

Coming Events

July 19
Extension Family Living Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at the 4-H Center meeting room.

July 24
District 4-H Fashion Revue, San Antonio.

July 25
Open Installation of Officers of Dee Ora Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

July 31
District 4-H Record Book Judging, Uvalde.

August 2
Independent Cattleman's Association Meeting, convention planning.

August 2
Sutton County Committee on Aging

meeting, 10 a.m., at the Senior Center.

August 6-11
Girl Scout Day Camp

August 11
Election for Separation of Tax Office and Sheriff's Office.

August 23
Program on Angora Goats sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

August 23, 24, 25
Sutton County Days Celebration

August 27
Teachers report back to school

September 4
School Begins

Major League All-Star Win

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The Sonora Little League All Stars were in action this past Saturday and Monday. The 13 year old team lost to San Angelo West by a score of 12-7. The 14-15 year old team also lost to the San Angelo West team by a score of 11-9.

The Major League All Stars won over San Angelo North by a score of 8-3. The Major Leagueers will play Pecos here Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Little League field by the swimming pool. The 13 year old team and the 14-15 year old team will play Wednesday at the other park beginning at 6 p.m.

Jim Edwards, president of the Texas Association of the U.S. Slow Pitch Softball Association, has extended an invitation to the Sonora slow pitch team to compete in the National Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio. The tournament will be held Labor Day weekend.

The Sonora team represents the Sonora Men's Softball League. The team recently won third place at a tournament in Odessa qualifying them for the State Tournament. However, the invitation to the National Tournament will make it

possible for the team to go straight in the national Tourney, instead of competing in the State Tourney.

At this time, team spokesman, Bruce Kerbow said that there will be a problem in getting enough money to send the team to the tournament. Kerbow estimates it will take \$4000 to send the team to Cincinnati for three nights. "This is a good opportunity for us to represent Sonora in a National level of competition," Bruce stated, the added, "there is no telling when we would get another opportunity like this."

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City Council Meets

The Sonora City Council met Tuesday, July 17. City Manager, Jim Dover, discussed several items with the Council.

Jim informed the Council that 701 funds were again available to the City and that he was making application for use of the funds. The funds are available for use in planning for housing, streets, water, etc.

Dover also told the Council that Barbara Sparks of the Housing Division would come to Sonora upon request to assist in development of a Housing Authority.

The Council also discussed Senate Bill 621 that requires the combination of City and School tax offices. The bill requires that a central tax office be operational by January 1, 1982.

The new engineers handling the sewer plant for the city feel that plans can go ahead and that they

will be able to meet State deadlines in submitting plans for the sewer project. The Council voted to sign the agreement authorizing the firm to do the work on Step I of the project. The cost will be less than \$7,000, for this planning stage.

In other action, the Council appointed Mary Owensby to coordinate zoning problems with the county in respect to the Airport. Plans are underway to make

improvements but before Federal funds can be received the area around it must be zoned to prevent any building of obstacles that might be a hazard to aviation around the airport. However, since much of the area in question is outside city limits, the County will have to be brought into the zoning process.

In other zoning matters, the Council approved zoning Committee action with one exception. Ruben Flores' petition to put a mobile

home next to the Boarder Patrol Office was given approval for six months only. The Council directed that a letter be sent to Mrs. Ashley, owner of the property, saying that any home on that location must meet zoning ordinances. The home must be at least 25 feet back from the street on both ends. About two years ago, a mobile home was made to move from the location because it was too close to the street.

The petition to allow Image to stay where it is now was approved. Frank Adkins' request to change classification of his property East of Bond Road from Ranch and Estate to C-1 Retail was also approved.

The last action the Council took was to approve a motion to put a six inch water line to the back of the Hospital. The line is necessary to allow the Hospital enough water to install a sprinkler system. The City's cost will be about \$2,000 using City crews.



The Sonora Major League All-Stars of the Little League are Sonny Dean, Abel Sanchez, Daniel Garza, Jesse Parades, Jeff Tidwell, Milton Castilleja, Lonnie Blankenship, John David Martinez, John Paul Ponsetti, Esaw Ramirez, III, Dale Hodnett, Tim Schabel, Fernando Trevino, Rodney Speers, Jackie Sinks, and Jack Duren coaches.

4-H'ers Hold Horsemanship School

32 4-H members and 4-H leaders from Sutton and other area counties participated in the 4-H Horsemanship School at the Sonora-Sutton County Park Arena, July 9-11. Diane Burns and JoAnn Tunnell, Extension Horse Program Aides from Texas A&M University served as instructors for the three day

school. David Walsh, local 4-H Horse Committee Chairman was responsible for organizing the school and was assisted by other local 4-H leaders in supervising the event.

The instructors were complimented by the participants on the organization and conduct of the

training sessions that covered a period of eight hours each day.

4-H Horse Leaders were extremely enthusiastic about the training that they received along with our boys and girls and they expressed a desire for the Extension Service to continue the Horsemanship Schools each year.



Pictured above are the Senior Division All-Stars representing Sonora Little League in the playoffs. Back Row; Terry Vickers, Alternate, Chris Reynolds, Allen Stewart, John Blankenship, Mark Doan, Jimmy Gonzales, and Manager Chlp Savell. Front Row; Alex Noriega, Albert Chavez, Randy Mounce, Tino Martinez, Eddie Valjejo. Not pictured but also on the team are Scott Savell, Devoo Smith, Phillip Kemp, and Jorge Sanchez.

New Animal Control Office Hired

Jim Dover, City Manager, announced Monday that the city has hired Bill Lamb as the Animal Control Officer. Bill started work

Monday morning. Regular duty hours will be 8-5 daily, but arrangements are being made for emergency calls after hours. If you

need the Animal Control Officer, call 387-3888. To be Effective, the public must call when they see stray animals running loose.

Sonora Will Receive Special Salute

The International Petroleum Exposition will salute Sonora, Texas, as one of the leading oil centers of the United States at its 56th anniversary event, September 10-13, 1979, in Tulsa Oklahoma according to John M. Houchin, IPE president.

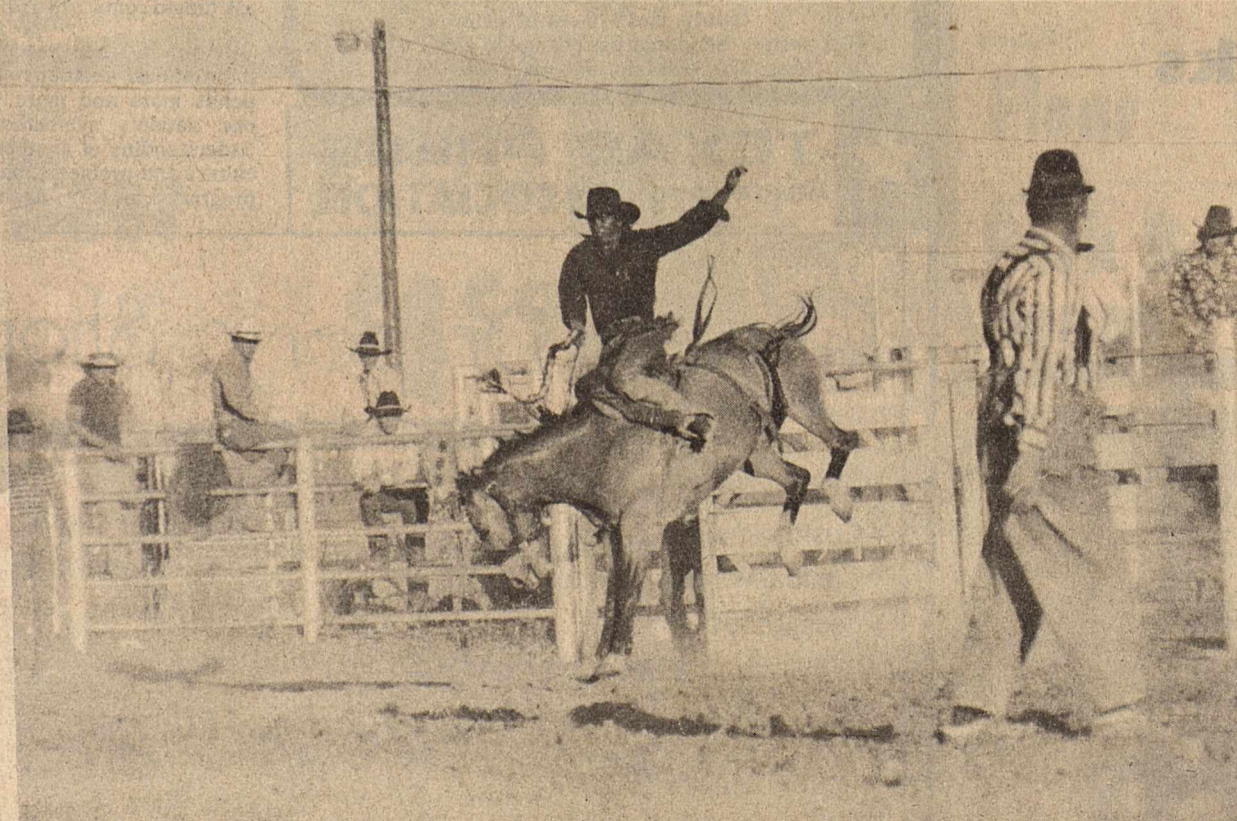
The Tulsa Onshore Oil Show, first held in 1923, will have 10 1/2 acres of inside exhibits in an airconditioned building large enough to house seven regulation football fields, plus five acres of outside space for larger, moving equipment.

Exhibits will represent the

exploration, drilling, production, pipeline and refinery/petrochemical divisions of the oil industry.

A special lounge will be furnished for Independent oil men.

Attendance of 40,000 oil men from 50 states of the union and over 60 nations are expected, Houchin said.



Rodeo action will get underway August 23, 24, and 25 during the Sutton County Days Celebration. The Devil's River Rodeo Company will provide stock for the rodeo. Saturday night of the rodeo, the Queen will be crowned.

Sutton County Days Features Fun For All

The Sutton County Days celebration sponsored by the Jaycees is scheduled for August 23, 24 and 25. The annual celebration will kick off with a three day professional rodeo Thursday night and run through Saturday night when the Rodeo Queen will be crowned.

Friday will feature a barbecue and entertainment by a band before the rodeo. The barbecue will be in front of the Sutton County Courthouse.

Saturday will be a full day of entertainment. There will be arts and crafts booths, games, a Little Miss Sutton County Contest and an

Old Fiddler's Contest. Entertainment will be provided by the Sonora High Stage Band.

You will want to make all the festivities and rodeo each night. There will be something for everyone, young and old alike!

West Com, Inc. Takes Over Leader

West Com, Inc. has assumed operation of the Schleicher County Leader as of the 1st of July. The

Eldorado paper makes six papers published by West Com. Gus Allen

president of West Com. said, "We feel that this will add to the market potential for both Sonora and Eldorado. We are proud to serve the people of Eldorado."

The Leader will be produced here

in Sonora in conjunction with the Devil's River News but will retain its own identity as the community

paper for Eldorado. Nell Edmiston will remain as editor of the Leader.

Duplicate Bridge Winners

Duplicate Bridge winners for the game held on the 4th of July were Ruth Shurley and Jo Nell Johnson first place, Lu Knight and Pete Finley second place, and Lucy and

Robert Kelly took third place. The next duplicate bridge game is set for July 18 at the Girl Scout Hut at 7 p.m.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

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Bill, Blanche, Royce, Nanetta, John, Resa, Rhonda.

Men's Softball League Back In Action

Men's softball got back to a slow start after a week off for the 4th of July Holiday. We are still playing ball starting at 7:30p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, and 6:30p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday so come on out and watch your favorite team.

In action last week, Whiz took HNG by a score

of 16-5. The Whiz came on strong in the bottom of the first to take a 7-0 lead with HNG coming back in the top of the second to hold them with 3 up and 3 down but was still unable to put a run over the plate.

They made 2 runs in the third and was unable to put a game together with three up and three down in the last four innings of the game. Halberts put three runs on the book in the second, one in the sixth and two in the seventh.

HNG scored four runs on two hits and two on a double and three errors by OFT. OFT scored one run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 12-12 and send the game into extra innings. In the top of the eighth HNG scored two runs to take the lead but OFT came back in the bottom of the ninth to score one run on errors and a sacrifice fly by Kevin Snyder.

The Gassers dropped another close one to Bishop by a 14-13 score. In a game that started slowly for softball, the Gassers took a two run lead in the fifth despite Bishops Robert Day's back to back home runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Standings

Men's Softball Standings American League Whiz 12-1; Bishop 10-3; Hooper 7-6; Gassers 5-8; Dresser 4-6; Dowell 3-9; National League Antiques 11-3; Amoco 8-5; Halberts 7-4; HNG 6-7; western 5-7; OFT 3-9; S&S 2-12.

Western dropped their second game of the week to the Antiques by a 20-3 score. The Antiques came on very strong with 27 hits for 20 runs while Western only managed to get 13 hits and 3 runs off the Antiques pitcher, Mike Sipes.

OFT slipped past HNG by one run, 15-14. In a slow starting game that soon became a close and exciting one, HNG took a 6 run lead in the top of the second that was closed to just two runs in the bottom of the third as HNG let two runners score on an error.

Hooper jumped on Dowell by a 33-1 score. Playing with only nine players and using a substitute pitcher, Dowell went down to a whopping defeat. Dowell conceded in the bottom of the fourth.

The top of the seventh, the Gassers once again took the lead by getting three runs on three Bishop errors but were unable to hold Bishop in the bottom of the ninth when, with two men on base James White hit a base hit and the Gassers committed an error to bring the winning runs.

Dowell took the forfeit win over Dresser.

Halberts ran past Gassers 17-7. Halberts Larry Mitchells first home run of the season helped his team take a 11-5 lead over the Gassers in the first inning, a lead that the Gassers were unable to

Amoco got past S&S 19-9. With both teams playing with only nine men, S&S played a strong game with the score standing at 14-9 for Amoco in the bottom of the fifth. Taking advantage of six errors in the sixth or seventh, Amoco scored five runs while S&S were unable to score either inning for a final of 19-9.

Gene Jackson faced 39 batters, allowed 19 hits, 2 home runs, and walked three. Robert Day for Bishop faced 44 batters and allowed 30 hits.

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Sonora Little League Team Wins-Faces Pecos Tonight

A six run sixth inning explosion, keyed by Esau Ramirez's three run double, carried the Sonora Little League All-Stars to a 8-3 victory over the San Angelo Northern Little League All-Stars in San Angelo Monday night.

Sonora held the lead until two singles and a throwing error tied the score at 1-1 after two innings. Losing pitcher, Rudy Sanchez, started the rally with a single and scored Northern's first run.

innings. Lonnie Blankenship, who struck out nine batters while walking none, he helped his own cause when he blasted a 3-2 pitch over the right-center field fence to tie the game at 2-2.

and Dale Hodnett's single loaded the bases. Ramirez then came through with his double to give Sonora a 5-3 lead. After Ponsetti was hit by a pitch, Jeff Tidwell's single and Sonny Dean's double added three more runs for an 8-3 cushion.

Sonora opened the scoring in the first inning as Dale Hodnett and Esau Ramirez drew walks. John Ponsetti then gave his team a 1-0 lead when he bounced the ball over the left field fence for a

After a scoreless third inning, Sanchez scored again after being hit by a pitch and scoring on singles by Hunt and Martinez as San Angelo took a 2-1 lead after four

John David Martinez opened the sixth with a line drive single to right. Then, with one out, Daniel Garza was hit by a pitch

If Sonora wins against Pecos they would play again Friday night and a victory then would propel them to the District Championship Game on Saturday. Take time to support the All-Stars; they will appreciate it.

Host Homes Needed For Foreign Exchange Students

Over twenty-five hundred foreign students will come to the U.S. for the coming school year, or for 3 or 6-month periods under the sponsorship of International Fellowship, Inc. This non-profit organization is

now in its 27th year and is the largest exchange student program in Latin America. I.F.I. also maintains chapters in Europe and in the Orient.

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The students range from 14 to 18. They are recommended by their own schools, screened by the foreign chapter of I.F.I. and for the most part, speak English. They come, not as guests but as members of the family, sharing in the tasks, and the family hosting them may claim them for income tax purposes.

For each foreign student attending a U.S. High School, that school is eligible to send a student abroad. The scholarship fee includes transportation both ways, room, board, tuition, insurance and the services of the I.F.I. chapter in the foreign country.

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Families willing to host a student may write or call collect to the Western Office of International Fellowship, Inc., Post Office Box 1212, Sedona, Arizona 86336, or call the principal or other concerned educator at your High School and ask him to contact the I.F.I.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Galindo, Sr. celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary July 14. The double ring ceremony, reception, and dance was held at the 4-H Center.

Galindo's Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A double ring ceremony, reception and dance marked the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Galindo, Sr. Saturday July 14th.

The couple were married July 14, 1929 in Sonora. She is the former Rosa Morales. He is a retired ranch foreman and had been employed since 1920 by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt.

The honorees have four children, Braulio and Samuel Galindo of San Antonio, and Pedro Galindo, Jr and Nilda Hernandez of Sonora. The couple's children, their spouses and grandchildren hosted the event, which was held at the 4-H Center.

Performing the religious ceremony was Rev. Frank (Gene) Flores a former Sonoran, who is now residing in San Antonio. Lighting the gold candles were the couple's children and while the couple exchanged rings, Mrs. Nilda Hernandez sang. After the ceremony, the couple's children and grandchildren sang. Both songs were written by Mrs. Hernandez. The couples honor attendants for their wedding in 1929, served again. They are Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Sanchez, Sr.

The guest book table was laid with a white lace tablecloth and a gold candle candelabra, white roses and candles. Also a picture of the couple taken in 1929 and their original wedding invitation was displayed along with a decoupage of the 50th wedding invitation. Registering guests were: Mrs. Lowell Smalling of Del Rio and Mrs. Santiago Gonzales of Sonora. The brides table featured a handmade white net tablecloth, with felt roses and seed pearls. The tablecloth belongs to Mrs. Velma Hunt.

The ten tier wedding cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Vita

Girl Scouts Set Day Camp-Aug. 6-11

The Girl Scouts will be having a Day Camp August 6-11. The camp will be held each day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Haney Davis Ranch, 2 miles north on Highway 277.

The fee for the camp is \$4.00 for Browne Scouts and \$6.00 for all other scouts. One dollar extra will be charged for non-scouts to cover insurance costs. Registration forms should be in by July 28.

Day Camp director, Edna Duren at 706 Prospect, 387-3943, or Susie Ramirez, of 1607 Glasscock, 387-2332 will take the registration forms.

Girls are to be at the Girl Scout Hut by 8:30 a.m. each morning for transportation to the camp. Arrangements should be made to pick up the girls after the camp or a note should be written indicating that a girl may walk home.

There will be a need for mothers to be leaders and help, please call Edna to drivers. If anyone can let her know.

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Soil's Structure Important

The secret to proper lawn and garden irrigation lies in the soil's structure, says Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

In a tight, compact soil, water movement is slow. Therefore, if you apply water faster than the soil can absorb it, it will run off the surface and be wasted.

At first, irrigation saturates the soil's top layer. The water's downward movement is then influenced by soil structure,

explains Clint. In a tight, compact soil, water movement is slow. Therefore, if you apply water faster than the soil can absorb it, it will run off the surface and be wasted. Clint says professional golf greens keepers use special timing mechanisms to repeat 5 to 10 minutes irrigation every 20 to 30 minutes until soil is wetted to a depth of 10 inches.

Depending on soil type and amount of vegetation, the soil won't require water for about 10 days. This system allows water to saturate the top soil, then redistribute itself uniformly in the soil below.

Sprinklers covering large areas but with a slow discharge rate are also efficient, says Clint. It may require six hours to saturate soil to the necessary depth, but there will be little or no surface runoff.

To check moisture penetration, push a 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick steel rod into the soil, suggests Langford. In a freshly-watered lawn, it can easily be pushed to the wet soil depth. Pushing becomes more difficult when reaching dry soil.

Deep watering at infrequent intervals encourages deeper plant root penetration since roots move only through moist soil, explains Clint. Roots don't "grow down" to find water.

In turn, light watering at frequent intervals merely encourages shallow roots which push above the surface, making lawn mowing difficult.

Therefore, to get maximum benefit with minimum watering keep the soil's structure in mind when irrigating, emphasizes Langford.

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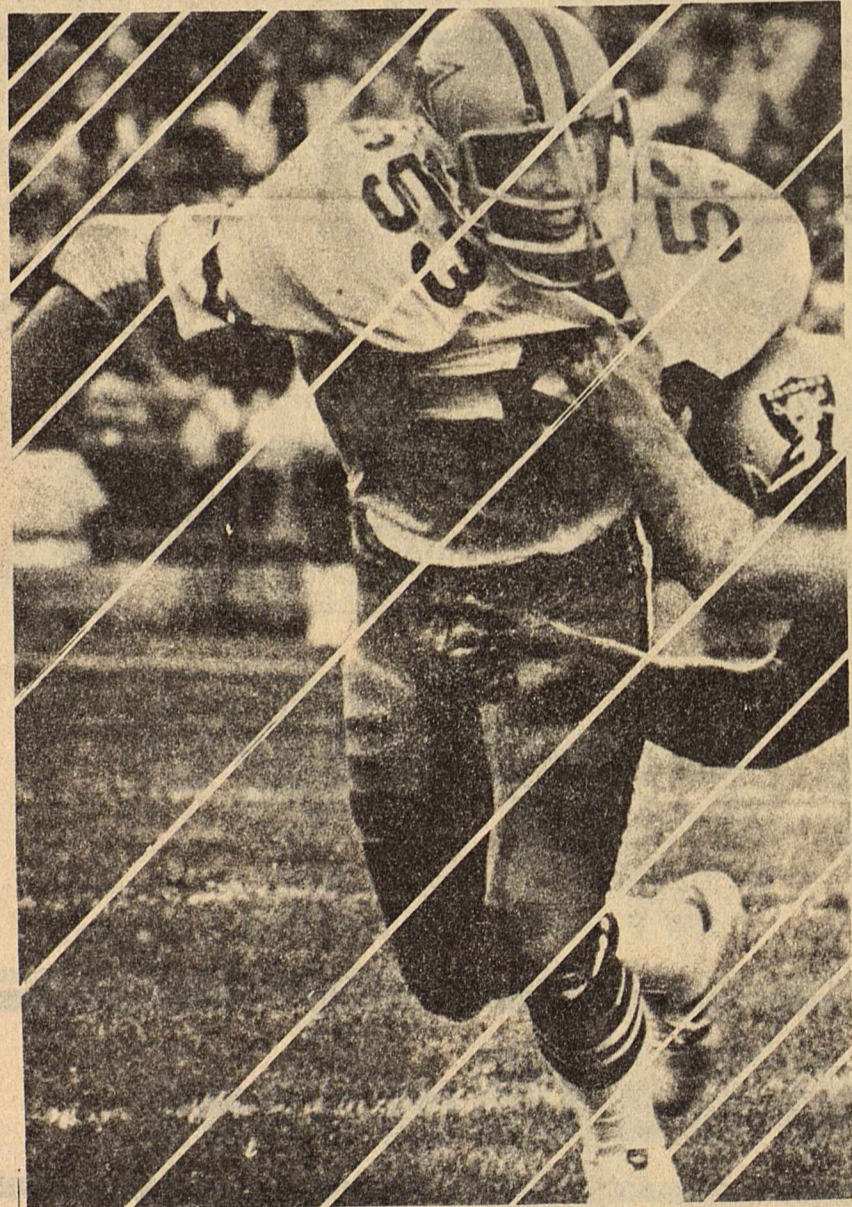
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Rosie Zapata Attending YCC Program

Rosie Zapata of Sonora is among approximately 100 young men and women from Texas who are spending eight weeks participating in the Youth

Conservation Corps at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The YCC program provides summer jobs and an environmental education to youths aged 15-18. ASU has contracted with the federal Department of the Interior to conduct the camp providing room,

Best Buys At Texas Markets

Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include poultry products, pork cuts, soft summer fruits and several vegetable items.

Also, many hot-weather cooling items are on special, according to Gwen-

dolynne Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

POULTRY -- Chicken, turkey and eggs head the "budget meat" list this week.

In fact, poultry and eggs are priced about the same -- or just slightly higher -- than they were last year.

PORK -- Most smoked cuts are good values.

Also, specials appear on Boston butts, center chops, quarter-loins cut into chops, loin-end roasts, spare-ribs and liver.

FRESH FRUITS -- Good values include peaches,

plums, nectarines, bananas and grapes. Northwest cherries coming to market indicate a record crop.

Other budget items are cantaloupe, watermelon and honeydew melons, but their prices are still only at the moderate level.

FRESH VEGETABLES -- Best buys are potatoes, onions, cucumbers, carrots and cooking greens.

Other good buys are

soft-shell squash, okra, peppers, blackeye and purple hull peas, broccoli and corn.

Moderate prices appear on head and leaf lettuces,

cabbage, radishes and green onions.

GROCERY MARKET AISLES -- Specials include cake and pizza mixes, tea bags and drink mixes.

Also, catsup, barbecue sauces, pickles, stuffed olives, peanut butter and jelly.

BEEF -- Specials are chuck cuts, corned beef, ground beef, rib roasts and liver.

CONSUMER WATCH-WORDS: Build menus around meats "on special" -- for the biggest savings on your food bill, since meat is the most expensive item.

Rosie Zapata continued board, programmed work and free time activities. Serving as project director is Gary Sanderford, San Angelo junior high school science teacher. Assisting are 23 staff personnel and ten returning YCC participants who serve as youth leaders.

The enrollees work around area lakes--erecting barricades, concrete shade covers, barbecue pits and other projects. The campers also spend part of their time in ecology studies. During free time activities, the young people are able to make use of ASU recreational facilities.

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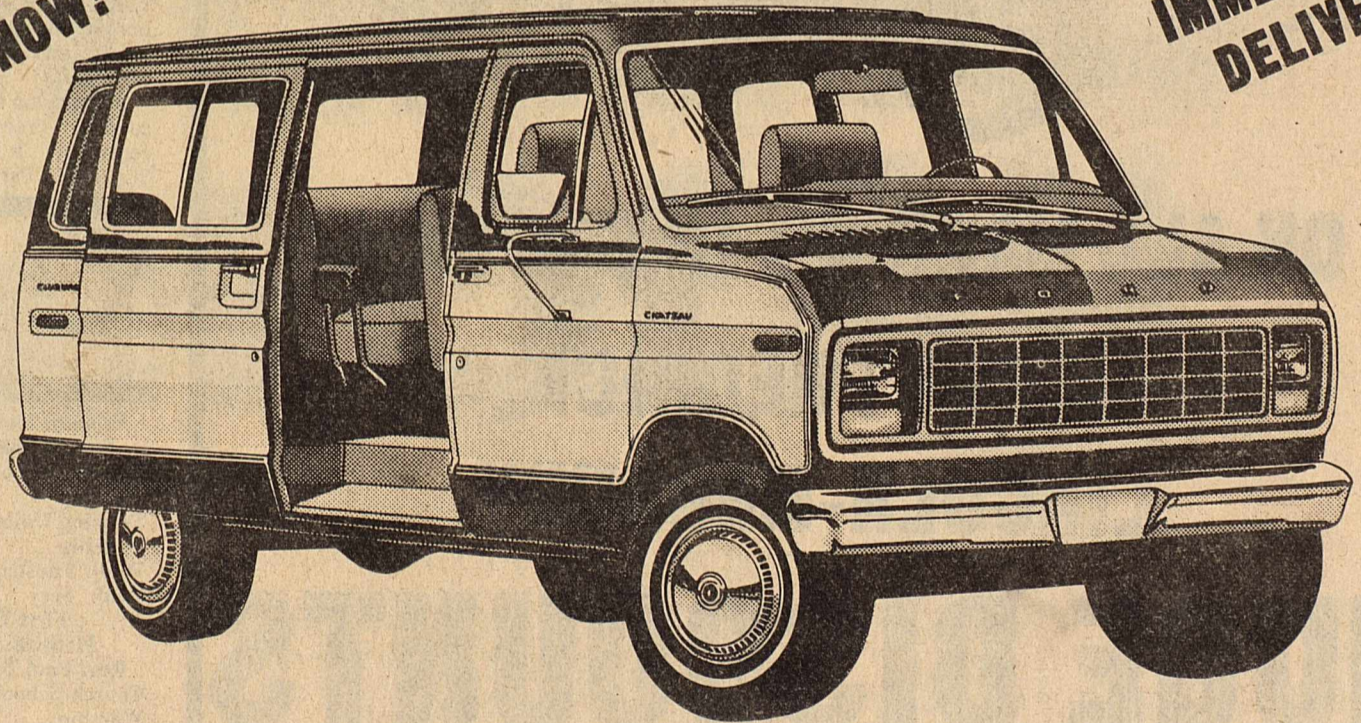
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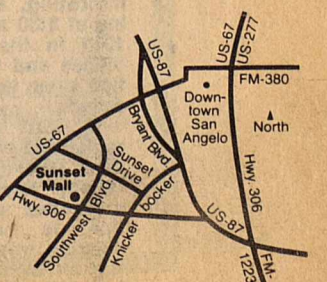
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Southwest Texas State University's Health and Physical Education and Athletics Departments and Cramer instructors. Among the 87 high school and college products, Inc., of Gardner, Kan. hosted an athletic trainers attending were, left to right, Abe Ramirez, Del trainers workshop July 9-12. Dr. Bobby Patton, left, Rio; Lee Burch, Sonora; and John McKinney, Cisco.

Christmas In July? Buying Now And Save

Christmas in July? Yes, if you want a "fight-inflation" plan for holiday gift giving, says Nancy Granovsky, a family resource management specialist.

Start shopping for "sale" items now and you can beat inflation, she says.

Mrs. Granovsky is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

First make a list of people you want to remember with gifts at Christmastime.

Then save some of those hot summer days for studying and shopping.

Many stores have "clearance sales" after the Fourth of July and other sales in August and more sales in the fall-to make room for fall and winter merchandise.

You can save substantial amounts of money if you shop carefully, but "careful

shopping" is the key, Mrs. Granovsky stresses.

Remember that sale items are usually "final"--with no exchange or refund privileges.

Be sure you have the right size and color, and make sure there are no defects in the merchandise, she cautions.

Use the "sale guide" below to plan your shopping, since each month usually marks special sales on various items:

JULY--marks sales on women's shoes, appliances, air conditioners, floor coverings.

AUGUST--marks sales on children's play clothes, white sales, furniture, back-to-school specials.

SEPTEMBER -- marks sales on housewares, "Labor Day" specials,

flower and vegetable seeds.

OCTOBER--sales on lingerie, fabrics, fur-trimmed winter clothing and toys (pre-Christmas rush).

NOVEMBER -- ladies coats and dresses, table linens, blankets, nursery plants.

DECEMBER--toys, winter clothing.

For more information about saving money at sales, contact your County Extension Office.

FACTS & FIGURES

Candy is dandy, but we aren't eating any more of it--or sugar--than we did 50 years ago.

In 1927, the average American consumed about 100 pounds of sugar (sucrose) per year, and just under 15 pounds of candy. Last year, each of us ate 95.7 pounds of sugar, and 15.4 pounds of candy. And the 50-year average has stayed in that range.

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Teach Children Safe Bicycling

Summer brings hordes of kids on bicycles streaming into the streets at all hours. To help children avoid accidents and adults cope with potential problems, the Texas Medical Association

offers some suggestions.

During the school year, drivers have learned to slow down when they see school zones. But summer means slowing down in lots of other areas.

Swimming pools and playgrounds attract youngsters in the summer so drivers should slow down when passing these areas, especially if there are warning signs or lights. Bike lanes, bike crossings and pedestrian crossings also

require extra attention.

Long summer days mean many children may be playing in these and other areas at twilight. During this time of day, parents should make sure children have reflectors on their bicycles and wear light-colored or reflective clothing. For riding at night, the law requires that bikes have a white headlight in front and a red reflector in back, reflectors attached to fenders and reflective armbands also can increase visibility.

Even under the best visibility conditions, children have little chance of avoiding accidents if their bicycles are in bad shape. A quick maintenance

check should include: making sure major nuts and bolts are tight, especially the ones for handlebars, pedals, wheels and seat; making sure brakes work well enough to skid on dry, hard pavement; inspecting tires for cracks and adequate tread; checking the bicycle frame for loose places or spots so rusty the frame might break. To operate smoothly, a bicycle may require other maintenance but these checks, along with necessary reflectors, are minimum steps to insure safety.

After giving a child the necessary equipment for safe bike riding, about the only other insurance from accidents is education. Most children are told to "be careful" but not many

fully realize what that means. Since bicycles have to follow the same laws as cars, one of the best ways to educate children is to discuss traffic situations with them while you are driving.

Sunset Mall To Open

Area shoppers will get their first chance to view a completed Sunset Mall during a gala event benefiting the San Angelo Symphony entitled "An Evening at Sunset Mall". The event will offer guests a special preview of the new 637,000 sq. ft. shopping center, which will have its formal grand opening on July 25th, in exchange for a \$20 donation to the Symphony. Co-sponsoring the evening are Brentwood County club, The San Angelo Clearing House Association, The San Angelo Standard Times, Hemphill Wells Company, and Luby's Romana Cafeterias. Those attending will find champagne, cocktails, cheese and delicious hors d'ouves as well as a variety of special activities planned for their entertainment.

Highlighting the evening, Victor Costa of Dallas will be showing his 1979 design collection in a fashion show sponsored by the Symphony Guild. Designs will be modeled by members of the Guild. Mr. Costa, two time winner and present nominee for the Dallas Fashion Flying Colors Award in Designer Dresses has created his 1979 collection for the aware woman. Known as the "Couture Inflation Fighter", Mr. Costa has received the Flying Colors Awards from major fashion buyers who say his designs are best received by their customers because the aware woman realizes she can develop an elegant, well rounded wardrobe without spending thousands of dollars doing so.

Adding a musical flavor to the evening will be string, woodwind, and brass quartets make up of local Symphony musicians

performing at various locations in the mall throughout the evening. The groups will be coordinated by Mr. Gene Smith, conductor of the San Angelo Symphony.

Guests will also be able to participate in a silent auction of merchandise donated by Mall merchants. As bids are received, they will be posted next to each item along with its retail value. Bidders will have the chance to obtain jewelry, appliances, fashion accessories and many other items through the auction.

Several stars of the Houston Oilers will be in attendance and as a grand door prize, the Symphony is offering an all expense paid trip for two to Houston where the winners will attend a special performance of the San Angelo Symphony as well as an Oilers football game at the Astrodome.

General Chairmen for

"An evening at Sunset Mall" are Nancy Batjer and Roger Dolliver. They are assisted by these committee chairmen: David Herremann, publicity; Jerre Crisp, silent auction; Debra Calhoun and Sheryl Grisen, style show; John Iman, food; Joel Sugg, beverages; and Gene Smith, music.

Donations are \$20 per person and all proceeds will go to the San Angelo Symphony and the Symphony Guild. The standard for dress will be semi-formal. Tickets are available at the door and at these locations: Hemphill Wells downtown store Bealls Department store in the Southwest Plaza; Phase I Furniture at 1735 Knickerbocker Rd.; Gabriels in the Village Shopping Center; Rio Concho Manor; Lakeview Drug at 2934 N. Chadbourne; and First Texas Savings branch office at 3402 Knickerbocker Rd. The benefit date will be Sunday, July 22.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I am researching a family history and I think some of your readers might be able to help me. I need information about Jim Pettigrew and Becky Adams Pettigrew. Their daughter, Jessica (born 1895 near Roosevelt) was my grandmother. Becky Adams' family were early settlers on the North Llano River at Cedar Hill in Sutton County. I don't know any

of their names.

If anyone can give me any information about the Pettigrews or Adams, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Becky Carney

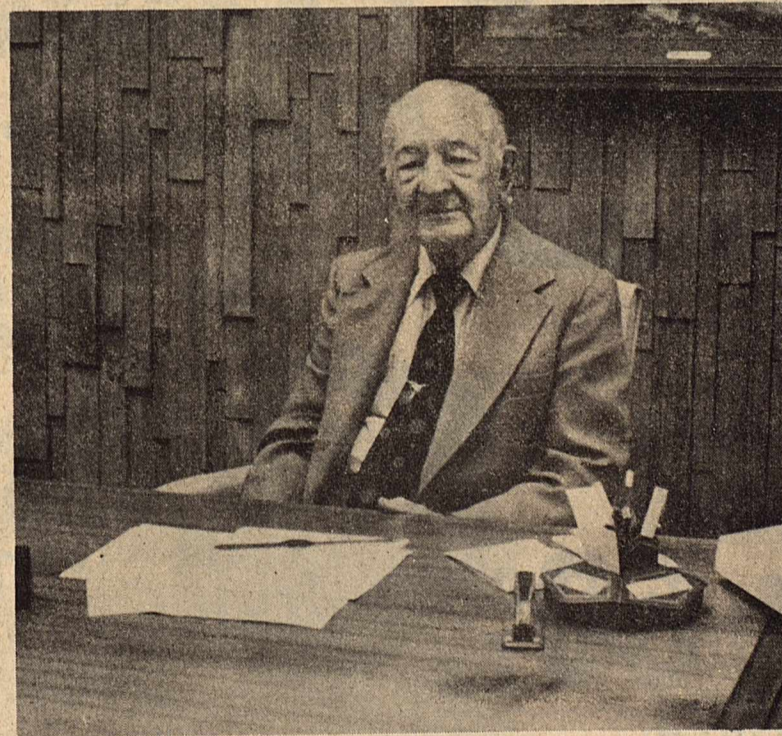
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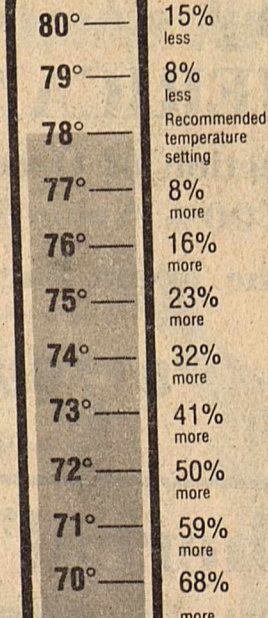
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Whalen Lake Reopened For Disposal Of Salt Water

The Railroad Commission recently authorized the reopening of Whalen Lake in Andrews County for the disposal of salt water produced in oil and gas fields in the West Texas area if operators comply with a slate of 13 conditions pertaining to content and volume of discharges and site maintenance.

The Commission is of the opinion that permitting the discharge of produced brines into Whalen Lake is necessary to prevent the physical waste of oil and gas and that such discharge can be accomplished without causing pollution by requiring compliance with the water quality standards established by the Texas Water Development Board, the order states.

skimming facility and Phillips Petroleum Co.'s South Fullerton Field salt water disposal facility. Also, it halted Petroleum Corp. of Texas' limited use of the lake as a brines disposal site. Whalen and Phillips facilities accounted for virtually all of the 200,000 barrels per month of salt water discharges into the lake. The produced brines came from 624 wells with a monthly oil allowable of 709,930 barrels.

operations at Whalen Lake are subject to these conditions: Before resumption of disposal operations, clean-up of the area in and around the lake shall be completed, inspected and approved by commission personnel.

Oil and grease content of produced salt water discharged into the lake shall not exceed an average of 35 milligrams per liter over any 48-hour period, measured with the freon extraction method, and shall never exceed 72 milligrams per liter.

charging of salt water into the lake shall be discontinued until the "upset" has been corrected. Adequate security shall be provided to prevent unauthorized use of discharge facilities or disposal into the lake.

globoles of grease on the surface. Also pending the final order, weekly reports shall be made of the results of testing for oil and grease content of brine being discharged into the lake.

in the Andrews County area have become highly dependent upon Whalen Lake as an economical disposal site for produced salt water.

Railroad Commission General Counsel Resigns

Rex H. White Jr., general counsel of the

Railroad Commission of Texas, has submitted his resignation, effective Aug. 1, in order to become a partner in and establish an Austin office for the Washington-based legal firm of Dickstein, Shapiro

& Morin. He will have offices in the Austin National Bank Tower. White came to the Railroad Commission as special counsel on March 1, 1976 after serving on the Attorney General's staff since 1967 where he

frequently represented the Commission before numerous federal and state agencies or regulatory bodies. Earlier this year his assignment was changed to general counsel of the Commission.

counsel, White has been concerned principally with legal matters and Washington policies affecting or having impact on Texas' gas utilities, oil production, transportation, liquefied petroleum gas and surface mining, all under the regulatory umbrella of the Railroad Commission.

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

In the findings of fact section of today's order, the commission reported: In the findings of fact section of a recent order, the commission reported:

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Energy Decisions Critical

Texas Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent, speaking at the Early Settlers Reunion in Hockley county, called the current energy shortage "a critical period in energy history," and said that actions and decisions made within the next few

months may determine the economic and political future of our nation. Nugent outlined the recent decline of oil and gas production in Texas, and told a large courthouse lawn gathering that the result of worldwide consumption outrunning production capabilities.

oil and gas. "The history of the Commission shows that energy development, production, and conservation has been regulated in a responsible manner, and Texas citizens should be proud of the energy contributions Texas has made since the turn of the century," Nugent said.

Crude Oil Production Up In April

State and federal leases in offshore and coastal Texas petroleum provinces produced 156,973 barrels of crude oil during April 1979 in contrast to 132,561 barrels in the same month of 1978 and 130,695 barrels in March 1979, according to operator reports to the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division and data compiled by the U.S. Geological Survey that pertains to runs of wells in federal waters.

April against 379,735 Mcf in the same month of 1978 and 384,659 Mcf in March. Condensate production on the state and federal leases amounted to 287,128 barrels in April, up from 136,315 barrels a year earlier and down from 320,419 barrels in March.

Santa Fe Announces New Company- Santa Fe Energy Products Inc.

The formation of a new company was announced recently by John J. Schmidt, president, Santa Fe Industries, Inc. The new company, Santa Fe Energy Products, Inc., is a subsidiary of Santa Fe Natural Resources, Inc., and is headquartered in Amarillo, Tex., with its

major operating office located in Houston, Tex. "This will provide better opportunities for Santa Fe to increase revenues on our own crude oil production as well as opportunities to become involved as a trader-reseller of crude produced by others," Schmidt said in announcing the new company.



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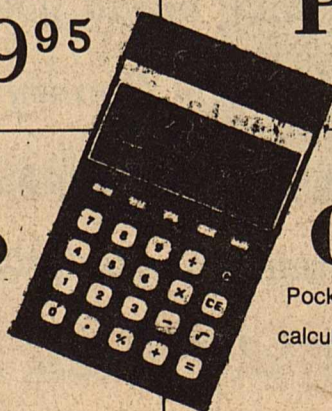
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Carl J. Berry, vice president of Santa Fe Energy Company, Amarillo, Tex., has been named president of the new company. He will also retain the vice president title with Santa Fe Energy Co.

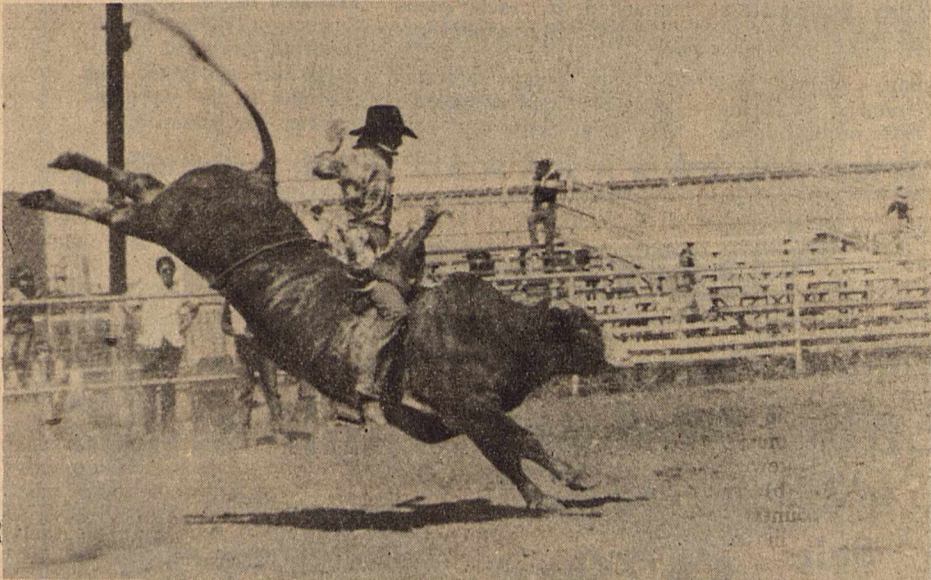
Larry J. Garrett, manager of crude oil supply of Santa Fe Energy Co., has been named vice president of the new company. Both appointments were made by Schmidt and are effective July 11, 1979.

Born in Joplin, Mo., Berry received his B.S. in geology from California State University, and his M.S. in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also participated in the Petroleum Economics and Management Program at Northwestern University.

Berry joined a Santa Fe subsidiary, Chanslor Western Oil and Development Co., in 1961 as assistant petroleum engineer. He subsequently served a district engineer and district superintendent before moving to Oil Development Co., another Santa Fe subsidiary, as assistant vice president in 1974. He was appointed vice president on July 1, 1977. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of the American Institute of Mining and metallurgical Engineers.

Larry J. Garrett, born in Humble, Tex., attended Pasadena High School and San Jacinto Jr. College in Pasadena, Tex., and received his B.B.A. in Production Logistics Management at the University of Houston in 1970. He spent eight years with the Shell Oil Company and joined Santa Fe Energy Company in June, 1978.

Edwards Plateau Ranch News



At this year's Sutton County Days rodeo the stock will again be provided by the Devil's River Rodeo Company. The Rodeo will run three nights-August 23, 24, and 25. Photo by Herb Jones.

Texas Sheep & Goat Raiser's Association

Federal Regulations Not Into Plants-Yet

Stockmen and livestock industry groups who've attempted to keep track of rapidly escalating federal control over private matters have cast many nervous glances in the area of endangered plants. They've done so after seeing the often insane developments surrounding so-called endangered animals.

It's the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association's happy task to inform interested parties that the excesses prevalent in

much of the government's wildlife protection schemes don't appear to have migrated to endangered plant regulations. At least not so far.

The U.S. Interior Department's recent regulations concerning endangered or threatened plants apparently won't go near as far as they could have toward disrupting livestock production.

Most notably, there is not prohibition against their land, so what should they care about whether or not that type of practice is illegal? Seriously though, had "taking" prohibitions been included in the

regulations, it could have led to nightmarish complications. Consider the case of range plants toxic to livestock; given the federal penchant for extravagantly expanding protection lists to include undeserving species, stockmen might have been prohibited by law from controlling such poisonous range plants.

There are numerous other potential problems stockmen have escaped. One thing they apparently haven't escaped, however, is the possibility of losing federal cooperative programs in cases where they might conflict with listed plants. This obviously includes ASCS cost-shares on range improvements as well as SCS planning services and the like. As for graziers on public lands, well, there's no telling what new headaches they'll end up suffering.

The important thing, however, is that it could have been worse—much, much worse. Thank heaven for little miracles, and Washington for big ulcers.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Says

Get "The Regulators Out Of The Energy Business"

The Federal government's efforts to regulate energy production, distribution and use have caused the current energy shortage and it's time to get "the regulators out of the energy business," says the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

The livestock producer group, meeting in Corpus Christi July 6-7, sent a resolution to President

Carter and his energy advisors calling for deregulation of U.S. energy so that "this country's vast energy resources may be located, developed and distributed to the American consumers in the most expeditious and equitable manner ever devised by a civilized society."

Texas Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent of Kerrville told the 410 cattlemen in attendance

that the long-term energy picture for Texas is bleak unless alternate sources of energy are developed. He pointed out that Texas is the leading state in lignite coal supplies, has a burgeoning gasohol industry, is rich in shale oil and has an excellent potential for solar and geo-thermal energy production.

In a bullish short-term outlook on cattle prices,

Dr. Ed Uvacek, Texas A&M University livestock economist, warned that double-digit inflation was short-changing cattlemen and deflating current cattle prices.

A 10 percent decrease in beef supplies for consumers in 1979 will be offset by an almost two percent increase in total red meat production. He also said cattlemen are beginning to rebuild depleted cattle

numbers.

Feeder cattle this fall will not be in tight supply as expected earlier. Light calves should bring no less than 85 cents a pound this fall. He expected feeder prices to follow the fed cattle market, but with higher grain prices, that market's margins will be slim.

J. Evan Goulding, legal counsel for the National Cattlemen's Association in Denver, reviewed cattlemen's struggle to remove a ban on 2,4,5-T, a herbicide used in brush control for decades. NCA and other livestock associations have joined Dow Chemical Company in a lawsuit to overturn the Environmental Protection Agency ban. Goulding warned that negative publicity and attempts to link the t-saying tool to the controversial Agent Orange of Vietnam notoriety by the media, environmentalists and emotional elements within the Veterans Administration could force manufacturers to abandon production entirely.

Dr. George Race, special advisor to Texas Governor Clements on human and social diseases, reviewed his report to the governor on the brucellosis eradication program. His recommendations were similar to those prepared by TSCRA President John B. Armstrong of Kingsville for the Senate Committee on Appropriations recently.

The cattle raisers passed three other resolutions:

--Opposition to any limitation of hide exports which would have a negative effect and cause financial losses to the cattle industry.

--Endorses efforts of National Cattlemen's Association and other cattle organizations to have hexachlorethane reinstated or the delay of a ban by the Food and Drug Administration until adequate substitutes are provided. The drug is used in the treatment of liver flukes in cattle.

TSCRA also endorsed efforts to procure for Texas cattlemen the British product Valbazen, a

drug used in 20 countries and available in Mexico for the treatment of the costly and debilitating parasites.

--Asked for a postponement of the ban on DES, an estrogenic drug used to promote growth in cattle, and the possible ban of Synovex, a similar drug, until a high-level, impartial study by a qualified organization is made on the merits and demerits of both.

A detailed explanation of the recent law allowing agricultural lands in Texas to be taxed on productivity rather than speculative cash value was made by Ed Small, TSCRA attorney. Agricultural landowners have until July 16 to file for this valuation in 1979.

The two-day meeting concluded with a tour of

King Ranch.

Armstrong said the next quarterly meeting of the 13,090-member group will be in Laredo, Texas November 9-10.

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Work Under Way To Provide Better Community Services For Rural Areas

Rural residents in Texas often feel they must accept poorer community facilities and services than their urban counterparts. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with the investor-owned electric utility companies in Texas have been working to change this through the Texas Community Improvement Program, says Tim Shaunty, community improvement

specialist.

According to the specialist, the major obstacle faced by most rural communities is the need for organization in trying to deal with their problems. The Texas Community Improvement Program has developed plans to assist in the organization and has built-in awards and recognitions for those communities that follow through on the

plans.

TCIP is designed to assist the local citizens work on their problems without including the usual "red tape". While the program does not have funds available, there is an abundance of free help for those who seek it. The local county extension agent is the contact person and he has other assistance available as needed. With this guidance and

help, many rural communities in Texas have been able to offer their residents adequate facilities and services, continues Mr. Shaunty.

If you feel your community could be improved and are willing to work to improve it, perhaps the Texas Community Improvement Program is the place to begin.

Handling Excess Forage, Key Decision For Stockman

Due to good moisture conditions over much of Texas, forages are becoming more abundant. Handling excess forage is a key management decision for stockmen.

Don Dorsett, area forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, advises baling excess forage rather than leaving it for livestock to graze in late

summer when grazing usually gets short.

Although leaving excess forage for later grazing is a normal grass management practice because it is a free, simple technique, there are some drawbacks, contends Dorsett.

For example, grass protein, palatability and digestibility drop sharply when grass accumulates in pastures. Spot grazing

results, with livestock preferring tender, high protein, young growth in a previously grazed area.

Both leaf area and crude protein drop sharply as grass ages. Studies with coastal bermudagrass have shown leaf area dropping from 86 to 51 percent and crude protein decreasing from 19 to 9.7 percent as cutting intervals increased from 3 to 12 weeks, respectively.

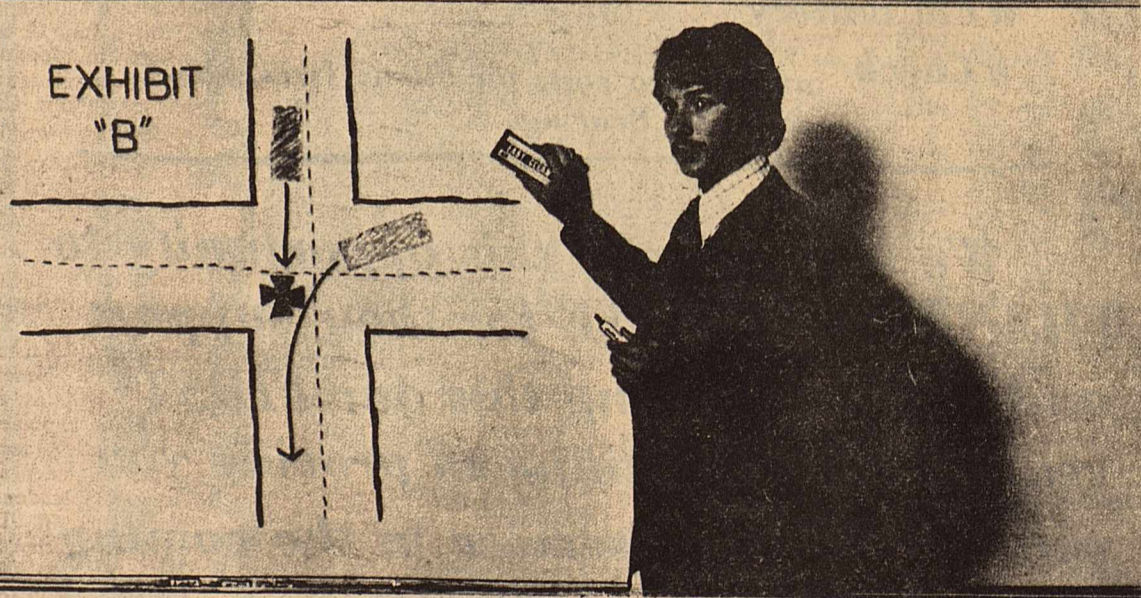
Dorsett says baling

preserves a grass' nutritive value for later use. It also provides young grass growth for livestock.

Baling, however, reduces the drought insurance aspect of a grazing system, although hay from excess forage early in the season could be fed if grazing becomes short.

From a livestock nutrition standpoint, Dorsett recommends baling excess forage now for good quality hay.

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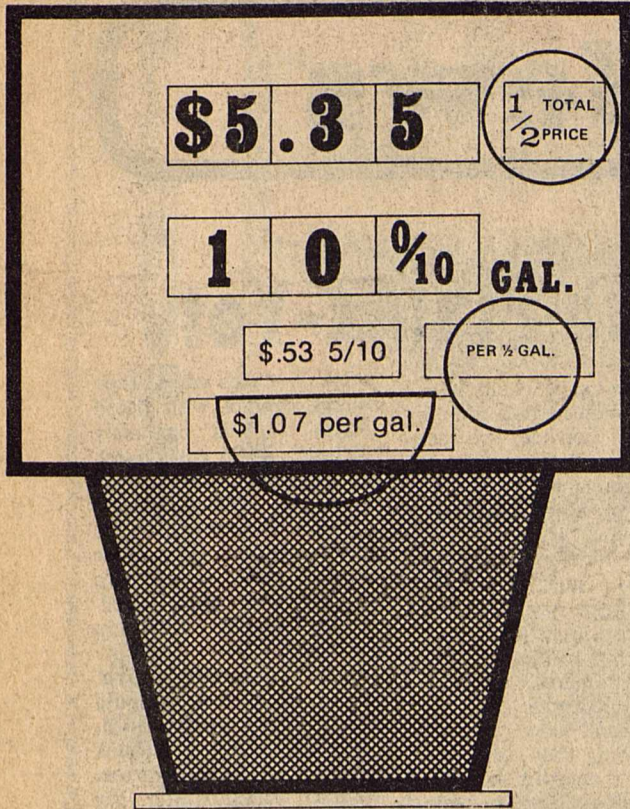
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Grasshoppers Stripping Rangeland

Hordes of grasshoppers are stripping rangelands in the Texas Panhandle and have their sights on pastures, ranges and crops to the south and east. Some 1.5 million acres of rangeland have already been treated or will be treated shortly in the Texas Panhandle, report Dr. Mike McWhorter and Dr. Phil Hamman, entomologists with the Texas Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Counties in the spray area have a grasshopper count ranging from 32 to 54 per square yard. A count of eight adult grasshoppers per square yard is considered serious enough for control measures. According to McWhorter and Hamman, the spray program for rangeland involves use of the insecticide malathion and is being conducted on a cost-share

basis with ranchers, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Spray applications are made after grasshoppers hatch and before females start laying eggs. The entomologists encourage farmers and ranchers as well as homeowners to check for grasshopper infestations along roadsides, fence rows or idle, undisturbed ground where the pests may be hatching. A key to effectively suppressing grasshopper numbers is to treat these hatching areas early before young hoppers begin to migrate. A bait mixture using toxaphene has been effective in controlling grasshoppers along field margins and roadsides, point out McWhorter and Ham-

man. Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown recently announced regulations which allow certain retailers in Texas to price petroleum fuel products in one-half gallon increments. The action was taken to ease the growing problem of dispensing fuel costing \$1 or more a gallon through pumps which can register only 99.9 cents. An estimated 90 percent of retail pumps in the state fall into this category, Brown said. The regulations will become effective on July 3, after publication in the Texas Register. "The emergency rule will provide for a uniform method of sale where fuel prices are \$1 or more a gallon," Brown said. "It will help eliminate confusion for the consumer about the per-gallon cost

of fuel and the methods of calculating this cost at the pump." Provisions of the regulation are as follows: 1. The regulation will apply only to those retail pumps which are not capable of indicating a per-gallon price greater than 99.9 cents, and only where the selling price per gallon exceeds that amount. 2. So that consumers

will be fully aware when fuel is being priced by the half-gallon, adhesive labels clearly stating that fact must be attached to all pumps where this pricing method is being used. Price per full gallon must be also given. 3. A large, weather-proof poster shall be attached to each pump which states the following: "This pump indicates price per one-half gallon. The total dollar and cent value to be paid by the consumer shall be two times the actual amount indicated on the pump." Posters or billboards advertising price of petroleum fuel products shall continue to be expressed in price per gallon.

New Form For Declaration Of Inheritance Taxes

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said he has authorized a simple declaration form for certain beneficiaries to use in lieu of an inheritance tax return for estates less than \$200,000. Bullock said the declaration of no tax due from Class A beneficiaries will replace the additional step of filing a more complicated return and having the Comptroller's Office issue a no tax declaration. A Class A beneficiary is defined as a person most closely related to the deceased person, including the surviving spouse, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, parents and grandparents of a deceased person are also included in the definition. "The new form is an effort to cut down on the amount of paperwork for small estates on which no Texas inheritance taxes are due and make our inheritance tax division a little more efficient and responsive at the same time," Bullock said. Estates which have a gross value of less than \$200,000 are exempt by law from state inheritance taxes for Class A beneficiaries. Beginning, September 1, 1982, this figure will be increased to \$250,000, and to \$300,000 on September 1, 1985. Preliminary estimates show that nearly 80 percent of the more than 50,000 inheritance tax returns sent to the Comptroller's Office each year could be handled with the one-page declaration of no tax due. The new form is being made available in all county courthouses and through Texas attorneys. It is also available from the Comptroller's Inheritance Tax Division as well as the Comptroller's field offices located throughout the state. Inheritance taxes paid to the Comptroller during the last fiscal year amounted to \$77.9 million. Consult respective insecticide labels for specific rates of application and use precautions, advise the entomologists. McWhorter and Hamman emphasize that the above insecticides will kill only those grasshoppers present at spraying time or a short time thereafter. Followup applications will be needed, particularly in areas of high infestations, to control migrating grasshoppers.

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Ft. Stockton Water Carnival-July 19-21

The 1979 Fort Stockton Water Carnival will again captivate audiences with colorful musical acts taking place on stage and in the water. This year's production is entitled "Cities", and is directed by Alice Duerksen. Dates for the annual show are July 19, 20 and 21. The 1979 show will be presented in the 43rd year following the founding of the Water Carnival in 1936. The show has been presented almost continuously since then and is centered around historic Comanche Springs Swimming Pool in Rooney Park. The Fort Stockton Water Carnival Association, under the leadership of President Rob Dunagan, produces the annual show. The production includes a five-division beauty revue in which Miss Fort Stockton, Jill Peyton Price, will crown her successor on the evening of Saturday, July 21. Liz Eastup is this year's beauty pageant chairman. Theme of the production "Cities" is a variety of acts taking place on an elaborate stage surrounding the pool. A flashing outline of a city skyline highlights the theme of the show. The main speaker and lead character of the story is being played by Mike Dunagan, who has been hired by the Water Carnival Board to travel abroad to find talent and ideas for the Water Carnival production. This colorful and entertaining show will encompass everything from disco dancing to fascinating water ballets. Local actors of all ages will be participating in glittering costumes and singing popular songs that will keep audiences entertained for a big evening of enjoyment. The scenery for each act is made locally by the props crew, which is directed by Beth Ivy. An additional plus for this year's production is the professional lighting being provided by G. Emerson Diskey & Associates of Dallas. Mr. Diskey is acting as a consul-

tant, while the local volunteer lighting crew is directed by Don Spears. Dr. Dean Duerksen is the sound director, and has skillfully combined phrases of songs into melodies that will be enjoyed by all. The gates will open at 7:30 p.m. each night, with show time at 8:30. The beauty revues will precede the Water Carnival performances, and beauty winners will be announced at the end of each night's show. Tickets are available now at both Fort Stockton banks and the Chamber of Commerce. Gate tickets are \$2.50 for children and \$3.00 for adults for Thursday and Friday nights, and all Saturday night tickets are \$4.00 each.

County Agents Meet

More than 400 members and guests of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association will gather at the Hilton Inn in Amarillo, August 5-8, for their annual meeting. Among meeting highlights will be awards programs honoring seven outstanding agricultural leaders as "Men of the Year in Texas Agricultural" and seven county agents as recipients of the "Distinguished Service Award".

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