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Welcome American Rambouillet Association

Mohair Sale Here Friday

A special mohair sale has been scheduled at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, Friday, March 17. General Manager Glen Fisher announced that 100,000 to 150,000 pounds of mohair will be offered for sale and he expects buyers from a number of companies will place bids.

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County Commissioners Discuss New Jail Election

County Commissioners met in a short session Monday and held some discussion on the upcoming jail bond election.

County Judge Web Elliott told commissioners he thought they should look into the possibility of using part of the county's monies collected in fines to help defray the cost of the jail building. There was also some discussion on using revenue sharing monies for the same purpose.

They also held discussion on a request from James Hunt wishing to purchase the buildings located on the property recently purchased for the new jail site. Commissioners decided to advertise for bids for removal of the buildings and cleaning of the lots.

Bids will be opened and awarded at the April 10 meeting of Commissioner's Court.

Attending the meeting were Judge Elliott; County Clerk, Erma

Lee Turner; and Commissioners, Bill Wade, Elba Adams, and Preston Love.

Absentee Voting Underway In Jail Bond Election

by Shirley Hill

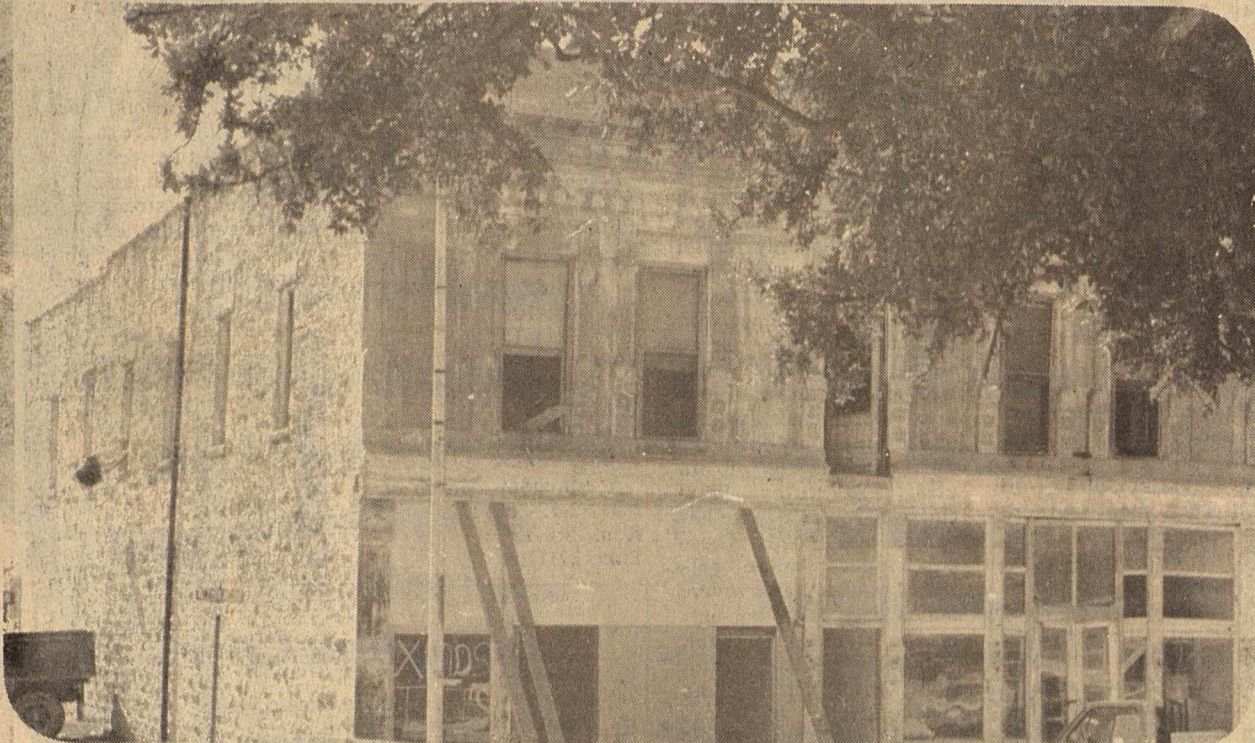
Absentee voting in the upcoming jail bond election will end at 5 p.m., March 21. Those persons who desire to vote absentee should do so at the office of the county clerk in the courthouse.

The election has been called for Saturday, March 25 for Sutton County voters to decide on a \$700,000 bond election to build a new law enforcement and detention center.

County Sheriff Bill Webster has stated that the county has been compelled to update their facilities as the local jail does not have facilities for juvenile or female prisoners, or any prisoner billed as top security.

Voting in the election will be held at the individual's precinct polling place.

Persons in precinct one will vote at the 4-H Center; precinct two, the Wool House; precinct three, the Courthouse; and precinct four, the fire station.



Restoration work has begun on the old mercantile building on the corner of Water and Main streets in downtown Sonora. The building, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pope, will be restored to its original condition. Stein Lumber Co. of Frederickburg is the

contractor for the restoration work. Pope explained that the building has been designated historic site by Texas and the U.S. governments. Plans for the interior use have not been determined.

30th Annual Rambouillet Ram Test Places 60 Rams On Certification

The 30th Annual Rambouillet Ram Test results from the Texas A&M Experiment Station at Sonora show 60 rams meeting certified requirements out of 230 tested.

There are 35 to 40 of these certified rams expected to go on sale Thursday at the Experiment Station in conjunction with the annual field day.

The completed ram test report, titled "Improvement of Sheep

Through Selection of Performance-Tested and Progeny-Tested Breeding Animals," is prepared by the San Angelo Research and Extension Center, TAMU Wool and Mohair Laboratory in cooperation with Texas sheep breeders.

The report lists the high indexing ram belonging to Pat Rose III with a rating of 122.5. Rose's ram number 189 edged out the second high index ram number 20, a Rod

Richardson animal with an index rating of 118.1.

The high gaining ram also belongs to Pat Rose III, number 13 with an average gain of 1.057 pounds. There was a tie for second place between Perry Calk's number 44 and Rose's number 187 at 1.0 pounds.

High wool producer went to Rod Richardson's number 201 which

posted 14.22 pounds of clean wool, followed by Bill Karnes' number 151 with 14.07 pounds.

With the completion of this year's test, the program has seen 4,404 rams tested during the past 30 years.

Only the top 40 per cent of the tested rams may be eligible for certification, and only 20 per cent of the certified animals are eligible for the register of merit.

4-H Members Place in Show

Sutton County 4-H members participated in the Angora goat show, the horse show, livestock judging and grass judging at the San Angelo Stock Show.

The senior grass judging team composed of Fran Friess, Tammy Van Hoozer, Rex Surber and Lance Love placed third. Tammy Van Hoozer was the sixth high individual. Julie Stewart also

participated in the senior grass judging contest.

Marla Van Hoozer, Rick Powers, Brad Johnson and Joe Will Ross placed fourth in the Junior Grass judging contest. Marla Van Hoozer was the ninth high individual.

Rex Surber, Randy Mounce, Preston Love and Clay Friess participated in the Livestock Judging Contest. Randy Mounce

was the high individual in the contest in sheep judging.

In the Angora goat Show Julie Stewart placed second and eighth in the Buck Kid Class, eighth and tenth in the doe kid class, sixth in the yearling doe class, third in the Junior flock and fourth in the pen of three. Houston Powers placed ninth in the Buck Kid Class, twelfth and thirteenth in the doe kid class and fifth in the pen of three.

In the Horse Show Sutton County 4-H members made the following places:

Julie Stewart placed second in Senior Pole Bending.

In the Junior Division, Rebecca Powers placed sixth in Showmanship and fifth in reining.

Rick Powers placed fifth in poles, barrels, Showmanship and Western Horsemanship, sixth in Western Pleasure, fourth in the stake race and third in the reining.

Houston Powers placed sixth in the poles.

Lions Sell Brooms For Blind



The annual Sonora Lions Club broom sale for the blind helped raise money for the cause yesterday. Lions Club members Bobby Huffstutler (center) and Rev. Clifton Hancock (right) manned the Post Office

sales station and helped Diana Ramirez make a selection of the merchandise. Lions Club members were at several sites and were assisted by Boy Scout Troop 19.

Sonora Gets Special Grant

The Governor's Office of Energy Resources recently announced the selection of Dallas, Carrollton, El Paso, Sherman, Kerrville, Beaumont, Nederland, La Grange, Greenville, Austin and Sonora as pilot cities to test thermal and lighting efficiency standards in Texas.

A maximum of \$5,000 is potentially available to each city to implement the "Model Code for Energy Conservation in New Building Construction." The Code, developed by the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards, applies to new

construction of residential, industrial and commercial buildings.

Officials of participating cities will be trained to implement and enforce the model code. The cities will report on the effectiveness of the code and on any problems with interpretation or enforcement during the year-long project.

Dean, Yarborough Win Fair

Tom Dean and Wendall Yarborough were named grand champion winners in the 1978 History Fair held last week in conjunction with the Junior High Open House. Eric Neal was named reserve champion.

The Fair was held in the old gym with Mrs. Carol Parker and Reed Jennings, junior high teachers, in charge.

Other winners are as follows:

Eighth Grade
In the model category Steve Jennings and John Pollard tied for first place. Placing second was Angel Modesto; third, Rick Powers and fourth, Anna Martinez.

Don Glass placed first in the poster division with Sherri Threadgill placing second; Nereida Perez, third; and Dane Lee, fourth.

Placing first in the reports division was Whit Paxton, Pam Merrill placed second; Delma Reyna, third; and David Beserra and Rosa Noriega, fourth.

In the handicrafts division first place was won by Eric Neal with Judy Merrill placing second and Louise Ingham, third.

Sutton County history category first place winner was Julie Stewart. Kathryn Parker and Drew Wallace placed second; James Burnett, third, and Kandi Brazee, fourth.

Seventh Grade

In the model division for the 7th grade, Tanna Tyler placed first followed by John Mitchell in second; Ezekiel Duran, third; and Twyla Woodall, fourth.

Clarene Stewart placed first in the poster division. Placing second was Philip Kemp; third, Elia Longoria; and fourth, Monty Porter.

In the report division Sonya Ridgeway placed first; Annette Wilson second; Veronica Martinez, third; and David Buitron, fourth.

Sixth Grade

Tom Dean and Wendall Yarborough took first place in the sixth grade with their model. Jimmy Vaughn was second and a tie between Larry Jennings and Susan Steed was declared in third place. Tying for fourth place was Mike Polocck and Miles Miller.

Allison White was first in the poster division. Second place was won by Cevellia Roberts and Tammy Nabors.

Sonora Family Day Home Needs Qualified Mothers

The Family Day Home Program will begin operation in Sonora and would like to know if there are people interested in their services.

The program licenses homes to care for children of low income families. In most cases any mother

who is divorced, separated or widowed can qualify to have her children cared for a very minimal fee.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is assisting the program's efforts to determine if a need for child care exists in this community.

Some families with mother and father present can qualify. The income guidelines are a family of two can make up to \$537, a family of three to \$663, a family of four to \$790, a family of five to \$916.

In order for a mother to qualify to take care of children in her home, she must pass health and fire inspections, have a telephone and get a health card. For providing care the mother will receive \$20 for each child. She can care for up to five

children, so she may receive one hundred dollars a month plus she can qualify to receive money to supplement her food bill.

Interested persons are asked to contact the Rev. Jim Miles, Ministerial Alliance President, at 387-2616 or 387-3793 today through Sunday.

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Sutton County

(pd. pol. ad. Bob Kemper, Chairman)

Church Services Announced

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian will begin its observance of Holy Week this Sunday with regular 11:00 Morning Worship on Palm Sunday, the day the church remembers the Lord's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Worship services will also be held Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the Thursday evening service on March 23. Members of other denominations are cordially invited to participate in the services of worship and in the Sacrament.

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Letters to the Editor

It has never been my practice to argue the Bible, and it is not my purpose at this time. But it is with great concern for anyone who might be confused about the existence and office of the Holy Ghost, after reading the "Letter to the Editor" March 1, 1978.

The writer of Ecclesiastes said "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven, a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak."

I have ignored several such attacks, printed in the paper, by the same writer that wrote "Letter to the Editor" March 1, 1978. But I feel it's time to speak up for those who might be seeking for that blessed "comforter", which is a promised gift, to all obedient believers.

The Holy Ghost did not come to give authority. The church already had unquestionable authority. Christ gave the authority to the church. The Holy Ghost was given to endue them with power for service.

Speaking in tongues is the ONLY evidence of having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said in John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, THAT SHALL HE SPEAK: and he will show you things to come."

Acts 10:44-46 "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision (Jews) which believed, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the GIFT of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them SPEAK WITH TONGUES, and magnify God."

All truly saved people have the spirit of God dwelling in them, just as the disciples had before Jesus ascended back to the right hand of the Father. But that doesn't mean they have experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost, no more than the early church had, before the day of Pentecost. The gift of the Holy Ghost is separate and additional to salvation. In fact there is no way of receiving this promised gift, unless you have first been washed in the blood of the Lamb, because the Holy Ghost will not dwell in an unclean temple.

The Apostle Paul was not teaching that "speak-

ing in tongues" was a falsehood, nor heresy, in I Corinthians 14th chapter. He was teaching them the difference between prophesying (preaching), and speaking in tongues. Paul said he would rather speak five words with his own understanding, that he might teach others, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. He wasn't saying that speaking in tongues was a falsehood, because he had just said in verse 5 "I would that ye all speak with tongues" and in verse 18 "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." He was merely teaching the church members that prophesying (preaching) comforts and edifies the church. Paul also said "he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself", but he explained that in verse 2 "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, BUT UNTO GOD", for no man understandeth him; howbeit IN THE SPIRIT he speaketh mysteries."

Many men have attacked the "baptism of the Holy Ghost", and tried to prove it non-existent, false, etc. But if every man, woman, and child in the United States declared it "heresy", that would not take away one ounce of the truth. And the truth is, it is real, and its for you if you meet the conditions.

In regards to the "Pentecostal Preacher" referred to in the "Letter to the Editor" March 1, the Apostle John told about such men as these in I John 2:18,19, and the Apostle Peter told what will happen to such men. He said in 2 Peter 3:16, unlearned and unstable men WREST (distort) things hard to understand, as they do also the other scriptures, UNTO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION. In 2 Peter 2:9-12 he said those men who "speak evil of the things that they understand not; shall utterly Perish in their Own Corruption". Earlier in verse 10, he said "they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." The Holy Ghost is such a dignity that Jesus left a very clear warning, to everyone, that they should be careful what they say about it.

Luke 12:10 "And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him, but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven."

Rev. Kenneth Cook
Pastor: The Church of God of Prophecy

Editor:

At least at the La Tienda Store in Sonora it does. An employee of Amoco Production Co. was visiting in Sonora today from Odessa and bought some cigars at the La Tienda store. When the employee offered to pay for our lunch a couple of hours later he discovered he had lost his money clip with some \$65.00 in it. We began a search and returned to the La Tienda store. The people there had found the money clip and returned same to us fully intact.

It is indeed refreshing in these days and times to find honest people. Should you be looking for honest and refreshing people we would highly recommend the La Tienda store in Sonora. Thank you La Tienda. Oh its alright that we had to pay for our own lunch.

Al Henson

Editor:

Today our public schools are facing a dilemma. Critics have arisen to the effect that teachers in grades 1-12 aren't performing efficiently. High school teachers claim that several of the students they come in contact with cannot read, write, nor do simple math. This writer was not fully aware of how great a problem existed in our educational process until embarking on an effort to tutor local children as well as fellow Angelo State coeds. These experiences made this writer realize that a severe deficit does exist, not only on the elementary level, but also on the junior high, high school, and college levels.

One eighth grade pupil could barely manage to multiply two numbers. Also, it was a difficult task for him to add more than two numbers without erring. A second pupil, about to enter high school, was completely frustrated with her math. Upon investigation it became evident that she was repeatedly given false information. She received a "D" in her eighth grade math; however, after sev-

eral tutoring sessions she began making "A's" in her freshman math course. Like many others, she had been labeled a slow learner, incapable of achieving even trivial tasks.

There are many students in college today that do not even know their multiplication tables through nine, and yet others who have not the ability to make change. What proof is needed to make educators of today understand the plight of the average student today. The format is entirely wrong. Instead of teaching basic skills, instructors have become crippled with aesthetic oversight, and are using audio-visual aids as a crutch. Students become so entwined in picturesque illustrations

that they fail to see the fine print, the gist of material to be learned. Hand raising in class as a means of measuring student response has also come under a scrupulous eye. This practice tends to alienate children who are introverted. Also, this procedure rewards the teacher, not the student. Fancy titles are very common, the most prevalent of which is the "NEW MATH" controversy. Actually there is no new math, for new math is only old math in disguise. Teach the basics- concepts remain the same, no matter which perspective one chooses. Teachers are still competent- the fault lies in methodology.

Sincerely,
Blaine Crawford

Reflections

by Rev. Jim Miles

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, and in the time between this special day and Easter, the day of the Resurrection, we should take time in our busy schedules to reflect on the meaning of this greatest of all events. I would offer the following lectionary readings as one way to hear the Word of God through the scriptural accounts.

Palm Sunday, March 19
Isa. 50:4-7
Phil. 2:5-11
Matt 21:1-11

Monday, March 20
Isa. 50:4-10
Heb. 9:11-15
Luke 19:41-48

Tuesday, March 21
Isa. 42:1-9
1 Tim. 6:11-16
John 12:37-50

Wednesday, March 22
Isa. 52:13-53:12
Rom. 5:6-11
Luke 22:1-16

Thursday, March 23
Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor. 11:23-32
John 13:1-15

Friday, March 24
Isa 52:13-53:12
Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 19:17-30

Sunday, March 26
Acts 10:34-43
Col. 3:1-11
John 20:1-9

Prayer: Give us, Lord, the discipline to read from your Word this week, and having heard it speak to us, give us strength to continue reading, learning, and sharing your good news with all we meet. Amen.

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Someone Cares

by Hilda Luckie Smith

Boy, I was really down
I thought, This just isn't fair
That no one seemed to notice
But thought again, and knew someone cares.

Ron Cox and Jim Shave are #1 to me
Concerned pharmacist are rare
But they love their customers
Yes, someone cares.

We do our buying
With the greatest drug store anywhere
Westerman Drug's, Cecil and his staff
I know someone cares.

Dr. Browne will honestly do
All he possibly can, or dares
I never let him rest, I was so ill
Both Dr. Browne and Maxine, someone cares.

Ken Braden gave George leave
From his busy job, asking seemed unfair
But Ken wanted to help
He showed someone cares.

Dr. Tester, my new specialist
Examined me, first call, others stared
He knew I was very ill
He proved someone cares.

A special recognition
To our city police, always prepared
To help around the clock
Again, someone cares.

Through my month of illness
I appreciate my family, and special Christian prayers
I couldn't have made it without each of you
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I thank you with all my heart
All who helped me bare
The long days and nights
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Sonora Minister Speaks

by Kenneth Cook
The Church of God of Prophecy

1 Tim 6:10 "For the Love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

The love of money can do strange things to men and women. It has a way of blinding their eyes, and dulling their memory. It will cause a man to lie, cheat, and steal from even

his closest friend, and more important than that, he'll steal from the Creator who has blessed him with everything he has.

Malachi 3:8,9 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say "Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

It is hard to understand how intelligent men can be so blind and ignorant, as to allow themselves to fall in the same traps they

were once delivered from. Yet it happens everyday. When times were hard, many have cried out to God, and were faithful unto God. But once they began making more money, they tend to forget God, and the ones who gave them their second start. These same men, who were so trusted, many times will take food off the same tables, of the people who helped them, when they were down, and hungry. Why? "the love of money".

Matt. 24:12 "And be-

cause iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

What happens to those who continually forget God? Paul said "as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind." Paul wasn't speaking only about homosexuality in this statement. Because he went on to include covetousness, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful, etc. Why? "the love of money", "abounding in iniquity."

Primera Baptist Church Rev. Guadalupe G. Pena Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:30 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.	Hope Lutheran Church John E. Hafermann, Pastor Lutheran Church Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Saturday Confirmation Instruction 9:00 a.m.	Sonora Tabernacal United Pentecostal Church Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy Kenneth Cook, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve. 7:00 p.m. Tues. Eve. 7:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Rev. Paul Terry, Pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Louis B. Moeller Sat. Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Sunday Masses 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7 p.m.	Church of Christ Ralph Weinholt, Sr., Minister Bible School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Youth Group 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. 7 p.m.	The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian The Rev. Jim Miles Sunday: Church School 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. (Communion on first Sunday of each month) Inquirer's Class 7:30 p.m. (Session and Diaconate meet at 7:30 on the 3rd Wed. of each month)

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Round Steak Bottom lb	\$1.49	Knuckle Soup Bone lb	39¢
Sirloin Tip Steak lb	\$1.59	Sausage Handy AAA Breakfast 1 lb roll	\$1.79
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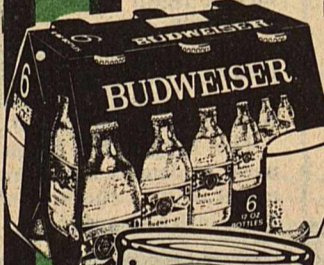
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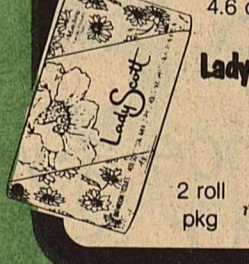
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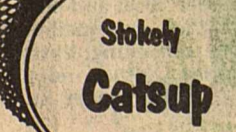
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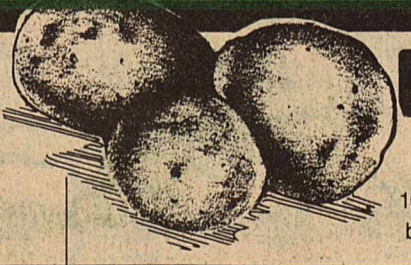
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Fire Auxiliary To Sponsor Poster Contest

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The following information must be placed in a sealed envelope attached to the lower right hand corner on back of poster. Do not put name on poster.

On the front of the envelope put one of the following division designations:
1. Primary Division-Grades 1-3; 2. Inter-

mediate Division - Grades 4-6; 3. Junior and High School Division - Grades 7-12; 5. Kindergarten.

Inside the envelope on a card, put the following information:
1. Name, 2. Address, 3. Name of school, 4. Address of school, 5. City and Zip code, 6. Grade of student, 7. Name of teacher, 8. Name and address of school superintendent, 9. Name of Fire Department (Sonora Fire Department), and 10.

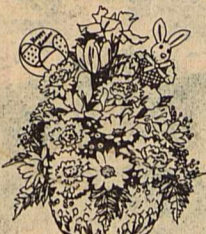
Name of District Association (Hill Country Firemen's Association).

These posters will be entered in the District contest if the child wishes to do so where they have a chance to be entered in the State contest. Ribbons will be awarded in our local contest. Trophies will be awarded at the State contest.

Posters are to be turned in by March 31, 1978. For further information, contact Trevlin Luttrell-387-3695, Melissa Teaff-387-2773 or Frances West-387-2807 or any fireman.

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Dianne Harris, bride-elect of James Benson
35th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Julio Samaniego, Jr.

Happy Birthday

Thursday, March 16
Hazel Caldwell
Mrs. Gene Wallace
Matt Shannon
Juan Jimenez

Friday, March 17
George H. (Jack) Neill
Darcie Lynn Carroll
Perry Don Draper
Pat Carroll
Patricia Perez

Saturday, March 18
Wade A. Mayer
Jerri Dunn
Jerry Jimenez
Deborah Wardlaw
Alan Otwell
David Valez

Sunday, March 19
Mrs. Jim Builta
B.M. Halbert III
Mrs. Cleveland Nance
Chris Chavarria

Tuesday, March 21
Kathleen Moore
George Barrow
W.A. Carroll
Tommy Smith
Mrs. Leo Merrill
Dan Eaton
Mrs. Jack Johnson
Mitchell Johnson
Eric Duncan
Doyle Morgan

Wednesday, March 22
John Paul Friess
Dan Richardson
Georgeanne Smith
Jonnie Morman
Mrs. John Lopez
Jeryl Fields

Bronco Band Boosters To Open Concession Stand Friday & Saturday

Band boosters are reminded that there will be local track meets both Friday and Saturday and there will be a concession stand.

Parents to work on Friday are Dunn, 2:30-4:30; Surber, 2:30-4:30; Savell, 4:30-6:30; Lane, 4:30-6:30; Polocsek, 4:30-6:30; Burnett, 3:30-5:30; and J.N. Smith, 5:00-6:30.

Parents to supply two dozen sandwiches on Friday are Martinez, Hamilton, Dunn, J.N. Smith, Ward, Neal and Surber. Two dozen cupcakes each are to be brought by Burnett, Hunt, Savell, Reyna, Lane and Burch.

On Saturday the following parents are to work in the concession stand: Johnson, 11:00-1:00;

West, 11-1; Wilson, 1-3; H. Hill, 1-3; Green, 1-3; E. Smith, 3-5; Short, 5-6:30; Sanchez, 5-6:30; and Stewart, 2-4.

Polocsek, Nelson, Johnson, Powers and Kemp are to bring two dozen sandwiches each. Gomez, Sutton, Love, Dubose and Wright are to bring two dozen cupcakes each.

Hospital Notes

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, March 7 thru Monday, March 13 include the following:

Lee Fawcett
Lucille McCutchen
Melba Stokes*
Monnie Elliott
Bob Muns
Pauline Salinas*
Nellie Olsen*
James Woodward*
Asencion Ramirez*
Woodrow Rainwater*
Henry Wall*
Nannie Wilson
Myrtle Sellman
Mattie Thornton
George Kisselburg
Roy Christie
Melinda Neill

* Patients dismissed during the same period.

Duplicate Bridge Winners

Winning first place at duplicate bridge play in Eldorado March 2 was Mary Lois Brown and Marlene Evans. Ina Lambert and Clay Porter placed second and Bobbie Sanders and Flora Hubble placed third. Tying for fourth place were teams of Lottie Puckett/Fred Adkins and Betty Kay Lacy/Candy Richards.

In play held March 9 Helen Hlakeway and Jack Beebe placed first. Second place was won by Billie Porter and Tom Peaslee; third place Winnie Hilliard and June Jones; fourth place, Evelyn Wimer and Bernice Sweet; fifth place, Margaret Frost and Pete Finley; and sixth Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins.

4 Named To Dean's List

Four Sutton County residents were among the 3,681 high academic achievers whose grade point averages earned them places on the fall semester "Dean's List" at Southwest Texas State University.

Students whose scholastic averages placed them on the fall "Dean's List" include Marvin L. Craig, Martha E. Elliott, Janna J. Lawson, and Gary Glen Wuest.

Firemen's News

by Jerold Zeck
On March 8 firemen met at the firehall and were served barbecue with all the trimmings.

On March 10 a false alarm was answered to the J.V. Mobile Home Park. Four units responded, manned by Blackman, Donaldson, Guerra, Flores, McLaughlin, Odom, Ogburn, Olenick, Smith, Stokes, Taylor, Thorp, and West. Firemen stated that a smoke alarm

went off and the fire department was called.

On March 13 at 5:55 a trash bin at the Crites Mobile Home Park caught fire with two units answering the call. Men responding were Blackman, Davis, Duren, Flores, Guerra, Huffstutler, Luttrell, McLaughlin, Odom, Ogburn, Olenick, Smith, Teaff, Taylor, Thorp, Zeck and Tidwell.

Rousselot Receives BA Degree

Mark Wayne Rousselot was among University of Texas College of Business Administration students awarded bachelor of business administration degrees at the close of the

1977 fall semester. Rousselot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rousselot and was one of 417 students receiving the degree.

Sweet Spanish Onions Perk Up Potatoes



When onions play an essential part in a recipe, the Sweet Spanish variety are the ones to select. This unique member of the onion family is famous for its extreme mildness and large size. Sweet Spanish onions offer the distinctive flavor of an onion, but without the harshness of other varieties.

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You'll find Sweet Spanish onions in your supermarket from September through March. These giant beauties, grown in Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho, are round in shape and have a thin golden-bronzed skin which crackles to the touch. You'll especially enjoy the delicate flavor of Sweet Spanish onions where ravy onion is used, as in relishes, salads and sandwiches.

Skillet Onion And Potato Slices

1 medium Idaho-Oregon Sweet Spanish onion	Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 pound potatoes	2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1/2 cup butter or margarine	

Peel and slice onion. Should make about 2 cups. Cook potatoes in boiling, salted water until tender. Peel and slice. Saute onions in 1/4 cup butter or margarine over medium heat until golden. Remove onions. Add remaining butter or margarine and saute potatoes until golden. Return onions to skillet to heat through. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and parsley. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

L. Chavarria Named President Of Fraternity

Leroy Chavarria was elected vice president of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at North Texas State University.

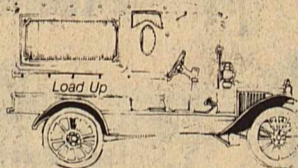
Chavarria also serves as treasurer of Chicanos Actively United for Social Advancement (La Causa).

The 19 year old sophomore student is a pre-law major and is the son of Mrs. Elvira Chavarria.

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It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish an increase of 11.4 percent in the company's intrastate revenues.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality, and is available for inspection in each of the Company's public business offices.



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- Franks Good Value Meat or Beef **89c**
- Sausage Hillshire Farm Smoked Regular, Beef, Polska Kielbasa **\$1.59**

- Bacon Sliced T.V. Thick 1 1/2 lb pkg **\$2.29**
- Turkey Wieners Plantation Beauty 12 oz pkg **59c**
- Lunch Meats Good Value Assorted 1 lb pkg **\$1.19**
- Bologna Oscar Mayer All Meat, Beef or Thick Sliced 12-OZ PKG **\$1.29**
- Variety Pack Oscar Mayer Beef 12-OZ PKG **\$1.59**
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- SWEET PEAS GOOD VALUE 4 16-OZ CANS **\$1**
- TOMATOES GOOD VALUE 3 16-OZ CANS **\$1**
- GREEN BEANS RAINBOW SHORT CUT 5 16-OZ CANS **\$1**
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- Vegetables Western Blend 20-OZ BAG **87c**
- Vegetables Oregon Blend 20-OZ BAG **89c**
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- Butter Quarters 1-LB CTN **\$1.39**
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Sonoran's Grandson Gets Special Care From Former Sonora Student

Eight-year-old Leonard Thames and his family made their first visit to Children's Medical Center in Dallas seven and a half years ago. They thought they would be alone in a big city until they discovered they had something very unique in common with Leonard's cardiologist.

Alvis Johnson, pediatric cardiologist at CMC, not only grew up in Sonora where Leonard has many relatives, he also attended school with Leonard's great-grandfather, Jamie Glasscock.

This special coincidence has made the world a much smaller and less frightening place for Leonard, who is now on his way home to San Angelo after a 27 day stay at CMC.

Leonard, blonde, energetic and minus one front tooth, was born with tetralogy of the fallot which involves obstruction of the blood vessel that carries blood to the lung and a hole between the lower chambers of the heart. He has had three operations over the seven and a half year span.

"This was the last operation, we hope," said Mrs. Wayford Tyler, Leonard's grandmother and resident of Sonora.

"We just love Dr. Johnson," she said. "We think he's wonderful."

"You're telling me," Leonard smiled and nodded as he raced a toy motorcycle back and forth across the end of his bed. Leonard, wearing bright plaid pajamas, pointed to the T.V. when asked how he spent most of his time in the hospital and said, "I can't think of anything better than going home."

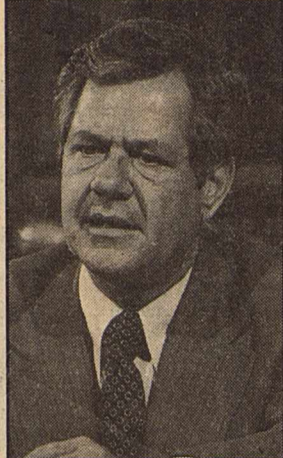
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Historical Society Urges Local Residents To Meet deadline

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and that is the absolute deadline for the family history division of the book. You know, do you not, that is does not cost you anything to have your story published, and you are not even required to buy a book (unless you can't stand not to have at least one in the family).

who are willing to give assistance if you will call the Sutton County Historical Society 387-3996 or 387-2853.

people on your all-occasion gift list. Please submit your stories to the Sutton County Historical Society, Box 1145, Sonora, Texas 76950.

JAYCEE-ETTES TO MEET

A meeting of the Jaycee-ettes has been scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Commercial Restaurant.

Remember there will be no other history book like this one in the history of Sutton County. If you miss out on having your family story in the book, your children and succeeding generations will miss out too.

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If you need help in putting your story together, there are people

The March 31 deadline is rapidly approaching,

Kappa Gamma Holds Program

The regular monthly meeting of Kappa Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha was held Monday night, March 6 at the HNG Community room.

New officers for the year beginning April 1 were elected. Dolores Hodges was elected president, with Nelda Mayfield being elected vice-president.

Plans for our next fund raising project were discussed. The 2nd Annual ESA vs. Teachers volleyball game called Thunder vs. Lightning is scheduled for March 30 at the old High School Gym. Members attending

were: Jean Hughes, Kay Story, Glenda Short, Dolores Hodges, Nelda Mayfield, Jo Ann Wilkinson, Debbie Hard, Debbie Kiowski, Linda Cayce, Linda Young, Jo Ann Jones, Jan Robertson, Mary Jo Pfeiffer and Pam Martin.

Future Homemakers Attend Area II Meeting

The Sonora Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America went to Big Spring, March 10 and 11 for the Area II meeting. The

meeting was held in the Big Spring High School.

19 members went accompanied by their Sponsor, Mrs. Celeste Prugel. Participants who arrived Friday night were entertained with a talent show. Each chapter that wished to presented a skit evloving around "Mexican Culture". Sonora's skit told stories of celebration of "Day of the Dead", "La Llorona", and a modern love song sung by George Hernandez. Susie Mata and Irene Castilleja sung in the area chorus and Peter Gomez is a candidate for area officer.

Small group workshops were held on Saturday morning. Sonora was represented in each workshop. Their titles are: Teenagers Coping with Stress, Parental Relationships, Teenage Marriage, Grooming, Child Abuse, Learning to Live with Others, Interior Decorating, Hobbies: Leisure Time vs Unused Time, Living with Change, More than Pots and Pans, Communications, Future Fashions.

Real Estate Transfers

WD - Emma M. Villareal et al to Salvador Castilleja et ux, lot 5, block B, Sinaloa Addition, and lot 4.
WD - Refugia M. Castilleja et al to Salvador Castilleja et ux, lot 5, block B, Sinaloa Addition, and lot 4.
WD - Lydia M. Barajas to Salvador Castilleja et ux, lot 5, Block B, Sinaloa Addition, and lot 4.
WD - Marina M. Castillo to Salvador Castilleja et ux, lot 5, block B, Sinaloa Addition, and lot 4.
WD - Elroy Otte et ux to W.O. Crites et ux, West or Southwest 15' lot 2, block 32-E
WD - Elmore Anderson to W.L. Morris et ux, 1.07 acres out of Survey 84 and 85, Block B, HE&WT Ry.
WD - Manila Ann Trainer to Sutton County, Texas, Lot 4, Block A

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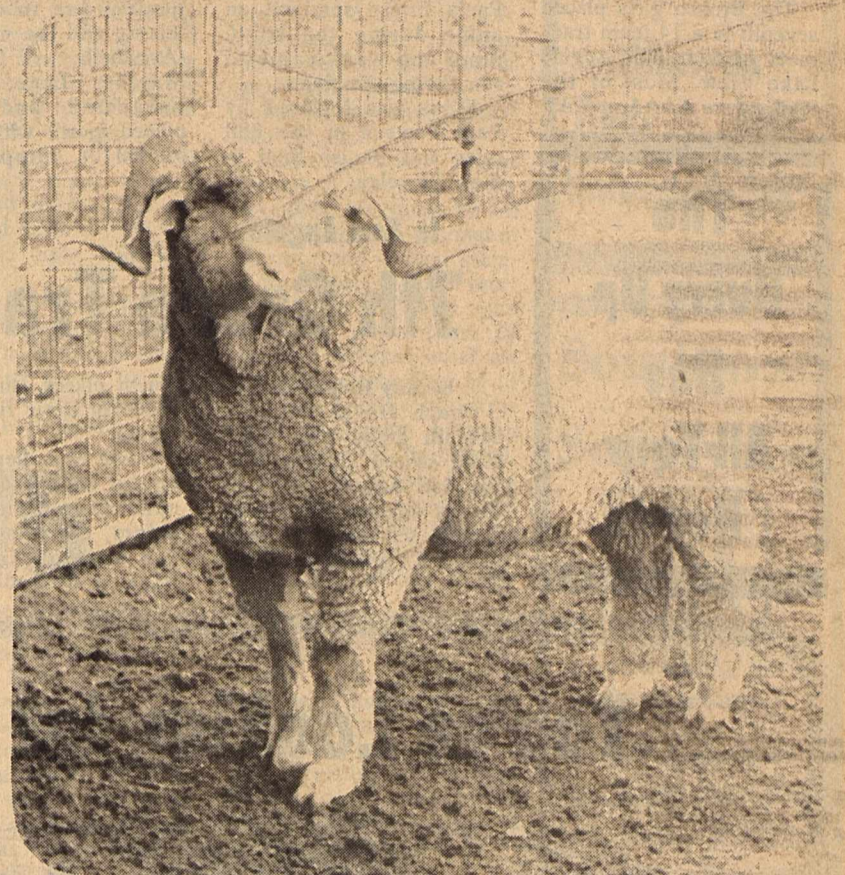
Sutton County Ranch News

Performance Test Results Show Marked Improvements

AVERAGE VALUES FOR RAMBOUILLET RAMS

Year	Number of Rams	Daily Gain Pounds	Grease Wool Pounds	Clean Wool Pounds	Staple Length Inches	Face Cover Score	Skin Fold Counts
1948-1949	75	.37	13.8	6.6	3.36	2.7	33.8
1949-1950	91	.45	16.7	7.8	3.57	2.8	38.9
1950-1951	94	.49	18.0	8.1	3.34	2.7	44.8
1951-1952	140	.46	17.7	8.2	3.46	3.3	25.1
1952-1953	93	.47	18.4	8.6	3.56	3.0	40.7
1953-1954	74	.51	19.5	9.3	3.80	2.9	31.3
1954-1955	81	.49	17.8	8.7	4.07	2.9	32.2
1955-1956	66	.48	19.9	9.2	3.87	2.7	26.6
1956-1957	109	.50	18.8	9.1	4.02	2.8	25.7
1957-1958	83	.60	19.2	9.3	4.20	2.6	36.4
1958-1959	94	.49	15.4	8.0	4.16	3.0	26.3
1959-1960	112	.51	16.0	9.2	4.41	3.0	23.2
1960-1961	128	.50	17.1	9.0	4.21	2.8	23.6
1961-1962	108	.53	18.4	9.6	4.21	2.8	29.3
1962-1963	113	.55	17.4	9.0	4.12	2.6	1.8*
1963-1964	121	.56	18.3	9.4	4.56	2.7	2.0*
1964-1965	107	.51	18.1	8.9	4.35	2.7	2.0*
1965-1966	106	.51	19.8	9.9	4.33	2.3	2.0*
1966-1967	100	.51	18.4	9.3	4.35	2.2	2.0*
1967-1968	118	.52	17.9	9.1	4.53	2.1	2.0*
1968-1969	133	.54	17.0	8.9	4.53	2.3	1.8*
1969-1970	109	.66	19.6	9.8	4.41	2.0	1.7*
1970-1971	113	.67	20.7	10.3	4.73	2.1	1.9*
1971-1972	105	.69	19.9	9.8	4.83	2.1	1.6*
1972-1973	134	.69	21.0	10.9	4.92	2.2	1.9*
1973-1974	129	.71	19.7	10.1	4.76	2.0	1.7*
1974-1975	129	.64	19.9	10.5	4.58	2.0	1.7*
1975-1976	101	.72	21.0	10.9	4.81	1.9	1.6*
1976-1977	179	.71	20.5	11.2	4.58	1.7	1.5*
1977-1978	226	.72	20.5	10.1	4.75	1.9	1.7*

*Score



One of the rams certified at the 30th Annual Ram Performance Test is this prize animal belonging to Fred Campbell. A total of 60 Rambouillet rams were certified out of the 230 on this year's test. The field day and auction at the Sonora Texas A&M Experiment Station will be held Thursday, March 17, with a \$3 barbecue set for lunch.

Glen Fisher's Wool & Mohair Report

A definite market has now been established for the Texas spring mohair clip. In a word, it is high. Several factors have contributed to the rapid rise in prices.

Approximately 500,000 pounds (maybe more) of mohair was contracted early at around \$2.75 - \$3.00. This plus some early sales limited supply.

The South African market opened higher last week and the ever

declining value of the dollar has resulted in Texas mohair record prices. As long as buyers do not run short of money, the market should remain high.

We have scheduled a sale for Friday offering approximately 100,000 pounds total.

A wool sale has been scheduled in Eldorado for Monday and interest seems to be picking up slightly for finer wools.

ICA President Testifies on Livestock Industry Problems

T.A. Cunningham, president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association, appeared before the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry March 6 to testify during oversight hearings on the economic problems of the American livestock industry.

Cunningham emphasized strongly that "the time for decision making concerning agricultural legislative reforms is long overdue."

"Agriculture as a whole is bankrupt," he said. "It is ridiculous for the finest agriculture in the world to reach this condition."

The ICA leader has continuously stressed during three years of testimony before congressional committees that if one segment of agriculture is depressed, all segments will soon follow. Now that

all agriculture is bankrupt, he said, we are risking the economic security of the entire country.

Cunningham countered the position of the National Cattlemen's Association which told committees that it is not practical to include live cattle in import quotas established by the 1964 Meat Import Act.

On the contrary, Cunningham

said, "It is essential that the live cattle be included in import quotas." ICA has been working for several years to change the 1964 Import Act to include live cattle and reduce the number of imports allowed to enter this country.

"Anyone should be able to understand what this has done to our market," said Cunningham. "According to the Census Bureau,

Mexico shipped 594,020 live cattle into the U.S. in December, 1977, alone. The total number of cattle imported from Mexico in 1977 was 1,025,250. From Canada, the total was 528,806 giving a grand total of live cattle from both countries as 1,554,056."

Also, he said, Mexico sets an allotment regulating the number of cattle shipped to the United States

but there is no law in the U.S. governing how many live cattle was accepted from Mexico. The U.S. rancher is at Mexico's mercy, he said.

Cunningham called on the committee to pass legislation to require inspection and labeling of foreign meat products as well as legislation that would revamp the existing import law.

"Do you think it is fair and honest for these foreign products to be mingled with our own making it impossible for the American housewife to know whether she is buying a domestic product which has been carefully inspected and regulated or one from a foreign country which has had no restrictions?" Cunningham asked the committee.

The Independent Cattlemen's Association is working hard for passage of meat import limitation legislation sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and in the House by Rep. Jake Pickle, both of Texas. Pickle has obtained eight co-sponsors Teague, Charles Wilson, Sam Hall, George Mahon, and Omar Burleson. More co-sponsors are expected. Congressman Kika de la Garza has introduced similar legislation.

Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Discussed

Activities to assist beef cattle producers in Sutton County were planned at a recent meeting of the Sutton County Beef Cattle Committee at the 4-H Center.

The beef cattle committee is composed of local ranchers to assist the County Extension Service plan

and carry out beef cattle educational programs for the benefit of all producers.

The group discussed and planned a program on marketing of livestock, and sire and cow selection to produce calves to top the market.

They also are making plans for demonstrations on ways to get heifers bred and to increase productivity by use of a sound mineral and supplement program.

Members of the Sutton County Beef Cattle Committee are Gene Wallace, Bill Wade, Jerry Don Balch, George Wallace, Robert

Zapata, Dr. Joe David Ross and Bob Caruthers. Dr. John H. Fields and Dr. Mike Keller serve in an advisory capacity.

Assisting the committee were County Extension Agent Clint Langford and Texas A&M Extension Service and Experiment Station specialist.

Successful Cow-Calf Operation Is Definite Calving Season

The most important management practice to a successful cow-calf operation is the development of a definite calving season, contends Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Many producers in Sutton County allow bulls to run year-around with cows, resulting in calves born each month.

This means the herd will be in all stages of production during the year and creates problems in

feeding, marketing and total management.

Furthermore, calving out of season or at the wrong time of the year may cost the producer an extra \$50 in feed bills and a loss up to \$25 in reduced weaning weights.

Cows that calve from late January to April need little supplemental feed even though their nutrient requirements are high due to milk production, explains Langford. As spring approaches, good, lush, desirable pastures produce plenty of forage for lactation, rebreeding and calf growth.

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Bronco Girls Place Seventh

by Kay Holdridge
The Bronco girls placed seventh in a 14 team track meet held at San Angelo Lake View. Most of the teams were AAAA or AAA

teams and anchor leg Paula Friess sprained an ankle during the triple jump and was unable to run during the finals. Friess was replaced by Pam Powers in the 880 relay and Denise Neal in the mile relay.

The sprint relay failed to qualify due to a timing mix-up and the mile relay (Annabelle Gonzales, Marche Lane, Becky Cavaness, and Neal) placed fourth with a time of 4:32.4, clipping last

weeks time of 4:33.6 by one and two tenths seconds. The 880 relay (Gonzales, Evans, Cavaness, and Powers) placed fifth with a 1:58.8 time.

Fourth places were won by Marche Lane in the 880

yard dash with a time of 2:40.1 and Terri Simpler with a 6:19.4 mile run.

The only schools, AA or below to beat or tie the Broncos, were Rotan with 71 points and Colorado City with 20.

The girls will travel to Mason, Friday, March 17.



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In San Angelo 7th Grade Track Scores

by Kay Holdridge
Coach David Patton's seventh grade boys track team scored 23 points in the San Angelo Jr. High Relays against larger San Angelo schools. The team won one third place, three

fourth places, and a sixth place in their first track outing.

David Chandler ran 43.4 in the 330 yard dash to nail down third place points, finishing behind San Angelo's Goliad Jr. High and Goddard Jr.

High track members.

The sprint relay team of Eddie Vallejo, David Buitron, Joe Rodriguez and David Chandler, sprinted to fourth place in the sprint relay. David Bessera ran 4:00.4 in the 1320 yard run to take

fourth place points and Marney Sorenson ran an 11.8 in the 70 yard hurdles to capture fourth place points also.

Ezekiel Duran threw the discus 81'3" for a sixth place finish to conclude the Colt scoring.

Wuest Performs With SWTU Band

Sonora freshman Gary Wuest is among 65 members of Southwest Texas State University's Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band visiting high schools in Central and West Texas during the groups' annual spring tour March 13-30.

The groups are under the direction of James Sudduth, SWT's director of bands. Other faculty members touring with the groups include Douglas Skinner, alto saxophone, and David Herbert, oboe.

Wuest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wuest, and is an elementary education major who plays bass clarinet.

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8th Graders in San Angelo Relays

by Kay Holdridge
In competition in the San Angelo Jr. High Relays against larger San Angelo, Midland, and Abilene schools, Sonora eighth grade boys totaled 24 points placing eighth out of 16 teams.

Joe Longoria won the 330 yard dash with a speedy 40.2 clocking, and Barney Keele threw 123'4" in the discus to place second. These were the only two boys to place in the top three.

The sprint relay placed 5th with a time of 49.0. Relay team members are Joe David Favila, Joe Longoria, Allen Stewart, and Ponciano Castillo. Also placing fifth was the 1320 yard relay composed of Favila, Longoria, Charley Carroll, and Harvey Sepeda. Their time was 2:49.

Castillo garnered sixth place points as he ran an 11.4 100 yard dash.

The Jr. high teams will host the annual Colt

Relays at Bronco Stadium Saturday, March 18. Teams attending will be Ozona, Forsan, Mason, Brady, and the host Sonora team.

This will be the junior high girls first competition and they will compete as one team. The boys teams will compete in both a 7th and 8th grade division. The running prelims will begin at 2 p.m. and the finals at 4:30 p.m. Field events will be held at 11 a.m.

Broncos Place In Iraan Meet

87½ points were scored by the Bronco boys at the Cactus Relays held Saturday in Iraan.

Wayne McLaughlin and Cody Savell placed in two events. McLaughlin doubled in the shot and discus with tosses of 51'10" for second place and a third place toss of 134'1". Savell's jump of 18'9¼" placed second in the long jump and his 220 yard dash time of 23:47 also captured him second place points.

The sprint relay (Ervey Vallejo, Eddie Favila, Kent Cagle, and Savell) placed second with a time of 46:23. The mile relay (Juan Mendoza, Enrique Sanchez, Savell and Favila) placed fourth.

Robert Noriega won his second first place in the mile run in as many meets. Noriega ran a respectable 4:54.54 bettering last week's first place time by nearly 5 seconds.

Second place finishes were captured by Sanchez as he ran a 2:09.52 in the 880 yard run and Favila's

10:56 in the 100 yard dash.

The boys will host the Sonora Relays Friday.

March 17. Teams entered include three in the varsity: Sonora, Wall and Ozona.

C of C Memberships Renewed

Sonora Chamber of Commerce board of directors welcomed renewed memberships from Pool Co., Dowell and Hershel's Foodway during the regular monthly meeting last week.

Chamber officials also discussed the heavy load of tourism information requests and daily visitor traffic to the chamber office.

Directors also discussed Chamber of Commerce participation with the Sonora/Sutton County Park Association and the 4-H building committee.

Directors present for the meeting were Ronnie Cox, George Kellogg, Gil Trainer, Mike Hale, George Wallace, Wes Burnett, John Tedford, president and Jack Kerbow, manager.

Rabies Clinic

Sonora veterinarians and local health authorities have set Thursday, April 6 for the annual Rabies vaccination clinic.

The clinic will be held at the 4-H Center from 1:30-5:30 and persons owning any type of pet are encouraged to bring it for a vaccination at this time. There will be a charge for the shots.

Pet owners are reminded that rabies shots should be given at least once a year.

In 1974 the City Council adopted a resolution making it illegal to let pets run loose. All pets, whether it be dog, cat, horse, sheep or any other, should at all times be confined either by tying or penning. Persons can be fined as much as \$200 by breaking this ordinance.

Sonora, has in the past

years, had vast outbreaks of rabies, and since all warm-blooded animals, including humans, are susceptible to rabies, it is important that all domestic animals are vaccinated.

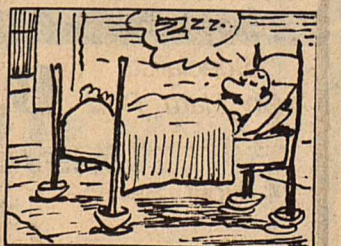
Once rabies is contracted, there is no known satisfactory treatment.

The virus, which is present in saliva during a certain stage in the progress of the donor, is transmitted by biting or licking by an infected animal and enters the body through a break in the skin or mucous membrane.

Rabies is a disease of animals. It is transmitted to man directly from an infected wild animal or indirectly through a pet or a domestic animal.

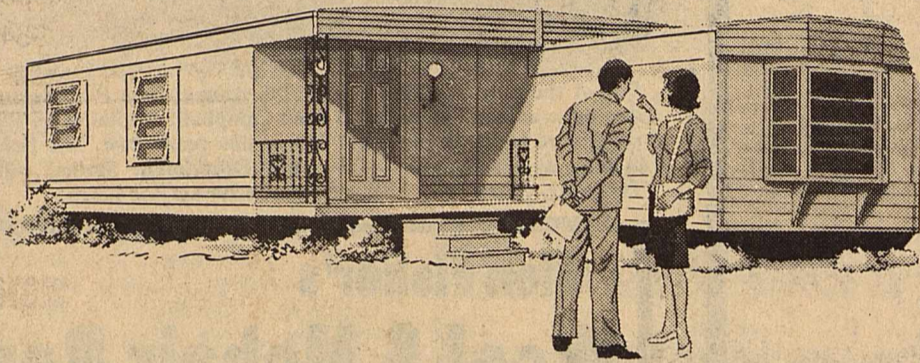
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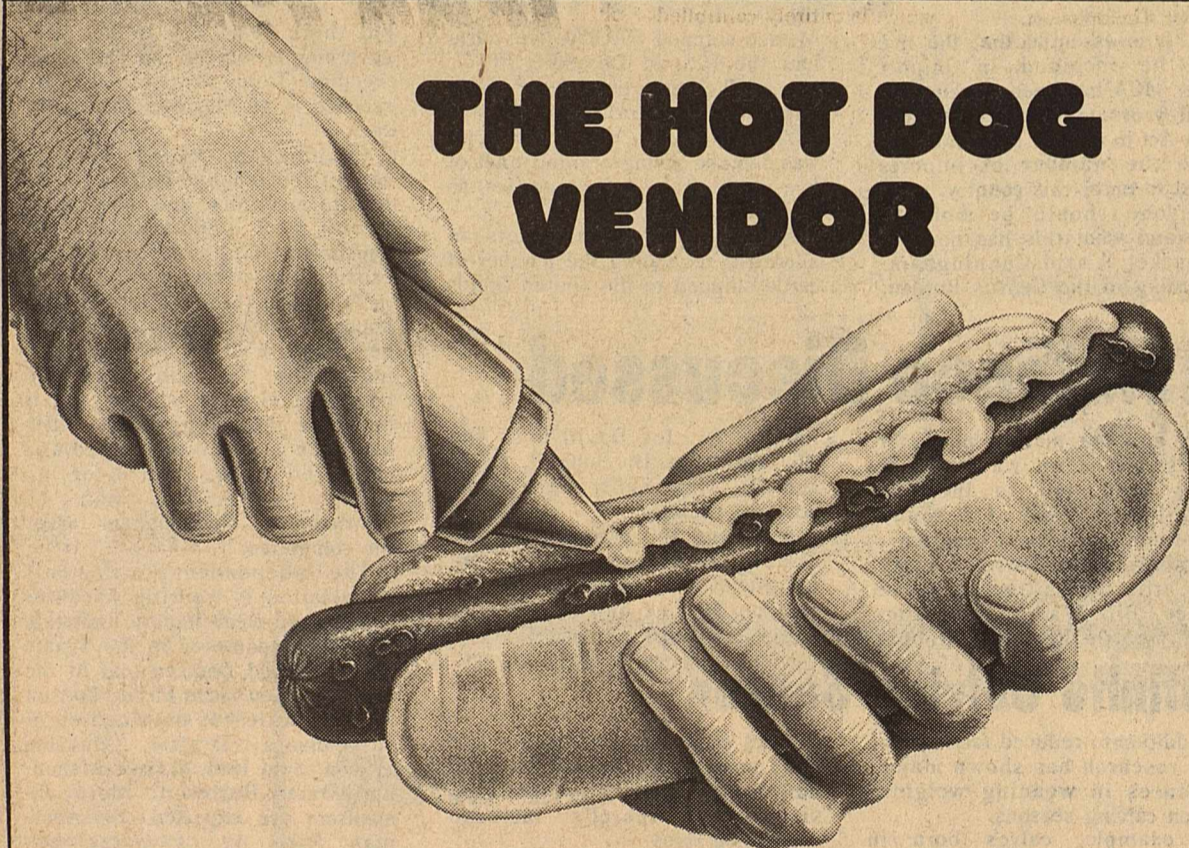
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Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he listens to the radio and watches TV and he ought to know."

So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his signs and cancelled his newspaper ads and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

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School Board Place 2

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Petroleum News

Texans! Feds Want Gas

John Young Completes Ten Years With Amoco

John R. Young has completed ten years with Amoco Production Company, according to Al Henson, local Amoco manager.

Young and his wife Linda, and two sons, John D., 8, and Mark, 2, live in Sonora.

Prior to moving here Young worked as roustabout, pumper, plant operator and gang foreman in Odessa. He was promoted to field foreman in March of 1975 and transferred to Sonora.

All John's fellow employees congratulate him on his successful completion of ten years with Amoco.

Henson stated, "We know that with his particular expertise in the business of producing the nation's energy, he will have many more years of success with Amoco and we know he and family are a definite asset to this community. Congratulations John."

Oil & Gas Well Production Down

Texas oil and gas wells produced 631,584,258 Mcf of gas in December 1977, down 4.78 percent from field runs a year earlier.

Marketed gas production totaled 538,124,101 Mcf and reflected a 6.23 percent decrease from the December 1976 volume. Marketed production is total gas to transmission lines, carbon black and plant fuel and lease use.

Gas exported from Texas in December totaled 263,493,006 Mcf and included some 80,471,130 Mcf of imported gas.

Exports of Texas-produced gas in December totaled 183,021,876 Mcf and reflected a 12.17 percent decrease from the year earlier month. Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America was the month's largest exporter, moving

80,470,505 Mcf of gas of which 35,161,386 Mcf was Texas-produced gas.

Texas gas production in December 1977 came from 193,489 oil and gas wells.

In November 1977, Texas wells produced 592,311,673 Mcf of gas. Marketed gas production in November totaled 500,273,135 Mcf.

December production raised Texas gas production in 1977 to 7,568,223,600 Mcf, down from 7,708,318,843 Mcf in 1976.

Marketed gas production in 1977 to 6,418,544,294 Mcf, down from 6,557,529,300 Mcf in the previous year.

Exports of Texas produced gas last year totaled 2,260,806,473 Mcf, down from 2,408,428,867 in 1976.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Jon Newton recently urged Texans to become concerned about the specter of seizure by the federal government of natural gas they are saving under the Commission's order phasing down the use of the premium fuel under the industrial boilers.

"We need to be concerned about what happens to that gas freed by our boiler fuel order," Newton told members of the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce at their 51st annual banquet.

"If the federal government decides to allocate natural gas, we could very well see the gas Texans have conserved at great economic sacrifice being taken away to be burned under boilers in the Northeast (U.S.)," the Texas energy official observed.

Newton cited the Commission's boiler fuel order -- Gas Utilities Division Docket 600 -- as one of the regulatory agency's "dramatic steps" toward wiseful use of all energy sources.

The Docket 600 order of Dec. 17, 1975 alone would

result in boiler fuel consumption of natural gas being reduced by 200 billion cubic feet by 1981 and an additional 300 billion cubic feet by 1985, he explained.

"By way of illustration, the 500 billion cubic feet saved by this order could supply current residential needs for the city of Dallas for eighteen and a half years," Newton said.

The energy official pointed the Dallas Jaycees to another disturbing development on the energy front:

Permits Total 2,475

Applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests in Texas totaled 2,457 in the first month and a half of 1978, down from 2,565 in the same period in 1977.

Applications to drill, deepen, plug back and for service wells in the 1978 period amounted to 2,947 against 3,031 in the year-earlier period, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reported in a preliminary summary.

The report showed 833

applications to drill new oil and gas tests were filled in the Feb. 1-15, 1978, period. Applications to drill oil and gas tests totaled 865 in the like period of 1977.

The report also showed 17 oil discoveries and 20 gas discoveries were completed in Texas in the first half of February.

Oil discoveries included five in Southeast Texas, four in West Central Texas, three in deep South

Texas, two in North Texas and one each in the Refugio, Midland and Lubbock areas.

Gas discoveries included 10 in deep South Texas, three in the San Antonio area, two each in Southeast Texas and the San Angelo area and one each in the East Texas, West Central Texas and Midland areas.

The Oil and Gas Division listed 1,813 oil, gas or service well

completions in the first month and a half of 1978, up from 1,563 a year ago.

There were 261 oil completions in the Feb. 1-15 period against 331 in the same weeks of 1977. There were 188 gas completions in the latest two weeks compared with 184 a year ago.

In the Feb. 1-15 period, 167 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

RR Commission Approves Agreement For Additional Oil In Howard County

The Railroad Commission has approved a unitization agreement and proposed secondary recovery operations that are expected to result in the production of an additional 4.53 million barrels of oil from a petroleum-producing sector in Howard County.

The Commission sanctioned the establishment of the East Vealmoor Unit in the Vealmoor, East Field and the initiation of secondary recovery operations there during the weekly conference on Oil and Gas Division matters.

Senior Legal Counsel J. Brooks Peden and Senior Staff Engineer Willis C. Steed of the Oil and Gas Division conducted hearings on the application of the Getty Oil Co. last Jan. 11. They recommended approval of the request.

Getty reported the unit area has produced more than 37 million barrels of the original 103.6 million barrels of oil in place and an additional 10 million barrels would be recovered by continued primary operations.

Unitization and secondary recovery will recover an additional 4,523,000

barrels of oil, Getty advised in noting the reservoir is in a late stage of primary depletion.

Getty put the value of additional oil to be recovered by secondary recovery operations at \$25 million and estimated the cost of the project, including conversion of eight producing wells to

water injection wells, to be \$2.5 million.

The new East Vealmoor Unit contains approximately 2,562 productive acres. Production is from the Canyon Reef which occurs at an average depth of 7,350 feet. The field was discovered in 1905 but most of the development took place in 1953.

Poerner Appointed

Railroad Commissioner John H. Poerner has accepted appointment to one of the key committees of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission.

Poerner was named to the IOCC's Regulatory Practices Committee by Gov. Dolph Briscoe, the official representative of Texas to the voluntary 30-member-states petro-

leum conservation organization.

Texas is one of the founding states of the 43-year-old oil compact, which is entirely controlled by state officials and financed by voluntary contributions from the member-states. IOCC committees study legal and scientific problems, accumulate information from every source and render reports to the Commission which are distributed to all states and to all who may be interested.

Oil & Gas Form Seminars Scheduled

Because of increased public interest in various oil and gas forms and the Railroad Commission's processing procedures, the Commission's Oil and Gas Division has scheduled two separate one-day seminars for April 5 and 6 at the Quality Inn Motel in Amarillo.

The seminar site is at 2915 Interstate 40 East in the Panhandle city.

The Oil and Gas Division is charged by law with the prevention of waste within the state's oil and gas industry. To aid in accomplishing that task, the Commission has adopted various forms used to accumulate and evaluate statistics and gather engineering data on which to base their decisions. Seminar planners hope the meeting will give oil and gas operators a better insight into the proper manner in which forms should be filled out and the manner in which they are processed by the Commission.

Commission Chairman Mack Wallace will address the April 5 seminar at a noon luncheon. The guest speaker on April 6 will be Max Sherman, president of West Texas State University.

Included in the seminars will be discussions on regular drilling permits, oil transportation reporting, comingling permits, oil and gas completion reports, testing requirements, oil and gas production reports, frac oil movement, skim oil movement, gas nominations and authorization to transport oil and gas.

There will be four discussions periods each day beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding at 4:45 p.m.

Discussions will be led by James C. Herring, senior staff engineer; Bishop McKendree, staff engineer; Don Rhodes and Jim Walker, administrative assistants; Carol Rodgers, administrative technician; Richard Buerger, director of record services and Rex King staff services officer.

A fee of \$30 per person will cover most materials and the luncheon. Registration deadline is March 27 with registration limited

to the first 120 applicants for each seminar. To register or for more information contact Ms. Candace Smith, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Checks should be made payable to "RRC Educational Seminar."

The Amarillo seminars are part of a series scheduled by the Commission. Other seminars have been set for May 1-2 in Corpus Christi, May 8-9 in Abilene, June 5-7 in Houston, July 6-7 in Longview, July 10-11 in Wichita Falls and August 2-4 in Midland.

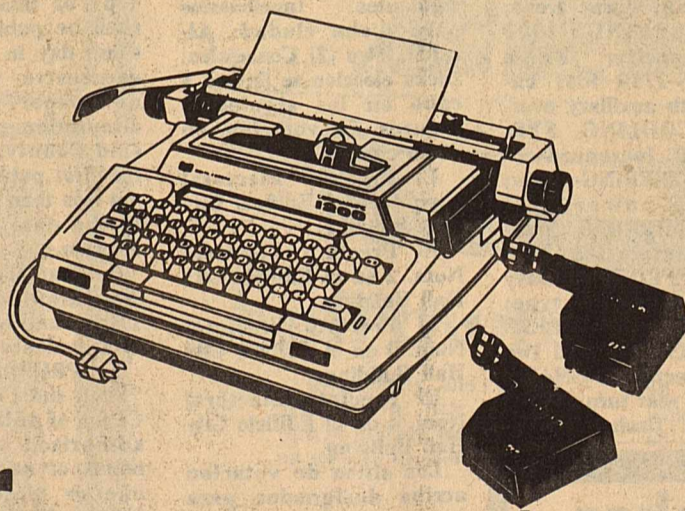
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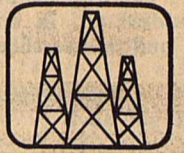
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Assistant District Engineer W.P. Harrington presented the awards ranging from 3 to 7 years of safe driving and from 1 to 23 years of no injury.

Safe driving awards are to recognize commendable performance on the part of those employees who regularly and frequently operate Department motor vehicles. Recipients are: James E. Alexander, Herbert R. Byrd, James C. Doyle, Pedro M. Galindo, Jr., John W. Joy, and Joe

W. Lane, 7 years each; William D. Jones, 4 years; and Ray E. Barlemann and Milton R. Cavaness, 3 years each.

Individual No-Injury Safety Awards are given to those non-office employees who are directly associated with maintenance and construction work. Also

eligible for this award are those employees who work in the various district shops and those who regularly drive state equipment as their duty. The award is meant to provide recognition to those field employees who avoid personal injury in spite of occupations which expose them to greater hazards than most persons otherwise employed.

Recipients of this award are: Ray E. Barlemann and Dennis R. Dunnam, 23 years each; James C. Doyle, 22 years; James E. Alexander, 21 years; Herbert R. Byrd and Joe N. Smith, 20 years each; Joe W. Lane, 19 years; William D. Jones, 14 years; Milton R. Cavaness, 6 years; John W. Joy, 3 years; and Pedro M. Galindo, Jr., 1 year.

Supervising Resident Engineer Joe W. Lane and the men working in the Sonora residency were awarded a Certificate of Merit in recognition of personal responsibility for completing 2000 days without a lost time accident.

Norman W. Rousselot Mayor [Alcalde] 2c28

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Smith Neal, Presiding Judge; Elizabeth Hemphill, Alternate Presiding Judge.

In County Election Precinct No. 3-2, at the Simon's Ranch, with:

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Juez que Preside actualmente sirva como expresado, entonces el Suplente del Juez que Preside debera ser uno de tales oficiales.

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John Cotten Announces In Alderman Race

I am seeking your support in the April 1 City Alderman election.

I have been a resident of Sonora for almost six years and am the owner of John's Auto and Body Shop here in Sonora.

I feel I can represent you as alderman, in an unbiased and businesslike manner.

John Cotten (pd. pol. adv.)

Political Directory

The Devil's River News is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic May Primary.

District and County Clerk Erma Lee Turner (re-election)

County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Bill Wade (re-election)

County Judge J.W. Elliott (re-election)

County Treasurer Metha V. Trainer (re-election)

Judge, 112th Judicial District Troy Williams (re-election)

County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Leopoldo (Polo) Cervantes

Juan Carlos Gonzales V.L. Chavez

Justice of the Peace Frances Templeton Jim Green

State Rep. Dist. 70 Susan McBee (re-election)

School Board, Place 1 Don Lawson, re-election

School Board, Place 2 Luther Creek Bill Keel Salome Perez E.C. Carta Cynthia Ward

Mayor Doyle Morgan

City Alderman John Cotten James D. Trainer Mary Owensby

Elementary School

All the fourth grade students are planning a play day before their Easter holidays. The play

Home Gardening Program Planned

A 1-day program for home gardening and landscaping has been planned for Tuesday, March 21 at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center in Uvalde. Included in the program will be Landscaping for Energy Conservation, Saving What You Have, First Aid for House Plants, Money Saving Ideas to Successful Vegetable Gardening, and many more items.

Speakers for the program include district and state horticulturist, and vegetable specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For more information call the County Extension offices at 387-3101 or 387-3604.

LEGAL NOTICE

General Telephone Company of the Southwest has filed tariffs with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to implement the Federal Communications Commission's telephone equipment registration program (FCC Docket 19528). The tariffs have an effective date of April 15, 1978. The proposed changes will reduce rates for extension telephones and 25 foot long cords; will restructure one-time charges for service connection, moves and changes, increasing some and reducing others; and will offer reduced monthly rates for one-party business and residence customers who provide their own primary telephone instrument. The proposed changes in rates, with some increasing and others decreasing, will reduce General's gross revenues from its Texas operations by \$2,565.00.

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port and interest and hope that you will feel free to visit us in the future. You may call the office to set up an appointment with any teacher you would like to visit with.

Friday, March 17, 1978, school will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. for the Easter Holidays. The school buses will run at that time.

Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 27.

Police Reports

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12:24 p.m., A Poplar Street resident reported a domestic disturbance.

5:30 p.m., A local person reported the theft of gasoline from his vehicle at his residence.

March 13 2:45 p.m., A local grocery store employee reported a shoplifter. One juvenile was counseled and taken home to his parents.

7:26 p.m., A subject who left a local station without paying for 9.20 in gasoline, was apprehended in Junction.

Public notice ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Sonora, P.O. Box 837, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Separate sealed BIDS for the purchase of a pick-up truck [specifications listed below] will be received by the City of Sonora until 11:30 a.m., Local Time, March 28, and then at said office opened and read.

CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS: MAKE AND MODEL- 1 ton chassis cab; COLOR- white; WHEELBASE- 135.5"; CAB TO AXLE-60"; FRONT AXLE-3800 lb. rating; REAR AXLE-7500 lb. rating, single speed; ENGINE-350-4BBL CID or larger; TRANSMISSION- 4 speed with PTO; ALTERNATOR-standard; BATTERY-standard; TIRES- Front: 7.50 x 16, 8 PR Hiway tread; Dual Rear: 7.50 x 16, 8 PR snow or mud tread; WHEELS-one each, spare, with tire 7.50 x 16, 8 PR, hiway tread; FRONT SPRINGS-1900 lbs. capacity; REAR SPRINGS-3750 lbs. capacity with auxiliary overloads; COOLING SYSTEM-H.D. Increased capacity; STEERING-power; BRAKES-power; EXTERIOR MIRRORS- West Coast Painted; HEATER AND DEFROSTER-heavy duty, fresh air type; WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND WASHERS-dual two speed, electric; SIGNALS-front and rear turn signals with I.C.C. flasher. 2c29

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Downtown 387-3534

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Ozona 392-2341

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406 S. Crockett
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Men's & Women's Hair Styling
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Bud's Cabinet Shop
387-2292
507 Savell Sonora

Public Notice

AVISO DE ELECCIONES EL ESTADO DE TEXAS: CONDADO DE SUTTON: AL RESIDENTE, ELECTORES CALIFICADOS DE DICHO CONDADO:

SE LES HACE SABER, que una eleccion tomara lugar en dicho Condado como se estipula en la ORDENANZA LLAMANDO UN ELECCION DE BONOS, cual Ordenanza fue debidamente dada por el Cuerpo de Consejeros Municipales de dicho Condado, y cual Ordenanza dice substancialmente lo siguiente:

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Norman Rousselot, Mayor
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NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by the Parks and Wildlife Department, Sonora, Texas, until 5 p.m. March 23, 1978, covering the sale of a 1975 Dodge 4 door sedan. This property can be inspected by contacting Game Warden Nolan Johnson, 915-387-2509.
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Business Opportunities

OPPORTUNITY
Sonora resident needed to operate Branch office. Sell and service the famous KIRBY Home Maintenance System. Contact KIRBY Co., 1524 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, 76901, or call Mr. Riley for personal interview. 915-655-4451. 4p29

Free
Free puppies. Call after 5:30. 387-2982. 1p29

Lost
Black and white female Border Collie. Brown spot over each eye. Spayed. Collar and tags. Call Mrs. Andy Cox, 387-3338. Answers to the name of Button. 1c39

Help Wanted
Auto mechanic, experienced only, must have own tools. 44 hour work week, apply in person. Sonora Motor Co. tf3

Expansion in our plant has created an opening for a full-time production supervisor. We are looking for a hard-working, no-nonsense person who can learn our production and get the job done with little supervision. Newspaper production experience is desirable, but not necessary...we are more interested in your attitude and ability to handle a multitude of details. If you are a person who enjoys doing a lot of different jobs with pressure for deadlines and careful attention to details, call for an appointment for an interview with Wes Burnett, Devil's River News publisher, 387-2507. tf28

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Temporary position, three months, could be permanent. Mature, responsible person needed to work at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co., will train as needed. Vehicle or transportation desirable. Good pay. Apply in person to Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. 1c28

Payroll clerk/bookkeeper combination. Needed by construction company, located Sonora. For interview call 387-2578 weekdays or weekend 915-446-2912. (E.O.E.) 2c29

Concho Valley Home for Girls in San Angelo is now accepting applications for houseparents. Mature couple preferred. For more information call 915-655-3821 or write to Box 3772, San Angelo, Tx 76901.2c29

Experienced bookkeeper/secretary. Mature, stable individual required. Excellent pay and good working conditions. Please call 387-2543 for appointment. Position is open immediately. tf29

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18-60 female, neat, dependable. Weekends & evenings, must type. Contact in person. Hudspeth Hospital. tf31

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Homes For Sale

In Sonora, Large 3 bedroom house. 2 bath, storage, central air, near school. 915/949-8883. tf51

House for sale. 210 Pecan. Double lot, wooded with utility building. Office - 387-2518, home, 387-2815. \$35,000. tf21

Four-room, unfurnished house. On corner lot, 50 x 190. In San Angelo. 653-5681. 4p29

Business Services

FOR EXPERT HELP and quality home furnishings, see the friendly folks at BROWN FURNITURE CO. in Ozona. We have "everything for your home" tf21

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1976 15 Hp out door motor. Almost new, perfect condition. Call 387-2883. tf27

Used Cars

1973 Pontiac Grand Prix. Call 915/853-2535. tf24

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1976 Ford F150 Ranger XLT pickup. 460 V8 engine, 18,000 miles. Call 387-2764. tf26

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"Wildlife Needs You" is the theme of the 1978 National Wildlife Week March 19-25. The conservation endeavor is sponsored by the National Wildlife Foundation with the help of the Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas, Inc. Virgil Polocek, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Sonora, said his

agency is cooperating with the observance by offering publications about wildlife to interested people. "All of us in SCS have a keen appreciation of wildlife," Polocek said. "Wildlife provides esthetic, environmental, economic, and other benefits. Since they need food, cover, and water, the best way to help wildlife is to provide adequate habitat."

Most wildlife in Texas inhabits privately owned farms and ranches. This land provides hunting, fishing, trapping, and other values inherent in a well-balanced landscape and the fish and wildlife it supports. For that reason, farmers and ranchers play a key role in maintaining wildlife populations. The following public-

ations can be obtained from the SCS office: Invite Birds to your home- This booklet lists 20 plants that can be grown in conservation landscape plantings in Texas and gives the number of bird species that use each variety. Conservation Practices- Sign of Good Hunting and Fishing- This pamphlet

gives tips to hunters on how to recognize the conservation practices that are signs of good wildlife land. Single copies of any of the above publications can be obtained free by contacting personnel at the SCS office located at Sonora, telephone number 387-2730.

Polocek said SCS has a small staff of biologists especially trained in wildlife and fisheries that he can call on to help him assist landowners improve their wildlife habitat. Anyone wanting this type of help should call the telephone number listed above.

The Weather

compiled by Pat Brown

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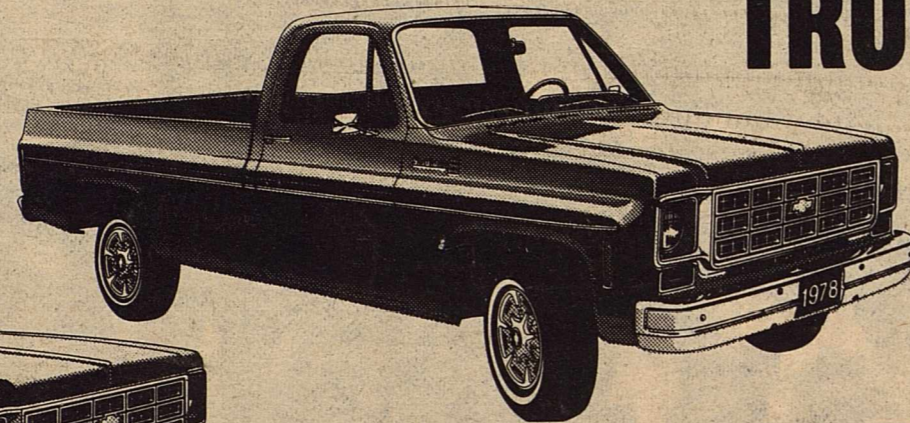
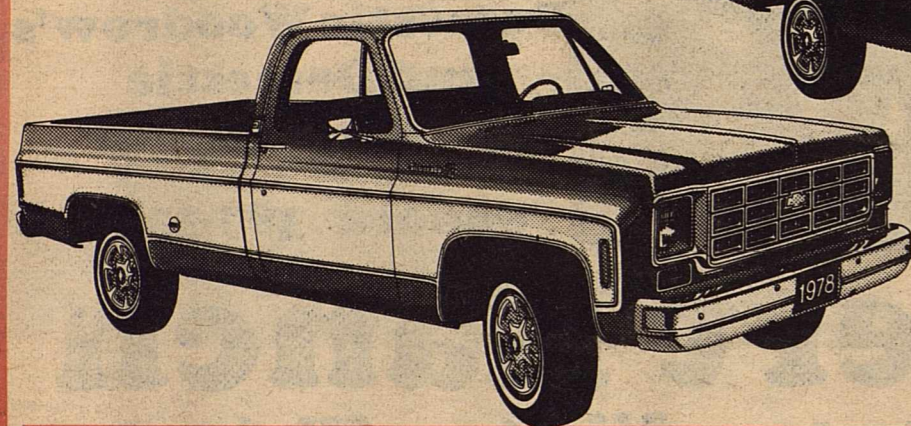
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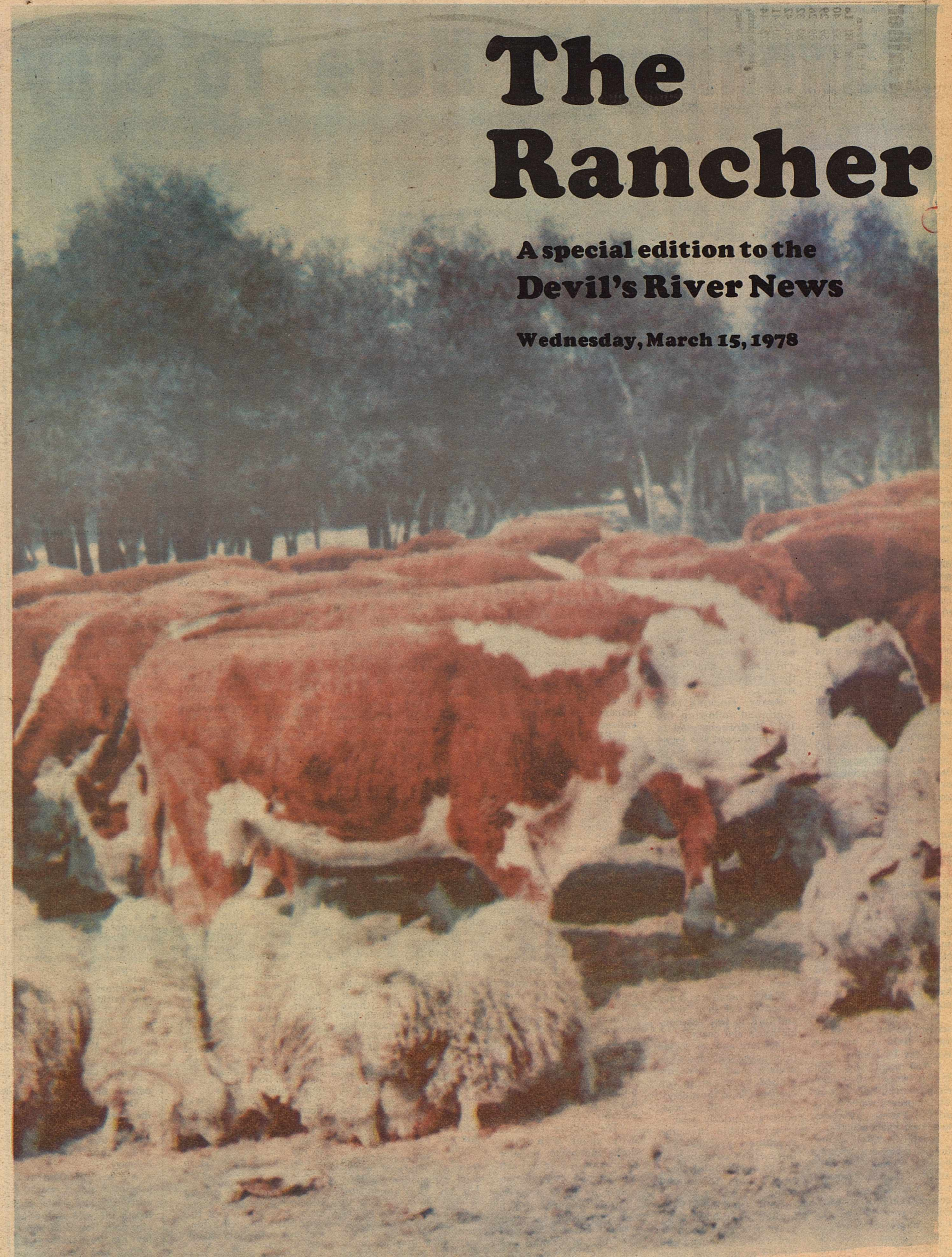
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The Rancher

A special edition to the
Devil's River News

Wednesday, March 15, 1978



Ranching Is Here To Stay

By Don Holdridge

A boom is in full swing in Sonora and Sutton County. The sudden interest in gas exploration has pushed ranching to the back of many people's minds.

But the main industries of raising cattle, sheep and goats, wool and mohair began back in the 1870's when the first herders began grazing their flocks of sheep in the "Devil's River Country" as it was known then.

Long after the gas has played out and the companies have moved on, ranching will continue to give Sonora a stable economy base.

Early settlers describe the country as open grassland with occasional liveoak clumps or scattered large liveoak trees.

Small shinoak, kidneyweed, redbud, bush honeysuckle and other palatable shrubs were found on rough hillsides and in the small canyons.

Stirrup-high grass covered the hills - sideoats grama, feathery bluestem, Texas wintergrass, curly mesquite and others. Flowering herbs such as engelmann daisy, bush sunflower, gaillardis, bluebonnet and others were abundant.

Deer, turkey and quail were numerous. Antelope were found in the open country, and lobo, timber wolves and coyotes were common.

Prior to about 1890 the area was open rangeland, and was grazed principally by drifting herds of cattle and sheep.

Only four water wells had been drilled by 1887, and domestic livestock was concentrated near the few permanent water holes.

Most of the land was homesteaded and fenced with barbed wire by 1900. Sheep were drifted in under herd from the east and were able to obtain sufficient water from succulent vegetation during the periods of good rainfall, and were moved back to permanent water during periods of drought.

Most of the early settlers plowed out a small valley field to produce some hay for horses.

"Wolf proof" net wire fences were introduced shortly after 1900 - along with improved water wells, and livestock numbers increased phenomenally.

Small "traps" were fenced originally to hold livestock during inclement weather or when herders were not available. The concentrated livestock fared so well on the small lush pastures that the entire ranches were quickly fenced, the coyotes killed out and livestock

numbers soared.

Soon Sutton County had adopted the slogan, "Capital of the Stockman's Paradise".

Only a short time passed before Nature began to rebel against man's mismanagement.

With the heavy year-long grazing pressures, plus commercial hunting, wildlife decreased rapidly. Antelope disappeared, and deer numbers dwindled drastically.

Internal parasites, particularly stomach worms, increased relentlessly to plague the sheep industry.

A two year drought in 1917-1918 killed many of the weakened grasses and opened the virgin soil to the invasion of poisonous bitterweed and unpalatable bush.

A vicious cycle was started. Herds of sheep and teampulled freight wagons travelling from the bitterweed infested play lakes northeast of Sonora left a few bitterweed seeds around each camp on their way to the wool market and banking center at Kerrville.

The pretty yellow-flowered plants produced abundant seed which were tracked by sheep into the high bed grounds. There they produced new seeds, which rain washed down the hillsides to the streams.

Heavy stocking was continued following the 1917-28 drought, and in 1925 bitterweed was found to be the poison weed responsible for heavy sheep losses.

Stocking rates were reduced from the 100-125 animal units per section, but grazing pressures continued to exceed the lowered production of a declining range.

Another drought struck in 1933-34, and severe damage was done to the overworked rangeland.

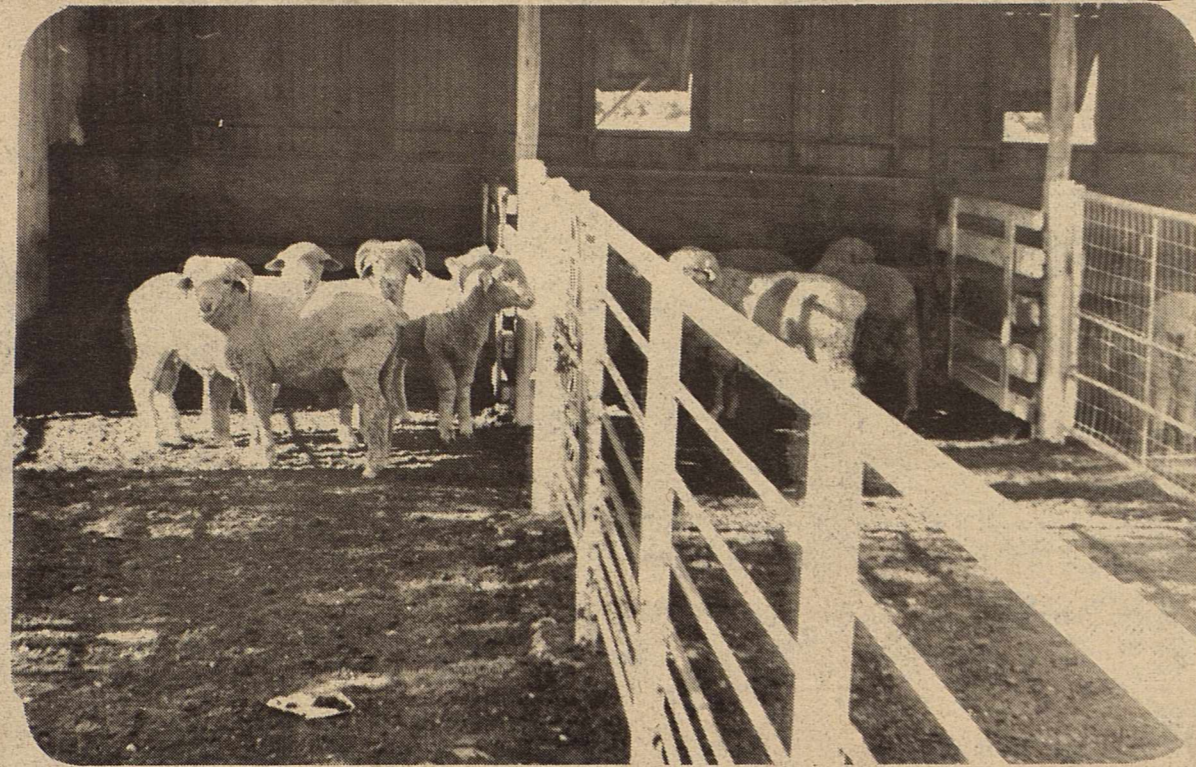
With most grass competition removed, the return of rain in 1935 boasted the spread of bitterweed until it blanketed the area.

Many ranchers were forced to sell their sheep and turn to less susceptible cattle and goats.

Moisture and soil losses from naked hillsides were severe, and many raw gullies were cut in the deeper soils of the valleys.

Liveoak, cedar, mesquite and prickly pear - less palatable than the succulent grasses and forbs - took advantage of the sparse ground cover and began to spread rapidly.

Seed that had been gradually scattered for years by birds, livestock and water, sprouted and thrived as the grass cover was weakened and killed.



Rams on test at the Sonora Texas A&M Experiment Station are subject to intensive study during the annual test which is recognized as the leading Rambouillet ram test in the world. Ranchers from

around the country will be here this week to look at the best rams, and bid on the prize animals during the auction, Thursday, March 16.

The worst drought occurred in the 1950's and further infestation of mesquite and other nonpalatable plants deteriorated the rangelands even more.

Only years of planned conservation have brought the rangeland up to their present quality, and much of the damage from poor management will never be undone.

FREE GRASS PERIOD
Sutton County and the Edwards Plateau served as an Indian hunting ground until 1877. Since the plateau had little water except during the rainy and fall seasons, the Indians used it only for hunting and not for an abode.

Troops from nearby Fort Concho and Fort McKavett had already succeeded in driving out the Indians before white men began to readily settle the area.

In the absence of strong, if any, statutory law, a set of common sense rules were understood among the early grazers.

These rules were known as the law of the range, and according to them, first comers had first rights.

One book by Youngblood traces their standards in the following excerpt:

"The drifters" began to drift about with their flocks and sooner or later they bumped into each other. Then arose agreements as to each one's rights and duties. Each man agreed that the other was entitled to a sufficient amount of range to maintain his breeding stock and its increase up

to the proper marketing age. The agreements regarding such matters as the partition of the range and the use of the water became property rights and were frequently bought and sold as land is sold today. Once a man's range rights were determined, they were respected by all. The owners of those rights felt that they had priority claims in any disposition of the lands which they occupied.

"To the pioneers free grass was an essential element in the law of the range. It meant that no rental should be paid for grazing rights. It did not mean free grass in the sense of common property, that is, grass which any one had a right to use at will along with all of his neighbors. It meant that the grass was to be free to the first comer who secured his range by getting there first. This is quite a different idea of free grass from that entertained at one time by our New England colonists with reference to their 'commons'.

On these commons every citizen had a right to graze his livestock. The result was the evergrazing of the commons, just as the western ranges were overstocked when people who did not respect the law of the range came in."

In most new ranges the order of entry has been cattle and then sheep. But this was not so in Sutton County.

The dryness of the Edwards Plateau is the chief explanation for this. The fact that sheep can subsist on the water in grasses and weeds longer than cattle, pushed sheepmen to the area as an emergency grazing range when the pastures around rivers to the north and

east became overcrowded.

According to oldtimers a sheepman residing farther east, Hamilton, San Saba or Williamson counties for example, would start with one or more bands of 1,500 each.

The "drifter" would hold his flocks on the grazing lands along any one of the streams to the east until after shearing time and the rains had fallen on the Plateau.

He would then follow the succulent grasses and weeds until he had wandered about and returned to the starting point or another place where the sheep might be sheared or marketed.

The length of time the herd could feed on the range varied with the succulence of the grass. If the grass dried up and no water was available, the sheep had to move on or die.

The first important change in this cycle occurred in the late 1880's with the beginning of water well drilling. Henceforth any section containing a well was either leased with the right of purchase or bought outright from the government. The wells were often held in partnerships.

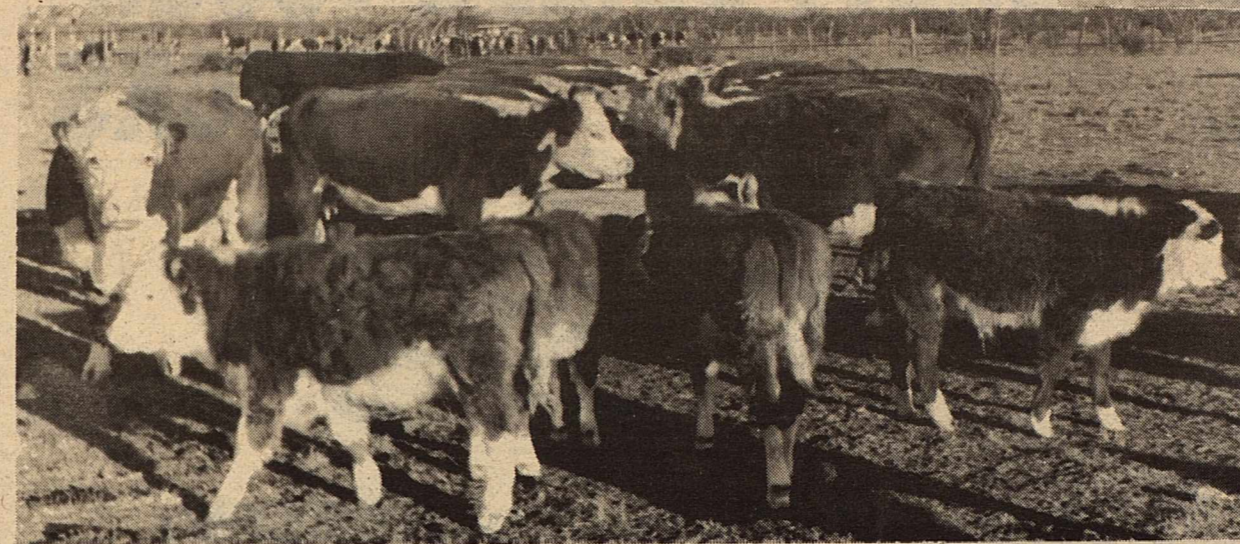
Under this new system the "rustler" (flock master) stayed at the well, while a Mexican herder took the flock out two or three miles to graze.

This method was doomed to failure. Bringing the herd in to water every two or three days wore out the range close to the well.

The sheep did well in wet years, but losses were heavy in dry seasons. The lambs were stunted because the strong sheep stayed in front and the poor and young fell behind and eventually starved for lack of grazing.

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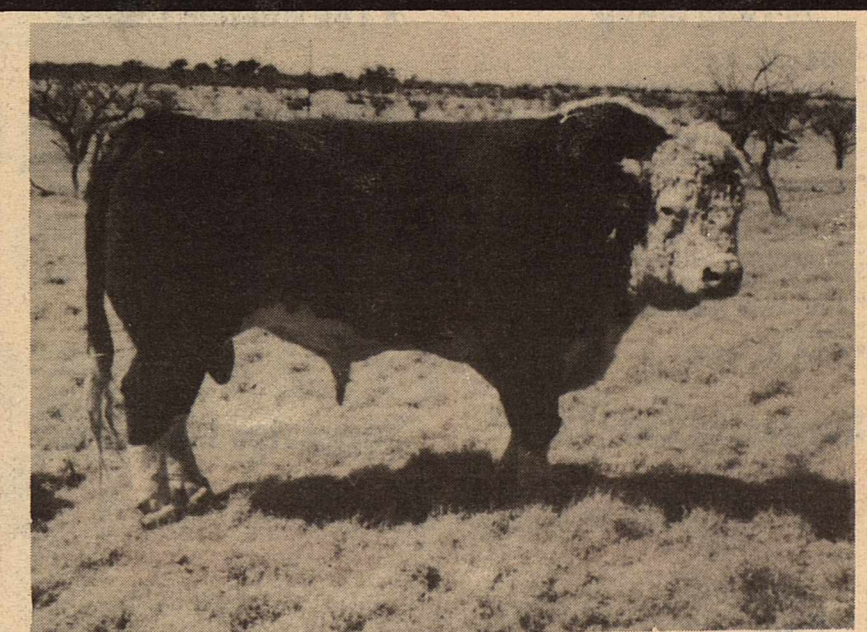
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editor's note:
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We are pleased to present this first special edition and wish to thank all who helped, especially Don Holdridge for his research and writing and Herb Jones for his photography.

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Sonora

Sonora Experiment Station

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past, there still remain other pressing problems upon which the staff has focused its attention.

Among these problems with sheep and goats are: (1) Establishing selection guides for sheep and Angora goat improvement under range conditions, including resistance to diseases and parasites; (2) studying methods to develop animals resistant to various parasites; and (3) studying methods of more effective chemical control of parasites.

Numerous problems still confront the staff in the area of range management.

Among these are: (1)

the effect of grazing on plant food storage and reserves; (2) the study of additional systems of grazing management; (3) range trials of native legume and forb cultures; (4) the study of soil organisms under different grazing systems; (5) the study of inter-relationship of brush control, involving management of livestock in combination with deer; and (6) the study of the development of desirable browse species for livestock and deer.

Three main goals are underway in the areas of wildlife research.

The first of these is to determine the value of

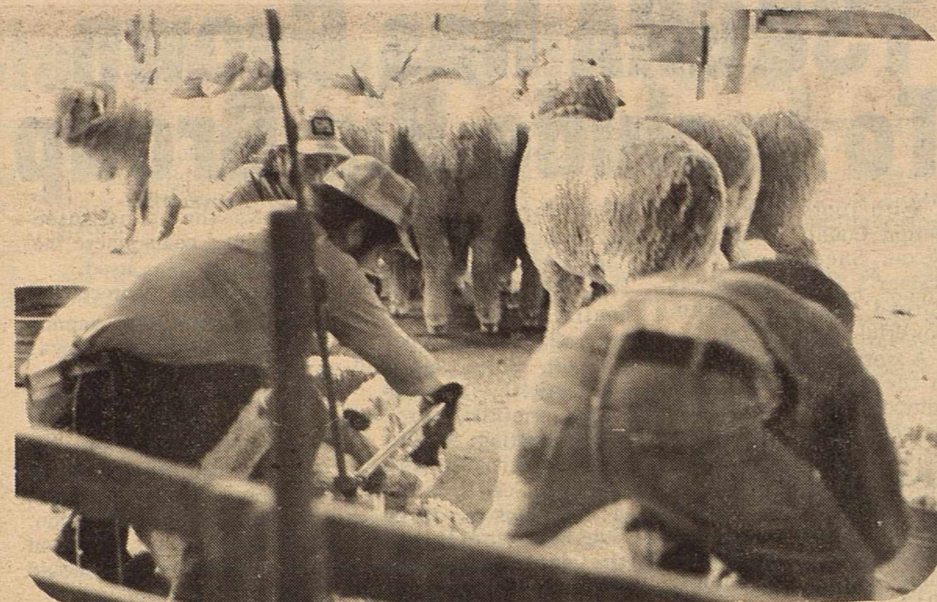
wildlife under different systems of grazing.

The second is to determine relative values of various forage species for optimum deer production.

Another problem is to determine the best means for the management and harvest of turkey, javelina and bob white quail.

Naturally not all problems facing the staff of the experiment station will be solved immediately, as they often involve very complicated factors.

But the record of the staff has been incredible, and they have proved themselves a valuable asset in the scheme of agricultural production.



The final shearing took place recently at the Sonora Texas A&M Experiment Station as this year's Ram Test comes to a close. The world-famous Rambouillet Ram performance test will end with the special auction, Thursday, Mar. 16.

Sutton County Designed To Make Texas Agriculture No. 1

A committee has been appointed for Sutton County to provide leadership in the statewide goal to make Texas No. 1 in the nation in agriculture.

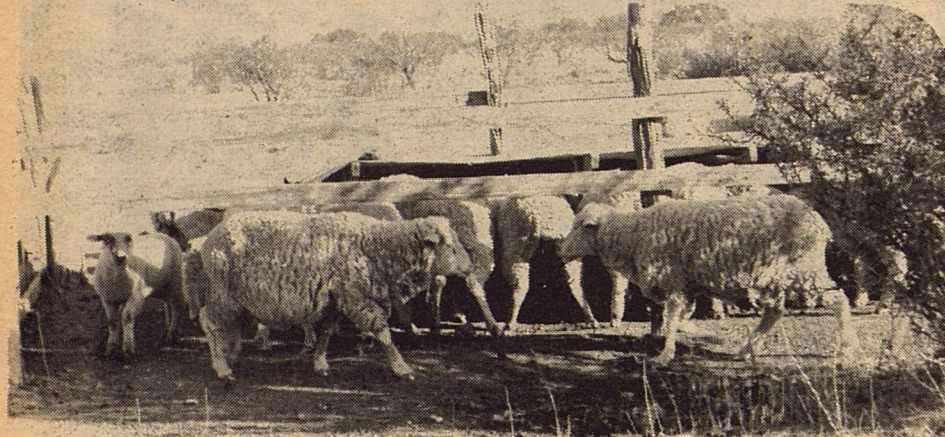
The committee is designated as the "Governor's Committee to Make Texas Agriculture No. 1 in Income and Profit" in each county and is designed to develop a united front to strengthen the economic position of the state's most vital

industry, points out Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Serving on the committee are Norm Rousselot, Herbert Fields, Armer Earwood, Gene Wallace, James Hunt, Jean Davenport, Bill Stewart, W. B. McMillan, Preston Love and George Brockman.

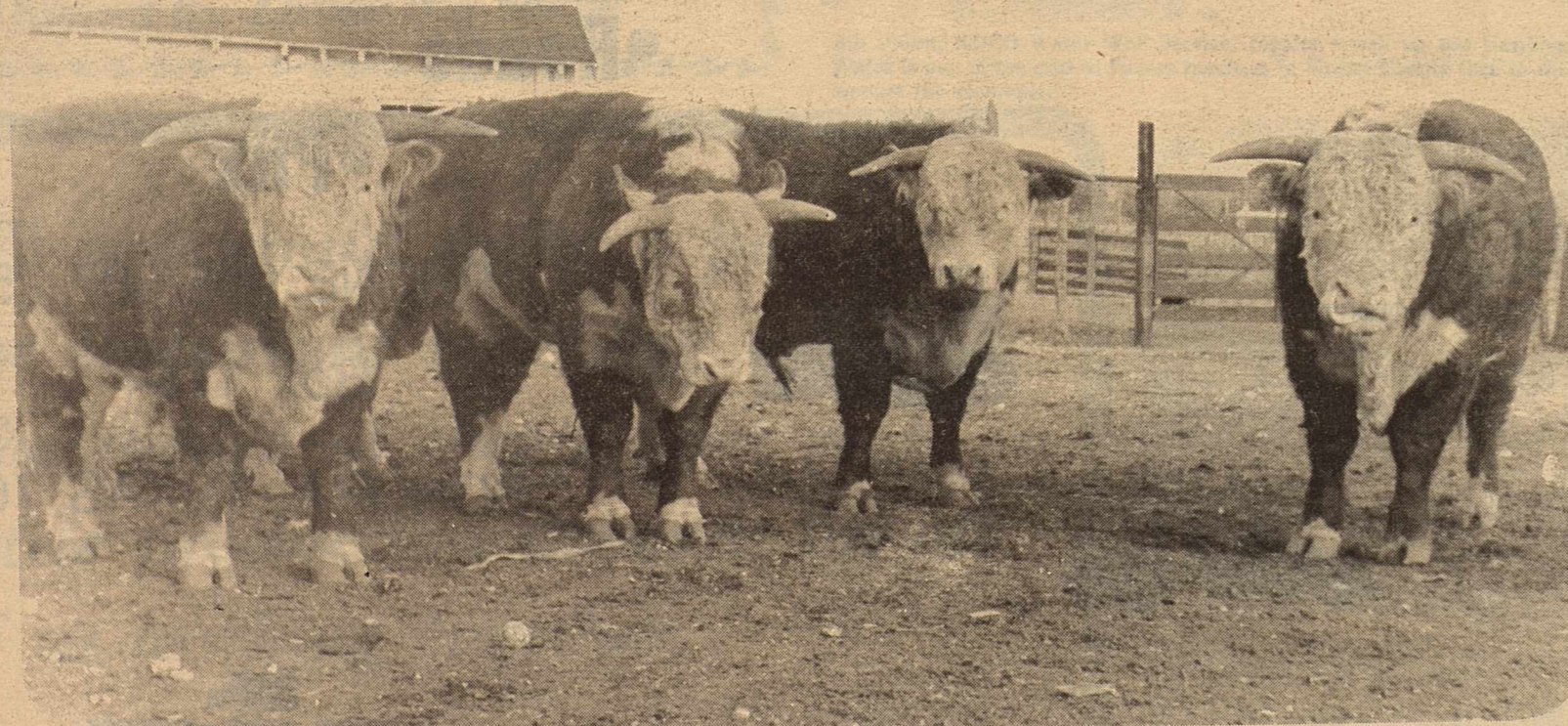
In calling for each county to make a concerted effort toward the state goal, Governor Dolph

Briscoe said that "Texans have the resources and ability to achieve first place among the states in agricultural income and profitability. Through application of known and emerging technology, management and marketing, we can become 'number one' in U. S. agriculture. The achievement of this goal has important economic and humanitarian advantages for our state, nation and the world."



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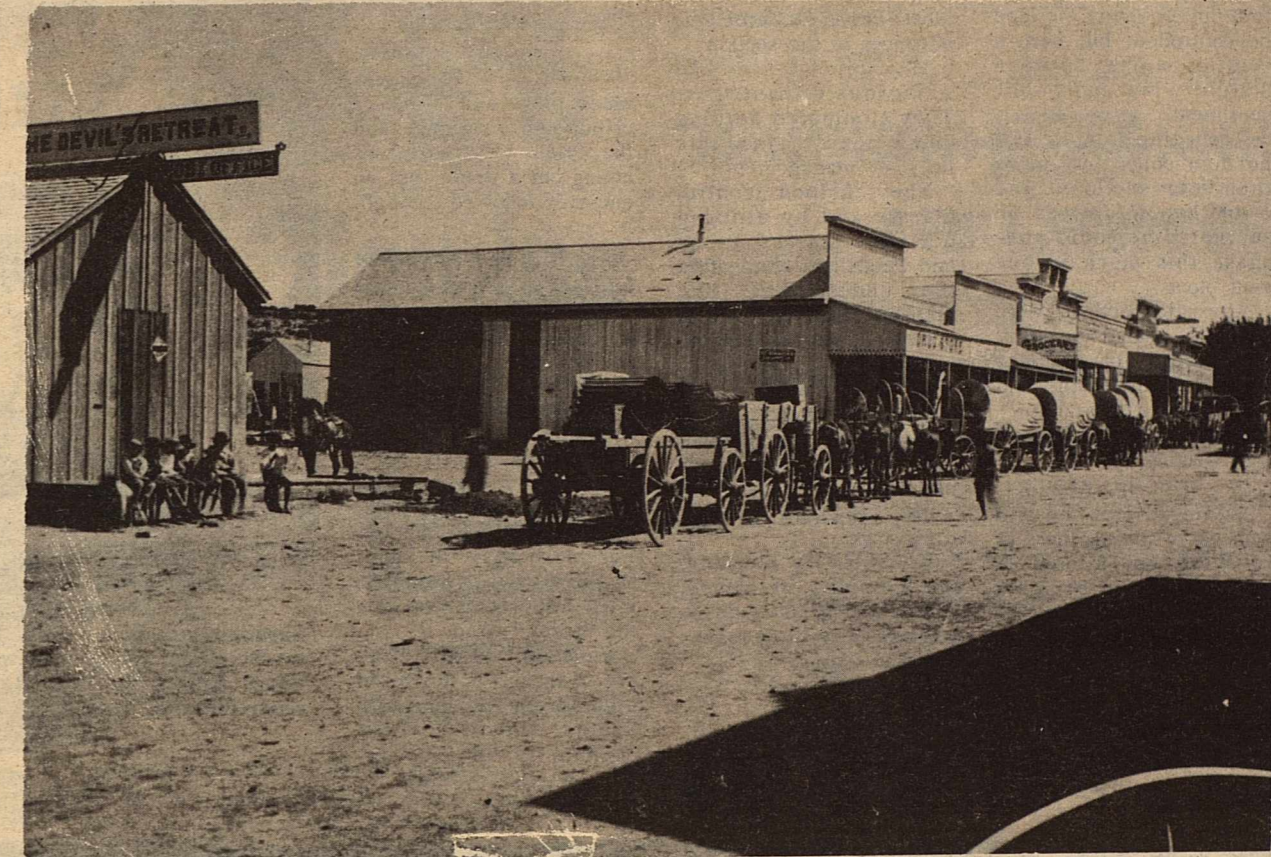
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Ranching is Here To Stay...from page 2 B

THE LEASED RANGE PERIOD

As the area became more heavily stocked ranchers realized the need for a means to hold some of the range for their own use.

The invention of barbed wire fencing in the 1870's provided a solution to this problem.

The first of these fences in Sutton County was put up around 1889. These fences served as the main force in the changing periods.

Barbed wire fences served two principal purposes. They took the place of line-riders by keeping the livestock on their proper range. They also acted as a keep out sign.

The fences were often built with little notice given to actual lease boundaries. Of course sheepman, used to moving their flocks freely over the range, resented the barriers, but there was very little of the trouble that characterized other parts of the West in this period.

The sentiment in Sutton County ran strongly in favor of the perpetuation of free grass, but the fear of losing their land to another lessor forced the individual ranchers to follow the practice.

Livestock still had to be herded in this period since

the three-stranded fences were of rather temporary construction and would not contain the sheep.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP PERIOD

Buying land became the fashion starting in 1904, and the period of the leased range drew to a close.

According to the law of the range the lessee had first option to buy the land he controlled, but here a conflict arose between statutory law and public sentiment.

According to state law no man could buy more than four sections, and even then there was no guarantee he could purchase this much in one joint block.

Alternate sections were generally owned by either the railroads or absentee owners, so by buying and leasing alternate sections a rancher could operate an eight-section spread.

But even this arrangement was not satisfactory because of the vastness of ranching operations. A solution to the problem was found by the rancher having hired hands file on the remaining sections of state land within his holdings.

When settlement requirements were not met the land was deeded back to the rancher for a

satisfactory consideration. The ranches were returned to normal size. Statutory law failed to provide a holding large enough for the type of ranching which was carried on, so economic law--the law of the range--prevailed.

With more land being privately owned, a better means of controlling their holdings was needed by the ranchers.

The introduction of mesh-type wolf-proof fences was the key. They were hailed as one of the most important economic advances of the section.

Wolf-proof fences had numerous advantages. They eliminated herding and helped to facilitate livestock management.

They helped control disease and by utilizing desirable grasses, brush and weeds and eliminating the undesirables, the rancher could facilitate a system of range management.

Losses from predators were also better controlled. The fences also were important in controlling breeding by being able to separate the bulls from cows.

By regulating breeding, the dropping of calves, lambs, and goats could be planned to reduce losses due to weather.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation was a major problem in the infant frontier. San

Angelo, Brady and Kerrville were the major market centers for Sonora and none were readily accessible.

Roads were laid out often, but no sooner were they put to use than fences were built across them.

This fact made for a skyrocketing cost of living with the difficulty in obtaining supplies. The problem of exporting livestock along with wool and mohair was a major obstacle to overcome.

Numerous companies made plans and promises of building a railroad, and the Orient went as far as laying out a grade, but no one ever followed through.

E.L. Tillman, an agent for the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Co., bought a 100-mile long, 250-foot wide strip of land extending through Ft. McKavett and Menard to Brady.

The Frisco Trail, as it was known, gave the landlocked town an outlet to drive cattle to market. For more than 20 years the trail was Sonora's most important link with the outside world.

Finally on July 1, 1930, the Santa Fe Railroad opened its line through Sonora, and with it, the community had the assurance of being a "permanent town."



Shearing season is a busy time for Sutton County ranchers, and shearing crews work long and steady hours getting the valuable wool and mohair clip ready for sale.

TS&GRA Has Grown To Include Big Group

With roots in a small Sutton County group, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association has spread into a large, powerful organization.

A story by B.M. Halbert in the January 15, 1935 edition of Sheep and Goat Raiser traces the organization's beginnings. The article was later reprinted in the December, 1965 and July, 1971 editions.

According to the story, some 45 men met Jan. 1, 1913 to form the Stockman's Protective Association of Sutton County. R.E. Taylor was elected president with Halbert serving as secretary-treasurer.

A committee of Taylor, L. J. Wardlaw and J.S. Allison drew up the constitution and bylaws.

They were short and to the point: membership was limited to the county and the main object was to stop sheep and goat thieves who ravaged the county.

An assessment was levied on all the member's livestock, and an inspector was immediately hired and put to work.

The work was carried on for two years when the

need for a statewide organization was felt.

A meeting was called in Del Rio by five area goatmen, Halbert, J.B. Murrah, V.D. Brown, Johnson Robertson and E.E. Stricklin.

Two priorities were set at this meeting: the first to ask the legislature for an appropriation to establish a Livestock Experiment Station in West Texas, and the second, to form a statewide association of sheep and goat men for their mutual advancement and protection.

A committee was sent before the Legislature in Austin to ask for \$15,000 to buy land for the station.

After two years \$10,000 was appropriated and an additional \$8,000 was donated by ranchers and businessmen in Sutton and Edwards counties.

Dr. B. Youngblood and J.M. Jones of Texas A&M University have been given much credit for help in the establishment of the station.

The sheep and goat men loosely followed the footsteps of the Cattle Raiser's Association of Texas. Using its constitution and

bylaws, they substituted sheep and goats where the word cattle was used.

Everything proceeded smoothly until the naming of the association was brought up.

The majority of those present were goat raisers. Led by Murrah they felt goats should precede sheep in the name. Halbert led the opposition, saying as in the Bible and all histories, sheep should be first.

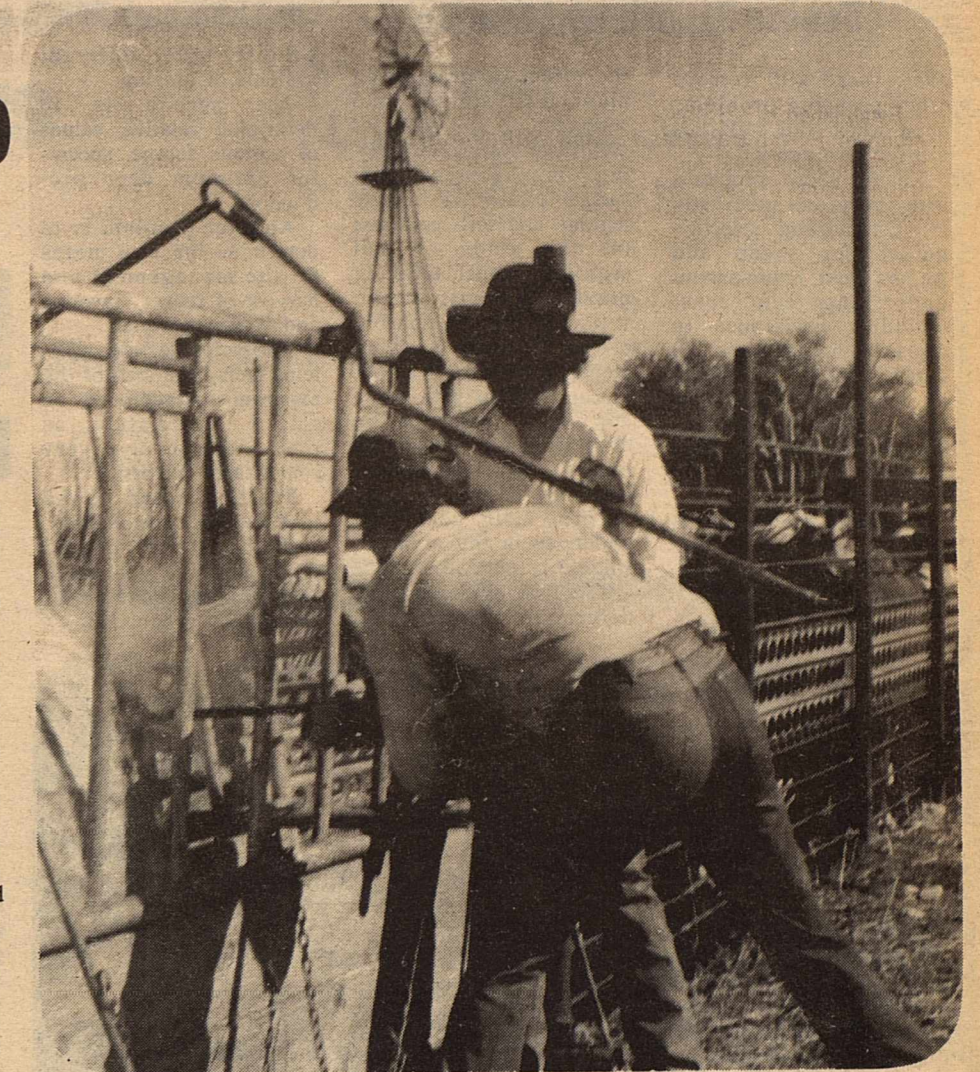
Halbert was called to the chair for the debate. When votes were finally cast, there was a tie, and Halbert as chairman cast the deciding ballot.

Thus the name, The Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association, was accepted.

Murrah as president and Julian La Crosse as secretary-treasurer served the association the first two years.

Halbert was the second man to serve as president, and with him, William H. Holland as secretary and treasurer.

With 40 charter members, the organization had grown to over 7,000 by 1971



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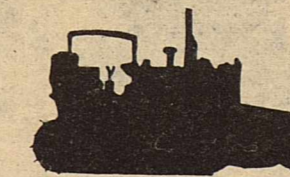
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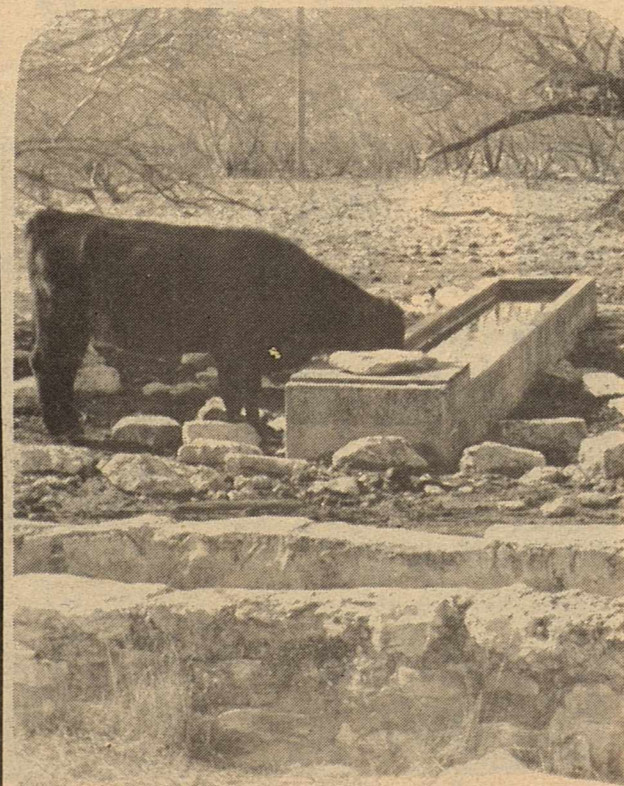
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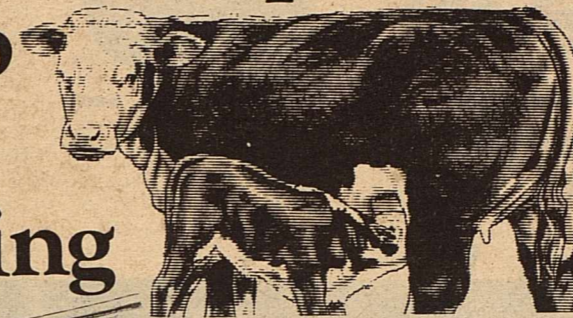
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several years his company had carried a nice ad in our weekly, saying his road was best route for shipments to the Indian Territory. We might guess editor Mike Murphy bought the drinks and this was the day Tillman's scheme began to hatch.

The hatching was slow but a year later the Devil of June 22, 1901, carried a warning headlined, "WAKE UP". Challenging our friends to the north, the article ran, "Negotiations are on foot to open a 100 mile lane from Sonora to Brady, to accommodate stock shippers over the Fort Worth and Rio Grande, which road will also buy tracts of land at intermediate points for temporary holding of stock. It is up to San Angelo and the Sante Fe to get a double-deck hump on. What are they going to do about it?"

Our County Records verify the statement that "negotiations are on foot". From 1900 thru 1903 Tillman purchased or leased much land in his or some other agents name. On our north edge he bought several sections in the old Billie Cauthorn place and at least ten more on south in present Robert Halbert ranch. This was far more land than needed for right of way and scattered holding traps and we wonder if Tillman was not doing some high speculating. Did he hope his Trailway to develop into a railway? Did he dream of riches to be gained in founding a new town on the line? We will never know the full

extent of his plans, or the magnitude of his dreams. Rumors, like dreams, come and go to drift far from the point of becoming facts. In a Devil of June 1904, rises a rumor that tracks will be laid from Menard to McKavett, only 45 miles from Sonora. A thrilling thought but the fact is that rails did not even reach Menard until 7 years later. It was a time of dreaming. Dreams of prosperity to the tune of the long, loud whistle of a steam locomotive.

E.L. Tillman's dream of the Frisco Trailway became a fact several years before 1904. Beginning south of town, the first trap was a section in present Ruth Shurley ranch. The Trail headed north to go through town on Poplar street, pass our courtyard and a few miles out swing northeast toward the holding trap now on Frank Bond's ranch. Continuing it passed into Schleicher county to the Twenty Mile waterhole, present Jack Mann place. In general it followed the old Ft. McKavett road to a 770 acre trap on east city limits of Ft. McKavett. So it was all the way to Menard and on to Brady, traps conveniently spaced and a supply of water at each.

Years later Tillman described his 100 mile Trailway as being "generally fenced and 250 feet wide". He said the total investment for land, fencing, wells and windmills ran about \$60,000, and for first ten years the project was very profit-

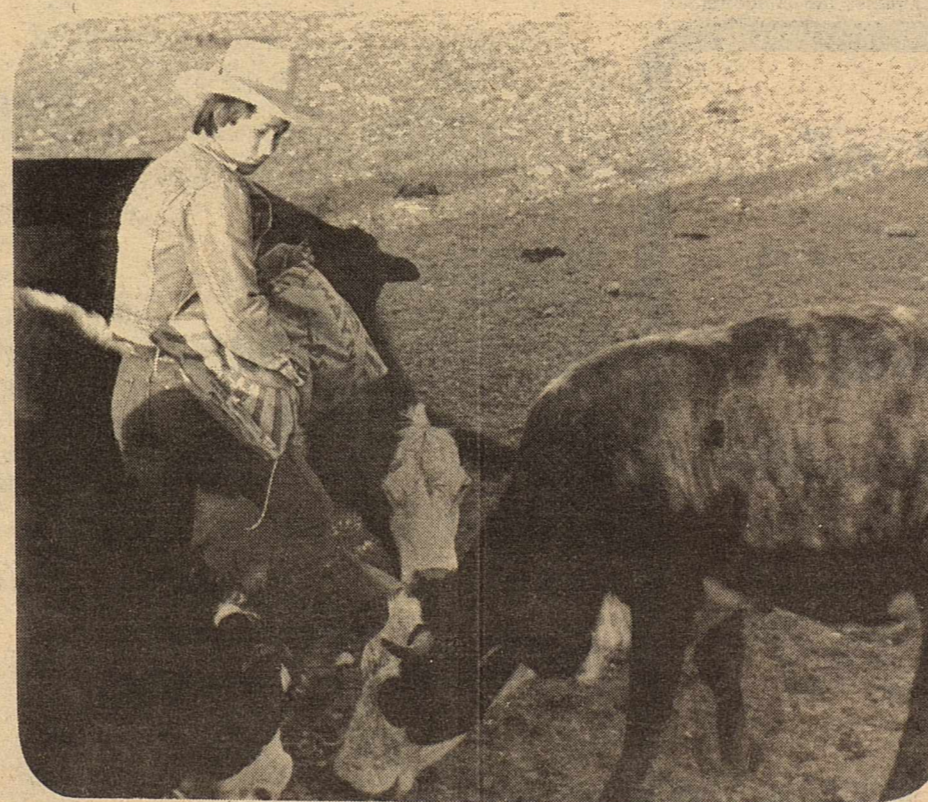
able. He recalled that at several times in the spring there were as many as 50,000 cattle enroute to Brady.

His idea was not entirely original, as we have found, and a somewhat similar setup was used between Ozona and Barnhart. Yet his Trailway is the longest known to be planned, built and paid for by a railroad company. It's singularity was publicized in Ed Syer's Off the Beaten Trail column (1967). As a historical fact it is recorded in The Handbook of Texas. As an oddity in transportation it is featured in the Texas Transportation Museum at San Antonio. As an asset to Sutton County stockmen it served for more than two decades before falling to progress and returning to the grazing land from which it came.

Years ago the last herd went up this Trail to pass our courtyard and disappear over the rise. With it the last sound of bawling cows and shouting cowhands drifted far beyond our hearing. When the great cloud of dust settled the last sign of that last herd was gone forever.

It is proper and fitting that our Historical Association and our State Survey Committee in cooperation with our County Commissioners, have placed a Historical Marker in our courtyard at side of the old Frisco Trailway. It honors those pioneer builders whose work was a great contribution to the growth and progress of Sutton County.

Feeding Livestock....



Dale Weigehausen spreads feed for Janes and Glover during a daily task at the ranch. The dry spell in Sutton and surrounding counties has put most stockmen in the feeding business this year on a regular basis.

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'Getting From Here To Yon Was A Real Task'

THE FRISCO TRAILWAY

By John Eaton

Back in the beginning, getting from here to yon was a problem. In the year of its birth, 1889, the baby town of Sonora bawled out for a railroad. Building materials for the fast growing city, clothing, food, and all of the essentials to a happy and continuing growth, including a considerable amount of stimulating beverages, must be brought in on slow freight wagons over bad roads, at times impassible.

By close of the century, roads had improved a bit but a new hazard had arose, causing a traveler to note, "no sooner is a road laid out in this country than someone stretches a fence across it." The Devil's River News of March 13, 1897, reports, "20 freighters with 50 wagons are hauling 200,000 pounds of freight from San Angelo to Sonora". The editor failed to say if this 100 tons of freight was hauled daily, weekly, or what. Fifty wagons, with good weather, might have made it in a week. Although possibly exaggerated this tonage is impressive, convincing us of the need for better transportation.

The wish for an all paved road to San Angelo came true just before the dream of a railroad was fulfilled, three decades later in 1930. Can you recall back in about the twenties when a merchant was asked "Why are prices so high in Sonora?", and he answered, "because freight costs are high"?

Sonora also had exports: wool, mohair, sheep, goats, cattle, horses, etc. If the freight wagon had trouble over unreliable roads, subject to closure with a fence, at the land owners will, how much greater would this land owner object to herds of animals passing through, grazing along the way? Our country was beginning to suffer from growing pains, the misery of seeing fences kill the open and free land, the custom of free grazing. With the number of livestock increasing daily, each and every land owner must stretch barbed-wire to protect his domain.

Three major markets competing for our business were San Angelo, Kerrville and Brady. In November of 1897 an article in the San Angelo Standard pointed out their need for a holding pen. The idea was advanced

somewhat in another article of March 1898. Our Devil's River News printed both. Local interest was high. This new idea was to provide an unfenced lane, pay lease on land crossed, and mark the route with a plowed furrow. Wire gates would allow passage for vehicles and large stock and sheep passed by simply "lifting the lower wire" of the barbed wire fence.

San Angelo had the idea but nothing developed. As late as August, 1902, our Devil criticises that town and the Sante Fe for urging us to trade with them without providing any conveniences. "Stockmen all over the west are getting sore at having to fight their way to reach this point and then having no place to hold their cattle". Then he proudly points out the great advantages Sonora enjoys through use of the Trailway to Brady.

San Angelo was no doubt held back by plans the Orient was making to extend their rails to Sonora and on to Del Rio. In 1910 they did complete laying a grade along this route to a point some 8 miles south of Sonora.

Certainly Sonora wanted

a railroad far more than it wanted a good open stock trail. In that day being on the railroad was considered positive assurance a town would quickly grow into a thriving city. Apparently various companies were competing for our business and went as far as plans and promises

but doing nothing. Fencing continued, stock increased and the shipping problem worsened. Then E.L. Tillman, agent for the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Co., appeared with his scheme. His company, commonly known as the "Frisco",

ran from Fort Worth to Brownwood and was extended to Brady in 1901.

Tillman was not stranger in Sonora when we find his name in the Devil of May 19, 1900, mentioned as visiting and "prospecting". For

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Vestel Askew [center] and ranch foreman Billy Martin [right] look over their crop of lambs going to market.



Sutton County continues to be a major producer of cattle, wool and mohair. We have too long taken for granted the contribution farmers and ranchers make to the economy of our state and nation. Congress must assure our farmers and ranchers an adequate return on their investment.

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Gov. Briscoe Praises Ranchers

WHAT IS A RANCHER?

By Larry H. Humphrey

Ranchers are usually found where there's cattle-feeding, dehorning, branding, trading, roping, and doctoring. Bankers hate to see them coming; Little boys admire them; The Secretary of Agriculture confuses them; City Folk visit and don't understand them; Meals wait for them; Barbed wire cuts them; Television glorifies them; but nothing discourages them.

They like fairs, rodeos, auctions, dogies, hounds, dances, neighbors, forty-dollar boots, Saturday night in town, poker, good weather, fist fights and rank horses.

Ranchers don't care much for poodles, dudes, government men, weather, lightning, dairy cows, sheep, sheep, or weak coffee. They put up with relatives, worms, flies, floods, blizzards, feed salesmen, drought, bad luck and bad weather.

Today a rancher must be a salesman, animal nutritionist, yet be a biologist, weather prophets, and a banker's calculated risk. He handles more money than most businessmen and makes less clear profit than a paper boy.

No man is so far from church, yet so close to God. No man gets so much genuine enjoyment out of running water, television, and a good game of pool.

He carries in his pocket at one time; Bull Durham, pocket knife, staples, tally book, one-inch lead pencil, business cards of at least five competing politicians (all of whom he has promised to vote for), cattle ear tags, fencing pliers, piggin' string, \$1.98 watch, billfold (empty), and a curry comb.

No one gets kicked, run over, stepped on, bruised, cut up, or as mad as he does in a single day's work.

He is overly optimistic in the cattle market, next year, the ten-year old cow that has never calved, range conditions, the hay crop, and his twice-renewed livestock loan.

No one is as generous, big-hearted, friendly, dependable, wise, or honest; and he will swap anything except his spurs, rope or bits.

He trusts his fellow man.

The rancher is the producer of meat, the hope of the future, the self-made man of today. Big business doesn't fear him; the government doesn't subsidize him. He relies on free enterprise and the hope that next year will be as good (or better) as last. He doesn't cry on shoulders when hard times hit, but resolves to do better if he can.

He is the epitome of the American ideal, and knows that he either must survive without government or perish with it.

By Gov. Dolph Briscoe

I am pleased to extend greetings to the readers of the Devil's River News and to congratulate Wesley Burnett for his first annual ranch edition.

When my father came from Fort Bend County to Uvalde in 1910 he started a wool and mohair business. I have never been far from ranching and am pleased to have been president of both the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Mohair Council of America, as well as a director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

The good news about ranching in Sutton County and nearby areas is that the prospect for wool and mohair prices is favorable at this time. There is strong evidence of a turnaround in sheep and goat output, which is obviously important to the entire Texas economy.

I share the concern of most ranchers over legislation in Congress which would interfere with their efforts to protect their personal property from predators. I doubt that Congress will act on predator control legislation this year but my office is closely monitoring these measures and any administrative actions in the federal government.

I am disturbed that these bills do not consider the already heavy burdens placed in livestock raisers and do not adequately recognize a rancher's needs to protect his livelihood and property from destruction. The State of Texas is perfectly

capable of managing its own resident wildlife, and as Governor I will continue my best efforts to that end.

Agriculture is very much in the news today and it is likely that more Americans than ever before are aware of the problems facing farmers and ranchers. Beef imports remain a serious problem in the livestock producing areas and I have urged President Carter to require all federal agencies to purchase only U.S. produced beef and beef products. A directive by Secretary Bergland already requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to do this.

In 1975 I signed into law requirements that all beef and dairy products purchased by the state-supported agencies be produced in the United States. I support the Beef Import and Labeling Act introduced in Congress by Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas. It would require any beef that is imported into the U.S. carry an identification label to ultimate consumer. This would, in effect, allow American consumers to differentiate between foreign beef and domestically produced beef.

Development of foreign markets for Texas products is vital to the future of our farmers and ranchers. We have a good sales outlet in Mexico for slaughter sheep and should receive a favorable effect on market prices in our country by virtue of the recent agreement with Mexico for 1978 which will permit sale of 500,000 sheep from the United States.

A comprehensive consumer education effort is needed at every level, especially with youth groups and young consumers, to develop an understanding of farming and ranching and the mutual benefits to be derived from a healthy agricultural industry. Since farmers and ranchers make up only about three percent of the population, most Americans are unfamiliar with the large investments essential to successful farming and ranching, the long hours and hard work, and especially the vulnerability to nature.

The average investment per farm or ranch in Texas in land and building alone is well above \$200,000. In some countries this aver-

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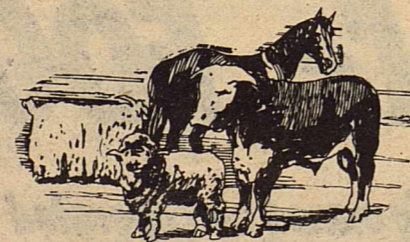
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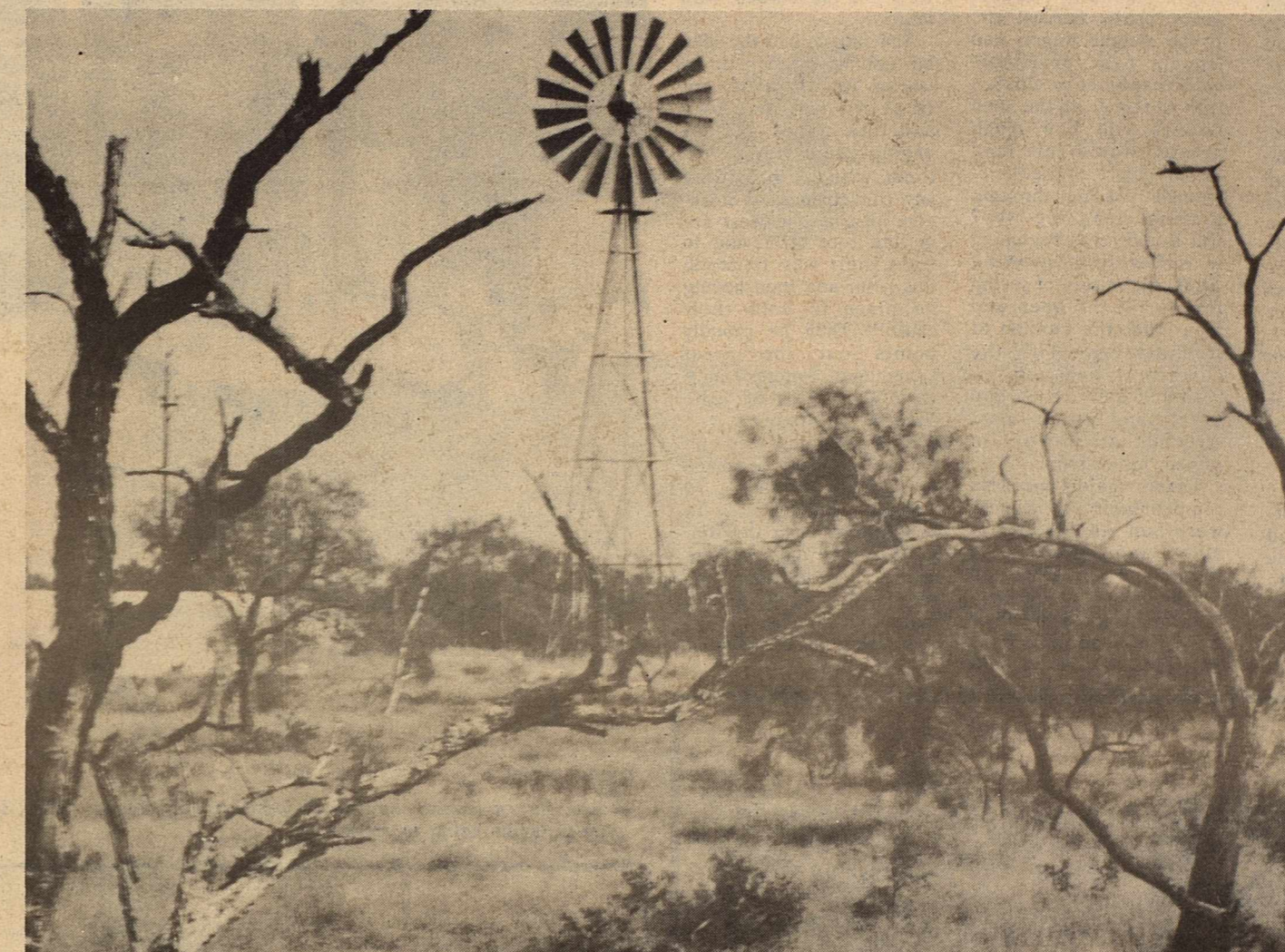
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Fiber Producers Face Problems



This picture demonstrates the practice of kidding on the stake, which is an old and very effective way of raising Angora kids. Photograph taken on the Armer Earwood ranch by Kim Allen of Furrow Magazine.

by Fred Campbell
Ranchmen in the Sutton County trade area are indeed blessed with opportunity. Of all agricultural regions, the Hill Country of Texas possesses the capability of producing the most profitable commodities going today. These are mohair and lamb.

When one considers the problems of other segments of agriculture, such as grain and cotton farming, it is apparent mohair and lamb have been spared the problems of over-production these other industries have experienced.

These shortages of mohair and lamb, though, have come about as a result of serious problems that the sheep and goat industries face. The primary one of these of course is predators, and plenty has been said about predators elsewhere. The

other most serious limiter to raising sheep and goats is labor-- and the reluctance of some people to put out the effort necessary to get the job done.

People in Sutton and surrounding counties have long demonstrated their willingness for hard work and their ability to work together. Therefore, the sheep and Angora goat business will thrive for many years to come in this important area.

The Angora industry desperately needs expanding. Due to the terrific demand for mohair, it is essential that the supply

be increased. South Africa has a delicate political situation which could curtail some of the important source of supply which comes from that country. The British mills which depend on Texas fiber may have to depend on it even more in the future.

Increasing mohair production must start with kids. At this time of the year, Angoras are in the midst of kidding. With favorable weather and good management, a 60-70 percent kid crop should be possible on every ranch in the area. This should be a minimum goal.

Predators...What to Do?

One of the hottest controversies brewing these days concerns the problem of predator control.

Environmentalists on one side claim actual losses from predators are blown out of proportion and the killing of these animals would ruin the balance of nature and form a threat of extinction to some species.

On the other hand ranchers feel they have a strong right to protect their investments by controlling predators.

A blow was struck for the environmentalists as a jury upheld the conviction of three Southwest Texas men for hunting and killing golden eagles, a near extinct species.

The prosecution in the case and environmentalists have for a long time held there was no proof that

eagles killed sheep and goats.

Ranchers have never had any doubt about the issue, but proof for the rest of the world was produced shortly after the landmark conviction.

Scott Campbell, a former Sonoran and now a staff photographer for the San Angelo Standard-Times, managed to take incriminating pictures of an eagle killing a lamb. Defense rests.

A survey to determine Sutton County predator losses over a one year period was completed in 1973 by the local Agricultural Extension Service.

Of 147 ranchers, contacted, 54 responded, and 23 reported no losses.

A total of 68 sheep and goats were lost to coyotes over the year with 1,791 sheep, goats or cattle lost to other predators.

A program is currently underway to help ranchers determine how livestock is killed. Carcasses left at The Branding Iron Smokehouse will later be transferred to the research station in San Angelo.

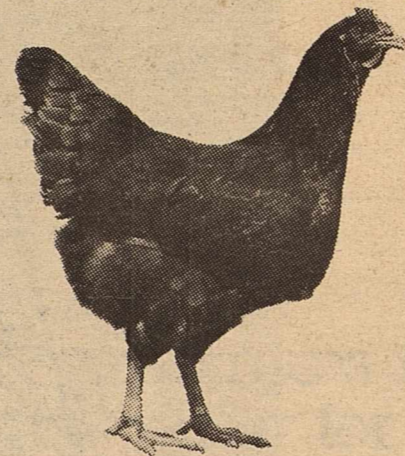
An autopsy will be performed to determine what kind of animal caused the death.

Although responses in other areas have been strong, as of last week less than 10 carcasses had been turned in locally, according to Dee Tyler, Branding Iron owner.

Whether there has actually been little problem with predators recently or the program has been overlooked, no one knows.

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priority for my administration in the next Legislature and I will recommend that at least half of the projected surplus in state funds be devoted to tax relief.

The first step in this direction was taken last year when our public education legislation provided additional state support for the Minimum

Foundation Program. Had this bill not passed, local taxpayers in Texas would have had to come up with \$334 million in additional revenue to meet the requirements of the Foundation Program.

Please be assured of my continued support of our agricultural industry. Most of my private life has been devoted to ranching, and

as Governor I have done my best to put the influence of government behind a strong agricultural industry. I do not believe in undue government interference in ranching. However, I do believe that government at all levels must be sensitive to the fact that our nation cannot function without our most basic essential industry.

Wildlife; Added Asset To County

by Nolan Johnson
State Game Warden

Sutton County ranchers not only contribute to the local economy through their production of livestock and fibers, but also with their protection and promotion of wildlife.

Sutton County has an estimated average of whitetail deer population of between 80,000 to 100,000. That averages at one deer to 10 or 12.5 acres, and under normal conditions that is a good

population especially considering the hunting pressure.

Wild turkey in Sutton County is one of the best in the state.

We also have a variety of exotic game, including axis deer, sika deer, fallow deer, black buck antelope and mouflon sheep.

Texas A&M University and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department work together in trying to furnish information to the game growers through

experimentation on antler growth and body weight.

Also, a large number of ranchers and leasing sportsmen try to improve their herds by using various methods of feeding, rotating harvests and doe and buck ratio kill.

The rancher provides the range for all the wildlife enjoyed by the sportsmen of this state and so many others from far away.

We appreciate the cooperation of the rancher.

Sonora...Acting Host To Rambouillet Assn. Meeting

Another honor has befallen Sonora as it is acting as host for the 90th annual American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association meeting.

The meeting is being held in conjunction with the 30th annual Ram Progeny and Performance Test and the Ram Sale at the Texas A&M Experiment Station between Sonora and Rocksprings.

Two days of committee meetings began yesterday and will be capped by tonight's annual meeting and dinner at the 4-H Center.

The highlight of the affair will be tomorrow's field day at the experiment station.

Rams will be exhibited to the public tomorrow morning, with an early barbecue lunch being served.

After lunch the certified

ram certificates will be awarded with the ram sale drawing the ceremonies to a close.

This is the fourth year of the ram sale, and last year the 34 certified rams sold brought a total of \$29,570.

The sale is broken into two portions. The first phase will be the sale of the top 40 per cent of the certified rams in the test.

All registered Rambouillet and Blackface are eligible for this part of the sale if they meet certain

specifications.

Certain non-registered rams meeting the high specifications are also eligible.

Phase two deals with the sale of older stud rams in wool. The top half of all non-registered rams in the test will also be sold.

All rams are for sale by private treaty after the program.

Among out-going officers of the ARSBA is former Sonoran, Fred Campbell, the director of District 10.

Green Has Serviced Water Wells 23 Years

In 1955 a new business opened in Sonora called Green Windmill Service. It was owned and operated by Sonoran Billy Green.

Green became a dealer for Jacuzzi Brothers in 1959 and changed his name to Green Water Well Service. The name change came about because the windmill was being gradually outdated and was being replaced by electric submergible pumps.

In 1962 Green's business was equipped for industrial, municipal, irrigation, water well drilling, testing and

completion.

The advent of the energy crisis and energy conservation began in 1973 and with this came the comeback of the windmill. In fact the national increase in windmills has been shown at 60 to 70 percent.

Green stated that the local increase in the use of windmills is by no means that amount but he is servicing more windmills in the past few years.

At present his business consists of 60 percent pumps and 40 percent windmills.

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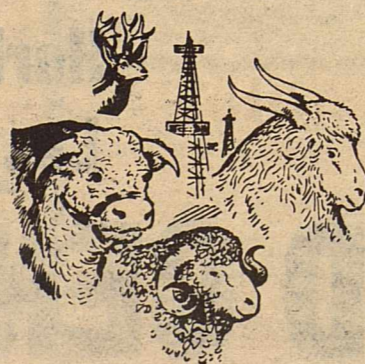
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Company is the ever increasing retail sales department. What was started as a small sideline and primarily as an added service to the ranchers has become about half of the business. This process has taken many years of small additions to the product line.

Today Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is the local "True Value Hardware Store", with access to their complete line of products and services. The warehouse does not handle a large percentage of the overall line but has an excellent supply of hand tools and supplies, lawn mowers, edgers, sprayers, ice chests and water coolers, paint and painting supplies, chainsaws and most hardware items.

The ranch supply business has also grown

considerably. A full line of livestock remedies, vaccine, health products, sprays and drenches, is available. Fencing and fence supplies including manufactured gates are also available. Pipe and pipe fittings for both iron and PVC as well as used construction grade pipe is another large line kept by the warehouse. Horse shoes, nuts and bolts, nails, and most other ranch necessities are readily available.

Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is a certainly changed business from its beginning in 1930. It has become almost a "one-stop" shopping center for many ranchers and thru its affiliation with the True Value Chain, more and more non-ranchers will be added to its list of customers.

Rambouillet President's Report

George Erk, President

The past two short years have passed by rather quickly and so this will be the last report I will be making as president.

As we look back over these past years the progress of the Association is encouraging, not so much by what we as officers have done but because of the upswing of the Rambouillet sheep industry as a whole.

Nation wide by shows, sales and promotion the Rambouillet sheep are establishing a precedent as a foundation breed for lambs and wool. The outstanding fine wool and prime lamb carcasses produced by the Rambouillet sheep puts us at or near the top

economically in the sheep industry.

At the present time our association is as good or better financially than it has ever been since its institution. Our income is derived from all you good people registering sheep, so keep up the good work and work together.

Harmony in this association will be achieved only when each breeder ren-

ders to the other breeders the consideration, understanding and fairness expected for himself.

Perhaps it's because we have a common interest but I have met some of the most wonderful people throughout the nation during my term of office.

To the secretary, assistant secretary, vice-president, directors, committee members and

breeders I wish to express my sincere thanks for any help or cooperation given me during the past two years.

Do all you can to help the American Agricultural Movement for we shall sink or swim with them.

The Good Lord being with us I hope to see many of you at our annual meeting and sale March 15th and 16th.

Ranch Revenue Packs Big Impact in County

Anyone doubting the economic impact of agriculture on Sutton County should look at the figures.

A 1977 census shows an estimated 21,000 head of beef cattle, 61,000 sheep, 88,000 goats and 2,000 horses in the county. Last year 803,000

pounds of wool brought in \$857,000, while \$2.1 million was realized from the sale of 599,000 pounds of mohair.

Beef cattle proved to be the top grosser in livestock sales with over \$3 million. Sheep ranked second with \$2.5 million in sales, while

goats brought \$542,200 and horses \$150,000.

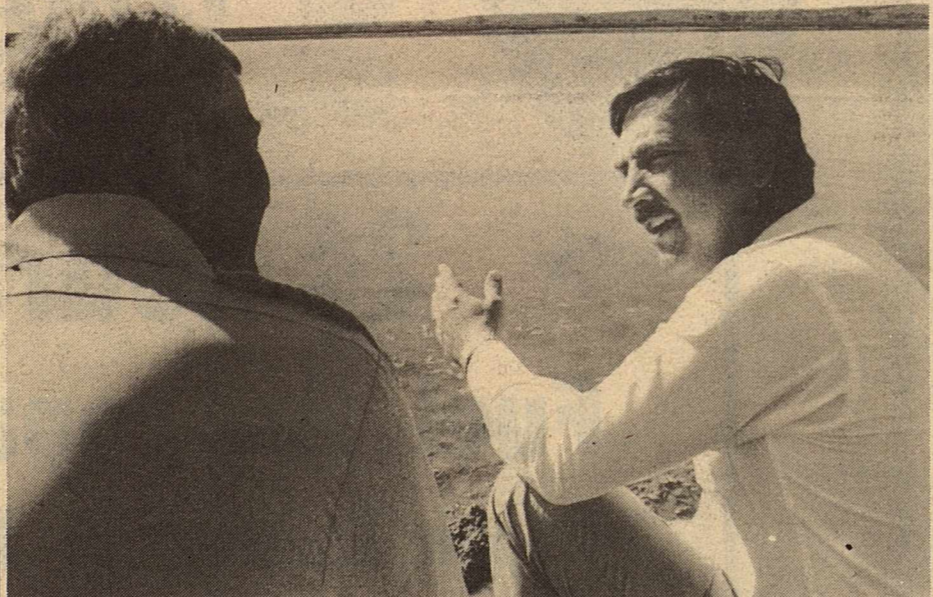
Hunting leases were an increasingly important source of income, bringing local landowners \$670,000.

All sources combined, agricultural income topped \$10 million in 1977, and projections for 1978 are estimated at \$10.3 million.



During feeding time goats and cattle are frequently fed together. Sutton County ranchers turn to supplemental feeding during winter and dry times to protect the valuable animals from protein loss. With the record-breaking prices for mohair recently, these animals get special attention.

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Sonora Wool and Mohair Serves 48 years, 1930-1978

by Glen Fisher
In March of 1930, Sonora area ranchers met to form the "Wool and Mohair Cooperative Marketing Association". Both wool and mohair from this area, even in those early days, had a

reputation for quality and this association was formed to take advantage of the higher quality through cooperative marketing. Soon after organizing, the group renamed the association, "The Sonora

Wool and Mohair Company". That first year, without facilities, the company (now commonly known as "The Woolhouse") successfully marketed 2.7 million pounds of Wool and Mohair. Coincidentally, that is very close to the volume handled today.

The officers and directors were elected in April of 1930. They were Ed C. Mayfield, president; W.A. Miers, vice president; J.N. Ross and Robert Halbert, vice presidents.

The directors of the Association were C.T. Jones, A.C. Elliott, E.C. Beam, Alvis Johnson, Fred T. Earwood, Roy E. Aldwell, Sam Allison, Ben F. Meckel, Sam Karnes, J.M. Vander Stucken, Dan Cauthorn, Lea Vander Stucken, L.W. Elliott and S.M. Vander Stucken.

The first manager was Mr. Charlie Evans, who remained until his death in 1934. The next manager was Bill Fields. Fields was assisted by George Allison and they remained until 1940.

Their bookkeeper was George D. (Sally) Chalk. He was there until 1950.

Mr. Fred Earwood became manager in 1941 and served until his death in 1968 when Fred Campbell was hired.

Campbell recently resigned and has been replaced by Glen Fisher.

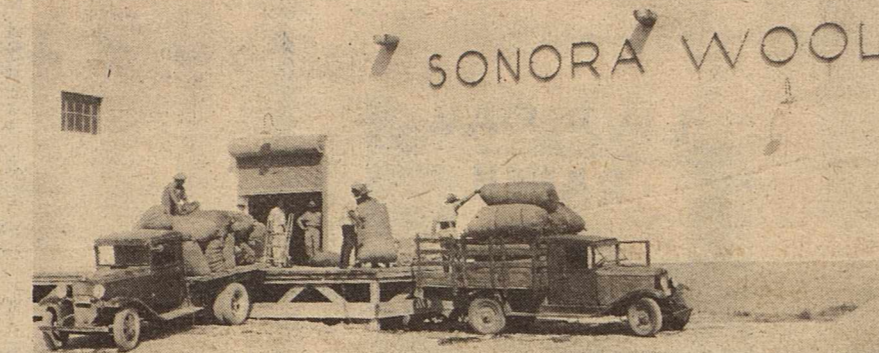
The first building was constructed by S.H. Martin of San Angelo. It was ready for use in the spring of 1931. The building still looks essentially as it did initially, but numerous additions and changes have been made over the years.

Gradually the woolhouse began to initiate programs to increase the quality of the wool and mohair grown by Sonora area ranchers. Also, steps were taken to put up a more desirable and attractive product for the buyers. Sheep selection programs based on fleece uniformity, fineness, length and weight were set up on many ranches, primarily as a result of the encouragement from the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

The first step of producing a better product was certainly not the end of the line. Without proper handling at the shearing pens and marketing, the selection programs would not have been near as fruitful for the ranchers.

The woolhouse initiated wool grading programs in order to offer a more uniform bag of wool to the buyer. The initial program is basically intact; however, several refinements have been made and no doubt, new ones will be added in the future.

Records indicate the program has been very



Sonora Wool and Mohair during its early days.

profitable. Over the past 7 years, the graded wools have averaged about 15 cents per pound better price than the original bag wools handled by the warehouse.

The grading of the wool at the ranch requires the warehouse to keep several grades in its employ so that they are available when needed during the shearing season. This fact led to the addition of other different products and services for the customers of The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

Mohair grading at the ranch has become pro-

fitable in many instances and also utilizes the crew during goat shearing, which mostly precedes the sheep shearing season.

The warehouse also has a trained crew of mohair graders who operate within the warehouse on a seasonal basis. The mohair grading in the warehouse is accomplished by placing the mohair on a conveyor belt, having the graders sort out the various grades as it moves by them, then rebagging the mohair in the new grades.

While this is more costly than what can be done at the ranch, it is still

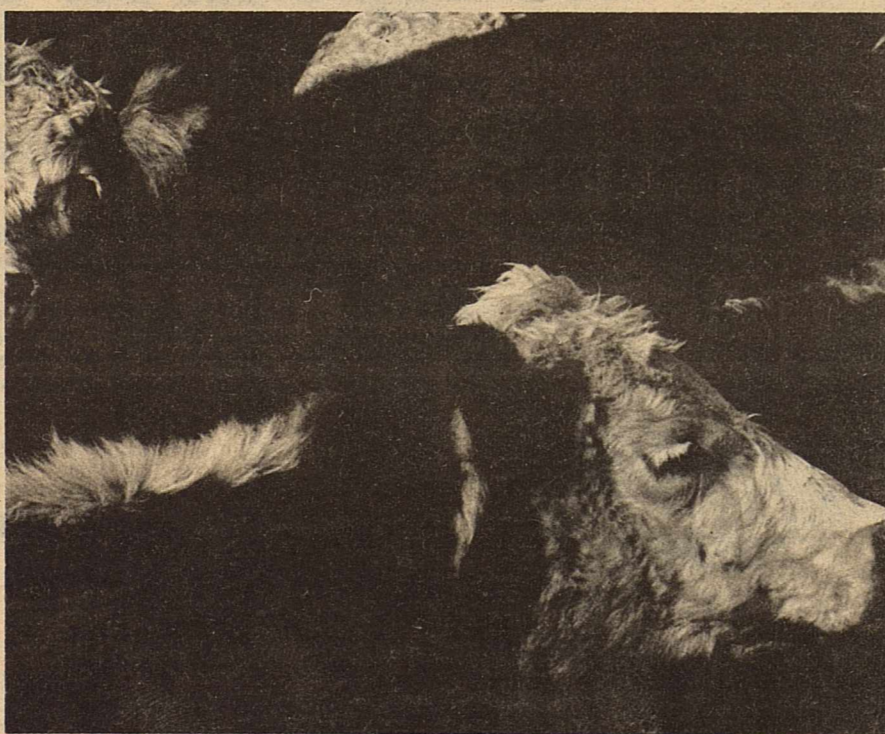
profitable and produces a more uniform product highly desirable to mohair buyers.

Other products or services that have resulted either partially or totally as spinoffs of the wool grading program include: a drenching service for sheep and goats; manufacturing of water and feed troughs, gates, panels, wool tables and bag racks, etc; and other things designed to utilize the available labor during the off season.

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