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District 6-AAA and Bi-District Winners



Sonora Bronco Varsity Girls Basketball Team Win District and Bi-District

The Varsity girls basketball team won the district 6-AAA title after defeating Ballinger in a playoff game Feb. 15 at San Angelo Central High School gym. The score was 52-46. Feb. 17 they traveled to McCamey to play Alpine for the Bi-District crown. They defeated Alpine for a score of 52-33.

They had final season record of 19-8. The players are Seniors: Elia Longoria, Sonya Ridgeway, and

Lyndy French. Juniors: Kristi Hill, Lorri French, Judy Merrill, Casey Crites, and Lora Lee Kordzik. Sophomores: Debbie Bible and Lea Whitehead.

The All District Selections were made for the 1983 basketball season and five local Sonora students were chosen.

Jeff Brittain (Junior) was chosen for 1st team All District and Marney Sorenson (Senior) was chosen Honorable Mention All District for the boys.

For the girls, Lorrie (Junior) and Lyndy French (Senior) were chosen 1st team All District and Sonya Ridgeway (Senior) was chosen Honorable Mention All District.

Coach Walter Holik was named Coach of the Year for the District 6-AAA.

A big congratulations goes to the coach and the students for a super job they have done this year.

Sonora Superintendent Discusses the Student Population in the Schools

Despite the current economic slowdown in West Texas, the student population of the Sonora Independent School District continues to grow at a steady pace, according to Superintendent W.A. McAndrew.

Apparently, the school continued, the layoffs which have recently plagued the oil industry have had little or no effect on the local school

system insofar as growth is concerned. Many of the workers who have been forced to leave the immediate area because of lack of work were very young people who had no school age children. Conversely, many of the people who came originally to Sonora because of the oil industry

are older established employees who are still in the community, or have started businesses of their own or gone into another aspect of the local economy. Most of these people have families who contribute substantially to the growth of the school population, and all of them are considered to be permanent residents.

According to official school records, the opening day enrollment in August of 1979 for grades K through 12 was 1184 students. The opening day enrollment figure for this school year was 1344, and that figure has increased during the year to the current figure of 1382. Surprisingly enough, the increase in enrollment has been almost uniform among the

four campuses. That is, it is almost equally divided among the high school (grades 9-12), the junior high (grades 6,7 and 8), the middle school (grades 3,4, and 5), and the elementary school which has grades K,1 and 2. By reason of normal population growth of any area, the lower grades have grown at a slightly greater rate.

The recent purchase of approximately 14 acres on Bond Road reflects the Board of Trustees' concern for the future of the Sonora I.S.D. It is obvious from the above-cited facts and figures that the school district population will continue to grow. At the present time, the physical school plant facilities are little different than they were three

years ago. The school Board has expressed great interest in expanding the present curriculum by introducing new programs, such as the gifted and talented, and by offering more varied courses in high school, such as computer programming on the basic level. McAndrew pointed out that this expansion is necessary

in order to provide the young people of Sutton County with a broader educational base to meet our rapidly changing times. It will be accomplished somehow, and the addition of new plant facilities is fast becoming an absolute necessity in order to provide the actual space for the program expansion.



Gerald Geistweidt Named Budget Chairman by Speaker Gib Lewis

State Rep. Gerald Geistweidt, R-Mason (right) accepts the gavel as Chairman for Budget and Oversight for the House Committee on Natural Resources from Speaker Gib Lewis in recent ceremonies.

Rep. Geistweidt, who is serving his third term in the House, was also named by Lewis as a member of the House Committees on Appropriations and General Investigating for the current session.

Chairmen for Budget and Oversight automatically become members of the House Appropriations Committee as a result of new rules adopted at the opening of this session.

"This session of the Legislature, it was decided to expand the membership of the Appropriations Com-

mittee to include the Chairmen for Budget and Oversight from each of the 27 House committees dealing directly with appropriate matters for specific state agencies and commissions," Lewis said in announcing Rep. Geistweidt's appointment.

"Not only does this expand the importance of the budget and oversight process, but it gives each committee a direct vote on the Appropriations Committee through its Budget and Oversight Chairman," the Speaker continued.

"I am pleased to announce Rep. Geistweidt's appointment because I have every confidence in the fine work he will do, not only as a Chairman for Budget and Oversight but also, as a member of the Appropriations Committee," Lewis concluded.



Kenneth V. Cayce files for Position 6 on SISD Board

Kenneth V. Cayce has filed for position 6, Sonora ISD Board of Trustees, and will seek election on the April 2 ballot.

Cayce, who has been employed with the U.S. Border Patrol for fourteen years, transferred to Sonora at his request in 1976. He and his wife, Linda, have three daughters and a son. Carol, sophomore, Lane, eighth grade, and Ben, sixth grade, are students in the Sonora school system. Laura graduated from Sonora High School in 1982.

The Cayce's are members of the Church of Christ.

Cayce states that he and his family have enjoyed the benefits of an excellent school system in Sonora.

Having been associated with the SISD through various activities as a parent, and as an officer in the Band Booster organization; he has learned to respect and appreciate the members of the Board of Trustees, their hard work, and their accomplishments during the past six and one-half years.

He has determined to bring a quality of dedication to this position that will complement the other elected members, and will result in the best school system for all the students of Sonora.

Cayce is responsible, honest, fair, hard-working, and will take a common-sense approach to this position of trust.

Sutton County Historical Society Meet at Old Jail

The Sutton County Historical Society met Monday Feb. 21st at the Old Jail. The meeting was held to organize committees for the year. The following committees with chairmen are: Membership & Finance-Getta Smith and Beverly Howard, Jail Kitchen-Mr. and Mrs. Ben Epps, Historical Markers and Surveys-John Eaton, Ranch Room-Bill Savell, Sheriff Room-Bill Stewart, Publicity-Bruce Kerbow, Preservation and Restoration-Bruce Kerbow, Special Gifts and Donations- For the Jail-Bill Stewart, For the Miers Home Museum-Guilla Vicars, Telephone Committee-Frances Ross, Photo Albums-Mrs. Joe B. Ross, Sutton County Days and Early Settlers Reunion-Harva Cooper, Records Committee-Pauline Thompson

The preservation of our local history is sort of a responsibility to all of us. Many of the facts are now lost due to the fact that people didn't care enough to record them. Many items of interest can still be found, especially on the older ranches. Anyone have anything of historical value wishing to donate it can get in touch with Bill Stewart or Guilla Vicars.

The members of the Historical Society invites anyone interested in preserving the History of Sutton County to join in. Anyone having anything to donate; time, money, articles of interest or whatever, your interest is earnestly solicited.

There has been a memorial fund to the Sutton County Historical Society

set up and anyone wishing to make donations can make them with Edith James at the Chamber of Commerce office located in City Hall.

Preliminary Plans of the Society include; patching the old jail and trying to find kitchen utensils from the turn of the century era to display in the kitchen of the old jail; trying to furnish the old Sheriff's Office, also, with furnishings of the same era; and just generally maintaining the appearance of the jail and Miers Home Museum.

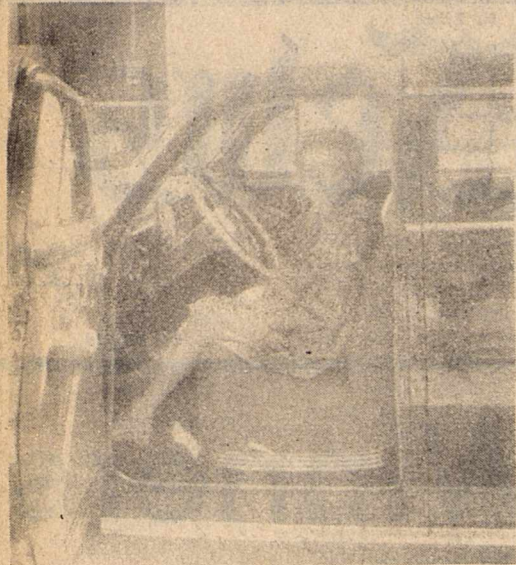
All of these plans are possible but time consuming and often times frustrating. Why not donate some of your time and help preserve the past?

Notice of future meetings will be given in advance.

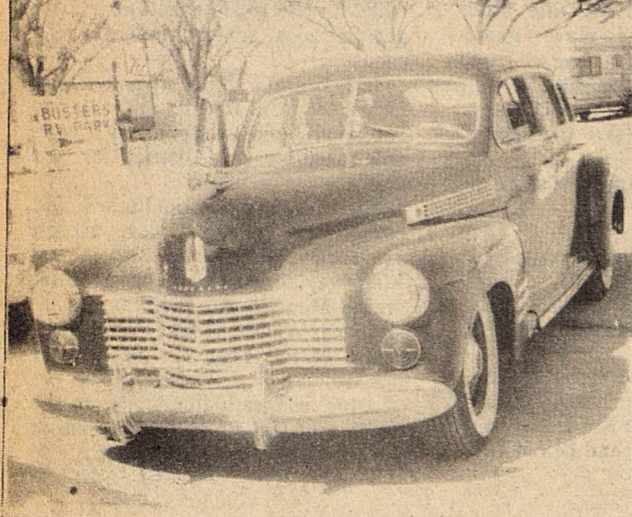


Attending Citizens at the Historical Society Meeting

Addah Cauthorn Restores 1941 Cadillac



This 1941, four door Cadillac belongs to Addah Cauthorn of Sonora. It was originally bought by her daddy, W.A. Miers. Mrs. Cauthorn said, "He hauled goats, sheep, and just everything there was to haul in it and that nothing was to good for his livestock." Mrs. Cauthorn had the car restored and it took about six months. It's navy blue and drives and looks just like it did in the past. The car is now a considered as a 62 Series, equal to a Fleetwood.



Choir Brings Back 61 1st Place UIL Medals

February 23, the Choir of Sonora High School entered th UIL Solo & Ensemble Competition in Brownwood.

Those placing 1st in Ensembles and qualifying for State are: Girls Ensembles

Girls Ensemble #1
Girls Ensemble #2
Mixed Ensemble

Solos were: Patsy Samaniego, Lisa Kelly, Margo Hinton, Eugene Gonzales, Deanna Halton, Clalene Stewart, Marilyn Fiast, Kelly Cooper, Graig Hopper, Rene Porras.

Those placing 2nd were Boys Ensemble. Solos were Chris DeMarco, Cathy Doran, Philip Kemp, Tammy Wipff, Midrian Mendez, Homer Samaniego, Laura Preston, Jane Pehalver, Maribel Perez, Donna Moore.

Junior High placing 1st on Solo's were: Kristin Keel, Traci Cascadden, Mari Martinez, Teri Williams, Shamarie Scoggins, Rebecca Glaze.

Other Junior High students participating in Solos

Joshua Duray Smith

Born Feb. 13

Celia and Duray Smith announce the arrival of their new born son, Joshua Duray Smith. He was born Feb. 13, 1983, weighed 6 lbs. 13 1/2 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Calvin Ogden McGowan

Born Feb 24

Cora and Wally McGowan announce the birth of their new born son, Calvin Ogden.

He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 in. long.

He was born Jan. 24, 1983 at the Community Hospital in San Angelo.

He has a sister, Cally. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Pope of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin B. McGowan of San Angelo.



Carla Avant, John Creek

Brand Queen and King Crowned

Seniors Carla Avant and John Creek were crowned Brand Queen and King at the annual Brand Dance sponsored by the student association.

In addition to the King and Queen, campus and class favorites also were recognized. Campus-wide elections were held last week of determine the winners.

Creek and Sandra Dutchover were elected Senior Class Favorites.

Miss Avant is a Senior Art major from Gonzales. She is a member of the Student Association, President of the Art Club, a twirler and a member of Schem's Honor Society. She has named a Sophomore Favorite and was Home-

coming Queen for 1981.

Creek is a Senior Physical Education Major from Sonora. He was a defensive tackle for the Lobos the last for years. He has named Honorable Mention All-American, All Conference and NAIA All District VIII. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Creek of Sonora.

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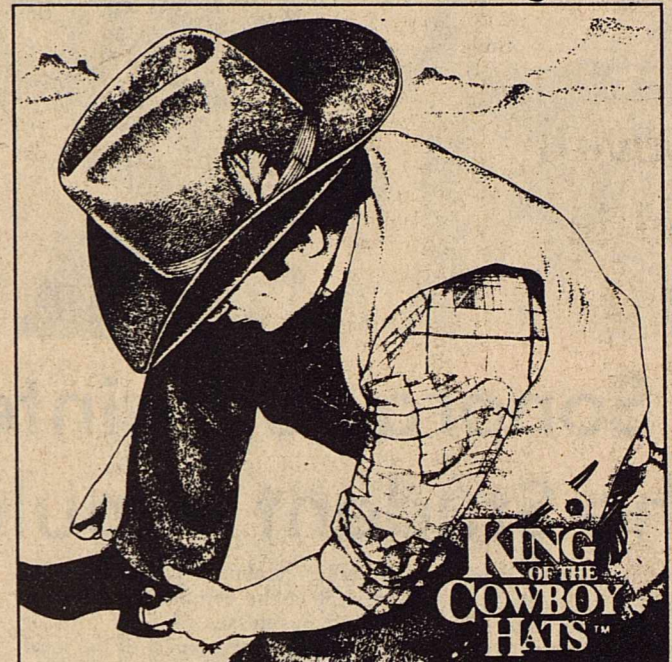
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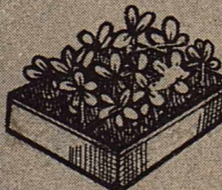
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Chamber News

The Chamber of Commerce welcomes the New Exxon Service Station as new members of the Chamber. Mr. Frank Ligon of Fort Stockton is owner and operated by Jim Elliot of Sonora. The Station also opened for business Feb. 24, 1983 with a busy day. The Station is located just off I-10 and has a very visible sign, as one motorist said, he could see that sign for a long distance, so just dropped by and filled up.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Hulme from Springfield, Pa. just passing through on I-10.

Mr. Ligon said the Exxon Station would have a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting soon.

Ray Stone of Dallas will be guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet March 31, 1983 at which time the AUTG GRAPHED COWBOY FOOTBALL will be given away to the winner.

TICKETS will be on sale at the Chamber office, also members of the Chamber of Commerce will have tickets available. They will be \$1.00 each.

Come by Tedfords Jewelry Store and see the Football Feb. 28 through March 5th.

Scott Savell Named to Dean's List

Scott D. Savell, Sonora, a student at Howard College, was named to the Howard County Junior College District Honors List in the Cum Laude division, announced Dr. Charles Hays, president of the District.

Savell was among 76 students at Howard College to make the honors list. In order to qualify for the honors list, a student must be enrolled in at least 15 solid hours, which excludes physical education and orientation. In addition, the student must have 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, or 50 grade points and no grade lower than a C.

Around Town

by Hazel McClelland

Sonora Art Club met Monday Feb. 21st at the Art Club building. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Cheryl Skains, Mrs. Gloria Gordon-Vice President, presided. A motion was made and carried to spouses on Art Show Sale April 30 and May 1. A nominating committee of Mrs. Etta Hill, Mrs. Mary Guest and Hazel McClelland was named. Mrs. Curt Schweining was the instructor of the oil painting class. Those present were: Mrs. Gloria Gordon, Mrs. Etta Hill, Mrs. Carmen Adams, Mrs. Mike Hale, Mrs. Mary Guest, Mrs. Phillis McLaughlin, Mrs. Ruth Martin, and Hazel McClelland. Hostesses were: Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. McLaughlin and Verna Raphael.

The art show will have pictures painted by local artists. The Art Club members and the pupils of Mrs. Allen (Susie) Schneider will have their pictures for sale and on display. There will be oil, water color, pastels, and charcoal paintings. Lets give the Sonora Artists a big welcome. Come and buy.

Mrs. Lena Belle Ross entertained the Tuesday afternoon bridge club at her home Feb. 22. The members present were: Mrs. Belle Steen, Davie Taylor, Guila Vicars, W.T. Hardy, Elizabeth Cusenbary, Dorothy Cusenbary. Mrs. Pauline Thompson was a guest.

Mrs. Thompson won high score prize. Mrs. Vicars won second high. Mrs. Dorothy Cusenbary won bingo. Pie and Coffee was served.

Mrs. Charles Shannon and Mrs. Bernie Savell were in San Angelo Monday.

Mr. Joe Hull is in the Hudspeth Hospital. Hope you are better soon, Joe.

Mrs. Ed Shurley, Mrs. Jo Nell Johnson and Freddy Adkins have returned from a trip in Africa.

Mr. John McClelland has returned from Hudspeth Hospital.

Mrs. Cheryl Skains is back at work in the Hudspeth Hospital Office. She has been sick in the hospital. Glad you are better

Cheryl. Miss Elizabeth Jane Cooper was honored with a gift coffee Feb. 19th at the Lawrence Finklea home. Hostesses were Mrs. Lawrence Finklea, Mrs. William Stewart, Mrs. Marion Elliot, Mrs. Willie Miers, Mrs. Andrew Moore, Mrs. Clayton Hamilton, Mrs. Robert Teaff, Mrs. Clint Langford, Mrs. Richard Olson, Mrs. Nelson Stubblefield, Mrs. Armer Earwood, Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, Mrs. David Hickman, Miss Martha Elliott.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. James Powell and Velma Hunt of Eldorado. Mrs. David Hickman was also present.

Mother of the groom Mrs. Tom Davis and aunt Mrs. Hay Davis of Sterling City.

Bride's grandmother Mrs. Alice Cooper of San Antonio, Miss Judy Law of College Station, Miss Martha Elliott of Austin, Mrs. Louis Stuart of Bryan, Mrs. Nancy Law of San Antonio, Mrs. Pete Aguilar, Miss Carolyn Cooper, Mrs. Annie Hogg, Mrs. Ben Bloys, Mona Williamson all of San Angelo.

Servers: Grooms Mother Mrs. Tom Davis and Aunt Mrs. Hay Davis, Mrs. Pete Aguilar, Mrs. James Hunt, Mrs. Joe Neal Smith, Mrs. David Hickman, Mrs. Ben Bloys.

At the Brides Book Mrs. Nancy Law.

The table was laid with a beautiful linen cloth and a beautiful flower arrangement was the centerpiece for the table.

Halloween Dance Club Plans Meeting March 9th

The Halloween Dance Club has called a meeting to plan their Spring dance. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 9th at 465 Poplar, the Freeman

Miers home. All members are urged to attend this meeting. The spring dance will be held April 9th.

4-H News

Eight 4-H members and 5 leaders attended the District 13 4-H Adult Leaders' Association and District 4-H Council held on Saturday, February 26 in Uvalde. Mrs. Sharon Reagan, from Uvalde will be conducting a Rabbit Workshop, here in Sonora on April 15 or 16 1983.

Senior Citizens Menu

Wednesday
Liver & Onions
Buttered Noodles
Broccoli w/cheese sauce
Corn Bread
Plain Jello
Peanut Butter Cookies
Milk or Juice

Thursday
Baked Ham

Thursday
Baked Ham
Candied Yams
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Jello w/fruit
Peach Cobbler
Milk or Juice

Friday
Cheese Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Buttered beets
Crackers
Vegetables salad
Brownies
Milk or Juice

Monday
Meat Sauce/Cheese Spaghetti
Buttered carrots
Crackers
Pears w/cheese
Butterscotch pudding
Milk or Juice

Tuesday
Meat Loaf
Macaroni & tomatoes
Spinach
Corn Bread
Stewed prunes
Sugar Cookies
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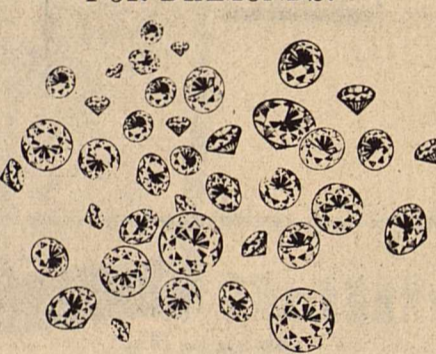
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BREAKFAST

- Monday, March 7**
 Grape Juice
 Cinnamon Toast
 Milk
- Tuesday, March 8**
 Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice
 Corn Flakes
 Milk
- Wednesday, March 9**
 Grape Juice
 Blueberry Muffin
 Milk
- Thursday, March 10**
 Orange Juice
 Cheese Toast
 Milk
- Friday, March 11**
 Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice
 Sausage
 Biscuits/Jelly
 Milk
- LUNCH**
- Monday, March 7**
 Corn Dogs
 Pinto Beans
 Cole Slaw
 Peanut Butter Cookies
 Milk
- Tuesday, March 8**
 Taco Burgers
 Fried Potatoes
 Sliced Peaches
 Jello
 Milk
- Wednesday, March 9**
 Hamburger Steak 1/4 Gravy
 Spinach & Rice Casserole
 Blackeyed Peas
 Cheese Rolls
 Banana Pudding
 Milk
- Thursday, March 10**
 Italian Spaghetti
 Green Beans
 Tossed Salad
 Hot Rolls
 Peanut Butter Cake
 Milk
- Friday, March 11**
 Batter-fried Fish
 Fried Potatoes
 Pear & Cheese Salad
 Cornbread
 Ice Cream
 Milk

High School

Honor Roll

- Seniors All A's**
 Homer Samaniego
 Albert Chavez
 Marney Sorenson
- Seniors All A's and one B**
 Lyndy French
 Zeke Duran
 Mike Penalver
 Betty Garza
 Noemi Samaniego
 Rene Porras
- Juniors All A's**
- Juniors All A's and one B**
 Kristi Hill
 Lorri French
 Lora Lee Kordzik
 Lynn Duckworth
- Sophomores All A's**
 Anita Balch
 Rebecca Powers
 Marsha Pohl
- Sophomores All A's and one B**
 Leah Evans
 Karla Jungk
 Joe Will Ross
 Carol Cayce
 Jody Luttrell
- Freshman All A's**
 Debbie Bible
 Patsy Perez
- Freshman All A's**
 Graig Hopper
 Mary Huckaby
 Lisa Ducioame
 Stacy Snider
 Leigh French
- Freshman All A's and one B**
 Sidonna Ridgeway
 Keri Kropp
 Asha Patel
 Odilia Garza

Seeing Red

by Elizabeth Allen

In basketball this year, Sonora has certainly made its mark. Both boys' and girls' basketball teams were prominent in All-District Selections, with five students in all chosen.

Jeff Brittain (Jr.) was chosen for 1st team All-District, with Marney Sorenson (Sr.) making Honorable Mention All-District. On the girls' team, Lorrie French (Jr.) and Lyndy French (Sr.) were chosen 1st team All-District with Senior Sonya Ridgeway making Honorable Mention.

A double honor in basketball for Sonora was having Coach Walter Holik named Coach of the Year or District 6AAA. Congratulations, Coach Holik, and I'm sure your entire team feels the same way about the great job you've done!

The Choir has had quite a successful year when it comes to UIL Solo & Ensemble.

On February 23rd the

Sonora High School Choir went to Brownwood for their competition, and returned with various and sundry 1st place medals and State qualifications, as well as quite a few 2nd place medals.

The following have placed 1st and have qualified for State UIL competition: Girls Ensemble #1, Girls Ensemble #2, Mixed Ensemble.

Solos receiving 1st were: Margo Hinton, Clalene-Stewart, Lisa Kelly, Marilyn Feist, Rene Porras, Craig Hopper, Eugene Gonzales, Deanna Halton, Kelly Cooper, Patsy Samaniego.

2nd place went to the Boys' Ensemble, as well as these solos: Chris DeMarco, Cathy Doran, Phillip Kemp, Tammy wipff, Midrain Mendez, Homer Samaniego, Laura Preston, Jane Penalver, Maribel Perez, Donna Moore.

Congratulations to all these people for their hard work and good luck to those who will progress to State!

8th Annual Sonora Tennis Tournament

Results

Senior Division Team Standings
 1. Sonora
 2. Ozona
 3. Eldorado

Boys Singles - First place went to Mike Penalver of Sonora defeating Diego Leal of Ozona in the Finals 6-3, 6-4. 3rd place went to Darryl Moore of Sonora taking Winkly of Ozona 6-2, 7-5.

Girls Singles
 2nd place went to Marilyn Feist of Sonora beaten by Abbott of Ozona in the Finals 7-5, 3-6, 6-1. 3rd place went to Reagor of Ozona.

Boys Doubles - Ozona took 1st and 2nd place. 3rd place went to Joe Will Ross and Doug Martin of Sonora. They defeated Robledo and Barrera of Eldorado 6-1, 6-2 in the 3rd place final.

Girls Doubles - 1st and 2nd place went to Sonora. Rosemary Dominguez and Lea Whitehead defeated teammates Debbie Bible and Cathy Doran 6-0, 6-0 in the finals.

3rd place went to White and O'Harrow of Eldorado as they defeated Perks and Jones of Ozona 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Junior Division result

Team Standings

1. Ozona
 2. Sonora
 3. Eldorado
 4. Big Lake

Boys Singles - Todd Phillips won first in singles by defeating Wagoner of Ozona in the finals 6-1, 6-1. 3rd place was won by Pullig of Big Lake as he defeated Mickey Sharp of Sonora 6-1, 6-1.

Girls Singles - Ozona won 1st and 2nd as Cameron defeated Lisa Colin 6-4, 6-0 in the finals. Sonora's Sidonna Ridgeway will play teammate Debbie Moore for 3rd at a later date.

Boys Doubles - Eldorado's Helmers and Burleson defeated McCrohan and allen of Ozona 6-1, 6-0 in the finals.

3rd place was won by Kelly Whitehead and Mary Ross of Sonora.

Boys Doubles - Sonora's Shannon Turner defeated Romas and Bradley of Eldorado 7-5, 6-3 in the championship finals.

3rd place was won by Ozona's defeated Big Lake's Wieha and Jackson 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Thank You, Coach Solis and Coach Dempsey

ICA Holds Barbeque

The Sutton County Chapter of the Independent Cattleman's Association held its sixth annual fund-raising barbeque Friday evening, February 25th in the Sonora 4-H Barn.

After a cordial welcome to members and guests, chairman Ben Epps called upon Reverend Clifton Hancock, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sonora to give the Invocation. Mr. Epps then turned the program over to L.P. Bloodworth expressed his appreciation to ICA for sponsoring the barbeque. He also thanked Dee Tyler of the Branding Iron for preparing another delicious meal.

L.P. Bloodworth recognized a number of guests including C.P. Harver of Giddings, Bill Whitehead of Sonora and Adele Wilson of Sonora, all State Directors for the Independent Cattleman's Association. Post Chairman Turney Friess was also recognized. Special mention was made of the attendance of 17 young cadets from the San Antonio Academy classmates and guests of Jesse Crofoot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitehead. The boys helped out by drawing the winning ticket stubs for the beef halves given away. They also delivered 14 briskets to top bidders during the auction.

Also introduced was Joe Bloodworth of Del Rio who is with the Screwworm Eradication Program of the Texas Animal Health Commission. Mr. Blood-

worth praised the combined efforts of concerned ranchers, businessmen and government agencies that have served to virtually end the scourge of screwworm in West Texas. Complacency however, warned Mr. Bloodworth, could swiftly undo the good work done thus far. Care in checking livestock and immediate mailing of samples are small cost for continued success in the program.

The evening activities continued with the drawings for beef halves. The winners were: Mrs. Herman Moore, Mrs. Herb Jones accepting for the First National Bank, Mrs. A.W. Bishop, Mrs. Clay Hicks, Mr. Matt Davenport and the last half of beef was

won by Anna Balch, granddaughter of State Director Adele Wilson. Miss Balch gave her beef to 4-H Director Preston Farris and his family.

Guests Speaker for the evening was Cliff Boucher, Executive Director of the Independent Cattleman's Association Headquarters in Austin.

According to Mr. Boucher I.C.A. was formed in 1974 in response to major problems in the importation of foreign beef. Today the Independent Cattleman's Association represents across-section of agri-business interests; and it will continue its active and informed involvement in all issues that concern rural American.

In closing, Mr. Boucher invited all interested persons to attend a reception honoring our state legislators on Wednesday, March 2. The reception for Texas Congressmen and Senators is co-hosted by the Independent Cattleman's Association and the Texas Cow Belles.

Take this opportunity, urged Mr. Boucher to meet your representatives. I.C.A. believes, he added, that an informed electorate is the best defense against bureaucratic mis-management.

The members of I.C.A. wish to thank the people of Sonora for their support in making this year's fund raising barbeque another success.

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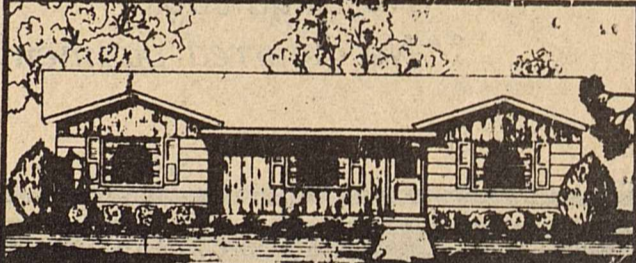
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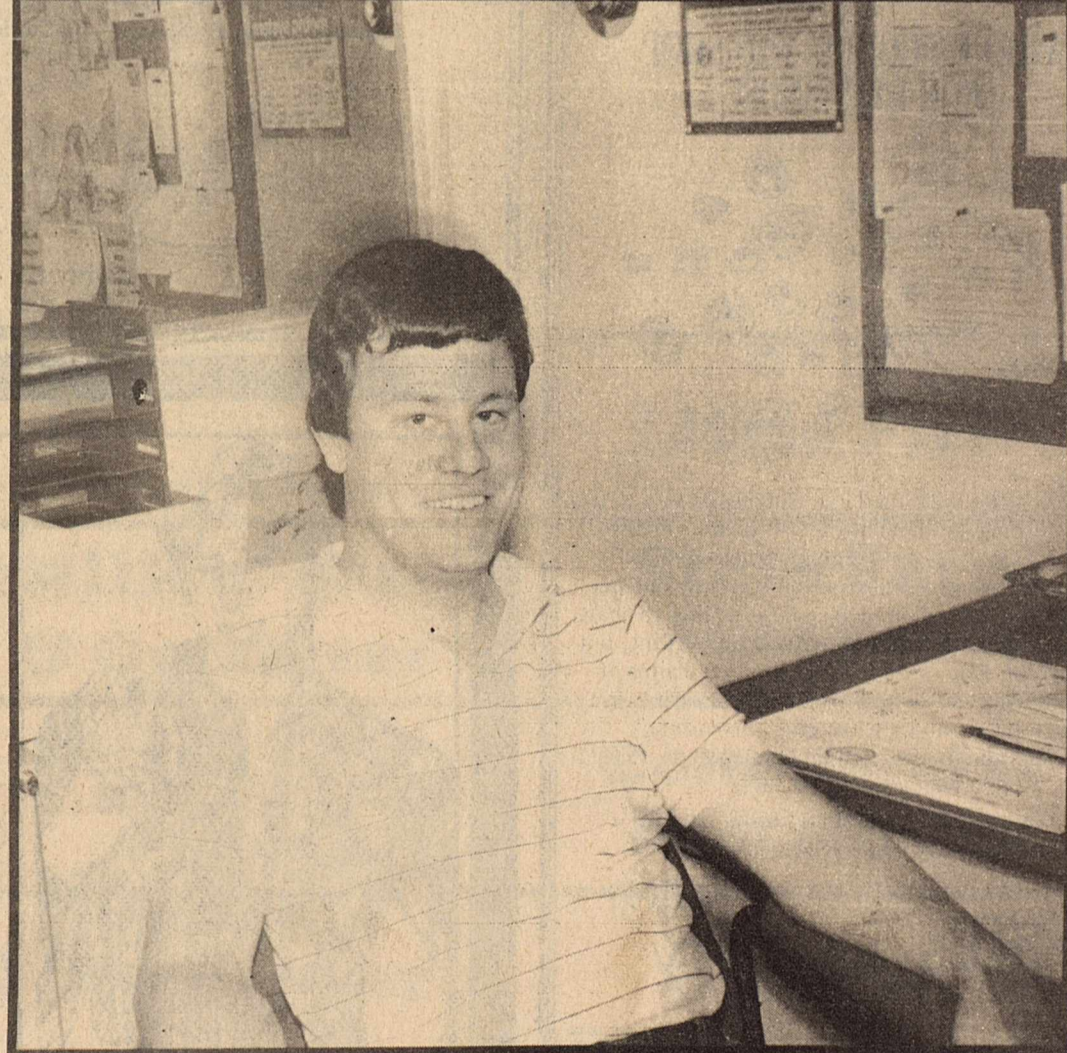


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Sutton County Ag Corner



Bentsen Seeks Reassurance for Farmers on PIK Program

by Senator Lloyd Bentsen
Senator Lloyd Bentsen called on the President and on Chairman of Congressional tax writing committees Wednesday to reassure farmers that participation in the Payment-in-Kind program won't cost them a tax penalty.

Bentsen asked the officials to publicly support a change in the Internal

Revenue Code--retroactive to January 1, 1983--that would for tax purposes treat commodities farmers received under Payment-in-Kind as though they were grown by the farmers.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to implement a farm program known as Payment-in-King (PIK) under which farmers

would take cropland out of production in return for surplus commodities which are now in storage," Bentsen said in identical letters to President

Reagan, Chairman Dan Rostenkowski of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman Robert Dole of the Senate Finance Committee.

"The treatment of these PIK commodities for income tax purposes is a major concern of many farmers and will undoubtedly have an influence on the participation in this program."

"Since it is also very unlikely that any action will be taken on tax legislation before that date, I request

that you publicly express your support for allowing farmers to treat PIK commodities as having been grown on their own farm for tax purposes and to recognize the income from those PIK commodities at the

time of their sale or use," Bentsen said.

Under current tax law farmers would be required

to pay taxes on the estimated value of the commodities in the year they receive the commodities.

Under the change advocated by Bentsen, farmers would pay taxes based on the actual sale price during the year in

which the farmers sell the commodities.

"A statement similar to the one I am seeking issued in 1981 to assure investors that depreciation changes would be part of a pending tax bill and that these changes would be

retroactive," Bentsen said.

"I am convinced that farmers need encouragement of the PIK program in 1983 just as investors needed reassurance on the depreciation law changes in 1981," Senator Bentsen said.

Independent Cattlemen's Association and Texas Cow Belles to Hold Seminar

The Independent Cattlemen's Association and the Texas Cow Belles will co-host a Legislative Seminar and Reception in Austin on March 2 and 3, 1983.

The Seminar will begin at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 2 in the Trinity Room of the Ramada Inn Capitol at 300 E. 11th Street.

President Roy Wheeler,

state officials and experts on agricultural issues will address members in the Wednesday session which is scheduled to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

A reception honoring members of the 68th Legislature will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Saengerunde Hall, 1607 San Jacinto. The reception promises to be festive as well as informative--food,

drink, music and the opportunity to visit individually with members of the Texas Legislature and your ICA friends and neighbors.

Thursday morning it's back to the Trinity Room at the Ramada Inn. Coffee and rolls will be served at 8:00 a.m. Speakers begin at 8:30 a.m. when we will be addressed by State Representative Juan Hinojosa

who is sponsoring legislation to remove the exemption for farm and ranch laborers under Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Representative Hinojosa will be available for questions. We will also hear from a representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture and speakers on energy and youth in government. The Seminar will adjourn at noon, leaving the afternoon open for individual activity. We

encourage you to take this time to go by the Capitol and meet your Representatives and Senators.

Rooms have been blocked at the Ramada Inn at rates of \$39 for singles and \$45 for doubles. In order to guarantee reservations, we must have them in by February 26. So, please, call Nancy (512/836-1321) and make your reservations TODAY!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Country Folk

By Jerry Lackey
P.O. Box 1542, San Angelo, TX 76902



For many of us war babies, the ABC Television miniseries, "The Winds of War," swept through our living rooms with the same swiftness with which World War II swept the world from 1939 through the mid-1940's.

The 18 hour, \$40 million World War II melodrama, from the best selling novel by Herman Wouk, opened to some 80 million Americans. I thought the first night it would be just another love story. However, like others, I soon was hooked. By mid-week, I found my daytime thoughts drifting back to the story and finally was forced to purchase the book and finish the story. I have followed suit by buying the sequel "War and Remembrance."

Even though I was young when the war ended, I related to the story from several sides. One uncle was in General Patton's army, another was elsewhere in the European Theater, and aunt worked in a weapons factory and several cousins served in other areas. In neighboring Fredricksburg, Admiral Chester Nimitz was a household name.

Around my hometown of Junction every weekend, we would see Texas Governor Coke R. Stevenson. Talk and stores focused on

the war years well into the 1950's. It was Mr. Coke's second inauguration, and I recall him asking officials not to stage the tradition

gun salute "but to save the powder for the Japs."

A number of incidents in the TV movie brought back memories. A particular one that stands out was President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" plan.

I recall Gov. Stevenson's stories after he retired back to the Hill Country and his experiences with lend-lease. It seemed that the president asked Coke to go to Mexico City and "look around to see that those people are happy and don't stick a knife in our backs."

President Roosevelt sent a young man by the name of Nelson Rockefeller to Texas to accompany the governor on the research mission.

"Well, we arrived there in time for a big reception in this beautiful large and elaborate facility," recalled Stevenson. "The dance pavilion was so large, two orchestras had to be employed, one at each end. Otherwise, people in the center could not hear the music."

In visiting the one Mexican official, Stevenson inquired where the government received money build such a beautiful place. "Oh from lend-lease," answered the official.

Walter Pfluger was in my office the other day remembering his years in service during World War II. He noted that "everytime people or large groups gathered in the TV movie, they were also drinking. That was true. People were under such tension during

those years that they lived as if there were no tomorrow."

With 75,000 subscribers reading this column in one of the 42 Texas newspapers that it appears, there are at least that many more per-

sonal stories which would merge into the "Winds of War." It identifies with our generation much like "Gone With the Wind" touched our great-grandparents.

I have read a number of reviews of the TV movie with one of the most unfavorable coming from Abilene writer, Bill Whitaker. In short, I would disagree with all of them. I thought the story was handled in very good taste as it was adapted to television.

Many times such critics have not experienced the agony, sweat and toil which accompany the multitude of problems to realize the finished product of such works. I have written a few books (the total of which could not equal a chapter of Mr. Wouk's book), and I have worked weeks to produce a single 30-second

spot for television. Thus, I fail to have any kind of authority to nit-pick any of this great work. I commended the writers and producers for weaving into his Holocaust such a delightful personal side of the Victor Henry family.

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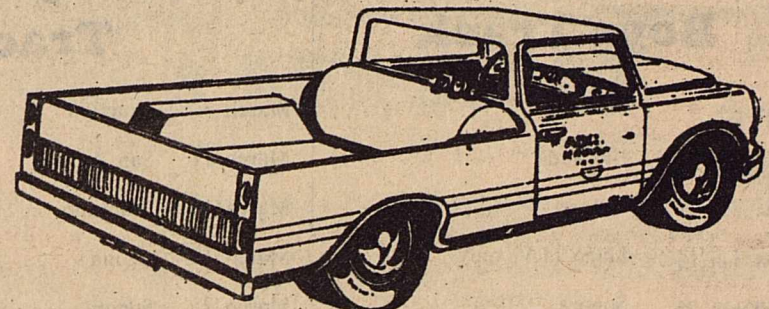
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Sonora's District Manager for Pool Well Servicing Company Awarded at Bi-Monthly Meeting



Pictured (L to R) are: Todd Churchill, Director of the South Central Region; Roy Hulsey, Field Supervisor; Erasmo Lumbreras, Sonora Area Manager; and Albert Fowler, Sonora District Manager.

(L to R) Todd Churchill, Director of the South Central Region, presents a safety plaque to Albert Fowler, Sonora's District Manager.

The employees of Pool Well Servicing Company's Sonora Area were presented with a plaque honoring their safety record. South Central Regional Director Todd Churchill, from San Angelo, presented the award to Sonora District Manager Albert Fowler at

the bi-monthly safety meeting held in February 22. The employees have gone almost two years (668 days as of Feb. 22) without a lost-time accident. With nine rigs working in the area, that represents 219, 298 manhours worked over the period. The well-servicing industry where the

national average is 67 lost-time accidents per one million manhours worked. David Biegler, president of PWSC, says the Sonora safety record represents an outstanding achievement. "This kind of safety record takes commitment and teamwork. They are an example for the industry."

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Wheeler County Blowout Killed

A gas well blowout that had produced as much as 26 million cubic feet of gas per day from a gas field in the Texas Panhandle was killed Feb. 6, according to Railroad Commission field inspectors.

On Jan. 4, the Commission issued an interim order directing Apache Corp. to kill or control its Key No. 1 well in Wheeler County's (Morrow, Upper) field by Feb. 10 or show cause to the Commission why it has not been able to do so.

The well killed as mud and cement were pumped into its wellbore through a relief well.

A second relief well, the Key No. 3, was necessary when the first relief well, the Key No. 2, was not

successful in reaching the Key No. 1 wellbore.

When the Key No. 1 blew out on Oct. 4, 1981, it had been completed and was awaiting a pipeline connection. Since then, the Commission has held periodic hearings to determine Apache's progress in attempts to plug the well.

Since last summer the well had been in a "controlled blowout" status, and the gas it produced was being taken by a pipeline company serving the area. To make that possible, Apache Corp. excavated tons of earth to reach well casing that had not been damaged when the well blew out.

As part of its statutory

responsibility to prevent the wastage of the state's hydrocarbon resources, the Railroad Commission had

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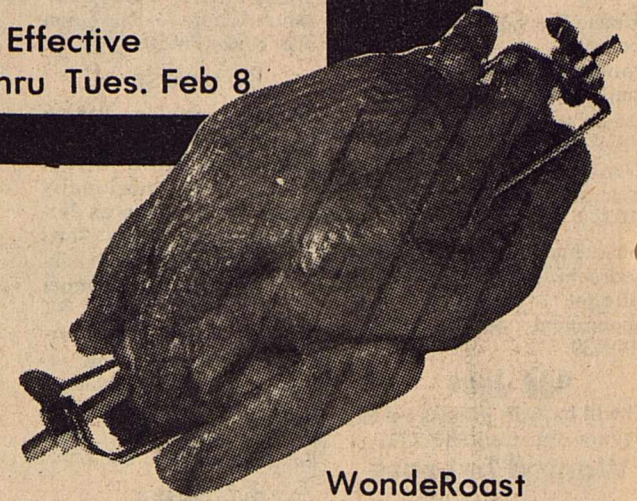
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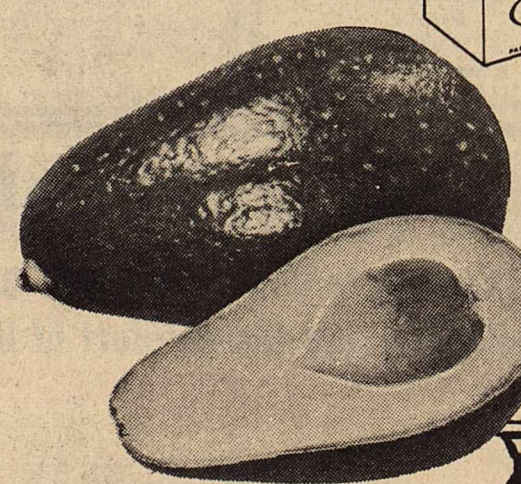
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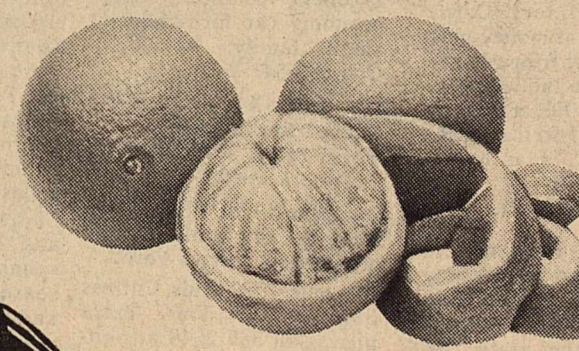
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