

Bronco Band Scores Again

Twenty-three Bronco band members are in Abilene attending a week of band camp at Abilene Christian University. Making the number one symphonic band at camp are Cathy Poloczek, Scott Savell, Armando Martinez, Brenda Carroll, Tim Burnett, Marche Lane, Craig Cooper, Cody Savell and David Jennings. Those placing in the concert band are Valerie Tedford, Mickey Mooney, Carla Lee, Rex Surber, Brett Johnson, David Martin, Anna Martinez and Angela Green. Those placed in the cadet band are Daphney Smith, Johnnie

Myers, Edmond Martinez, Lee Burch, Cathy Nelson and Darla Mobley. Students auditioned Sunday in front of camp directors to qualify for band places. In other activities of the camp Lee Burch won the tennis tournament with Armando Martinez placing third. Martinez also placed second in the 8-ball tournament. Director of the Bronco Band, Ed Martinez, said Tuesday that band members are having a good time and learning lots. All three bands will be presented in concert Friday night at 7:30 at the Moddy Coliseum on the ASU campus.

Sutton County Days Offers Arts and Crafts

Get ready, Sonora...an Arts and Crafts Fair is coming to Sutton County Days. Reservations are now being accepted by committee chairman Jeanette Sipes, who encourages all interested participants to call her at 387-2628 for booths and lawn space.

Sutton County Days
Aug 25 and 26

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School Board Considers Gym Renovation

School board members deliberated at length Tuesday regarding the approval of bids for new dressing room facilities at the football field and the renovation of the old gymnasium. Renovation of the old gym was approved in the amount of \$249,280. As for the dressing rooms at the football field the board heard a detailed report by Dr. Joe Andrews who said the school would have sufficient funds to accommodate the \$359,000 estimated cost of the project.

Board members had, prior to this meeting, decided to ask for a redesign and simplification of the plans and architect Augie Sax came back with a design at an estimated cost of \$220,000 which eliminated 1500 square feet and laundry facilities as well as other improvements that the board felt should be made.

Board members did feel, however, that the field house should be completed with this renovation to accommodate athletic programs in the future.

It was decided that plans would be withheld until bids could be let on the new junior high building. Bids will open on the junior high building July 25 at a 1:30 called meeting followed by a budget hearing. The budget hearing is being called so that tax assessor Don Wooten may set the tax rate for the new year.

In other action of the board, bills payable were approved in the amount of \$78,634.10 for the month of June.

Caldwell Music Company received the bid for new band equipment in the amount of \$4,905.00. New band instruments will include a tympani with cover, Fligle horn, Bundy alto sax, Vito tenor sax, Yamana tuba, Premier parade drum with case and a Premier tenor drum with case.

Dr. Andrews also told the board that a flooring company representative from San Antonio had contacted him regarding the gymnasium floor which was severely water damaged during the

recent hail storm.

The representative, according to Dr. Andrews, said that removing and replacing the floor was required at a cost of approximately \$27,500 with an estimated 60 days working time.

Board members at the meeting were Mary Adele Balch, Dorothy Pope, Sam Perez, Don Lawson and James Hunt.

It was noted by the board and Dr. Andrews that the access of two million dollars the school has, will cover all obligations of the school

including the athletic dressing rooms, new vocational building, bus barn, and expenses over and above those covered by the insurance company on repairs to school owned property.

The \$900,000 in bonds sold for the completion of the new junior high building is the only outstanding expense that the school will not have sufficient funds to cover by the end of the present budget August 31.

The school system has seven years to pay off the bond indebtedness.

Girls All Stars Picked



Twelve girls were selected as All-Stars in the four-game tournament. Members of the team from the Sonora squads include Carla Lee, Jessica Robledo, Daphney

Smith, Paige Pollard and Stacy Chandler. Judy York was selected outstanding outfielder.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Sets Meeting

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce board of directors announced a general membership meeting has been set for August 7 at 8 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Center.

Projects chairman, Effie Harle, presented a list of proposed chamber projects to the directors at the regular monthly meeting last Thursday.

The general membership meeting is open to the public, and chamber president Wes Burnett urges all members to attend the important meeting.

"We will ask the membership to tell us what we should be doing in

the coming months," Burnett explains, "and to seek approval for the proposed projects."

A representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will attend the meeting, and will be available to offer assistance to Sonora's chamber of commerce.

Ms. Harle told the directors that a work-list of things to accomplish is important to the success of the chamber and especially to chamber members.

Former chamber of commerce president Charlie Graves, a guest at the meeting, also offered suggestions and outlined some previous problems in the organization's attempts to expand member-

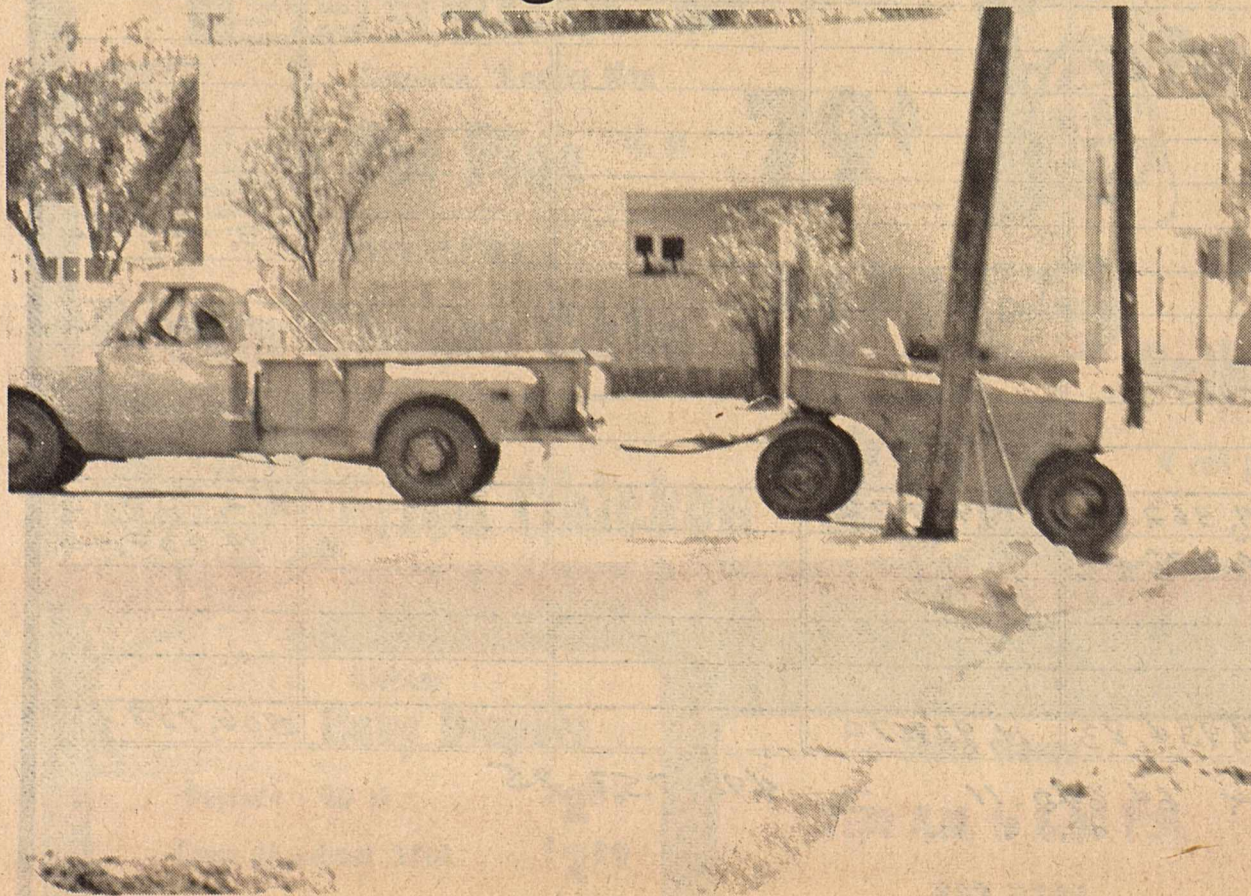
ship.

"One thing you have to do," Graves commented, "is to offer members a concrete plan of things to accomplish...a list of projects that need to be done is the right place to start."

The August 7 membership meeting will stress the importance of a plan for specific projects, and members will be encouraged to participate in the decisions and planning.

Any business or individual interested in becoming a member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce should contact Jack Kerbow, executive secretary, at 387-2880.

Bank Parking Lot Takes Shape



The First National Bank will soon offer additional parking for its employees and customers as the bank parking lot

is surfaced this week. The lot is across Crockett from the bank between Popular and Main.

New H.S. Principal Starts to Work Here

Don Jones has been hired by Sonora Independent School District's Board of Trustees as principal of Sonora High School, replacing Dr. Elroy Otte.

Jones' contract does not begin officially until August 1 but he has been in the school office since the first of July going over the school's curriculum.

Jones stated that although he plans no immediate changes since the staff, faculty and curriculum is more than adequate, he does plan to move ahead.

He is most excited about the school's vocational building and program.

A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Jones attended East Texas State College where he received his bachelor's degree in political science and speech and received his teaching certificate.

Following a short tour in the U.S. Army, where he was engaged in the officer's training program, he moved to Dell City, Texas to teach. He later taught in the Grande Prairie School System for two years. Prior to his move to Sonora he was principal of the Milford School for two years.

His wife, Rosemary, is an elementary teacher and will teach fourth grade in Sonora Elementary School. They have one son, Jeremy Don, 18 months old.

Mercantile Building Construction



Restoration work on the old Mercantile Building in downtown Sonora continues, with concrete crews blasting away for the new parking area in front. The building is expected to be completed in a few months.

Relections

by Rev. Jim Miles
 Jesus often spoke in parables. One such story dealt with the sower who went out to sow. Some seed fell on the road; some of it fell in rocky places; some fell in the weeds and thorns; some fell on good ground.
 The Master went on to say that the seed which fell on the road did not germinate. That which fell among rocks grew but died because of lack of root. The seeds which fell among the thorns and weeds were choked. Only that which fell on good

ground flourished and the return was great.
 How do we respond to the Word of God? Are we so hardened that the Word has no road? Are we quick to respond at first, but, having no staying power, do we quickly fade away in the race? Are we so bound by worldliness that the Word becomes lost among the yields of our higher priorities? Or, do we take the seed of the Word and nourish it?
 Each of us should continually reflect on our response to God's Word for us.

Donations Being Sought To Aid Thompson Family

Donations are being taken at First National Bank for the Larry Thompson family to help defray hospital and medical expenses.
 Thompson has had surgery twice in recent weeks in San Angelo and as of

Sunday had finally been dismissed for the intensive care unit.
 The family is in need of financial assistance and anyone wishing to help them are urged to take donations by the bank.

Community Calendar

Tuesday, July 18
 9 a.m., Meeting of City Aldermen, City Hall
 12 noon, Downtown Lions Club luncheon in fellowship hall of First Methodist Church
 2:30-4:30 p.m., Miers Home Museum open
Monday, July 24
 9 a.m., County Commissioners meeting, judge's chambers, courthouse

Real Estate Transfers

WD/VL-Bill Harle et ux, to Arturo Sanchez et ux, Lots 11 and 23, Block 30-A South Heights Addition.
 WD-Billy R. Heinen et ux to Frank M. Adkins, lot 12, Block 64-A, South Heights Addition.
 WD/VL-Kenneth O. Braden et ux to Wesley W. Burnett et ux, Lot 1, Block T.

Bids To Open On Highway Marking Project

Bids for a special pavement marking demonstration program on US 277 through Coke, Tom Green, Schleicher and Sutton Counties will be opened at the July 13-14 letting of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.
 The project extends from the Nolan County line southward to the Edwards County line, a distance of 121.4 miles, and consists of the installation of raised reflective pavement markers and Thermoplastic Edge and Center Line stripes.
 The demonstration project is designed to evaluate the use of reflective markers in conjunction with the special striping material.
 About 45 working days will be required to complete the project, according to Randy J. Rector of San Angelo, the department's engineer in charge of the work.
 Overall project supervision will be exercised by San Angelo District Engineer D.R. Watson.

Second Thoughts

by Tom Driskell
 One must wonder what it would cost, and to whom you must apply, to obtain a license to trap weasels in the vicinity of capitol hill. The Supreme Court (mis-nomer?) on 28 June drove another nail in the coffin of evidence supporting a degenerating justice system. The Bakke Decision, by its very weasel wordedness indicates a prolific weasel population of unbelievable magnitude in the vicinity of capitol hill and it appears that weasel fur might bring a good price this winter. There seems to be an untapped resource, and in these days of inflation we can hardly afford to bypass it.
 The Bakke decision, from our ultimate in august bodies, said fine, admit Bakke to the University of California at Davis. Then it said that a university could have a system for the admission of minorities, but they simply could not call it a quota system. The gate was opened for Bakke, but who is, in the best Netherlander tradition, going to hold his finger in the dyke? If solution of the unemployment problem (if one exists) in the area of justice was the objective, the Supreme Court did an outstanding job. There should be a virtual deluge of following cases which would have been averted by a simple clear, straightforward decision; as extinct as the dodo bird in today's legalese jungle.
 What, in the name of sanity, is wrong with admitting a person to a university based on ability? The Bakke decision is inconsequential idiocy compared to a far greater underlying problem. Positive evidence exists that the Japanese have used, and are using, our university system to bludgeon us into economic oblivion. The method is simple, their people come here with only one common qualification—ability, and they go through our university system and take their doctorates home. Result? They have knocked the Germans out of the world optical business. They are twisting the tail of every automobile manufacturer on earth. Their steel and textile industries are flourishing. Electronics. Who else? The list grows daily. Our university system is the most powerful learning

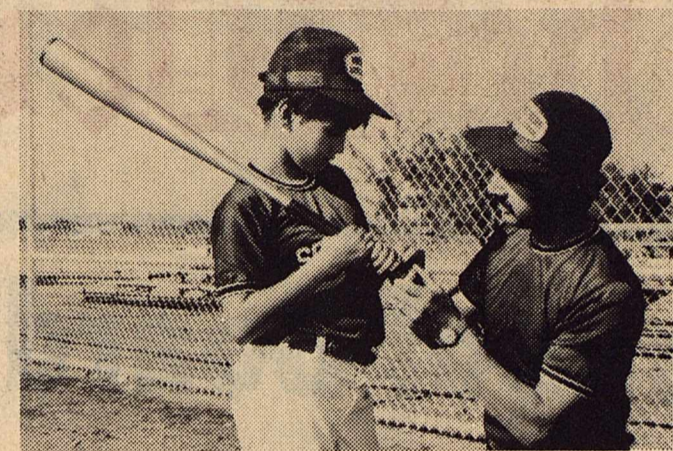
tool on the earth. We ignore ability, however, and worry on a national level about the admission of minorities, often completely replacing basic qualifications with ethnic or racial origins.
 This is a vital question to both the majority and the minorities. The question is technological superiority and it looms more important day by day as our internal raw materials are depleted. Equality is fine, with one qualification; equal parts of nothing are still precisely

nothing. The Bakke decision involved medical schools. A better decision would be to expand medical training to admit two, three, or ten times the present number of students and take the American Medical Association's trade restrictive hands off of our medical training. A whole new approach to our university system, is indicated, yet we persist in languishing in weasel worsed ultimate answers from an august body is indubitably in its last days of December.

Traci Cascadden To Participate In 4-H Camp

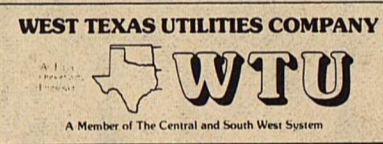
Traci Cascadden, 4-H member from Sonora, will be participating in a 4-H Camp at Brownwood, July 12-14.
 Each year 4-H camps are held in Brownwood at the State 4-H Center and boys and girls from all over Texas participate. Activities Traci will be participating in will be swimming, a games tournament, and a "camp band".

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First United Methodist Church Rev. Paul Terry, pastor Church School 9:45 p.m. Worship 10:45 a.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. 7:00 p.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.	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)
First Baptist Church Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m. Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.		St. John's Episcopal Church Holy Com. 11:00 a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays Morn. Prayer 11:00 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays	

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Jury	21,457.43	94.70		3,036.51				18,515.62
Road & Bridge	84,463.24	88,008.55		82,556.26				89,915.53
General	126,556.15	38,072.81		117,825.60				46,803.36
Permanent Improvement	60,210.17	157.84		3,600.00				56,768.01
Park	7,310.40	157.84		3,597.08				3,871.16
F. M. & L. Road	177,703.02	947.05		33,419.25	11,909.72			133,321.10
Road & Bridge Machinery								
Road & Bridge Special	15,489.91			9,549.34				5,940.57
Salary								
Officers Salary	18,954.96	8,952.24		13,764.83				14,142.37
Flood Control	13,509.89							13,509.89
Law Library	112.70	38.00						150.70
Interest & Sinking, 1976	104.17		11,909.72	12,013.89				-0-
Interest & Sinking, 19								
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REV. SHARING 7TH	13,915.44							13,915.44
REV. SHARING 8TH	51,220.00							51,220.00
REV. SHARING 9TH	22,340.00	22,340.00						44,680.00
TOTAL	613,347.48	158,769.03	11,909.72	279,362.76	11,909.72			492,753.75
Social Security Account	1,606.47	23,000.00		10,572.07				14,034.40
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	614,953.95	181,769.03	11,909.72	289,934.83	11,909.72			506,788.15

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 COUNTY OF SUTTON

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared METHA V. TRAINER, County Treasurer of Sutton County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.
 METHA V. TRAINER, County Treasurer

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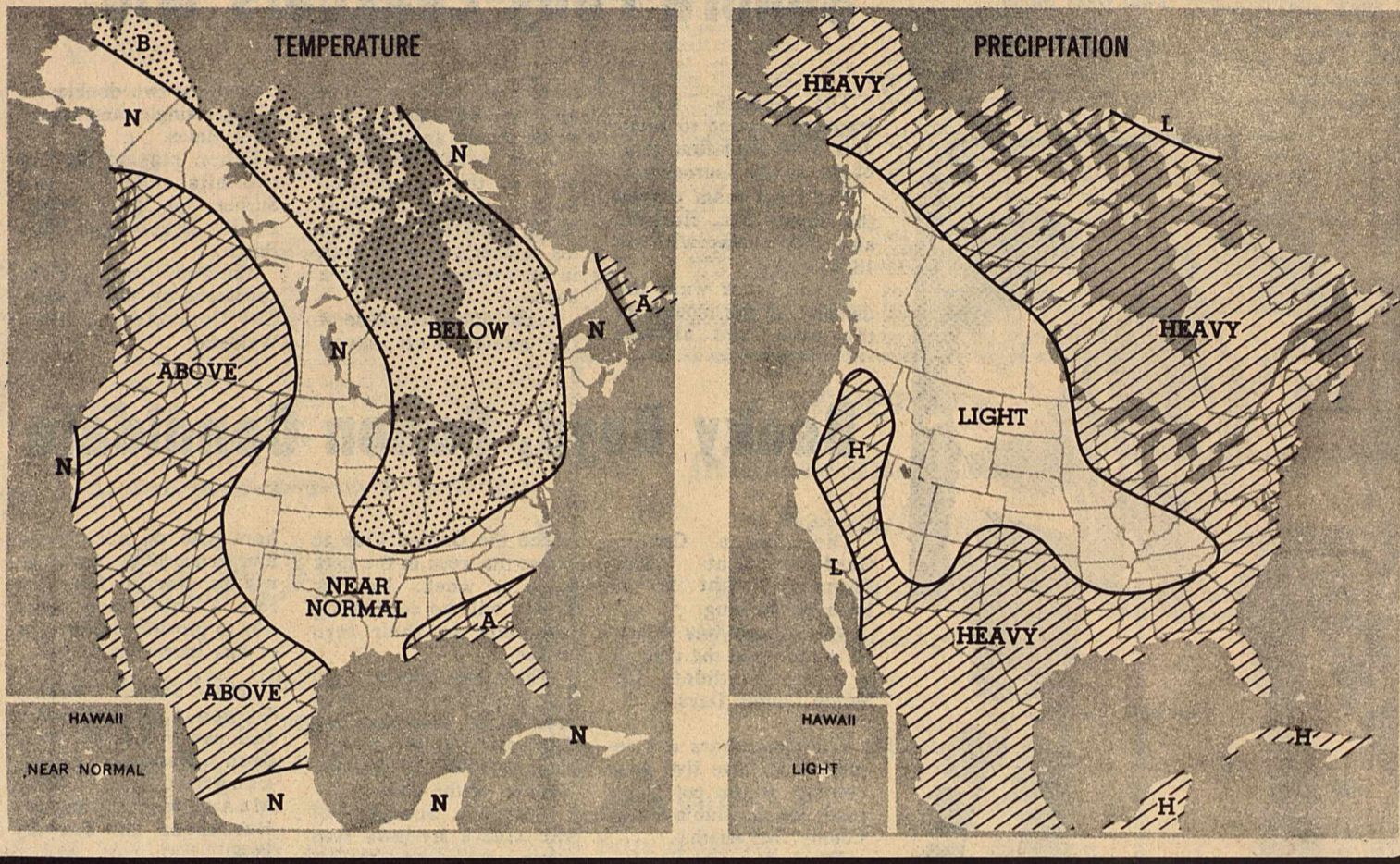
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TS&GRA Annual Meeting Opens July 21

We'll soon be gathering for the 63rd annual Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association convention at Del Rio. The convention is set for July 21 and 22 and will be officially headquartered at the Del Rio Holiday Inn.

Possibly the most important features of any convention are the headlined speakers and the three men scheduled for this year's gathering

admirably illustrate the point. All three are vitally important to the sheep and goat industry. They are U.S. Congressman John H. Rousselot of California, National Wool Growers Association president Phil Farrell, Madras, Oregon and Monfort of Colorado president Samuel D. Addoms.

Congressman Rousselot is the border of TS&GRA Vice President Norman

Rousselot and has helped champion the sheep and goat industry in its not-infrequent jousts with the powers of the Potomac.

Rousselot was first elected to the Eighty-seventh Congress and served from 1961 to 1963. He was later appointed to fill the unexpired term of a late colleague and was subsequently reelected to serve in the Ninety-second, Ninety-third and Ninety-fourth Congresses. He serves on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the Banking, Currency and Housing Committee. Rousselot is also a member of the Joint Economic Committee and the newly created Regulatory Task Force. The latter

oversight group was formed to investigate and remedy unnecessary and wasteful regulation of the free enterprise system. It's just the place for a son of the state that passed Proposition 13.

NWGA president Phil Farrell, in addition to his key position within the sheep industry, has worn several other hats through the years. A graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in range management, Farrell has worked with the Forest Service and the Farmers Security Administration. He was instrumental in gaining passage of the National Wool Act in his capacity as NWGA president. His agricultural production includes sheep, cattle, hay, wheat and

peppermint.

There is probably no more important person to the sheep producer than the fellow who reads his product for the consumer, and Monfort's Samuel Addoms fills that position.

Sutton County Gets Three Screwworm Cases

Three confirmed cases of screwworms were reported this week in Sutton County...a vivid reminder of the importance of treating livestock for open wounds.

The confirmed cases were at the Kathleen Moore Ranch, 10 miles east of Sonora on the Ft. McKavett highway, in a cow; the Bertha Bliner Ranch, in the nose of a hog and on the Bud Whitehead Ranch, 20 miles southwest of Sonora on the Caverns road, in the ear of a sheep.

Sutton County Extension Agent Clint Langford issued an urgent warning to all area ranchers to take extreme care during these hot months... "this is no time to be cutting, de-horning or other type of surgical work," Langford commented.

The screwworm can be devastating to the livestock industry, and the fight to eradicate this pest is a continuing problem.

Ranchers needing specific help should contact the County Agent's office at 387-3101.

Glen Fisher's Wool & Mohair Report

This week the grades of wool will be the topics for discussion. Grades are based on fineness and length and are arbitrary divisions. Two systems are used for fineness grades of wool. Most of the trade is now using the spinning count system of grades which the following compares to the older system:

Fine-64's, 70's, and up; 1/2 Blood-60's, 62's; 3/8 Blood-58's, 56's; 1/4 Blood-50's, 54's; Low 1/4-46's, 48's; Braid-36's, 40's, 44's.

Of course most of our Sonora wools are grade Fine, but we do have some clips with Columbia breeding that will be 60/62's or 1/2 blood and we also have small clips of blackface wool which is 3/8 or 1/4

blood grade. Many simply describe these wools as medium wool.

As I mentioned last week, all factors are closely interrelated and the various fineness grades are tied closely to the length grades. The length grades have developed names according to the ultimate use of the wool fiber. The length is measured from the base to the tip of the unstretched fiber and there are three main grades: Clothing, French combing, and Staple.

The trade generally accepts the following as combinations of grades for fineness and length:

Fine-Clothing 2 inches and under; French combing, 2-3 inches; Staple,

over 3 inches. 1/2 Blood-Clothing, 2 1/2 inches and under; French combing, 2 1/2-3 1/2 inches; Staple, over 3 1/2 inches. 3/8 Blood-Clothing, Under 3 3/4 inches; Staple, Over 3 3/4 inches. 1/4 Blood-Clothing, Under 4 inches; Staple, Over 4 inches.

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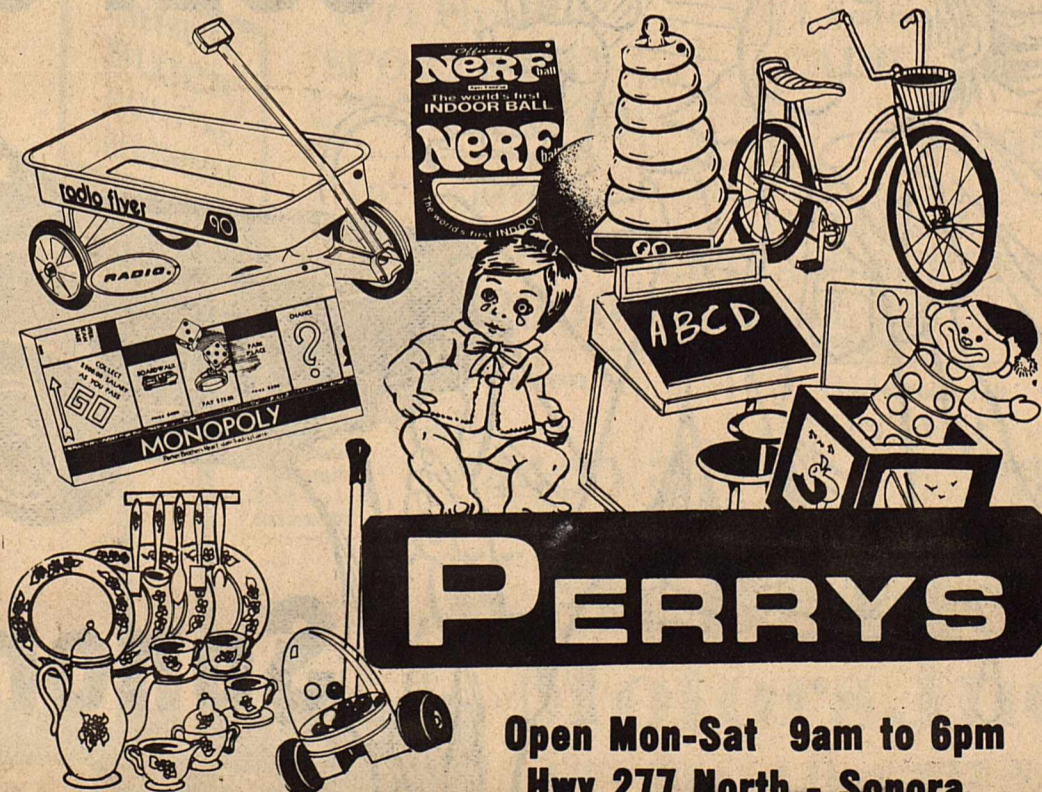
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Big Lake Stars Take Girls' Softball Tourney

by Kay Holdridge
The Big Lake Superstars capitalized on an error ridden Ozona team to take the championship of the Second Annual Sonora Major League Girls' softball tournament held Saturday at the Little League field.
Big Lake advanced to the finals by defeating the Sonora Ace team by a 2-1 margin.
In the opening game of the tournament, Ace and Big Lake battled in a pitching duel down to the last out of the seventh inning.
Carla Lee and Big Lake's Carolyn "Wee Wee" Johnson pitched head to head with neither team able to sustain a hitting offense. Sonora could not find the key and

had few hits. Big Lake scored two runs in the first two innings and relied on a solid infield to hold onto their lead.
In the second game of the four game tournament, Sonora Twin Oaks fell to last year's champs, Ozona, by a 13-7 margin.
Ozona's Ruth DeLa Garza, pitcher, was chosen an outstanding infielder for the tournament and pitched a controlled ballgame against TOM Sonora unit.
Jamie Condra, TOM pitcher, also pitched well, but the Sonora team could not score many of the runners they got on base.
In the consolation game between the two Sonora units, TOM was the team who hit consistently and made fewer errors as they

beat Ace 19-12.
Stacy Chandler was the winning pitcher and Carla Lee was the losing pitcher.
Ace had problems scoring when they had runners in scoring positions. Ace's Jessica Robledo and TOM's Chandler both hit home runs, the first two players in the two year tournament to do so.
The championship game, considered to be a well matched game, was a Big Lake runaway.
The Big Lake team scored 14 runs in the second inning to add to the 4 in the first inning. The game went seven full innings and Big Lake walked away with the crown 18-0.
Ozona made countless errors and overthrows throughout the game, allowing Big Lake many unearned hits and scores.
Twelve All-Stars were chosen. Nine girls were chosen as regular All-Stars and three were given special recognition.
Champs Big Lake placed

three on the team: Kathy Peterson, catcher; Pam Colbert, first base; and Carolyn "Wee Wee" Johnson, pitcher.
Ozona's second baseman Lupe Tambunga was selected. Sonora's TOM placed Stacy Chandler, pitcher-third baseman, Paige Pollard, pitcher-first baseman, and Daphney Smith, shortstop.
The Sonora Ace team had pitcher Carla Lee and Jessica Robledo, second base chosen as All-Stars.
In addition to Dela Rosa as infielder, TOM Judy York was named as outstanding outfielder and Kathy Sanchez, the Ozona catcher, was given the sportsmanship award.
Sonora coaches were Robert and Pat Day, Ace; and Vanetta Smith, Camille Green and head coach, Carolyn Sorenson, Twin Oaks Motel.
A combined TOM and Ace team will travel to Big Lake Saturday to play in their tournament.



Sonora's Twin Oaks Motel, coached by Carolyn Sorenson, Camille Green and Vanetta Smith, defeated the Sonora Ace team 13-7 to take the Consolation Trophy.

Sonora Pony Leaguers Win

The Sonora Pony leaguers traveled to Brady July 3 for their first game of the Brady Tournament.
The local team played the Brady Mr. Burgers and came away with an 18-3 victory.
David Creek went the distance on the mound for the team and allowed

three hits, struck out four and walked nine in his seven inning appearance.
Also in the defensive area of the game, Rex Surber picked off four Brady base runners from his catcher's position each in an attempt to steal a base.
In the offensive phase of the game, Scott Savell

lashed out two doubles, a triple, a single, and scored three times.
Other players having two hits or more were Surber, Joe David Favila, David Creek and Lee Burch.
The Pony Leaguers are sponsored by S&S Casing, City Concrete and Bible Welders.

Becky Boyd, Queen Candidate

The Sutton County Garden Club met Thursday night for a business meeting.
Becky Boyd was selected to represent the club as a queen candidate for Sutton County Days.

asked the Garden Club to water the trees in the park once a week. Beverly Gilley will be contacting members as their turn arises.
Those members who did not provide two baked items for the previous bake sale will be asked to donate \$10 as stated in the by-laws of the club.
Article 5, Section 3 of the club's by-laws was amended to read, "Mem-

bers who do not attend four consecutive meetings will be dropped from the role." This amendment was to provide clarification of that particular by-law.
The Sutton County Garden Club welcomes five new members: Mary Jean Hamilton, Nina Langford, Sara McAndrews, Maura Hernandez, and Dorothy Pope.

Texas Ranks 46th

Comptroller Bob Bullock reported Monday that Texas ranks 46th lowest among the states when comparing state taxes as a percent of personal income.
The all-important measure of tax burden for fiscal year 1977 showed Texas state tax collections were 5.82 percent of personal income, compared to a national average of 7 percent.
California's state taxes were 7.75 percent of personal income and New York's 8.04 percent, Bullock noted.
He added that Texas' neighbor states stacked up as follows: Oklahoma, 6.91

percent; Louisiana, 7.89; Arkansas, 7.16; and New Mexico, 9.34.
The analysis was part of Fiscal Notes, the monthly financial statement published by the Comptroller's Office.
The current issue also contains reports on federal grants to Texas state and local governments and portions of President Carter's tax program that are of special interest to state and local governments.
Bullock noted that rev-

enues of \$732.5 million in February and \$580.1 in March brought fiscal 1978 receipts to \$4.3 billion, a 12 percent increase over the previous year.
Meanwhile, he added, February expenditures of \$641.7 million and March outlays of \$660.9 million brought fiscal 1978 spending to a total \$4.64 billion, an 18 percent hike over fiscal 1977.
The state closed its fiscal books at the end of March with a cash balance of \$1.4 billion, he said.

DAV to Meet July 16

There will be a meeting of Disabled American Veterans Sunday, July 16 at St. John's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

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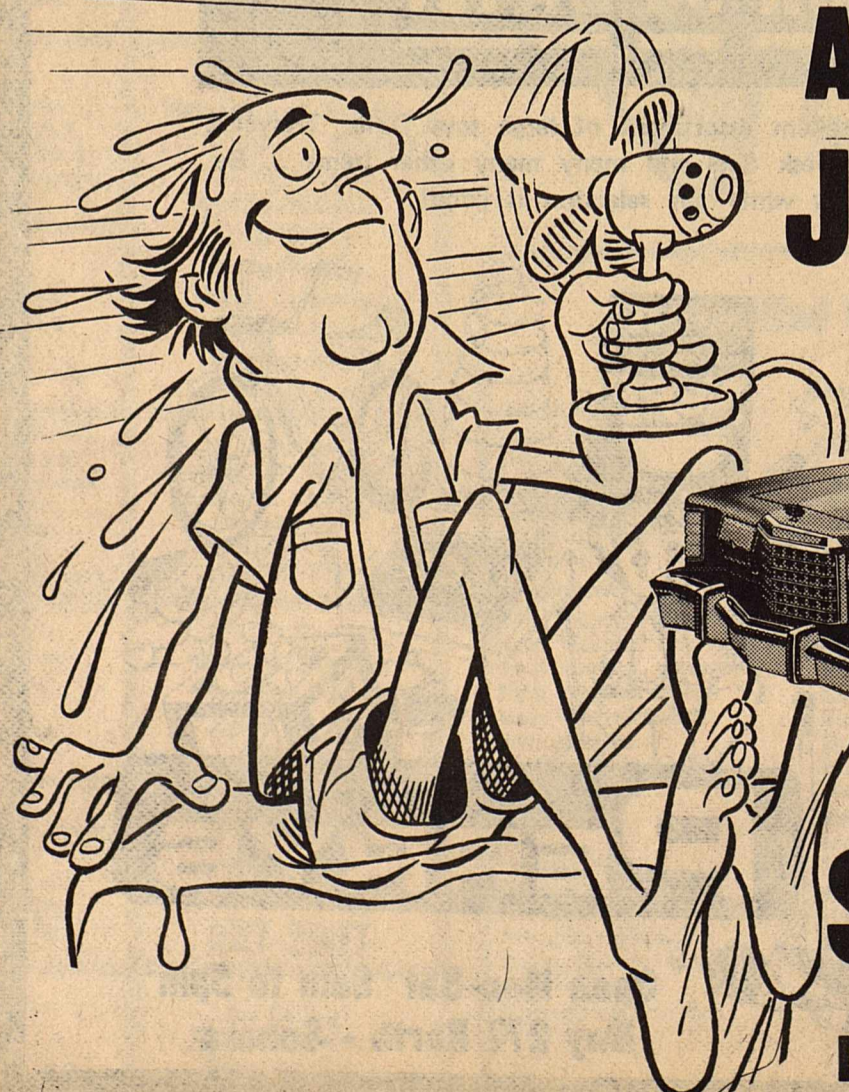
Ace pitcher Carla Lee and catcher Sandi Wright discuss strategy. The Ace team lost a squeaker 2-1 to champs, Big Lake, and were defeated 13-7 by the rival Sonora team in the consolation game. Ace is coached by Pat and Robert Day.

Sonora Red Sox Win Double Header

In Sunday play the Sonora Red Sox played a magnificent double header against the Ozona Rookies defeating them 14-7 in the first game and 4-0 in the second game.
After losing to the

Rookies the week before the Red Sox came on strong.
Winning pitcher for the Sox was Gator Perez in the first game and Jesse Solis in the second. Granger hit a home run scoring three runs.

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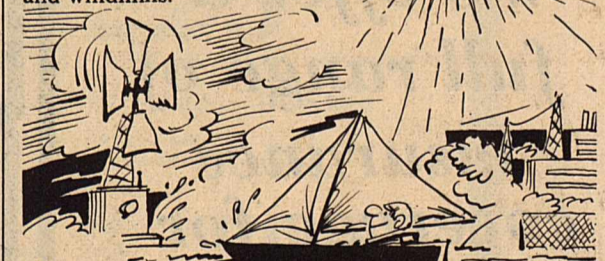
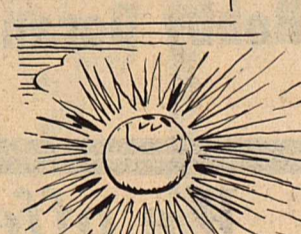
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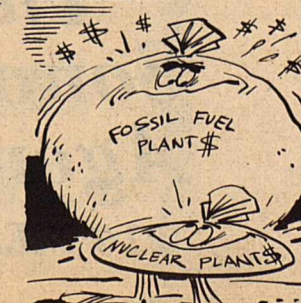
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8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday. Furniture, pickup, miscellaneous items. 203 Hildreth.

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Vans, trailers for sale

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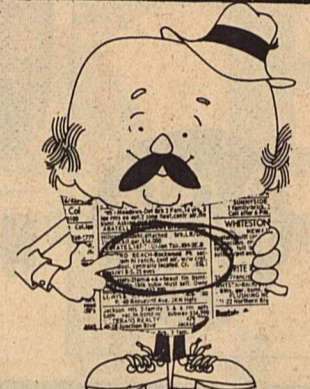
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Celebrating the 146th birthday of their father, three of the surviving children of Mount Aetna Harrison joined granddaughter, great-granddaughters and great-grandsons July 4 at the home of William E. Harrison [second from right seated] of Bangs, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harrison [seated left], Mrs. Pearl Hollis [center, seated] and Mrs. William Harrison [second from left standing] were joined by M.A. Harrison's granddaughter Mrs. Lorene Voyles [right, seated] and her children Mrs. Pat Burnett [standing left], Mrs. Joyce Reber and grandsons Timothy W. Burnett and James W. Burnett, of Sonora. The Harrisons' sister, Mrs. Effie Lee of Jal, N.M., was unable to attend the reunion. M.A. Harrison was a veteran Texas Ranger and Texas militia scout and settled in Parker County, Texas with his father in the 1840's where he "ranged" after Comanche Indian bands, including the skirmish at Dove Creek, northwest of Eldorado. Mrs. Lee was born at Ft. McKavett, when Harrison ran a supply wagon to Eldorado and Sonora as well as raising wild hogs.



Hospital Notes

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, July 4 thru Monday, July 10 include the following:
Jim Perry*

Oscar Carpenter
Zella Whitten*
Minnie Harrison*
Cathie Morgan*
Ester Richardson
Shirley Crosson*
Frank Eaton
Leticia Gonzales*
Laura DeHoyas*
Willie Andrews
Buford Lawson*
Mary Castilleja*
Carl Teaff*
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The Weather

by Pat Brown

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
June 27		96	70
June 28		96	70
June 29		95	69
June 30		97	71
July 1		96	70
July 2	T	96	69
July 3		99	72
July 4		98	71
July 5		99	71
July 6		98	70
July 7		98	70
July 8		100	69
July 9		100	66
July 10		101	70

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Street is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Street and is a graduate of Sonora High School.

3 4-H'ers Enter Dress Revue

Three 4-H'ers from Sutton County will be competing in the District 13 4-H Dress Revue in San Antonio on July 17.

They are Preteen Division, Cindy Steed; Junior Division, Lora Lea Kordzik; and Senior Division, Dorella Myers.

Supervising the girls will be County Extension Agent Sarah Mahon.

Police Report

July 3

12:12 p.m., Police investigated a fight in progress behind a local drive in. Charges were filed against one subject and transferred to county court.

6:08 p.m., An accident was reported on Crockett Street.

July 4

9:13 a.m., A disturbance was reported by a resident on Crockett Street.

10:19 p.m., A resident of Allison Trailer Park reported a possible burglary in progress at the field house.

July 5

6:40 p.m., An intoxicated pedestrian report was investigated on Chestnut Street.

6:46 p.m., A resident at the Crites Mobile Home Park reported a truck had hit a pole and left the scene.

7:13 p.m., A local restaurant manager reported the theft of a ladder.

1:38 a.m., A desk clerk at a motel reported a rock thrown through one of the windows.

July 6

11:32 p.m., A disturbance call was answered on Concho Street.

12:11 a.m., A fire one mile west of IH 10 was reported.

4:41 a.m., A desk clerk at a local motel reported a car truck accident.

July 7

3 p.m., A minor accident on Sutton Drive was reported.

7 p.m., A juvenile problem regarding guns was reported on Mesquite Street.

11:25 p.m., A disturbance call to a local bar resulted in the arrest of one male and one female subject.

July 8

12:29 p.m., A possible prowler report was answered to a local motel.

12:34 p.m., A suspicious vehicle report was answered to the local hospital.

12:59 p.m., Police investigated a subject who had been reported sitting in front of a restaurant for 24 hours.

6:04 p.m., A vehicle fire was reported on the Aldwell Road and Highway 277.

July 9

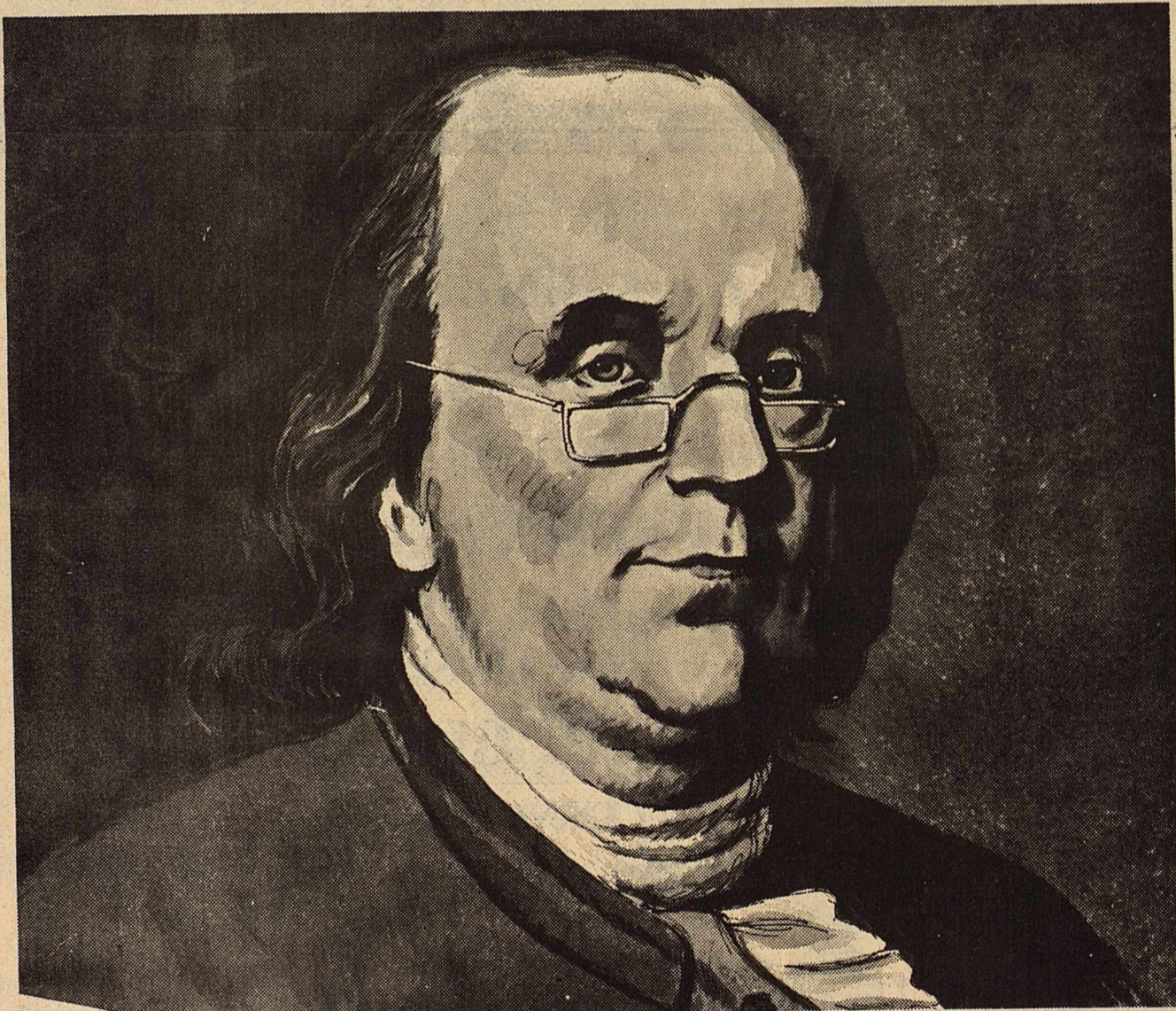
7:06 p.m., A report of the theft of a gun was reported by a local motel.

7:31 p.m., A resident on Uno Street reported a drunken subject at the resident. One person was arrested for DWI.

9:12 p.m., An employee at the local hospital reported a subject driving in the parking lot on motorcycle. Three juveniles were counseled.

10:52 p.m., A disturbance call was answered at a local bar.

1:39 a.m., Desk clerk at a local motel reported two subjects left without paying for 11.94 in charges.



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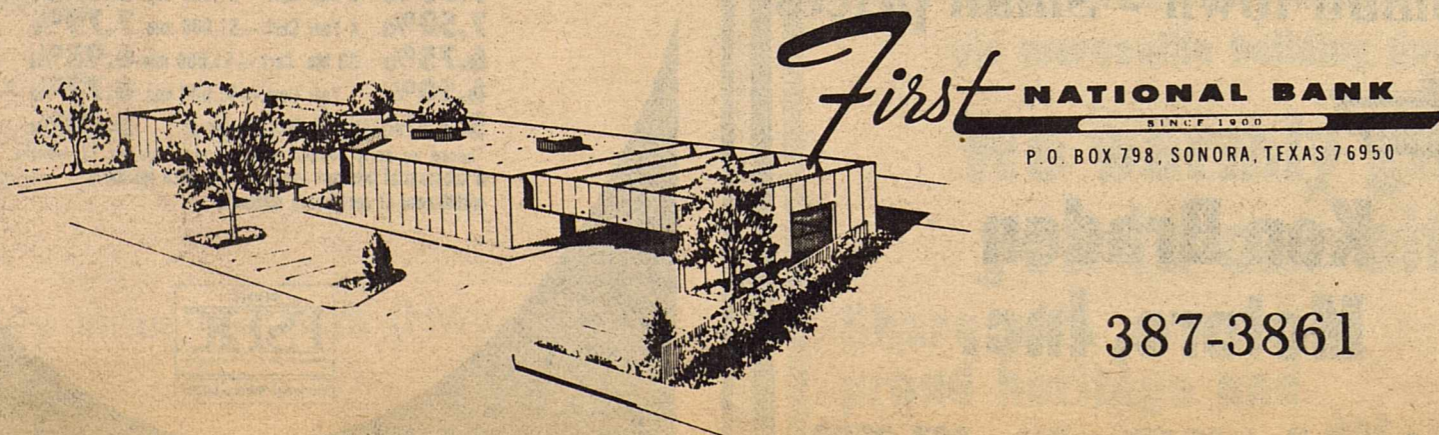
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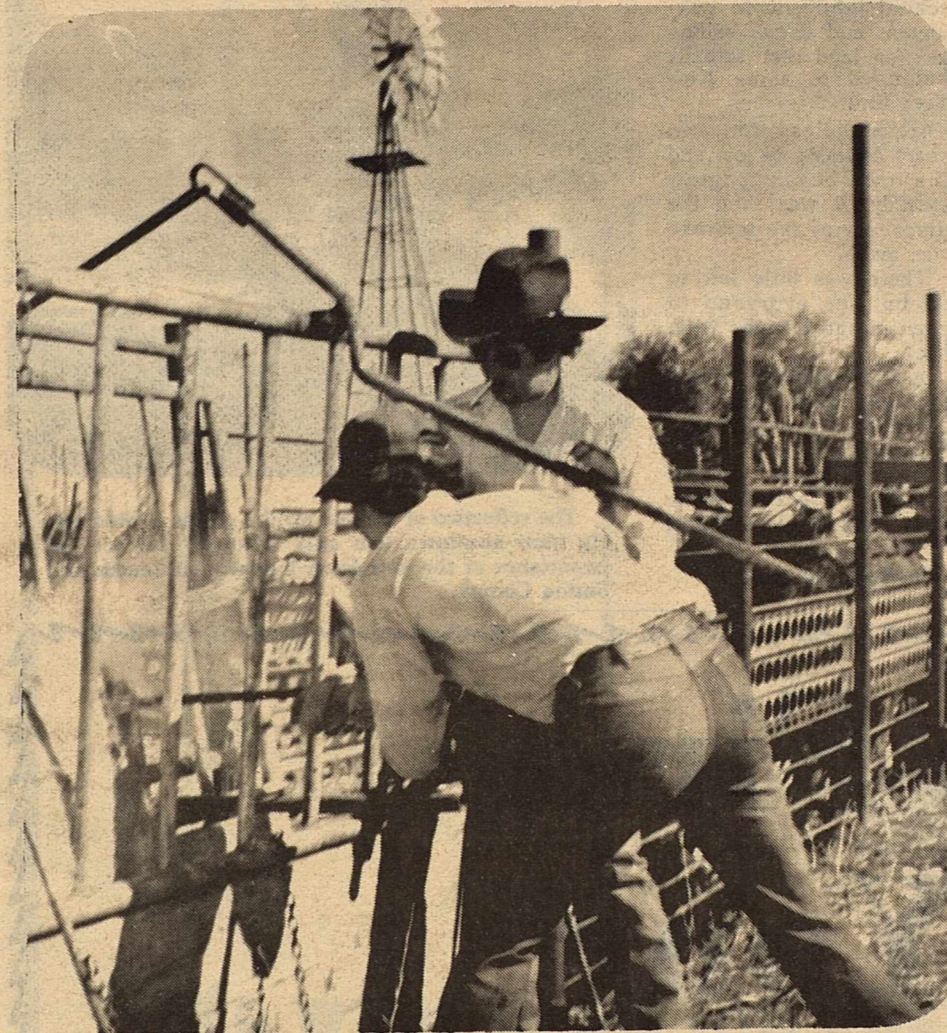
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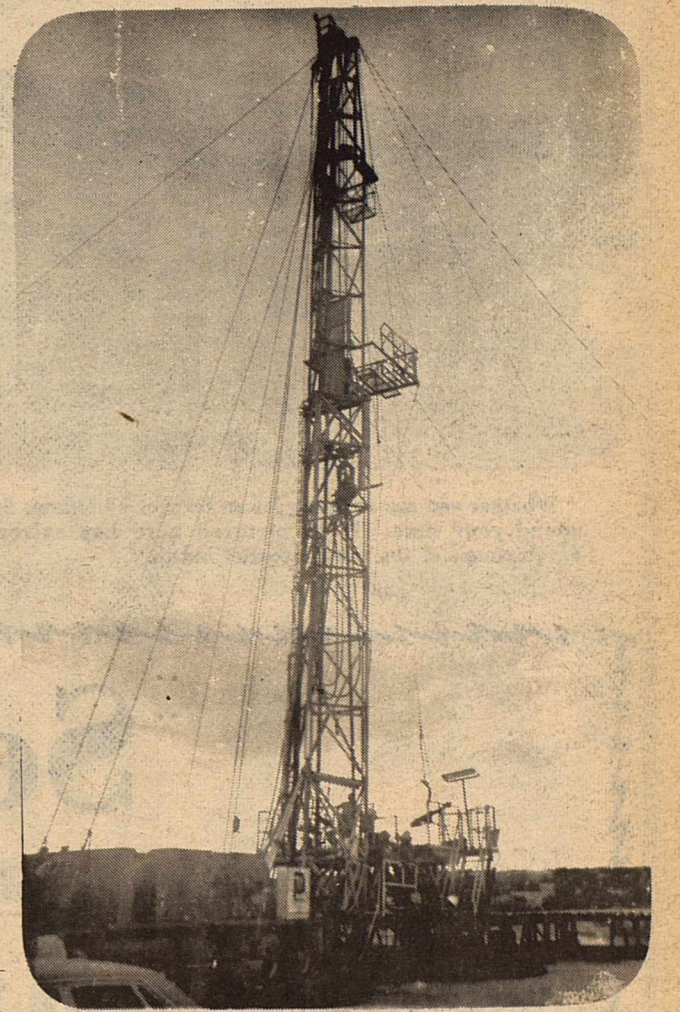
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New Families Find Wealth of the 'Good Life' in Sonora

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Sonora's two major industries



Sonora: As it looks from here

by Wes Burnett
A very special welcome to you, newcomer to Sonora.

We have worked extra hard to provide you this Newcomers' Guide, which we hope you will find helpful.

We wish to express our special appreciation to Don and Kay Holdridge for their professional contributions and to our dedicated staff at the Devil's River News.

Shirley Hill, Ester Ramirez, Paula Doran, Joan Latta, Nan Friend, Sue Myers and Pat Burnett all gave so much and without them the project could not have been accomplished.

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The Newcomers' Guide tells you about Sonora and your new home...what it was, what it is and details you'll need for your daily

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But what of the future? Where is our city headed and what does the future hold?

I'm no fortune teller, but I do have some observations about Sonora's future.

We are on the wave of progress and economic strength surging through our great state...Texas is the place to be and millions of Americans across the nation are breaking ties and joining us in our revolution for economic and social independence.

We live in a state where government interference in our lives is at a minimum, and we resist big government.

Sonora shares in the Texas wealth in many ways...we have an agreeable climate, dedicated public servants and hard working, friendly people. Our unemployment rate is less than two percent.

We are on the crossroads of major highways, with IH-10 linking Miami to Los Angeles and in the next few years there's a good chance an interstate-type highway will interconnect here, joining Sonora to the north and midwest by way of Lubbock and Amarillo.

We are blessed with immense sources of natural gas, some say this seven county gas field is the largest in the country. And Sonora is smack dab

in the middle of this precious natural resource.

All the nation cries for natural gas...and we'll be the producers...Texas and Sonora...we'll be drilling for gas when our children are raising their own families.

And it's not just our natural gas which makes us so powerful...we are the home of the famous Sonora Caverns, a growing tourist attraction...and our ranchers produce the world's finest wool and mohair.

We can literally clothe the world and Sutton County ranchers will continue providing top quality beef...mutton, wool and mohair...this is one industry that improves with age.

A three-pronged industrial growth is at work here...ranching, petroleum and tourism.

We estimate our 1978 population at near 6,000...and two utility services estimate our 1980 population at more than 8,000.

By 1990 Sonora will be home for 10,000 to 20,000 people.

And when we publish our 20th Annual Newcomers' Guide, the sign on our expanded city limits will show 20,000 or more.

You picked a good city to live in...and it's going to get a lot better with age.

By the way, stop by for a visit, we just love to sip coffee and talk about our city.

Sutton County rich in local history

The town of Sonora presents the story of a community with a unique history and potential for a dynamic future.

Sonora, as the rest of the Edwards Plateau, was rather late in developing. Most of the early settlers were sheepherders who drifted in from the east and drifted back as the grass supply ran low.

The area was not readily adaptable for other livestock because of the lack of water and the fact they could not survive on the moisture found in plants as sheep could.

The drilling of water wells in the late 1880's was probably the single most significant reason for the migration of permanent settlers to the area.

The fact that most wells were of limited capacity combined with a misconception of most ranchers that cattle could not survive on well water stalled their advancement into the area.

Luckily a dramatic price rise due to a heavy demand for Texas beef in northern markets gave a boom to the area's growth.

It was around one of these wells the town of Sonora was built. Charlie Adams in his book "Forty Years a Fool" says that Sonora was founded when he decided that the well he had drilled cost too much and in order to break even he would have to sell lots and start a town.

The beginnings of the town proved to be one of the city's more embarrassing moments. Adams said he filed on a section of school land, made payments, and began selling lots-on land that actually belonged to some New York firm.

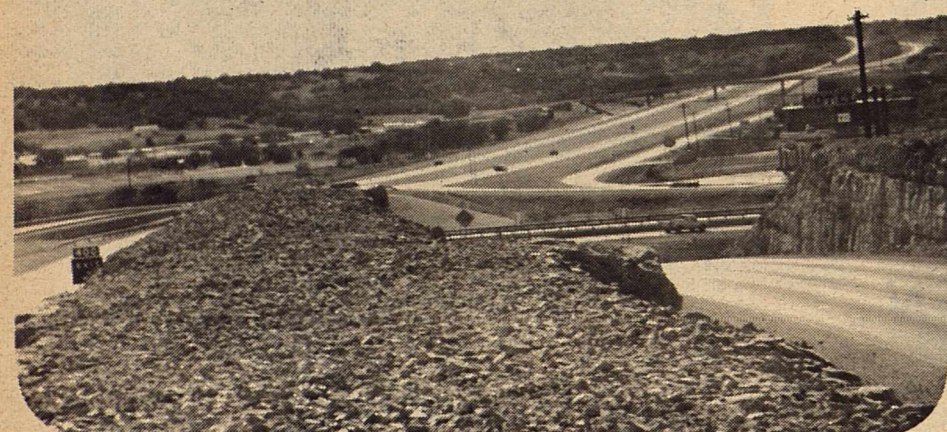
Nevertheless for two years Adams sold lots and the town began to grow steadily. It was then the discovery of the mistake was made.

There was little left to do but for everyone to pitch in and buy the town back.

A town member hurried to New York and was successful in purchasing Sonora.

According to Adams however, the New York firm suspected the land

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Whether you are stopping for an hour or a lifetime, Sonora is a great place to spend your time. IH 10 pictured here has extremely important in the development of the town's tourist industry.



The reflection of the sun off the clouds behind this rig near sundown can only minutely reflect the importance of the petroleum industry on Sonora and Sutton County.

Racing in Sonora... cont. from page 30

definite insight in building the stands at an angle so that the spectators could see all of each race.

The financing of the

Sonora Park and Horse Show Association is set up on a community operation basis. There is no personal profit involved and every-

one helps to do the work and the planning.

The Park Association, responsible for putting on the annual two-weekend Spring Race Meet and several horse shows throughout the year, is said to have a unique financial arrangement in that shares are sold in a non-profit organization. If there is any profit made, it is put back into the treasury and used toward bettering the race track or Park Association.



The Federal Land Bank provides an invaluable service for Sutton County ranchers.

The Spring Race Meet, featuring the West Texas Quarter Horse Futurity and other exciting events, is an important event each year in Sonora drawing racing fans from throughout Texas.



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It's finally finished...the First Annual Devil's River News Newcomers' Guide. This is by far the biggest project of this kind we have ever done, and looking over the finished pages I feel a great sense of pride...and fatigue.

But still there remains a vague feeling of too many things left undone, too many stories left out and too many pictures left untaken.

To the many people who did not have their story told, whose picture did not appear and the businesses who did not have a chance to have their message advertised, we humbly apologize.

Due to several extenuating circumstances, not enough hours in the day and possibly some poor time management...or maybe pure laziness, we did not accomplish all we had hoped to.

With this in mind, let us set our goal for next year's Newcomers' Guide: to include every story that needs telling...to get a picture of everyone and everything important to a newcomer...and as an overall goal, to double the size of this year's production.

To many this may seem an impossible goal, and maybe it is. [Should a man's reach exceed his grasp]

But I believe it can be done with some help. If every civic and social organization and every business will submit their story we can let every newcomer read what he wants to know about Sonora.

There are too many of you to contact individually, but if you will contact us we will gladly try to help you as much as possible.

And then too, we have gained some experience. We no longer have to spin our wheels trying to find out where to look, and we have a much better idea what to look for.

And to the newcomer: here's our promise to make next year's edition bigger and better and fuller of the things your new neighbors will want to know.

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Racing favorite passtime

(Ed. Note: Although the old racetrack has now been converted to the rodeo arena at the Sutton County Community Park, racing was an integral part of the community for

many years. The following story is from the Aug. 19, 1965 DRN.)

Long has the story been told that horse racing in Sonora began the day the

second horse came. And in fact, organized horse racing had its beginnings in Sonora before the county itself was organized.

Quarter horse racing has

been a popular sport in Sonora since 1887.

Although the first of these races were held at the present site of the race track, the track itself had had several locations throughout Sonora, each time moving farther out of town as the residential

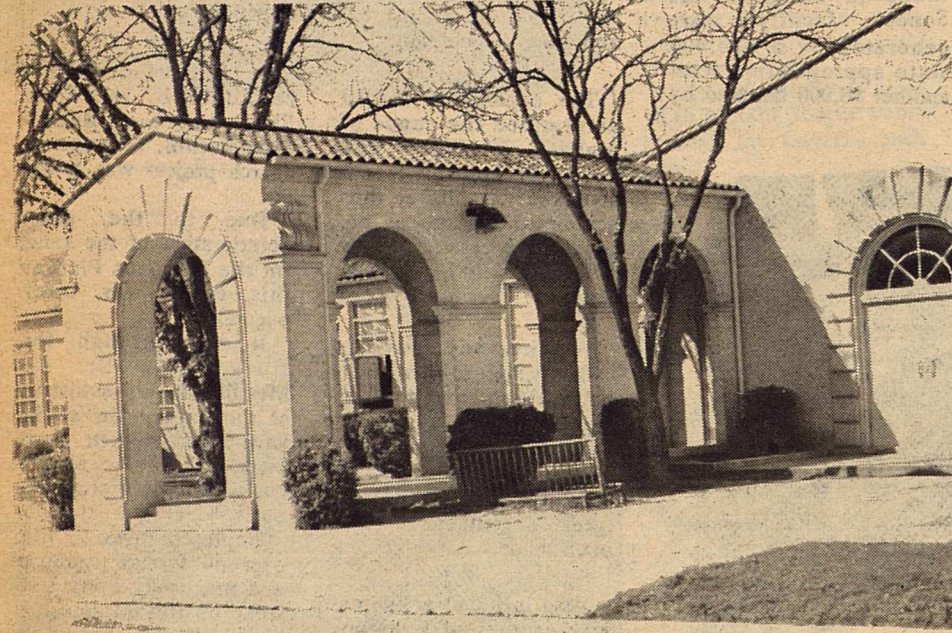
section began to grow.

Racing continued to be one of Sonora's favorite sports and gained added popularity in 1941 when construction of the present track began. The late Joe Berger, Sonora ranchman, sold the track land to the Park Association at a very

low cost.

Those Sonorans who are given particular credit for the building of the track include Bryan Hunt, Howard Espy, Tom Espy, Willie Miers, Miers Savell and dozens of others. It is said that these men used

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Central Elementary is the starting grounds for Sonora students and is the area of the school having seen the most growth in enrollment.



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Sutton County cont. from page 2

must be of some extraordinary value. Why else would anyone want to buy it?

They therefore reserved everything under the surface, and according to the deed, the town had actually cut itself off from water.

There is near-positive proof Adams never secured a clear title to the land, and lot sales ended until 1890.

At this time R.W. Callahan went to New York and for \$640 secured two deeds to Section 85 from Edward Tracy and the estate of James Russel.

The deeds, date May 17, 1890, declared "full rights, no restrictions--underground or otherwise."

Adams wife reserved the right of naming the town after a faithful employee from the state of Sonora in Mexico.

Sutton County had been formed three years earlier when the state legislature passed an act creating it and Schliecher counties out of Crockett County.

The county was named for Col. John S. Sutton who lost his life in a battle during Sibley's expedition.

The county encompasses 1,500 square miles of territory and compares favorably in size with several states.

At the time of its settlement the area was blanketed in high grass, and the mesquite and

other small brush that now covers the terrain was nowhere to be seen.

However a combination of heavy overgrazing and droughts that hit in the 1910's and 1930's caused irreparable harm to the range and made an opening for the spread of less palatable plants and bitterweed.

Research, much of which is a direct product of the local experiment station, has helped ranchers cope with many of the problems they have faced.

The determination of the ranchers to overcome hardships has established Sutton County as one of the national agricultural leaders, and the wool and mohair produced here is considered by experts the finest in the world.

Although agriculture continues to be a dominant factor in Sonora's economy, for the past six years it has taken at least a temporary back seat to the natural gas boom.

The energy crisis which threw the rest of the nation into a sharp recession proved to be a blessing for Sonora.

It had been known for a long time that gas existed in Sonora--in fact oil drilling is recorded as early as the 1890's in Sutton County.

But the wells in the county were low producers and it had never really been economically feasible to start an extensive drilling program.

The energy crisis and the sudden demand for natural gas changed all this.

Production and drilling companies poured into the area. Service companies and related industry followed quickly, and by 1975 the population had doubled.

Deregulation of gas prices on the interstate market--probably by 1985--will cause even greater growth in the area. Many estimates expect the population to hit its peak at around 20,000 people by 1990.

Sonora's third major source of income is tourism. The Caverns of Sonora--acclaimed by the National Speological Society as the most beautiful cave in the world--have played an important role in this.

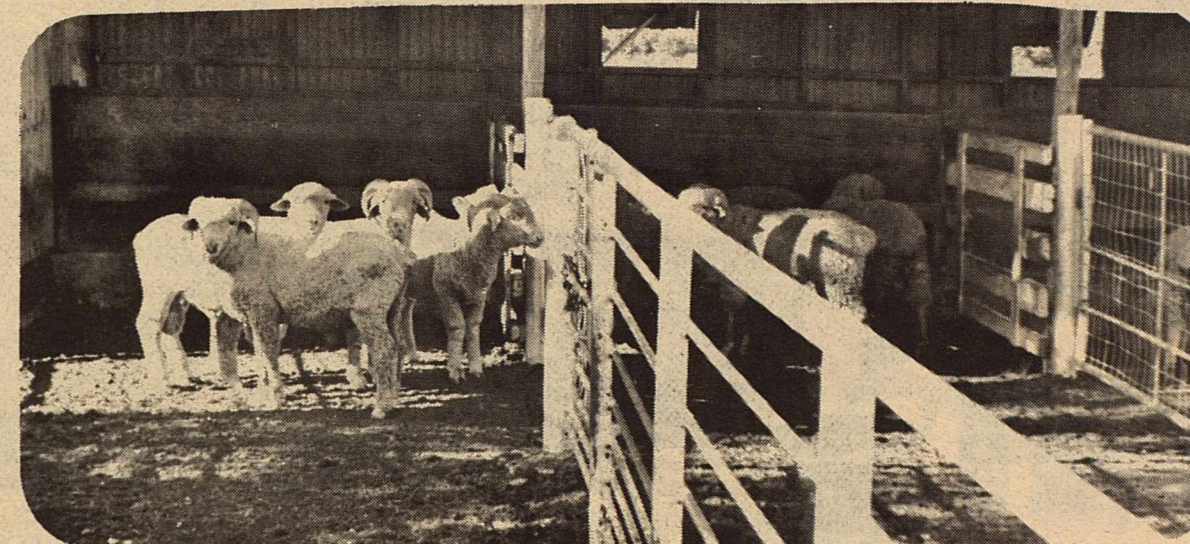
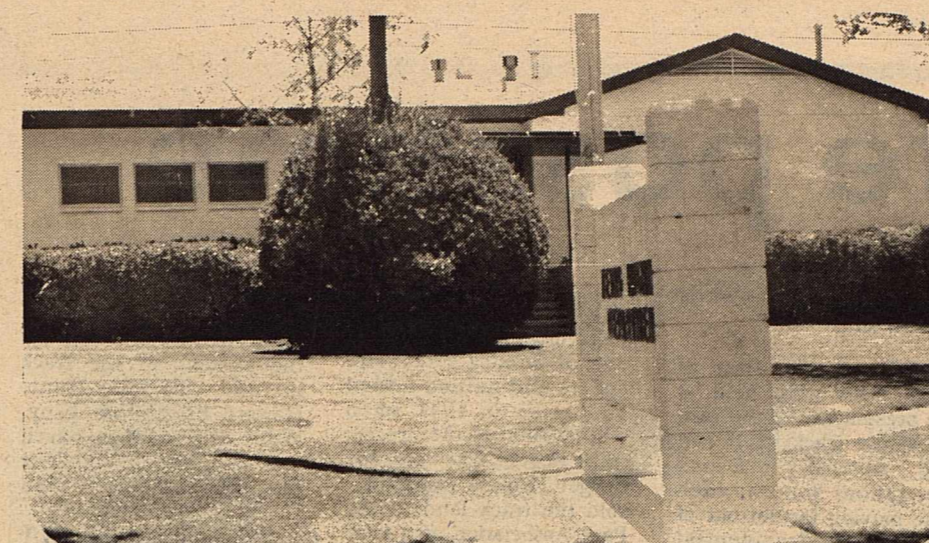
The awe-inspiring "hole in the ground" was opened to the public in 1960, and by 1965 was drawing over 40,000 visitors a year.

Each fall for many years, thousands of hunters have descended upon Sonora to enjoy one of the most abundant game areas in the nation.

White tail deer, turkey, quail and javelina hogs are plentiful and leases are at a premium.

The opening of IH 10 through Sonora in 1975 added to the influx of

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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.

Texas A&M Experiment Station Helps Ranchers

Established in 1915 by a group of Edwards Plateau ranchers, The Texas Ranch Experiment Station has time and time again proved an invaluable asset to livestock owners.

Now known as the Texas A&M Experiment Station, funds to establish the Sonora facility were generated by a \$10,000 state appropriation with another \$8,000 donated by

ranchers and businessmen in Sutton and Edwards counties.

Encompassing a five-section spread, the facilities are located on the Sonora-Rocksprings highway.

The accomplishments of the station are almost too numerous to mention.

The experiment station determined the cause of bighead in sheep and goats. Prevention measures were established thus accomplishing one of the primary objectives in the establishment of the station.

A soremouth vaccine was developed for sheep--a development that has saved millions of dollars for sheep producers.

An extensive study of livestock diseases has been made.

Also included are intensive studies of livestock parasites and their control, particularly stomach worms, tapeworms and lice.

Poison plants in Texas were the subject of

another extensive study.

In cooperation with ram breeders in the Edwards Plateau and other areas ram potency tests were developed.

Another important study now underway includes the problems of animal nutrition.

In 1948 following a resolution by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, a range research project was initiated.

Due to the grave deterioration of the range on the Edwards Plateau this study was directed.

It was through this study, that, Dr. Leo Merrill and his associates at the experiment station have received their greatest recognition--on a state, national and international basis.

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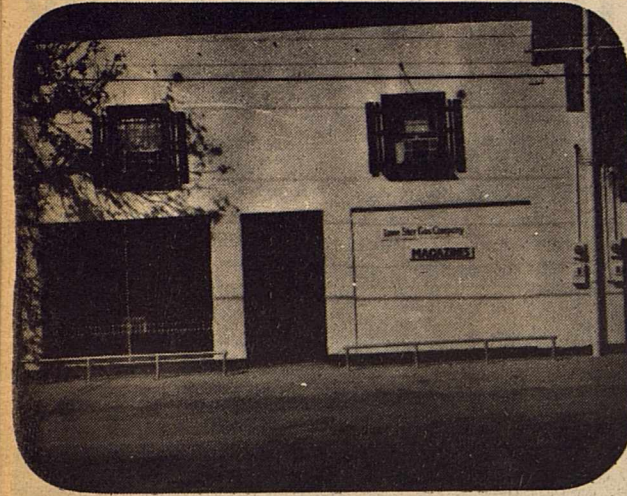
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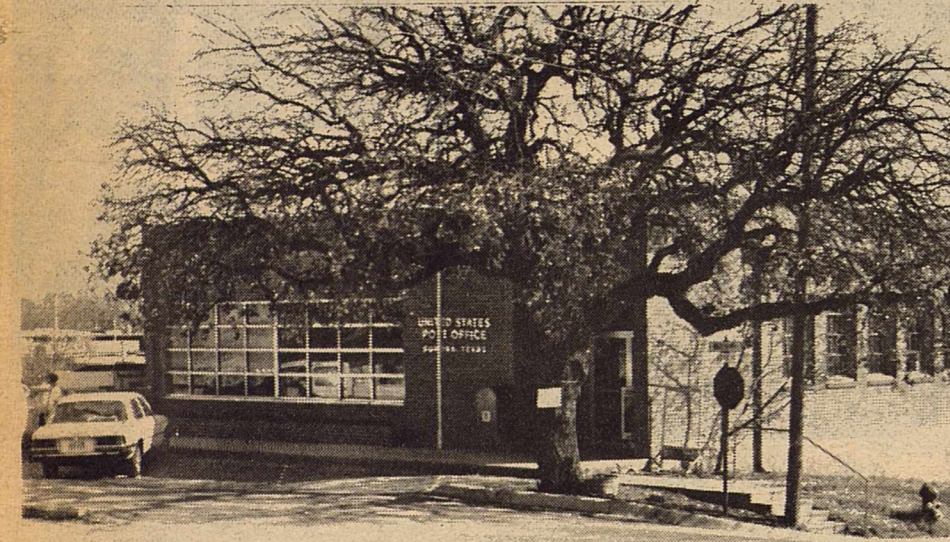
When the Caverns opened commercially, there was no more on the grounds than one small house used as a living room for guests and a picnic area.

Since 1960 the Caverns have grown into a popular attraction. There is a spacious ledge with a restaurant and a room where tourists may purchase souvenirs.

It is estimated that more than 40,000 people come through the Caverns each year.



The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department is an invaluable asset to the area and is considered one of the finest in the state.



The United States Post office is now in its fifth location in Sonora.



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City offers many services

The Sonora city government employs the council-manager form of government with five aldermen and the mayor elected at large.

The city manager is appointed by the council. The city offers a wide range of services including water, sewer, electricity and trash pickup.

One of the most pressing problems facing the council now is finding a replacement for outgoing City Manager Bob Neville who will be leaving the post soon.

A major project of the city is the work on the water distribution system. The new water tower which will greatly boost water pressure should be in operation by the end of August.

Another project now underway is the improve-

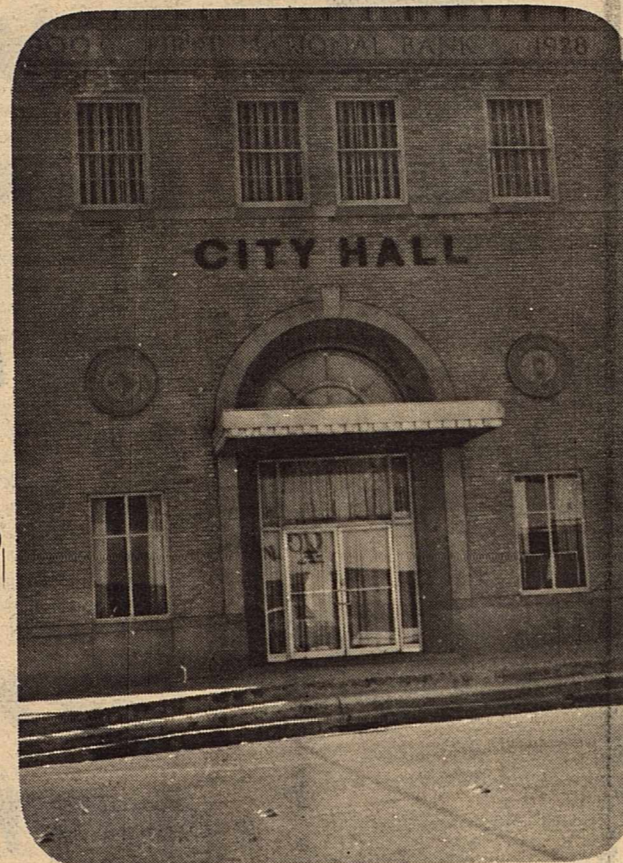
ment of the sewage treatment facility.

A major improvement was made when the city recently moved its offices to the more spacious old bank building on Main Street.

Doyle Morgan serves as

mayor. Other council members are Hershel Davenport, Jack Kerbow, Lemuel Lopez, Mary Owensby and James Trainer.

Pat Robbins acts as city secretary and Jerry Kemp as chief of police.



The city government has moved its offices to the former First National Bank building on Main Street.

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travelers. As the main route between Florida and California, the highway has been responsible for countless dollars being pumped into the local economy.

Needless to say Sonora has suffered some growing pains, but shown the citizen's determination to overcome past problems there is no doubt that a picture of Sonora's future is indeed rosy.

Will Caver: Sonora's Native Outlaw

Almost every town hopes for some claim to fame, some memory to tie them to the day when their town was a part of a wild frontier.

The killing of outlaw Will Carver by Sheriff E.S. "Lige" Bryant is Sonora's one such claim.

Carver and his companion, George Kilpartick of Concho County, were killed April 2, 1901 while

in town buying supplies.

Sheriff Bryant was tipped off by one of his deputy's brothers. The lawmen had the advantage of surprise and numbers, and the shootout was over shortly.

Both men died shortly afterward. It is suspected by many people the outlaws had plans to rob the First National Bank the next day or that night.

Carver was known to many people in the area as he had been a ranch hand here in previous years.

Two theories exist on why he turned to his life of crime. One suggests his grief over the death of his young wife was the cause.

Another more probable theory is that he was tired of working long hours for only \$1 a day plus room and board. This combined with the fact that the days of the free range were being ended by the advent of barbed wire fencing make this explanation more likely.

Although Carver's reputation was somewhat blown out of proportion in and after his outlaw career, his name was well known.

Carver originally rode with the Tom "Black Jack" Ketchum gang in New Mexico and participated in several bank and train robberies before the gang broke up.

For a short time it is thought he either worked alone or formed his own band of outlaws.

He soon headed for Nevada and it was there he gained his greatest notoriety as a member of

the famous Wild Bunch headed by George "Butch Cassidy" Parker.

John Eaton.

A unnamed tombstone, dated April 2, 1901, in the Sonora Cemetery almost positively marks the grave of Carver.

Why there is no name

inscribed on the headstone is largely a matter of speculation, but if that weather-beaten piece of granite is actually Carver's marker, it is one of Sonora's few remaining links with its days as a wild and wooly town.



The Sonora Women's Club Library provides a valuable asset to the community.

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credit for the discovery of the new part of Mayfield Cave is given.

In 1955 on Labor Day weekend the Dallas group made a trip into the Edwards-Sutton County area.

Sunday morning they headed for Mayfield Cave although when they arrived on the Mayfield Ranch they could not find the entrance to the cave.

Finally they were assisted to the entrance by one of Mayfield's ranch hands. It is well understandable that this group could not find the small entrance, for it was surrounded with mesquite.

The group then examined the old part of the cave as others before them had done time and time again. Jack Prince, however, was

not satisfied with ending the exploration at the pit room.

When an attempt to scale the wall of the pit failed, he attacked from the now famous ledge. He crossed the ledge which is over a 65-foot drop.

After his announcement that the passage appeared to continue the rest of the group inched their way across the "devil's delight."

The discovery marked the beginning of a series of explorations that proved to find a beautiful, active cave.

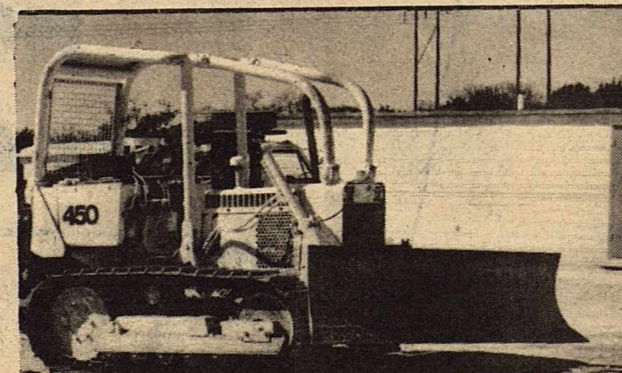
The formation-filled cave has since been acclaimed by the National Speleological Society as the most beautiful cave in the world.

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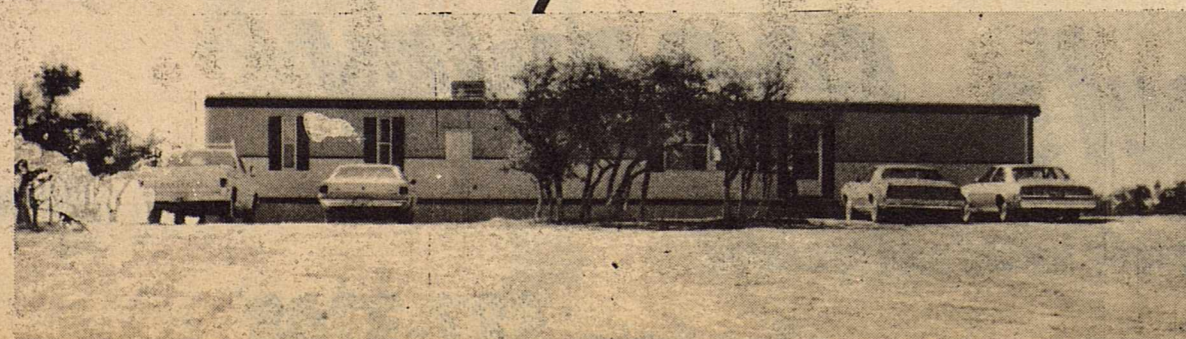
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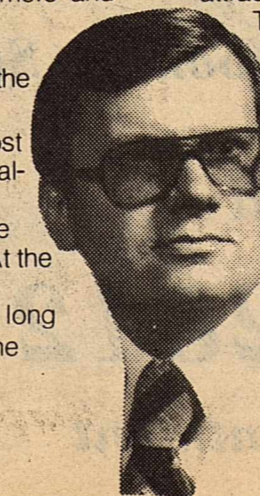
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Sonora Caverns Brings Tourism to Sonora

(Editor's Note: The Caverns of Sonora have become known throughout the world for their awe-inspiring beauty and are directly responsible for the impact tourism has had on the economy of Sonora. The following story is reprinted from the August 19, 1965, Diamond Jubilee Edition of the DRN.)

West of Sonora the land is piled in hummocks of rough limestone fringed with thorny mesquite brush.

Indians on ponies must have ridden these hills during the mild, pleasant winters and during the summers long ago when the sun beat down from a clear blue sky, just as it does now.

And then the ranchers came herding their sheep that grazed on the hills.

Looking across the hills, these people must have seen a country that was filled with grandeur, but not elegance; with breath-taking spaciousness, but not intimate loveliness.

And yet hidden beneath the feet of the racing Indian ponies, under the placidly grazing sheep, was a creation of exquisite beauty. Nature had sculptured a secret world of loveliness.

Under the harsh rocks and thorny mesquites, water quietly dripped over a delicate honey-colored butterfly, diamond-like crystals, icicles and whimsical helicitites--all of limestone.

Deep in the earth nature had etched a cavern and decorated almost every square inch of it with ruffles and rivers, with jewels and chandeliers. And then with a sense of

humor, she had left one clue to her handiwork--an 18-inch hole--and an obstacle--a seemingly impassable pit.

The Caverns of Sonora, sometimes called Mayfield's Cave, were known of for some 40 years prior to opening to the public.

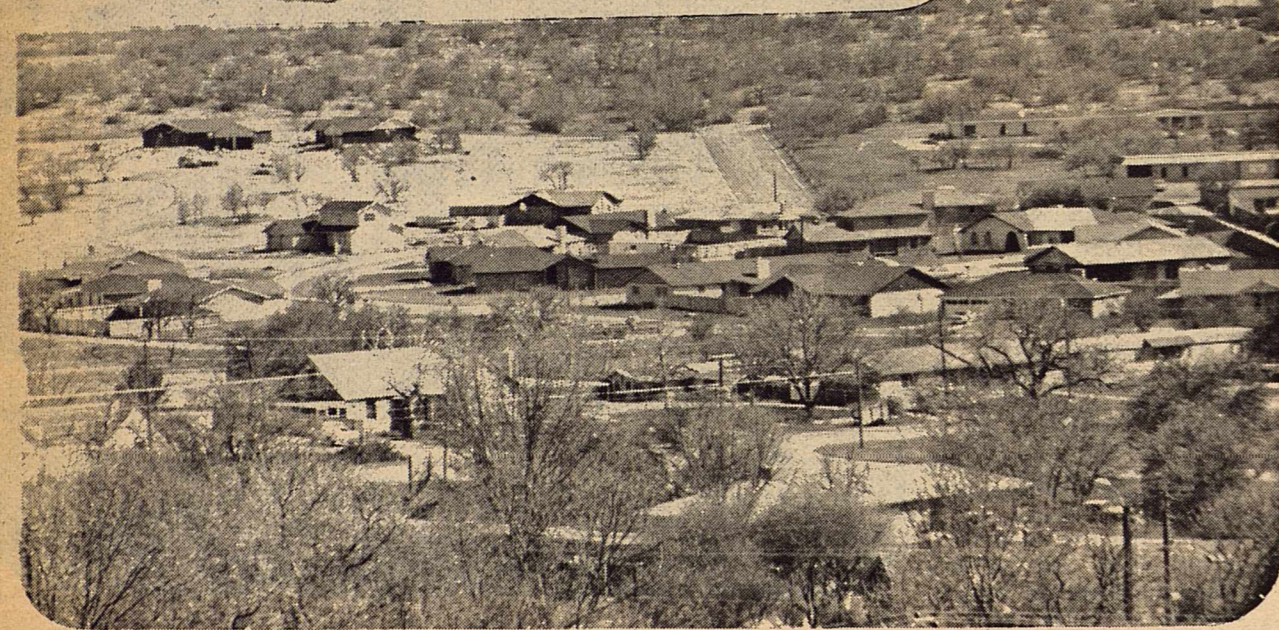
However they were known only in the form of a small cave with an 18-inch diameter drop-through entrance.

It was not until 1955 that the Caverns began to take on the dimensions by which they are recognized now. It was in June of that year when the Abilene Grotto (a chapter of a speleological society) made a ten-day caving trip into Sutton County.

The members explored Mayfield Cave, and when they came to the end of their route at the pit, they didn't turn back as many before them had done. They noticed a small opening which had previously gone undetected. After examining the opening, they decided that they could venture no farther.

The location and description of Mayfield Cave was given to the Dallas Speleological Society, and it is to the members of this group that the full

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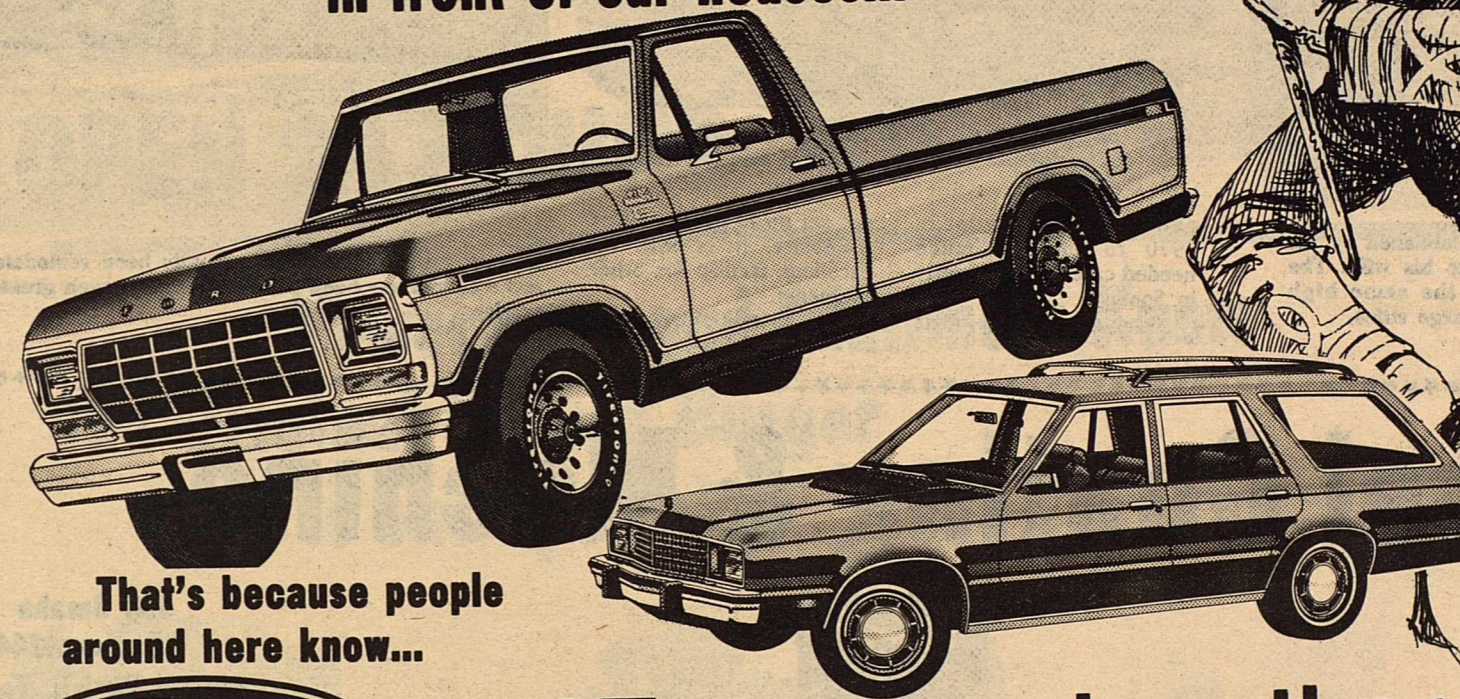


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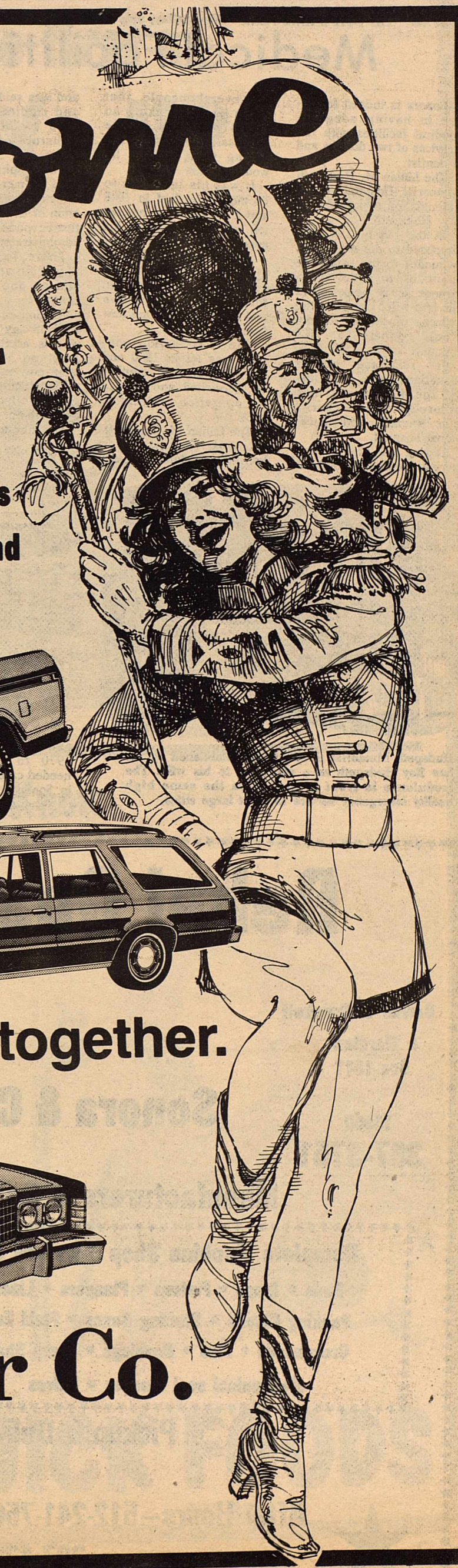
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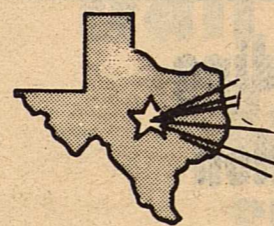


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Medical Facilities Cover Wide Range...

Sonora is indeed fortunate in having adequate medical facilities with the services of two doctors and a dentist.

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital is the culmination of a desire of Roy Hudspeth.

In the fall of 1947, he proposed to donate a sum of money to the establishment of a hospital in Sonora as a memorial to his late wife, provided the citizens of Sutton County would donate a like amount.

In response Sutton Countians gave generously. The hospital was then incorporated as a charitable, scientific and educational hospital.

During the organization period Hudspeth confided

to several people that while he was making an initial donation to the hospital, he was not saying that was all he would do.

It was his intention to do more. He died in 1948 and it was learned he had left a large portion of his estate to the hospital.

In addition to the gifts by Hudspeth the federal government contributed toward the construction and furnishings of the new facility.

The construction contract was let in 1950 and the hospital was completed, furnished and opened for operation on July 1, 1951.

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was a half-million dollar project

and was said by architects and medical men of the time to be the finest structure of its type in Texas.

The hospital is governed by a 21-member board of directors with actual operation of the hospital being the responsibility of the administrator.

There is no resident physician at the hospital and no one doctor is in charge.

All Sonora physicians as well as any other doctor who is accredited by the American Medical Association may use the facility.

The hospital has 21 beds and a well-staffed emergency room.

The nursing home was



Dr. Lonnie M. Pollard's office on Crockett gives Sonorans an opportunity for dental assistance.

ates a modern modulance like those used in cities and there are several local emergency medical technicians to operate it.

Dr. Charles F. Browne and Dr. David E. Owensby provide medical service for the city. Both are general practitioners and both practice obstetrics.

The latter is an extremely important practice as they are now the only "baby doctors" between Kerrville and Fort Stockton, and soon may be the only ones between Del Rio and San Angelo.

Both still take new patients. Their offices are located at the clinic on the

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Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was established by the late Roy Hudspeth as a memorial to his wife. The modulance in front gives Sonora the same high quality emergency service as most large cities.



The clinic on the edge of the hospital grounds houses the offices for Dr. Charles F. Browne and Dr. David E. Owensby.

added to the hospital in 1970 to provide much needed care for the elderly in Sonora.

Although the hospital is

not set up to handle major illnesses, it is still an excellent facility for other problems.

The hospital also oper-



Kerbow Funeral Home has recently been remodeled and a chapel has been added to provide even greater service.

The 'Devil' Published Here from the Start

On October 18, 1890 the first issue of Sonora and Sutton County's newspaper, The Devil's River News, was printed, filled with stock news, social events, and outright bragging.

Mike Murphy, who started the newspaper and

served as publisher until his death in 1922, invited people on the front page to "come to the Stockman's Paradise".

Boosting his home county and town, Murphy wrote on... "Sutton County as a grazing country

cannot be equalled in the United States, and as for sheep, we draw the line at nowhere, even for fruits and small grain, a trail will prove that it is equal to the best."

The Devil has continued in operation since that day in 1890 and is the oldest

continuously operated business in Sutton County and in this period of 87 years, has had only ten owners.

The "Devil" which started out as a four page, once-a-week newspaper, still boasts of the same folksy, home spun news as it did in the early days.

Now publishing from ten to twenty pages, the local

news is still a weekly newspaper, but in June started publishing The West Texas Sunday Shopper, a tabloid size publication, delivered to every home in Sonora and Eldorado.

In addition to a newspaper the Devil also supplies Sutton County with its commercial print-

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Davenport purchased

the food store in September of '77 after serving as manager of the store for Winn Dixie and Kimbell Company since coming here in August of 1969.

Davenport's son Matt, a graduate of Sonora High School, has joined his father in the business and serves as stocker and checker.

Willie Gutierrez is assistant manager of Hershel's Foodway with Sam David Hernandez as market manager and Ruben Castilleja as produce manager. All three are natives of Sonora and are familiar and friendly faces.

Maymie Carroll is head cashier and has been checking out groceries for Sonora customers in the store for over ten years.



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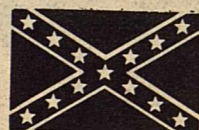
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The historic courthouse, built in 1893 to serve the county, is still in use today and is a registered historic landmark.

The major project of the county government at the present time is the construction of the new jail. The old facility was built in 1891 and has for a long time failed to meet modern jail standards.

The old building has no separation for juvenile or female prisoners and no maximum security area.

The county maintains a large area of county roads, and improvements are now underway on the Caverns road, Fm. Rd. 1989. Although repairs to other roads after the recent storm have slowed this project somewhat, construction is still underway.

The county is also providing financial help to the Sonora Woman's Club Library in their revamping effort.

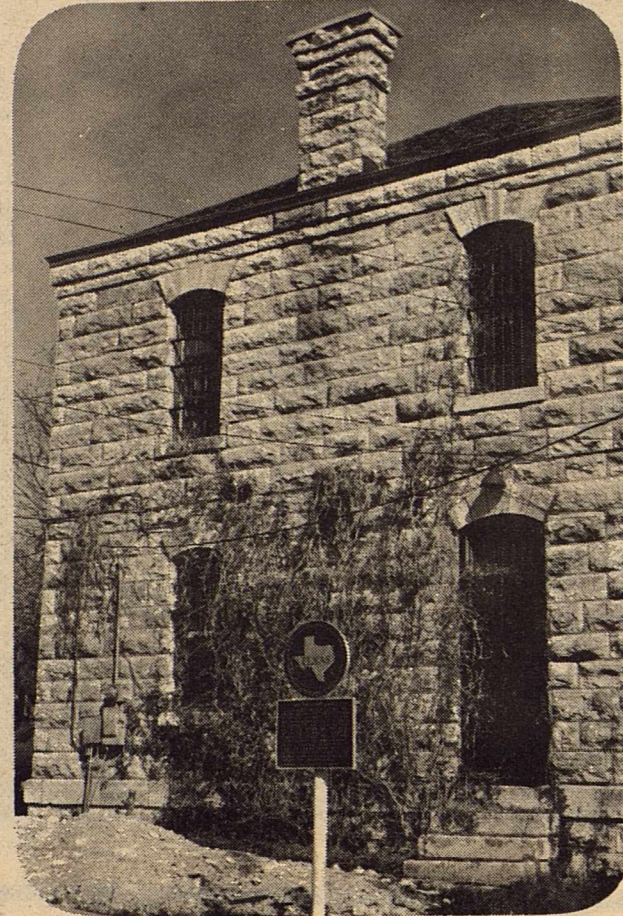
County Commissioners are Preston Love, Precinct 1; Bill Wade, Precinct 2; P.E. Adams, Precinct 3; and Philip Jacoby, Precinct 4.

J.W. Elliott serves as County Judge and C. Adam Morriss is the

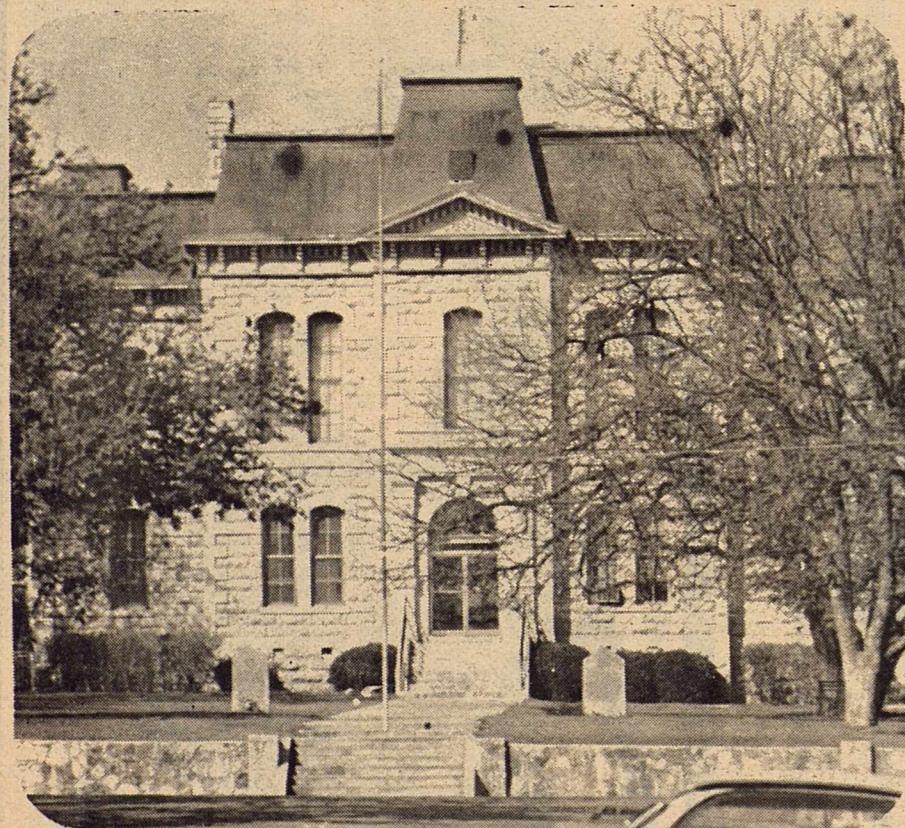
County Attorney.

Erma Lee Turner is both County and District Clerk, while Metha V. Trainer acts as County Treasurer.

W.W. "Bill" Webster serves a dual role as Sheriff and Tax Assessor, Collector, and Mat Adams is the Justice of the Peace.



The old Sutton County Jail, a Texas State Historical landmark, was built in 1891. It will soon make way for a modern, new jail complex.



The Sutton County Courthouse was built in 1893, and after several remodeling jobs, through the years, still houses the county's offices.

Medical facilities... cont from page 8

edge of the hospital grounds.

One of the doctors is on call at the hospital at all times and may be reached by phoning either their office or the hospital.

Dr. Browne has served

Sonora for 32 years, coming here in 1946, while Dr. Owensby established his practice here in August, 1975.

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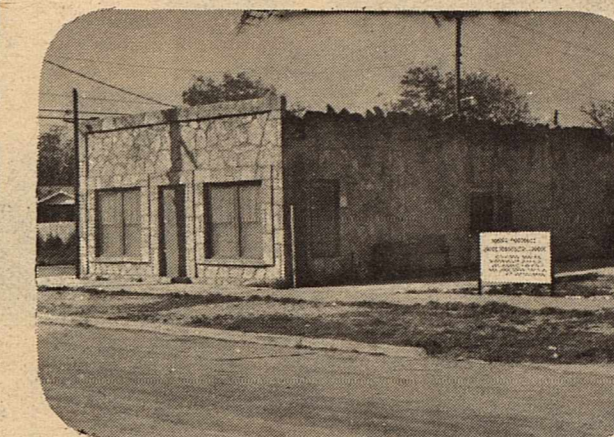
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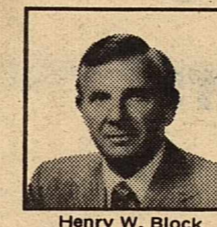
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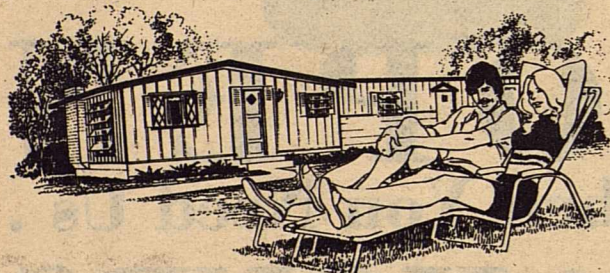
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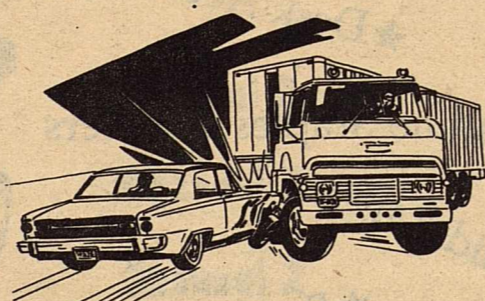
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Law Enforcement Agencies Offer Protection and Help

Sonora and Sutton are well served by a large force of competent law enforcement officials. The addition of the proposed new county jail will further enhance the community's security. A

\$700,000 bond issue was passed in March to construct the jail. The present jail, built in 1891, does not have facilities to house female or juvenile prisoners or any prisoner labeled top

security. According to Sheriff Bill Webster the architects are now going to the working plans. These should be complete sometime this cont, on page 14



Deputies Dick Jones and Joe Fincher [left] assist Sheriff Bill Webster [right] with the job of county law enforcement.

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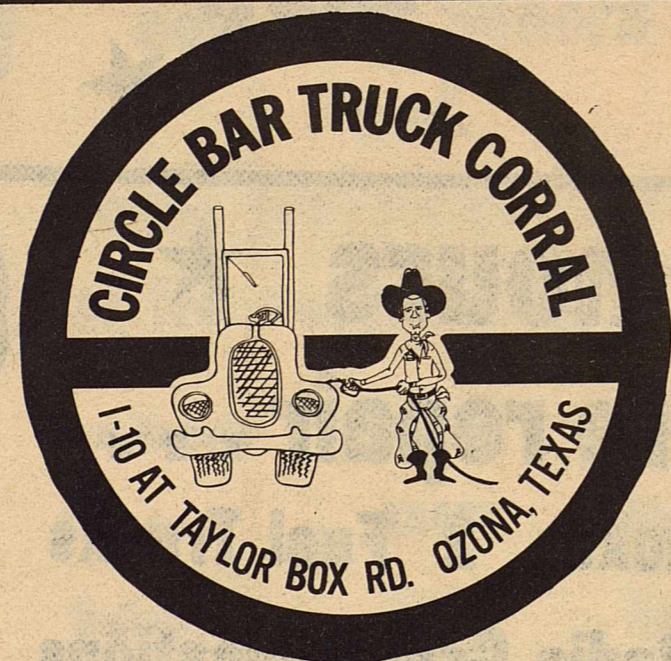
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Dee Nevill filled the position until her recent retirement when Jack Kerbow was handed the job.

It is his responsibility to answer all correspondence coming into the office

concerning tourists, hunters and people hoping to move to Sonora.

The Chamber is also responsible for sending information on Sonora and Sutton County to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the "Mobil Tour Guide."

The office has recently

moved downtown to a new Main Street location to make it more accessible to the public. A notary public service will also be offered in the new office.

One project now underway is a community calendar.

The current membership stands at 94. Officers

include President Wes Burnett, Vice President George Kellog, Treasurer Mike Hale, and Executive Vice President and former President John Tedford.

Directors are George Wallace, Vicenta Cervantes, Dorsell Young, Durwood Neville, Glen Fisher, Jerry Gilly, Effie Harle and Gil Trainer.

Senior Citizen Center Provides Special Services for Residents

The number of senior centers has grown rapidly throughout this country since the initial developments of the early 1940's.

Even more significant than the growth in numbers is the internal growth, the evolutionary development of the Senior Center concept as a needs-meeting vehicle.

The Senior Center is no longer considered as a monolithic facility and program available to only a few older persons able to get to the facility on their own.

It is proving to be a flexible means whereby a community can effectively respond to the challenge of providing a better life for the older citizens, by implementing comprehensive and systematic service delivery through decentralization, outreach and

transportation.

Now the center's focus is on going to the older person wherever he or she may be, as well as on the older person coming to the center.

The perspective is more than that of meeting a few needs of a special interest

group or groups. Individualization, the meeting of individual needs and the bringing about of community and social change, is strongly encompassed.

Here in Sutton County we are very fortunate to have our own Center in which we can meet the

needs of our senior citizens.

The Center also serves as an information and referral source to persons in need.

The Department of Human Resources Food Stamp and Aid for Dependent Children representative is at the Center on a regular schedule. He is here every Tuesday afternoon from 9:30 to 2:30.

The Adult Social Worker with DHR is also available when the need arises.

A diabetic control clinic is also held the second Tuesday of every month.

The Sutton Senior Center was opened on February 20, 1978 and is located at the west end of Main Street.

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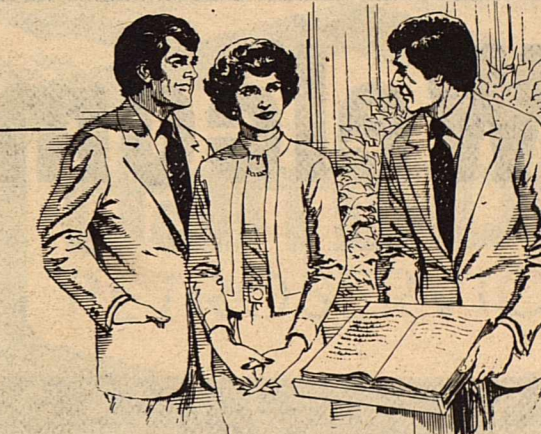
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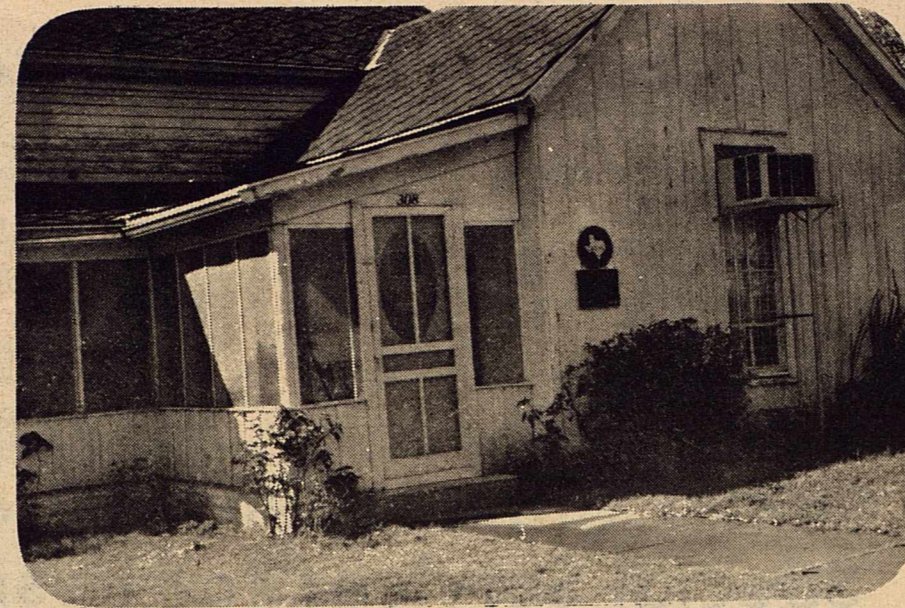
10, it still maintains 3,750 feet of runway and 750 feet of overrun.

The operation of the airport was recently reorganized to include both city and county funding.

The Airport Board is comprised of two members

each appointed by the city and county with the fifth member selected by the others.

Current members included: Chairman Ken Braden; Secretary Rosemary Matthews; Gay Copeland; Bill Morris; and Joe Kiowski.



The Mears Home Museum was one of the first houses built in Sonora and contains many relics from that era in history.

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fall, and the county will start taking bids.

Besides Webster in the Sheriff's Department are deputies Dick Jones and Joe Fincher.

Only in the recent past did the city see fit to form a police department, and in March, 1974 Webster was named Sonora's first chief of police.

Upon his election to sheriff in 1976 the post was assigned to Jerry

Kemp. Other officers are Brent Gesch and Luther Hawley.

Both city and county forces have three patrol cars each.

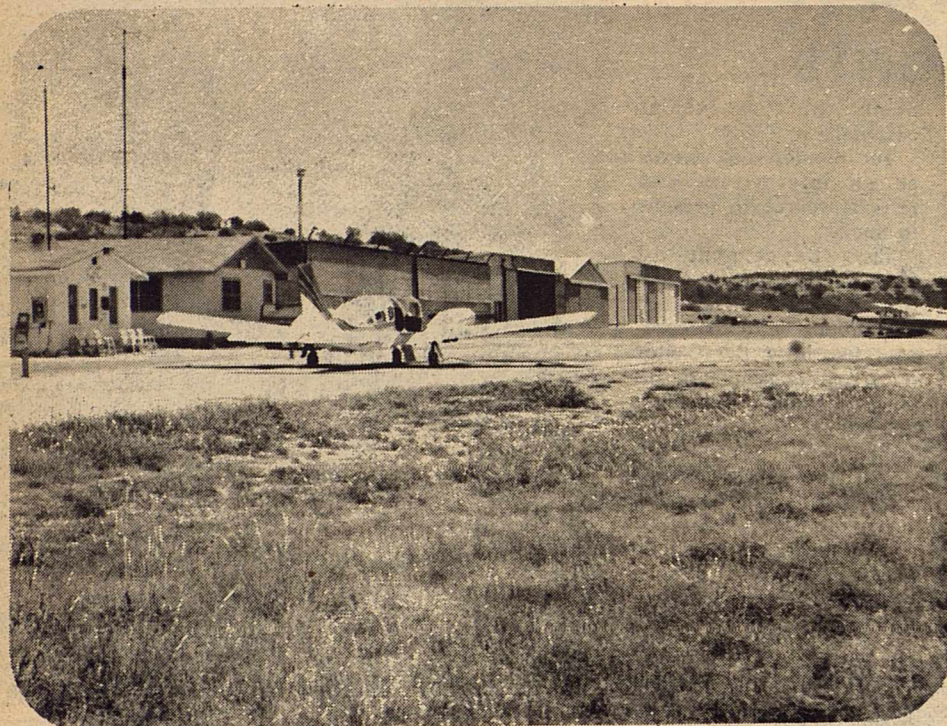
Department of Public Safety troopers stationed in Sonora include Archie Crenwelge, Walter Walicek and Dwight Hardin.

With Sonora's proximity to Mexico it is natural to

expect a large U.S. Border Patrol unit here.

Headed by T.C. McCutchen the local officers are Bob Mooney, Sam Stewart, Sterling Smith, Kenneth Cayce, Billy Kring, Kenneth Kordzik, Sam Dunn, Steve Harrison and Dave Vannett.

Enforcing wildlife laws are Game Wardens Nolan Johnson and Rodney Knight.



Joe Berger Field was opened in 1958 and is one of Sonora's outstanding assets. This building on U.S. 277 houses the State Highway Department which is responsible for the maintenance of area roads.

Sonora offers range of activities

For the active person Sonora provides a wealth of recreational activities and social opportunities.

Baseball season is just winding down. Slowpitch softball leagues exist for both men and women.

The youngsters are not left out with Pee Wee, Little League and Pony League for boys and Major

League and Minor League softball for girls.

Pee Wee football and Little Dribblers basketball keep the youth activities going year around.

The local swimming pool provides a cool break in summertime, and a modern theater has recently been opened.

A beautiful nine-hole

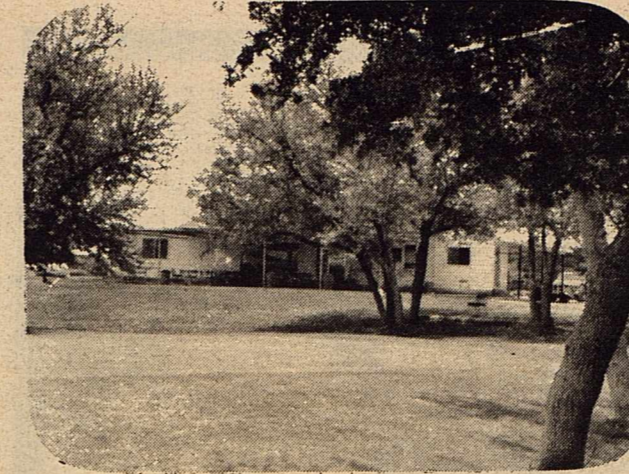
golf course ranks among the most challenging in the area.

Numerous clubs, both social and civic, are active in Sonora.

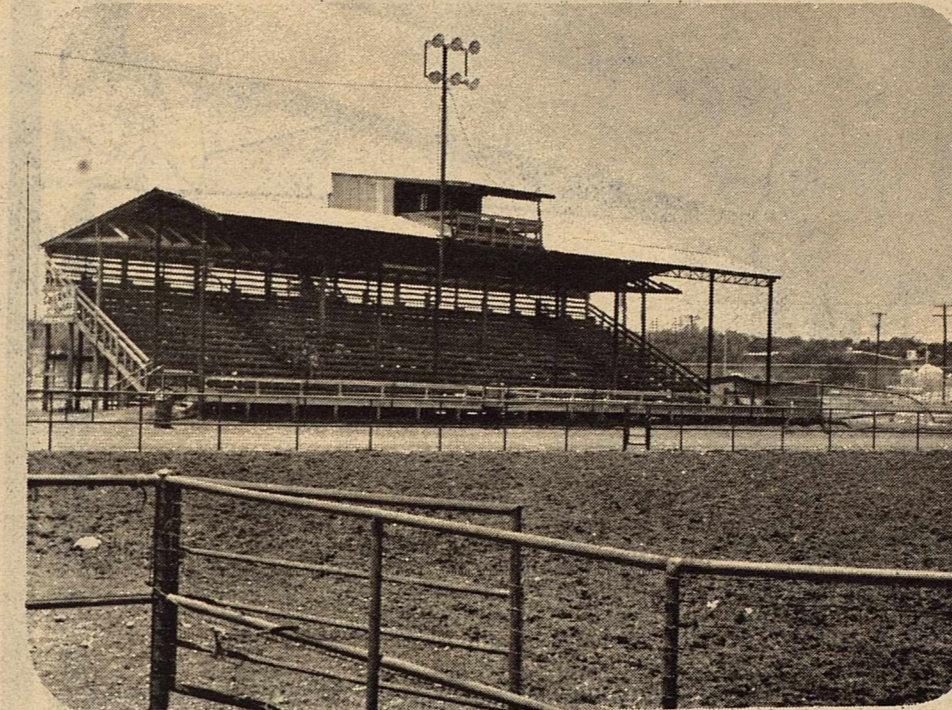
High school athletics, long a subject of high regard, provide a year round schedule of activities along with other school presentations.

For those who prefer the rougher life, the Devil's River Country provides some of the most rugged country in the nation and an abundance of wild game. East of Sonora the Llano River lures anglers with its fine fishing.

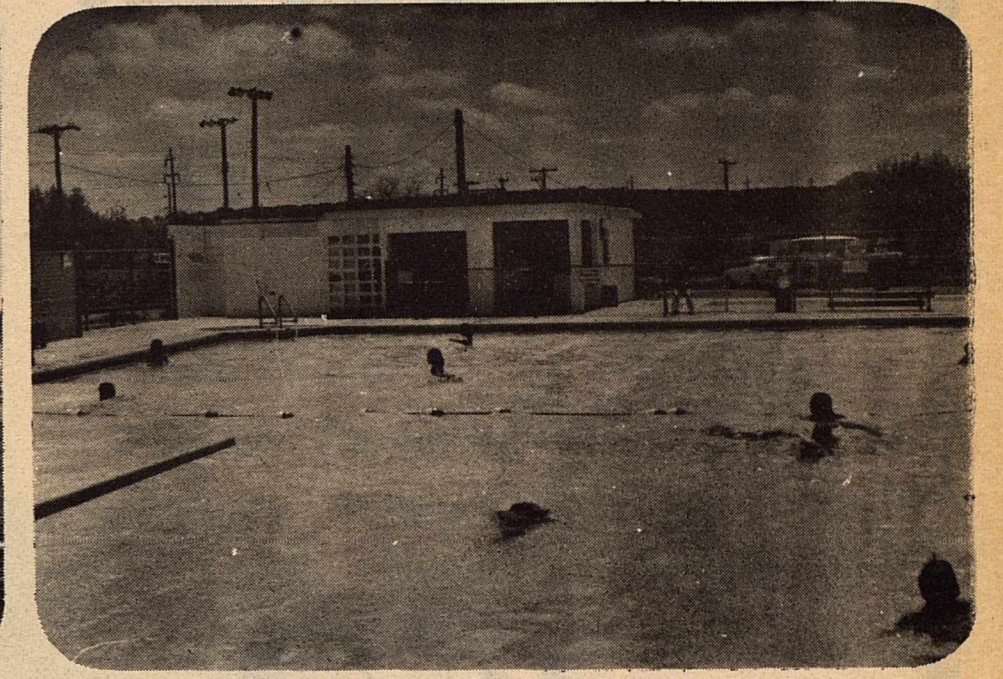
Sonora definitely has an abundance of activities for those who want to get involved.



The Sonora golf course provides year-round recreation for many golfers from Sonora and surrounding areas.



The rodeo arena at the Sutton County Sonora Community park is just one of the many accomplishments of the Park Board.

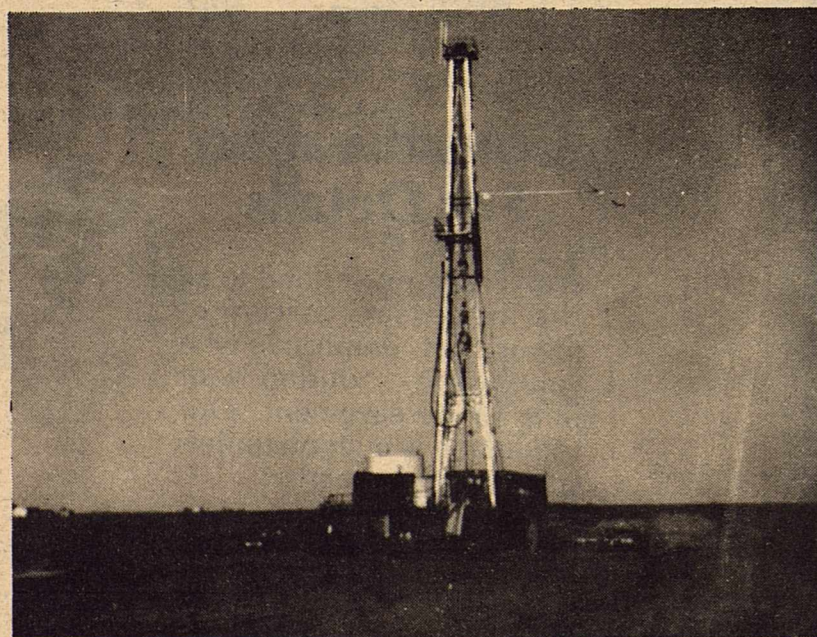


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Sports Tradition

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In 1971, the Broncos tied for the State Championship with Bill Scoggins as the head coach.

Sonora boasts state championships in two other areas as well. Bill Harle, now the owner of White's Auto, and J.T. Hill, owner of Ruth Shurley Jewelry, coached the boys track team to the State crown in 1973.

Cora Pope and Carol McAllister won the girls' doubles tennis crown in 1974 and were coached by Travis Harkins.

Girls' athletics removed volleyball from the sports list in 1968-69 and replaced it with basketball. Track was added a year later.

The girls' basketball team won their first district title in 1976-77 and the track team of 1969-70 went to the state track meet before it was U.I.L. sanctioned. The track team of 1977-78 won second place in district, sending 10 girls to the regional meet.

The boys golf team in 1973 and 1974 qualified for the state tournament under the leadership of Bob Snodgrass.

Hopkins complemented

his football players on their work in off-season training, and said he was encouraged by their attitude.

"Contact work will really tell," Hopkins said. "We have some good dedicated senior boys, and the season will really hinge their attitude."

The preseason workouts are scheduled for Aug. 14. All coaching vacancies in high school have been filled for this year.

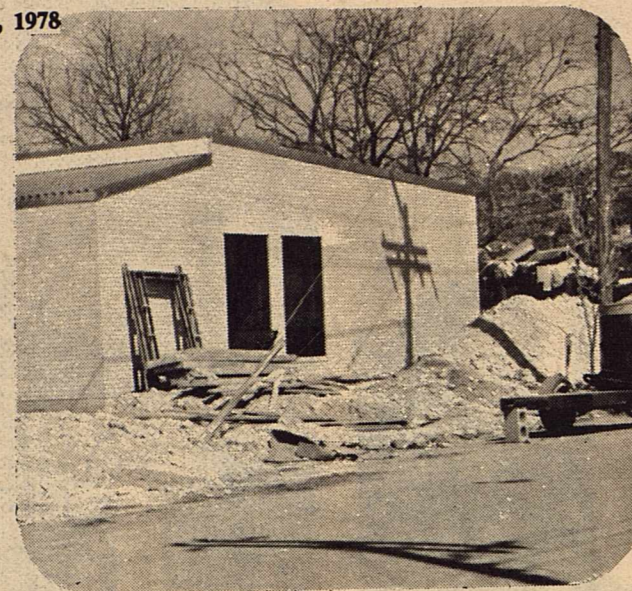
Donald Patton and Bob Snodgrass will assist Hopkins with varsity football, while Roy Evans and Terry Campbell will handle the junior varsity chores.

Bill Shaw is the new varsity basketball coach. Campbell will assist him and also coach the j.v. squad.

Tally Kelso will lead the varsity girls basketball and be assisted by Gay Adams who will also handle the j.v. girls.

Evans and Campbell will coach boys track while Patton and Adams will take the girls.

Pam Schulze will again take on the tennis chores and Oliver Wuest the golf team.



The new vocational building, to be opened this fall, will add several programs to the school's diversified curriculum.



School administrators are: (left to right) Superintendent Dr. Joe Andrews, Director of Instruction Wendell McAndrew, Tax Assessor-Collector Don Wooten, Junior High Principal Smith Neal and new High School principal Don Jones. Not pictured is Elementary Principal Harold Miller.

Band Program

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the 7th and 8th grades. This is a performing and competing organization. If a student has not been in the band and decides to join band in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades, there are special classes that will enable a student to start at any of these grade levels.

The last and most important step in the band program of the Sonora Schools is the 'Mighty' Bronco Band.

This organization of elite students usually numbers

120 members from grades 9-12.

This band performs for all Bronco football half-times and competes in U.I.L. Marching, Concert Playing, and Sight-Reading Contests.

The 'Mighty' Bronco Band also competes in the Sandy Lake Band Festival at Lewisville and is a consistent first - division winner in all phases of competition.

An added feature of the High School Band is the "Stage Band". This is a smaller (26 members) group that plays more current and popular music. This group has emerged as a first place winner in AA stage band competition.

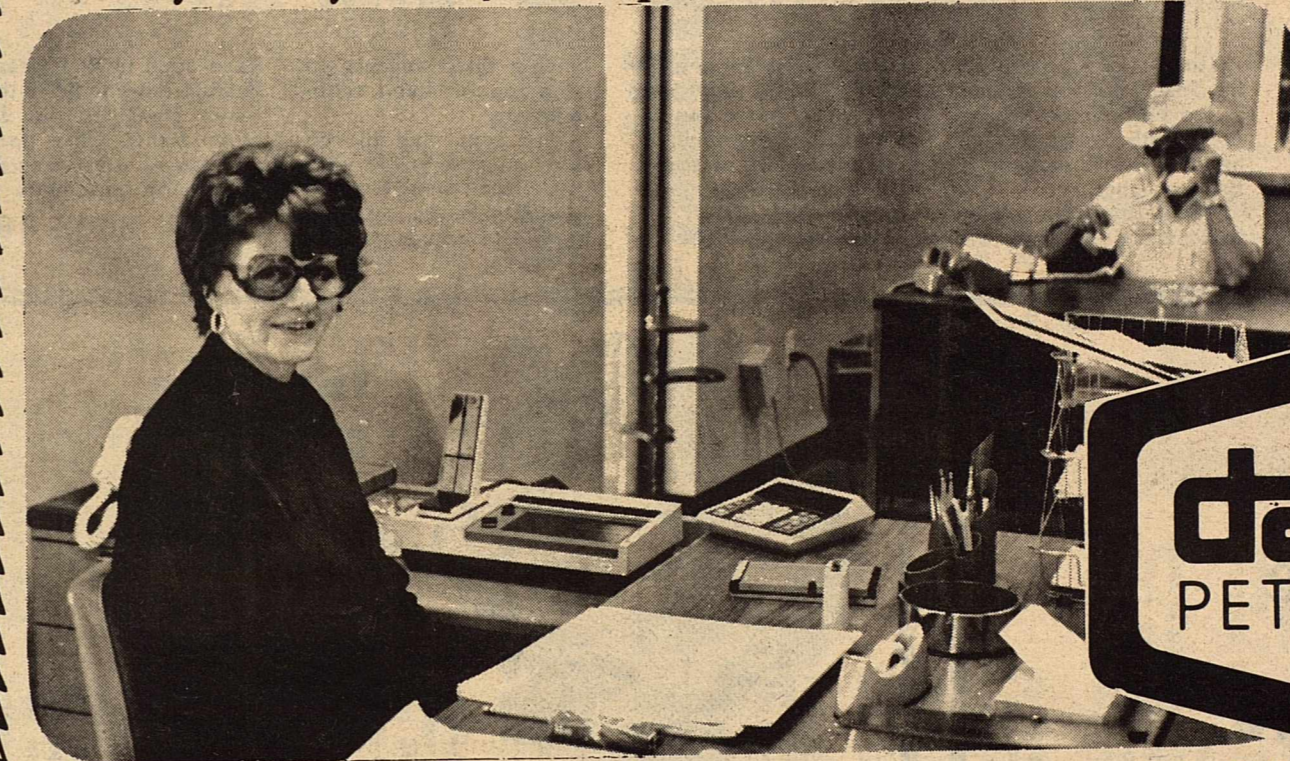
Encouraging the entire music program are the administration, the school board, plus a very active band boosters' organization.

Directors of the bands are Ed Martinez and Thom Lemmons.

For next year, Cindy Lee Taylor, a recent graduate of Angelo State University, has been employed as choral director and will assist with the band program.



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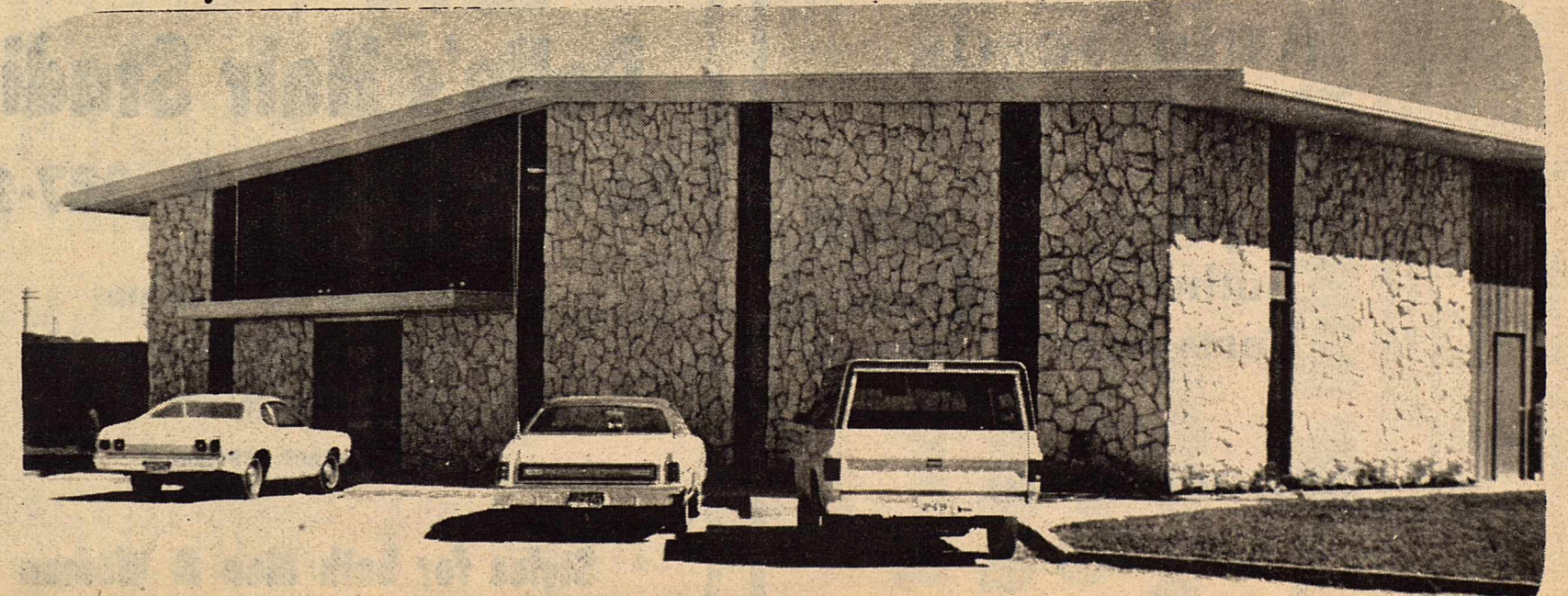
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Sonora School System grows with town

The closing years of the 1970's finds the Sonora Independent School District in its best condition in history.

Numerous projects have been completed since Sonora's growth boom began; others are due to be finished shortly and still others are set to begin in the near future.

Among improvements in the last four years are the air conditioning of all buildings, the addition of 14 classrooms, the construction of a new track, the remodeling of the auditorium and the enlargement of the dressing rooms and grandstands at the football field.

The school also holds a fleet of new buses, and additional staff housing has been secured.

One of the major additions is the construction of the new vocational building, scheduled to be completed for use this fall.

Programs to be offered in the new building include wood-working, metal trades (including welding), distributive education, drafting and general construction trades.

The building also contains two spare classrooms. If the construction

trades fail to generate enough interest, the room they would have used plus the two other classrooms could be used for a vocational agriculture program if it is approved.

The biggest program for the future is the construction of the new junior high. The district will begin accepting bids July 14 and completion is expected by the beginning of the 1979 school year.

A model of the new building is now on display in the lobby of the First National Bank.

A \$900,000 bond issue was passed last year, and the school will pay the remaining \$500,000 out of past revenues.

Dr. Joe Andrews, superintendent of schools, stated the school is already a year ahead on the debt repayment. This will help reduce the debt greatly and also give the district a buffer should financial difficulties hit during the seven-year repayment period.

The board also began taking bids last week to remodel the old gymnasium. The court will be redone with the old bleachers taken out and fold-down stands added.

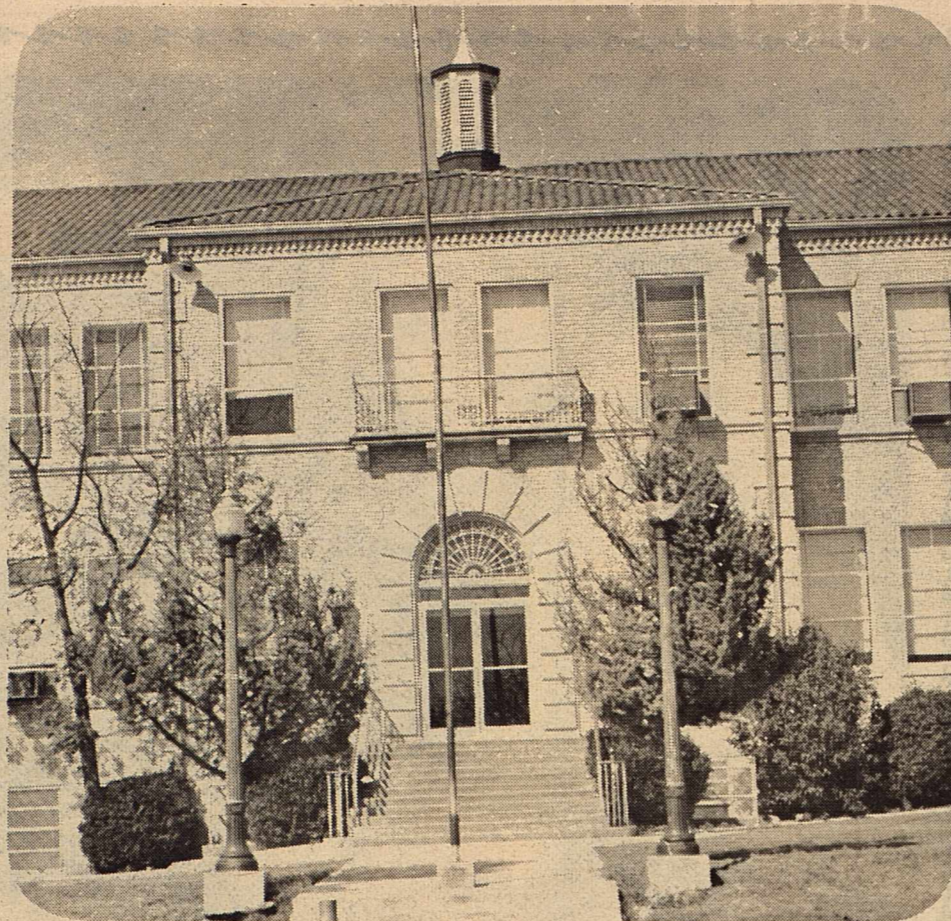
The storage rooms on the west end will be made

into band practice rooms and the old woodwork shop will be changed into dressing rooms and a spare classroom.

The fieldhouse is also being remodeled to include girls' dressing rooms, and construction of the new bus barn is near completion.

School board members include James Hunt, Mary Adele Balch, Dorothy Pope, Don Lawson, Bud Whitehead, Sam Perez and Sam Stewart.

Principals are Don Jones, high school; Smith Neal, junior high; and Harold Miller, elementary. Wendell McAndrew is the new director of instruction, and Don Wooten is tax accessor-collector.



Sonora High School acts as the hub for the ever-expanding campus of the Sonora Independent School District.

Band program starts students early

The Band Program of the Sonora Schools begins in the Fifth-Grade, where every Fifth Grader has an opportunity to become a Band member.

All of the Fifth grade students for the first two

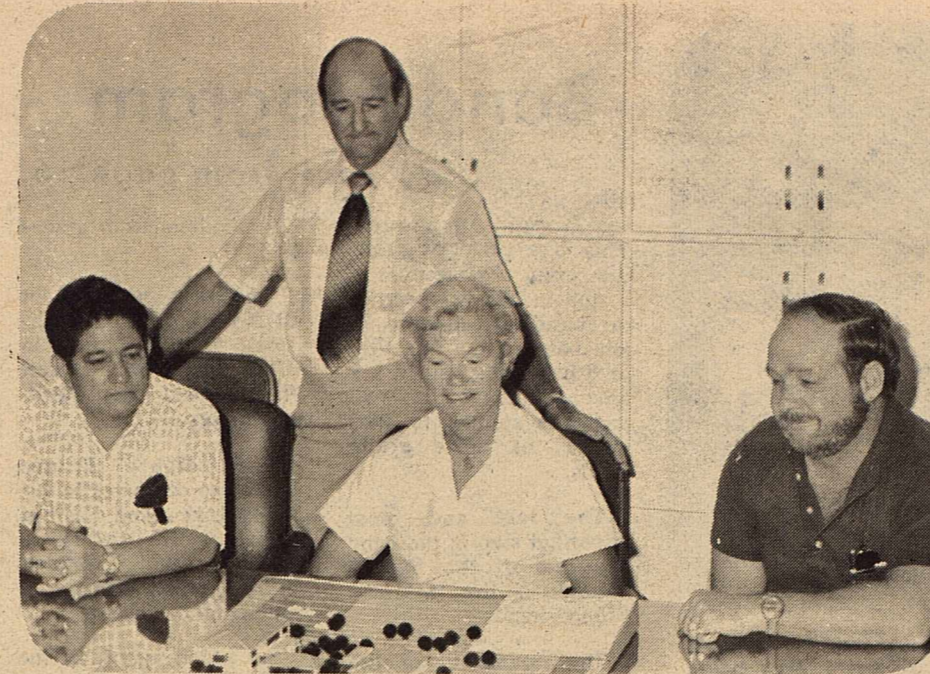
weeks of school go to band class. There they are taught the basic fundamentals of all instruments. After two weeks of school and band classes, these students are tested for musical capabilities. Short-

ly after that, students go on a regular band schedule.

The next step in the band program is the sixth grade band. Some 60 to 70 students make up this band. These students must

have been in fifth grade band in order to be in this band. Next, is the Jr. High Band. This band consists of approximately 100 young bandmen in

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Superintendent Dr. Joe Andrews and trustees Sam Perez, Dorothy Pope and Don Lawson inspect the model of the new junior high. The model is now on display in the lobby of the First National Bank.

Sports Wealthy in tradition

by Kay Holdridge

The Sonora High School athletic department can count itself as wealthy, both in assets and tradition.

The department has new tennis courts and a new track; the grandstands at the football field have recently been enlarged and they can boast of a very modern gymnasium.

Other projects now underway include the remodeling of the old gym

and an overhaul of the field house.

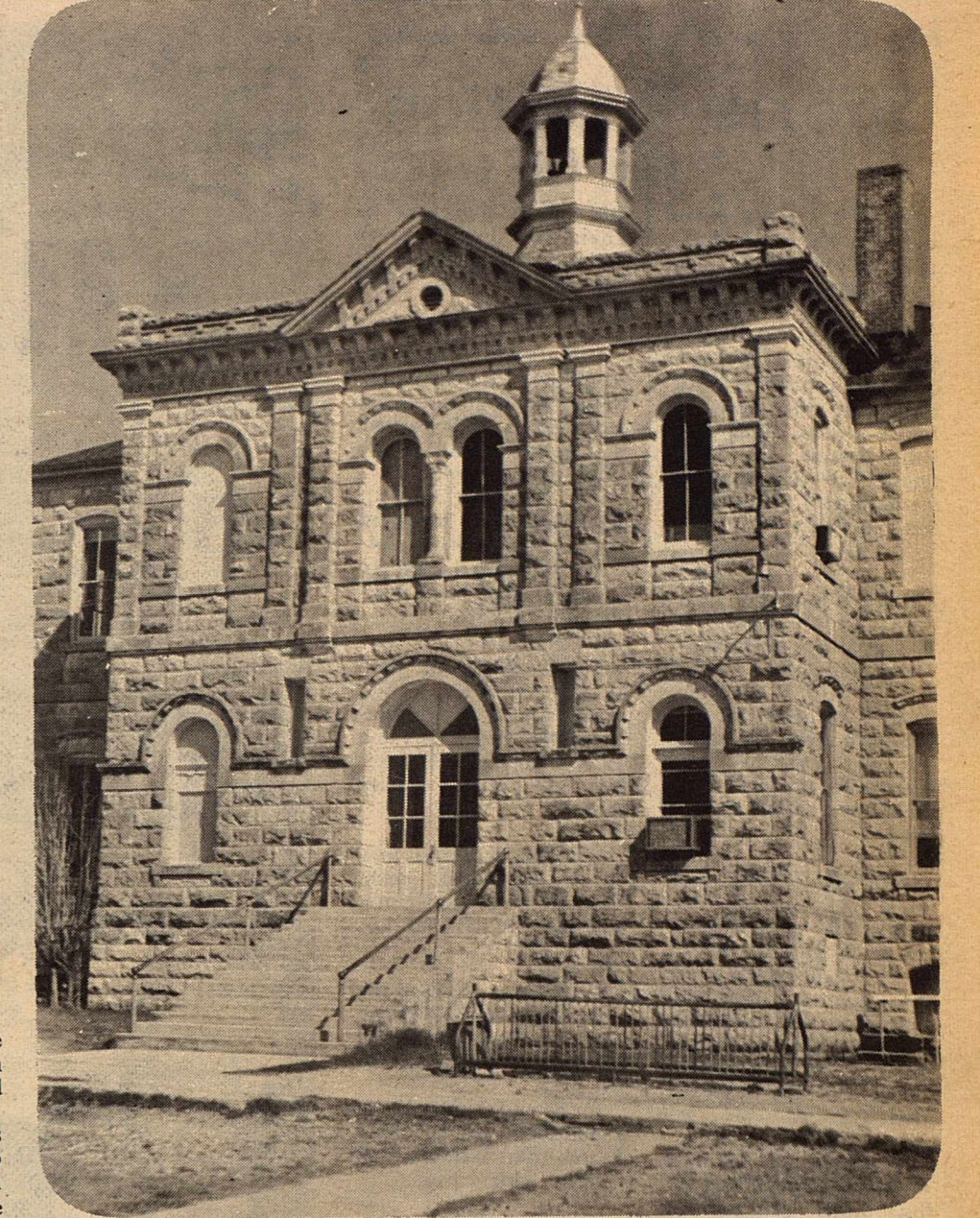
The fieldhouse has been redesigned to include girls' dressing rooms and the possibility of the addition of separate junior high dressing rooms still exist.

After an eight-year stint in the AAAA ranks, Jerry Hopkins has returned as athletic director and head football coach in the town where his reputation as a winner was established.

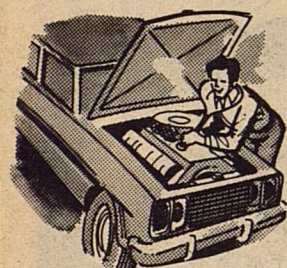
Under Hopkins and assistant coach, Denny Hays, Sonora went to the State Championship game four times, winning three. The Broncos were the State A Champions in 1966, 1968, and 1970 and runners-up in 1969.

Also assisting Hopkins and Hays was Bob Snodgrass, who, after an absence, will rejoin the ranks of Sonora football coaches.

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Sonora Junior High, built in 1904, is the monarch of the school's building. Though junior high students will move to another location soon, it will continue to be used.



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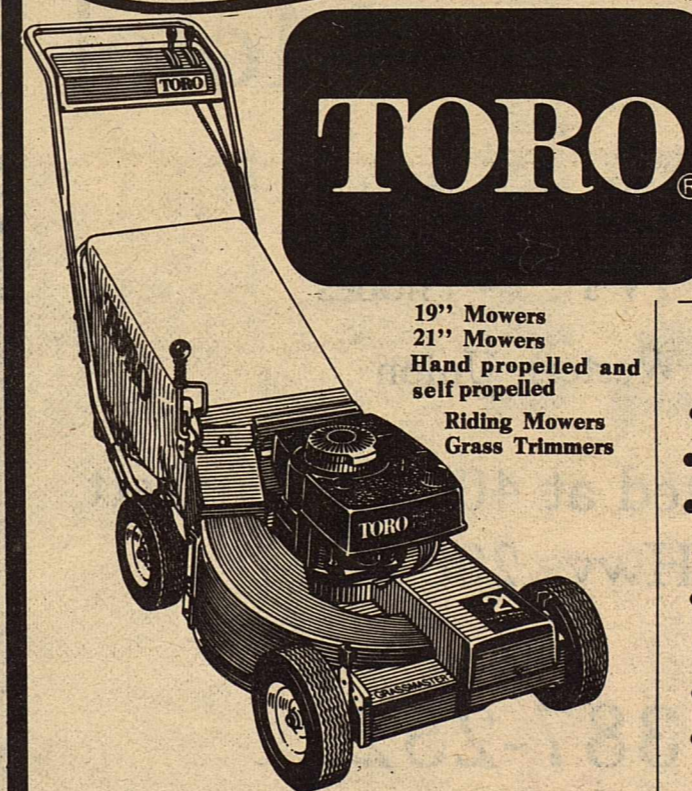
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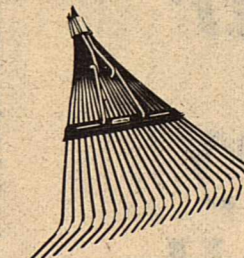
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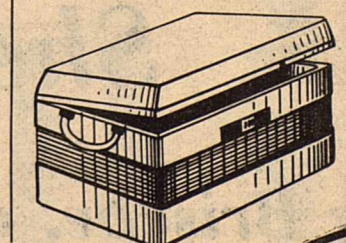


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