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Eldorado Gets Radar Ranging Site

Congressman Tom Loeffler informed the Devil's River News that a major installation of the Southwest PAVE PAWS will be in Schleicher County approximately 5 miles North-east of Eldorado.

The Southwest PAVE PAWS is a stationary phased-array surveillance

and tracking radar system operated by the U.S. Air Force. Its primary mission is to provide warning and attack characterization of sea-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM) directed against the continental

United States, Alaska, and Southern Canada. Its secondary mission is to provide warning and attack characterization of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) attack against these geographical areas. Its tertiary mission is to identify, track and report on satellites and other objects that are orbiting the earth.

The radar system consists of a five-story building which houses radar equipment, maintenance areas, office space, and a cafeteria. Other facilities at the site include an access road, parking area, fuel

storage, fencing, utilities, water storage, and electric power generation.

Four candidate sites in the vicinity of Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, were proposed in April 1982. After completing an environmental analysis, the Air Force has narrowed its proposed sites to the Schleicher County ranch property as primary and Mount Susan designated as the alternate.

Calculations indicate that the general public in the community and working areas both on and off the

primary site and alternate site would be exposed to Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) at power densities well below the existing and proposed standard level acceptable for exposure.

Construction of the SWPP would have no significant adverse impact on the local biophysical environment, however, ten acres of property would be graded for erecting the facilities and another 60 acres within the perimeter fence would be inaccessible to humans and large animals.

Air missions, noise, and water

effluent created by construction and operation of the project will be minor.

Significant adverse socio-economic impacts are not anticipated at either locale.

Interference effects on any electronic systems within aircraft using the small air strip 0.5 mile south of Mount Susan are a definite possibility if SWPP is located at Mount Susan.

The RFR levels to which people can be exposed are well below the level considered for humans.

No evidence of threatened or endangered species are identified in the immediate area of the proposed sites.

A positive minor economic boost to the region will occur with the construction and operation of the SWPP.

Mitigating action can be taken to eliminate T.V. interference when it occurs.

As a result of the minor anticipated impacts in all environmental factors, a finding of no significant impact is concluded.

Darrell McCall to Perform at Hoot 'N Holler Cookoff

Top Flight entertainment will be a feature in the fun and frolic of the Hoot 'N Holler Goat Burning Contest in Sonora on Saturday, May 2nd. The well known musician and singer Darrell McCall will perform.

If you don't know him, once you do, you won't forget him. He sings like nobody else can, has the kind of personality many people would like to have, and a natural way of captivating his audience.

Darrell McCall, 5'9", green eyes and brown hair, was born near Hillsboro, Ohio, attended high school there and worked as a disc jockey on the local radio station... after a hitch in the Army, he migrated to Nashville where he got a

job as a studio musician and harmony singer.

Later Darrell traveled and sang tenor for the great Ray Price, he was also the front man and lead singer for Faron Young for several years.

Along the motion picture line, Darrell sang the "Theme Song" for the spectacularly acclaimed "Hud" starring Paul Newman. He appeared in "Road to Nashville" and also in "Nashville Rebel" with Waylon Jennings.

Up to this time Darrell has released more than twenty singles with all of them making the upper levels on the National and Regional charts... "Bury the Bottle With Me", "The Marionette", "The First

Year", "Wrong Kind of Man", "Hurry Up", "Wall of Pictures", "Rainbow at Midnight", "Still A Lot of Love in San Antonio", "Face to the Wall", "It's the Water", "Eleven Roses", "Pins & Needles", "Dreams of a Dreamer", "Down the Road to Daddy's Dreams", "Weeds Outlive the Roses", and "Lily Dale" (with Willie Nelson), are just a few of his favorites.

His latest release on the RCA label is "Long Line of Empties" which was produced by his close friend, Ronnie Milsap.

Darrell and his lovely wife, Mona, and their two children, Gyane and Cody, live in Nashville.



Darrell McCall

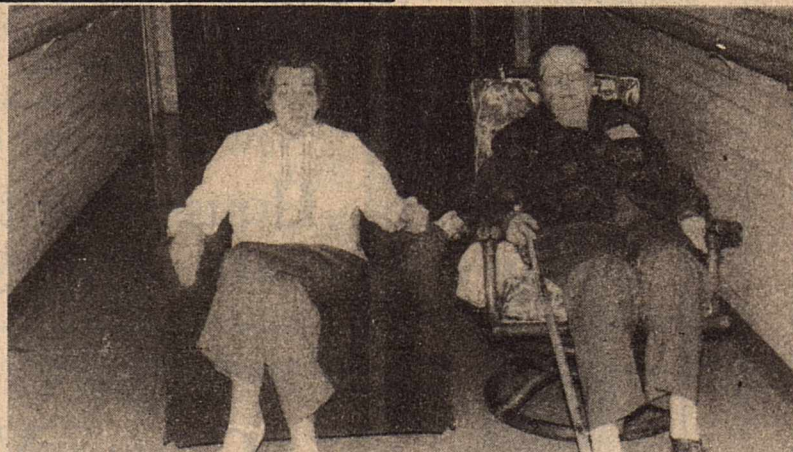
Proposed Hearing to be held May 9th for Public

A proposed use hearing for general revenue sharing purposes will be held on May 9, 1983, for all interested citizens of Sutton County at the next regular Commissioners meeting. The amount of general revenue sharing funds to be discussed for this fiscal year is \$85,000.00.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m.

for the purpose of discussion of possible uses of general revenue sharing funds at the Sutton Courthouse in the Courthouse of Sutton County. All interested citizens

will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment on uses of the funds. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.



Doris Cahill (Left) and Florene Knight (Right) are "Just a Rocking" for the American Heart Association. Mrs. Cahill said that it is a privilege to be able to help with the

Discrimination Suit Filed Against SISD

Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc. attorneys have filed suit in Federal District Court against the Sonora Independent School District. The suit, filed on behalf of Rebecca Martinez, charges that the School District's election system discriminates against Hispanics. Attorneys with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and Southwest Voter Registration Education Project are co-counsel in the litigation.

The election system presently employed by the School District

provides for election of school board members on an at-large basis. Under this and similar systems, there has been only one Hispanic elected to the School Board in the history of the School District. This is in spite of the fact that Hispanics presently number over 40 percent of the School District's population. This percentage is down from over 50 percent in the past.

The suit further cites the 1969 lawsuit which led to dismantling the District's dual school system and the segregated residential characteris-

tics of the City of Sonora as evidence of a historical pattern of discrimination against Hispanics in the community.

The suit charges that the election system of the School District has as its effect the denial of equal opportunity for Hispanics to win representation on the School Board, in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

The Plaintiff asks that the School District adopt a single member district election plan which would not dilute Hispanic voting strength.



Pictured above are (L to R) Betty Stewart, Mrs. Preston Love, Maxine Browne, Mary, Jean Hamilton, Brenda (Mrs. Browne's daughter), and Edith James

Going-Away Coffee Honored for Maxine Browne

A going-away coffee was given for Maxine Browne Friday morning, April 22, 1983, in the Sutton County Room at the Sutton County Steak House. Many friends and well wishers were on hand to visit with Maxine and her daughter, Brenda

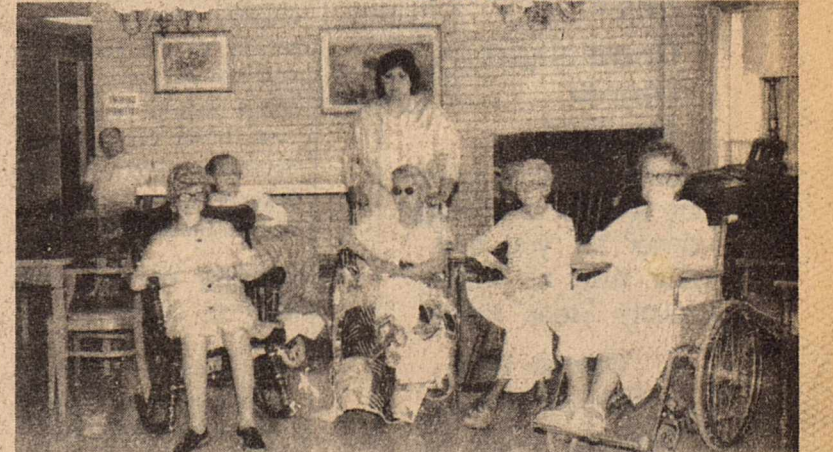
from Artesia, New Mexico.

Mrs. Browne has moved to New Mexico and will make her home in Artesia. She also has a home in Ruidoso where she plans to visit part of the time.

The late Doctor and Mrs. Browne

moved to Sonora more than thirty years ago, where Dr. Browne served the citizens of Sutton Co. for many years, and took an active part in the community.

The people of Sonora will miss Maxine Browne but wish her well in her new home.



Pictured above for the "Rock-a-Thon" are: [L to R] Mary Bruton, Juanita Mejia, Antonia Hinojosa, Ruby Stephen, Susie Bryan, and pictured in the back standing is Lilla Gonzales, Activity Director.

Red Cross Swim Lessons Announced

Melissa Teaff has announced the following dates for swim lessons this summer. Advanced Life-saving will begin May 23-24.

swimmer. If you are interested in taking this course, please call Mrs. Teaff at 387-2773.

The "Learn to Swim Program" will be held June 6-June 10. Registration will be announced at a later date. Children must be 5 years old to start these lessons. The only charge will be the pool fee of \$2.50. The lessons are free.

Later on in the summer, a Water Safety Instructor course will be held. To take this course, you must be 17 years old and hold a current advanced lifesaving certificate. More information will be provided at a future date. Call 387-2773 if you have any questions.

Joyce Chalk Attends County Treasurers' Seminar

Sutton County Treasurer, Joyce Chalk along with some 150 other Texas county treasurers, participated in the 11th Annual County Treasurers' Seminar at Texas A&M, April 12-14. The theme of the conference was "Education That Counts."

cooperation with the County Treasurers' Association of Texas. The Treasurer's Seminar is just one of many county officials' programs offered by the V.G. Young Institute as a service to Texas' elected county officials. The Institute is staffed by

According to Mrs. Chalk the seminar this year was purely educational. Courses included county finance, organizational management, money and banking, an introduction to the computerization of county operations, and principals of governmental accounting.

Texas County Treasurers' Procedure Manual published by the V.G. Young Institute. The manual includes chapters on county government in Texas, the office of County Treasurer, basic responsibilities, several resource directories, and other general information.

Joyce Chalk explains that the seminar is an annual educational program of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The seminar is sponsored in

two full-time specialists knowledgeable in county government. "Helping county officials become more effective public servants is the task of the program," says Mrs. Chalk.

Mrs. Chalk will be receiving a certificate for successfully completing the two and one-half day course. At the final session of the seminar, Mrs. Chalk received a copy of the new

The manual also refers to a large number of state laws and opinions of the Texas Attorney General and is designed for updating as laws and procedures change.

Genealogical and Historical Society to Hold Workshop

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will hold an all day workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday April 30 in the fellowship hall of the

former Western Hills Church of Christ building at 1902 Childress Street. A special attendant will be available to aid the beginning genealogists and those with questions.

The Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday May 3 in the same location when Mrs. Billey Scattergood, Editor of Stalkin' Kin will speak on "How to Read Old

Handwriting"—essential to obtaining information from deeds, tax and census records. The public is cordially invited to attend both meetings.

Farm Land Bank to Reduce Variable Rate Loans

Interest rates on Land Bank variable rate loans will be reduced to 11.00 percent on farm loans and to 11.50 percent on rural residence and farm-related business loans effective

Bank has reduced its Bank closed loan fees to 1 percent on farm loans and to 2 percent on rural residence and farm-related business

this year," Benson said. On January 1, 1983, the Bank's interest rate on farm loans was lowered to 11.25 percent. The interest rate for rural residence and farm-related business loans was

7 to 4 percent on rural residence and farm-related business loans. The fee reduction was made possible, Benson said, by the decrease in the Bank's cost of funds.

May 1, 1983, said Wade Mosley, president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora.

loans, according to Thomas H. Benson, president of the Federal Land Bank of Texas. These reduced fees are effective April 25, 1983. The adjustments follow reductions made earlier

lowered to 11.75 percent. Bank closed loan fees subsequently were reduced in February from 4 to 2 percent on farm loans and from

The Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora makes long-term real estate loans in the counties of Crockett, Edwards, Schleicher, and Sutton.

Church Invites Public for 25th Anniversary Observance

Hope Lutheran Church of Sonora, Texas cordially invites you to share with them in the observance of

their 25th Anniversary, May 1, 1983. Worship service will be at 4 p.m.

and Reverend Dennis McKain is the Liturgist. A reception and fellowship will immediately follow the service at the Church.

Karen Brown to Wed Billy Ferguson

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Karen Brown, the daughter of Mr. Buddy Joe Brown and the late Mrs. Mary Lois Brown, to Billy Gene Ferguson, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson of Huntsville, Tx. The lawn wedding will take place at the ranch of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hull at six o'clock in the evening on Saturday the fourth of June.

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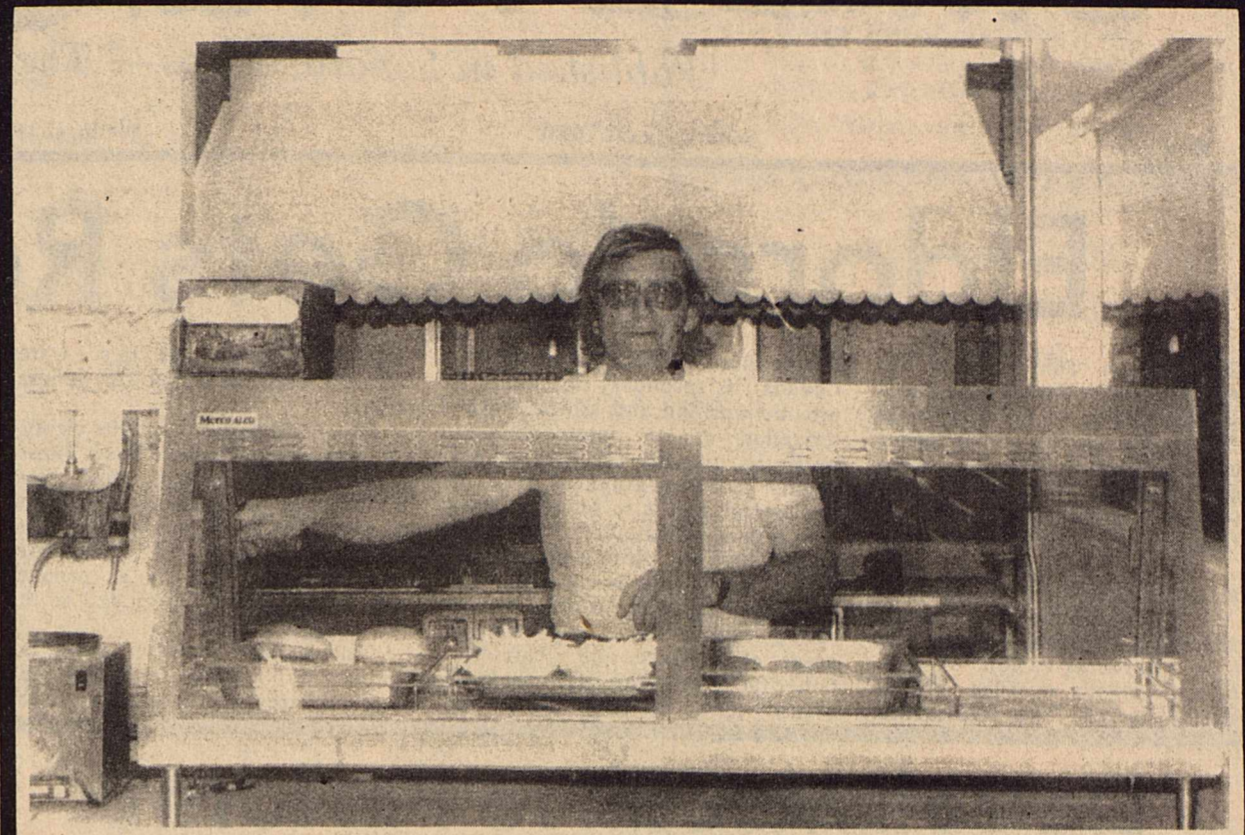
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Around Town

by Hazel McClelland



This 62 lb. fish was caught on a throwline at the Sonney Anderson lease on the Rio Grande. It was caught by Lonnie Holmes, Sonney Anderson, and Allen Holmes.

Sutton 4-H Judging Team Places Third

The Sutton County 4-H Junior Horse Judging Team placed third at District Competition held at College Station recently.

The team members were Leah Brown, Russell Chalk, Wheelless Baker and Trey Wardlaw. The team is coached by David & Maggie Walsh.

The Sonora Art Club met Monday April 18 at the Art Club Building. Mrs. Cheryl Skains, president, presided. Mrs. Curt Schweining taught Oil Painting to: Mrs. Carmen Adams, Mrs. Gloria Gordon, Mrs. Mike Hale, Mrs. Clyde Hill, Mrs. Ruth Martin, Mrs. James McLaughlin and Mrs. Bernice Williamson.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Bridgett Griffin, Mrs. Ruth Martin and Mrs. Clyde Hill. Sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies and drinks were served.

Abusiness meeting was held and plans for the Art Show were discussed. Then Mrs. Schiening gave a lesson in Oil Painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savell and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shannon were in Odessa Monday.

Mrs. Edwin Sawyer entertained the Tuesday night Cridge Club at her house April 19th. A salad plate was served to: Mrs. Davie Taylor, Mrs. Guila Vicars, Mrs. Leo Merrill, Mrs. Jo Nell Johnson, Mrs. W.O. Crites, Mrs. Lenabelle Ross, Mrs. Alice Jones and

Mrs. Vestal Askew. Mrs. Merrill won the high score prize. Mrs. Taylor won the Bingo prize.

Hanna Cooper took V.I. Brewster of San Angelo to Scott and White hospital at Temple, Texas. V.I. had a bad allergy attack caused by medication. She was in the hospital ward and got a good report after going through the clinic.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Lola McNatt. She was the mother of Mrs. Hershell Davenport.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Terry were here Saturday from Eden. They attended the funeral of Mrs. McNatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Krieg and Jessie were in from Dallas last week. They met her parents from Arkansas there and visited with other relatives.

Mrs. Ed Shurley has returned home from San Antonio, where she has been in the hospital. So

glad you are better, Ruth.

Mr. Charlie Shannon, Bill Savill and Jamie Parker flew to Alpine Saturday to get Charlie's father and bring him to the hospital in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Powell and Mrs. Velma Hunt were here this week and visiting Mrs. Hunt and family. Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt--and they visited Mrs. Hunt's sister in law, Mrs. Bernice Savell.

Mrs. Louise Glasscock of Austin visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flynn last week.

Mr. George E. Allison of San Angelo was in Sonora Tuesday, seeing about his ranch and visiting friends.

Mrs. Sandra Cooper (Mrs. Don Cooper) is in Albuquerque attending the debut and debutante dance of her niece, Meridith Creamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Creamer, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson and great-granddaughter of Mrs. S.P. Mollands, all of

Albuquerque.

Sandra made her debut 20 years ago at the same place in Albuquerque, where her niece is making hers.

The Heritage Society of San Marcos is pleased that so many of the "Old Homes" are being restored; so each year they have a tour of homes, and put several homes on display for people to see.

This year Betty, Jack and Doris Rains' three story home will be on the tour on May 8th and 9th along with three other homes. Betty Jack would love to have some of her friends from Sonora come to San Marcos to see her "Old Home" that they had restored to its original appearance.

Betty Jack is the daughter of Mrs. Hanna Cooper, who spent a week with Betty Jack, Donald Patrick and Jackie Rains in San Marcos.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hill was her niece Mrs. Mary Jo Tangeman, from Guttenberg, Iowa.

School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, May 2
Pineapple Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Milk

Tuesday, May 3
Grape Juice
Corn Flakes
Milk

Wednesday, May 4
Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice
Blueberry Muffin
Milk

Thursday, May 5
Grape Juice
Cheese Toast
Milk

Friday, May 6
Orange Juice
Sausage
Biscuits/Jelly
Milk

Lunch
Monday, May 2
Chili Dogs
French Fries
Pear & Cheese Salad
Peanut Butter Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, May 3
Hamburger Steak/Gravy
Blackeyed Peas
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apples/Praline Crunch
Milk

Wednesday, May 4
Baked Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Pudding Cups
Milk

Thursday, May 5
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Buttered Corn
Cheese Rolls
Plum Cobbler
Milk

Friday, May 6
Chicken Filet on Bun
Lettuce/Tomatoes
Pork n Beans
Ice Cream
Milk

C of C Donation

The Chamber of Commerce has received a donation for the Santa Fe Depot fund in the amount of \$250.00 from Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace. This makes a balance of \$4,350. in this fund. Our appreciation for these donations.

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Aimee Middleton Crowned Miss Hospitality

Aimee Middleton was chosen Miss Hospitality in the Miss West Texas National Teen-ager Pageant April 23 in El Paso. She will be appearing

in all civic affairs for promotional purposes for the Miss National Pageant and will be returning next year as hostess and crowning the new Miss Hospitality for 1983.



Flaire Lane to Wed Dennis Shumard

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Lane of Sonora announce the engagement of their daughter, Flaire, to Mr. Dennis D. Shumard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Shumard of Odessa.

Miss Lane is a 1977 graduate of Sonora High School and a 1981 graduate of Texas Tech University.

She is a teacher in Lubbock. Mr. Shumard, a 1978 graduate of Permian High School in Odessa, is a senior at Texas Tech. He will receive a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in May.

The couple will be wed July 9 at First Baptist Church in Sonora.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary to Meet May 21

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday May 21 at 12:30 for a covered Dish Luncheon at St. John's Parish Hall. Chicken and spaghetti will be main dish. Salads and desserts. Mrs. Ben Cusenbary will be installing officers preceding meeting.

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Varsity Boys Track Team Claims Second at Ozona Meet

In the final meet of the year Friday at Ozona, the Bronco Varsity boys scored 101 1/2 points to claim second place in District 6-AAA and advanced Jose Escalante, Espy Whitehead, Frankie Gonzales, Marney Sorenson, and Eddie Castro to regional competition to be held May 6 and 7 at Odessa.

Escalante once again led the Broncos with wins in the 3200 and 1600 meter

runs. He had a time of 10:02 in the 3200 and 4:38.36 in the 1600. Whitehead also turned in a good performance, taking second in both the 110 meter high hurdles and the 300 meter intermediates plus running on the 1000 meter relay team.

The 200 meter dash was won by Gonzales in a time of 22.73 with stiff competition from Ozona's Mark Vallejo. The 1600 meter relay team of Castro, Whitehead, Sorenson and

Gonzales will also advance to regional with a second place finish.

Other Sonorans scoring points were Alberto Luna, fifth in the 3200; Esau Ramirez and Mike

McBride, fourth and fifth in the 800 meter dash; Sorenson and Ronnie Pollard, third and fourth in the 110 meter high hurdles; Scott Bayless and DeVoe Smith, third and sixth in the 100 meter dash; Castro,

fourth in the 400 meter dash; Bayless, fourth in the 200; Rodney Jones, sixth in shot put; Ronnie Munns, fifth in discus; Smith, fifth in long jump; and Jeff Brittain, tie for sixth in high jump.

Missing out on district action due to injuries were Mike Poloczek and Jessie Guerra.

Those Broncos who are advancing to Regional will participate in a Regional Qualifiers Meet Friday in Iraan.

JV Boys Take First

In the JV division, the Bronco boys scored 134 points to claim first place. John David Martinez was the leading individual scorer with wins in both hurdle events as well as running on the winning 1600 meter relay team. Other members of that team were anchor Ricky Mesa, who also contributed points by finishing third in the 400 meter dash, fourth in high jump; and running in the 400 meter dash; Rodney Speers, who

placed fourth in the 100 meter dash and anchored the 400 meter relay; and Scott Miller, who claimed third in the 200 meter dash and fourth in the long jump. Chad Stewart dashed to a first place finish in the

100 meter and took fifth in the 200 meter event.

The distance events were entered by Manuel Duran and Edward Mata. Duran took second in the 3200

meter run and fourth in the 1600 meter, while teammate Mata ran to third in both the 3200 meter and the 1600 meter.

In field events, weight man Jim Cooper won first in discus, with Abe Carruthers and Kurt

Kneese in fourth and fifth. Daniel Garza placed third in the shot put.

French Sets New Record

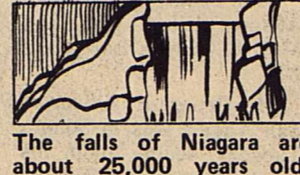
Headed for the State Track Meet in Austin May 6 Sonora's Lorri French

day in Odessa. French's winning time was 14.95 which is a new school record.

Also establishing a new school record was Lesli Webster who finished fifth in the 1600 meter run

in a time of 5:45.26. Gina Heffernan ran to a fifth place finish in the 800

meter dash, and Gina Black came in 14th in the 3200 meter run.



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Seeing Red

by Elizabeth Allen

The Class Meetings were obviously canceled last week, and have been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 27.

The school will be operating on a short assembly schedule:

Junior High Honor Roll

Fifth Six Weeks

Eighth Grade All A's

- Carrie Cox
- Kathy Richter
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- 1st 8:20-9:08
- 2nd 9:13-10:01
- Assembly 10:01-10:34
- 3rd 10:34-11:22
- 4th 11:27-12:15
- Seniors Auditorium
- Juniors Library
- Sophomores New Gym
- Freshman New Gym

At 7:00 p.m. the FHA Parents Dinner will be held in the Jr. High Snack Bar on April 27, 1983.

The Spanish Club will meet at the Commercial Restaurant at 7:00 p.m., April 27.

The best of luck to the One Act Play, which will be at the Performing Art Center at 9:15 p.m. in Austin April 27. We're behind you!

If you are considering signing up for Student Council, you will need to do so by Friday, April 29, the deadline.

The Bronco Band will go to Sandy Lake April 29 for a competition, a formal banquet, and a really good time at Six Flags. All Band members are looking forward to it, and all intend to have a thoroughly good time.

Espy Whitehead, Vicki DeMarco, and Lyndy French will be at the State Literary Meet in Austin April 29. Good Luck to our school representatives, and we hope they do well.

Monday, May 2, Regional Golf begins at Midland and continues through Satur-

day, May 7. Tuesday, May 3, the DE Employer's Banquet will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Jr. High Snack Bar.



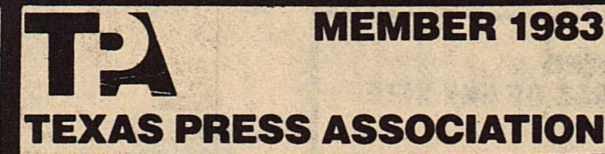
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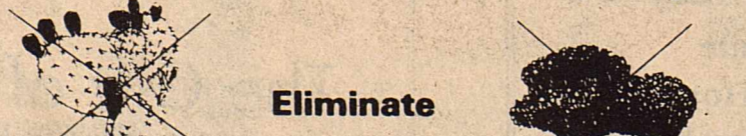
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REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the _____ of Sonora, Tex, 1983

First National Bank, at the close of business on March 31, 1983

In the state of Texas, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 5466 National Bank Region Number Eleventh

Thousands of dollars

ASSETS		
Statement of Resources and Liabilities		
Cash and due from depository institutions		3134
U.S. Treasury securities		400
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		1350
All other securities		10164
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		21
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	20010	4500
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	259	
Loans, Net		19781
Lease financing receivables		NONE
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		921
Real estate owned other than bank premises		NONE
Intangible assets		NONE
All other assets		794
TOTAL ASSETS		41368
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		8511
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		25581
Deposits of United States Government		10
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		2109
All other deposits		NONE
Certified and officers checks		121
Total Deposits	9979	36338
Total demand deposits	26359	
Total time and savings deposits		NONE
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		NONE
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other		NONE
liabilities for borrowed money		337
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		36675
All other liabilities		NONE
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)		NONE
Subordinated notes and debentures		(par value) 207
Preferred stock	No shares outstanding	(par value) 503
Common stock	No shares authorized	3983
	No shares outstanding	4693
		41368
EQUITY CAPITAL		
Surplus		NONE
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		3620
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL		NONE
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		36574
MEMORANDA		
Amounts outstanding as of report date:		
Standby letters of credit, total		
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:		
Total deposits		

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

/s/ George H. (Jack) Neill
/s/ J.W. Elliott
/s/ Armer Earwood

Directors

Harold G. McEwen
Cashier-Asst. Vice President

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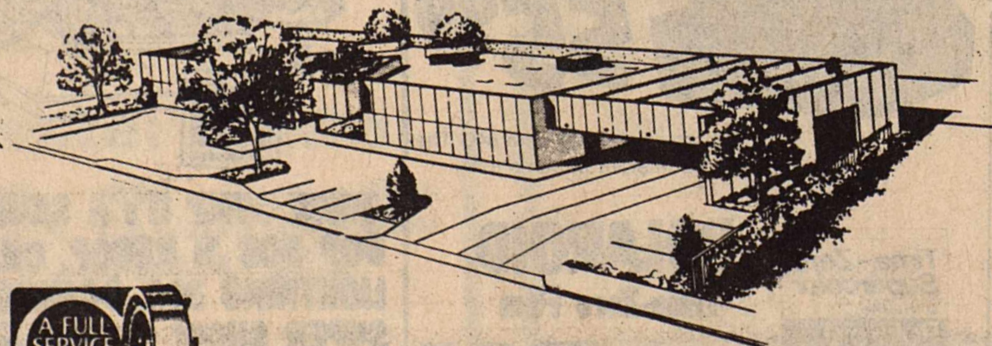
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Congress has passed legislation designed to make the Social Security system financially sound into the 21st century. As much as I disliked having to accept some of the changes included in the legislation, I reluctantly concluded that there was no other way to maintain a viable retirement income system.

As recently as 1950, there were 16 workers for every person receiving Social Security. Today, there are only three workers for each retired person receiving Social Security. By the end of the century, that ratio will be only two-to-one. In the meantime, Social Security benefits have risen faster than wages. During the last three years, for example, wages went up an average of 30 percent. Social Security checks increased by 40 percent during that same period.

Additionally, the Social Security system has been expanded dramatically from its inception as a provider of supplemental retirement income. This same system now provides disability benefits, medical insurance and other kinds of payments. While some of these additional functions have merit, they proved impossible to fund from the same resources which we have been using for ever-increasing levels of retirement payments.

As a result, the Social Security trust funds were literally on the verge of bankruptcy, and several long- and short-term solutions were required.

The financing problems through 1990 were addressed through a combination of tax increases and a reduction of scheduled benefits. Only one-quarter of the relief package is derived from reducing benefits, and this comes primarily from delaying the scheduled cost-of-living increase by six months.

I deeply regretted having to go along with this delay but reluctantly concluded that we must take this action to bring the rate of Social Security increases more in line with that of wages, which, in turn, determine the amount of money available to be paid.

Additionally, this legislation brings virtually every working citizen in our country, including members of Congress, under mandatory Social Security coverage. This will mean that all Americans are to be covered by the same retirement system. In that way, the system will affect everyone equally, and, if changes are necessary, all citizens will have the same interest in keeping the system viable.

The bill addresses the long-term financing problems of Social Security by raising the retirement age from 65 to 67 in two six-year steps, the first beginning in 1999 and the second in 2016. The retirement age has not been raised since the creation of the program in the 1930s. Yet, during the past 50 years, the life expectancy and the number of productive working years most Americans can expect to enjoy have risen significantly.

In 1977, after passage of the largest tax increase in history was adopted, President Carter indicated that Social Security's problems had been solved for a period to last well into the 21st century. Clearly, this was an unfounded hope, since we faced this year a system yet again on the verge of bankruptcy.

The legislation we have passed this year makes the same promise, one that I hope will come to pass. We have a sacred obligation to the American people to preserve Social Security as a source of promised retirement income. In order to preserve it for this purpose, we must continue to exercise fiscal responsibility in administering Social Security. This year's bill provides the foundation for a sound future for the system, but we must be careful not to overburden its resources again.

Six Flags Over Texas Opens Roaring Rapids

The biggest ride in the history of Six Flags Over Texas, the Roaring Rapids river adventure, opened Friday, April 1, at the Arlington theme park.

The \$4.2 million dollar attraction simulates the excitement of rafting down a

wilderness river complete with white-capped rapids, rippling lagoons, threatening boulders and waterfalls which tower above the banks.

Circular five-glass rafts, encircled by huge flotation tubes, carry twelve pas-

sengers each along the thundering waterway.

Six Flags General Manager Ray Williams said the concept for the ride came from a Six Flags executive who was intrigued by the man-made river which was used for kayak-

ing competition in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

He said Six Flags asked Intamin, AG, of Zurich, Switzerland, to create a similar river which would be totally safe for the average person to ride. Roaring Rapids is the

as the average person is going to come to the thrill of a ride down a stretch of rapids. Up until now," he said, "the experience has been limited to those folks who could travel to wilderness areas and join in guided rafting trips."

Intamin is the same firm which designed such thrill rides as the Shock Wave double loop roller coaster and the Texas Cliffhanger freefall ride.

Williams commented, "Roaring Rapids is as close



Wet, Wet Rapids--Getting wet is the order of the day on Six Flags Over Texas' new river rafting adventure, Roaring Rapids. The \$4.2 million dollar attraction recently opened at the Arlington theme park. It features more than a quarter mile of thundering rapids and wave-swept lagoons.

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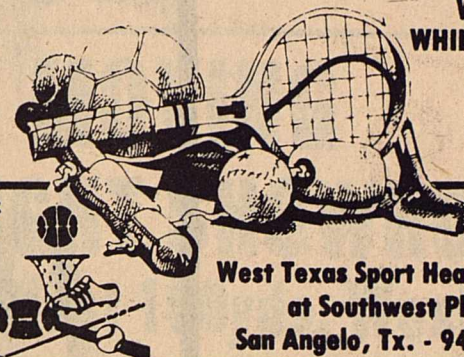
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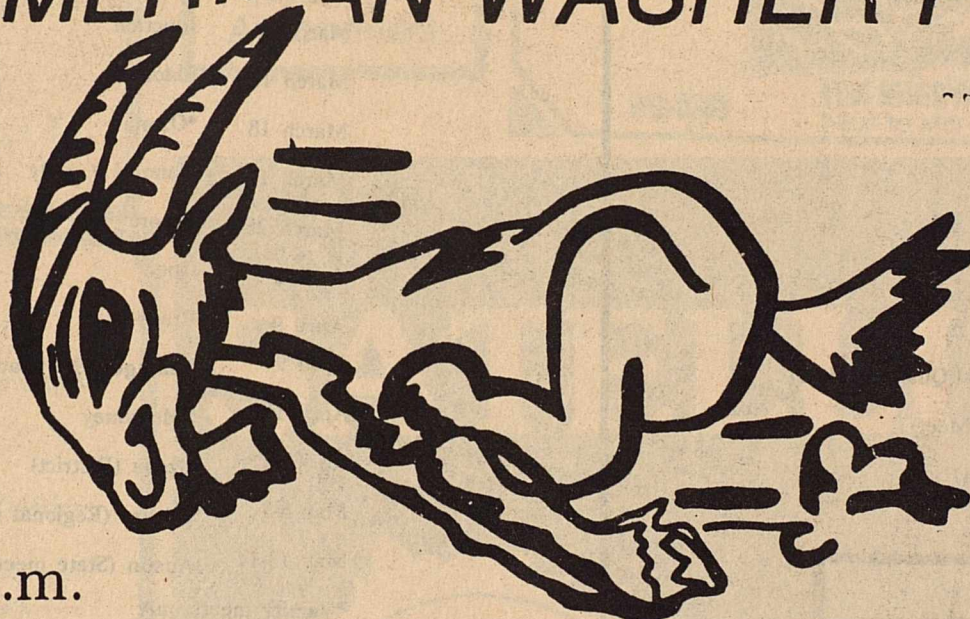
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 - April 9 Brady
 - April 9 Ballinger (9th grade District)
 - April 16 *McCamey
 - April 22 Ozona (District)
 - May 6-7 Odessa (Regional meet)
 - May 13-14 Austin (State meet)
- *Varsity meets only

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Wildlife Bill Overwhelmingly Passes

by Gerald Geistweidt

On March 24, 1983, the Texas Wildlife Conservation Act (H.B. 1/S.B. 94) was overwhelmingly passed by the House of Representatives. The Senate had previously passed the bill and it is anticipated that the Governor will sign it into law.

As a result of the passage of this legislation, the Department of Parks and Wildlife in Austin will have complete authority over game regulations. The bill repealed locally specialized wildlife laws now in effect in 116 counties. It placed thirteen "general law" counties under the control of D.P. and W. and it took away commissioners court veto authority in 30 counties, where under the old law, new Parks and Wildlife regulations had to receive the approval of the commissioners court before they could take effect.

While I understand the position of those supporting the change in the law, I opposed passage of the bill. While some standardization in game regulation is probably needed, I do not agree that we should take away the power of county commissioners courts to veto regulations which are

not desired by the local community. Eleven of my thirteen counties presently have commissioners court veto authority. This bill, when signed by the Governor, will take away the rights we have as citizens to democratically influence the making of game laws through our duly elected commissioners. Instead, all decisions on game regulation will be in the hands of a group of appointed bureaucrats with dictatorial powers.

While it is true we were not always satisfied with the game law decisions made by our elected county commissioners, there is no guarantee that the game law decisions made by a group of men in Austin will be any more satisfactory. Let's examine the claims made by those who supported the bill:

The proponents stated that wildlife needs to be managed on a statewide basis and that we presently have a "crazy-quilt" pattern of Texas hunting rules. This may be true, but there is also a crazy-quilt pattern of wildlife populations, habitats, and other factors which demand a varied approach to wildlife

management in different areas of the state. While I don't doubt the good intentions of those who want to consolidate all control with the Department of Parks and Wildlife, I still cling to the belief that local government can be more responsive and more flexible in making game management decisions than a centralized decision-making authority.

Moreover, by abolishing the Commissioners Court's veto power over game regulations, the Legislature has divested the public of input into the decision-making process. With elected county commissioners making the decision, there was always the threat of the next election to insure the decision-maker would be receptive to citizens' desires. Now all the decisions will be made by appointed - not elected - bureaucrats who do not have to answer to the public.

Proponents of this legislation also claim that county "road commissioners" are not as capable of making wildlife management decisions as the biologist and technical experts within the department of Parks and Wildlife. This argu-

ment has two flaws: First, hunting and fishing involves more than scientific experimentation with game animals in the vacuum of a laboratory. Game management in our area involves recreational and business concerns which make the sociology as important as the biology. One of the strengths of the democratic form of government is the opportunity for diverse views and needs to influence the decision-making process. Giving the game biologist all authority over game regulations because of his technical expertise is paramount to abolishing state government and appointing a University of Texas government professor as director. In either case, input from a variety of occupations and viewpoints is lost.

Secondly, the Parks and Wildlife scientist is not really the person who makes the decisions under this bill. A Parks and Wildlife Commissioner - who in most cases is a millionaire banker or oilman from Houston or Dallas who contributed a great deal of money to the Governor's past campaign - will certainly consider the

recommendations of the Parks and Wildlife biologist, but the county commissioner is just as capable of receiving those recommendations. Moreover, in many cases the county commissioner in my district is involved in agriculture and has at least some practical experience in animal husbandry and herd management. He travels the county roads in his precinct and certainly has more first-hand knowledge about range conditions and game population than the city-bred Parks and Wildlife Commissioner who attempts to make decisions for the whole state from his office in Austin.

Proponents of the bill say that the quality of the deer herd is suffering because of poor commissioner court decisions. They say not enough deer are killed because of the refusal of commissioners courts to cooperate in deer harvest recommendation, particularly in regard to antlerless deer. In fact, all the counties in my district which have commissioners court veto authority do fully participate in antlerless deerkill. There are only two counties in the state in

which the commissioners itself prohibits killing antlerless deer whereas the Parks and Wildlife Commission itself prohibits killing antlerless deer in 103 counties. If the counties in my district which have commissioners court veto authority have been doing such a bad job in years past, why does the Hill Country have the highest hunters' success ratio and more deerkill than the rest of the State Combined? Ranchers in my district provide the land and resources necessary to support the game species which sportsmen throughout the State enjoy annually. It is a mistake to remove our local people from the decision-making process over the industry with which they are most closely connected and which they have supported for many years.

For these reasons, I attempt to table this legislation which would have

had the effect of killing it. I lost that vote in the House by a substantial majority. I then offered amendments which would allow the counties within my district to retain commissioners court veto powers. This also was resoundingly defeated. While I know there are some in my district who disagree with my actions, I believe those actions represented the views of the majority of my constituents. I am only sorry that my efforts could not have been successful.

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Hightower Tells Panel that Foreign Investors are Buying Texas Land

Foreign investors now own nearly 1,500 square miles of Texas farm and ranch lands, and that, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower told the House State Affairs Committee on Monday, "is bigger'n all of Dallas."

Testifying at a hearing on a pair of bills aimed at limiting foreign purchases of Texas farmland, Hightower told the panel, "Despite an earlier attempt by former Governor Clements' Task Force on Foreign Investment to dismiss the problem, these absentee investors already have substantial landholdings in more than 40 Texas counties, their rate of purchasing has increased, and their potential impact on land values and local markets is significant."

While the amount of land owned by foreign investors is only about one percent of the total agricultural acreage in Texas, Hightower

said, that figure is deceptive.

"That's about as useful as being told there are more than 10 acres for every car in Texas while you're stuck in a Houston traffic jam," he said. "The heaviest ownership is concentrated on some of our richest, most productive soil, including the Blackland Prairies, and the bottomlands of the Red River, the Brazos and the Trinity. In Bowie and Delta Counties, foreign ownership has risen to about 10 percent of total agricultural lands, and in Hidalgo County, it has surpassed 15 percent."

"And it's important to realize that these acquisitions are a recent phenomenon," Hightower noted. "In a single year, for example, from January 1982 to January 1983, foreign investors bought another 137,000 Texas acres—an area the size of

some of our smaller counties and a 17 percent increase in the total number of acres owned by foreign interests.

"If all these foreign investors showed up here at the State Capitol at once, we'd almost have a quorum of the United Nations, with flags being carried by countries ranging from Abu Dhabi to the Republic of China."

"You don't have to be xenophobic to be concerned about this ownership pattern," Hightower said. "These are not simple immigrants come to Texas to try to make a living farming, working alongside previous waves of immigrants and becoming a full part of the local community and economy. These are absentee investors—foreign corporations and cash-rich speculators with no common interest to share with a Texas farm family. Last year, for example,

Swiss interests picked up 20,120 acres in Culberson County, 24,996 acres in Reeves County, 9,666 acres in Val Verde County, and about 4,000 acres elsewhere to go with the 40,000 Texas acres already under Swiss ownership.

"These are enormous chunks of productive real estate," Hightower said, "and it's fair to worry about what it means to us."

"How does foreign ownership of our agricultural resources affect our farm economy, the quality of our land, and our Texas farmers themselves? Does the presence of the foreign land speculators, as an added and sometimes irrational source of demand in the marketplace, drive up land prices to the extent that our own farmers are unable to compete for

operations? How much do the inflated prices offered by these foreign investors

artificially raise the appraisal values and thus the taxes on adjoining farms owned by already hard-pressed Texans? And does foreign ownership drastically reduce the agricultural acreage available for purchase by our own citizens? Too, does an absentee owner living in West Germany or Saudi Arabia have as great a stake in maintaining the quality of his land as does the hands-on farmer who's out there day-in-day-out, doing his best to earn a livelihood from the soil—with hope of one day passing that land on to his children? These are the questions which, I believe, lie at the heart of the issue."

Hightower provided the committee with a breakdown of Texas farmland holdings by foreign investors, listing by county the nationality and total holdings of foreign investors.

"The fact of extensive foreign ownership can no longer be denied, but the impact of it is less clearly known," Hightower concluded. "Previous studies of the subject have failed to consider that even a one percent purchase of a county's farmland can have a tremendous impact on prices there. Farmers themselves believe that these speculators are having a negative and unfair impact on their homegrown enterprises, and they want something done to address the problem. We leave it to the wisdom of the Legislature to choose which way to go, but we commend Represent-

tative Pete Patterson (D-Brookston), Tip Hall (D-Denton) and Billy Clemons (D-Pollock) for their initiative in proposing legislation that meets the problem head on."

Legislators Push Federal Moratorium

The federal government has got to be stopped from chopping new confiscation as he, State Senator Bill Sarpalus (D-Hereford) and State Rep. Tip Hall (D-Ponder) called upon the Texas Legislature to pass a concurrent House-Senate resolution asking Congress to approve a moratorium on government foreclosures of hardpressed farmers.

The resolution, introduced by Hall in the House with several dozen members signing on as co-sponsors, asks Congress and the President to enact into law a bill that has been introduced by U.S. Rep. Ed Jones (D-Tennessee) to defer farm foreclosures by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and to make emergency money available for FmHA loans. The resolution also asks Congress to amend the bill to include an automatic two-year redemption period on farmland and equipment that are foreclosed by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and to make emergency money available for FmHA loans.

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"This isn't some do-nothing resolution to get the Administration's attention," Hightower said.

"The Jones legislation is a pragmatic action we can take this year to save thousands of farmers. And we must pass it right now. More than 16,000 Texans have a combined total of more than 24,000 loans from FmHA. Sixty-nine

percent of those loans are delinquent. That's more than 11,000 of our good farm families who are on the brink of broke and who are likely to be shoved over it by their own government if we don't stand up and say 'No!' Last year the worst year in history for farmers in terms of real farm income—only 603 Texas farmers came out in good enough financial shape to pay their FmHA operating loans in full. We had 800 FmHA borrowers who had to liquidate their assets and close the farm gates for good."

"It's important to realize that most farmers who might be considered poor managers were already out of business by 1982," Hightower noted, "so those who went under last year and those who are facing the same prospect this year are good, efficient, productive farmers. They're making good crops and

being paid poor prices for them, putting them in trouble through no fault of their own. We're talking about the farm operators who produce the majority of our food—these are the hands you and I count on to feed us, and it is suicidal government policy to chop them off."

"To quote Larry Windham, President of the Beaumont Production Credit Association, 'These guys are really up against the wall. If we don't get some assistance, it's over!' And he's not talking about just a few of his borrowers—he says if commodity prices continue where they are for the remainder of this year, half his borrowers will be out of business. Half!"

"Many of those farmers have some collateral left to put up against new loans to help them grow a crop this year, but there's no money available."

"One farm couple we

talked to yesterday has been farming the same land for 25 years. They suffered the drought in 1980 and they've had severe hail damage the last two years. In addition, FmHA wouldn't loan them enough to spray for insects, so their crop suffered even more. From an established average yield of 400 lbs. of cotton per acre in 1979, their established yield has dropped to just 230 lbs. per acre, and the price on cotton fell from 80 cents/lb. to 50 cents/lb. in that period—again, through no fault of their own."

"They asked FmHA to ride with them another year, and they got back what amounts to a 'Dear Champ' letter," Hightower said. "Imagine what this lifelong farmer felt as he read this: 'After careful consideration, Farmers Home Administration was unable to approve your application request for ser-

vice.'

"This couple owns some of their land, but their home sits on rented land. They're about to lose it. Their FmHA contact told them they don't need the house, that they can get a trailer to live in."

"These are not statistics. These are real people who have invested their adult lifetimes in the land only to face the loss of everything due to circumstances beyond their control."

"They deserve our help, not only because they are good farmers, but also because we're going to need them next year, and the next year and every year that we want to eat—or to buy a cotton shirt or a pair of bluejeans."

"The Jones bill will delay farm foreclosures and make more money available to keep people farming until they can climb out of the hole the government dug for them. The bill should be passed, and the resolution by Rep. Hall and Sen. Sarpalus will let Congress and the President know that the Texas Legislature, representing all the 14 million people of Texas, wants

it passed before we lose any more good farmers."

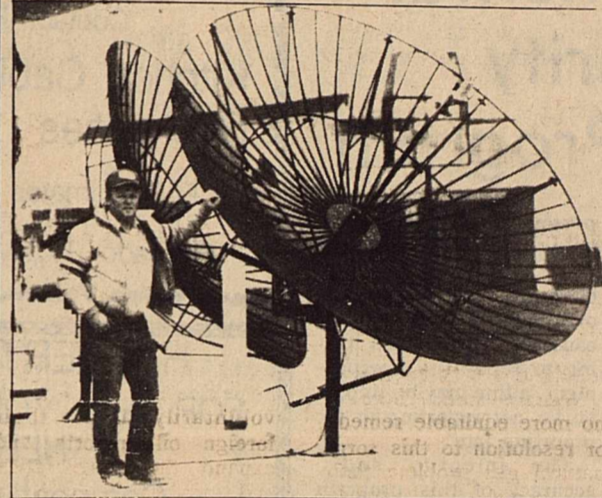
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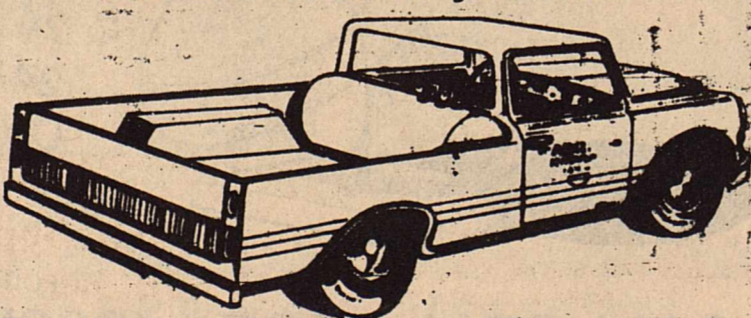
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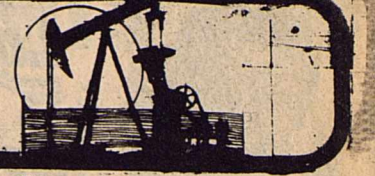
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Companies Describe State of the Oil and Gas Industry to RRC

Company and association executives representing all segments of the petroleum industry zeroed in on natural gas policy and possible new energy taxes as chief concerns this year as they addressed a crowd of more than 350 at the Railroad Commission's annual "state of the oil and gas industry" hearing at the Hilton Inn.

In the crude oil arena, representatives of the major oil companies active in Texas were in general agreement that the present glut of crude oil would not last much longer as companies finish drawing down existing stocks and begin buying again in the international marketplace. "Inven-

tories have been drawn down to such low levels that there's almost no way to go but up," said Gordon Hillhouse of Sun Co., Inc.

C.S. Nicandros, a Conoco vice president, said, "as a result of stock reductions alone, I believe that the stage is set for a return to a more balanced market even if OPEC is unable to enforce strict production quotas. There are simply too many people who have held off buying crude for too long."

Looking ahead to the remainder of 1983, Nicandros forecast a return to a more balanced market by the third quarter of the year as inventory drawdowns run their course, supply is

held in check and demand stabilizes.

Many of the oil industry executives placed decontrol of natural gas without related increases in energy taxes at the top of their corporate priority lists although most wanted to see some changes to the administration's decontrol proposal.

"So far in this administration, the red-tape cutters have done well by the consumer," said Mobil president Allen E. Murray.

"Two years of full decontrol for crude oil and petroleum products have brought out additional supplies, moderated demand, and provided a real incentive for conservation. And

that's something to bear in mind as natural gas deregulation is debated."

But Murray and others said a windfall profits tax proposed for gas and other selective taxes on the oil industry under discussion in several states could eliminate any gains from decontrol. "All of these tax schemes are bad ideas whose time only seems to have come because of today's glut which will eventually vanish like yesterday's shortage," he said.

According to B.L. Choate, senior vice president of Gulf Oil, "The U.S. has learned a hard lesson from previous market controls-consumers inevitably pay more when prices are

regulated by law and not the market. Companies should be allowed to succeed or fail based on how well they anticipate and react to market forces. Supply and demand should guide the market, not rigid laws and regulations."

A different perspective was contributed by Chester B. Bengie, Jr., president of the International Association of Drilling Contractors who described his segment of the industry as hard hit but meeting the challenges.

"Hopefully these hard times, especially if they do not linger too long, will trim the fat from our business and we will enter the next upturn leaner and better able to do the best possible job for our operator customers."

Independent oilman Clayton Williams said disruption in the natural gas markets was especially tough on the smaller operators. "For the first time I see something that might force Clayton to drop his 800 employees down to two," he said.

But Williams did see some hope in decontrol. "If we can grid thought the transition to free enterprise, we'll come out better, leaner, and meaner," he said. "But if the umbrella of federal regulation comes down, it would be

the worst possible thing for the industry." Representatives from 26 producing and distributing companies and industry associations spoke at the Railroad Commission hearing.

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Permian Basin Petroleum Association Energy Report

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock, for the third time, reduced the amount of tax revenue Texas will receive for the next two years. The latest figure was an additional decrease of 953 million dollars.

The pressure to increase severance taxes to make up

for the drop in tax money is obvious. However, the Senate Education Committee refused to include an increase in a bill voted on Wednesday, April 6th. At least temporarily, efforts to raise severance taxes have been beaten back. We emphasize temporarily

because the comptroller's office says that oil production revenues will decline by 12 percent this year and almost ten percent next year and there are about seven weeks left in this legislative session. For the record, the state will have 12.4 percent more to spend

the next two years, than it did the last two.

In other news, Canada will announce a ten percent cut in its price for natural gas sold to the U.S. The current price is \$4.94 per one thousand cubic feet which is higher than most American producers are

getting for their natural gas.

In the Permian Basin our rig count for this week is 244. Last week it was 228. One year ago it was 370.

RRC Chairman Outlines Key Issues for Oil Executives

Two national energy issues "stand out and cry for resolution," according to Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace - the debate over natural gas and the country's continued dependence on foreign sources for crude oil and products.

Speaking to oil industry executives gathered for the Commission's annual "state-of-the-industry" hearing here, Wallace said, "Like it or not, our natural gas prices are being set by the Congress and our oil prices are being set by Saudi Arabia. I resent it and I believe the American people resent it."

According to Wallace, the oil and gas industry and Congress stand face to face with "one of the most serious challenges either has ever encountered." He said America's energy needs are in jeopardy not because of scarce oil and gas resources, but because of "petty partisanship and regional bickering."

The American consumer is angry," he said, "the public does not know which set of scarce tactics to believe. This nation's energy needs should not be a partisan issue."

The Railroad Commission's senior member blamed the natural Gas policy Act of 1978 for the disruption in the country's natural gas markets, pointing out that it is keeping the price of gas high at a time when the law of supply and demand says the price should fall.

"That law was conceived in an atmosphere of panic after a temporary supply shortage of natural gas," Wallace said. "It effectively split the country into regional sections and created sharp divisions among gas producers, gas pipelines, gas distributors, and gas customers. The law actually encourages the production of the most expensive types of gas."

Describing the gas market in America as a "mess," Wallace told the industry representatives that the current surplus of natural gas is temporary, the result of economic recession, reduced demand and falling prices of competitive fuels, not new supplies.

He warned that Congress is again considering solutions in a "panic" and that

although it's too early to predict, "it appears we are about to replace one set of regulations with another." Wallace said, "There is no more equitable remedy or resolution to this sorry natural gas problem than the removal of these various price controls as rapidly as possible. There will be some pain involved, but extricating oneself from a thorny briar patch is sometimes painful."

Moving to the issue of foreign oil dependence, Wallace said the only way for the country to free itself is to increase exploration and production at home.

"Like it or not," he said, "you can't build an economy, provide jobs for the unemployed and food for the hungry, and assure the security of

America with undrilled oil and gas here at home." The Commission chairman called on the oil company representatives to voluntarily limit their foreign oil imports and expand their exploration and production base in America, saying, "it is long past time for us to free ourselves from this dependence - free ourselves from economically and free ourselves strategically."

What the nation desperately needs, but is unlikely to get in the current "spider web" of regulation, according to Wallace, is a national fuels policy which includes complete and total decontrol of natural gas.

"The existing bad law must be repealed in its entirety," he said, "so that natural gas may be free to

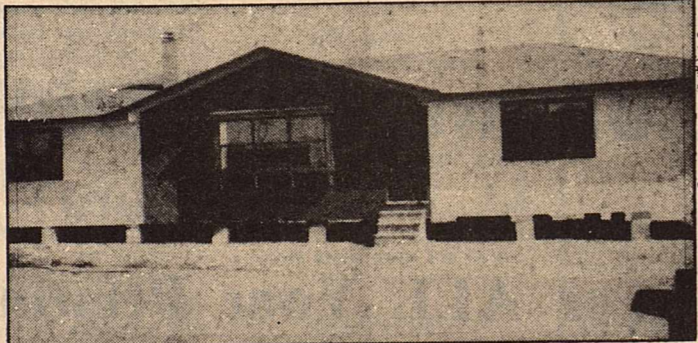
search out its true value in the market place. In my opinion, deregulation would result in lower prices for the consumer."

Existing gas contracts might have to be renegotiated, Wallace said, but "completely unshackled from regulatory pricing schemes, I believe producers and pipeline will find it to their own advantage to negotiate."

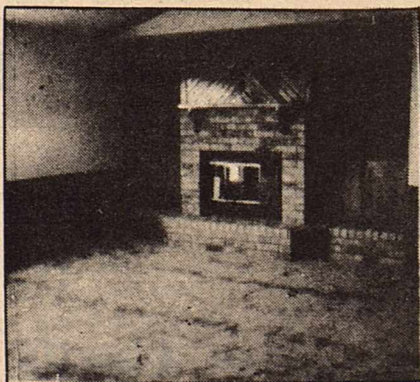
He said he has serious reservations about any federal intervention into those contracts.

Wallace called upon the industry representatives to stop quarreling among themselves and upon Congress to "stop avoiding the difficult decisions that must be made if we are to assure ourselves and our children of energy security for the future."

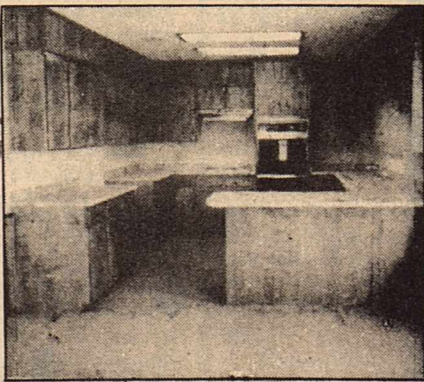
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**INDEXATION OF TAX RATES
MUST BE PRESERVED**

The next several weeks should tell whether Congress is the country's worst economic indicator. At issue is one of the most important tax reforms in decades — indexing.

The liberal Budget approved by the House on March 23 clearly places in jeopardy tax indexing — one of the reforms enacted in the 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act and scheduled to go into effect in 1985. Furthermore, as the focus of the budget debate shifts to the Senate, some Senators are also calling for repeal of indexing. In my judgment, this would be a tragic and costly mistake.

Indexing is designed to prevent automatic tax increases which are caused by inflation. Indexing redefines income tax brackets so that people earning increased pay as a result of inflation are not penalized for those increases by having to pay substantially higher taxes. In fact, a non-indexed federal tax system, such as the one currently in effect, actually raises our taxes paid to the Federal Government by more than the rate of inflation. The government, therefore, takes a larger share of our same real income every year. Thus, not only does the taxpayer not keep pace with inflation, without indexing taxpayers lose ground and face a steadily deteriorating standard of living. This is neither fair, nor equitable nor honest.

Let's look at the statistics. With an inflation rate of 4%, roughly the current rate, taxes would be 25% higher after 10 years than if indexing is retained. These tax increases will strike hardest at lower and middle income families, as 78% of the tax increase caused by a repeal of indexing will fall upon those with incomes of less than \$50,000.

Certain Members of Congress desperately want to repeal indexing, because that would allow Congress to raise taxes without ever having to vote on the increases! Furthermore, the most insidious threat in repealing indexing lies in the fact that it instills an incentive for inflation to feed Congressional spending appetites. As inflation climbs higher, more of our hard-earned dollars will be collected by Washington as a result of inflation-induced bracket creep. Evidence of this threat can be found in the budget passed by the House liberals last month. This budget increases domestic spending by \$181 billion over five years above what the President has requested — and a primary means to obtain this money is through the repeal of indexing.

And we must remember, potential repeal of indexing is merely one element of what appears to be an all-out assault on the American taxpayer. The liberal budget also infers the repeal of the third year 10% individual tax reduction scheduled to go into effect in July of this year — effectively preventing what would amount to the first real tax reduction for the hard-working people of America. Also threatened are the needed reform of estate and gift taxes and the slight improvements in the "windfall profit" tax contained in the tax reduction act passed in 1981. Overall, tax increases in the House-passed budget would require a typical median income family of four, defined as having earned \$24,300 in 1980, to pay \$3,500 more in taxes by 1988 — a 17.5% increase.

This liberal budget, which depends so heavily on increased taxes to support increased spending, is a sure prescription for economic stagnation. This zealous quest to raise taxes would wipe out the most significant tax break the average American will ever receive. This must not happen. Retaining indexing is the only way to keep Congress honest, for it is the only existing statutory method which imposes needed fiscal discipline on the United States Congress.

No longer will Congress be able to vote for alleged "tax cuts" knowing full well that bracket creep nullifies any real tax reduction. No longer will Congress be able to fund pet projects with the assurance that they will be paid for by hidden tax hikes.

What must be recognized is that Washington's greed for spending far exceeds the taxpayer's desire — and certainly the ability — to pay. Enough is Enough!

**State Highway System
In Financial Crisis**

AUSTIN—Texas is in the grip of a highway crisis that threatens the state's future and its citizens' ability to move about efficiently and safely, according to some state officials and the Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association (TGR/TA).

Rep. David Cain (D) of Dallas, House sponsor of legislation to ease the desperate situation, said that unless the Legislature provides adequate funding during the current legislative session, that the resulting damage to the roadways would be irrevocable and Texas would diminish as an industrial leader and as a good place to live.

Cain and the TGR/TA have immediate concerns that the state cannot provide enough matching dollars to qualify for the maximum amount of federal funds available to Texas. Without these federal dollars even the interstate and U.S. highway systems would be threatened.

Without additional funding to the highways, millions of dollars in state projects will have to be cancelled just to provide the state's match for federal monies allotted to Texas.

Projects to ease the major traffic snarls in almost every urban area would not be built, and the farm to market system would continue to deteriorate.

Congress has passed a five-cent motor fuels tax

increase. Texas will receive about \$400 million more for highways annually. Those funds, however, are tagged for the interstate and U.S. highways. The state must also provide matching funds — from 10 percent to 25 percent for these projects.

That means that the state has less dollars to spend on its state highways and farm to market systems. Rep. Cain's bill is designed to provide \$700 million annually for repair and improvement of the state system. Additionally, \$100 million annually would be earmarked for city governments to repair and rehabilitate city streets.

TGR/TA has suggested that those funding needs should be met by those who use the highways. Among the alternatives suggested is a five cent hike in the motor fuel tax and increasing vehicle registration to \$25 a year. The rise in the fuel tax would mean a motorist who drives 10,000 miles a year would pay about \$100 in tax, compared to the \$53 that has been paid since 1955.

"There are a number of ways the Legislature can provide the funds," Rep. Cain said, "but the one alternative we can't afford is to do nothing. We must fix our roads now or face disaster. The longer we wait the worse it becomes and the more costly it is to make repairs or reconstruct."

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Range Weeds**

Weeds cost ranchers many dollars in lost production each year because they rob desirable forages of moisture and nutrients. But herbicides can reduce those losses.

"Range weeds could be a serious problem in many areas of Texas this spring because of good late fall and winter rains," says Dr. Tommy Welch, range brush and weed control specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "These rains followed a hot, dry summer last year that caused some loss of grass on rangeland."

Ranchers who find heavy weed infestations on their ranges should consider control measures, advises Welch. Broadleaf plants such as distaff thistle, annual broomweed, camp-horweed, ragweed and others should be the target for herbicide control.

Use of the herbicide 2,4-D in early spring provides excellent control of most annual weeds, says the specialist. Weeds should be growing rapidly and the herbicide should be applied before they flower. Ranchers may use 2,4-D amine in areas that receive more than 25 inches of annual rainfall, while 2,4-D low-volatile ester should be used in areas of less rainfall.

To control harder-to-kill weeds, a dicamba-2,4-D mixture or a picloram-2,4-D mixture is effective (1:3 ratio) is commercially available under the trade name Weedmaster. Likewise, picloram (Grazon PC) and 2,4-D may be tank mixed, or a commercial formulation (1:4 ratio of picloram and 2,4-D) is available under the trade name Grazon PtD.

"Weed control on rangeland is a practice that can produce significant returns," says Welch. "Weed control result demonstrations have shown a significant increase in grass production by controlling unwanted weeds. In many cases, a pound of grass has been produced for every pound of weeds controlled."

For maximum benefits from herbicide weed control, ranchers should practice good grazing management, Welch emphasizes. Deferred grazing during the growing season will allow drought-damaged grasses to regain vigor and become better established. Proper grazing management can help keep a good cover of grass while reducing weeds.

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The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such ACT, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of race, color or national origin, and further that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award. Plans and available for inspection at the office of Joe W. Lane, Resident Engineer, Sonora, Texas, and at the State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Tx. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Build-

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Thomas A. Morriss, Jr. and William L. Morriss Co-Independent Executors

The residences of such Co-Independent Executors are such as follows:
Mr. Thomas A. Morriss, Jr. P.O. Box 1490 Uvalde, Texas 78801

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed of April, 1983. Smith, Davis, Rose, Finley & Hofman
By: James A. Carter

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT: The City of Sonora, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to wit: Lot No. 3 of Block C-1 of the Cemetery Addition to the town of Sonora, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin set in the West Boundary of the road known as Cemetery Lane, which pin is 120 feet North of an iron pin set for the NE corner of the lot known as the Morris Gin lot, said Morris Gin lot being described as metes and bounds in a deed from T.D. Newell and wife, to Sonora Cotton Gin Co., dated August 20, 1908 and recorded at page 283 of Volume 10 of the Sutton County Deed Records.

THENCE West 150 feet for the SW corner of this lot;
THENCE North 60 feet for the NW corner of this lot;
THENCE East 150 feet for the NE corner of this lot;
THENCE South 60 feet to the place of beginning.

An on site hearing will be held on the described property and before the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas on the 10th day of May, 1983 at 9:30 A.M. o'clock at the above property for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

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School Calendar for 1983-84

The school calendar for the 1983-1984 year has been established and adopted by the Board of Trustees. It is published here for the convenience of those families who have school-age children.

SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT School Calendar for 1983-84

August 16, 17, 18	INSERVICE WORKDAY	3
August 19	Start 1st Six Weeks Labor Day Holiday	1
August 22	End 1st Six Weeks	29 days
September 5	Start 2nd Six Weeks	1
September 30	End 2nd Six Weeks	29 days
October 3	INSERVICE	1
October 10	End 2nd Six Weeks	29 days
November 11	Start 3rd Six Weeks Thanksgiving Holidays	2
November 14	End 3rd Six Weeks	26 days
November 24, 25	DAYS IN 3RD SEMESTER	84
December 21	INSERVICE	1
January 2	Start 4th Six Weeks	1
January 3	End 4th Six Weeks	28
February 9	WORKDAYS Speech Meet	1
February 10	Start 5th Six Weeks	9
February 13	SPRING BREAK	30 days
February 27-March 2	End 5th Six Weeks	2
March 30	Start 6th Six Weeks	33 days
April 2	Easter Holidays	1
April 20 & April 23	End 6th Six Weeks	33 days
May 18	DAYS IN 4TH SEMESTER	91
	TOTAL SCHOOL DAYS	175
May 13	Baccalaureate Service	1
May 18	Commencement, Class of 1984	5
May 19	WORKDAYS	183
	INSERVICE DAYS (No school	5
	WORKDAYS for students these days	175

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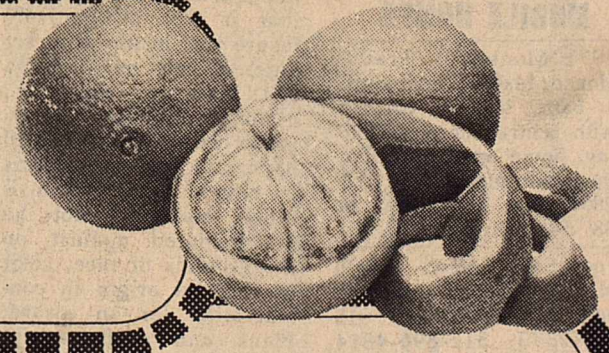
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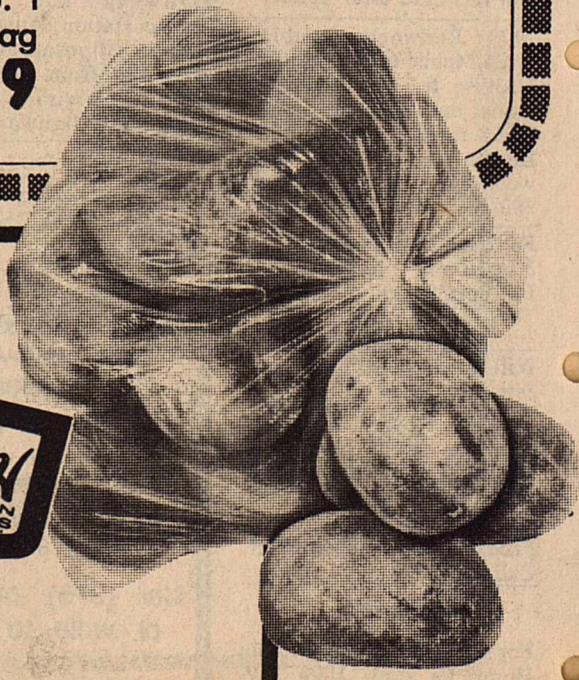
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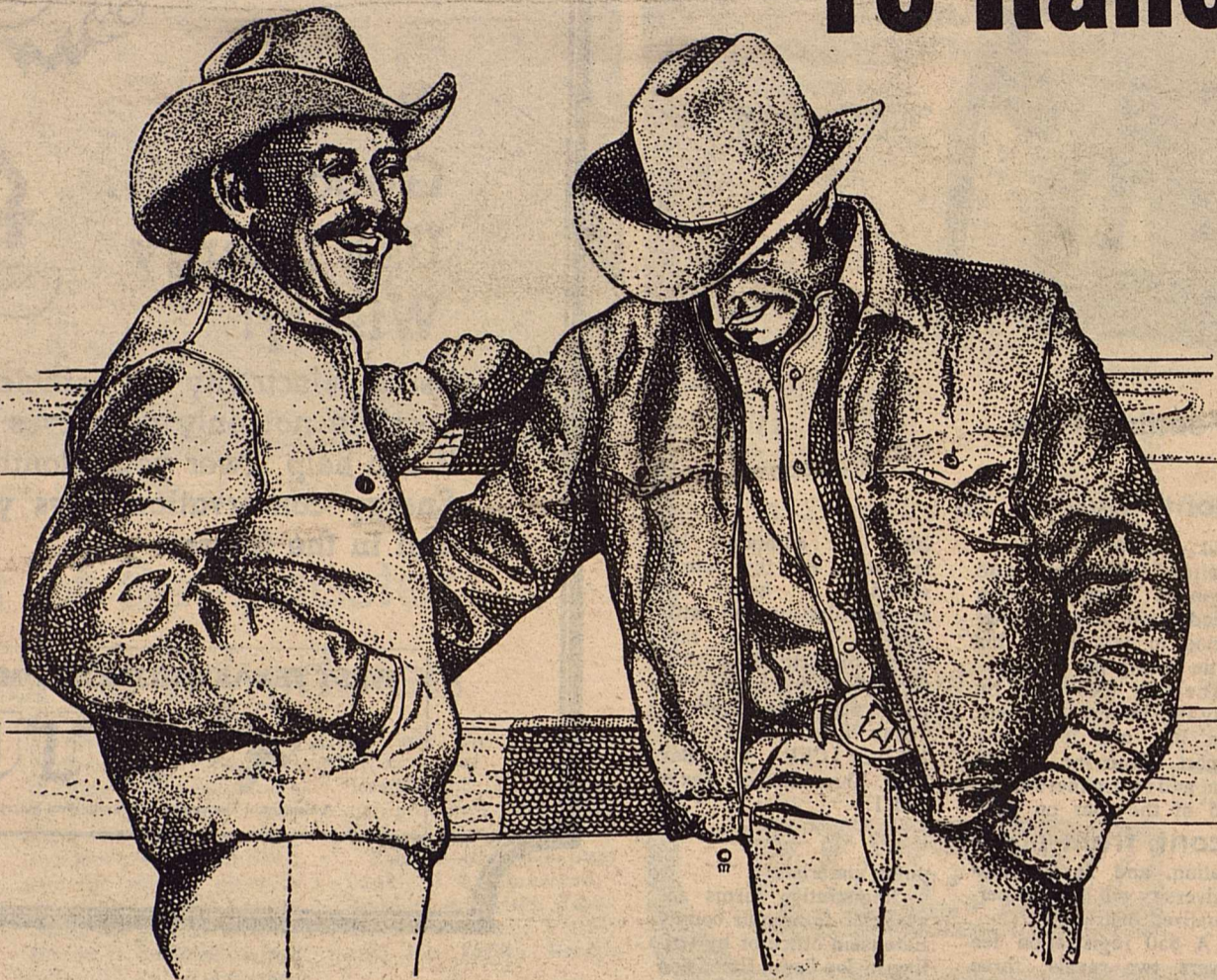
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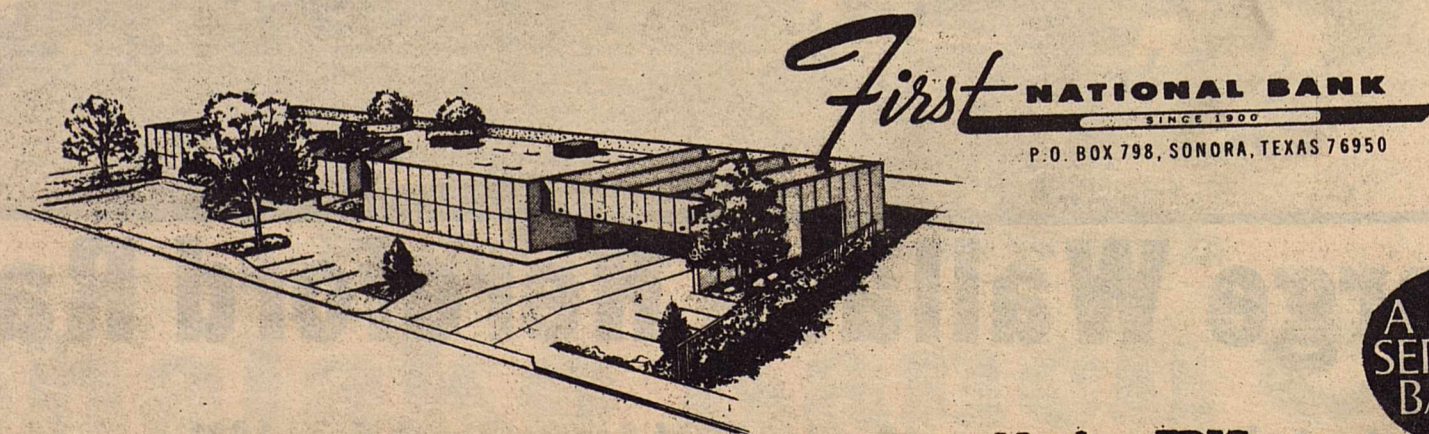
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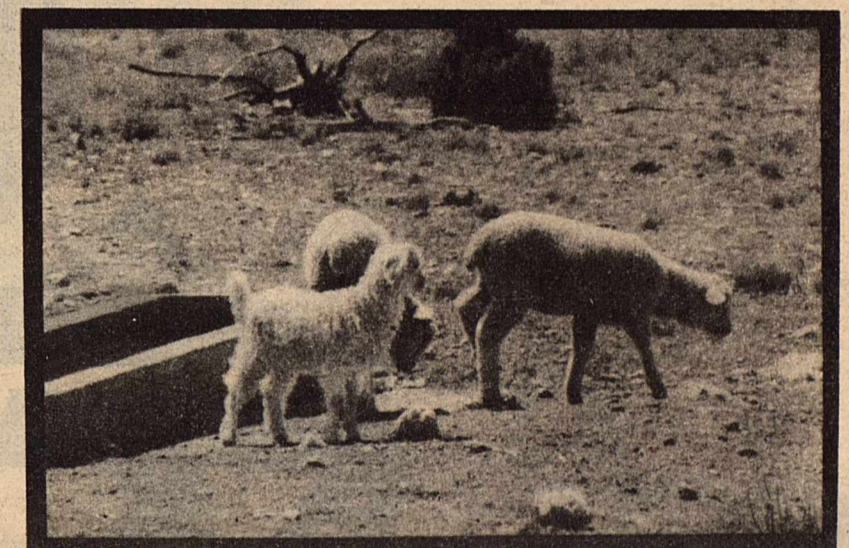
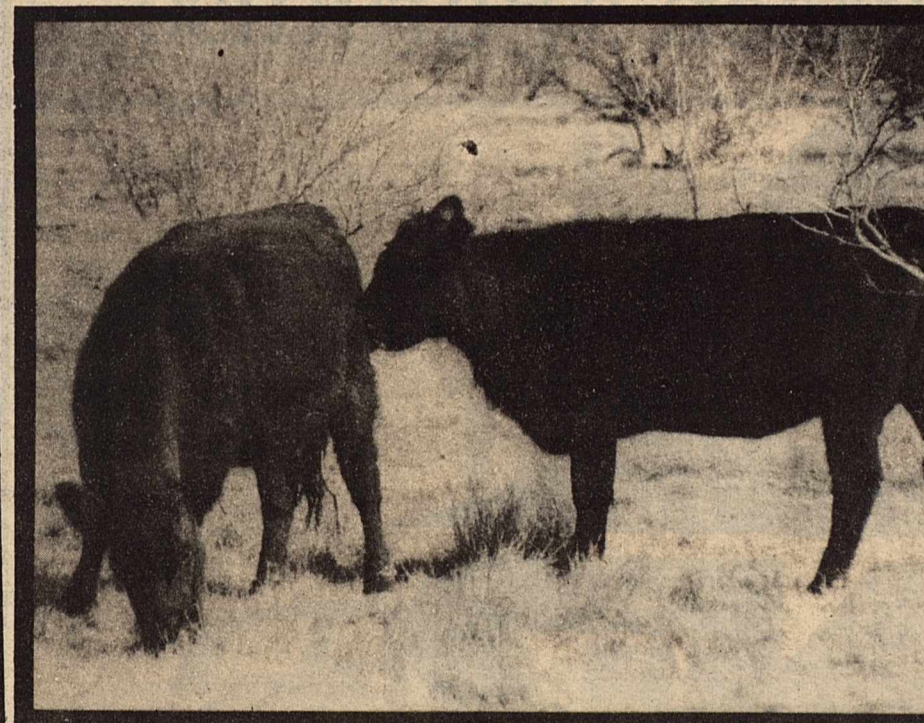
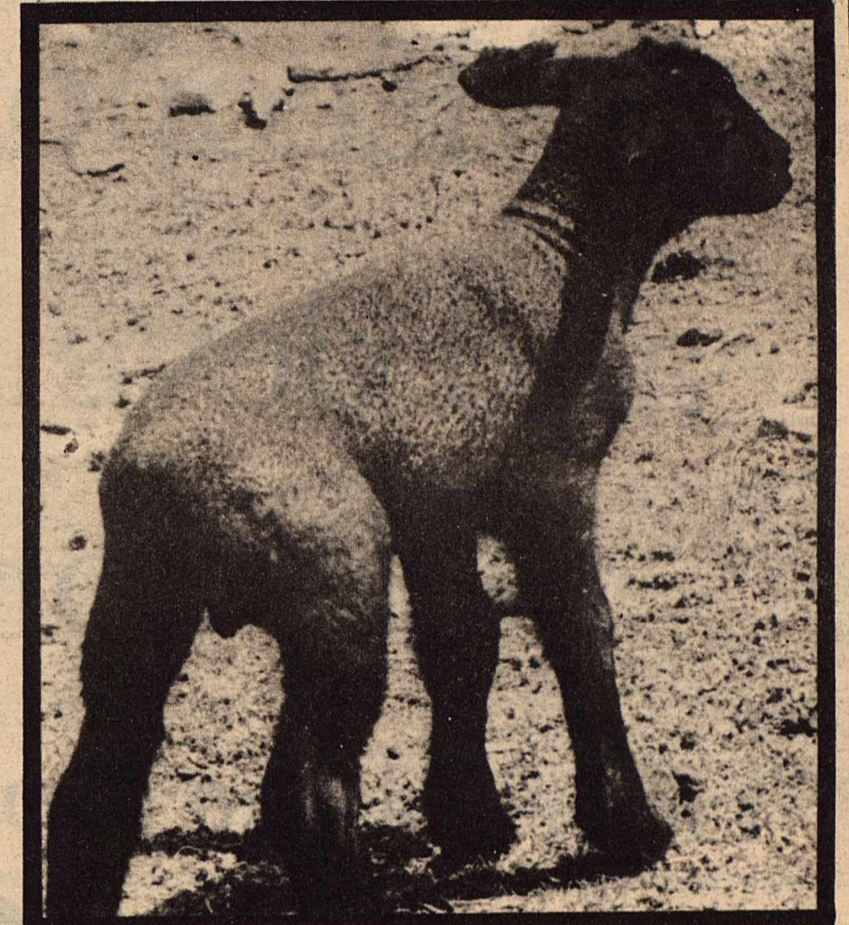
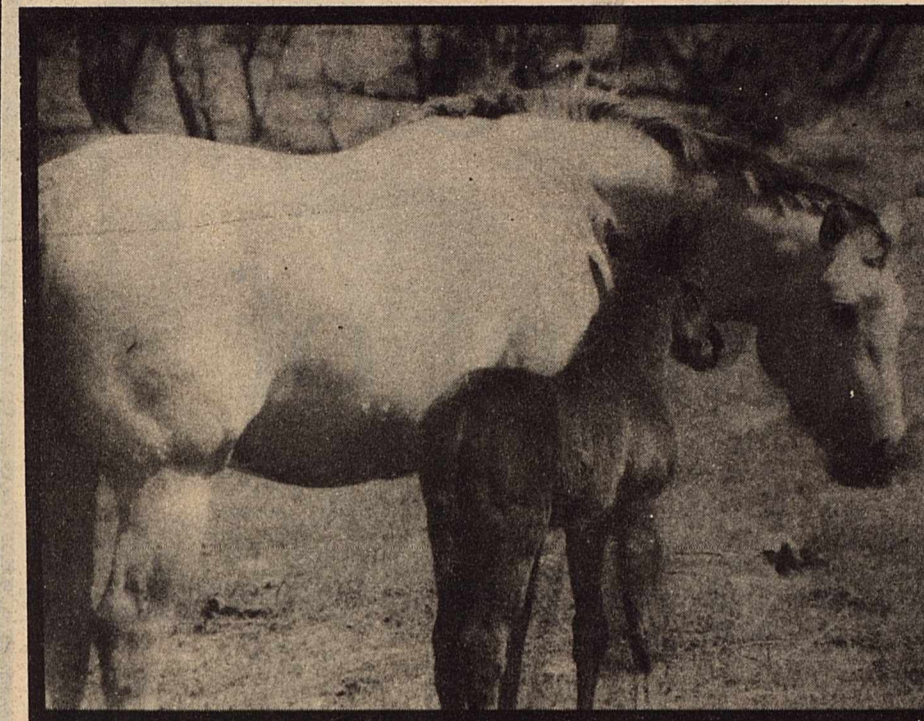
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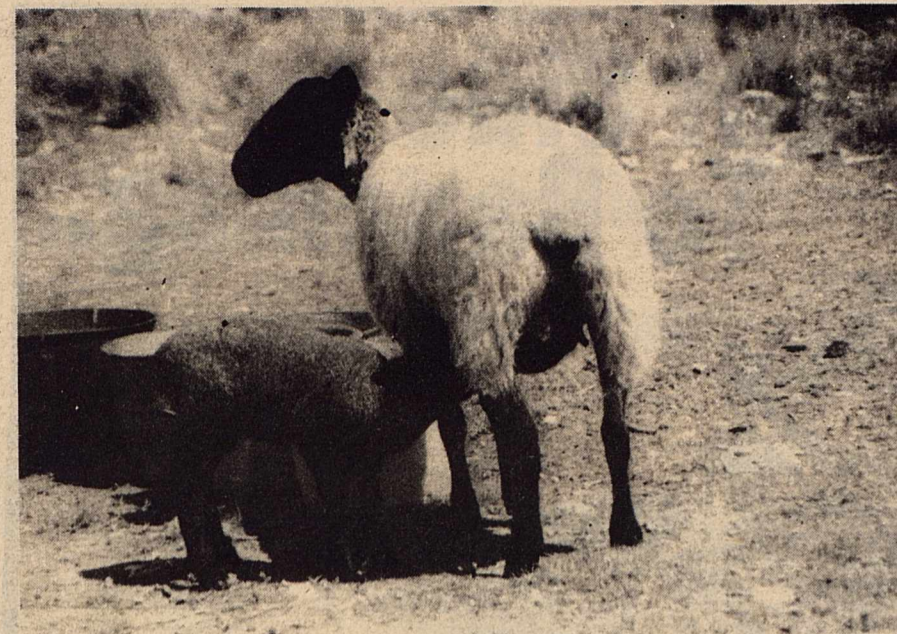


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The tour will begin on May 19th in Corpus Christi. The bus will leave the airport Hilton Inn at 7:00 a.m. and return there at the end of the tour on May

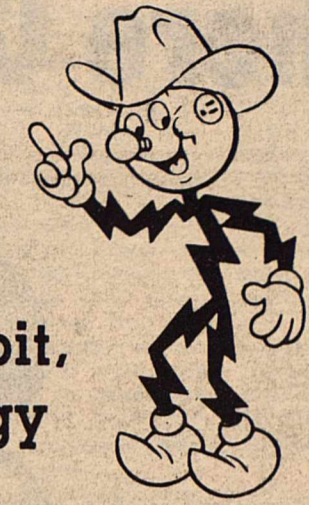
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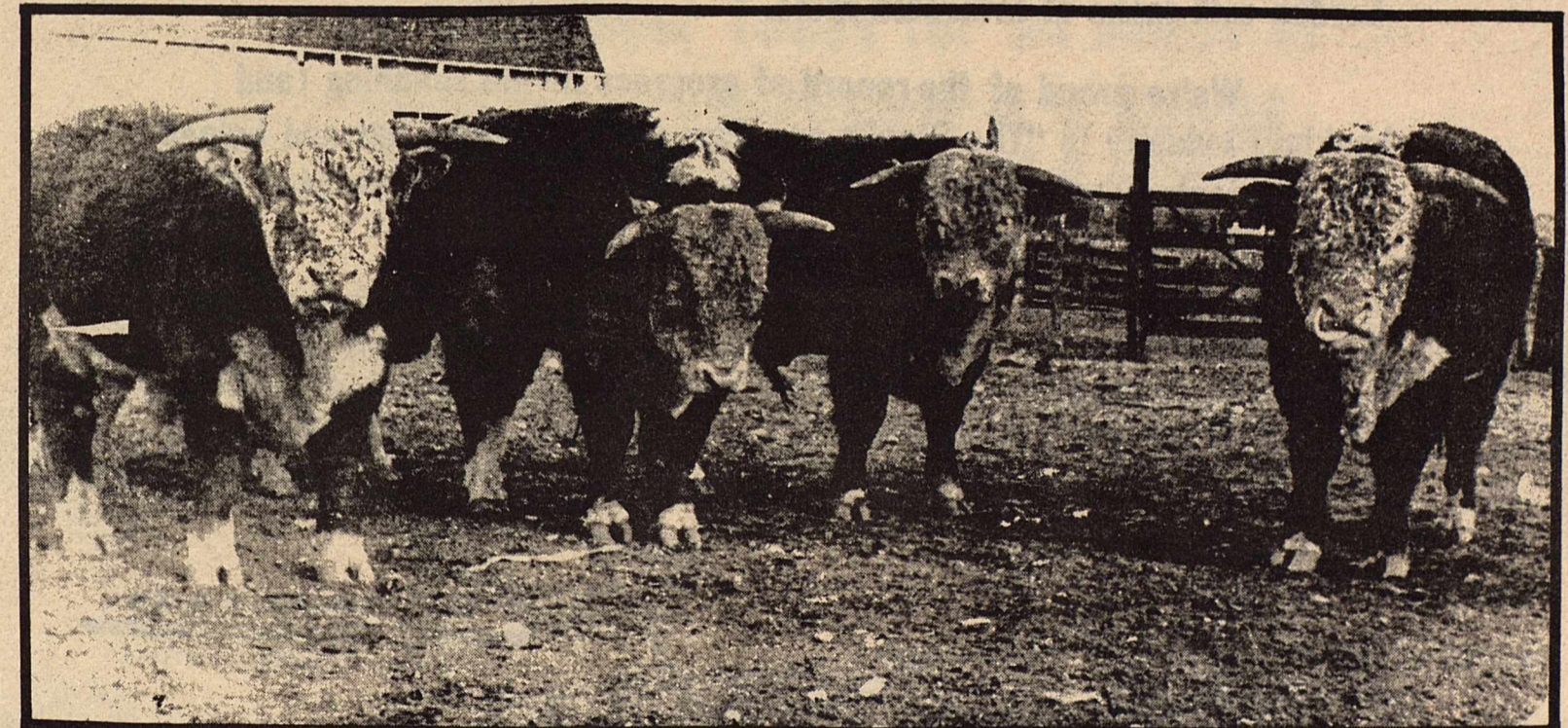
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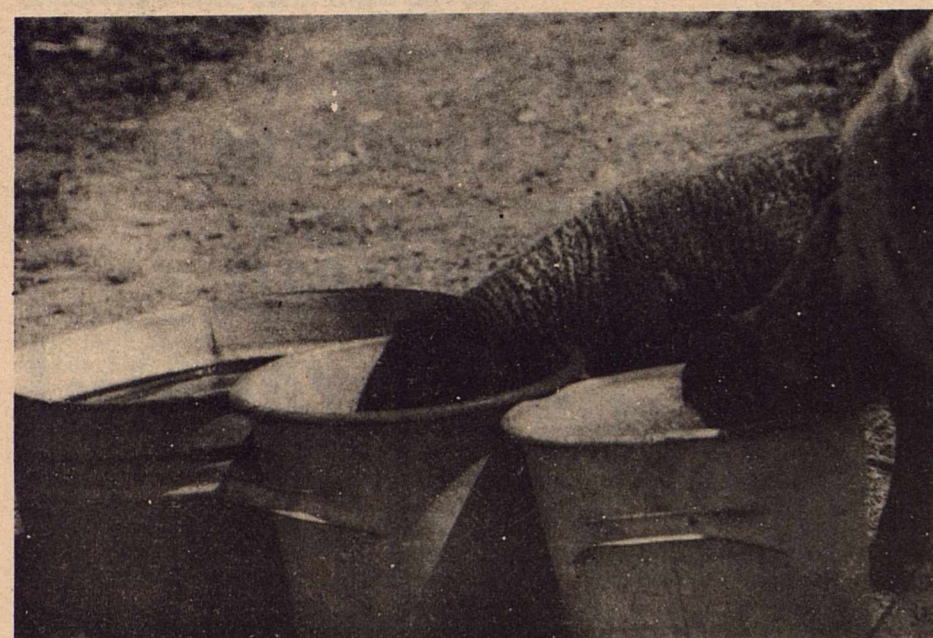


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Tour of Beefmaster Ranches Scheduled

A tour of Beefmaster ranches in South Texas has been scheduled by Live Oak County Beefmaster Breeders Association May 19 and 20, 1983. The tour, co-sponsored by Beefmaster Breeders Universal, is the first one for the breed.

The tour is being paid for by participating members of LCBBA, and is open to

purebred and commercial producers. "We've been thinking about having tours for sometime now," said Gene Kuykendall, executive vice president of BBU, and the obvious place to start is in Live Oak County where the greatest concentration of Beefmasters are today. It's a good opportunity to broaden communi-

cation and understanding between our purebred breeders and the commercial producers. We hope both will participate."

Ranch stops include Leon Lankford Beefmasters, Beeville; the South Texas Children's Home, Pettus; and Joe Yarbrough Ranch.

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Bryan Hunt Honored for Having Highest Indexing Ram in History



Pictured [L to R] LaVerne McDonald-Secretary of the American Rambouillet Breeders Association, Bryan L. Hunt-recipient, Dr. Leo Merrill, Superintendent Sonora

Research Station, Dr. Maurice Shelton-Texas A&M Research & Extension Center in San Angelo.

The Ram Progeny test being conducted on the Sonora Research Station was started by a group of interested breeders of registered sheep and personnel of the Sonora Research Station in the fall of 1948.

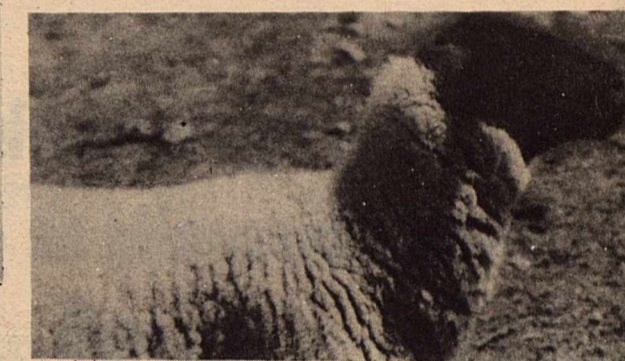
The purpose of the program was to test rams and their progeny for ability to produce high daily gains, pounds of clean wool with long staple and fine quality. The breeders were also interested in producing sheep with less wool in the face and with fewer wrinkles on the body.

From 1948 through 1982, the program has resulted in increasing the average gain from .37 to .8 pounds per day. The clean wool production has increased 5 pounds per head, the staple length 1.2 inches. The face score on average rams has changed from 3.0 (wooly

face) to 1.5 (open face). The average body folds have changed from very wrinkled to smooth. The rams are steadily becoming larger, longer and a higher quality meat producing breed while also producing higher quality wool.

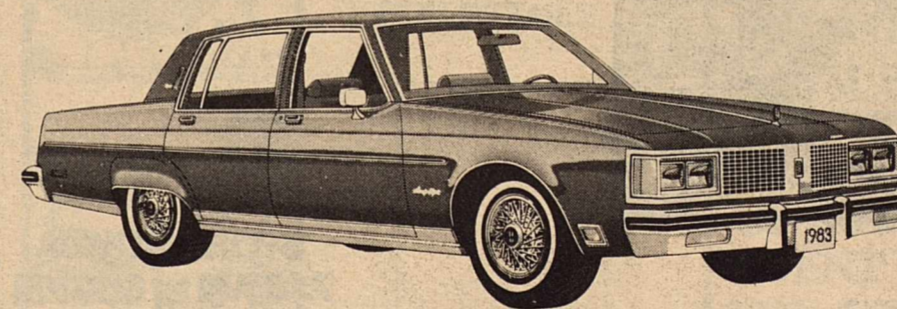
To honor his long service of improving sheep in Sutton County and his devotion to the ram progeny test, the Registered Rambouillet breeders purchased a plaque honoring Chik Lankford on which the name of the breeder of the highest indexing ram is

engraved each year. A small plaque is also presented to the breeder of the highest indexing ram. This plaque was awarded to Bryan L. Hunt for the 1982-83 test year. His ram also set a record for being the highest indexing ram in the history of the test.



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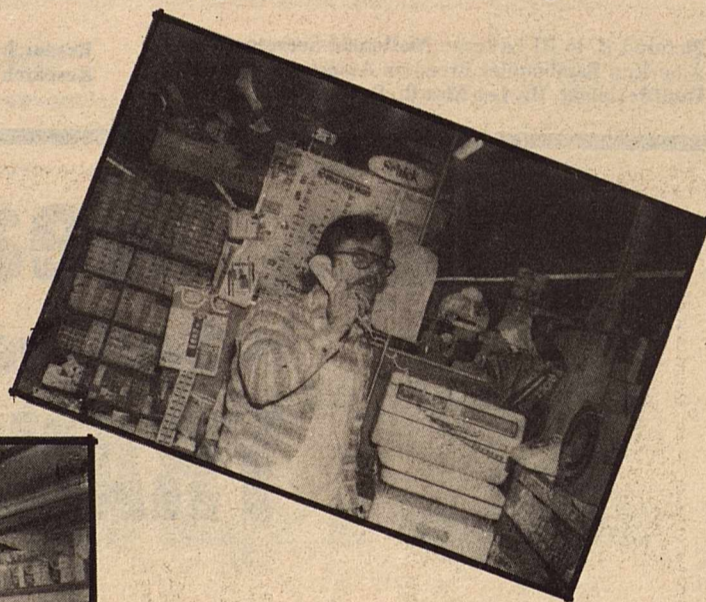
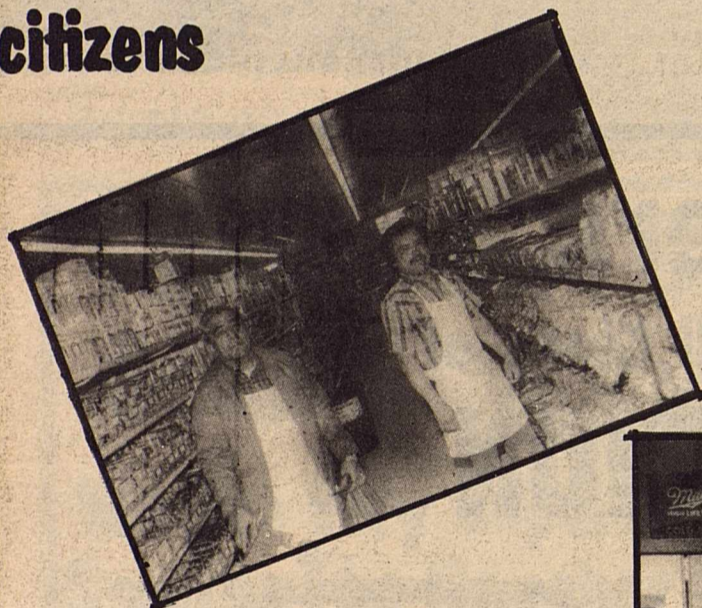


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Wool & Mohair Co. cont. from pg. 18

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There Is No Rule
For the last two years, "holding" the wool stocks until the latter part of the season has paid dividends to the customers of the Sonora warehouse. However, there is no set of rules or system in the warehouse books for the manager to follow in disposing of his client's fleeces, Luck plays an important part, the warehouseman says.

During the 1938 season, the firm handled 4,000,000 pounds of wool and mohair. This year the tonnage has not reached that figure at the present time, though fall wool coming in now might run the total past the last year's mark. Mr.

Earwood said.
Ed C. Mayfield, Sutton County ranchman, is president of the firm; W.A. Miers, first vice-president; and Fred T. Earwood, executive vice-president. Directors include E. H. Allison, Sam Karnes, E.F. VanderStucken, Joe M. Aldwell, L. W. Elliott, Bryan Hunt, Ben Meckel, E.D. Shurley, Oscar Appelt, and B.M. Halbert, Jr.

Peanut Suppliers Crop Balanced

While farmers of most crops are facing a surplus problem that is hurting prices, peanut farmers have the privilege of dealing with a more balanced supply-demand situation. This, along with lower production costs, points to an improved profit picture for the 1983 peanut crop, says Johnny Feagan, and economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

While farmers averaged only 24.9 cents per pound for their peanuts in 1982, this year should bring a different story, believes

Feagan. Prices should strengthen some due to reduced supplies, and lower seed and fuel cost should enable farmers to realize a greater profit margin.

Farmers will again have a national average support level of \$550 per ton for their 1983 quota peanuts, the same as last year. This assures them at least that price for all peanuts produced under the farm quota poundage program. Peanuts farmers also are assured a national average support level of \$185 per ton for peanuts they produce outside their assigned quota, adds Feagan.

Although peanut acres are expected to be up some 14,000 acres in the U.S. since 1933 although yields were at a record 2,703 pounds per acre. Domestic use of peanuts is continuing to increase, and with peanut supplies already down about 5 percent from last year, another drop in stocks is expected during this marketing year, the economist points out. The export market for peanuts is still clouded by the strong American dollar abroad and continued recession in Europe. China has replaced the U.S. as the major peanut supplier to Japan.

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Imported Cattle cont. from pg. 23

Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center located on the opposite side of the island.

The Truman import center opened in 1980 allowing foreign livestock to be imported directly to the United States as opposed to being shipped through Canada or Mexico. The French importation project is the third time the facilities have been taken advantage of. The first two imports came from Brazil.

Upon successful completion of all tests in Florida, the 50 head were trucked by Barnes Livestock Trucking Co. to the HORIZON LIMOUSIN RANCH. Howard Barnes, owner of the trucking company had the privilege of transporting the first Limousin animal permanently entering the United States from the quarantine station in Clifton, New Jersey to Siminole, Oklahoma in January, 1973. He has spent the past several of his twenty years in business specializing in the transportation of Limousin throughout the United States and Canada.

"We feel confident that the unique genetic 'power' we are bringing to North America will be a remarkable asset not only to the Limousin breed but to the cattle industry in general," says de Lobbe, a veteran of Limousin breeding for 16 years.

The imported cattle will soon be joined with the

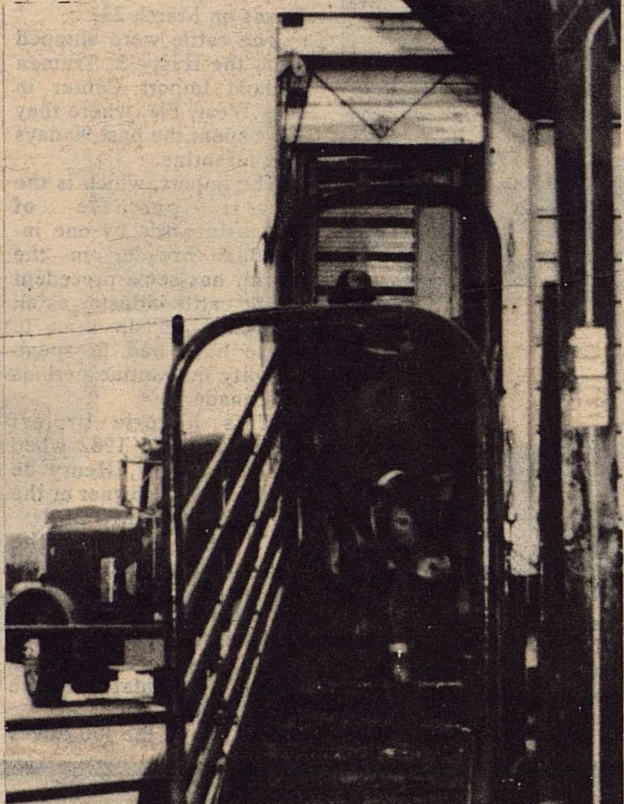
ranch's present herd for extensive high-level breeding and transplant programs. Horizon's goal is to offer the best Limousin seedstock possible.

The HORIZON LIMOUSIN RANCH has continuously produced championship animals, most recently winning first in its class with its entry in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

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named the "carcass breed") yield a very lean beef and because of their low fat and bone content, they are rapidly achieving acceptance in America as a major contributor to a more efficient beef breed. Recent studies show that Limousin produce a higher percent-

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**Ranchers Tell Lackey
About "Unusual Winter"**

It thundered three times in February and the old-timers say we will definitely have frost in April. At this writing, already two frosts have hit West Texas, in April. The last one turned fruit trees black.

Nelson Erwin says the mesquite trees are not out at Harriett, a sign which also signals spring. I haven't witnessed any return of the red-headed bizzards on the roads through Fort McKavett nor have I seen any scissor tails back.

We had a fireplace fire as late as April 9 and it snowed in Odessa, and Fort Stockton with some flurries falling at Sonora but didn't stick.

Bill Shirley of Marfa said this has "been the most unusual winter" in the Big Bend and Davis Mountain country he has witnessed in many years.

"The old country is trying to green up anyway,"

he added. James Wittenburg of Rocksprings says the Edwards Plateau is budding in good shape. "We are sending winter out with a bang. It wasn't a hard winter like predicted, but the summer and fall of 1982 was so dry and that made the winter hard from the standpoint of supplemental feeding," he explained.

"The sheep wintered the best of all," added Wittenburg. "The Angora goats were next in line, and the cattle had a hard winter."

Winters rancher James Nevins says his country is beginning to show signs of spring. "It is greening up, slower than usual but nonetheless coming along."

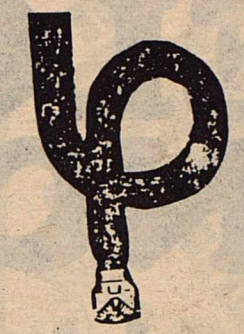
Walter Pfluger said the wild plum trees in the front of the ranchouse at Eden received frost bite. "My wife used to make the best jelly from the crop each year and I was sort of in hopes that I could taste some of that produce again

this year," he added. Chester Kenley comments that the Ozona country is in top shape with more good moisture arriving recently.

Despite the fact that one more freeze is due us next week, because it thundered in February, the West Texas area and particularly the Stockmen's Paradise will be set for a good spring. Moisture has blessed the land for some time now.

And even better is the fact that market prices are improving daily on sheep, goats and cattle. For two weeks before this writing, cattle markets situations have advanced to the point we would not be correct to state any price without being out-dated.

The weather is the biggest worry and will continue to be through May as we watch every cloud with utmost concern if it has any wind in it what ever.



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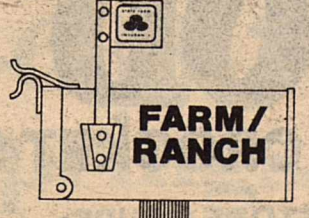
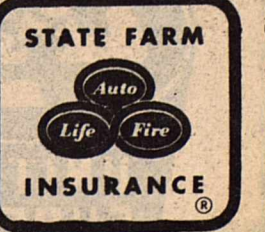
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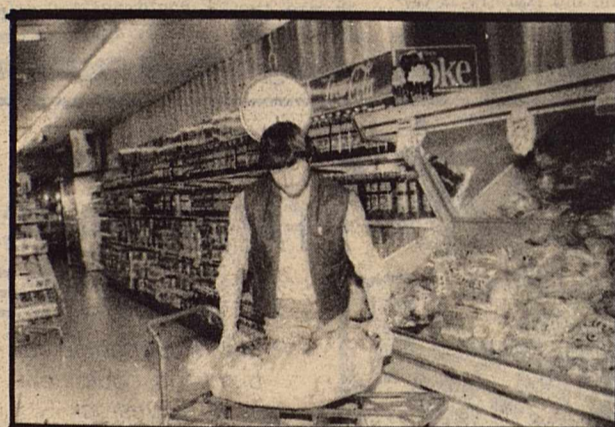
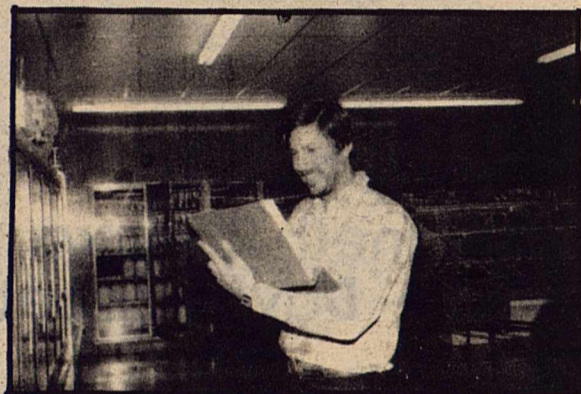
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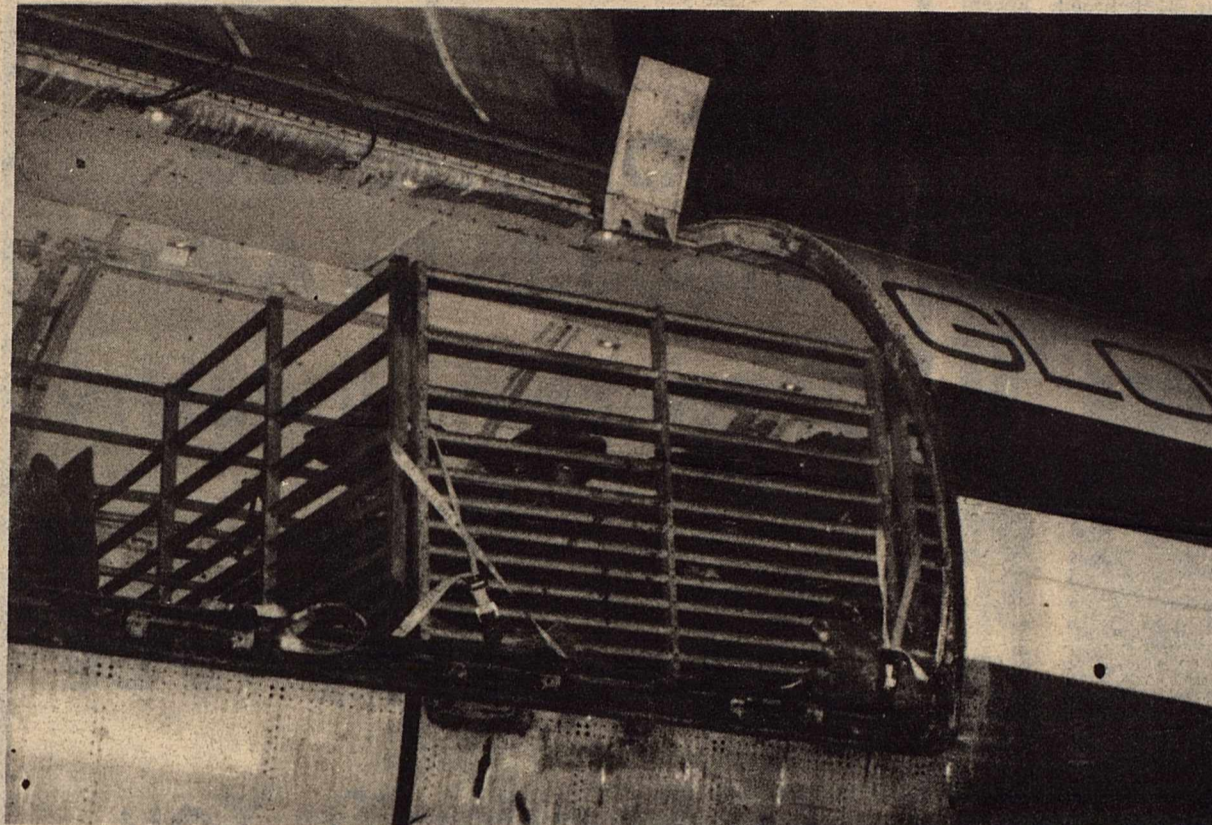
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First European/U.S. Imported Cattle Arrive in Texas



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U.S. quarantine, this Limousin calf curiously steps out to its new home at the HORIZON LIMOUSIN Ranch in Madisonville, Texas. It and 49 other French Limousin calves will be used for high-level breeding and transplant programs at the ranch.

The 50 head of French Limousin calves involved in the first direct shipment of cattle from Europe to the United States ended their long, tedious trip when they were delivered to the HORIZON LIMOUSIN RANCH in Madisonville, Texas on March 23.

The cattle were shipped from the Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center in Key West, Fla. where they have spent the past 90 days in quarantine.

The import, which is the largest purchase of Limousin cattle by one individual breeder in the world, has set a precedent in the cattle industry as all French Limousin prior to these have had to spend lengthy quarantine periods in Canada.

This historic project began in July, 1982 when ranch manager, Henry de Lobbe and the owner of the HORIZON LIMOUSIN RANCH visited the Limousin Province in France. An inspection of 2500 calves from 63 different herds took place and 130 calves were chosen as possible candidates for the importation.

In August, the 130 calves

and their dams were isolated from the other herds and inspected for the second time reducing the selection to 111.

The third phase involved weaning the calves and the first series of health tests by a team of four U.S.D.A. veterinarians assisted by French counterparts began. All tests were conducted in Plum Island, New Jersey and were primarily for foot and mouth disease, brucellosis, tuberculosis and pleuro-pneumonia.

By mid-November, 69 animals had been cleared by the U.S.D.A. to enter the French quarantine station in Brest, France. De Lobbe made the final selection of animals allowing 61 calves to enter French quarantine for a 30-day period.

On December 20, 46 heifers and 4 bulls were jetfreighted to the United States aboard a 707 charter Global International Airways flight. The cattle were greeted at the Boca Chica Naval Base in Key West, Fla. by Dr. Galen Krill of the U.S.D.A. who then trucked the herd to the

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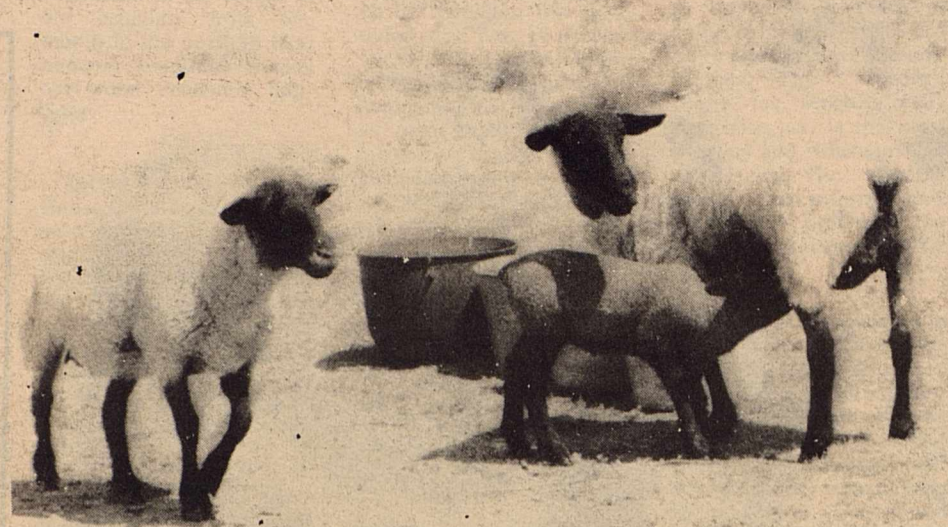
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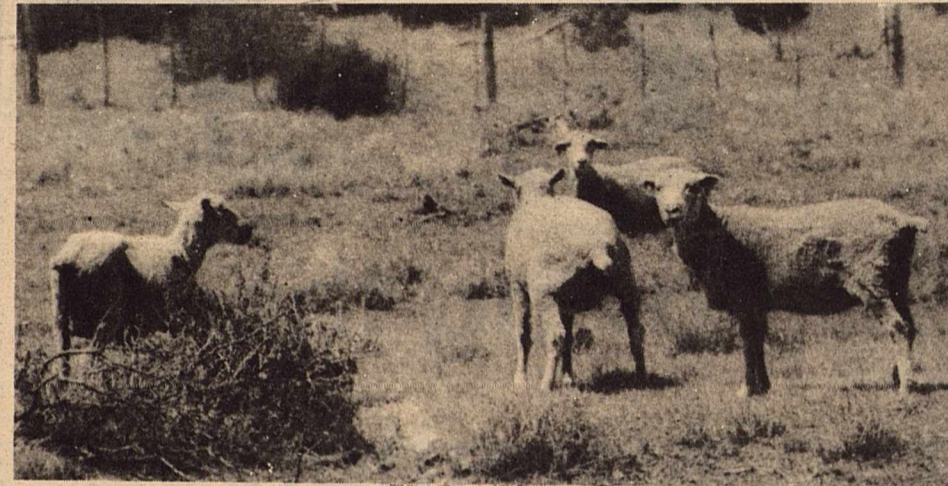
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Senator Tower Joins with President for Grain Agreement

U.S. Senator John Tower (R-Texas) announced he has joined in sponsoring a resolution urging the President to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union on a new long-term grain agreement.

"This action is a crucial step toward re-establishing the United States as a reliable supplier of agricultural commodities to the Soviet Union, as well as easing the downward pressure of farm prices caused by our large surpluses," Tower said in a statement prepared for delivery on the U.S. Senate floor.

Noting that the Soviet Union is expected to import more than 40 million tons of grain, or nearly one-fourth of all the grain fed to the Soviet people and livestock, Senator Tower said, "The Soviet Union represents a market for our agricultural commodities that has great potential, and it is crucial that we take advantage of the superior efficiency of the U.S. farmer to regain part of our past market share."

"The Soviet Union has in

the past bought as much as 15.5 million metric tons of U.S. corn and wheat per year and has depended on the U.S. for up to 70 percent of its total need of these commodities. Last year, the Soviets purchased only the minimum level of corn and wheat from the U.S. under a one-year extension of the previous grain agreement. Recently, the Soviets signed long-term grain agreements with five other nations that have filled the void created by the declining U.S. share of the market," Tower noted.

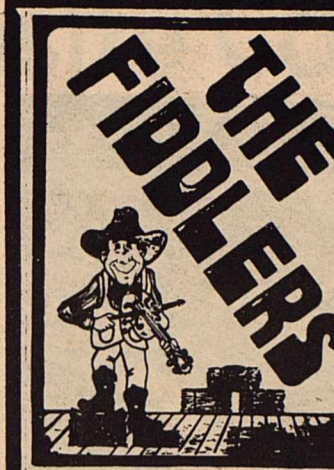
Senator Tower also pointed out that a long-term grain agreement with the Soviet Union would help restore the health of U.S. agricultural exports.

"Increasing and expanding export markets for U.S. farm goods should be our first priority in restoring economic health to our farmers and rural communities. The efficiency of the U.S. farmer has allowed us to enjoy a comparative advantage in many agricultural commodities, establishing the U.S. as the world's leading exporter of agricultural goods. Taking

advantage of this efficiency by retaining established markets, developing new ones and recovering past market shares is crucial to long-term stability in American agriculture," Tower said.

"The President's decision in April 1981 to lift the previous Soviet grain embargo, combined with his recent signing of contract sanctity legislation last year, demonstrates a wisely cautious, yet firm, move to recover our market position in the Soviet Union. I feel a new long-term agreement is a natural step in continuing to re-establish this valuable agricultural market," Tower continued.

"Our failure to compete with the full force of our highly efficient agricultural industry and a renegotiated long-term grain agreement, would only hurt American farmers and encourage the Soviet Union to continue to seek other suppliers. This commitment to renegotiate the current long-term agreement will provide a base for re-establishing this key market for U.S. farm goods," Tower concluded.

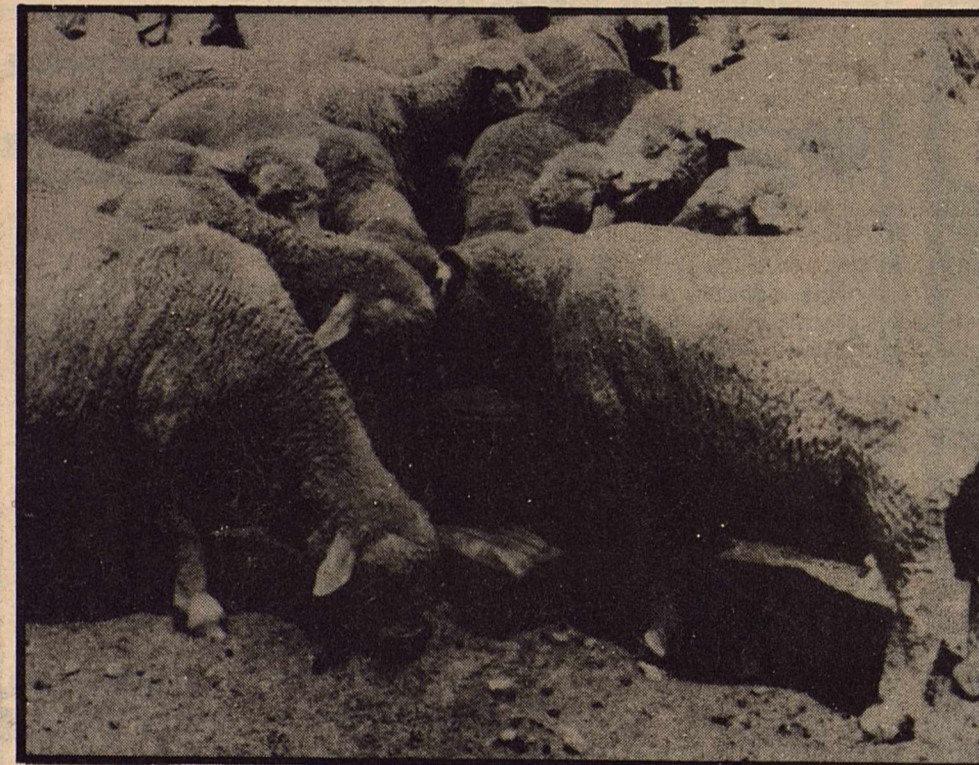


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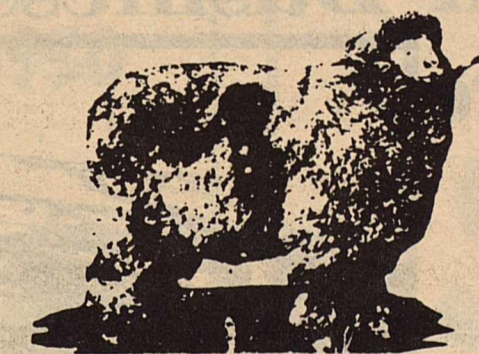
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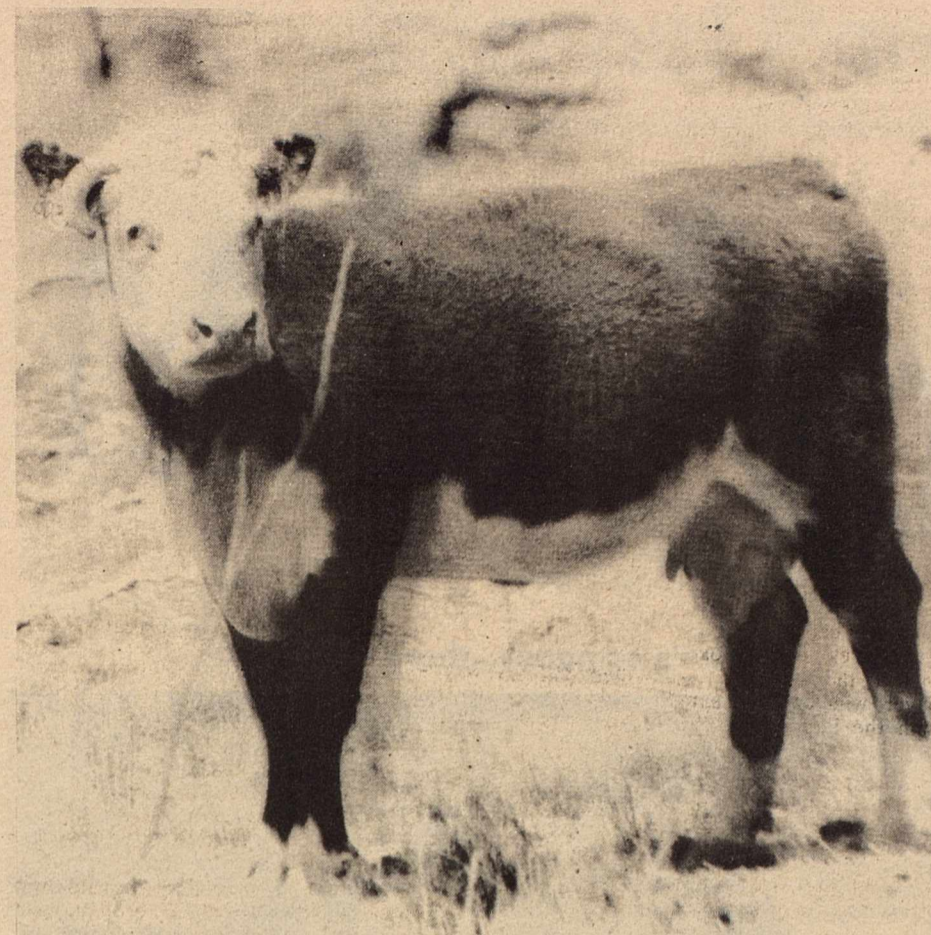
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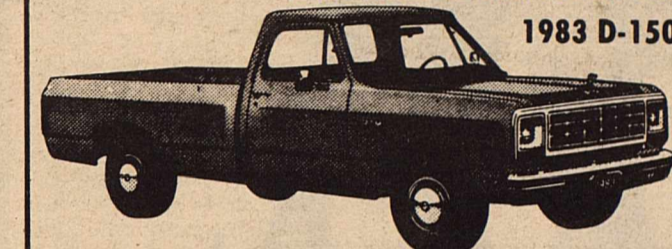
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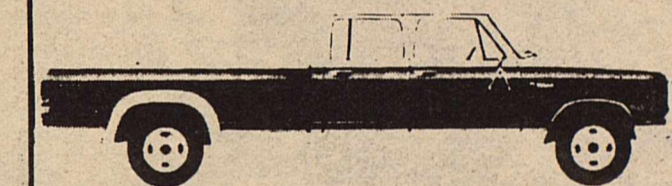
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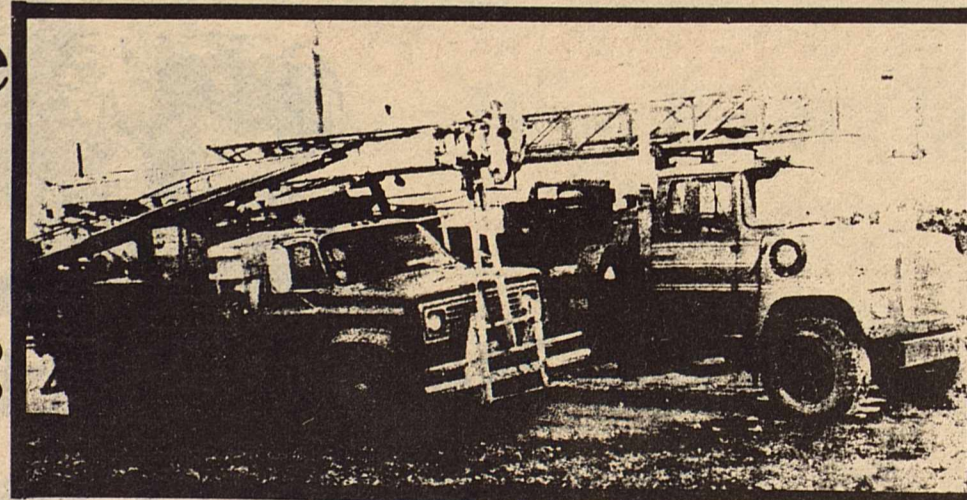
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government should be to achieve open world markets for American goods and services. Our government should lead the way in assuring that free trade is also fair trade, and it is my firm conviction that such a policy become a reality for our agriculture producers. If we are to restore balance to the international system of trade, however, we must let our resolve be known, and we must send a strong message to those countries which are playing fast and loose with the rules.

An important announcement long awaited by all of us in the ranching business has once again been delayed. The registration of Compound 1080 for use in controlling losses to predators must now be made by the new Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Bill Ruckelshaus. It is truly unfortunate that, in her final days at EPA, Anne Gorsuch Burford was under such unyielding pressure by several committees of Congress that she was unable to focus her attention on this matter. I remain hopeful that this absolutely essential pesticide will once again be made available to ranchers. It is clear from substantial governmental research, both in the field and in the lab that Compound 1080 is an effective and selective method of predator control. In addition, the data has shown that this chemical

complements other control methods including trapping, denning, and aerial shooting for a comprehensive successful program.

Efforts continue on the development of an improved vaccine and testing procedure for brucellosis and are supported by the beef and dairy industry, the scientific community and the Administration. Clearly, we need a vaccine which is effective, suitable for use under range conditions and which does not confuse diagnostic tests. While the currently used Strain 19 vaccine is acceptably effective and is much more stable than many other vaccines, it does, in far to many cases, result in the vaccinated animal testing positive for the disease. I will continue my strong support to improve upon the vaccine and diagnostic tests during the Appropriations process in the House.

An issue very clearly before us is the declining availability of a clean and adequate water supply. This is emerging as a crisis with the potential to rival the energy crisis of the previous decade and foresight in addressing the problem is imperative -- for the alternative to water is only water!

Currently, the Federal government provides assistance for water development and conservation through the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army

Corps of Engineers, the Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Since agriculture represents over 90 percent of water development and conservation nationwide, much of this is directed toward that industry.

I believe that long-term water supply needs are best determined by localities and state entities, which are closer to and better able to address such issues. The Federal government should lend -- not mandate -- its expertise and assistance to each area according to the particular need of that area.

In a more general sense, our nation has just experienced a very deep recession which began in 1981. It is clear that economic recovery is now underway. Virtually all economic indi-

cators show improved conditions in all facets of our economy from one month to the next. In fact, however, Congress remains our worst economic indicator.

Recent action by the House of Representatives on a budget plan for 1984 could jeopardize our livelihood and stifle any significant economic recovery for the nation. On March 23, the House passed a liberal budget resolution which called for an increase of \$27 billion in taxes for 1984 alone and a tax increase of \$265 billion over the next five years. If this proposal is finally enacted into law and the taxes subsequently levied, our hard-won tax reduction battles of the past will have been revoked. In fact, the American taxpayer will be confronted with the largest proposed

tax increase in our history. This would be accomplished by repealing the scheduled third year 10 percent tax cut and by canceling the indexation of taxes slated to begin in 1985. Indexation, as we know, redefines income tax brackets so that people earning increased pay as a result of inflation are not penalized for those increases by having to pay substantially higher taxes.

Finally for those of us whose life is centered around an understanding of the soil and the values of hard work, the needed reform of estate gift tax and slight improvements in the

"windfall profit" tax contained in the Tax Reduction Act of 1981 are now in jeopardy. The estate and gift tax has been a punitive tax which in the past denied farmers,

ranchers and small businessmen the incentive to build up anything of value to pass along to our heirs and our other beneficiaries. The "windfall profit" tax, which is really an excise tax, is the most heinous and ridiculous tax ever levied. The "windfall profit" tax reforms now in danger provided the phased enhancement of the

royalty exemption slated to increase from two barrels per day in 1983 and to three barrels per day thereafter. These tax reforms must be preserved, for the notion that a nation can tax itself into prosperity is analagous to standing in a bucket and trying to lift yourself out by the handle.

Washington must not be allowed to sabotage our return to reason. We cannot -- in fact we must not -- turn back the clock.

Williams Sponsors 4-H Beef Program

For the fifth consecutive year, Clayton W. Williams Jr. of Midland, a prominent rancher and oil producer, will sponsor the statewide 4-H beef awards program. The 4-H beef awards program recognizes 4-H members who have excelled with beef projects, said H.T. Davison, 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and executive director of the Texas 4-H Foundation. Through Williams' sup-

port, the four top 4-H beef producers in each county, based on their project record are recognized with a special award. Each of the 14 Extension districts may submit their first place winner, representative of the counties in that district. The state winner receives an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress held in Chicago each fall.

According to Davison, the 4-H beef awards program is one of 47 awards

programs available to Texas 4-H members. A number of these programs are sponsored by Texas donors such as Williams.

Robert R. Smith, spokesman for Clayton Williams, said that the company enjoyed its association with 4-H and was pleased to help encourage young people to study and practice beef production in their 4-H programs.

Dr. John T. Pelham, state 4-H leader with the

Extension Service, said that the 4-H beef project was one of the more important 4-H programs and that the involvement and support of Williams as the program donor provides special incentive for every 4-H member who desires to excel.

Volunteer 4-H leaders and 4-H members can get information on the beef awards program from their county Extension office, Pelham said.

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Internal Parasite Control

The following article is a reprint provided by the National Wool Growers magazine and written by Dr. Tom Graig. Dr. Tom Graig is a DVM and Ph.D. and works in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. He presented this information at the recent NWGA Convention in Dallas in Oklahoma City.

One of the most basic considerations that a producer must have in the control of internal parasites is, to determine which species of parasites are likely to cause economic losses in his management system. Not all parasites of sheep will cause the same kind of disease. Even though they both live in the stomach, the damage caused by Haemonchus (Barberpole worm) and Ostertagia (medium stomach worm) are completely different. Haemonchus is a voracious blood sucker and if there are enough of them, will drain the blood of their host. Ostertagia, on the other hand, is a parasite which causes it damage primarily by mechanical means. As the larval stages mature they cause pressure in the gastric glands in which they live. The result of this pressure is an impairment of the ability to

produce and utilize the stomach enzymes necessary to digest food.

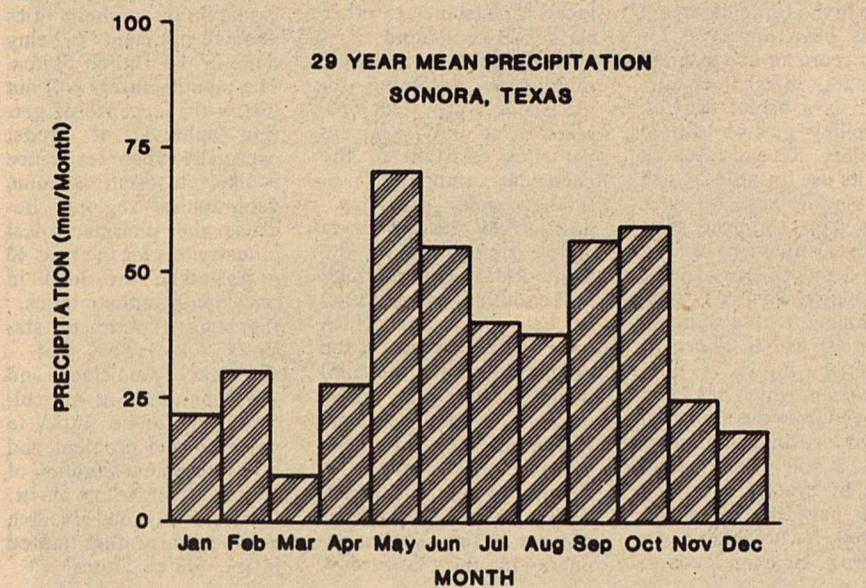
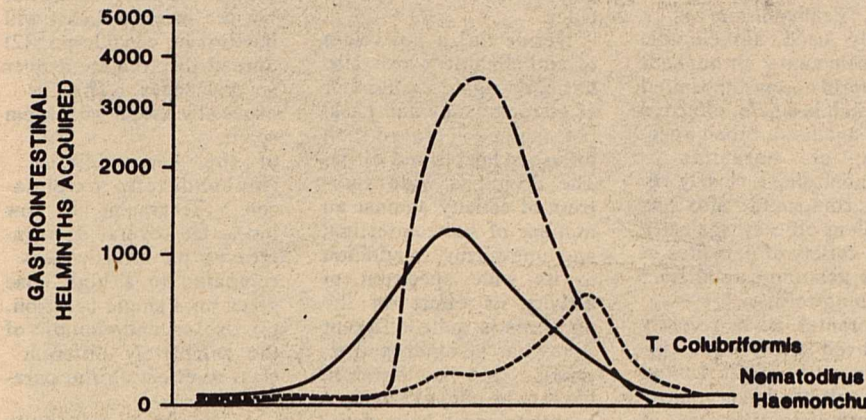
The climate conditions which occur in any geographic region, determine which parasites are found in that region. While inside the host it makes no difference what the climate is, as it is always warm and moist inside of the host. Climate becomes important when the life cycle outside of the host. Climate becomes important when the life cycle outside of the host exposes eggs, larvae or the intermediate host to the vagaries of the weather in any given locality.

A second important consideration is a knowledge of the transmission patterns of the parasites present in any region. Most parasites are not transmitted in equal numbers throughout the year, but will have a seasonal transmission pattern (see chart). If a rational control program is to be instituted, it should be predicated upon preventing the increase in the transmission curve. Treatment and/or movement of livestock at the beginning of the curve (strategic treatment) is the usual method of preventing the expected increase in transmission. However, other factors may also be involved in making decisions on how best to control various species of parasites. For

instance some kinds of parasites have the ability to undergo arrested development within the body of their hosts. This arrested development the parasite causes no damage to the host, but because it is inactive, it is not recognized by the host immune system or affected by most anthelmintics. The factors which allow the continued development of arrested parasites are not fully understood but are generally associated with changing environmental conditions or changes in the immune or reproductive status of the host. It is by this means that the parasite is able to avoid unfavorable conditions, either a hot dry summer or a cold winter, that would be devastating to eggs or larvae in the environment.

Not only should the peculiarities of the parasite be recognized but also that of the host. Even if sheep are genetically selected for resistance to various parasites, they may be susceptible until they reach 5 to 7 months of age. Also, the ewe which may be able to spontaneously rid herself of infection or prevent the establishment of worms, loses this ability shortly before lambing and does not regain this ability during early lactation. So if

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Parasites are present in pastures at the time of lambing or are released from the arrested state and continue development, the ewes become the source of infection for their lambs.

Control should not be limited to the use of anthelmintics even when given on auspicious occasions. Management practices such as alternate grazing of different species or different classes of livestock may aid in control programs. If for instance cattle follow sheep in a rotation system the sheep parasites will be picked up by the cattle. A few of the parasites will live to reproduce however, the vast majority will be destroyed. By the same token, older sheep with resistance to infection may help clean up heavily infected pastures, again acting as biological vacuum cleaners. The use of temporary, either cool season or warm season, pastures will help break the cycle of infection especially if used in conjunction with anthelmintics.

Anthelmintics are a valuable part of parasite control but there are several factors which must be considered. First and foremost, does the anthelmintic being considered have effect against the parasite which is causing economic damage? Is the anthelmintic effective against the parasite on the

particular farm or ranch? What is the legality and availability of the drug? Several drugs are presently approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in small ruminants. Of these phenothiazine is often effective against Haemonchus, but may be ineffective against other parasites, phenothiazine may be an effective drug. Phenothiazine has the drawbacks of discoloring wool and causing photosensitivity. However, one of the things phenothiazine does best is to interfere with the reproductive ability of certain worms. This ability may give one a false sense of security if fecal examinations are done following deworming as there may be no or few eggs despite the presence of adult worms. However, when phenothiazine is given at low levels during periods of time that are favorable for survival by parasites in the environment, the low fecundity of the worms will result in less pasture contamination hence a lesser challenge to susceptible sheep. Thiabendazole has been a safe, effective drug and has been marketed for more than 20 years. However, there is a rather large population of Haemonchus within the United States which is resistant to

the drug is of value only where Haemonchus is of minor importance or is still susceptible to thiabendazole. Levamisole is another drug which has been widely used. Generally levamisole has good efficacy against gastrointestinal nematodes and lungworms. However, the injectible form of the drug tends to be either less effective than the oral, or toxic. There is recent evidence that some of the Haemonchus that are resistant to thiabendazole are also resistant to levamisole. The specter of this super worm is rather terrifying, given the present availability of anthelmintics.

Albendazole which has been provisionally approved in several states with liver flukes is only approved for use on this parasite. However, if the parasites don't read the label they will be controlled by this drug. Albendazole has a wide spectrum of efficacy against gastrointestinal nematodes, tapeworms and lungworms as well as flukes. Its greatest drawback is the provisional approval which considers it as an experimental drug. The drug must be carefully accounted for, and has a 6 month withdrawal period before slaughter. There is also evidence of embryonic activity in early pregnancy in some species.

Other anthelmintics are also available for use in other species in the United States, or in the opinion of the author may receive approval. These are drugs which are likely to have advantages in spectrum of efficacy and lack of toxicity which may eventually lead to their approval by the Food and Drug Administration. Fenbendazole is a widely used anthelmintic for ruminants throughout the world except the United States. It is a safe, effective drug against a broad spectrum of parasites. Oxfendazole, a closely related compound, also has excellent efficacy against a wide variety of parasites in the gastrointestinal tract and lungworms.

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Morantel is a recently approved anthelmintic for use in cattle in the United States. It has been approved for many years for use in small ruminants in other countries. It is a useful drug in controlling gastrointestinal parasites. Recent research with its use in cattle by use of a slow release reticular bolus shows promise as it prevents infection over a several month period. The technology involved with development of a suitable bolus for use in sheep is still in the future.

Haloxon, which has been removed from the approved list for use in small ruminants, is still a quite useful drug in breeds of sheep which have the necessary enzymes for breaking down the drug. Haloxon leads to

nervous system damage in those sheep which lack those enzymes, i.e., many individuals in the Suffolk breed. Haloxon is an organophosphate anthelmintic and must be used with care in relation to use of organophosphate pesticides.

Ivermectin, a new class of anthelmintic which also has effect against a number of ectoparasites and nasal bot, may be approved soon for use in horses and cattle. The drug has wide spectrum of activity against a number of gastrointestinal and lungworms. In addition to its wide spectrum of activity its effort on the parasites is quite different from that of other anthelmintics and is therefore likely to be effective against parasites which have developed a resistance to other classes of compounds.

Resistance to anthelmintics is becoming an increasingly prevalent problem. Not only are the parasites resistant to the particular compound, i.e., thiabendazole, but may have cross resistance to other compounds of the same class (albendazole, fenbendazole, oxfendazole) or between drugs which have similar effects on the parasites, even if the compound is chemically different, i.e., levamisole and morantel. We now have evidence that multiple resistant to both thiabendazole and levamisole is present in the small ruminants in the Edwards

plateau of Texas and possibly other parts of the southeastern United States. Several things can be done when resistance occurs: (1) Increase the dosage of drug. This is of course only useful if the drug is relatively nontoxic, but the increased cost will have to be considered. (2) Spread the treatment over several days. This is especially useful with soem some of the benzimidazoles (fenbendazole, oxfendazole.) Treatment at low levels for several days increases its effectiveness compared to a high dose given on a single occasion. (3) Use an anthelmintic of the completely different class or effect on the parasite.

At this time very little research on anthelmintics of small ruminants is being done in the United States. The manufacturers will not justify the expense of getting approval of drugs, especially when resistance is likely to occur in some geographical regions. Because the pharmaceutical industry has for the past 40 years taken the lead in developing anthelmintics, the state experiment stations, colleges, of veterinary medicine, and the Department of Agriculture have done little to research this problem and it has become a situation of let the other fellow do it. Consequently, our research in this area is rather limited in the United States.

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Family-owned farms and ranches are an integral part of our special heritage as well as an important contribution to our State's diverse economy. Growing up in a ranching family, I appreciate both the hard work and pride that life close to the land. This understanding, based upon my personal experience, makes me even more mindful and watchful of the needs of those for whom agriculture is both a livelihood and a way of life.

As with any business, the rancher must turn a fair profit to continue operating. Given the cyclical nature of prices for beef, lamb, wool and mohair, it remains essential that the Federal government not further injure ranchers through confiscatory and counterproductive laws and policies.

For wool producers, I am particularly pleased that the U.S. Department of Commerce has recently imposed an import duty of 4.65 percent ad valorem on wool brought into the United States from Argentina, effective

January 14, 1983. This action comes in response to a petition filed by the National Woolgrowers Association, of which Norm Rousselot serves as Chairman, as well as legislation that I had introduced to correct the very serious problem of wool being dumped on our markets by the Argentines. Argentina employs a system of rebates, tax incentives and other governmental bounties which unfairly subsidize wool exported by that country. Furthermore, the National Woolgrowers are pursuing continuing research to determine if Uruguay also is engaged in similar practices.

Hopefully, the Commerce Department's action against Argentina will convince Uruguay of the firmness of our resolve and prompt Uruguay to initiate self-correcting action, such as New Zealand and Australia did when we experienced lamb-import problems with those two countries, rather than wait for measures such as those levied against Argentina. With respect to the export

of U.S. beef, Japan continues to be our biggest potential market, while the Japanese government continues to be the biggest impediment to our ranchers serving that market. Following a breakdown in negotiations with Japan last October, initiatives have begun once again to resume our discussions with the Japanese. Although the existing agreement between our two countries has led to a moderate increase, from 43 thousand metric tons in 1981 to 53 thousand metric tons if the Japanese government relaxed its import quotas. While the average American consumes over 90 pounds of beef annually, the average Japanese citizen consumes only 8 pounds per year due to the unavailability of beef resulting from the policies of that government. Each one pound increase in per capita consumption in Japan represents a market for 50 thousand metric tons of beef.

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Wool & Mohair Company Named No.1 Position in 1939

The following article was written by Sam Harrio of the San Angelo Standard Times in 1939.

October 1, 1939, the wool growers, buyers and dealers over the nation have given the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. a No. 1 position in the list of the nation's wool warehouses, after the firm established an unapproached record during the past season.

It was through this storage plant that more than 1,000,000 pounds of 12-months wool sold for more than 30 cents a pound; 529,000 pounds of this amount, graded wools, bringing 42 cents and above. The sale of more than 300,000 pounds of graded staple wool smashed all records set during the past 15 years when the lot sold to Emery & Conant Co. for 45 cents a pound.

Grading—the division of fleeces upon length of staple—has a system employed in Texas only by the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. and it was the price paid on these select lots that startled the wool world.

It was in 1924 when buyers approached the 45-cent level with a 44 1/4-cent price for Texas wools.

Graded At The Pens

Customers who wish to have their wools graded make arrangements for the graders from the warehouse to separate the clothing wools, the French combing wools, and the staple at the shearing pens, which eliminates extra handling at the warehouse.

Staple wool measures three inches or better, French combing from 2 1/4 to 3 inches, and clothing wools are less than 2 1/4 inches, according to wool experts.

The value of Sutton County fleeces sold through the Sonora warehouse was estimated by some wool growers at 20 per cent over other West Texas wool clips, it being said the graded wools were of unusual quality.

Good judgement and good fortune have been with the warehouse officials, with whom wool growers of that territory have entrusted control of selling their clips, for several years and the warehouse has accomplished several outstanding records.

Last year, between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 pounds of 12-months sold for 26 and 28 cents, unusually good prices that season.

This year every pound of 12-months length has sold

for 26 cents and above with the exception of 14,000 pounds.

Started Series of "Tops" During the past four weeks of active buying, Fred Earwood, manager, has sold 1,159,000 pounds at prices ranging from 26 to 45 cents. The first sale, made to Howard Winterbottom of Winterbottom & Brown, began the series of "top sales" of the season. Winterbottom bought 90,000 pounds of French combing wools for 26 cents.

Tom Richey, buying for A. W. Hilliard & Son, paid 32 cents for 320,000 pounds of 12-months several days later, and during the third week of September bought an additional 270,000 pounds of graded French combing wool at 34 cents to set a new high figure at that time.

A 40,000-pound lot of ungraded 12-months wool sold to T.E. Francis of Fred Blanchard & Co. at 31 cents a pound.

Two telegrams from Boston, last week, carried prices for the remaining tonnage of more than 500,000 pounds that Warehouseman Earwood accepted. Emery & Conant

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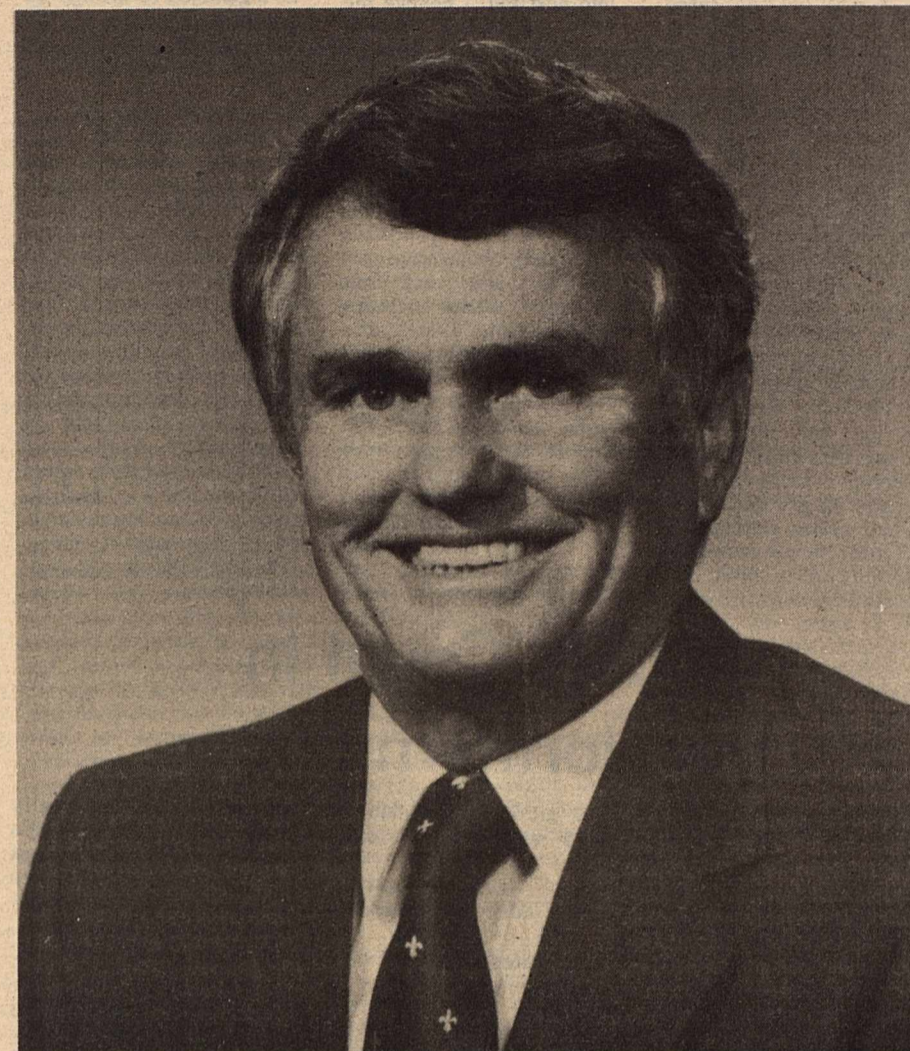
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The bad news first....The U.S. and world economy is slowly coming out of a worldwide recession. The industrial nations such as the United States will rebound much quicker than the developing nations. We here in West Texas tend to think that we are "recession-proof", but, of course, that is not true, as is evidenced by the slowdown in our business.

The pricing system of the sheep and goat industry is specialty oriented. Our products are not a staple product—people don't have to have them to live—but as we tell them, they will enjoy life more if they use our products! So, when our products are in demand, they are in GREAT demand and prices soar. Then when they are not in demand, watch out! How does that old song go...."When You're Hot, You're Hot and When You're Not, You're Not"! So goes the sheep and goat industry!

Some grades of wool were probably hit the hardest, namely the lower grades used in the lower priced woollens and knits. The lower-income consumers were the ones hit the hardest by the recession, so they started cutting down sooner. The short finewools found the same problem, plus an additional

one. The felt trade and other specialty uses seemed to evaporate as the recession worsened. Mohair slipped in price, but not nearly as much as most wools.

The staple finewools as grown and sold in the Sonora area maintained their market fairly well. Almost all of these wools go into worsted suiting, which tends to be a higher-priced specialty item for which demand remains fairly stable. The price of this type of wearing apparel is probably affected more by style than anything else.

Kid mohair was the bright light in all the fiber business in 1982 for much the same reason as the staple finewool, but it was exaggerated because of the very low supply of kid hair worldwide. Probably the supply is no more or less than at any other time, as there is just not much kid hair in the world.

Lamb meat falls into the specialty area, also. When our sheep numbers reached a 100-year low a couple of years ago, lamb meat found itself in the specialty area. The average price per pound in the marketplace was suddenly the highest—sometimes 10 cents to 50 cents per pound higher than beef or pork. Naturally, when the recession

deepened, the demand for lamb meat lessened. Another phenomena that affected all red meat was the anti-red meat campaign which was supposedly started for our health's sake, but I am not at all sure it was not started to win more converts for the vegetarians! The way I look at it is that we were created as a carnivorous animal (a meat-eating animal with upper and lower front teeth), not as a ruminant (with only lower front teeth and a rumen), so I eat meat....LOTS of good lamb, beef, and pork! Also, with all the pressure on red meats, more people changed to the cheaper white meats—chicken, turkey, and fish, and much as I hate to admit it, they liked it! We are not going to get all of that business back.

Now for the good news! First of all, it seems that the world economy is picking up a bit, and certainly the U.S. economy is making a good comeback. Unemployment is down just a tad, but the most important thing is that inflation has been slowed down, and interest rates have gone down—which will be a tremendous help to everyone. Of course, there is one

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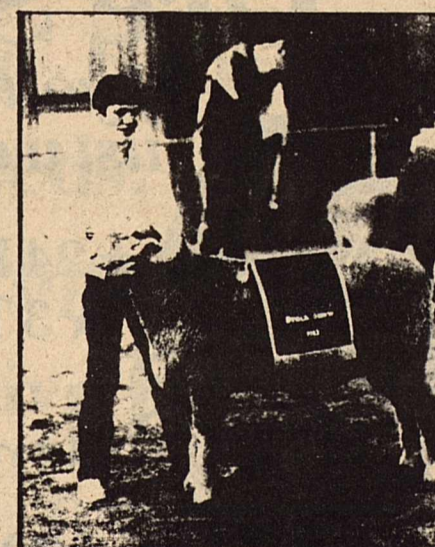
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thing that will help almost everyone, but it is questionable how much it will help people in the State of Texas. I'm referring to OPEC's pricing problems. The lower the price for a barrel of oil gets, the more gasoline goes down, and that makes more money available. So it looks like more income will be available, and that will certainly brighten things up a bit.

Another thing that seems to be developing in the textile business is the trend toward buying "investment clothing." People are becoming more aware of quality, and certainly there is nothing that could benefit more from that than wool and mohair.

People are more willing to buy the more expensive clothes made from wool and/or mohair because they realize the garments will be around almost as long as they are. They last a long time, and they are making a good investment. We are also seeing some "career buying", which is helping us a lot. The new fashion trend is toward tailored suits for women. I have even seen several women in the last few weeks wearing men's neckties. These styles lend themselves very definitely toward the worsted materials which are used in men's suiting. I think this will catch on, and also, I have been seeing ladies wearing these pretty little hats. They all look to me like they are wool felt, so it

might be that the low prices on the short wools have made the felt, so it might be that the low prices on the short wools have made the felt much more available. If it catches on like the "J.R. Look" did a few years back, we will be in good shape. Back then they bought a lot of short wool for felts, and that really helped our business. We are sorry the short wools are at such a low level, but what I think will happen is that we will see more companies getting back into using the shorter and coarser wools because they can be bought at a low price. Then all of a sudden they will cause a new look to come about by introducing a bunch of new fabrics to the designers. Hopefully they will buy up all the wools, create a demand and then they will have to come hunting for these wools. That always makes it very interesting for us wool producers.

On the lamb side things have already picked up quite a bit, mainly because of the lessened supply. The reason we got in such a shipwreck last year was that even though we had pretty good moisture early, it dried out all of a sudden. Since the interest rates were so high, a lot of people sold lots of ewe lambs rather than feed them. Consequently, our slaughter numbers were high, and we couldn't work out our high numbers in the feedlots and coming to market.

That resulted in an oversupply, and everyone knows what happens then—the price just keeps going down until it bottoms out. It has now done that, and we are seeing our kill numbers drop significantly over last year. Also, I think we will see a little better flow of the good rains we have had since November, we will see a lot of fat lambs earlier. We will see more lambs move out in April, May and June at much heavier weights, and this will, in turn, help the market in July and August because there won't be so many of them. I think we will see our lambs get ready much quicker this year.

The American Sheep Producers Council is working very hard on lamb and wool. They have a new wool program going where they are doing a lot of research to try and determine where we can do the most good. We have a man in New York now who will work directly with the mills, to try and encourage them to use wool. We have always said if the companies ever buy the wool, they will use it some way, and then they will help promote it, too. I believe we have a good plan, and it is better than trying to advertise direct with the retailers because we don't have enough money to do that.

On the lamb side they are really making a push to open up new areas and new uses for lamb. Of course,

the use is to eat it, but they are talking about new products. They have the "Denver Rib", which is the short end of the rib, and it has become very popular. There are two or three other specialty products they are working on that would use a lot of lamb. They are trying to get some of the national fast food franchises to use lamb in a product or two. We had some kind of fancy little sandwich in Denver the other day that has 70 percent lamb and 30 percent beef in it. It is a Greek sandwich, and it is really great. They say they are really going over back East. I haven't said anything much about the mohair industry, but certainly the Mohair Council of America is doing a super job. We can give them credit for the mohair prices getting considerably high over the last year. It does look like mohair is moving out much

better. Inventories are extremely low, and much of the 1983 clip has been taken up. This makes it look much brighter for the rest of this season and on into next fall. I believe the work the Mohair Council has done overseas has been a tremendous asset to the mohair industry. There is no doubt in my mind that they have really done a good job in getting the word out to the foreign users.

Another group that we need to thank every time we get a chance includes the people in the Experiment Station who do our research, the County Extension Agents who work with the kids, and the County Home Agents who work on promoting lamb and wool and mohair and trying to get more people to use them. Our County Extension Agents are always available to work

with us on our result demonstrations and our selection programs. I have truthfully never asked a County Agent to do something for me that he didn't do it and do a good job of it while he was at it. They are always very willing, and we just need to ask more.

Another group that really helps the industry is our Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association. They have worked for the industry for the last 75 years, and we should all be very proud that we have such a fine organization with so many wonderful people who are willing to be the leaders in this great organization. In closing I would say that we have looked at the bad news and the good news, and to me, the good news is coming out on top. I think we will have a good year in 1983 for the sheep and goat business.

Cattle Count in the Northern States

According to records of the TAHC, Oklahoma received 213,000 head of cattle and calves in 1981, Missouri received 4,000 head, and Iowa received 47,000 head. "This will give us some idea as to the amount of trading we do with just those three states," Dr. Holcombe said. Nationwide, Texas ship-

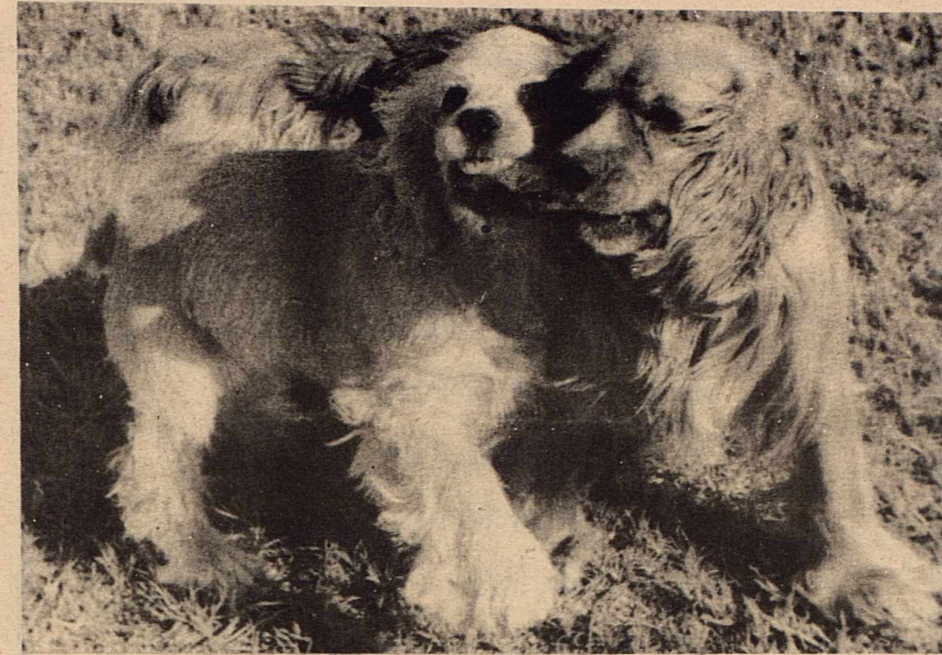
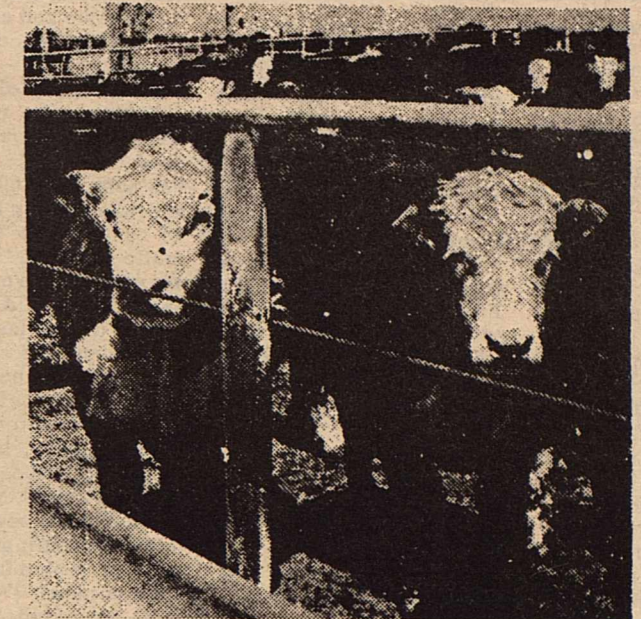
ped more than 2,046,000 head of cattle to other states in 1981. "The Texas' livestock industry does indeed depend on

other states for markets, so it is imperative that we in this state get on with the job of controlling brucellosis," Dr. Holcombe said. He said the Texas brucellosis plan is geared to

control and eventually eradicate the disease, and a great deal of progress has been made in the past two years when revised regulations were put into effect.

"Cooperation of livestock producers in Texas is on the increase, and this is the key to cleaning up Texas' Brucellosis problem," Dr. Holcombe said.

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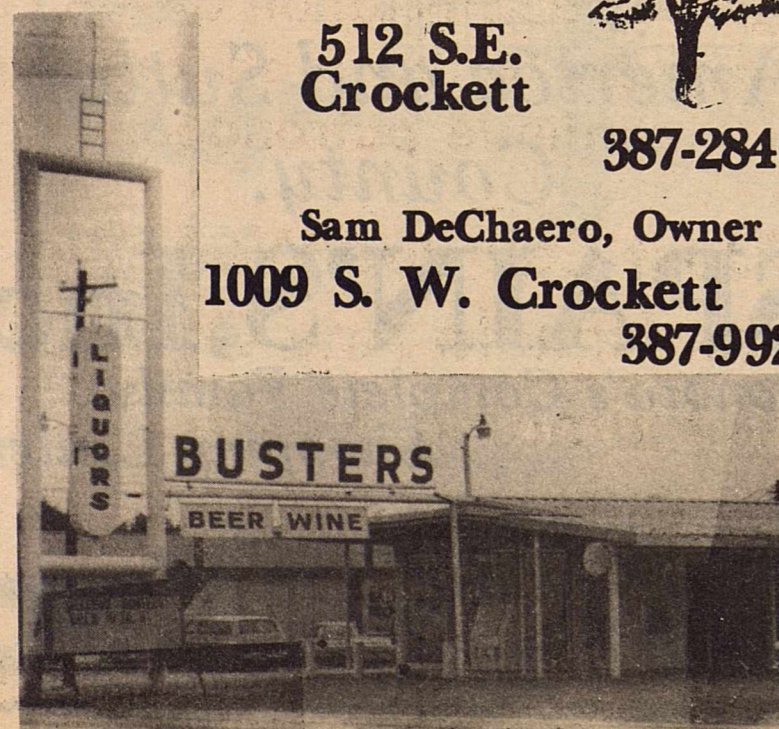
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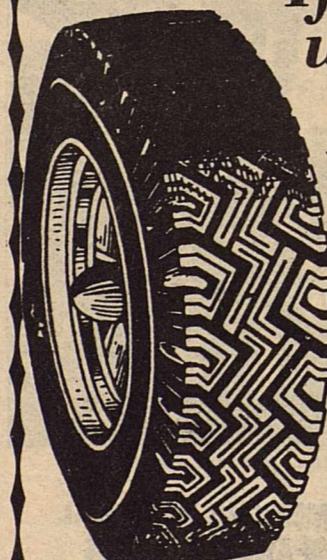
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A typical descriptive listing of cattle would include

the following: wanted or for sale; number of head in transaction; classification, breed, brand, etc.; age; weight; pregnancy checked; calthood vaccinated; blood tested; breeding background; birth; delivery location (FOB); ready for delivery date; price, if quoted; agent or owner name and phone number plus any remarks.

In normal operation, five listings of the above information, selected by sorting to fit needs of the subscriber, are furnished by tele-

phone. For commercial users requesting bulk information, delivery is more economically effective via Telex or Mailgram, either providing delivery within 24 hours.

Well, as you can tell, I am pretty much sold on this new concept in agricultural marketing. It is the most unique opportunity to come along in centuries. Besides, there are a lot of us getting too old to climb the cow pen fence!



Seeking New Markets

by Norman Rousselot, Chairman of the Board of National Wool Growers Association

Is there an opportunity to export American sheep, lamb or wool? How can we accelerate the uses of sheep industry by-products in foreign markets? These are just two of the questions the National Wool Growers Assoc. wants to explore as options or stimulants to the frail industry economics.

There isn't anything original about this curiosity, but the determination to get some answers might be unique. Several years ago, members of the National Wool Growers Assoc. and others set up a sheep export organization. Its purpose was to provide a monetary and organizational entity that could serve as

the focal point for the exportation of sheep and their products. The group languished until it just sort of faded away a few years ago. I believe that shortly after its formation, the pricing structure in the domestic sheep market changed and apparently put us out of the international market. Now, the pendulum has swung back the other way.

There is currently legislation in the U.S. Congress that provides for a farm export subsidy. This would enable American products to compete successfully in international trade against the barrier on United States products erected by many

foreign countries. We are watching this legislation with interest. We also have applied for grant assistance to do a thorough evaluation of the potential of our various products worldwide. This is a key item since we currently lack the know-how to deal in this area. If we are successful in getting this assistance, I'm confident we'll find answers to the first two questions in this article.

I'm sure readers are curious as to what we might expect to gain from an export program. Most everyone knows that agricultural products have been the major factor in keeping the balance of trade pay-

ments from overwhelming this country. Nationally we would gain some ground there. But right now we have products that are backed up in the supply line. Items such as short wool, pelts, offal by-products and others are being under-utilized in the United States. Maybe there is a market for them some place else and if there is, that might help expedite the flow of a new "crop" from farm to market.

When I read the trade magazines from other countries, they talk in glowing terms about the in-

Norman Rousselot
creasing markets in the orient. We already know that the Middle East is a large consumer of sheep products. There certainly isn't any question that product-wise we can compete anywhere in the world. But what about price-wise? With our current situation, I think we can compete also, but let's find out.

There are many complex aspects to such an undertaking. We need a legal structure, for example. We need inventories on what we have available, and where it is at. We need trade contracts, and pos-

sible trade missions to specific countries to develop the initial markets. For those people already dealing in the international market, it's possible that we that we can help them, as well as others who want to export. But most of all we need a starting point, and that is what we are trying to get hold of now.

The world continues to change, and varying demands of consumers may be to our advantage. Our Association would like to explore this whole area with an eye toward the future.

Country Folk

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



"The handwriting was on the wall...we just can't go on doing business this way."

Long-faced farmers and ranchers, disgruntled by the marketplace and weather conditions, will soon have something to smile about if the National Ranchers Registry has its way.

Those of us in the agricultural industry realize we can't do much about the weather, but we can do something about the way we market our products," emphasizes Dick Bailey, National Ranchers Registry director.

National Ranchers Registry, headquartered in San Antonio, is a computerized information exchange for agri-business buyers and sellers. Information ranging from livestock and acreage to farm equipment and produce will be available to subscribers via nation-wide telephone access.

"Our new marketing opportunities couldn't have come at a better time," Bailey believes. "Many agri-businesses up to now have failed to attain the margin of profit needed to stay in business."

Assisting Bailey in the NRR operation are Bentley Baylor, Director; Phillip Bailey, associate; Phillip

Patterson, computer division; and Sandi Klein, office manager.

Individual subscribers pay \$150 yearly for NRR's computerized services while commercial subscribers' costs are \$300 yearly. Charter subscribers are guaranteed second-year renewals at no increase in cost.

Bailey points out that an unlimited number of listings may be entered at the time of subscription. Subsequent search/entry fees are minimal.

All information is furnished by toll-free telephone, Telex or Mailgram. Additional confirmation print-outs of telephone information are mailed immediately.

A computer listing of breed heifers for example, would include breed classification, age, weight, pregnancy details with delivery dates and place, price and owner's name and telephone number.

Entry data is unrestricted as to length, however, output read-outs are restricted to a maximum of five selections within any requested category.

Inventory of items is constantly being updated,

providing both buyers and sellers with a supermarket of selection," Bailey explains.

"The concept behind our firm," he continues, "Has been long-proven in other industries. Heavy equipment parts, oilfield machinery and even auto parts are now being sold from computerized listings of availability, location and price."

"In the present economic climate agri-business needs every possible means and device to maintain and improve its posture. We believe ours is a step in the right direction," he says.

For 30 years I have watched from atop a cow pen fence or the coffee shop of some auction ring in West Texas as country traders and ranchers bartered over the year's calf crop.

It has become tradition over centuries to trade this way. The local or regional market places have come into being or dispersion of livestock takes place by auction. But many times the rancher may not receive the top dollar for his animal with this method either.

If a ranchman spends all year feeding, medicating

and caring for his livestock, and he gets ready to market them, he is selling more than the animal, he is selling a year of his life. His rewards in cash should be not only profitable above and beyond the cost of the animal but also to benefit his family.

For too long, agriculture people have accepted whatever price was offered at the market place the week they hauled their calves to town without bartering. No marketing or merchandising techniques have ever entered the picture.

"When it is time to market calves, the rancher possibly communicated with his neighbors, listened to the local radio or television, or read regional trade papers."

A group of lifetime country traders got together down in San Antonio some time ago. "The handwriting was on the wall," commented Dick Bailey. "In this fast-paced computerized world, we just can't go on doing business this way."

The other boys in the room shook their heads in agreement but not much comment was heard. What was the answer?

An up-to-the-minute

marketing media by computers has to fit into the picture some way," Bailey said.

Dick called on old friend Mitch Carver for some suggestions. Mitch is no cowboy, but he knows something about marketing. He was public relations director for Lyndon Johnson for 21 years!

Thus was born The National Ranchers Registry. This modern computerized information exchange established in the Alamo City provides an information exchange for cataloging available or needed livestock and other ranch and agri-business materials in a usable format.

By subscription, both sellers and prospective buyers can get together and trade. No longer will the seller need to leave the selling "of a year of his life" to an auctioneer. With this modern-day communication, the up-to-the-minute market prices are available and the seller knows what his livestock is worth.

NRR listings are an index of the nationwide census of ranch livestock and related materials for sale and needed, furnishing a

descriptive word picture of offerings and needs by location, technical detail, price and contact agency.

NRR data is available to annual subscribers via toll-free telephone, Telex or Mailgram from the central computer center in San Antonio. You may call 512-649-4700 for more information.

The methodology of NRR has been long-proven by other industries. Heavy equipment parts, oil field machinery and even automobile parts are now sold and purchased from computerized listings of availability, location and price.

The need for this up-to-date information exchange in agri-business is constantly emphasized as farmers and ranchers attempt to cope with today's erratic economy.

NRR services are available by annual subscription of \$150 per year for farmers and ranchers, and \$300 per annum for commercial buyers. Subscribers are afforded the initial opportunity to enter an unlimited number of listings at the time of subscription.

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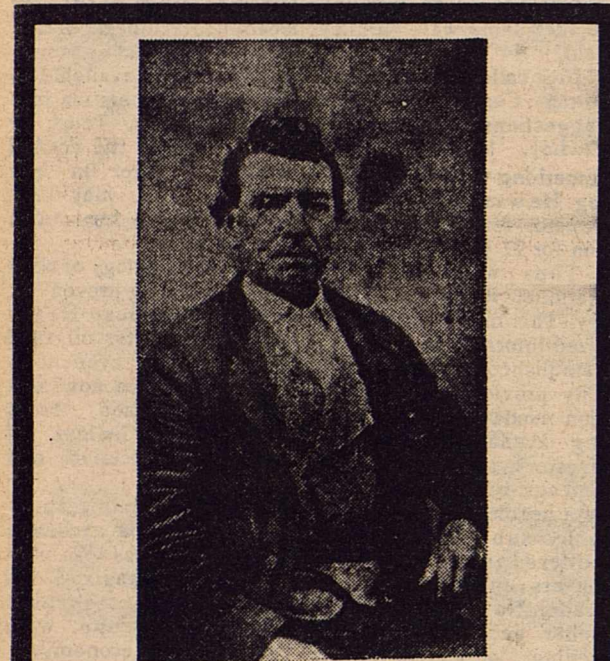
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(Editor's note: Nancy Hunt-now Mrs. James Powell-wrote the following history of Sutton County for her eighth grade social science class in 1951 after careful research, including talking to several pioneers, some of whom have since died.)

By Nancy Hunt
The Edward's Plateau of which Sutton County is a part was hunting grounds for the Indians until 1877. Owing to the fact that the plateau was unwatered except in the rainy season, the Indians used it as a hunting ground rather than a place of adobe. They usually visited these lands in the spring and fall after the rains. There were some wild horses here along with the deer, bear, and a few buffalo.

Many early day ranchmen came to this country before Sutton County was organized. My Great Grandfather Miers was one of these ranchers. He built his home on one of the old ranches called Wall's Well. They lived there until Sutton County was organized. Their old home was the sixth house in Sonora. It is still standing.

The early settlers in this area were mostly rugged pioneers who pushed westward into the new frontiers as the counties to the east

became more thickly populated. Many of these people came from nearby counties.

Sutton County was created April 1, 1887, from the county of Crockett and was organized November 4, 1890. One of the branches of the Llano River crosses its eastern half and Devil's River flows across the western end of the county.

Sutton County was named for Colonel John S. Sutton, who lost his life in a battle during Sibley's expedition. Sonora, the only town in the district, was laid out in 1888 and selected as a county seat in 1889.

The original town called Wentworth after P.H. Wentworth, who owned the Fort Terrett Ranch, was founded in 1886. It was located about three miles south of the present town of Sonora.

The streets of Sonora were originally located between two large live oak trees, one on each side of the street, which controlled the directions the streets were to run. After surveying, they found they had located the town on the wrong section, and a Mr. Callahan was sent to New York to buy this section and town was on.

In 1890 Sutton County had a population of 658 persons, but by 1900 it had

jumped to 1,727.

In the early days the groceries and mail were freighted from San Angelo. These freight wagons with about four to six horses hitched to each wagon brought all the things that were needed in Sutton County. Later the mail was brought in by a stage. It took a day to bring it here from San Angelo. My Great Grandfather Savell and his sons were among the first stage drivers. We didn't get a railroad until 1930.

During those early days the mercantile store was built. They called it "The Ranchman's Supply Company" and it was owned by Callahan, Birtrong, and Adams. The Vander Stucken Store was started in the early days also.

A school was opened right after the town was organized. It was located on the site where the Masonic Hall is now located. It had 45 pupils and two teachers. Later the old rock building, which is still standing, was used as the high school and the elementary building. Many of the people who live in Sonora now, graduated in that building.

Our first newspaper was edited in 1890. It still bears the title "The Devil's River News." The paper was named that because the Dry Devil's River runs

through Sonora.

The first bank was organized in 1890 and went broke in 1893. An attempt was made to establish another one in 1895 but it failed. Then in 1900 the present bank was established.

On May 11, 1891, the Commissioner's Court ordered the construction of the present courthouse and jail. The \$28,000 courthouse and jail bonds were finally legally authorized and sold and the money was turned over to the treasurer on June 1, 1892.

The first church was the Methodist Church. It was built across the street from where it now stands. Before the church was built the meetings were held in private homes.

After the town was organized, the first water well was drilled in what is now the courthouse yard. The people of the town carried their water from that well. The well is still there after all these years.

There were very few permanent watering places for the early day ranchers of Sutton County. The Llano River, Pecan Springs, Epps Creek, and Wall Springs were about the only ones.

Wall Spring was discovered by two men, Tom

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Personal Computers to Benefit Ranchers

Personal computers are taking root in rural America. Agricultural economists say this year America's farmers and ranchers will spend thousands of dollars for personal computers to be used at home. These systems can do financial planning, crop planting calculations, feed analysis, and a variety of intricate management functions when programmed properly.

But for people unwilling to devote what can be hundreds of hours learning how to master these complex new machines, the computer can trigger immense frustration.

Take, for example, a feedlot operator who bought a computer to ease his massive paperwork backlog, yet he still can't find a way to use the machine in the office. In fact, the only returns so far on his \$2,000 investment, are a couple of cases from a grateful neighbor who borrowed the machine plus the dubious pleasure of watching his children play "Pac-Man."

A West Texas rancher spent \$2,000 on a computer to monitor his personal finances, but within a

month realized that he could calculate finances quicker in his head than on a computer. Also, he found programming boring. When a burglar broke into his ranch home, the theft of the computer was considered the only redeeming feature of the break-in.

Computers, of course, are not for everyone. Yet with the proper hardware, software and training, computers can help significantly in decision making.

"Matching the right type of computer and software with a certain type of agricultural operation is the key to success with a micro-computer," stresses Joe

Pena, management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Uvalde. "Producers must realize what their needs are and how they expect a computer to contribute to their operation before buying one. You don't just buy a machine, push a few buttons and expect miracles."

To give producers a better idea of basic computer functions, how a computer can aid their operation, and how to go about choosing the right hardware, the Texas Agricultural Extension service has scheduled a second basic seminar, "Microcomputers for the Farm and Ranch Family," May 24-25 at the Airport Holiday Inn, 77N.E. Loop 410 in San Antonio.

The seminar features an introduction to microcomputers which includes Microcomputing Applications for the Farm & Ranch Family, Computer Hardware and Software, A Description of Features and Purposes of Both, Tips on Selecting a Microcomputer, and Texas A&M's role in Computer Software Development.

Seminar participants will have the opportunity to attend four of six concurrent sessions: Accounting Systems, Electronic Spreadsheets, Home and Family Resource Management, and Marketing and Policy Decisions Aids.

Pena says commercial exhibits and concurrent sessions will provide an opportunity for actual "hands-on" computer experience and to view micro-computer hardware and software currently available

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Birtrong and Ed Wall. They had come to Sutton county from Kimble County to hunt. They each furnished one horse to pull their wagons. They found the spring while they were on this hunting trip. On their way home, Mr. Birtrong told Mr. Wall that he would give him his horse for his interest in the spring. Mr. Wall replied, "It's a deal." Mr. Birtrong later sold the spring. It can still be seen today.

Besides water holes there were pot holes that held water. One of the early day ranchers Mr. J. A. Cauthorn, said that hundreds of deer heads and feet could be found around some of these pot holes.

Fencing of the different ranches was started in the last part of the century. Most of these fences were barbed wire fences. A Mr. McNeill started the fencing with wagons and big mule teams. He had such big wagons that with one traveling behind the other he could haul 20,000

pounds of freight. Later on in 1910 the wolf proof fencing was used. By 1927 if the wolf proof fencing could have been measured in a straight line, there would have been enough to reach from Texas to Chicago and half way back.

In the early days the livestock was unimproved stock. The sheep were mostly Spanish Merino type. They sheared from three to four pounds. The sheep now shear about nine

or ten pounds of wool. The early cattle were Texas Longhorns. The Angora goats were first brought to this country by J. N. Ross. His son still raises this type of goats. At that time most of the sheep and goats were herded by Mexicans.

Some of the ranchers tried to farm but didn't have much success. A cotton gin was built but closed quickly because there was not enough cotton raised.

The country was covered in grass and weeds, but didn't have many trees or much brush. Wood had to be hauled many miles to make fires. The first well drillers had to have wood to run their drilling machines.

We now have about 4,000 persons living in our country. This is quite a comparison to the population of the early days.

The old timers had their fun along with the work they had to do. They had big dances. At first they were held in the mercantile store and then they were held in the courthouse. Their music was usually a

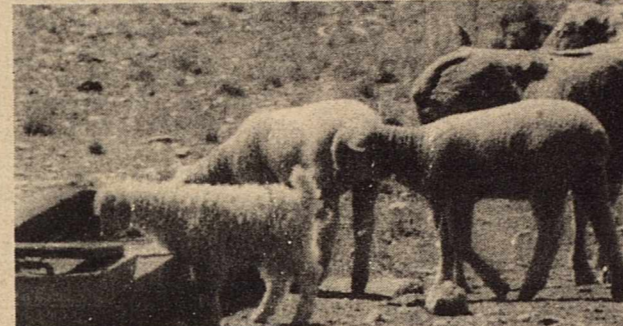
violin and a guitar. The cowboys would come to town dressed in their Sunday best and take their best girls to the dances. They would dance the schottische, waltz, polka, and the quadrille. The dance was always started with a grand march. At a later date a group of businessmen and ranchers built a dance hall which was used for a long time. It was later given to the Boy Scouts.

Like all towns Sonora had its murders, robberies, and fights. One outlaw by the name of Bill (or Will) Carver was killed here. They thought he was here to rob a bank.

Many of the old timers have passed away But as

you look over the town, it is plain to see that they have left their marks. I'm sure that there are many secrets and stories that died with these pioneers.

But Sonora is a prosperous town, and I hope it will continue to be the "Stockman's Paradise."



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