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County Commissioners Discuss Ordinances For Subdivisions

County Commissioners, meeting in regular session Monday, began discussion on the need for subdivision ordinances.

The County currently has no ordinances on regulations for subdivisions, and County Judge Charles Sherrill stressed the need for laws concerning roads, water wells and septic tanks outside the city limits.

Roger Spencer appeared before the Commissioners to request some repairs and the consideration of paving Bloodworth Lane.

Sherrill told Spencer the County did not have anymore funds for road paving in its 1981 budget, but since the project had been mentioned before the Commissioners several times, it would receive strong consideration in planning for the 1982 budget.

The judge did caution however that there were already some problems with the location of the road and its impact on water flow. He said a considerable amount of engineering expertise would be needed before jumping into a paving project there.

County Road Superintendent Joe Ed Harrell was given permission to begin repair work on the cattle guards immediately.

The Commissioners decided to ask County Attorney Al Elliott to consult with other county attorneys and

request copies of their various subdivision ordinances.

Robert Brown, owner of Waterhole No. 9, also appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the 2 a.m. closing law.

Sheriff Bill Webster had appeared at the June meeting asking that the closing time be changed back due to more trouble after the standard closing times.

Webster was not present Monday and the Court agreed to table the matter until the August meeting and have all parties involved present.

Kerrville engineer Bruce Mutherall also met briefly with the Commissioners explaining he had checked into the problems with Sonora's current airport location and he felt he could obtain grants from the Federal Aviation Administration and Texas Aeronautical Commission that would pay around 90 percent of the construction of a new airport.

Sherrill and County Auditor Charles Graves agreed to meet with him and at least one member of the Airport Authority to discuss the grants and place him on the agenda for a special meeting on July 27.

The special meeting had already been called earlier to hold the first hearing on the proposed 1982 budget.

A proposed budget submitted by Graves called for \$992,000 in receipts for the general fund, expenses

of slightly over \$1 million leaving a surplus of \$166,000.

He presented each of the Commissioners with a copy of the proposal and briefly went over various items to allow them to study it and make any recommendations for changes at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Louis Olenick met with the Commissioners to request the County to split the cost of equipping the new rescue truck with the City.

Olenick said the equipment would cost \$6,400 at the most depending on donations and the Commissioners agreed to use almost \$3,000 in revenue sharing funds that had already been allocated for the Fire Department for the project.



Lifeguard Tonya Evans issues a good natured warning on her whistle to some youngsters at the Sonora

Swimming Pool. The pool, managed by Oliver and Gary Wuest, is open daily from 2-6:30 p.m.

Green, Wills Headline Sutton County Days Dances Aug. 21, 22

President Herb Jones, Sonora Jaycees announced that Sonora's own Bill Green & The Texas Greats will play for the Friday night dance on August 21 during Sutton County Days celebration.

Green was born in Eldorado, but grew up in Sonora. He was playing the guitar at age 6 and began playing the piano at age 7.

During college he played with his friend David Price. During this time, Bill recorded his first regional hit, "Champion Bourbon". He recorded "Motel Time Again" in 1974 and formed his first band in 1975, touring Texas with good friend Darrell McCall.

In 1976, Bill went to Nashville where Joe Gibson produced his first National Hit Record "Texas On A Saturday Night", written by David Price.

With excellent reviews in Cashbox, "Texas On A Saturday Night", soon hit the national charts in Billboard Magazine and climbed to number one on stations all across the country. Five months later, "Texas Greats" was released to make two hits in a row.

In the spring of 1977, Bill went to work with Johnny Bush, fronting his shows and dances around the country. He formed his own band, "The Texas Greats", named after the record and released "Fool Such As I" in the fall of 1978, another nationally charted record, followed by Rairy Day Song and Texas Fiddles.

Singles released by Green include: "Fraulein, I Ain't Got No Worries, Let's Cheat Again, Freeborn Man, Fool Such As I, Tonight I'm Going Home, He Played Every Honky Tonk In Texas, Somewhere There's A Rainbow Over Texas, I Don't Know Why I Keep Loving You, I Hang Around, Big Fat Mama and City Slicker Honey."

David Wills, who will headline the Saturday, August 22 dance, at age 22 signed a recording contract with Epic Records and was produced by Charlie Rich. His first release "There's A Song On The Jukebox" was a chart rocket. His second release "From Barrooms to Bedrooms", which he co-wrote, launched David into an orbit fast-approaching

super stardom. His first album stayed on the charts 53 weeks. He has appeared across the nation on one-nighters from Podunk Junction to the Dinah Shore Show, Hee Haw and The Merv Griffin Show. In 1977, he signed with United Artists

Records. His producer, Tom Collins, produced Ronnie Milsap, Barbara Mandrell, Jim Ed Brown, Helen Cornelius.

Back up band for Wills on the 22nd will be Tommy Smith and the Country Clover.

Angoras Go At Sale

Thirty-two head of performance tested Angora bucks averaged \$550 during the 1st Annual Test and Sale held recently at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Ranch located on Hwy 55 between Rocksprings and Sonora.

Approximately 150 producers attended from about 120 head on test at the TAES Ranch. The sale included the showing of color slides of each selling buck in full fleece just prior to shearing. Buyers were thus able to better judge an animal's fleecing ability.

Top seller of the day was consigned by D.L. Cloudt, Rocksprings, and purchased by Mrs. Ruth Espy, Sonora, for \$1,500.00.

Hayden Haby, Uvalde, made top bid on the second high seller, \$1,400, a buck consigned by Heath and Allen Belk, Ballinger.

Two other animals broke the \$1,000 mark and were purchased by D.L. Cloudt and Nat Read, Ozona. These goats were consigned by Joe David Ross, Sonora, and Alfred Edwards, Harper, respectively.

"This test and sale showed us a lot of things about the Angora goat industry," explained Jack Groff, Texas Agricultural Extension Service sheep and goat specialist who served as sale coordinator.

"We'll be working with some of the genetic traits that need magnification while trying to deemphasize others. Some of these goats indexed very high. We have a lot of foreign competition in the mohair industry so we must improve our product to be competitive. This performance test goes a long way in helping us determine what direction to take."

Connie S. Earp Named Branch Manager By HOT



Connie Earp

Heart O' Texas Savings Association recently announced the placement of Connie S. Earp as the Sonora Branch Manager.

She is a native of Odessa, graduating from Permian High School. Her husband, Tommy, is a deputy with the Sutton County Sheriff's Department and they have two children, nine-year old Rendi and four-year old Nicole.

The Earps are members of the First Baptist Church and have lived in Sonora four years.

Mrs. Earp's past work experience has been in the field of financial services.

Her duties as Branch Manager of Heart O' Texas are to provide a full range of financial services including the processing of new loans and handling a complete line of interest bearing accounts.

All American Washer Pitch Slated Aug. 1 By Jaycees

The Sonora Jaycees are now making plans for their newest bash, the All American Washer Pitch, scheduled for Aug. 1 at the Sonora Sutton County Community Park Rodeo Grounds.

"We're expecting over 100 entries in the singles competition and hopefully that many in the doubles," Jaycees President Herb Jones said.

He said the Jaycees hope to make the tournament an annual event such as they have done with Sutton County Days and the Hooten Holler Barbecue and Goat Burning.

Entries have already been received from Austin, Kerrville, Hunt, San Angelo, Menard and Junction he added.

Entry fees for the contest are \$25 for singles and \$50 for a double team. Guaranteed prizes are 50 percent of the entry fees and trophy buckles for first place, 25 percent of

the entry fees for second place and 15 percent for the entry fees for third place.

The tournament will be double elimination and entries must be received by Friday, July 31. An individual may enter once in singles and once in doubles.

Entry fees should be sent to Jones at Box 584, Sonora. For more information, call 387-2600, 387-2520 or 387-3635.

Rules and regulations for the contest will be:

1. Washers are 2 inches, cups are 2 1/2 inches set 21 feet apart center to center.

2. First player will pitch 5 washers followed by his opponent. The player or team who scores will then pitch first the second round.

3. Scoring will be 5, 3, and 1 point increments. A ringer is 5 points. A

leaner is 3 points. If there is no ringer or leaner, the 1 point each is awarded for the player whose washer(s) are nearest the cup.

4. Should the first player pitch a ringer and have it covered by the second player, then that will cancel each ringer point. If the first player pitches two ringers and the second player pitches only one, then only one ringer is cancelled and the other ringer of the first player counts. Same holds true with leaners.

5. Singles and doubles games are played to 21 points.

6. All points are awarded on the final resting place of the washers.

7. Pitcher's foot may not extend beyond the cup.

8. The interpretation of the rules and regulations will be left up to the course judge and/or the tournament judge.



Reports from Washington

Estate and Gift Tax Reform

The widow of a West Texas rancher wrote recently expressing dismay and then anger at how the Internal Revenue Service came in after her husband's death and placed an unrealistically high valuation on working ranchland for which the productive value was \$10 an acre.

To add insult to injury, her lawyer said the IRS was not bound by the initial estimate and could return within a nine-month period and increase the original valuation. And, if the land was sold during a three-year period for more than the estimated tax value, the IRS could come back yet a third time with its collecting hand out.

But what really troubled this woman — still facing adjustments wrought by her husband's death — was that surviving heirs were faced with the unpleasant prospect of having the land and other assets sold to settle the tax debt with the Federal government, thus disallowing a legacy to be passed on from one generation to another.

There is nothing unique about this story. It happens every day in Texas and across the country. It is a fact of life — and death — faced by every farmer, rancher and small businessman and it threatens the very concept of family enterprise in this country.

The President has proposed and I have introduced legislation to help change this punitive taxation and ensure that all of us have the capability of passing on the fruits of our labor to our heirs and beneficiaries.

The estate tax is one of the most blatant disincentives to work, save and invest in the tax code. It denies us the incentive to build up anything of value to pass along to our children.

As a result of my background — a ranching family going back four generations — my belief in and support for a continuation of family-owned farms and ranches, as well as small businesses, is based on a deep personal commitment.

Just as the President has proposed, my legislation would raise the unified credit that applies to untaxed gifts and property transfers at death. When fully effective in 1985, it would be \$192,800. That, in effect, raises the death-tax exclusion to \$600,000.

The proposals would also eliminate the estate and gift taxes that apply to property transferred from one spouse to another. Current law provides a marital deduction of half of the adjusted gross estate or \$250,000, whichever is greater. The rest of the estate is taxed at regular rates. Under my proposal, as well as the President's, none of the estate passed on to a spouse would be taxed.

Under the plan, the gift-tax exclusion would rise from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Beginning next year, a husband and wife acting jointly could avoid taxes on gifts of up to \$20,000 a year to any individual, or any number of individuals, as long as none of them received more than \$20,000.

Current estimates indicate the estate and gift tax provision would be worth \$3 billion a year to taxpayers when fully effective in 1985 — half of the \$6 billion raised from estate and gift taxes last year. The government says this would eliminate taxes on more than 95 percent of all estates.

It is unfortunate that because of the IRS's policy initiatives to collect revenue, the estate and gift tax provisions have actually interfered with the transfer of small businesses and farms and ranches from one generation to the next. In my judgment, this must stop now.

It is the prerogative of Congress to enact laws. In this instance, Congress must enact a law that is clear and not interpreted capriciously and arbitrarily by the IRS to the detriment of those who have used their sweat and toil to build a future for themselves and their families.

Birthdays

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| <p>July 15
Shelly Behrens
Kelly Walraven
Chris Caldwell
Ruben Castillo
Janice Smith</p> <p>July 16
Mrs. Newt Poteet
Joe Espinosa
Lisa Letsinger
Victoria Virgin
Lisa Ramos
Pete Kinney
David Buitron
Bevely Caldwell
Diltzie Warren
Lisa Bartholomew
Kim Cole
Tommy Zapata
Cristina Ramirez</p> <p>July 17
Jimmy Cook
Hector Avila
Kay Campbell Lovejoy
Roy Allen Adkins
Herbert Moening
Helen Ledbetter
Blake Trainer</p> <p>July 18
Mrs. James D. Trainer
vna Johnson
Mrs. Armer Earwood</p> | <p>Mrs. James Hunt
Dan Carter Cauthorn II
Mrs. Roy A. Pope
Anita Balch
Don Holley</p> <p>July 19
Larry Finklea
Johnny McClelland
Mike Stewart
Lupe Leija
Marilyn Mormon Wood
Elaine Jimenez
Edna Reyes
Jason Ralph Arredondo
Julio Samaniego Sr.</p> <p>July 20
Frank Potmesil
Janice Nance
Kellar Morris Nevill
Jamie Parker
Mrs. John Mittel
Brenda Bartz Whitworth</p> <p>July 21
Mrs. Harold Schweining
Birl Vern Davis
Linda Hamilton
Gloria Bautista
Ianna Mozelle Tyler
Lidia San Miguel
James R. Merrill
Mike Merrill
Rene Porras
Kristi Farmer</p> |
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SEE Center Schedules Pre-registration

On Friday Sonora Early Education Center will be having pre-registration from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration will be held at the J & V Mobile Home Park Office, Highway 290 W., Lot #1.

SEE Center will offer three types of programs; a full-day program for children, ages 2 years to 5 years, a half-day preschool program for ages 2 years through 5 years, and an after school program for ages 5 years through 9 years.

The full-day program begins as early as 7:30 a.m. and may continue as late as 6 p.m. The half-day preschool program begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 12 noon. The after school program is designed for children who attend

grades Kindergarten through third and need half-day care beginning at 2:30 p.m.

SEE Center will be operated by certified teachers in Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education.

Both the preschool and full-day programs will offer children opportunities for development of their social, emotional, intellectual and physical skills.

These programs enhance

perception, judgement, and eye-hand coordination through working with manipulatives and blocks, music, role playing, science, books and stories, and work with readiness skills.

Experienced teachers will help provide children with fundamental experiences in color and shape learning and in number and readiness.

The after-school program is designed to stimulate children's interest and curiosity in arts and crafts, hobbies or engage them in group or individual recreational activities.

Sonora Early Education Center is now under construction. It is located on 511 Cornell Street and will be opening in late August.

For more information, call 387-5207. Enrollment will be limited.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, July 15
Golf Auxiliary. 12 noon.
Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16
Petraettes. 12 noon.
Masonic Lodge. 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 21
Lions Club. 12 noon.
Sonora City Council. City Hall, 9 a.m.
Eastern Star. 7:45 p.m.

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Chamber Chatter

by Lou Thomas

The C of C Board of Directors met July 1 in the Founders Room of the First National Bank building with the following in attendance: President Sandra Cooper, Treasurer Jim Cusenbary, Don Holdridge, Albert Ward, Hal Spain, Nancy Johnson, Honorary Board members City Manager Jim Dover and KVRN Radio Station Manager Mike Street.

Membership Chairman Cusenbary informed the group that he and Effie Harle would probably be conducting a membership drive in September; Cooper commended the Red Carpet members on the great job they are doing; Holdridge reported on the progress

being made by the group proposing the building of apartment units; Johnson was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee with Cooper, Cusenbary, Carrasco and Holdridge; reports were given on the Youth Activities Committee, the Industrial Committee and the Retail Merchants Committee to the by-laws to the membership, changing the fiscal year ending date.

The C of C received a letter from Bob Bullock stating that the C of C is exempt from the sales tax.

A letter to the C of C was received from Paul D. Aikin, State Director, Selective Service System, Dallas requesting C of C assistance in soliciting the

membership of the C of C for potential candidates for local membership.

The letter read, in part 'A list of local board member candidates will be compiled from which we will choose those individuals who will represent their localities and thereby perform an important national defense function. The mission of Selective Service is to respond quickly to meet Department of Defense manpower needs in time of national emergency and to do so in a manner that will protect the constitutional and statutory rights of the registrants. In order to meet this two-part mission it is now necessary to select and train the citizen volunteers who would serve on local draft boards should a national emergency occur. It is these citizens who will insure that registrants are treated fairly and equitably across the country.' Anyone interested in serving on

the local board should contact the C of C Office or call 7-2880 for forms to be mailed to the SSS in Dallas. Submitting the requested information is not a final commitment to serve, but is intended to generate a list of those who are interested in serving their country in this manner.

Don Cooper at the Devil's River Ranch Supply has volunteered to submit his name and fill out the necessary forms to have his name on the list from Sutton County.

So far, Mrs. Clift Epps and Mrs. Belle Steen have volunteered to tape some stories of early day Sutton County for the Oldtimers Reunion at Sutton County Days this year on August 22nd. Any citizen, age seventy or older may contact Harva Cooper at 7-2582 if he or she wishes to participate in the taping of stories.

Friendly face around town last week was Barbara Earwood.

Los Compadres Hold Monthly Party

Los Compadres Club held its monthly party Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Galindo Jr. as hosts.

The Galindos held a picnic on the Caverns of Sonora grounds. They served pepper steak, frijoles al charro, vermicelli, pea salad, tossed salad, hot chile sauce, tortillas, peach cobbler and tea.

Members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Polo Cervantes, Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Perez Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Marciano Hernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Samaniego Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Galindo, Mr. and Mrs. Pancho Salazar, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Lopez and

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carrasco.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Hector Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Samaniego, Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Sanchez Jr. and Mrs. Ramon Penalver. Also attending were Nora Galindo, George Reyes, Yolanda Martinez, Lisa Martinez, Julio Samaniego III, Rick Samaniego, and Danny Samaniego and Ricardo Perez Jr.

Plans were discussed for the Sutton County Days booth.

This year's directors are Mr. and Mrs. Marciano Hernandez and Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Trevino.

Powers Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. James Powers of Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, are proud to announce the birth of twin girls born July 12.

The twins are welcomed by a sister, Stayce.

One twin weighed five pounds, 12 ounces and the other weighed four pounds, one ounce.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kinney of Sonora and Mrs. Valetta Powers of Grand Junction, Co.

Newcomer's Guide July 29

Your guide to Sutton County

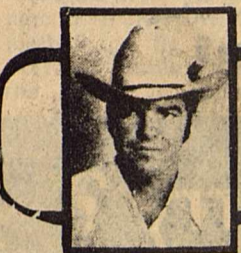
visiting on the campus of Sul Ross University in Alpine a few years back. A degree is offered there in the trade.

Last week I spent the day on the ranches of Bill Eiland at Snyder photographing his horses and cattle. He told me they had a hard time getting on the shoeing schedule sometimes. Our ranch hands fall in and show Turtle Jack and the remuda, but they don't like it," said Eiland.

Well, still talking horses. Sonny Dillard of Abilene reports the first Rehab Horse Sale at Stamford during July Fourth Texas Cowboy Reunion activities was a success. The Rehab Center will have its fall horse sale in October 3.

"Before that one," comments Jim Alexander, Abilene cattle feeder. "We will kick off the annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children with a cattle sale Sept. 28."

Alexander was rather excited in talking about this year's CRCC program. "You know construction will start soon on the new Rehab Center in San Angelo," he said. "So, this year, for every livestock donation of \$250 or more we are going to place the cattle brand on the wall of the new building."



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

The other morning on a stock-farm near Wingate, I stood in the shade of an old mesquite tree while Bucky Duvall of Coleman shod a horse. We visited while he worked.

Bucky kept looking back over his shoulder as if the horse he was working on might bite or kick. Finally, I walked around to find one of the Bishop boys' 9-year-old tenants trying to do the same thing to his little Shetland pony that Bucky was doing.

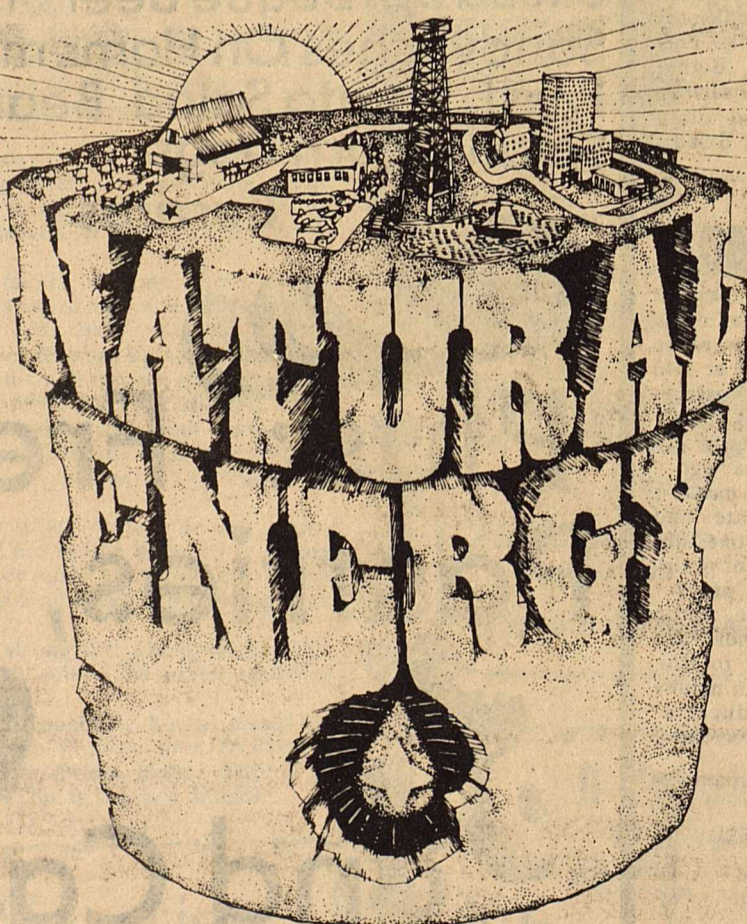
The little Latin boy had the pony's hing leg tied up to the fence. He had the horse-shoe pinchers in both hands about to do away with half the hoof.

"Wait a minute son," yelled Bucky. "You are not only going to get kicked when that tool hits the quick...you are going to cripple your horse."

Duvall, who came back to Texas after a few years in California, gave the young man some lessons. "I hated to see him get hurt and possibly hurt the pony. Yet, after I showed him a few things, it occurred that I might have some competition in this area real soon," laughed Bucky.

Actually, professional horse-shoeing services are hard to come by in most of ranch country. I was

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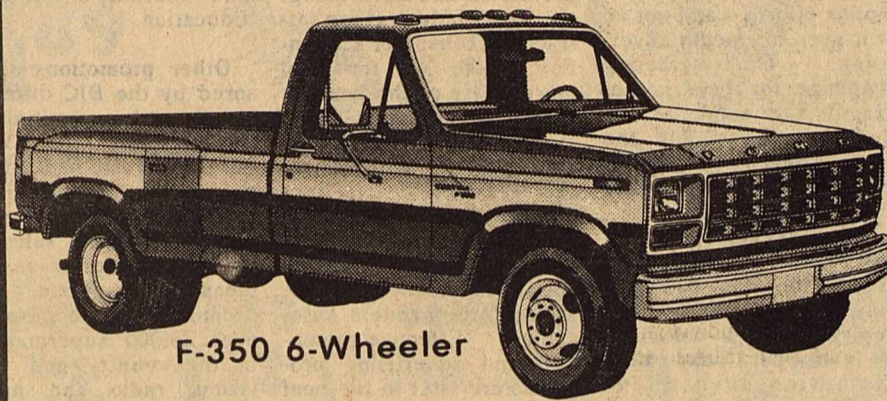
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Angelo State Season Ducats Go on Sale

Season tickets for the 1981 Angelo State University football season go on sale Monday, July 13, at the ASU Fiscal Office and by state mail.

Angelo State will play a six-game home schedule at the 17,500 seat San Angelo stadium. The Rams will open with NCAA Division-AA powerhouse Alcorn State University of Mississippi to kick off Angelo State's membership in the NCAA on Sept. 5.

Angelo State will participate in NCAA Division II football for the first time ever this season. Eight of the Rams' 11 opponents this season are NCAA foes, including six other Lone Star Conference teams.

Tickets for the six home games are discounted according to the location of the seats. The six-game tickets for Sections C, D, and E, areas between the 30 yard lines, are \$27.00 each. Tickets for Sections B and F, areas between the 15 and 30 yard lines, are \$24.00 each. Season ticket holders are entitled to free stadium lot parking.

1980 season ticket holders have priority to renew the option on seats held last year from July 13 to August 18. After that period, unclaimed options will be open for sale to the general public. Order forms have been mailed to 1980 season ticket holders.

Season ticket sales will run through Aug. 31.

Mesquite Control

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Nature, indeed, endowed the plant with formidable characteristics for its survival: abundant crops of nearly indestructible seed, ready means of distribution, freedom from insects and disease, unpalatable to grazing animals, armored with thorns, drought-proof and capable of regeneration of both tops and roots whenever necessary.

The only certain way to kill a mesquite is to remove it from the soil, roots and all, or at least to a depth below the bud zone.

Tools for removal include the grubbing hoe, the bulldozer, the deep root plow, and now a new hydraulically assisted grubbing implement for use on farm tractors.

Hand grubbing was the method of control used by the pioneers. Mesquites were not as plentiful then and labor was cheap. Bulldozing is effective on larger trees and must be used to remove them. It is not effective on small brush.

Deep root plowing severs the plant below ground, but leaves it standing, quite often to regenerate and regrow if moisture is present in the soil. Both bulldozing and deep root plowing require the use of expensive and heavy machinery, requiring consumption of large quantities of fuel.

The need for an efficient, low-cost, low-energy requirement grubbing device has been evident for a number of years, and particularly, since the costs of both labor and energy have sky-rocketed.

The Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, San Angelo, searched for such an implement for a number of years. When Travis O. Harkness invented and perfected such a tool in early 1980, the University acquired one and conducted a series of replicated tests to evaluate it.

The results were published in a paper, "Field Evaluation of a Low-Energy Hydraulically-Assisted Sprout Root Grubbing Plow" prepared as a preliminary report by Darrell N. Ueckert and Mark L. McFarland.

Among other facts and statistics, the report states that, on the average, 155 mesquite plants were grubbed per hour, with 91 percent of the plants extracted with roots attached, 5 percent severed below the bud zone and the remaining 4 percent damaged to varying degrees.

The implement used was on a rubber-tired farm tractor rated at 40 HP. Fuel consumption was slightly less than 5 quarts of diesel per hour, or .008 gallons per plant. Plants ranged up to 4.75 inches in basal trunk diameter. Densities ranged from a low of 15 plants per acre to a high of 454 per acre in the various test sites. Tables are given which show the relatively low cost of grubbing per acre in the various densities of infestation.

Since the evaluation by the University, the implement has been improved with a device which absorbs most of the counter-thrust of the grubbing action, directing it to the ground and greatly reduced the strain and power requirements of the tractor.

The tool also has been made self-cleaning since the tests were conducted, increasing its efficacy still more. The grubber now has been used by over 250 private owners on all types of brush. Reported results parallel those published by Texas A&M.

With the added improvements, the implement is now capable of extracting stumps, snags and trees up to 6-inches, or more, in basal trunk diameter. The grubber has been used on all sizes of tractors up to 125 HP, but works about as efficiently on small tractors as large.

Honey mesquite probably never will be eradicated, but it can be controlled at reasonable cost with tools now available. The first step to reclaim the land is to remove the plant to gain the space and to prevent the production of new seed.

This practice must be continued as long as new plants germinate from old seed. Care should be taken to assure that domestic animals do not move to cleared areas soon after grazing on still infested land which is producing bean pods for their consumption.

Establishment of a good strong turf and other sensible management practices should follow the initial grubbing operation.

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Saturday, July 4
 1:40 p.m. Caller reported dirt bike stolen Thursday night or Friday morning.
 7:42 p.m. Caller at trailer park requested ACO pick up black cat.
 10:40 p.m. Caller reported subjects popping firecrackers.
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10:41 p.m. Caller on E. 2nd reported juveniles running toward the draw.
Sunday, July 5
 12:45 p.m. Caller reported an accident on Crockett-no injuries.
 3:52 p.m. Caller reported man drunk at cafe.
 4:17 p.m. Caller requested to see officer in reference to an assault.
 8:03 p.m. Caller on Wilson reported husband

beating his wife.
 9:39 p.m. Caller reported gas leak on Glasscock.
Monday, July 6
 11:52 p.m. Caller at trailer park reported someone had been knocking on her trailer and a suspicious vehicle was parked near her trailer.
 12:58 a.m. Jewelry store alarm went off. Went off again at 1:26 a.m. and 1:35 a.m.

Tuesday, July 7
 6:54 p.m. Caller at motel reported a minor accident.
 12:32 a.m. Caller on W. Plum reported a prowler outside her residence.
 12:56 a.m. Caller at restaurant advised there were a couple of rowdy customers.
 Caller back at 12:58 a.m. and advised that trouble had just started.

Wednesday, July 8
 10:27 p.m. Caller reported subjects in park next to swings behind trees that were not supposed to be there.
 11:20 p.m. Caller on Cornell reported suspicious vehicle in alley.
Thursday, July 9
 Caller reported alarm going off at construction company.
Friday, July 10
 7:09 a.m. Caller on SE Oak reported that a cat was caught in a trap.
 12:07 p.m. Caller reported a dog in the restroom at the 4-H Center.

12:02 p.m. Caller at trucking company reported oxygen tank on fire by the office.
 12:33 p.m. Caller reported someone hit her car at Central and 3rd. Unable to locate accident.
 8:20 p.m. Caller at restaurant reported one Boy Scout left behind. Driver left with nine other Boy Scouts.
 5:49 p.m. Caller reported drunk driver on W. Crockett traveling in reverse at 30 mph.
 12:53 a.m. Caller reported a prowler.

12:58 a.m. Caller on Tom Green reported a power failure.
 1:42 a.m. Caller reported loud music near Martin and Savell.
Saturday, July 11
 3:29 p.m. Caller on E. Poplar reported hearing a shot-not a car backfiring. Turned out to be a problem with a transformer.
 3:34 p.m. Caller on E. Poplar reported hearing a loud pop and had less voltage to his house. Problem with a transformer.
Sunday, July 12
 10:47 a.m. Caller reported kids riding dirt bikes in area-making too much noise.
 10:09 p.m. Caller reported theft of some equipment from the storage room at the pool.
 2:07 p.m. Caller at convenience store reported two subjects left owing \$2 for gas.
 3:52 p.m. Caller reported no electricity at church.
 7:20 p.m. Caller reported man passed out in roadway.
 4:52 p.m. Caller at hotel reported men harrasing her daughter.

Blood Drive Scheduled July 22

There is a 95 percent chance that by the time you are 72, you will have had a blood transfusion or at least had a need for one of the products derived from this vital fluid. Transfusions were once used only to replace blood lost by the patient. Today advanced technology permits utilizing parts of the blood for many different purposes. One pint can be used to treat one patient or many. Almost anyone can be a blood donor according to the United Blood Services of San Angelo. There are exceptions based on health and medical conditions, but most reasons for turning away a donor are temporary. When you volunteer to become a donor, a medical history will determine any circumstances or conditions that might affect your eligibility. Your body won't miss the blood for long. Within 24 hours, the normal volume of blood is restored. However, it takes about six weeks for all the red blood cells to be replaced. That is why you can donate blood only every eight weeks. Donor blood is kept in a blood bank. But even when stored under ideal conditions (refrigerated at just the right temperature and stored with the proper preservatives), it has a legal use limit of 35 days. Becoming a donor pays dividends. By giving blood you assure adequate blood supplies for you, your family and your community.

Not all transfusions or other uses for blood by-products are based on emergency situations. In fact, most medical and surgical needs are scheduled in advance. Every minute of every day, five persons in the U.S. each need an estimated three pints of blood. Multiply those 15 pints by the minutes in a day and the total daily consumption becomes enormous. It is obvious the needed blood support of each community to have an adequate blood supply to help all. Four months have passed since the last blood drive was held in Sonora. During these four months, other communities have supported all blood needs through West and Central Texas. You are being asked to help support blood needs for this one day--Wednesday, July 22. Take this opportunity to help someone back to better health or possibly save a life. Most importantly, assure yourself and your loved ones of an adequate supply of blood. Transfusing afterthoughts does not save lives. The drive is being sponsored by Kappa Gamma-ESA and will be held at the Founders Room of the First National Bank between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. For your convenience and to avoid waiting, call Blood Mobile Chairperson Nelda Mayfield at 387-3096

and schedule your most convenient time. Seventeen-year-olds must have a minor donor permit card. These may be picked up at either Food Center or Foodway.

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First United Methodist Church David W. Griffin - Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. KVRN 98 AM 11:00 a.m. Children's Choir 5:00 p.m. UMYF 6:00 p.m. Wed. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday Public Talk 10:00 a.m. Watchtower Study 10:50 Tuesday Theocratic School 7:30 pm Service Meeting 8:30 p.m. Thursday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	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.
Saint John's Episcopal Church Rev. John W. Fritts Pastor Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. (2nd and 4th Sunday MP) Wednesday Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Holy Days as announced	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Bishop 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 a.m. Visitors Welcome	Church of Christ Bible School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. Night 6:30 p.m. Wed. night 6:30 p.m.

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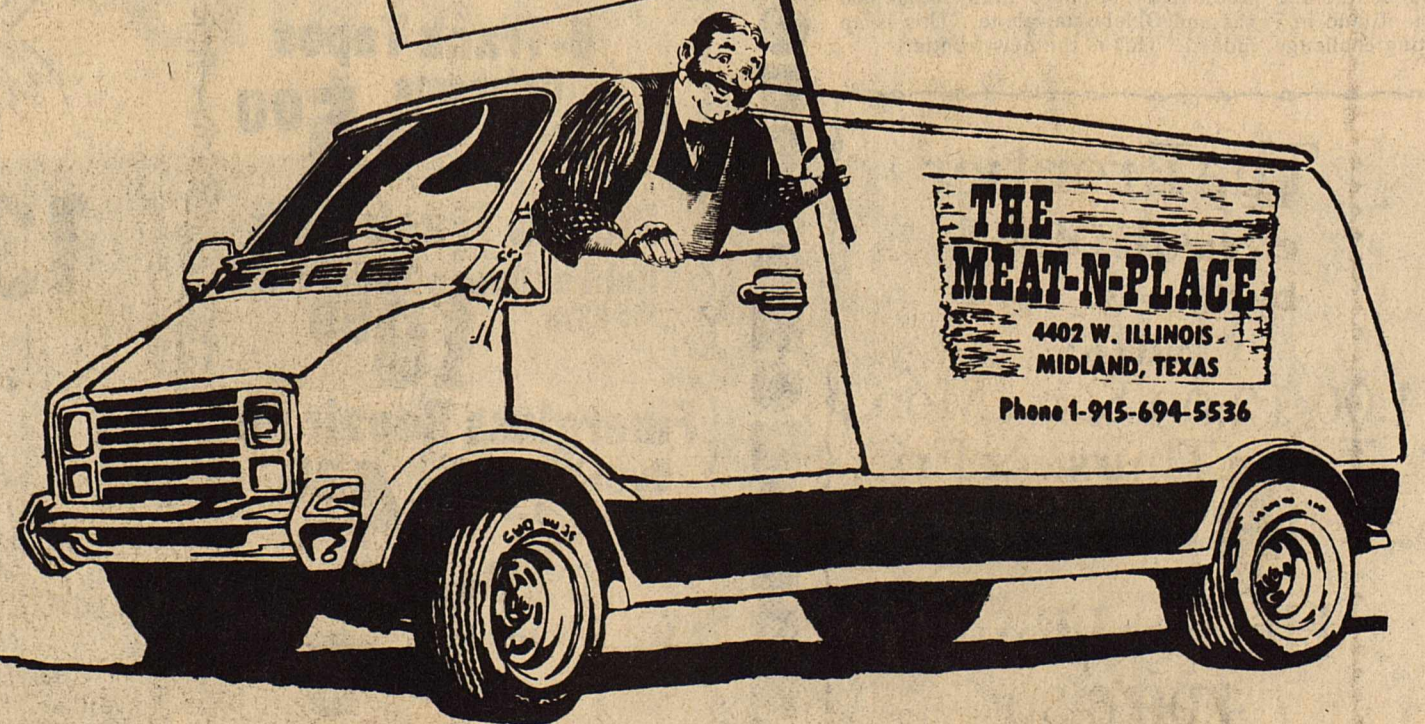
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Candidate To Visit Aug. 6

Sutton County Judge Charles Sherrill has been notified that El Paso Mayor Tom Westfall, a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1982 will be making a stop in Sonora as part of a campaign tour. Westfall and his wife, Margie, left El Paso on July 6 as part of a 30-county campaign swing. He will arrive in Sonora on Aug. 6 at 8:30 p.m., staying until approximately 11 a.m. A retired FBI special agent, Westfall was elected mayor of El Paso in 1979. He did not seek re-election to allow him to enter the governor's race. "It is our intention to conduct an extensive grass roots campaign by visiting and campaigning in every county...city and town in Texas," Westfall said. "We will be meeting, hopefully, with every county chairman in Texas."

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DEATHS

Myrtle Burk Sellman

Myrtle Burk Sellman, 87, died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 8 at Park Plaza Nursing Home in San Angelo. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Sonora with Rev. David Griffin officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sellman was born Oct. 28, 1893 in Williamson County to John and Bettie Jarmon Burk. She married John Sellman in Brady in June, 1920 and moved to Sonora from San Saba in 1932.

A retired rancher, she was a member of the Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her survivors include a daughter, Fannie Wade of Sonora; one son, Richard Sellman of San Angelo; a sister, Velma Storms of Kerrville; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were George Wallace, Web Elliott, Dr. Charles Browne, John Fields, Nelson Stubbiefield, Bill Gosney, George Brockman and John Wade.

Red Cross Swim Program Held

A total of 130 children and adults took part in the free swim program sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Melissa Teaff wishes to thank her dedicated helpers for turning out and helping.

Helpers were Jan Payne, Kathy Payne, Mitzie Matthews, Edna Duren, Tammy Duren, Terry Duren, Tonya Evans, Patricia Bible, Jane Smith, Mary Villanueva and Janice Gomez.

Without their help, it would be impossible to have the swim program Mrs. Teaff said.

Those passing advanced lifesaving were Vickie DeMarco, Robert Fierro, Edna Duren, Tammy Duren and Tonya Evans.

Those passing basic rescue and water safety were Davy Ross, Tammy Holguin, Lena Laxton,

Carla Crites, Shannon Payne, Penny Clemons, Darold Malik, Terry Duren, and Sherry Ellison.

Passing beginners were Iana Churchill, Laura Lee Barlemann, Vicki Anderson, Jimmie Luckie, Kelly Webster, Kathy Cooke, Albert Fierro, Bobby Malik, Cindy Ogburn, Sylvia Virgen, Tammy Fisher, Chris Hanna, Travis High, Deann Hodges, Willie Waggoner, Jimmy Keese, Susan Brown, Christi Spain, Kay Williams, Judy Williams, Michelle Hameister, and Tammie Hameister.

Passing intermediate were Davy Ross and Darold Malik.

Passing Swimmers were Cindy Doran, Janice Gomez and Terry Duren.

Passing advanced beginners were Darla West, Sean Matthews, Angie Stewart and Toney Duren.

Local Youth Attend Texas Tech Enrichment Program

Eleven-year-old Ralph S. Jackson III of Beeville admits he is "kind of curious" about the makeup of proteins and amino acids. Blis Powell, a 10-year-old from Midland, is intrigued by the oil and gas industry and dreams about becoming an engineer in that field.

Those adolescent curiosities are being satisfied in an adult way this week as part of a Texas Tech University summer enrichment program for gifted and talented students.

Jackson and Powell are among 135 students selected from more than 500 applicants throughout Texas to participate in the two-week program.

Instead of spending their time watching television, listening to records and playing in the yard, these students will be studying computer science, medicine, law, philosophy, creative music, creative writing, art and film, remote sensing, laser technology, biology and chemistry.

The program, "Shake Hands With Your Future," was organized under the direction of Dr. Suzan H. Schafer, associate director of the Texas Tech Division of Continuing Education, in cooperation with Dr. Bruce D. Mattson, education professor.

"We wanted to fulfill requests from educators and parents," she said, "with a program to provide special experiences for gifted and talented students and to assist them in the development of personal and academic potentials."

The 1981 program, offered June 28 through July 10 and July 19 through August 1, is the first of its kind at Texas Tech, but it could become an annual event for youth ages 10-15.

To qualify for the program, students must have demonstrated high performance in achievement tests, above average intelligence, creative thinking ability or exceptional skill in the arts.

Participants from Sonora include Chris Driskill, 12, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Claud T. Driskill; Craig Hopper, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. John David Fields; and Betsy Allen, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Allen.

Charles Floyd, a Lubbock schoolteacher and coach, is program coordinator.

Students pick from a daily schedule the sessions they attend. Called "quests" instead of classes, these sessions offer more latitude in their content and scope than do school classes.

For Simon Burris, 11, of Tomball the quests allow him to study philosophy, logic and argument.

"I'm interested in different kinds of philosophies and seeing how different people think differently," he said.

Then there are quests like "Alice in Wonderland Math," which explores the math concepts in Lewis Carroll's classic.

Laura Bryson, 13, of San Antonio had read "Alice in Wonderland," previously, but now is going back through it, focusing on the math tricks.

"We have to figure out things like how long it would have taken Alice to fall to the other side of the earth," Bryson said. "Actually, she never would have made it because of hte force of gravity."

In addition to the various quests, students in groups of six or less meet with mentors such as the president of the university, vice presidents, deans and department heads to learn how a university works, new developments in various fields of study and

career possibilities.

Other activities include tours of such Texas Tech facilities as the Ranching Heritage Center, The Museum, Textile Research Center, KTXT-TV, Crosbyton Solar Power Project and the planetarium.

But all is not just study during the two-week sessions. Numerous recrea-

tional activities are worked into the daily schedule. Swimming, outdoor concerts, computer games, stage shows and outdoor games are scheduled. Youths live in a residence

hall setting during the program.

Schafer said the program offers gifted youth an opportunity not only to expand their educational horizons, but also to learn from equally talented peers.

That is an assessment young novelist Appleton agrees with.

"I can use big words here," said Appleton, "and the others don't give me puzzled looks."

For more information on the program, contact Schafer at (806) 742-2354.

Smith, Cook Announce Engagement

Beth Smith of Sonora announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Tammy Lea, to Robert Keith Cook of Sonora.

He is the son of Jimmy Cook, formerly of Sonora, and Wanda Cook of Junction.

The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Junction High School and American Com-

mercial College. She is employed at Devil's River Ranch Supply.

Cook is a 1978 graduate of Sonora High School and is presently employed by Halliburton Services of Sonora.

Ms. Smith is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Dolley Glasscock of Sonora. An Aug. 30 wedding is planned.



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Sonorans Receive Carr Scholarship

Two Angelo State University students from Sonora are recipients of Carr Academic Scholarships for 1981-82.

Those receiving awards include Denise Neal, \$1,000 a sophomore elementary education major, and Becky Boyd, \$500, a sophomore business major.

The scholarships have been awarded to the students on the basis of their outstanding academic record and personal achievements through funds provided by the Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr Scholarship Foundation.

These Sonora students are among more than 400 students who have been selected to receive Carr Academic Scholarships for 1981-82.

This distinctive scholarship program was created by the late Mr. Carr to provide academic scholarships to assist worthy and deserving students to pursue their education at Angelo State.

ting nominations for its annual awards program. The awards for which nominations are accepted from the general public are: outstanding policeman, outstanding fireman and civil servant of the year.

The policeman and fireman awards will be divided into metropolitan and rural area categories.

Persons desiring to submit nominations should send a letter to the Awards Committee Chairman, Regular Veterans Association, 610 Brazos, Suite 202, Austin, Texas 78701.

Letters making nominations should include the

nominee's name, address, telephone number, workplace and a detailed synopsis of the basis for the nomination. Eyewitnesses should be provided where appropriate.

Letters of recommendations, newspaper clippings, and other supporting documents are advisable.

Awards will include monetary and other prizes. The banquet will be held in March in the city of Austin.

Further information can be obtained by calling Al Winder, Committee chairman, at 817/731-3391, or office of the commander, 512/479-0388. Nominations must be postmarked by midnight, August 14.

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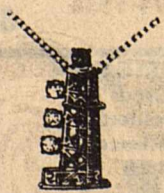
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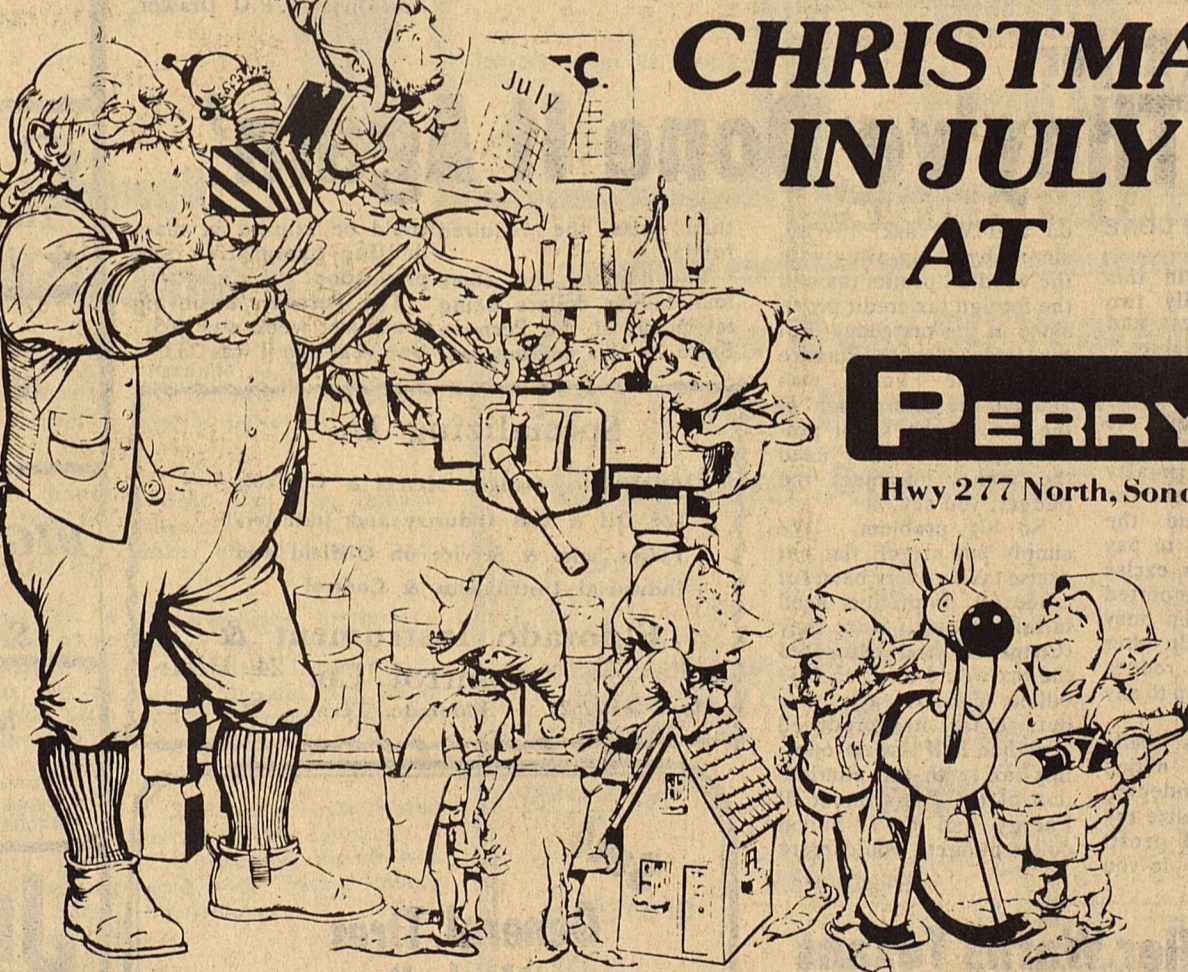


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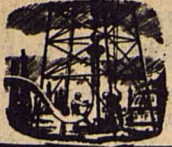
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Legislators From Industrial States Pushing For More Tax

This year, the federal government will collect about \$13 billion from Texas under the so-called windfall profit tax and transfer the vast bulk of it to other states. But legislators from industrial states in the Northeast and Midwest are pushing for even more.

Their efforts could balkanize this country. They have formed a Northeast-Midwest coalition in Congress, using a paid staff to gather statistics and plant stories.

These "snowbelt" lawmakers claim that producing states, like Texas, are reaping a windfall profit from decontrol and will use this revenue to pillage their industrial base. They propose that laws be rewritten to give their states a bigger portion of money distributed by the federal government. Many of the laws already are biased in their favor.

The fact is, the so-called windfall profit tax, which I voted against, may well result in the most massive

transfer of wealth in the history of our nation. Overall, this tax will place \$227 billion in the coffers of the U.S. Treasury over the next ten years. Of that amount, \$143.33 billion will be paid out by Texas.

Texas will prosper in the future, make no mistake about that. But our wealth will be fairly earned and long in coming. And we'll stand ready to defend it against raids from "snowbelt" legislators armed with twisted logic.

Although Texas still has some of the poorest regions in the country, our state is finally nearing the national average in per capita income. Why should we be punished for catching up with the rest of America?

Let's take a look at these arguments about a producer rip-off as a result of decontrol. What are the facts? The facts are that people, jobs and capital have been moving to Texas and other Southern states for more than a decade.

As a result of the 1980

census, the South and West will gain about 17 seats in Congress, with three of those seats going to Texas. This southward migration began long before the energy crisis and it will continue long after it is over. People come here to set up businesses, to live and work, because we offer an attractive economic environment that is committed to the free enterprise system.

That has been the secret of Texas-style success--it's a lesson our neighbors

would do well to learn. Allegations that Texas and other "sunbelt" states are prospering at the expense of our fellow Americans in the Northeast and Midwest have no basis at all.

Rampant, divisive regionalism does no one any good in this country, whether North or South. Instead of dwelling on the economic rivalry between Massachusetts and Texas, our Northern detractors

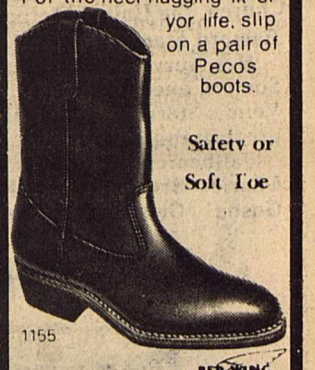
ought to take a look at the intense competition between the United States and Japan for world markets.

I would remind my Northern colleagues of Benjamin Franklin's words at the signing of the Declaration of Independence: "We must all hang together or assuredly we shall hang separately."

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Many narrow coal seams are situated at sharp angles deep into the earth. By conventional means, the

costs and hazards of mining such deposits far outweigh the potential harvest. But, in what may prove to be one of the most important gasification developments of this century, a test conducted by TRW Inc. and Gulf Research and Development Company has demonstrated that seemingly out-of-reach reserves are well within the grasp of today's technology.

In the test, conducted in Wyoming after two years of preparation, two sloping

wells were drilled 400 feet deep to within 10 feet of each other. A small portion of the coal was set afire, and the air was injected through one hole to force synthetic gas out the other.

The first gas recovered was low quality, but still useful. Later, as oxygen was pumped into the well instead of air, a higher quality gas was produced; this gas could be used in direct heating applications, most certainly at nearby industrial sites.

The test's prime value: without mining a single pound of coal, approximately 75 percent of the energy from the coal was recovered as combustible gas.

If future efforts are equally as positive, coal gasification may prove to be one of the most important alternate energy technologies of the future.

To be sure, the coal is there. The task for high technology companies such as TRW is to devise ways to make the best use of it.

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Nugent Releases Manual Describing Issues

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent released a new manual describing gas utility issues and procedures in Houston July 2, calling it "a modest step toward returning gas utility regulation to local governments."

Chairman Nugent made the announcement in a luncheon speech before the Public Utility section of the State Bar of Texas which is holding its annual convention at the Shamrock Hilton.

The Railroad Commission designed the manual to help cities understand the issues involved in natural gas utility rate-making and to help them make fair rate decisions at the city level.

"Under Texas law the local city councils have original jurisdiction in utility rate cases," Nugent told the assembled attorneys. "They come to the Commission only when problems can't be fully resolved at the local level."

The Commissioner noted

that the first municipal assistance manuals, released last year, apparently aided the effort to return utility regulation to the local level. Texas' 25 largest cities handled over 30 rate proceedings during the last two years and only one was appealed to the Railroad Commission, Nugent said. Overall, Commission records show that 14 appeals were filed last year, compared with as many as 90 in preceding years.

"I don't think the law

contemplated appeals to the Commission as a routine chance for a second bite at the apple," Nugent stated. "When matters are handled at the local level, it reduces both utility and governmental costs. Both the consumers and the taxpayers benefit," he concluded.

Manuals are available free of charge to mayors and city officials upon request. Others may obtain copies of the manual for a nominal fee by contacting the Commission's Gas Utilities Division, P.O. Drawer,

12967, Austin, Texas 78711.

PBPA Report 'They've Done It Again'

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The "they", in this instance, is actually two groups, the Congress and the major oil companies. Obviously, the "us" is you and me. What "they've" done is to refuse to give the domestic independent oil operators and royalty owners the same break the majors have. And, the majors, not having to pay any windfall profits excise tax on any of their imported crude oil, have been busy using the profits to do other things--but not to reduce the price at the pump to any noticeable degree.

If the Congress really wants to help the nation become energy independent, why not equalize the so-called windfall profit tax. And, just how do you

do that you ask? Why, simply by doing away with the windfall profits tax and the foreign tax credit provisions in the tax code. But the latest Senate Finance Committee vote was against the elimination of the tax on the small producer, because they need the money to meet the budget, you say.

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than raise the required funds. In addition, the some four billion dollars being taken out of the Permian Basin by this onerous tax, One year ago it was 333.

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Comptroller Warns Texans

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Wednesday warned Texas taxpayers--not taxpayers in other states--would bear the burden of Attorney General Mark White's proposal to raise Texas oil and gas severance taxes.

"Texas would be shooting itself in the foot by raising oil and gas taxes," Bullock said of White's suggestion that Texas raise its taxes in retaliation to the State of Montana's 30 percent severance tax on its coal.

Bullock pointed out that Texas residents and Texas industries use 72 percent of the natural gas and 63 percent of the crude oil produced in Texas.

"In other words, the Attorney General's proposal wouldn't ship our tax burdens to New York or Illinois. It would ship the tax burden no further than down the street to a fellow Texan," Bullock said.

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Sporting Chance

By Don Holdridge

Something new in New York, Paris or California usually becomes THE new style or fad, but in Texas—especially West Texas—something different than the ordinary is to be regarded with apprehension.

But for Sonorans, one particular new kid on the block may be welcome—the preseason football predictions of "Texas Sports" magazine, the new kid on the block. The magazine has been around for about a year, expounding the virtues of the Lone Star State's most famous products—athletes—from the pros right on down to the smallest high schools.

For years, Dave Campbell's "Texas Football" edition has been long awaited to make its appearance on the newsstand. But this year "Texas Sports" has scooped Campbell by beating him to the punch.

The football preseason issue includes predictions for the Southwest Conference, the Lone Star Conference, the independents, the junior colleges, the Texas professional teams including the American Football Association and akes its high school picks all the way down to Class B (excuse me, Class A now) including six-man, something that was always too far beneath the dignity of Campbell's "Bible of Texas Football".

The high school predictions are very cut and dried. There's none of the flowery language that always "graces" the high school section of "Texas Football". You know how it reads: "With 2 returning letterman and one starter on both sides of the line of scrimmage, Podunk High is expecting a glittering season that could lead to the championship after falling to 0-10 last season."

"Texas Sports" merely picks the teams in their order of finish (not just the winner and the rest thrown in behind), lists the number of lettermen and starters returning, last season's record, the top players and at times some top newcomers.

Their pick for District 8-AAA: Sonora, of course. Other teams in their order of finish include Comanche second, Brady third, Coleman fourth and Ballinger fifth.

According to the magazine, the Broncos have 16 lettermen with three offensive and four defensive starters returning off last year's 9-2 championship campaign.

John Blankenship at defensive back, George Sanchez at guard and Rodney Oliver at guard are listed as the outstanding players.

The magazine also picks Sonora to down Breckenridge in bi-district before falling to eventual state finalist Alpine.

Although it sounds nice to be picked number one, I'm not sure how much of it is really based on fact or more on past reputation. Just on paper, I would have to think Brady would be picked as the favorite. The returning six offensive starters and five defensive returnees off last season's 6-4 that gave Sonora a tough battle. Among their returners are quarterback/safety Scott Ellison and running back Anthony McDonald, both all-district performers last year.

This is certainly not to count the Broncos out, but any team having to fill so many holes has a job on its hands. The big gaps are in the offensive backfield where three-fourths of the starters are gone. Blankenship saw only sparing playing time at quarterback last year, but did show the ability to move the team.

Only Joe David Favila returns there, but the team had a wealth of running backs last season and should be able to fill the positions.

Wesley Barton and David Sanchez, the anchors of both the offensive and deensive line are gone this year and some big gaps are left to fill there.

Sonora should win, but whether they take it all probably depend on how fast some of the younger players can mature. We'll take a closer look later in the season.

Arnolds Announce birth of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Arnold are the proud parents of a baby girl born July 8 at 3:50 a.m. in Brownfield Regional Medical Center.

and was named Ronda Marie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Arnold of Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Hollmig of Sonora.

She weighed eight pounds, five ounces, measured 21 inches long

Great-grandparents are Joe Arnold of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Wall of Sonora.

Pentecostal Auxiliary To Hold Bake Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sonora Tabernacle, United Pentecostal Church, will sponsor a bake sale Thursday.

The sale will be held in front of Gibson's starting at 9 a.m. and everyone is invited to come.

Texas Economy A Result of Many Factors

The supercharged Texas economy is strong enough to blunt traditional problems of growth in the 1980's if business and government pay special attention to the factors that triggered the state's favorable economic climate, according to State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock's assessment was drawn from a report, "Why Texas is Growing", which was recently published by the Comptroller's office.

"This study separates the rhetoric from reality about Texas and presents the reasons why our state is the envy of the nation," Bullock said.

The report shows that Texas leads the nation in the production of cattle, oil

and cotton and is prominent in food processing and in the production of apparel and machinery.

Texas is also the nation's second largest electronics manufacturer and a leading producer of computer software.

A special section on government in the study concludes that Texas is able to operate efficiently without runaway spending, steep tax increases or reliance on debt financing.

According to Bullock, fiscal restraint in government spending is reflected in several factors.

There has not been a tax increase since 1971 and Texas has no corporate or personal income tax. State and local combined per capita taxes amount to \$749

a year, compared to a national average of \$934.

The study also highlighted the state's population growth, which shot up from 11.1 million in 1970 to 14.2 million in 1980, making Texas the third largest state in the country.

Even while population has grown the state's unemployment rate has been well below the national average, giving the state the distinction of having the tenth lowest unemployment rate among the 50 states in 1980.

According to Bullock, understanding the economic and cultural past can assist business and government leaders in planning for a future for Texas without the mistakes and problems suffered by other

states experiencing rapid expansion.

Bullock said the report was distilled from research and economic data originally compiled for the Comptroller's revenue estimate for use by the Texas Legislature in finalizing the state's budget and from documents used to forecast tax collections and income.

The report does warn that Texas could experience some of the pressures that have plagued other major industrial states.

Bullock noted, however, that these problems can be solved and that Texas has the ability to meet the challenges.

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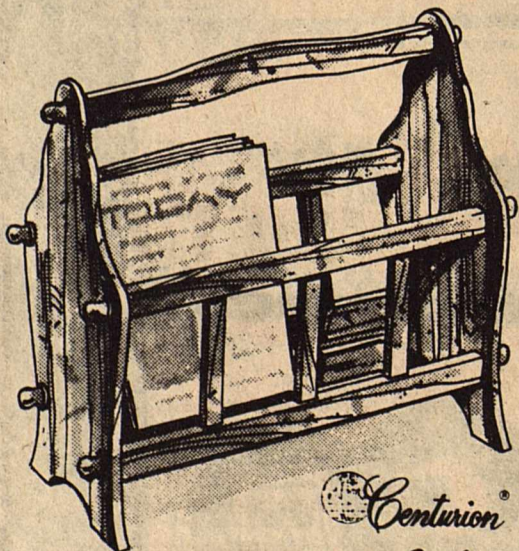
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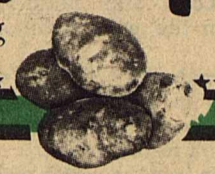
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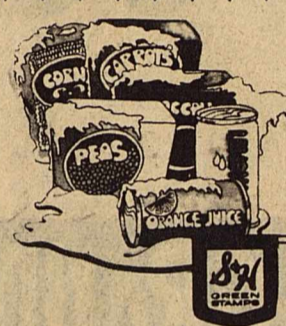
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