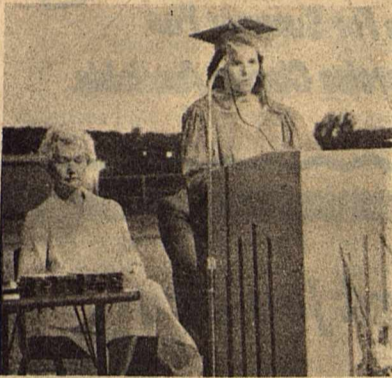
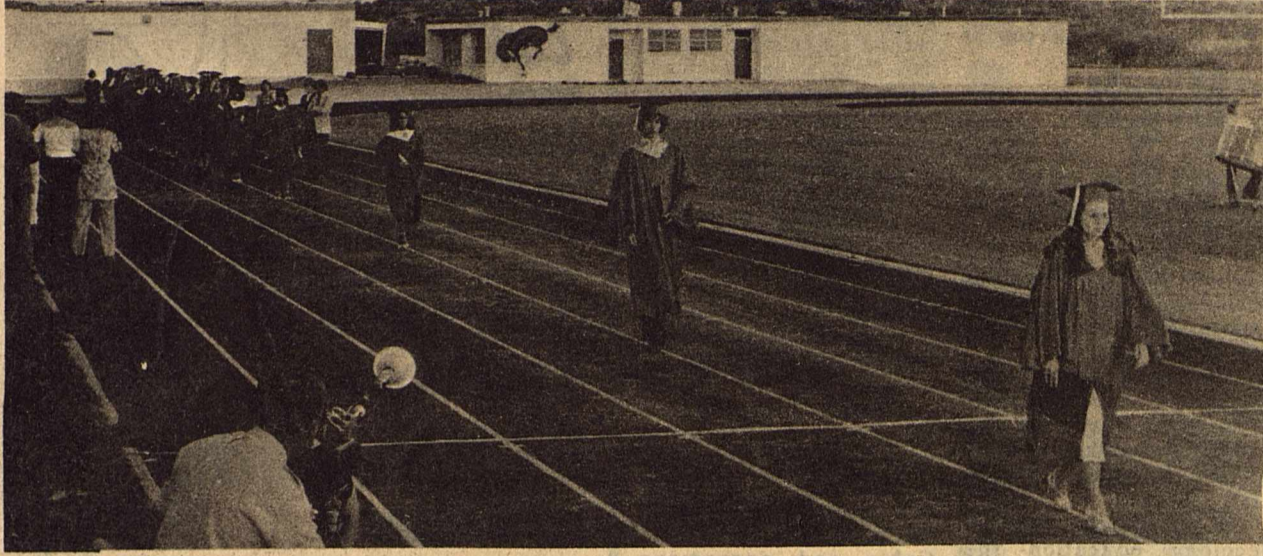


SHS Class of 1981 Recieves Diplomas

59 Seniors Complete Sonora School Career



Members of the Sonora High School Class of 1981 enter Bronco Stadium (above) for commencement exercises held Friday night. At left, Kandis Carta delivers her valedictory address while salutatorian Lee Burch accepts his scholarship for graduating with the second highest average in the class.



The 59 members of the Sonora High School Class of 1981 marked the end of their high school career as they received their diplomas at commencement exercises held Friday night at Bronco Stadium.

Kandis Carta, who graduated with a four-year average of 95.982, delivered the valedictory address and presented with a \$500 Presidential Scholarship from Angelo State University.

Lee Burch delivered the salutatory address. He finished school with a four-year average of 94.705 and received a \$200 scholarship from the Texas Association of Church-Related Colleges which he plans to use at Baylor University.

High school principal James Bible also recognized those students graduating with high honors, a four-year average of 90 or above, and senior honors, a senior year average of 90 or above.

High honor graduates and their averages were Paula Friess, 94.187; Marche Lane, 94.170; Annabelle Gonzales, 93.938; Lynn Foster, 92.145; Jo Ann Guerra, 91.736; Lydia DeHoyos, 91.654; Kari Hill, 91.615; and Susan Allen, 90.333.

Senior honors graduates and their final year average were Yolanda Avila, 93.833; Debbie Kemp, 92.25; Tonya Evans, 91.545; Leticia Chavez, 91.375; Ervey Valles, 90.666; Wayland Dobbs, 90.142; and Trina Powers, 90.0.

Other scholarship winners were Leticia Chavez and Lydia DeHoyos, \$300 HECE; Marche Lane and David Martin, \$200 National Honor Society; JoAnn Guerra, Wayland Dobbs and Luke Sanchez, \$700 DECA; Annabelle Gonzales, \$1,000 Kappa Gamma; Juan Mendoza, \$500 Los Amigos' Lucinda Favila Memorial; and Debbie Kemp \$1,000 David B. Law Memorial.

Recipients of other special awards were Kari Hill, the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award; and Marche Lane and Cades Pope, the William H. Danforth "I Dare You" Award.

Other members of the Class of 1981 are Ernestina Arredondo, Wesley Barton, Beth Bartz, Howard Brittain, Curry Campbell, Steven Chandler, Stacy Chandler, David Creek, Leticia DeHoyos, Deena DeMarco, Johnny Doan, Sulema Esquivel, Marina Fernandez, Fran Friess, Linda Galbreath, Domitila Galindo, Cody Gold, Angela Green, Ed Hanna, Diana Harding, Celia Hernandez, Chandra Hughes, Ben Ingham, Calvin Johnson, Dennis Jolly, Clifton Lipham, Lance Love, Alfonso Mendoza, Ricky Munns, Robert Noriega, James Renfroe, Dixie Richardson, Herlinda Romo, David Sanchez, Vickie Sheppard, Daphney Smith, Rex Surber and Mike Villanueva.

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Three Injured in Tank Blast

An explosion on an oilfield location 41 miles southwest of Ozona, May 18, sent three men to Crockett County Hospital, two suffering from second and third degree burns.

Employees of Grider Trucking Co. of Sonora were in the process of moving a Wes-Tex Drilling Co. rig on the Armond Hoover Ranch according to Steve Henley, Crockett County Fire Marshall who investigated the accident.

According to Henley's report, a 3,000 gallon propane tank leased to

Wes-Tex by Fraley Butane was being unloaded off a truck when the piping broke off the tank, allowing the contents to be released.

Jesse Gamez drove the truck up from the tank 40 to 50 feet, but a vapor cloud formed over the truck and an ignition source, probably from the truck, touched off the explosion.

Gamez, John Brown who was standing in front of the truck and Jesse Aguilar who was standing behind the truck were all injured in the blast. They were loaded in a

Grider Co. car and driven about halfway to Ozona where they were met by the Crockett County Ambulance.

Aguilar was treated for abrasions and released. Brown remained in Crockett County Hospital until last weekend when he was transferred to Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora. He was expected to be released sometime this week.

Gamez was the most seriously injured with second and third degree burns over 70 to 80 percent of his

body. He was transferred by airplane to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, but was reported in much better condition early this week. His swelling was reported to be down and doctors had already performed one skin graft.

Kenley said an excess flow valve on LPG tanks were supposed to shut off the escape of contents when the piping is broken. The tank in this case did have a valve, but Kenley said the working parts of the valve had been removed.

Balches Host Boys Ranch Benefit Dance

West Texas Boys Ranch is proud to have Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Balch of Sonora in its corner as Wagon Bosses for Sutton County, and we are grateful for their concern and willingness to help the boys entrusted to its care.

The Balchs have agreed to sponsor a dance May 30 at the Sonora Sutton County Community Park slab to benefit the Boys Ranch.

J.J. Mac and the Music Machine will provide the music from 9-12 p.m. and admission is \$3 a person. The biggest project at this time involves the construction of a new 16-boy cottage at the Ranch and the renovation of existing dormitories to improve living conditions for the boys. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and the process of raising money to pay for the work, is still going on.

Another program that is developing as fast as the funds are available

is the 4-H compound facility. The 4-H boys are rather limited in their work due to a need for, among other things, an adequate sheep barn in which to raise their lambs. 4-H has proved to be one of the best undertakings at Boys Ranch and the 33 boys in the 4-H program have had productive seasons in their 2 years of existence at the Ranch.

One all-purpose organization at Boys Ranch is the Gun Club. Aside from learning how to safely operate, care for and hunt with firearms the Gun Club participates in Deer Hunts in season and is available to hunt coyotes and other varmints year round. The Gun Club is always involved in fund-raising activities to support themselves such as cutting firewood and sponsoring skeet and trap shoots.

The most important work as always concerns provision for the

daily needs of the boys from physical necessities such as food and clothes to the spiritual essentials

they need to become healthy, productive citizens and an asset to the community.

TSGRA District 3 Meeting Scheduled June 4 in Eldorado

Members in Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association District 5 will meet in Eldorado at the Eldorado Restaurant on Thursday, June 4th.

The meeting will begin with a Dutch Treat lunch, and the business portion will get under way immediately following the meal.

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' officers and Bill Sims, executive secretary, will be on hand to report on matters of importance to sheep and goat raisers. In particular, they will report on legislation affecting the industry on the state and national levels.

In addition, Jamie Kothmann of Menard, president of the National Lamb Feeders Association, will report on the activities of his group.

Directors to serve the district for the 1981-82 term will be elected at the close of the meeting.

Now serving as directors are: Guy Wyatt Askew, George Brockman, Ben Epps, Ruth T. Espy, Glen Fisher, James T. Hunt, Stanley Mayfield, Glen Richardson, Dr. Joe David Ross, Edwin Sawyer, Wesley Sawyer, G.W. Stewart, and Albert Ward, Sonora; Bill Austin, Buddy Joe Clark, Murph Compton, Wayne Davis, E.S. Herring, Roy Jacoby, A.L. Kothmann, and Buddy Wilkinson, Menard; Jim Cawley, Bob Johnson, Bob Page, Wilson Page, Bobby Sykes and Ray Willoughby, Jr., Eldorado; N.K. Farmer, Jack Hoggett and C.B. Robinson, Junction; Ralph Mayer, Del Rio; Mrs. J.P. Rieck, Roosevelt; and Steve Sykes, Christoval.

Past presidents are: Vestel Askew, Armer Earwood and Norman Roussetol, Sonora; Howard Derrick and Mort L. Mertz, Eldorado; James L. Powell, Ft. McKavett; and Gene Whitehead, Menard.

Honorary Directors for Life are: Lea Roy Aldwell, Lea Allison, R.A. Halbert, W.B. McMillian and Thomas A. Morriss, Sopora; O.C. Fisher and G.R. Kothmann, Junction; and Herman Wlaker, San Angelo.

Steve Sykes is district chairman and is in charge of local arrangements.

District 5 is made up of Kimble, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton counties.



Viewers visit among the many displays at the Sutton County Art Show held last Saturday and Sunday at the junior high. The show was

sponsored by the Sonora Community Arts and Theatre group. A good turnout was reported.

Rodeo Starts Tonight

The Sonora AJRA and local area contestants junior rodeo begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. with performances running each night through Saturday.

Stock for the annual, four-day event will be produced by Bad Company Rodeo Inc. of Alpine. Events for the rodeo include:

GIRLS

12-year old and under--barrel race, poles, breakaway roping and goat tying.

13- to 15-years old--barrel race, poles, breakaway roping, goat tying and team roping.

16- to 19-years old--barrels, poles, breakaway roping, goat tying and team roping.

Baptists Slate Second Annual All-Night Movie

Sonora's Second Annual All-Night Movie will be held at First Baptist Church Friday beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Admission charge will be \$3 per person for the program of seven movies. Stan Hickerson, Associate Mini-

ster at the church, says some of the movies to be shown include "The Love Bug" and "The Andromeda Strain."

Cartoons will accompany several of the films. Adequate adult supervision and refreshments will be provided.

Council Completes Light Agenda

Sonora City Council members breezed through a light agenda at their May 19 regular meeting.

Councilmen heard two cases from the Planning and Zoning Commission. One was a request for a change from R-1 to C-1 zoning at 105 W. Crockett by Bill Keel, and the other was a request by Lynn and Mona

Simpler for a change from R-1 to C-2.

Matt Davenport moved the first request be approved and the Simplers be issued a special permit for a day care center only. The motion carried with Keel abstaining on the vote.

Doris Rousselot, representing the Sonora Woman's Club, appeared

before the Council to request the City pay the utilities for the new Sutton County Library.

After some discussion, Council members agreed the request should be directed to the County in light of the recent agreement for the County to pay utility bills on its own property.

Juan Carlos Gonzales also appeared before the Council to request consideration for the paving of Rock Avenue. He told Council members he had checked with a San Angelo firm that estimated the cost at approximately \$20,000.

In other action, the Aldermen:
 • Gave approval to Dover to hire a temporary van driver;
 • Changed the ordinance on the Airport Advisory Board to read five members instead of six;
 • Allowed Dowell 60 days to exercise an option on leasing five acres adjacent to its property at \$200 per acre and a minimum of \$1,000 a year; and
 • Annexed approximately seven acres along the IH-10 frontage road near the HNG office.

Summer Recreation Program Starts June 1

A summer recreation program is being planned for students nine-years old and up according to Virgil Burge, director for the program.

The annual project which will run weekdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon June 1-26 is sponsored by the Lions Club, Sutton County and the City of Sonora.

Among activities planned are ping pong, croquet, indoor bowling, shuffleboard, horseshoes, lawn darts, trampoline and various other games.

Burge said competition in various games will be held for three age groups--senior's, juniors and beginners--the final week of the program.

No charge will be made for the program, and those wishing to participate need only to report to the old gym on the Sonora school campus between 9 a.m. and 12 noon Mondays through Fridays.

Community Outlook

by Don Holdridge

School bells have rung for the final time this year. Another class has completed that 12-year (or longer) march that is the basis of our public education program. Teachers and students are both ready for a break, although some parents will probably be pulling their hair out soon.

But while the educational process has paused for the summer months, much other school business goes on.

One subject that has brought discussion recently is the hiring of a long-range planner for the school system. Whether this is exactly the right course to follow, I cannot honestly judge since I am not trained in this area. But there is no doubt a serious look at some long range plans needs to be taken.

Sonora's population has approximately doubled in the past seven or eight years. From all appearances, this trend is in no danger of changing. But growth has pushed our current school facility to its limit. Building programs over the past few years have kept pace, but are now beginning to lose ground.

Several factors in this area's natural gas field have made drilling here more favorable. Two large service companies here have already said they want to double the number of their employees in the next year alone if housing can be found. Several plans now in the works should take care of that housing problem.

If just those two companies fulfill their plans, another 800 or more people could be added to Sonora's population and that drastic an increase would have a definite impact on the schools.

The current school plant has expanded about as far as it can go in its current location. Almost everyone knows of the traffic problems that already exist, and although the no-left-turn signs added have caused some improvement, it takes little figuring to see the situation is not going to get any better.

Most people I have talked to over the last few years seem to feel the best solution is to build a new high school away from the current campus. Others have criticized the construction of a high school as causing too much duplication of facilities.

Again, I am not trained for planning a school system so I won't try to say what the best alternative is. But some long range planning is needed--and very soon. It seems almost inevitable a major building program, perhaps the largest in the system's history, will soon have to be undertaken to relieve the pressures of increased enrollment.

And sound judgement will be needed to insure such a program is not short-sighted, truly a plan for the future.

Larry Finklea Listed Among UT Graduates

The University of Texas College of Business Administration awarded 540 Bachelor of Business Administration degrees at the close of the 1980 Fall Semester.

The list of graduates, announced by Dean George Kozmetsky, includes Larry Lee Finklea, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Finklea of Sonora.

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Beth Bartz, bride-elect of Kenneth Adler
Marsha Finklea, bride-elect of James Cardwell
JoAnn Guerra, bride-elect of George Hernandez
Linda Smith, bride-elect of Tony Hooper

Hill's Jewelry
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Sheriff W.W. "Bill" Webster submitted the two following stories, both reprints from the "National Police Journal".

by Chief W.W. Moore
Honorary President

The United States Congress, almost a decade ago, set aside by law May 15 th of each year as Police Memorial Day and the week it falls in as "National Police Week". There are exceptions nationwide, but our survey indicates for the most part, little or no attention is paid to this special week by many police departments and sheriffs departments! We can recall the excitement of those of us in law enforcement who for years felt that a week should be set aside for this one purpose. Now in this year of 1981, President Ronald Reagan will proclaim throughout the land that this Police Week exists and call upon the nation to remember those who died to protect life and property. May 10th to May 16th.

by S/Sgt. John V. Miller
"Cops are human (believe it or not) just like the rest of us. They come in both sexes, but mostly male. They also come in various sizes. This sometimes depends on whether you are looking for one or trying to hide something. However, they are mostly big."

"Cops are found everywhere--on land, on the sea, in the air, on horses, in cars and sometimes in your hair. In spite of the fact that you can't find one when you want one," they are usually there when it counts most. The best way to get one is to pick up the phone.

"Cops deliver lectures, babies and bad news. They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb, and the muscles of steel and are often accused of having a heart to match. He's the one who rings the doorbells, swallows hard and announces the passing of a loved one; then spends the rest of the day wondering why he ever took such a 'crummy job'."

"On TV, a cop is an oaf who couldn't find a bull fiddle in a telephone booth. In real life he's expected to find a little blond boy 'about so high' in a crowd of half a million people. In fiction he gets help from private eyes, reporters and 'who-done-it' fans. In real

life, mostly all he gets from the public is 'I didn't see nuttin'."

"When he serves a summons he's a monster. If he lets you go, he's a doll. To little kids, he's either a

friend or a bogeyman, depending on how the parents feel about it. He works 'around the clock', split

Junior High Ends Busy Year

Many activities have taken place at Sonora Junior High School during the 1980-81 year due to the efforts of the members of the Student Council and their sponsor, Mrs. Nancy Tittle. In cooperation with the National Junior Honor Society, they published eight issues of the school paper--Hoofbeats. They initiated the purchase of a Sonora Colts floor mat for the entrance to the new building, and with the assistance of the Honor Society, bought the mat and presented it to Smith Neal, Junior High Principal.

At Halloween, they sponsored a movie for the junior high and the middle school, and they also obtained donations of prizes for the Junior High Bingo booth at the Halloween carnival, as well as working at the Carnival.

For Christmas, they purchased new decorations and decorated the building and they announced the First Annual Decorate-the-Door Contest. They also treated the junior high and middle school students to a free movie, "The Incredible Journey."

To share in the nation's joy for the safe return of the hostages from Iran, they arranged the Yellow Ribbon ceremony.

During the eighth grade Colt Classic basketball tournament, they hosted a hospitality room for the coaches and officials.

The biggest project of the year was the annual Valentine Dance, held at the 4-H Center. For this dance, the students did all the decorations, plans for the music, and obtained volunteers to bring refreshments.

When the junior high held Open House during Texas Public Week, they registered the guests; and when the Junior High Invi-

shifts, Sundays and holidays, and it always kills him when a joker says, 'hey tomorrow is election day. I'm off. Let's go fishing' (that's the day he works 20 hours.)

"A cop is like the little girl who, when she was good, was very, very good, but when she bad, she was horrid. When a cop is

good, he's a grafter, and that goes for the rest of them too." IWhen he shoots a stickup man, he's a hero, except when that stickup man is 'only a kid, anybody could've seen that.'

"Lots of them have homes, some of them covered with ivy, but most of them covered with mortgages. If he drives a big car, he's a chiseler; a little car, 'who's he kidding?' His credit is good; this is very helpful, because his salary isn't. Cops raise kids, lots of them and most belong to other people.

"A cop sees more misery, bloodshed, trouble and surprises than the average person. Like the postman, cops must be out in all kinds of weather. His uniform changes with the climate, but his outlook remains the same, mostly a blank, but hoping for a better world.

"Cops like days off, vacations and coffee. They don't like car horns, family fights and anonymous letter writers. They sometimes have unions, but they can't strike. They must be impartial, courteous and always remember the slogan 'at your service'. This is sometimes hard especially when a character reminds him, 'I'm a taxpayer and I pay your salary.'

I wish I could take credit for all the above, I am sure I happened across it somewhere in the past, and I'd

like to be able to give the author or speaker credit for a beautiful presentation of the life of policemen. Yes, cops are human, whether

they wear blue shirts, brown ones, white ones or plain clothes. The point is, that under that shirt is a human being--just like you.

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Mrs. Gus Ward, nee Susan Pidcock
Mrs. Manuel Lopez, nee Lydia San Miguel
Mrs. David Beserra, nee Lupe Torres



Kirby Receives Bachelor Degree

Danny Kirby, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirby of Sonora and a recent recipient of a bachelor of science degree at Mary Hardin-Baylor University, will be attending Texas A&M University pursuing a Ph.D. Upon completion, he will be working in the area of synthetic fuels.

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Tuesday
Meatloaf w/Gravy
Diced Carrots
Fried Okra
Bread
Peanut Butter Cake

Friday
Enchiladas w/Chili Sauce
Spanish Rice
Cole Slaw
Mexican Cornbread
Fruit Cup

Sonora Churches

<p>Primera Baptist Church Rev. Basillio Esquivel Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:30 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Dennis McKain-Pastor SS-10:00 every Sunday morning. Hymn Study 10:00 Sunday Morning Worship Service-11:00</p>	<p>First Assembly of God Rev. Louis Halford, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Eve. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Rev. Jim Miles Sunday Church School 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. (Communion of first Sunday of each month) PCUS/UPCUSA</p>
<p>First United Methodist Church David W. Griffin, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. KVRN 98AM 11 a.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. UMYF 6 p.m. Wed. Chancel Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>John's Witnesses Sunday Public Talk 10:00 a.m. Watchtower Study 10:50 Tuesday Theocratic School 7:30 Service Meeting 8:30 Thursday Bible Study 7:30</p>	<p>Faith Christian Interdenominational Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study Prayer Group Tuesday nights 7:30 pm. at 1302 Glasscock. 387-5069</p>	<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Saint John's Episcopal Church Rev. John W. Fritts, Pastor Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sun. MP) Wednesday 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist Holy Days as announced</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Joseph Ray Hendershot Joe Moran Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Priesthood 10:00 a.m. Relief Society 10:00 a.m. Sacrament Mtg. 11:00 am Visitors Welcome</p>	<p>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. Serv. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. John Waldron Sat. Vigil Mass 7:00p.m. Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7:00 p.m.</p>

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BIG UNS



Gracia and Jose Flores (center) were presented plaques naming them as outstanding senior citizens by the Governor's Committee on Aging. Shown presenting the certificates at the Sutton County Senior Center last Thursday are volunteers Pauline Salinas, Francis Guajardo and Ysidra Castro. Other volunteers at the center are Juanita Herrera, Juquin Rojas, Rosa Galindo and Petra Gonzales.

Chamber Chatter

By Lou Thomas

Info from West Texas, published by the Chamber of Commerce, shows that final census figures for 1980 that the 132-count area served by the WTC grew at nearly twice the rate of the U.S. as a whole from 1970 to 1980, representing a 20.2 percent gain, or an increase of 649,403 persons. Growth for the entire state of Texas was 27.4 percent.

Sonorans can watch C of C president Sandra Cooper and Jaycee president Herb Jones on the Pat Attebury Show, KCTW, San Angelo at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19.

Reverend Jim Miles has been working on compiling the results of the recent housing survey, to be sent

to a prospective builder. This compilation will represent surveys received in the C of C office around May 27, and will be available to the public.

It is not too late to fill out a housing survey and return to the C of C. Forms are available at City Hall on the table in center or from C of C office. The more surveys that are received, the more accurate the survey.

The C of C office has had two responses from the Texas Commission on the Arts regarding listing on a directory of Sonorans who are creative dancing, music, quilting, painting, etc. It is not too late to call the C of C office and the informa-

tion can be obtained by phone and mailed to the TCOTA.

Friendly face around town last week was Jeanette Macione. Jeanette, once again, will be in charge of Arts & Crafts booths this year (Sutton County Days).

Sorry to be losing the Steve Swifts to Tyler, Lynn is a Red Carpet Committee member and Steve is on the Board of Directors. Sonora's loss is Tyler's gain, as the Swifts have been very active in civic affairs.

Pat Moseley, Maggie Mesa and M. Sam Perez were busy last week calling Youth Activities Committee members for their next meeting.

Sonoran Graduates Magna Cum Laude At HPU

Clara Margaret Griffis of Coleman graduated magna cum laude from Howard Payne University at Brownwood in ceremonies there May 9, receiving a bachelor of science degree in behavioral science.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of HPU, conferred 211 degrees, awarded two honorary doctorates

and recognized HPU's 10,000th graduate. Speaker for the graduation held in Brownwood Coliseum was Dr. William M. Pinson, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Griffis received her associate of applied arts degree from Cisco Junior College in 1976. She was

inducted into Pi Gamma Mu, a national honor society in the social sciences and Alpha Chi, a national scholarship honor society.

Recently she was named outstanding senior in the behavioral sciences at Howard Payne and has been chosen to receive honorary award recognition by having her academic autobiography published in the annual edition of "The National Dean's List 1980-81." Last year only 1/2 percent of the nation's college and university students were selected for this honor.

Mrs. Griffis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening Jr. and the niece of Mrs. Margaret Cain, all of Sonora.

Library Receives \$3,000 Memorial Donation

A \$3,000 donation to the Sutton County Library in memory of Florence Davis has been made by Haynie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Tedford and Hal and Margie Wagner.

Librarian Sandra Cooper said the donation would be used to purchase a check-out desk.

Other library donors include Mr and Mrs. Norm Rouslet, Mr and Mrs. Glen Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mayfield, Mr and Mrs. Jamie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shurley and Guy Wyatt Askew. Mrs. Cooper expressed

her appreciation for the donation, and said that others would be welcome since a great deal of equipment remains to be purchased for the library.

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Sixth Grade Completes Study Of Ecology

Sonora Junior High School has recently been involved in learning about ecology, largely as a result of the observation by the judges of the annual Soil Conservation Essays that the students write. Students lacked a real understanding of what they were writing about.

A field trip for the sixth grade to the Sawyer ranch was arranged by Virgil Polocsek and the board members of the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District. The students were divided into small groups and bused to different places on the ranch for instructions in such areas as wildlife, plants, water and wind erosion control, and soils. There were demonstrations of shearing sheep and goats, dozing cedar and mesquite, and cannulating goats. They enjoyed a barbecue luncheon at the Sawyer's home.

In conjunction with the Ecology study that has been under way, the SJHS Student Council sponsored an Aluminum Can Collection Contest. The three grades competed against one another for a chance to win a free coke party on the last day of school. Over 111,000 aluminum cans were turned in along with many steel cans which had to be discarded. The total weight of the aluminum cans to be recycled was 544 pounds.

The seventh grade collected 81 pounds, the eighth grade collected 201 pounds, and the sixth grade won the contest with a total weight of 262 pounds.

At the same time the Student Council also conducted an Ecology Slogan Contest. Students were asked to write a short slogan on some phase of ecology.

Marshall Tyler had the best slogan. Second was Lori Webster, third place went to Chris Driskell, and honorable mention was awarded to Tammy Holguin.

West Texas Utilities Signs Contract For Coal

West Texas Utilities Company subsidiary of the Dallas-based Central and South West Corporation, has signed an agreement with Exxon Coal, USA, to meet future fuel needs.

The contract calls for the delivery, beginning in 1986 and continuing over a 20 year period of 48 million tons of Wyoming coal to the Oklahoma Power Plant site in north central Texas. The Oklahoma project is being managed by West Texas Utilities which will own 350 megawatts of the unit's total capacity of 640 megawatts.

Other Central and South West System Subsidiaries Central Power and Light Company of Corpus Christi, with 115 megawatts, and Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Tulsa, with 17 megawatts, are participating in the fuel contract.



House Speaker Bill Clayton, right, presents Representative Susan McBee of Del Rio with a commemorative gavel, acknowledging her work as Chairwoman of the Calendars Committee of the House during the 67th Session of the Texas Legislature. Clayton said it was the committee system which provided leadership for the five month session from January 13 through June 1.

West Texas Utilities and Exxon Coal USA, an agreement extending over a 20 year period of the initial coal delivery schedule. The coal will be shipped up the coal from its Wyoming Mine near Gillette in Campbell County, Wyoming.

On May 8, 1981, West Texas Utilities acting on behalf of its partners, filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Texas for a certificate of convenience and necessity which will allow construction of the power generation station and related facilities to proceed. The plant is to be operational by December, 1986.

Estimated cost of construction of the 1900 acre site is \$675 million. The location is in Wabarger County southeast of Vernon, Texas and near the community of Oklahoma.

Retail Merchants Meeting Date Changed To June 9

Luan King, Chairman, Retail Merchants Committee, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced that the RMC meeting set for

May 26 has been cancelled. King stated that the new meeting date will be June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Founders Room at the First National Bank.

Items on the agenda include a report on the past promotion by the RMC and the possibility of dividing the RMC members into quarters for promotional ideas, etc.

King encourages all members to attend and invites all Chamber of Commerce businesses to join the committee.

Bullock said the payments were made to help reimburse registration activities from February 1, 1980 through January 31, 1981.

Sutton County's payment totaled \$203.20.

Payments to the state's larger counties included: Harris County, \$111,286.40; Dallas County, \$88,612; Bexar County, \$42,145.60; Tarrant County, \$54,196; Travis County, \$31,773.60; El Paso County, \$14,624.80; and Scurry County, \$11,160.

Loving County--the state's least populous county received the smallest reimbursement, \$9.60.

represent reimbursement for county voter registration efforts.

The Texas Election Code permits the Comptroller to pay counties 40 cents for each new registered voter and 40 cents for each cancellation made to update lists.

Sutton County Refunded For Voter Registration Effort

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday said Texas counties were paid \$627,542 in state funds under a law designed to encourage voter registration and accurate voting lists.

He said 219 counties shared in the funds which

4-H Range Judgers Win AT Junction Contest

The Sutton County 4-H junior range judging team of Matt Miller, Wayne Hill, Mike Friess and Cindy Doran took first place honors at the Kimble County contest on May 13.

4-H Officers Elected For 1981-82

The Sutton County junior 4-H'ers met recently to elect officers for next year.

Those elected included Steve Love, president; Mike Friess, vice president; Bonnie Jackson, secretary; Jeff Kimbrel, parliamentarian; Cindy Doran, reporter; and Tammy Martin, council delegate.

The second Sutton County team of Steve Love, Glen Love, Jack Sykes and Jim Cooper placed third in the same contest and Mike Friess and Steve Love were second and third individuals respectively.

The senior team of Joe Will Ross, Layne Eddy, Miles Miller and Dew Wallace placed fourth.

The junior wool and mohair judging team competed at the Angelo State University contest on May 15 with team members Steve Love, Mike Friess, Glen Love and Matt Miller placing second behind Tom Green County 4-H. Steve Love was the third high individual.

Other Sutton County participants were Cleve T. Jones IV and Jack Sykes.

Local Sales Tax Collections Climb 85 Percent Over 1980

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said rebates of the one-percent city sales tax for the first five months this year are up more than 40 percent over the same period last year.

Bullock said his office is sending Texas cities more than \$96.1 million in sales tax rebates for May.

He said 1981 payments now total \$282.3 million, compared to \$201.5 million during the same time last year.

Bullock said he felt an upswing in first quarter sales and the agency's rapid rebate system to the cities accounted for larger than normal checks this month.

Like most Texas towns, Sonora showed a strong increase in tax collections over the past year. The City received a check for \$60,004.45 as compared to \$11,145.26 last year.

That brings the 1981 total to \$153,782.24, up 85 percent from the \$82,768.06 total in 1980.

Checks sent to other West Texas towns and their percent of increase for the year include Big Lake, \$30,476.22, up 80 percent; Brady, \$26,720.50, seven percent; Del Rio, \$143,730.83, up 30 percent; Eldorado, \$14,745.24, up 90 percent; Junction, \$13,281.67 up 19 percent; Mason, \$8,083.54, up 24 percent; Menard, \$5,473.19, up 52 percent; Mertzon, \$4,556.16, up 95 percent; Rocksprings, \$3,688.22, up 42 percent; and San Angelo, \$593,952.78, up 40 percent.

The biggest chunk of sales tax rebates this month will go to Houston. Houston will receive \$19.8 million, bringing the city's 1981

payments to date to \$58.3 million, a 37 percent increase over payments in the first five months last year.

The May check for Dallas will be \$10.8 million, bringing the city's 1981 payments to \$31.8 million up 35 percent from the previous year.

Fort Worth will receive \$3.5 million this month, pushing that city's total for the year to \$10.3 million or 26 percent more over the same period in 1980.

San Antonio's check this month is \$5.2 million. Rebates to San Antonio this year now total \$15.2 million up 34 percent over the same period last year.

The city sales tax is collected along with the state sales tax by mer-

chants and businesses and is rebated monthly by the Comptroller's office to cities where it is levied.

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GTE Plans Extensive Cable Testing In Area

As part of an ongoing program to provide quality telephone service, General Telephone is extensively testing aerial and underground telephone cables throughout Sonora, according to Melvin Jennings, the company's San Angelo division manager.

The Sonora project is a portion of a division-wide program encompassing 22 cities that upon completion will have involved more than 17,000 employee hours or 10 full-time employees, he said. About 3,000 miles of cables will have been tested.

"The company tests and retests the pressurized cables that transmit telephone calls for Sonora," Jennings explained. "Each of the cables is filled with either dry air or nitrogen. When a sharp increase or decrease in pressure appears, this indicates that a cable has a leak which could cause calling transmission problems."

"By continually monitoring the cables we can identify potential service problems and correct them before trouble occurs," he concluded.

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Tips for Gardening

By Ruth Taylor

For gardeners who garden just for pleasure of "growing things", the following will be fun to do.

It's fun and simple to grow your own dwarf orange, lime, lemon or grapefruit trees. Start by getting some large oranges or grapefruits. Cut them in half, remove the pulp and seeds, shellac the outside of the skin to prevent

rotting. Fill each with an inch or two of your favorite soil and fertilizer and plant three seeds of the chosen fruit. Pinch air holes in the sides of the skin for drainage.

After several weeks the seeds will sprout. Keep in filtered sunlight and remove all but one of the seedlings. After four to six months, the roots will come through the skin. To dwarf

your trees, clip the roots from the side of the skin. When seven to nine inches tall, transfer to a flower pot. It's fascinating to watch the fruit develop with little care.

Grow your own celery in the following manner. Cut three to four inches off a celery stick. Punch drainage holes in a pint sized cottage cheese container filled with sand. Place the celery two or three inches deep and keep well moistened in a sunny window. In a week or two, leaves will appear. When roots are two or three inches long, place in a protected spot such as the squash patch in your garden. Your celery may not develop the same long stalks as your buy, but it will be better. Cut with a knife when harvesting and grow more.



Sonora High School Principal James Bible presents March Lane and David Martin with \$200 scholarships from the

National Honor Society. The scholarships were presented at commencement ceremonies Tuesday night.

Baptist Slate VBS for June 1-5

The First Baptist Church of Sonora will hold its 1981 Vacation Bible School June 1-5, according to Stan Hickerson, Associate Minister. Times for the school will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily.

Classes for all ages through the sixth grade will be provided. Class grouping will be determined by a child's grade during the 1980-81 school year. Pre-schoolers' groupings will be determined by the

child's age as of September 1, 1980.

First Baptist Church at Oak and Concho extends an invitation to all children in Sonora to attend the 1981 Vacation Bible School.

Masons Honored Tuesday With 25-Year Pins

Twenty-five year pins were presented Tuesday night to the following Masons: Dr. Joe Andrews, Jim Cusenbary, Billy D. Drennan, Bobby Granger, John Wesley Joy, Herman Moore, Dick Morrison, Melvin Shroyer, Gene Shurley and J.C. Surber. The pins were presented at an ice cream supper held Tuesday night at the lodge hall. Ice cream was pro-

vided by the Masonic Lodge and the cake was provided by the Eastern Star.

The next stated meeting of Dee Ora Lodge 715 A.F. and A.M. will be held Thursday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Elections of officers will be held at the meeting, and a good representation is desired. All area Masons, especially members of Dee

Ora Lodge, are urged to attend.

Color Consultation Program Planned

Do you have a closet full of clothes and yet, feel you have nothing to wear? Or, better yet, that you don't look good in the colors you wear? Do you have trouble selecting the right color of make-up to wear?

If you answered yes to any of these questions or feel you'd like to learn more about "your own colors", a special program has been planned for you.

Mrs. Mary Beth Ince, Color consultant with Color I Associates will be holding a program beginning at 2 p.m., June 3 at the 4-H Center.

Mrs. Ince will be giving special pointers to use in selecting the right-color clothes and many more items. Watch next week's DRN for more details.

Chamber Directors Schedule Meeting

Sandra Cooper, President, Sonora Chamber of

Commerce announced that the regular monthly board meeting will be held on June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Founders Room at the First National Bank building.

Margarita Gutierrez Graduates at UTEP

Margarita Gutierrez of Sonora was among 1,979 students who were conferred degrees by the University of Texas at El Paso

RCC Meeting Date Set

Shelley Chaney, President Chaney, President, Red Carpet Committee, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced that the RCC monthly meeting will be held on May 28th at 7 p.m. at Pearl's Pizzeria.

Items on the agenda will include routine reports, discussion of a Newcomers Coffee and a more efficient way of contacting newcomers on a quarterly basis, dividing RCC members into a group, etc.

More Square Dancers Needed

Square dancing lessons are being held Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the Sonora Junior High Snack Bar.

Everyone is urged to come out and try without being afraid of making a mistake-everyone is learning from the beginning. More people are still needed.

Wright Resigns As Superintendent of Junction ISD

The Junction Independent School District Board of Trustees has accepted "with deep regret" the resignation of Superintendent George Wright.

Wright has been selected out of 64 applicants to become superintendent of the Burnet Consolidated ISD effective July 1.

Wright signed a two-year contract with the Burnet schools calling for approximately \$42,000 in salary and fringe benefits the first year with additional cost of leaving Junction added to the second year of his contract.

Wright is probably best remembered in the area as a mid-1950's favorite of Blondy Cross who was employed at the San Angelo Standard Times many years as a sports reporter.

Cross and Bob Milburn were instrumental in parlaying Wright's 94 touchdowns and 8,000-plus football career at Sonora High School into two-time all-state tailback and quarterback honors.

Wright states he is looking forward to the Burnet position. Burnet is a Class AAA school with some 1,800 students in grades K-12, and the district covers much of the beautiful Buchanan and Inks lakes area.

Wright holds BS and MS degrees from the University of Tennessee where he played on the Volunteers' number two nationally ranked team and a Gator Bowl championship team.

He also has 42 hours in school administration above his masters degree at Texas Tech University. He

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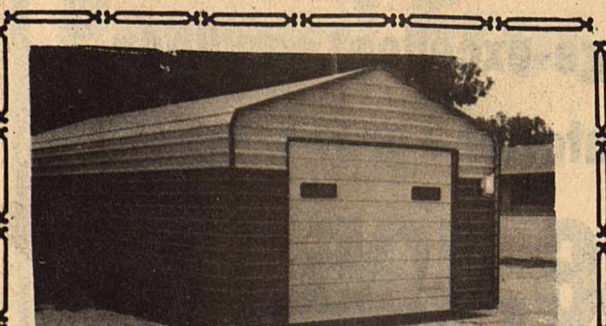
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starting tonight and running through Saturday. Complete results of both events will be run in next week's DRN.

Measles Warning Issued

By Dr. Charles F. Browne
Sutton County Health Officer

During the month of May, there have been numerous cases of measles in the area along the Rio Grande Valley. Del Rio has

reported about 35 cases. The symptoms are red eyes, draining nose, fever and red rash over the face and body. Complications of the disease are frequent and sever-usually involving the eyes, ears, and even the nervous system.

Treatment is primarily prophylactic in the form of immunological injections. All children over 15 months of age should have the serum. Immunization is believed to be life long. Children under 15 months may be immunized immedi-

ately following exposure with protection or reduction of severity of the disease.

All unvaccinated children should be immediately immunized before the vacation season which tends to spread exposure.

Gun Club Names Winners

A large number of shooters and spectators turned out Saturday for a .22 silhouette and trap shoot sponsored by the Sutton County Gun Club. Trophies and cash prizes

were awarded for highest scores. Winners in the silhouette shoot were Preston Love Jr., first; Joe Moore, second; and Preston Love Sr. third.

Winners in the trap shoot were Bobby French, first; Joe Moore, second; and James Barton, third. The club plans to sponsor more contest in the future. Anyone interested in membership in the organization should contact Jack Sykes at 387-5568 or Robin McNally at 387-3117.

Genetic Roulette

Russian roulette is a so-called game which along with a little pot resulted in the death of a bright young Sonoran last summer.

Another version of the game is "genetic roulette". Nearly every woman under 30 years of age living in Sonora had played "genetic roulette" and it will be up to 70 years before she and her offsprings find out whether the chamber was loaded or not when she pulled the trigger. A human female is born with about 400,000 eggs. If any of them are destroyed or injured, there is no way to repair this damage because female eggs are not regenerated as sperm in males is.

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High School Honorees Named

The Sonora High School winners of the best all around and citizenship awards were recently named.

Those were Juan Mendoza, senior; Wade Hopkins, junior; Espy Whitehead, sophomore; and Lisa Webster, freshman.

Workshop Slated For 4-Her's

All 4-H'ers interested in completing their 4-H record books need to attend a workshop that will be Friday, June 5 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon at the Sutton County 4-H Center.

Call the County Extension office at 387-3101 or 387-3604 for more details.

Birthdays, Anniversaries

May 27
Shirley Hill
Linda Roger
Sam David Hernandez
Alta Schuder

May 28
John W. Joy
Mrs. Tom Womack
Mrs. Lee Hart
Norma Gonzales

May 29
Jimmy Cahill
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Mrs. Batts Friend
Jane Sawyer
Lance Phillips
Brett Johnson

May 30
Mrs. B. M. Halbert III
Mollie Sawyer
Louie Trainer
Bill Karnes

May 31
Dick Jones
Mrs. J. Graves
Preston O. Love, Jr.
Mark Rogers

June 1
Richard Sellman

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Linda Jo Dunn
Frances T. Shanks
Mary Lawson
Allen D. Stephens

June 2
Jerry Shurley, Jr.
Steven Stokes Thompson
Sylvia Duran Gamboa
Mrs. Billy Green
Janet Pope Andrews
Sheila Alexander
Benny Granger
Linda Johnson

May 27
Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Lovejoy

May 28
Mr. & Mrs. Perry Don Free
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Menking

May 29
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wright

May 29
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Lee Renfro
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Sutton
Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Burnett

May 30
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Belk

May 31
Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Castillo
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy F. Richardson

June 1
Mr. & Mrs. Hershel L. Davenport
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Fish
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Berger

June 2
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Langford

Local Softballers

Win San Saba Tourney

A Sonora softball team defeated Balfours of Killen twice Sunday to win the San Saba Merchants Invitational Tournament in San Saba.

Individual trophies were given to the first and second place teams, and Tryon Fields and Frank Gamboa tied for the MVP award.

The team lost its second round game and fought back through the losers bracket to take the title.

Those attending were Fields, Gamboa, Ronnie Bowers, Lynn Bolton, Roy Luna, Jessie Solis, Mike Street, Gary Green, Benny Granger and Bruce Kerbow.

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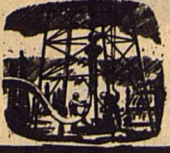
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TIPRO Slates 35th Anniversary Celebration Next Week

The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) will celebrate its 35th year May 31 through June 2 in Fort Worth. The organization represents the interests of Texas royalty owners and independent oil and gas producers.

TIPRO is presently engaged in an effort to seek relief for royalty owners and independent producers from the so-called windfall profit tax. The vehicle for relief is legislation pending before the United States Congress to exempt from

the windfall profit tax the first 1,000 barrels of oil produced. Members and non-members of the Association are encouraged to attend the meeting at the new Americana Hotel in Fort Worth where attendance is expected to exceed 800.

The Austin-based organization has announced that a number of state and federal officials, including two United States senators and five congressmen, will address the meeting about various aspects of pending legislation in Congress.

The senators are Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen and North Carolina Senator John East. The five congressmen, all from Texas, include Charles Stenholm, Bill Archer, Phil Gramm, Kent Hance and Tom Loeffler.

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Treasury, David Glickman, Washington, D.C., will address the TIPRO membership on tax issues. Glickman is the first representative of the Reagan Administration to address the Association.

A special session concerning the finances of the oil and gas industry will be conducted. Texas Securities Board Commissioner Richard Latham will provide a presentation, entitled "Raising Capital Under Government Regulations." Former Commissioner Roy Mauer will also address this issue in a presentation, entitled "The Oil Revolution: Securities Law."

Dr. Edward W. Erickson will enlighten the group on the serious need for gas decontrol and its impact on the industry. Ansel Con-

dray, Operations Manager of Exxon, will respond, speaking to the ability of the producing industry to meet the challenge of expansion called for by decontrol.

Members of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association have been involved in some momentous changes in the oil and gas industry over the past 35 years. These changes will be reviewed and the future of the industry will be planned at this 35th annual celebration.

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April Oil, Gas Discoveries Listed

Texas operators reported 117 gas and 37 oil discoveries in April 1981, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division announced today.

In the year-earlier month, 83 gas and 52 oil discoveries were filed with the state's energy regulatory agency.

Gas discoveries in the fourth month of the year included 46 in deep South Texas, 19 in the Refugio area, 15 in West Central Texas, 12 in Southeast Texas, six in East Texas, five in the Midland area, four in the San Antonio area, three each in East Central Texas and the San Angelo area,

and two each in North Texas and the Panhandle area.

Oil discoveries included six each in West Central Texas, North Texas and the Refugio area, five in the San Antonio area, four in Southeast Texas, three each in the San Angelo and Lubbock areas, two in the

Midland area, and one each in deep South Texas and the Panhandle.

In April, operators reported 227 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes. New applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests totaled 3,359 in April, compared with 2,646 in the same period of 1980.

Applications to drill, deepen, plug back and for service wells in April amounted to 3,585 against a 2,922 a year earlier.

Operators filed 811 amended applications to drill. A year earlier they submitted 560 amended requests.

January Gas Production Released

Texas oil and gas wells produced 583,259,315 Mcf of gas in January 1981, down 3.96 percent from field runs a year earlier.

Marketed gas production totaled 502,647,367 Mcf and reflected a 3.55 percent decrease from the January 1980 volume. Marketed production is the total gas to transmission lines, carbon black and plant fuel and lease use.

Gas exported from Texas in January totaled 278,561,666 Mcf. Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America was the month's largest exporter, moving 74,803,896 Mcf of gas of which 39,199,206 Mcf was Texas-produced gas.

Exports of Texas-produced gas in January totaled 205,068,679 Mcf, and reflected a 3.82 percent decrease from the year-earlier month.

Texas gas production in January came from 210,742 oil and gas wells.

In December 1980, Texas wells produced 586,792,097 Mcf of gas. Marketed gas production in December totaled 505,328,106 Mcf. December exports of Texas produced gas totaled 197,751,998 Mcf.

Brian W. Schaible has been named director of the Railroad Commission's Office of Information Services, responsible for the dissemination of information concerning Commission functions to the public, media, governmental entities and other interested parties.

Schaible has served in various public information positions of the Department of the Air Force for the past 12 years. He came to the Commission after serving as Director of Public Affairs for Headquarters Twelfth Air Force at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin.

Previous responsibilities include public information work for the Department of Defense Manager for

Managed Spaceflight Recovery Operations where he was involved in the Apollo 8 through 15 missions.

Schaible holds a bachelor's degree in speech from Utah State University and a masters degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma. He, his wife Janet and their two children live in Austin.

Brian W. Schaible Fills RRC Information Post

Purchase Nominations Top 2.5 Million Barrels

June 1981 nominations for the purchase of Texas crude oil total 2,578,202 barrels daily, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reported.

Purchaser nominations for May 1981 totaled 2,672,273 barrels daily. Comparable purchaser nominations for June 1980

total 2,518,470 barrels daily.

The Commission will set the June production allowable during the monthly statewide oil and gas proration hearing at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Hilton in Austin.

The statewide oil allowable for May is set at 100 percent of the maximum

efficient rate with actual production on to approximately 2,400,000 barrels daily.

Oil and Gas Division reported final tabulations place purchases of Texas crude oil in March 1981 at 2,477,031 barrels daily, or 104,804 barrels daily less than nominations for that month.

Keepers Appointed Head of RRC's LPG Division

Hugh F. Keepers, a 22-year veteran of the Railroad Commission, has been named director of the RRC's Liquefied Petroleum Gas Division.

He was formerly the safety director for the division.

He is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, National LP Gas Association, National Fire Protection Association, and the International Association of Arson Investigators.

He serves as an instructor in the Fireman's Training School at Texas A&M University each year, as well as at a similar training school at Lamar University.

Keepers also directed the LP Gas Division Emergency Response Team, the commission's effort to react quickly to accidents resulting in the dangerous leakage of liquefied petroleum gases.

Keepers came to the Commission after serving as a fire prevention instructor for the Air Force Base in Houston. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Keepers and his wife Ann live in Austin.

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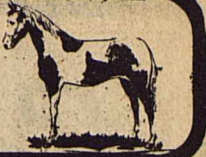
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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

As summer approaches, already the calendar of events is filling up.

Carroll Turk of San Angelo sends out the last reminder of the Concho Valley Club Lamb Sale May 30 at San Angelo Fairgrounds. For the livestock shows next winter, this will be the place for 4-Her's and FFA members to purchase future champions. Some 200 head of Finewools, Hampshires, Suffolks and Finewool crosses will be available. Sale time is 11 a.m.

Down in Kerrville June 11-14, a Texas-sized weekend is planned for the Brangus people. I attended the activities last year and know it promises to be worth the trip. Co-hosted by the International Brangus Breeders Association, and the Hill Country Brangus Futurity and Junior Heifer Show. Kerr County Fairgrounds will be the setting.

Also on slate will be the Texas Brangus Breeders Association meeting at the Sunday House. Social events will include the F & F calf fry party at Hays Park, the Hill Country party at the River Hill Country Club and the "Miss America" and Western Art Sale.

From there, a good bunch of us will leave the Hill Country for a change of clothes and head for Stamford and the 51st annual Texas Cowboy Reunion. The event opens June 30 and runs through July 4.

Rehab Quarter Horse Sale will be June 30 and is designed to be a "Classic" event for the Big Country and Rolling Plains areas of Texas. This quarter horse sale is believed to accommodate the market demand for quality halter-performance and racebred horses throughout West Texas.

The Rehab Quarter Horse Classic will be the lead-off activity for the 1981 Texas Cowboy Reunion. It will serve not only as an excellent marketing channel for well-bred, useful quarter horses, but as a fund raising function of the West Texas Rehab Center.

The Stamford Art Foundation will present the eighth annual Western Art Exhibit to benefit WTRC. The works of 36 of the top western artists in the nation will be featured. The Collector's Preview is set for 6:30 p.m., June 30 at the John Selmon Memorial Art Gallery.

The Hager Twins, Reba McEntire, the Cates Sisters, and the Captials will be featured entertainers at the Reunion this year.

And Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association members will head to Del Rio July 16-18 for the annual convention. So, the summer schedule is beginning to fill fast.

Soil Stewardship Observance Begins

Soil Stewardship Week will be held throughout Texas and nationwide this year May 24-31.

Since 1955, Soil Stewardship Week has been recognized in millions of churches and schools across the nation. It is designed to focus on the nation's natural resource problems and to consider ways to solve them.

"This country must, at whatever cost, maintain the capacity of the land to produce food and fiber." "With our own population at 220 million and growing and with many regions of the world de-

pending on the United States to supplement their food supply, the need to maintain our productive capacity becomes increasingly apparent."

Loca. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are the primary sponsors. Working closely with them in furthering the celebrations are the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

This year's event focuses on "Society's Pressure Points" as its theme and covers such topics as soil and water conservation, urbanization, and loss of

prime farmland. Information and materials for the 1981 observance of Soil Stewardship Week are available from County Extension Agents and Soil and Water Conservation District offices.

Experts from Angelo State, Kansas State, Nebraska, New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and Texas A&M Universities will have prominent roles in the broad-based forum. Six producer groups, two international concerns and eight state-Federal agencies will be represented.

The chairman said ranching delegations from Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will visit during the week to discuss their respective nation's ranching situations and how American producers can help them. During daily general sessions the development and maintenance of foreign markets will be highlighted along with the long-term outlook for the ranching industry as affected by government policy and world-wide economic changes.

Daily concurrent sessions will be geared to improved management of beef cattle, sheep and goats, working ranch horses, range resource conservation, wildlife, ranch business and mineral lease agreements, they noted.

Two day-long tours of progressively managed ranches in Southwest Texas and Northeast Mexico are being coordinated. Nightly entertainment after educational sessions has also been planned.

The chairmen stress that the deadline for pre-registration has been set for June 30. Individuals who register before that date will be assessed a tax-deductible fee of \$125 and a couple, \$150. After the June 30 deadline respective fees will increase by \$50.

These registration fees, the specialists point out, are much less than those charged for similar conferences having less educational opportunities.

"We are very excited over the quality and number of Roundup speakers," the chairmen said. "This could become the largest, most comprehensive conference for ranchers ever held in the Southwest."

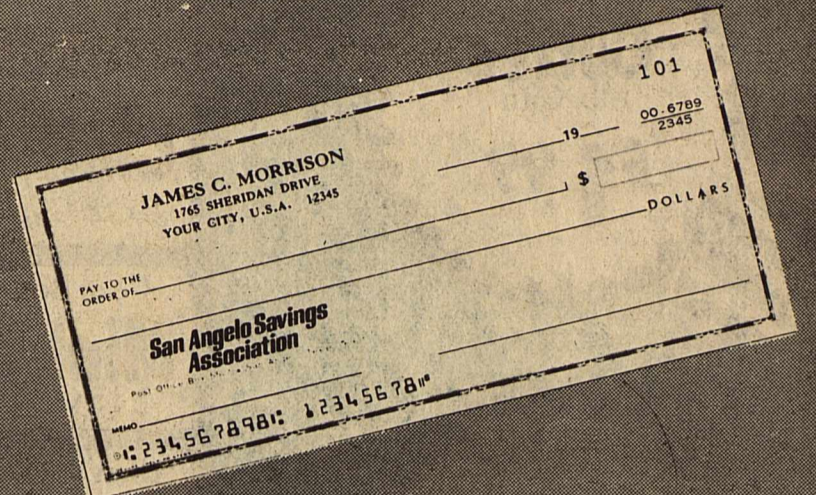
Pre-registration packets can be obtained by writing to IRR, P.O. Drawer 1849, Uvalde, Texas 78801. Prospective participants are reminded that considerable registration savings can be realized by return-

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"This year's production was up 5 percent from 1980, and was boosted by a 15-percent increase in March."

Brown noted that Texas livestock slaughter statistics are compiled by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, a cooperative effort of the Texas and U.S. Departments of Agriculture.

For the first quarter of 1981, cattle slaughter was up 7 percent in Texas, while slaughter of calves showed a 37-percent rise. Slaughter of hogs, sheep and lambs was down 3 percent.

Nationwide, commercial red meat production for the year stands at 9.81 billion pounds, a 3-percent jump from the first three months of 1980. Beef production was up 6 percent; veal, up 10 percent; pork, down 1 percent; and lamb and mutton, up 5 percent.

These statistics include slaughter which is under federal inspection, as well as other commercial slaughter. It does not, however, take into account on-farm slaughter.

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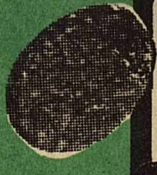



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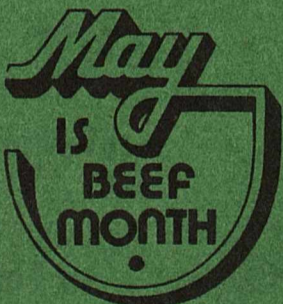
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