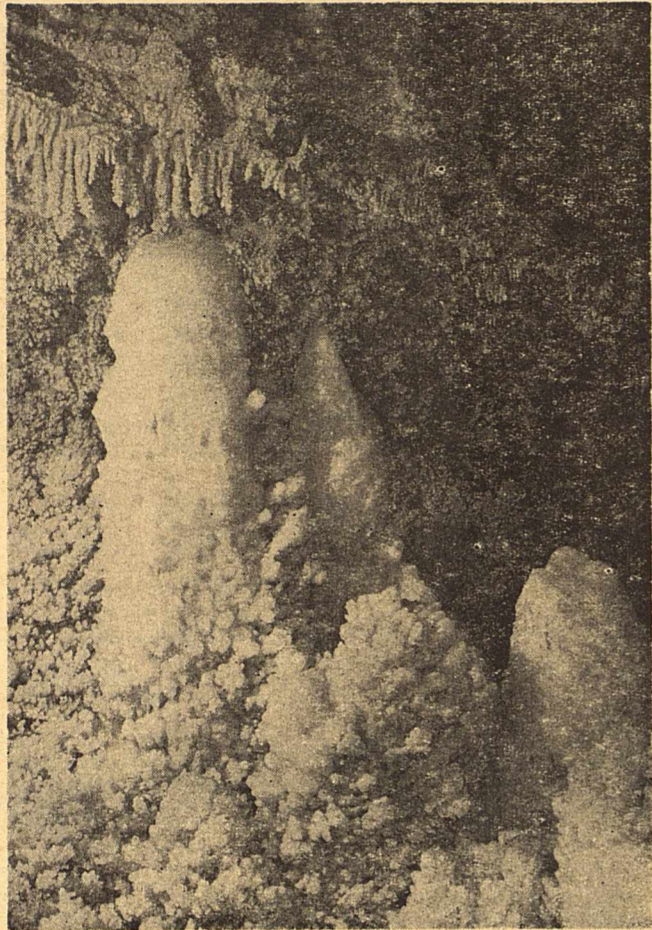
It is thought that the second stage of cavern development was of minor importance in the formation of Mayfield Cave. This stage may have been completely absent. A type of clay can be found in isolated spots in the cave today, but this clay is very much different from the limestone soils of the surface above the cave. If extensive clay fills were present in the cave's lower passages, they would not be visible due to the fact that secondary calcite formations cover many of the cave's walls and floors. Recent soil fills are present in some of the cave's upper levels.

Although the exact position of each phase in the cave's development is not known, it is known that the cave is now in the latter part of the third stage.

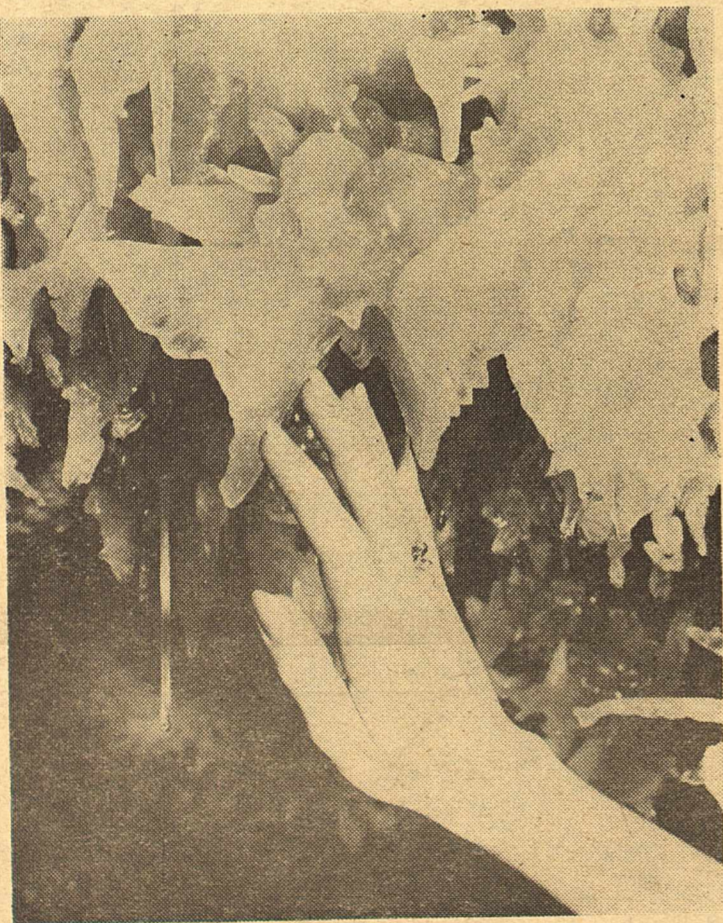
The only indication of the cave's possible origin according to the one-cycle theory is the fact that it is located in thickly bedded, gently dipping limestone. James H. Gardner, who favors the one-cycle theory, applied this theory to such areas. Scientists who favor the two-cycle theory have also applied it to such areas as those that Gardner studied; therefore, the fact that Mayfield was developed in such an area is not a very sound basis on which conclusions favoring the one-cycle theory can be based.

There are horizontal passages

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TRANSLUCENT GIANTS, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Clustered together are these giant stalagmites which give off a translucent glow when lighted. Coralloids and miniature war clubs point up the icy crystal finish Nature gave these growing formations.



BUTTERFLY FORMATION, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Formed by Nature as a monument to Beauty is The Caverns of Sonora's fabulous "Butterfly." So delicate and translucent is this beautiful formation that a newspaper may be read through it.



TRAVERSING "THE PIT", CAVERNS OF SONORA—Facing the possibility of a fatal fall to the bottom of "The Pit", spelunkers persevered to find the glories lying beyond. Now the almost insurmountable obstacle of the ledge and the pit are seen as just one more of the spectacles of the Cavern.

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on several different levels in Mayfield Cave. It cannot be told whether these levels are due to solution directly below the water table, or solution of more soluble beds; because the limestone in which Mayfield Cave was formed is flat-bedded.

The age of caverns is still an unsolved problem. Many estimates have been based on the rate of growth of stalactites, fossil remains in cavern fills, and on the rate of solution of cavernous limestone. The figures arrived at by these methods have been of little consequence, as they are not directly related to the origin of the cave, and, at best, are minimum ages.

Caves, obviously, are younger than the rock that encloses them, and older than the deposits that fill them. The limestone in which Mayfield Cave is located belongs to the Comanche series of Cretaceous age. Of the fossil remains of prehistoric vertebrates which have been found in Texas' caves, none have been found, when dated, to be older than Pleistocene age. Kyser and others found petrified fragments of a pleistocene palm tree during their explorations on the surface above Mayfield in July of 1956. Although these facts place the date of origin of Mayfield Cave in the late part of the Tertiary age, an accurate specific age cannot be given.

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SPELEOTHEMS

Undoubtedly, the most outstanding feature of Mayfield Cave is the many beautiful displays of rare and varied types of speleothems. Most authorities of cave formations who have visited this cave admit that they are as unusual as any in the world.

The helictites of Mayfield Cave defy all realms of imagination. The entire wall of one side of the Helictite Room is completely covered with masses of crystal clear helictites that are up to twelve inches long and average about one-fourth inch in diameter. Giant helictites protrude from the floor of the room

at an angle of fifty-five degrees, and measure up to twenty-four inches high. They seem to defy the law of gravity. Even the experts are baffled as to how these formations are formed into their weird shapes.

Semkin, 1957, said that there is fairly conclusive evidence that the helictites in the Helictite Room of Mayfield Cave were formed under water because no helictites are found above a certain level, which is an old water level. Mason, 1957, comments on this by saying that it is generally believed that helictites are formed in the air, deriving their curious shapes from air currents and being similar to stalactites. He does not see how the speleothems could be formed under water, but would not like to deny the possibility. W. R. Halliday (personal communication) also believes that these helictites were formed in the air, but as far as wind currents are concerned, there are none in Mayfield Cave.

The most probable solution to the question of genesis of these helictites is explained in George W. Moore's paper, "The Origin of Helictites" (1954). He states that the internal arrangement of wedge-shaped crystals is responsible for the unlimited variety of shapes in which these speleothems form. This is most probably the case in the helictites of Mayfield Cave.

Great areas of the ceilings, floors and walls of the passages in the cave are covered with beautiful coralloids which somewhat resemble coral found in the ocean, but this "coral" is inorganic. Upon close examination, definite crystals can be seen which compose the coralloids. The colors of these speleothems range from pure white to rust red. These formations are believed to be subaqueous. "Christmastrees" up to three or four feet in height have been formed by the deposition of the coralloids on stalagmites. Old stalactites have been found that are wider at the bottom than at the top, and they were also formed in this manner. Although coralloids are not particularly rare

speleothems, the size, color, and fragility of the ones in Mayfield Cave make them outstanding.

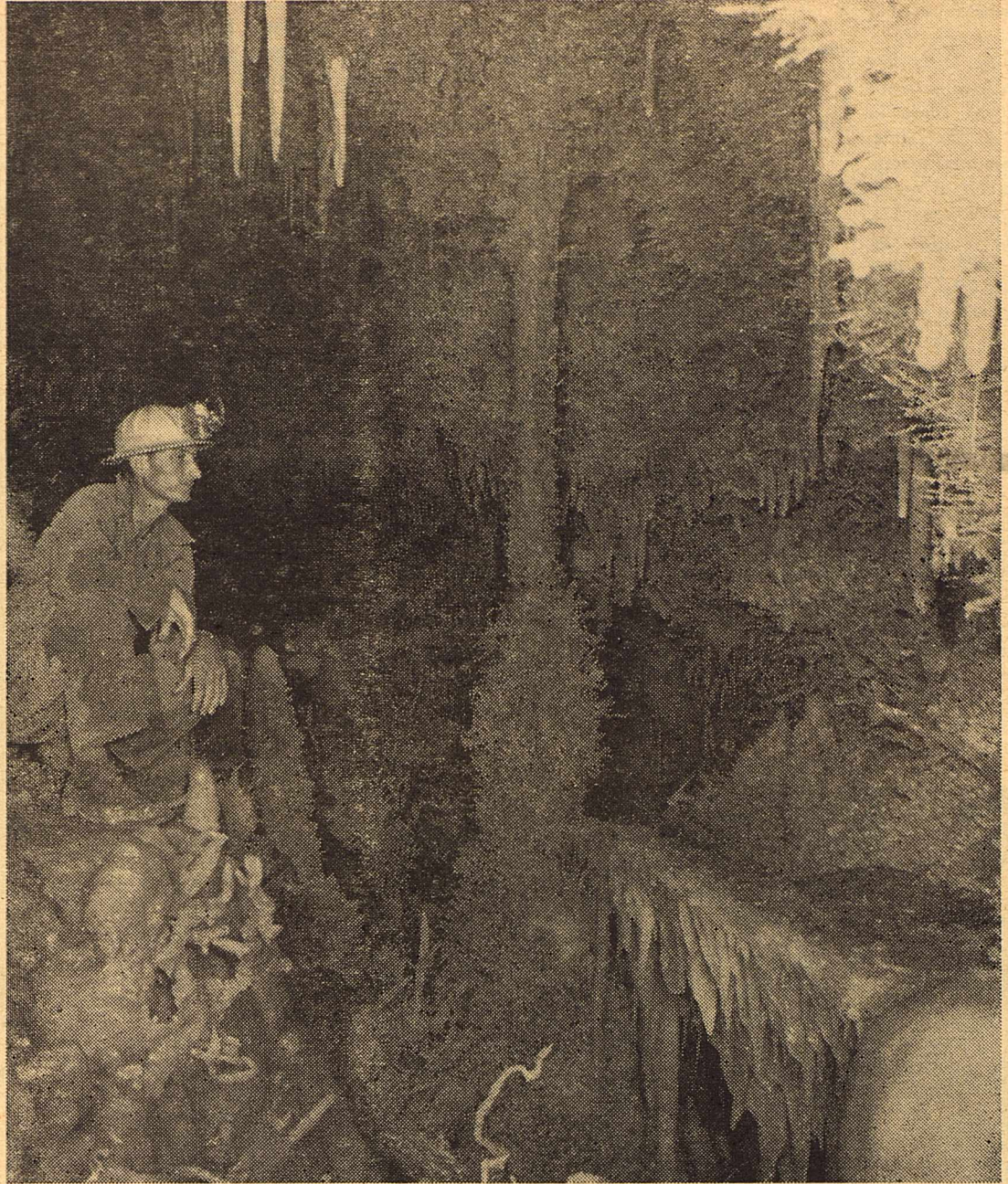
Far back in one of the remotest areas of the cave are found some of the cave's most unusual and beautiful formations. In what was once a rimstone pool are giant rhombohedral crystals. These crystals are orange and the sides of some measure up to three inches. In one place, the crystals have grown together to form an helictite in the shape of a horseshoe. This horseshoe helictite and many of the cave's other speleothems appear to have gone through several stages of being alternately submerged and exposed to the air. These speleothems are composed of mineral structures of both aerogenic and subaqueous origin. These successive lowerings and raisings of the water level in the cave have occurred in the cave's third stage of development, and are not directly related to the speleogenesis of the cave.

Tubular stalactites are not too rare in caves, but the ones in Mayfield Cave are outstanding, as are most of the other speleothems there. Most of these "sodastraws" are crystal clear, and their average length is about two feet, though some reach over six feet. These are very beautiful and fragile. They vibrate rapidly when they are breathed upon.

Atmosphere and Temperature

The atmosphere of Mayfield Cave appears to be suitable for supporting animal life. There may be a slight increase in the carbon dioxide content of the air since the cave was first entered, but such an increase is not noticeable. The relative humidity is 100 percent throughout the cave. The temperature remains steady at 72 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the year. On the weekend of March 12, 1958, Littlefield of the Dallas Speleological Society placed a recording thermograph in the present Register Room. During the 26 hours recorded, the temperature remained constant at 72 degrees Fahrenheit.

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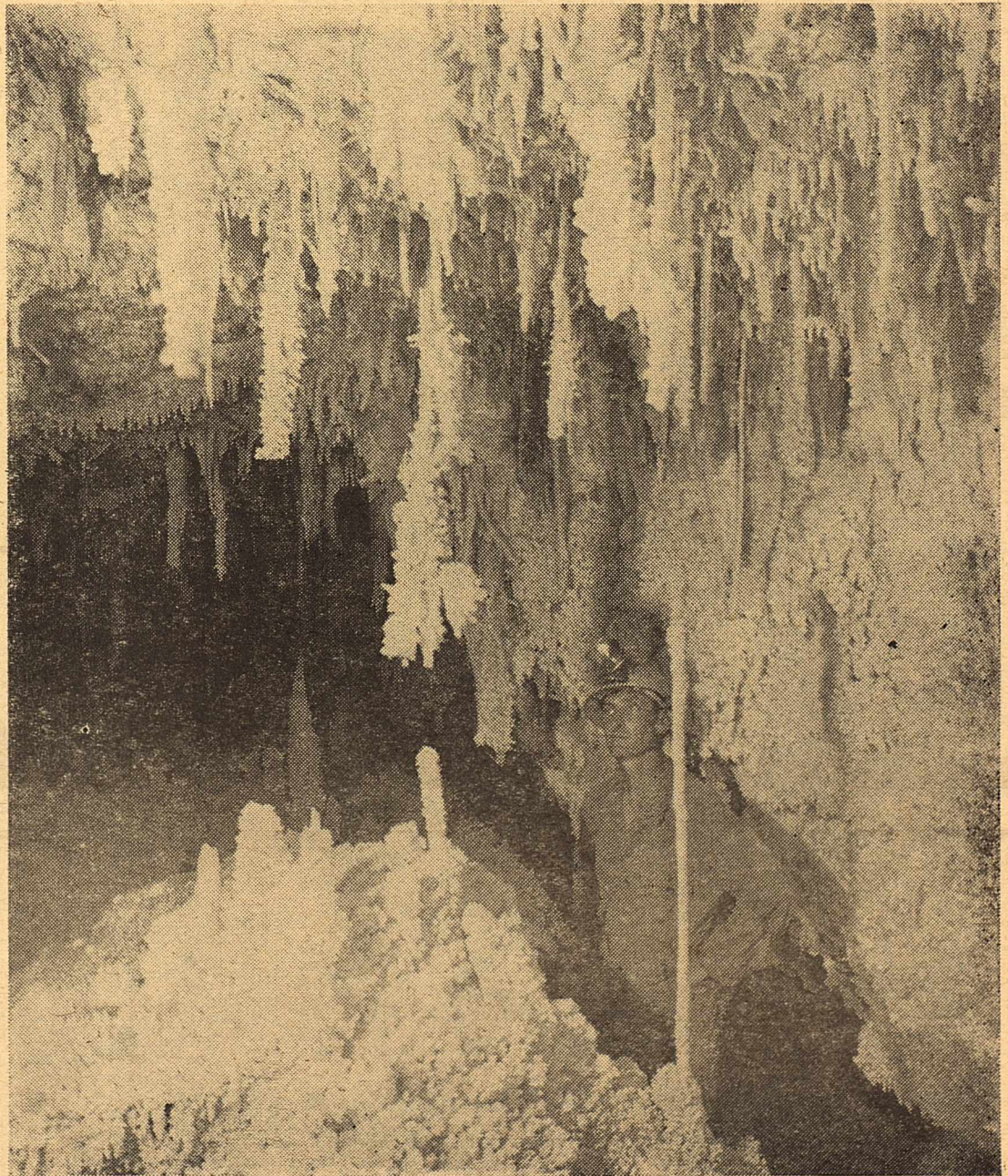
PROFUSION OF BEAUTY, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Jack Burch, one of the developers of the Caverns of Sonora, stops on an exploration trip to take in the prodigality of Nature in forming the cave. Elephant tusks, helictites, draperies, waterfalls, stalagmites, stalactites and tiny pools of crystal meet the eye at this point in the Helictite Room.

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UNEXPLORED PASSAGE, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Spelunkers pause at the juncture of several passages within the cavern. Many of the cave's passages remain unexplored and will be incorporated into later, longer tours to be engineered and completed in the long range development program.



60 MILLION YEARS OF GROWTH, CAVERNS OF SONORA—That's the period geologists estimate was required to form such scenes. The War Clubs suspended from the ceiling may have ceased rapid growth with the receding a subterranean river.

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BIOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

Bats

From all indications, there has been only one bat colony in Mayfield Cave, which was there in the spring of 1956. At that time, Baker (personal communication) observed a small group of about 200 Myotis bats, with young, that had taken up a position over the ledge in the Pit Room. They, evidently, had been there for only a short time, as the accumulated guano beneath them was very slight. An interesting point was that while the speleologists were setting up their ladders on the other side of the pit, the bats became excited and began flying around. One of the young bats was dropped by its mother and remained on the floor of the cave during the cavers' ladder operations. Upon the explorers' return, Baker noticed that the young bat was gone, the mother

having evidently picked it up while they were in the back of the cave. There are not other guano deposits in the cave, and it is seriously doubted that bats ever inhabited the cave in great numbers. As a general rule, bats will not inhabit a cave with an entrance so small as Mayfield.

The writer has observed a few isolated bats in the upper tunnel leading from the Pit Room to the entrance, but he has never seen a group of any size in the cave. A wire screen has been placed on the entrance gate so that bats will not get into the new part of the cave and ruin its beauty with guano deposits.

Other Mammals

One unsolved mystery has puzzled speleologists since the new part of the cave was entered. Throughout the cave numerous droppings of live raccoons, Procyon lotor, or ring-tailed cats, Bassariscus astutus, have been

found. Bones of raccoons have also been found in the upper levels of the cave. They could not possibly have gotten there by coming through the entrance that is now known; so it is thought that there must be another entrance. Much time has been spent searching for this entrance both in the cave and on the surface, without avail.

Insects

Some invertebrates, the usual spiders, crickets, etc. inhabit Mayfield Cave. "Cave Crickets" or "Camel Crickets", which are actually grasshoppers, belonging to the genus Ceuthophilus, are the most numerous of these insects. Some black beetles with a re-curved carapace, belonging to the family Tenebrionidae, have also been observed in the cave.

Recent biological investigations in the cave have revealed several interesting insects which were

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DEEP POOL, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Pictured here is one of the deeper pools found in the cave. Depth here is about six and a half feet. The spelunker is enjoying a drink of the crystal clear water which is as pure as any known natural water.



SPACE FOR GIANTS, CAVERNS OF SONORA—This shot indicates not the remarkable formations in the cave but the size of some of the rooms. Arrow points to spelunker in right foreground just left of stalagmite. This stalagmite is reaching toward its companion stalactite which is growing down from the ceiling. Eventually the two will merge to form a column.

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CHRISTMAS TREES AND HELICTITES, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Standing amid snowy "Christmas Trees" a spelunker looks about him at the remarkable examples of helictites and other unusual formations. He examines a column completely covered with helictites.

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SODA STRAWS AND GRAPE CLUSTERS, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Here is a beautiful example of soda straws which are found in profusion in the cavern. In the foreground are seen helictites and stalactites with grape clusters in the background.

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stubs of former stalagmites and stalactites can be seen. Stalagmites up to eight inches in diameter have been broken off and supposedly carried out by some thoughtless person. Certain steps have been taken by the owner and members of the National Speleological Society in Texas to prevent such destruction from coming to the new part of the cave. Soon after the new section of the cave was discovered a locked iron gate was installed over the entrance to prevent vandals or others, who shouldn't be in the cave, from entering. The beauty, rarity and fragility of the cave's speleothems require that visits to the cave be held to a minimum. Too much traffic would destroy many of these formations. Mr. Mayfield has been most co-operative and it not known to inhabit the cave prior to 1959. One is a carabid beetle of the genus rhadine. This beetle lives only in caves, and it was described as a new species, rhadine babcocki, in 1959 by Thomas C. Barr, Jr. Another interesting find is a rare milliped of the genus cambala. This milliped also lives only in caves. Biologists suspect that other new species will be found when Mayfield Cave is more thoroughly investigated.

CONSERVATION

Through the years many people have visited the old part of Mayfield Cave and their visits are much in evidence. In a small chamber in the bottom of the Pit Room there were once many beautiful formations. Now, in many places, only the broken was through agreement with him that this policy was adopted.

A new register was placed in the main passage of the cave a short distance from the entrance by the Conservation Committee of the Texas Regional Association of the NSS in the summer of 1957. The register is accompanied by a sign on which the constitution for cave conservation of the Texas Region is stated. The following quotation, taken from the register sign should be the creed of all spelunkers: "Take nothing but pictures! Leave nothing but footprints!"

Odds And Ends

The Caverns of Sonora are now open and this Saturday morning will see the official dedication. Reception by the press, radio and television to news of the Cavern has been overwhelming. The Chamber of Commerce set up a publicity budget of \$350-a very

SUMMARY

Mayfield Cave, one of the most beautiful and unusual of the caves in the United States, held a wonderful secret for many years. This secret was not known until 1955 when a group of organized speleologists took a chance and succeeded in finding wonders that had never before been witnessed by the human eye. The main attraction of this cave is its many beautiful formations. Most of these formations are just as they have been for thousands of years.

In conclusion the following quotation, taken from the register sign in the cave, is used to express the efforts of the National Speleological Society to further stress the conservation of our natural wonders:

"Let it never be said, and said to your shame, That all was beauty here, until you came."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The writer is indebted to Mr. Stanley Mayfield for granting permission for many trips to the cave; to Mr. Jack Allen for generously giving information concerning the first exploration of the new section of the cave; to Mr. J. K. Baker who was of much assistance in the preparation of the biological report; to Dr. George W. Moore for advice on the geology report; to the Ardmore, Oklahoma Grotto, NSS, for their excellent map of the cave; to Mr. Scotty Moore for lending his photographs for use with this article; and to the members of the Ozona Grotto, NSS, and the Texas Regional Assn. NSS, for their unlimited assistance in many different ways.

conservative figure when you stop to consider how many millions of dollars some businesses spend on advertising and publicity each year.

"Press kits" containing black and white photographs, brochures, postcards and four news stories were mailed to all major dailies, weeklies, radio stations, television stations and selected magazines. As a result, the cavern's opening has been reported by the San Angelo Standard-Times, the San Antonio papers, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Houston Chronicle, Dallas Morning News, Austin American, Corpus Midland, Odessa, many other dailies and dozens of weeklies. Associated Press released the story over its wire services last week and will do a repeat story on the dedication this weekend.

Television stations in San Angelo, Austin, Houston, San Antonio have given as much as 15 minutes to covering the cave, using pictures, telling the story of Sonora and its caverns. Radio stations, too, have told their listeners about it. Anyone in Texas and adjacent states who doesn't know about the Caverns of Sonora doesn't know about the Democratic convention either.

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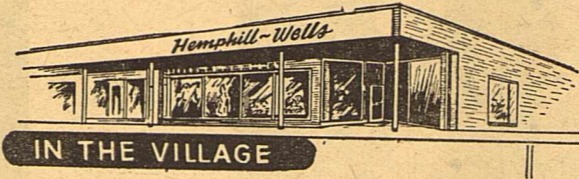
A particularly enthusiastic booster is Texas Press Association's Vern Sanford. Vern has on several occasions talked about 30 minutes long distance, (our time) advising, questioning, offering suggestions on publicity. Vern, Mrs. Sanford, Vernon, Jr. will be here for the dedication as will L. B. Smith of Brady, TPA president, and Mrs. Smith. Also several members of the association's board of directors and Brad Smith of Governor Daniel's office.

If they all talk as much about the cave as Vern no one in Texas will be able to get a word in edgewise.

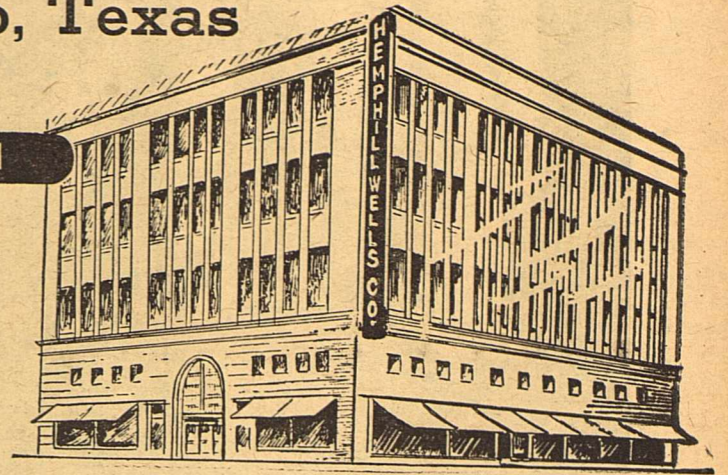
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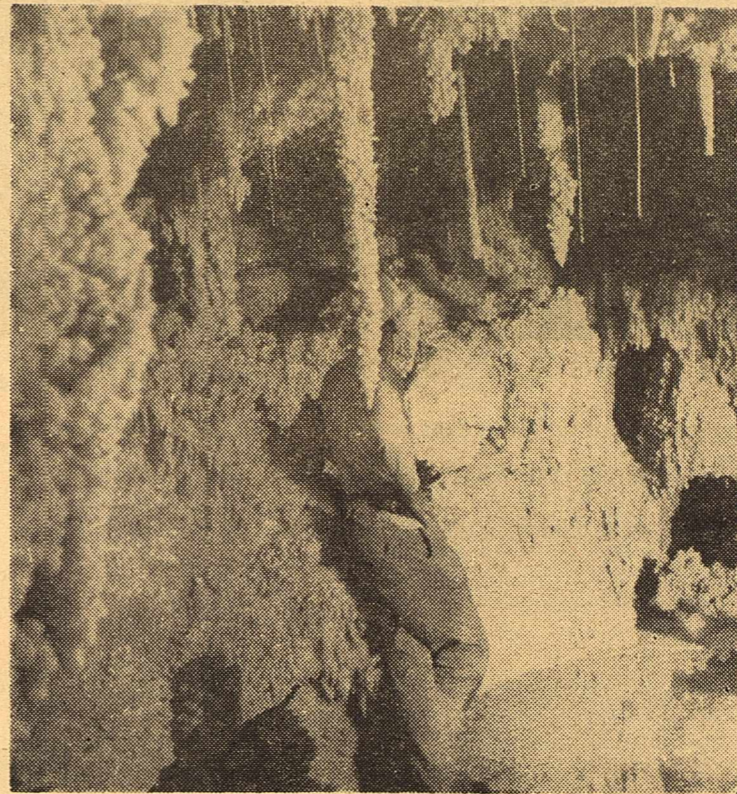


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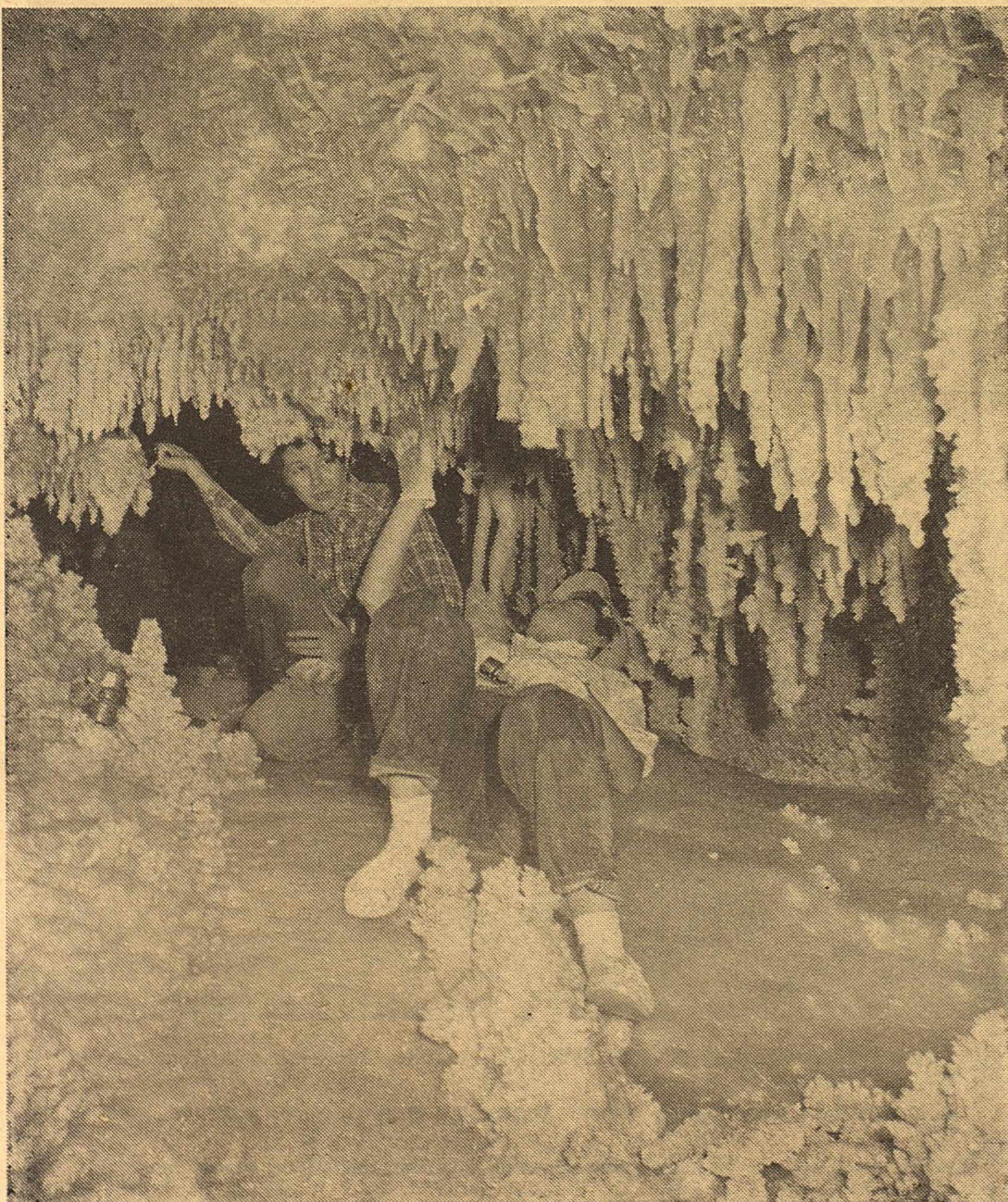


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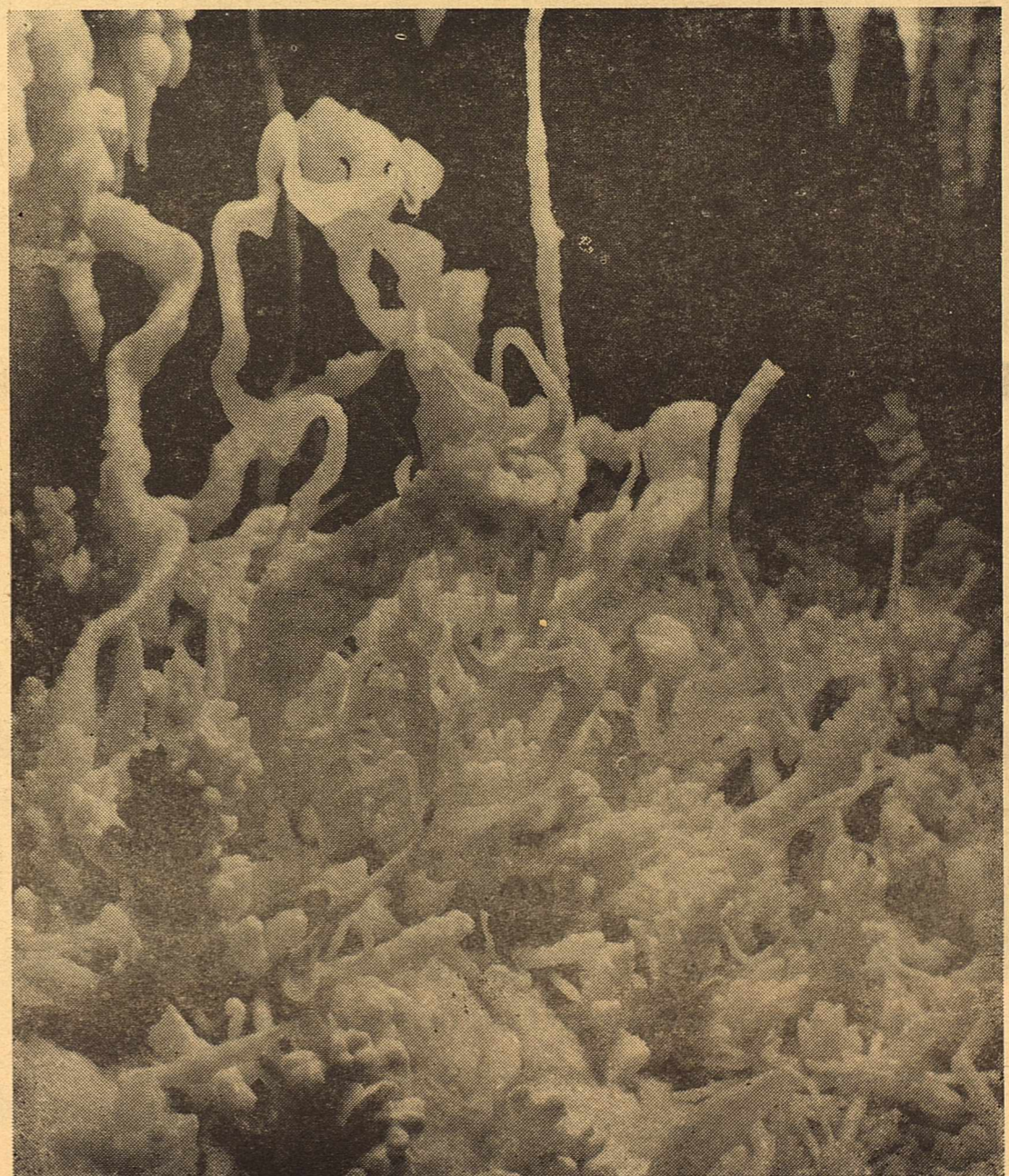
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LARGEST KNOWN STALAGMITE, CAVERNS OF SONORA— This gigantic formation almost blocks this passage deep within the cavern. The unique growths on this particular stalagmite surpass all others in the world. Walls here are so covered with formations that no portions of the basic walls are visible.



ALICES IN WONDERLAND, CAVERNS OF SONORA— Like Alice, who stepped into a rabbit hole and found herself in Wonderland, these young women spelunkers gaze in awe at the whims of Nature who fashioned this scene. "Unbelievable" and "breathtaking" are the comments of cave enthusiasts.



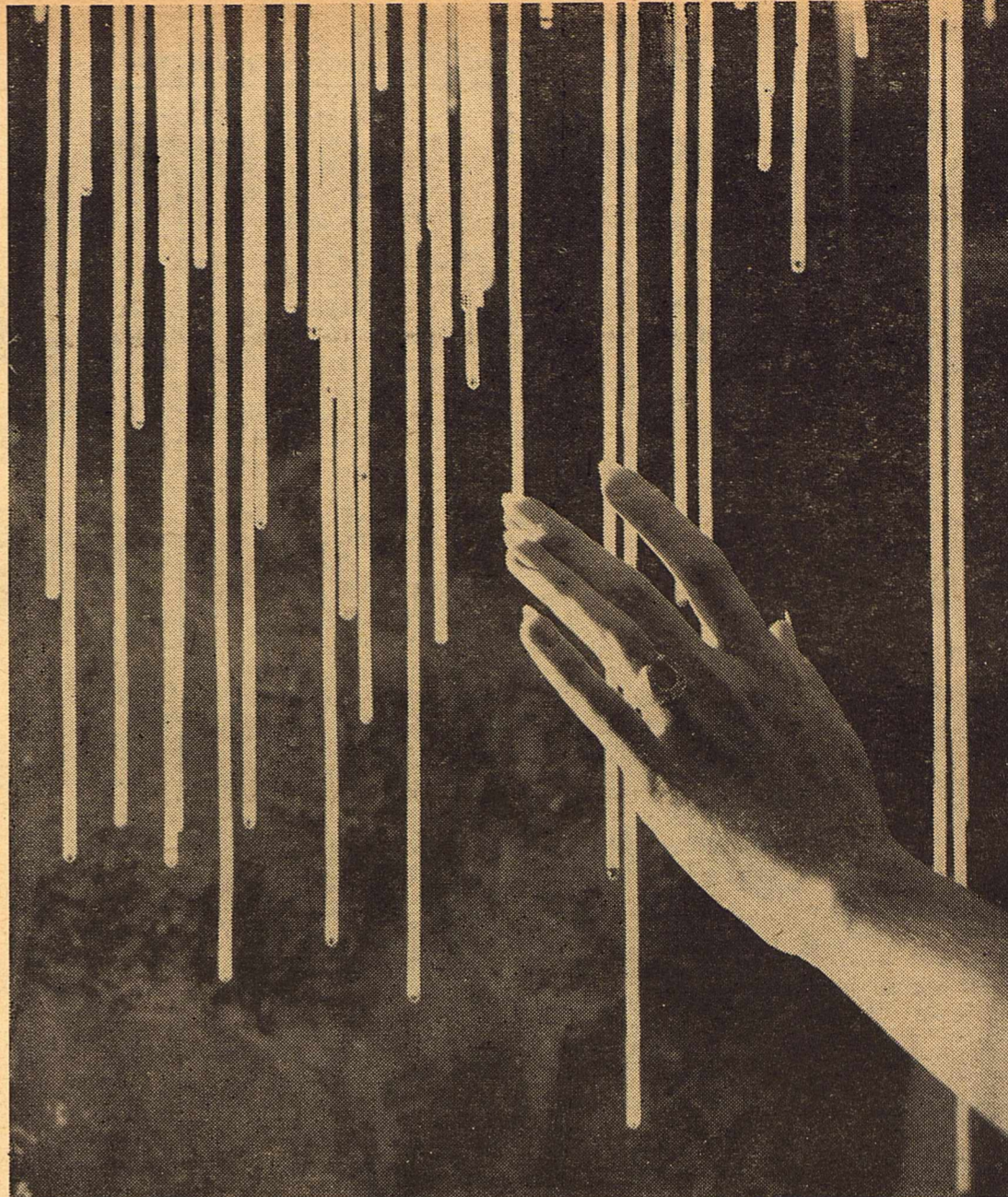
PYTHON'S DEN, CAVERNS OF SONORA— Undoubtedly the most outstanding feature of The Caverns of Sonora is the most beautiful displays of rare and varied types of cave formations. This close-up of unusually profuse helictite formations is unique and is named for its resemblance to a nest of writhing crystal serpents.

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WAR CLUB ROOM, CAVERNS OF SONORA—The magnificence of by-gone eras is reflected in the unusual coralloid formations known as "War Clubs" found in the Caverns of Sonora room bearing their name. The formations, which resemble coral but are inorganic, are found in profusion along with other highly rare speleological phenomena.



SODA STRAWS, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Tubular stalactites are not too rare in caves, but the one in Caverns of Sonora are outstanding. Most of these "Soda-straws" are crystal clear, and many are up to six feet in length. Suspended from ceilings of the cavern, they are constantly dripping water and vibrate when breathed upon.



SODA STRAWS, DRAPERIES AND COLUMNS, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Fragility of the famed "soda straws" is evidenced here by a spelunker who holds a three-foot example. The delicate formations tremble when breathed upon and must be protected to prevent destruction yet many may be seen along the cave's walkways.



OLD ENTRANCE, CAVERNS OF SONORA—An adventurous young lady equipped with flashlight and lighted helmet begins an early trip through the cave. Where once was the 18-inch natural opening into the wonderland now is found a spacious covered entrance and wide stairways.

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HELICTITE ROOM, CAVERNS OF SONORA—A profusion of all known cavern formations abound in the spectacular "Helictite Room" of the Caverns of Sonora. Stalagmites, stalactites, helictites, elephant tusks, draperies, all of a sparkling crystal provide an awe-inspiring view not equalled anywhere in the world.

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Odds And Ends

From time to time we've been reporting advance publicity and news stories appearing in all types of news media about the Caverns. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, we've always heard and we are finding that saying, like a lot of other old-time ones is true.

Lots of reporters from papers, radio and TV stations were on hand last Friday and Saturday to find out for themselves if all the advance publicity was true or an exaggeration. We've combed our exchange papers and here are a few of the reports from those who were present and saw for themselves.

L. B. Smith of the Brady Herald, and president of the Texas Press Association, wrote: "More than 2,000 persons gathered Saturday for the formal opening and dedication of the Caverns of Sonora, and to partake of the hospitality. All were impressed with the splendor of this subterranean wonderland."

Frank Smith of the Midland Reporter-Telegram: "Caverns of Sonora, whose twisting rooms and passages reveal unusual crystalline shapes and patterns, was dedicated at the site eight miles west of Sonora Saturday. In the "live" cave, stalagmites reach from the floor toward stalactites projecting from the ceiling. Delbert Downing, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, pointed to a pair and asked Jim Papadakis how long it would take them to come together.

"Papadakis pondered a minute, then said, 'about 20,000 years.' "Pretty long romance," Downing replied."

E. D. Alexander of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram: "There are three levels of underground wonderland, with crystal formations rivaling the beauty of those found in Carlsbad Caverns. Some of the formations differ from those found in any other cave. "One of the visitors at the dedication was Thomas D. Romine

of Fort Worth, a retired mining engineer and geologist who said that the caverns, while not so large as Carlsbad, contain formations of more delicacy and beauty."

Fane L. Burt of the Carrizo Springs Javelin: "Rooms covered with some of the most beautiful formations you can visualize come into view. Every square inch of the walls, ceiling and floors is covered with stalagmites, stalactites and other awe-inspiring crystal and colored formations.

"Another marvelous thing is the way the friendly people of Sonora are working together to promote this tourist attraction. It was a real pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of these hill-country folk."

A letter from Vern Sanford, general manager of Texas Press Assn. "I never saw so many citizens so strong for any one project. You folks really do have an enthusiastic town spirit.

"There is no doubt about the Caverns of Sonora going over with a bang. And they merit every statement that was made. Looks like Carlsbad had better look to its laurels."

We could go on and on-and we will as more papers come in this week's mail. Suffice it to say the dedication was a success, everyone is highly enthusiastic about the cavern's future.

And as a final note, no pun intended, Dock Simmons did a beautiful job of supplying background organ music during the social hour in the press room. Organ music in a cave? Sounds ridiculous to imagine packing an organ down and back but Dock did it and his efforts resulted in making a successful entertainment a conversation piece.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony were their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Anthony, Margaret and Cindy of West Lake, Louisiana, and Anthony's nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lindsay and Marvin of Falfurrias, Texas.

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WE THANK YOU:

People of Sonora, of West Texas, and of all parts of Texas.

Your co-operation has given the Caverns of Sonora a wonderful inauguration. Your acceptance and words of praise have been very gratifying and we are truly grateful.

MAY WE ASSURE YOU-

We are making plans for improving the facilities to accommodate future guests of the Caverns. These plans call for a concession building with adequate rest rooms, a tunnel entrance, and development of new sections of the Caverns.

We thank you sincerely,

Jim Papadakis

Jack Burch

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Papadakis

CAVERNS OF SONORA

Texas Press, Radio, TV Honor Guests At Cave Dedication Saturday

Members of the Texas press were honor guests at the July 23 opening of The Caverns of Sonora—a newly discovered cavern near Sonora, described by experts as the world's most beautiful.

The weekend opening celebration saw a preview of the caverns on Friday, July 22, with a press party in the "Press Room" within the gigantic cavern itself, and a barbecue supper served from an authentic check-wagon. Sutton County ranchers were hosts for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce with old-time West Texas hospitality abounding. The following day, Saturday, July 23, saw the official de-

dedication by state dignitaries. Press and official guests attended a chuckwagon luncheon at noon.

Writers and cameramen got their eyes, notebooks and cameras full when they saw the indescribable sights of the cavern. Bill Stephenson of Bethesda, Maryland, past-president of the National Speleological Society, remarked on a recent return visit to the cave, "Not even Texans can exaggerate when they brag on this cave—it's the most beautiful know in the world as far as spelunkers are concerned." Stephenson and his wife, an ardent cave explorer herself, have visited caverns in both hemispheres.

What makes The Caverns of Sonora so spectacular, "Beauty and color principally," says developer Jim Papadakis, a former geologist who has explored over 150 caves in the United States and Cuba. "Also, there are formations here which simply aren't found anywhere else. And both familiar and rare formations are more profuse here than anyone could imagine before its discovery in 1955."

Broad, smooth trails make for a comfortable walk through the splendor of this subterranean wonderland and the cool (70 degree) temperature allows an unhurried stroll with plenty of time for looking.

Conducting the 90-minute tour of the cave were developers Jim Papadakis and Jack Burch. Ample time was allowed for photographing the indirectly lighted cavern. Additional lights were provided as needed.



CRYSTAL BACKDROP, CAVERNS OF SONORA. An unidentified lady spelunker poses gracefully before myriads of shimmering formations in the Helictite Room of the Caverns of Sonora. This room will be open to the public next year.



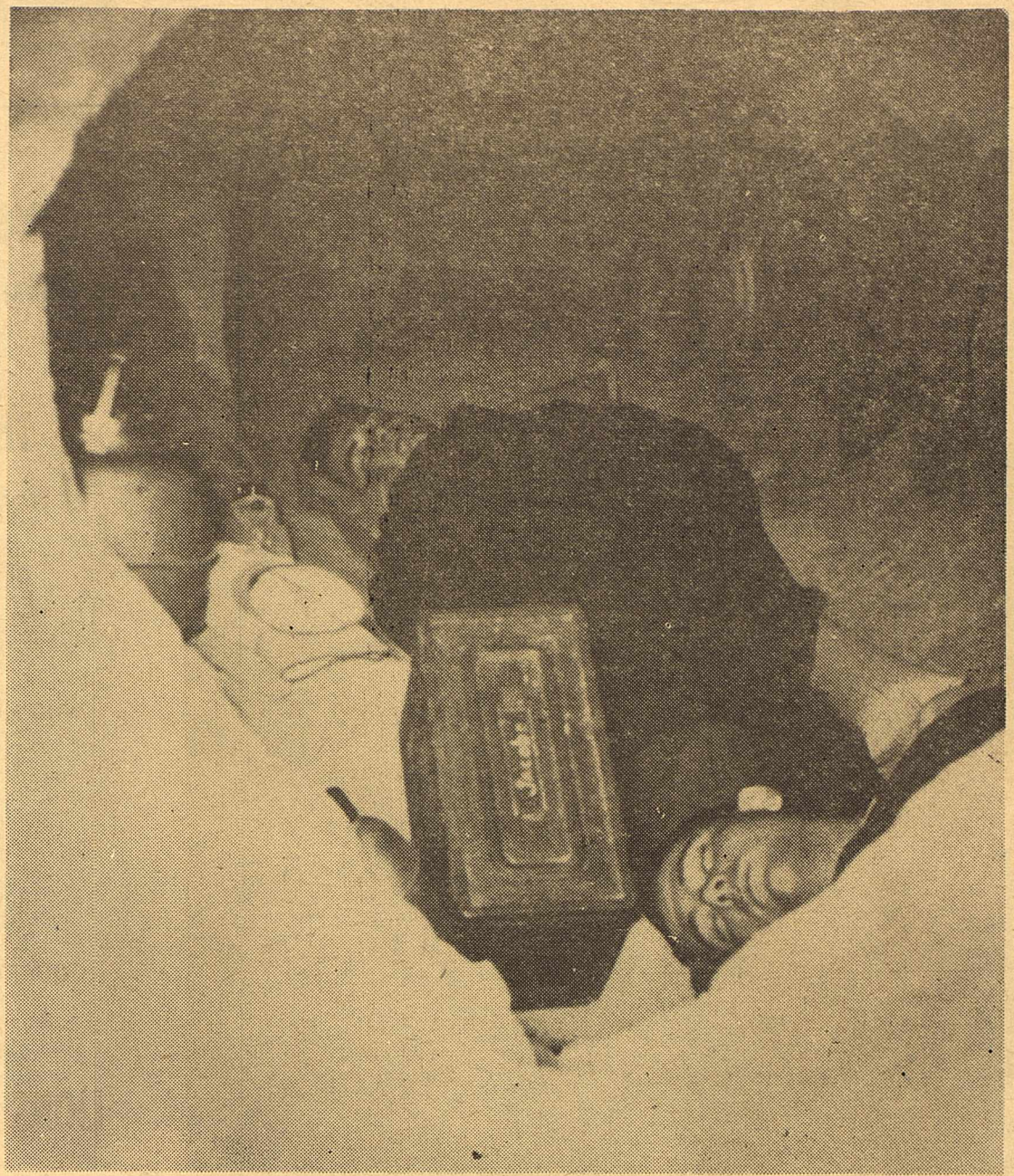
YOU ARE NOW ENTERING CAVERNS OF SONORA. Visitors, more than 4,500 in ten days, have entered the caverns by this flight of sturdy steps. At this point it is almost impossible to imagine the splendor and beauty to be found within the lower rooms.

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TWO WEARY SPELUNKERS, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Typical of overnight trips into the caverns in the first years of its exploration was such a scene. Guide points out to cavern visitors what was known as "the bedroom" and where many spelunkers rested between exploring passages and rooms.

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FOREST OF CHRISTMAS TREES, CAVERNS OF SONORA. In the cavern's "Christmas Tree Room" are found formations resembling the spruce and fir trees. These are snowy white and remind the viewer of a forest in mid-winter.

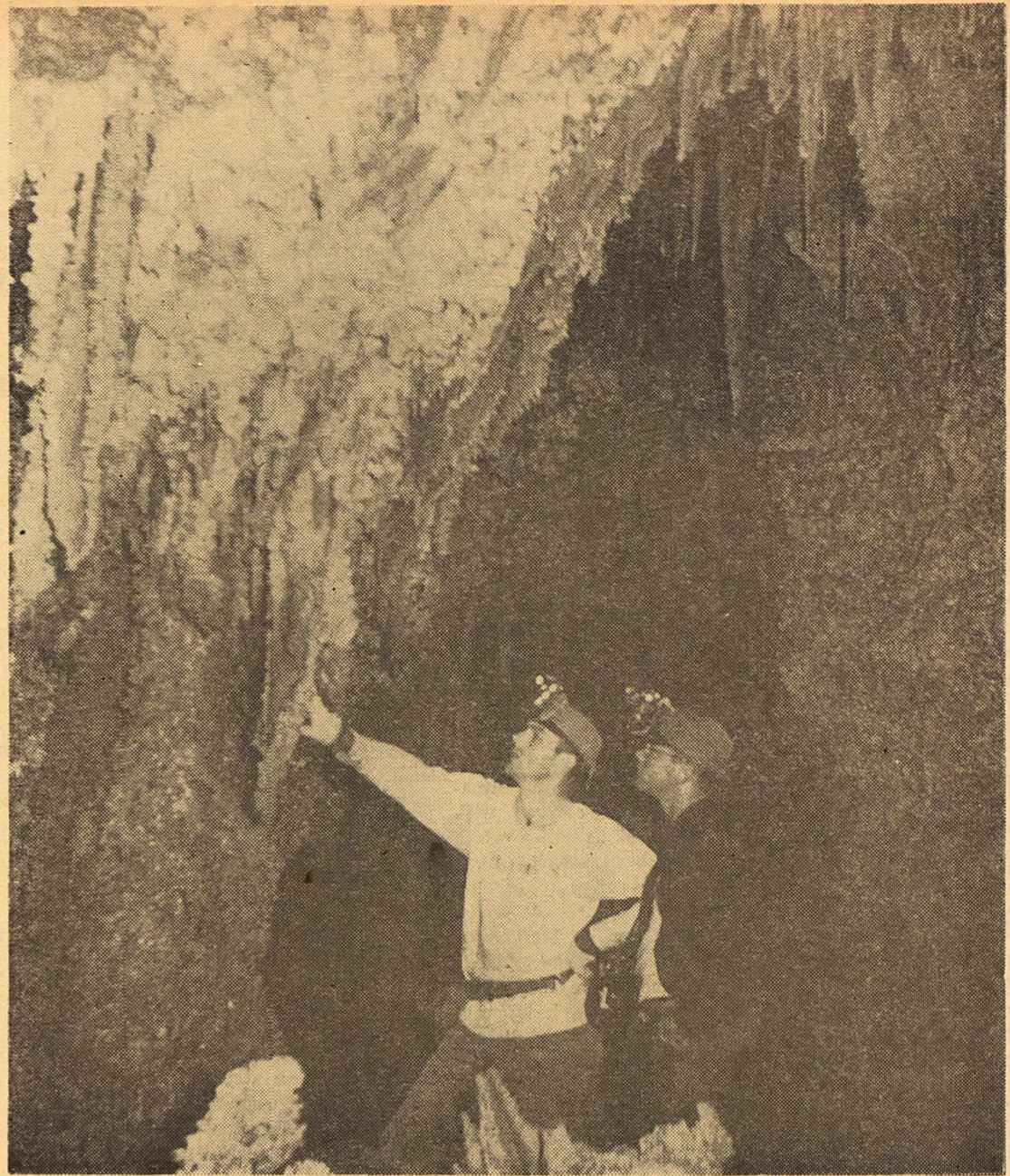
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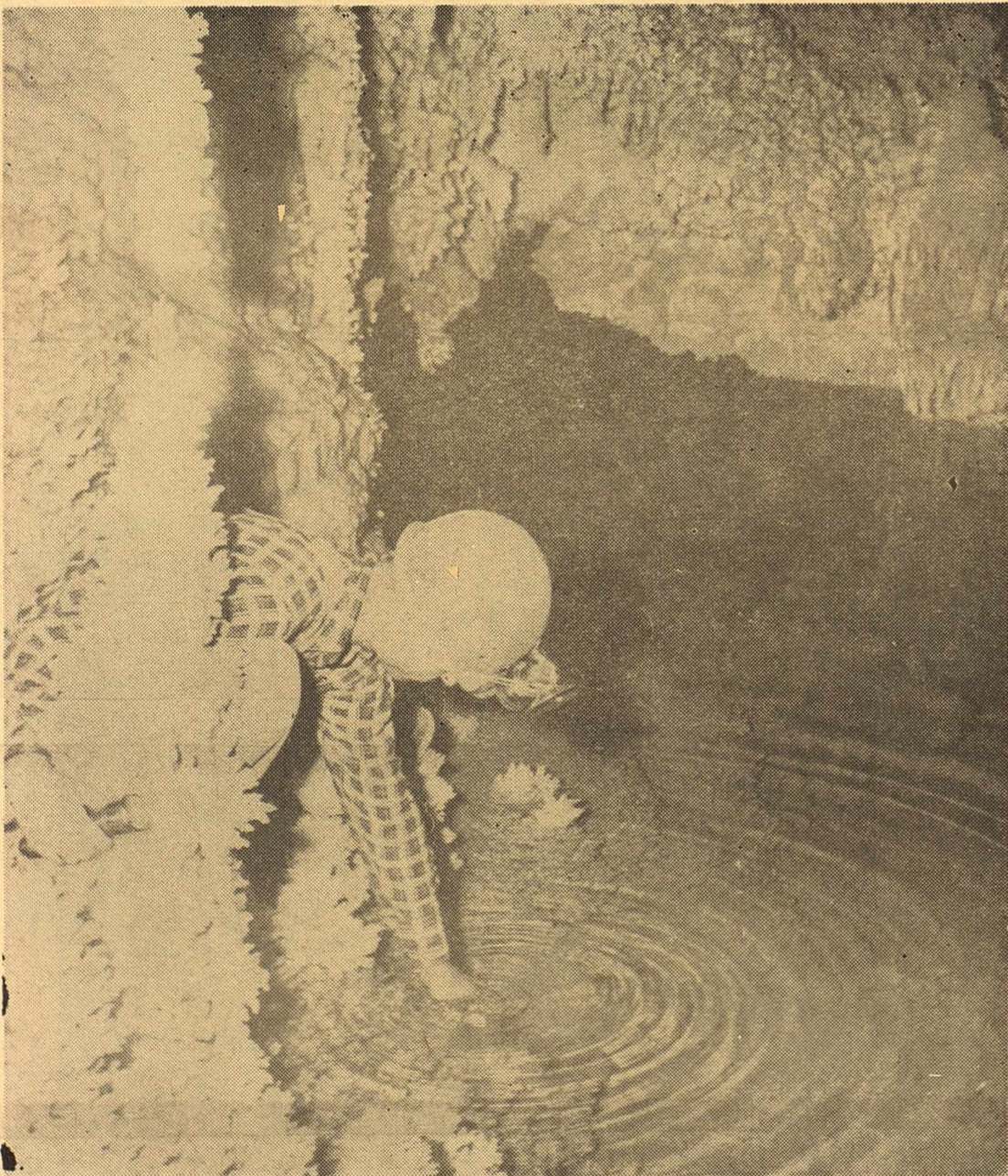
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TRANSLUCENT FORMATIONS, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Back lighting provided by the spelunker in the center of this picture shows up the translucence of certain stalagmites within the cavern.



EXAMINING "POPCORN", CAVERNS OF SONORA. These "popcorn" formations are found in such profusion on the walls of certain rooms and passages that the original wall material is completely obscured from vision.



SPELUNKER FILLING CANTEEN, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Early explorers of the Caverns found pure water in abundance in the lower depths. Here a spelunker pauses to replenish his canteen from a crystal pool.



WATERFALL AND DRAPERIES, CAVERNS OF SONORA. An unidentified explorer pauses by a waterfall which terminates in transparent draperies. Such formations as this are abundant in the inner rooms of the caverns.

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1956 Devil's River News Told Story Of Early Exploration Of Caverns

(Editor's Note: In the August 10, 1956 issue of The Devil's River News appeared the following story of a trip through the Caverns of Sonora, known at that time as "Mayfield Cave". In reporting the trip we stated, "We are permissibly proud to give you the first public printing of an account of a trip through the cave on the Stanley Mayfield Ranch. This cavern has been called one of exquisite and indescribable beauty by cave experts and our trip with the experts proved just that.")

Local news staff members accompanied a party of spelologists into the cavern, as yet unnamed, on the Stanley Mayfield Ranch Saturday morning for the purpose of exploring and photographing various passages and rooms in the cavern.

TRIP TAKES 9½ HOURS

The trip consumed some nine and a half hours and several portions of the cave which have been explored previously were not touched on.

Our party of six spelunkers and four other authorized persons made the entry shortly before nine o'clock Saturday morning and reached the surface at 6:20 in the afternoon, having covered some three miles linear distance and descending to a maximum of 200 feet below surface level traveling through four major passages as well as side passages and rooms too numerous to mention.

To some of these rooms have been applied such names as Twin Lake Room, Soda Straw Room, and Music Room, names descriptive of the physical characteristics of the rooms.

PARTIALLY EXPLORED

Many, many parts of the cave, including the whole eastern section, remain unexplored or have only been touched on during the two-year period of exploration by scientists. At this time an attempt to estimate the extent of the cavern would be no more

than a shot in the dark.

Among the many formations found in the depths are such common ones as columns, stalagmites, stalactites, and the more usual forms of helictites (formations growing other than vertically), and rarer ones such as angel wings or transparent draperies (transparent formations veined with a remarkable resemblance to breakfast bacon.)

CAVE NEVER DISTURBED

The cleanliness of the cavern cannot be described other than to say that there is a complete absence of any signs of life. It is immediately obvious that the cavern has remained undisturbed for the thousands, perhaps millions, of years during its formation. Floors are covered with stalagmites and helictites which have never been stepped upon and no traces of dust or any other foreign matter are to be found. The floors in portions of the cave are of an almost glassy substance and where they slope into the many pools it is practically impossible to discern where the floor ends and the pool begins, making it necessary to disturb the glassy calm of the water surface in order to show up a pool in a photograph.

Claude Head, a vice-president of the Texas Speleological Society, led the party and began our trip by speaking about the importance of keeping the cave intact, asking us to watch carefully our heads and feet that we might not destroy any more formations than absolutely necessary.

DESCENT BEGINS

We entered the inconspicuous hole which is the entrance to this subterranean wonderland by first unlocking the heavy iron grillwork gate which protects would-be investigators from injury and the cave itself from vandalism. We then dropped eight feet to the floor and crawled some six or eight feet to the first passage where we walked

upright for 50 feet to another narrow section where it was again necessary to go down on hands and knees. This second constriction extended only four or five feet and led to a larger passage, estimated at 300 to 400 yards in length, and leading toward the first major room.

This room measures about 80 feet high by 90 feet long and 30 to 40 feet wide. The passage enters this room about 14 feet from the ceiling and to by-pass the room and continue our same course, the first major "rope-off" was necessary. This involved skirting a ledge which rises at a 60 degree angle. This was quite treacherous and Head carried the rope around the ledge without the use of any mechanical climbing devices, attaching the rope to a stalagmite conveniently located at the far side of the ledge. The rope was then secured on the near side and we crossed safely with our equipment.

"LIVE" CAVE ENTERED

We then continued walking in the large passage for about a quarter of a mile before coming onto the live portion of the cave where formations are still in the process of development. We came down at a sharp angle for another quarter of a mile, being all the while in another large room which we stopped to photograph every few steps.

This was, of course, far beyond the "twilight zone" and the experienced spelunkers led the way, wearing aluminum miners' helmets with carbide lamps attached.

STOP FOR LUNCH

At noon we stopped for lunch, only about a half-mile from the entrance but a three hours' journey. Here again Head cautioned us to take out with us all waste paper, food scraps, matches, cigarette stubs and any other human evidence, in order to leave the cave in its virginal condition. The carbide headlamps were recharged and we were on our way again.

A short distance farther, but some 60 feet deeper, at the lowest known point beneath the surface we came on a spectacular glass-floored room with a cry-

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A ROOM FULL OF WONDERS, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Ridges along the walls in this portion of the cave seem to indicate that the water level in the days of its formation receded rapidly at times and remained constant for other periods.

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CALCITE CRYSTALS, CAVERNS OF SONORA. While calcite crystals are not among the rarest of cave formations, those in the local cavern are rare in their perfection and size. Many measure up to four inches in diameter.



A LONG WAY DOWN, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Visitors to the cavern find their position the reverse of this young adventurer (arrow) who clings to the edge of the ledge skirting The Pit. Now they peer into its depths from the complete safety of a broad, railed trail.

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stal pool of water. Here we refilled our canteens and spent 30 or 40 minutes photographing all known types of subterranean formations and one or two other formations believed to exist only in this particular cavern.

PASSAGE TURNS

The main passage which we had been following so far had led in a general northerly direction, but here it switched back into another passage which ran a little west of parallel to the former but is considerably below it, although the passage itself, which is actually more like a crevasse at this point, raises rather abruptly. This crevasse is more like a geological fault than like a passage formed by water.

Continuing for about a quarter of a mile and seeing more unique formations all the time, we suddenly came upon the Christmas Tree Room where the largest known stalagmite in the cave is found. Here the formations are in the most delicate of colors, ranging from transparent and opaque to opalescent and into shades of tan, brown, red-brown, red and green (very rare), with some formations resembling snow flakes. Here also is the most

spectacular formation in the cavern—a pure white cascade which looks like a small river of milk had been frozen in the middle of the leap from the cliff.

After the second switchback, the trail continued climbing, the crevasse having meanwhile closed in to form a conventional passage which we followed for 30 or 40 minutes. We then made another switch, turning west. From this point on little or no crawling was necessary but we did traverse around several hazardous places. This final 100-foot passage was increasingly moist with more and more pools of water underfoot until in one side passage we had to crawl through a pool. Throughout the deeper parts of the cave the air and water temperature are the same, about 68 degrees.

NEW PASSAGE FOUND

This tunnel was approximately 30 feet high and we scaled the wall to enter keyhole opening where we discovered the new passage which we followed for about 200 feet, crawling through water to reach a second new passage terminating in a room filled with prismatic formations, believed to be the largest yet seen in Texas caverns. The passage ended in a deadend room which the spe-

lunkers call the Romnic Room.

SPECTACULAR ROOMS

From here we retraced our steps until we were back in the westbound passage and started our ascent from the cave. The return trip consumed two hours and 15 minutes and we deviated from our inward trail to visit the Soda Draw Room where millions of formations the size and shape of soda straws, and just as hollow, hang from the ceiling in lengths varying from a few inches to six or eight feet. These formations are so fragile that they may be shattered by the breath of a careless explorer.

We also saw and heard the unbelievable Music Room where stalactites are in such profusion and are actually attuned to different tones, reverberating with sound like that of chimes when touched. The effect of these chimes in the dead still of the cavern is completely overawing. From there it was back across the first "rope-off" and back to daylight and reality. A look at the insignificant entrance explains why the beauty and wonder of this cavern have remained undiscovered for thousands of years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Chenault and sons of Big Lake spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends here.



HANGING GARDENS, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Reminiscent of the fabled hanging gardens of Babylon is the shape in which this stalagmite grew. Not even a queen, however, could arrange the other ornaments which decorate this room.



FANTASTIC HELICTITE, CAVERNS OF SONORA. With millions of tiny, sparkling helictites in the background, this weird drapery-turned-helictite, becomes even more of a phenomenon.

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PAUSING FOR LUNCH, CAVERNS OF SONORA. During the early days of exploration, these spelunkers found this roomy spot perfect for a mid-day meal. Ledges served as chairs and a convenient stalagmite (foreground) held the explorers' rope.

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IS IT REAL? CAVERNS OF SONORA. This extremely dense growth of helictites looks like nothing so much as a thousand Fourth of July sparklers set off at once.

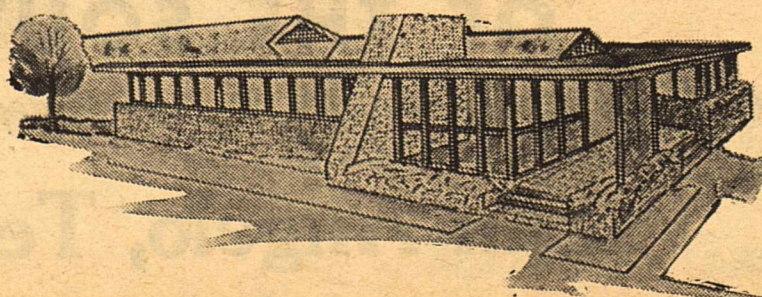
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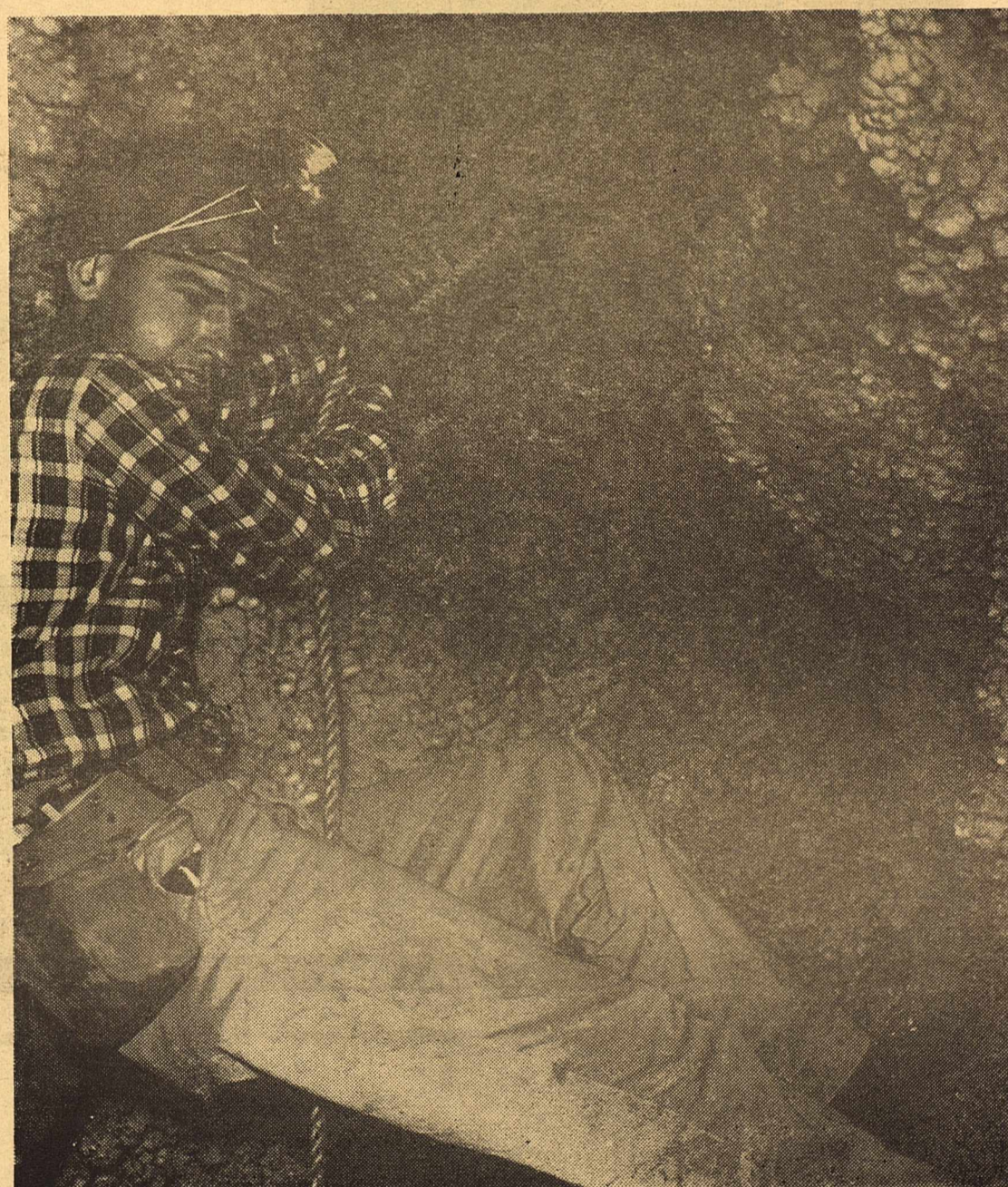
CAVE PHOTOGRAPHY, CAVERNS OF SONORA. An art in itself is the technique of photographing cave formations in the complete absence of natural light. Special effects are obtained by backlighting as evidenced in this picture.



MAZE OF HELICTITES, CAVERN OF SONORA. Hundreds of such profuse groupings of helictites as these met the eyes of early explorers of the caverns. Popcorn, soda straws and stalactites are also in evidence here.



HAND OVER HAND EXPLORATION, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Such difficult climbs and descents as this went into the exploration, mapping and engineering of the Caverns of Sonora. Gloves, padded clothing, miner's helmet and stout shoes are all standard spelunking equipment.



RAPPELLING, CAVERNS OF SONORA. This spelunker "rappells" a crevasse deep within the cavern. His use of this technique is made especially difficult since a part of the spelunker's code is to avoid destruction of even the most delicate cave formations.



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60 Million Years Went Into Making Of Fabulous "Caverns Of Sonora"

Texas' "newest" scenic attraction, The Caverns of Sonora, located approximately 15 miles west of here off U.S. 290, may be one of its oldest, geologically speaking.

The "live" cavern in which translucent and phosphorescent formations are still growing has been hidden from human eyes an estimated 60 million years, geologists say. On July 23, 1960 the public will be admitted to this, the largest cavern open in the state.

The Caverns of Sonora have been known locally as Mayfield Cave since its discovery by a shepherd around the turn of the century. Before 1955, ex-

ploration had not gone past what is known as "The Pit" since no one had ventured to traverse around a sheer 60-foot drop.

In 1955 a group of Dallas and Abilene "spelunkers" managed to rope around this cliff. It was then they came upon the spectacular part of the cavern. They were the first humans ever to go beyond The Pit as the perfect condition of profuse and delicate wall and floor formations attested. At this time the discovery was designated "Secret Cave" to conceal its location and insure its safety from vandalism.

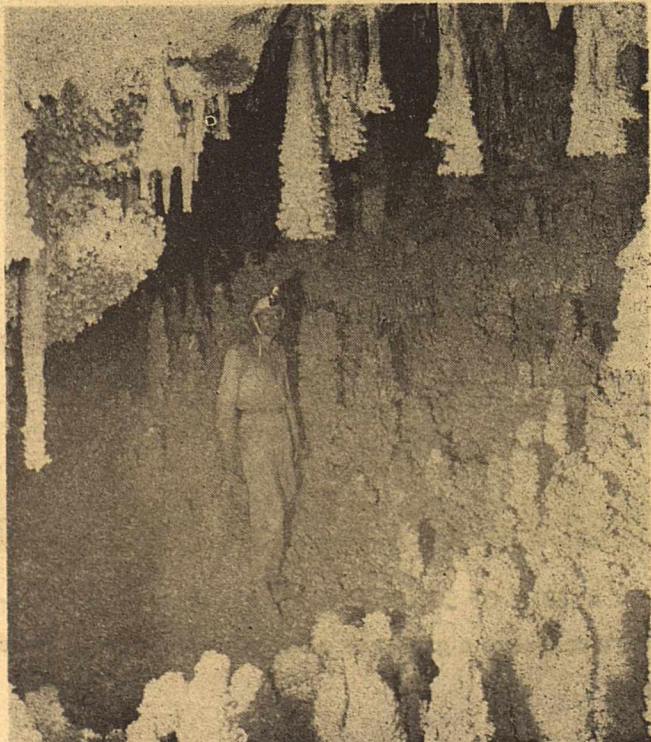
Commercial development of the caverns began in March 1960 after Jim Papadakis of Wisconsin

and Jack Burch of Oklahoma concluded an agreement with landowner Stanley Mayfield. They began by enlarging the natural opening which was only 18 inches in diameter. Since that time these young men have excavated a spacious entrance, built easily negotiated stairways and cleared broad walks through the caverns. The awesome "Pit" can be viewed from the safety of a wide trail with superstrong handrail. Indirect lighting has been installed to accent the translucent beauty of the cave.

The first year's tour will show some 3,500 feet in a 90-minute tour. Expansion will be continuous and present plans call for a three-mile tour in 1961, but no definite schedule can be set up since new and unexplored passages are being found as engineering proceeds.



SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT, CAVERNS OF SONORA, Seco Mayfield, so of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mayfield on whose ranch the caverns are located, was a main contributor to seeing the caverns opened on schedule. Seco paused in his rock-hauling long enough to catch a little rest and pose for photo.



AMAZING MASTERPIECE OF NATURE, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Viewing the unusually excellent examples of "War Club" formations to be seen in the cave is developer Jim Papadakis. Also in evidence here are stalactites, coralloids and "Christmas Trees".



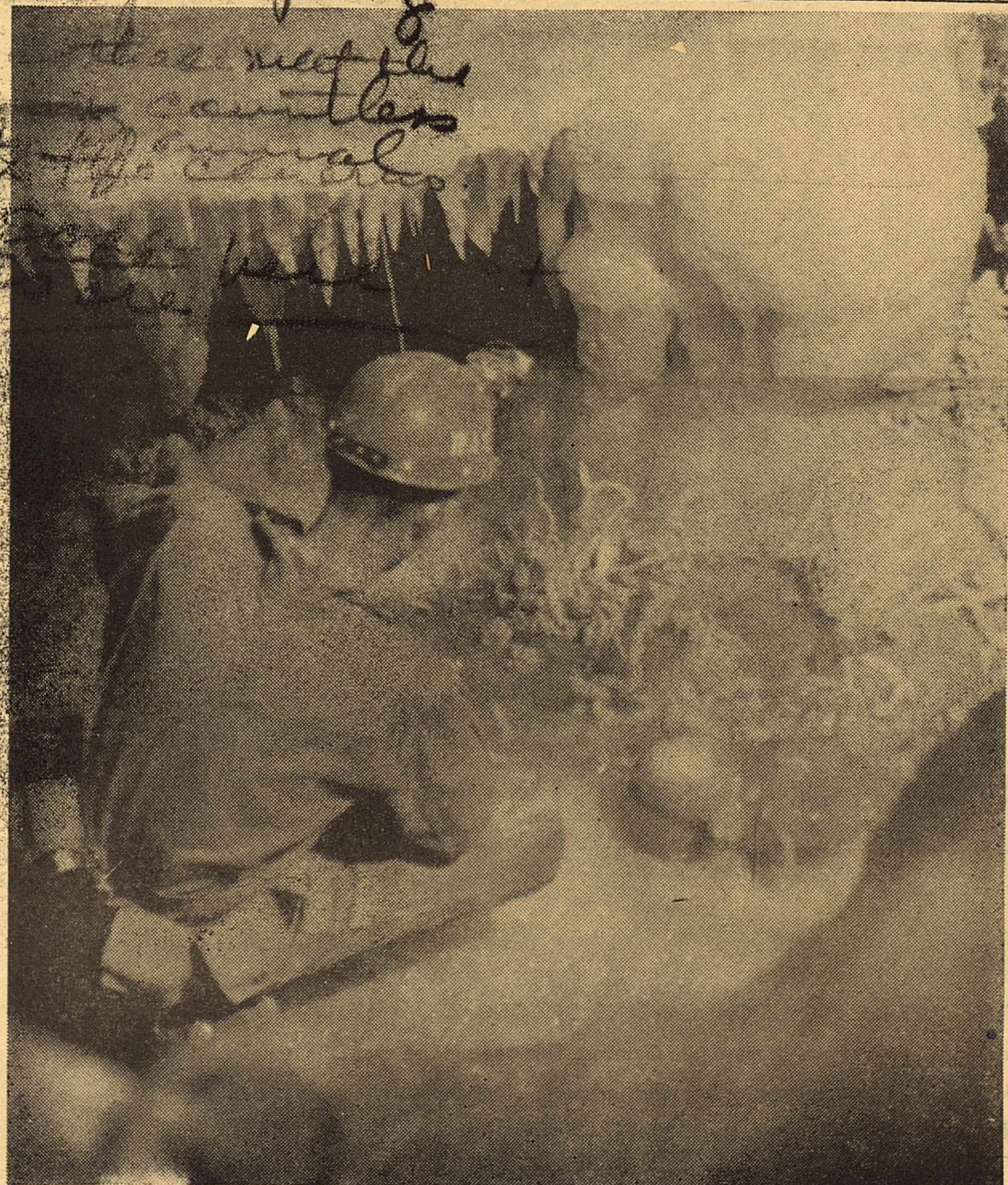
WILDERNESS OF SPELEOTHEMS, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Effective lighting sets off this spectacular photo of war clubs, Christmas trees, waterfall and draperies. A change in water level at some far-distant time is credited with the abrupt ending of the war clubs.

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FLOOR FORMATIONS AND DRAPERIES, CAVERNS OF SONORA—Helictites grow in a strange garden of crystal against a background of draperies and coralloids. An early explorer of the cavern stares in amazement at this phenomenon of nature.

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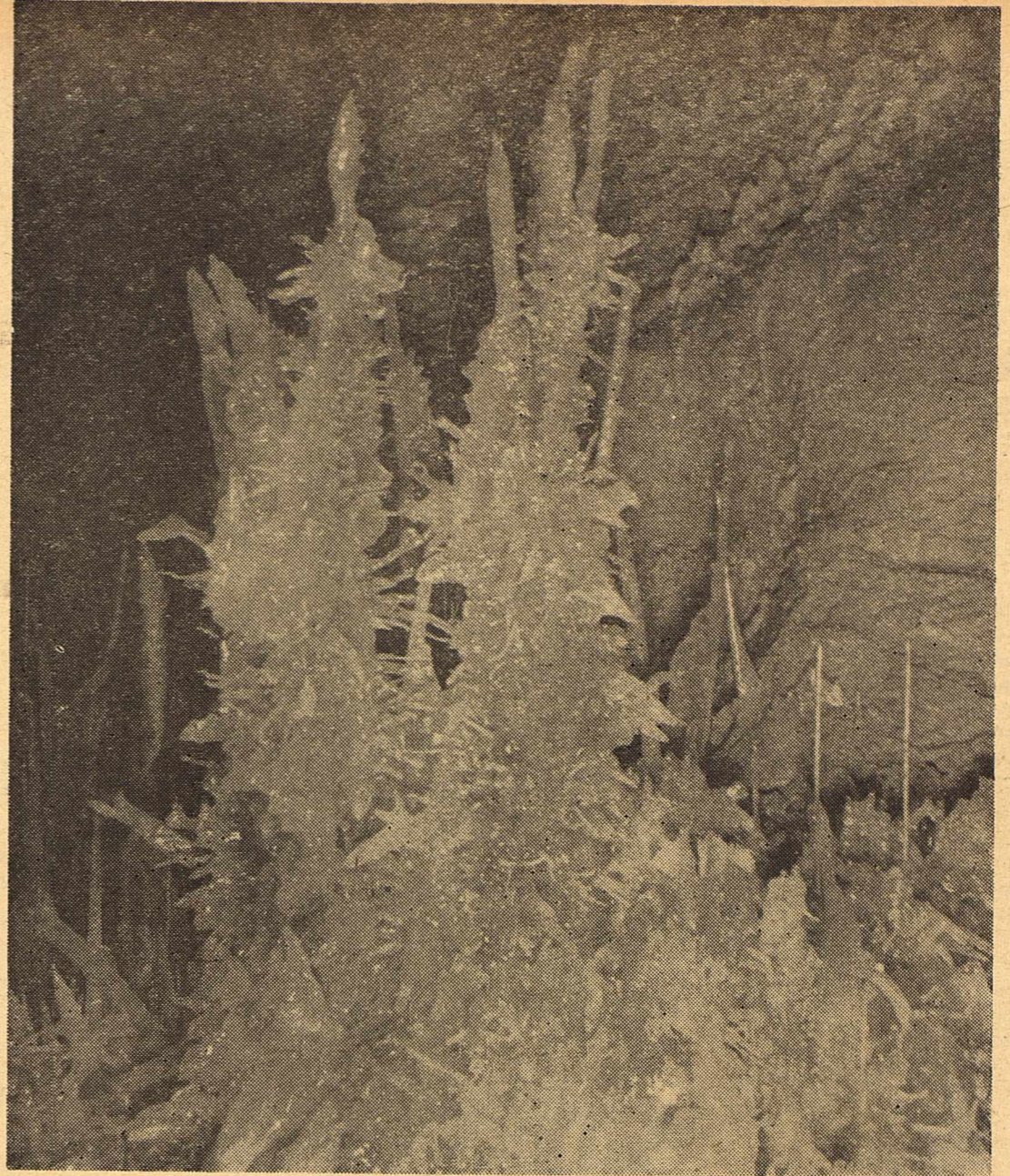
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ROUNDING THE BEND, CAVERNS OF SONORA. This young spelunker picks his way gingerly through the myriad formations deep in the cave. Note water droplets at tips of helictites (left).



SHIMMERING HELICTITES AND DRAPERIES, CAVERNS OF SONORA. Standing out among a million other beauties is this twin formation of helictites and draperies. Note, too, the small soda straws at left.



UNBELIEVABLE PROFUSION, CAVERNS OF SONORA. A spelunker views the incredible glories of this room of the Caverns. This one picture shows "porcupines", stalactites, helictites, popcorn, draperies, grape clusters and coralloids in a shallow pool.



FROZEN WATERFALL, CAVERNS OF SONORA. So white is this "waterfall" formation in the caverns that it resembles a glacier or a frozen cataract. Note draperies at foot of the formation.

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