

Hill and Dunn exchange vows



MRS. JAMES RODNEY DUNN

Kari Kay Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hill of Sonora, became the bride of James Rodney Dunn on Saturday, March 14, 1987, in the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

The Reverend Paul Terry of San Angelo officiated at the ceremony.

Kristi Hill of San Antonio was Maid of Honor and Marche Lane, Lubbock and Stacy Hall, San Angelo served as Bridesmaids.

Katie Haliburton of Amarillo was the flower girl.

Best Man was Kyle Reed of Coahoma. Casey Merket and Jeff Holifield, both of Crane were the Groomsmen. Ring Bearer was John Robert Haliburton of Amarillo. Train Carrier was Trey McCavit of Houston.

Todd McCavit, Houston, served as Usher and Candle Lighters were

Tim McCavit, Houston, Jeremy and Chris Dunn of Odessa and Jamie Haliburton, Amarillo.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Sonora High School and a 1985 graduate of Angelo State University. She is currently teaching the fourth grade at Reagan County Elementary School in Big Lake.

The bridegroom is the son of Ben L. Dunn of Odessa and Jo Posey of Big Spring. Dunn is a 1970 graduate of Coahoma High School and attended the University of Texas at Arlington. He is the assistant manager at Town and Country Village Market in Big

Lake. Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple plan to make their home in Big Lake.

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Taylor, Niblett to wed

Trudy Dell Taylor will become the bride of Charles Ashley Niblett in the First United Methodist on April 25.

Trudy Dell is the daughter of Jinx Taylor of Sonora and a 1986 graduate of Sonora High School. The prospective bridegroom is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie J. Niblett of Eldorado and is a 1983 graduate of Eldorado High School. Niblett also attended Angelo State University.

The couple plan to live in Eldorado after the wedding.



KATHERINE MATHEWS AND LARRY JENNINGS

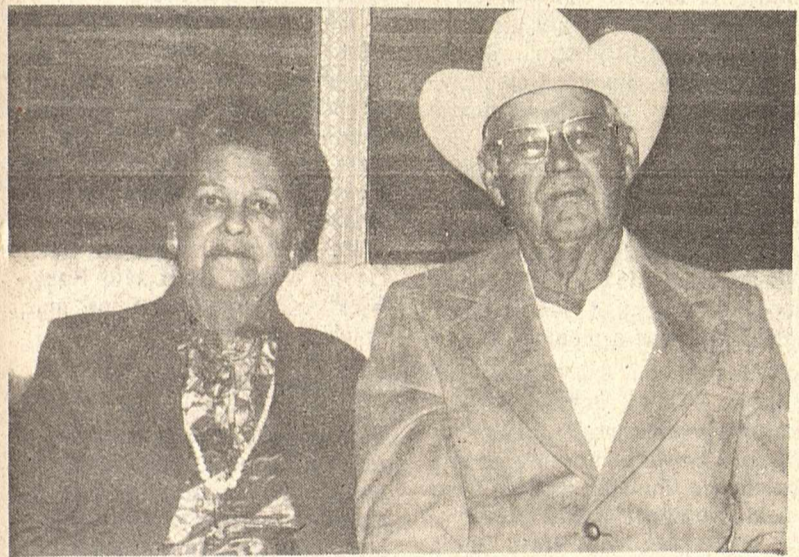
Mathews, Jennings to unite

The First United Methodist Church will be the setting for the July 18, wedding of Katherine Mathews and Larry Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Mathews are the parents of the bride-elect. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed

Jennings.

Miss Mathews is a senior at Sonora High School and plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall. Her fiance is a graduate of Sonora High School and attending Angelo State University.



WILMA AND BATTS FRIEND

Couple celebrates 50th wedding anniversary

Batts and Wilma Friend will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary March 27, 1987. They were married Easter Sunday, March 27, 1937 in Mertzon, Texas.

Their family consists of Benny

Friend, Clayton and Joanie Friend. Grandchildren: Lee and Patricia Friend, Jody Friend, Francine Friend, Clay and Susan Friend, Zane and Todd Friend. Great-grandchildren: Cheyenne and LeShea Friend.

Gilbert Martinez completes basic training

Gilbert Ramirez Martinez III son of Gilbert and Maricella Martinez has completed basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia. He has now become Corporal in

Fort Ord, California where he was stationed afterwards.

He plans to visit Sonora for 2 weeks. He also hopes to be here by May 28.

Marine Lance Cpl. Nadrachal awarded Good Conduct Medal

Marine Lance Cpl. David W. Nadrachal, son of David H. Nadrachal of Sonora, Tx., was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

Nadrachal received the award for good behavior and conduct over a three-year period in the Marine

Corp. He is currently serving at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA.

A 1982 graduate of Sonora, High School, Sonora, Tx., he joined the Marine Corps in December 1983.



TRACY SESSOM AND LLOYD ALLEN WRIGHT

Sessom and Wright engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sessom announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to 2nd Lieutenant Lloyd Allen Wright.

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Kerrville Tivy and 1985 graduate of Texas A&M University where she received a degree in Agriculture Economics.

Her fiance, is a 1980 graduate of Kerrville Tivy and 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy where he received a degree in Engineering and his commission into the Marine Corps.

The couple plan a July wedding in Kerrville.

Balch named "Distinguished Student"

Nancy A. Balch, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Sonora, has been named to the "Distinguished Students" list at Texas A&M University for the 1986 fall semester.

In order to be named a "Distinguished Student," a student must be registered for 15 or more semester hours and earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0, during the most recent grading period.

San Angelo Historical Society to meet

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will have its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 1987 in the Officers Quarters #1 at Fort Concho Museum in the 200 Block of Ave. D.

The speaker for the evening will be Tom Gossett, Attorney. He will be giving a very informative, educational, and interesting talk about legal documents. He will explain the kinds of legal papers and the type of information we can get about our families from them. Legal documents play a very important role in genealogical research and it will prove to be a very rewarding program.

Members and visitors are invited to come join us in this program. Refreshments will be served following the program.



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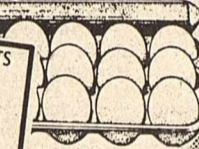


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DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

MARCH 26, 1987



Trash barrels were painted with the Chamber logo by the High School CVAE students for Sonora's clean-up project.



Ninety-two year old Edgar Brooks received the "Hunter of the Year" Award at the Annual Wild Game Dinner last November. Presenting the award to Brooks was Charlie McTee of San Antonio. The Chamber does a great deal of promotion on this big event.



The Sheep Dog Trials held in February set a record high for the largest number of participants in a Texas competition. This annual event brings people into Sonora from all over the United States (and the judge the past two years has been from Scotland). This type event is one of the many that our Chamber quietly helps to sponsor.



The Chamber purchased new Christmas decorations this past year. Shown is David Flores, of WTU who donated their time and services to put the install the decorations.

1986-87 Chamber Year End Report

by Dede Doran

1986-7 has indeed been a busy year for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Manager Dede Doran and Board Members Mike Smith, Alvis Johnson, Jr., Jeanne Jackson, Diana Trainer, Virginia Jones, Bruce Kerbow, Earl Jones, Jo Ann Jones, Smith Neal, and James Stephen worked hard all year promoting Sonora and helping the businesses in an ever declining atmosphere. Two industries--tourism and hunting--were promoted more than ever before and many special events were sponsored.

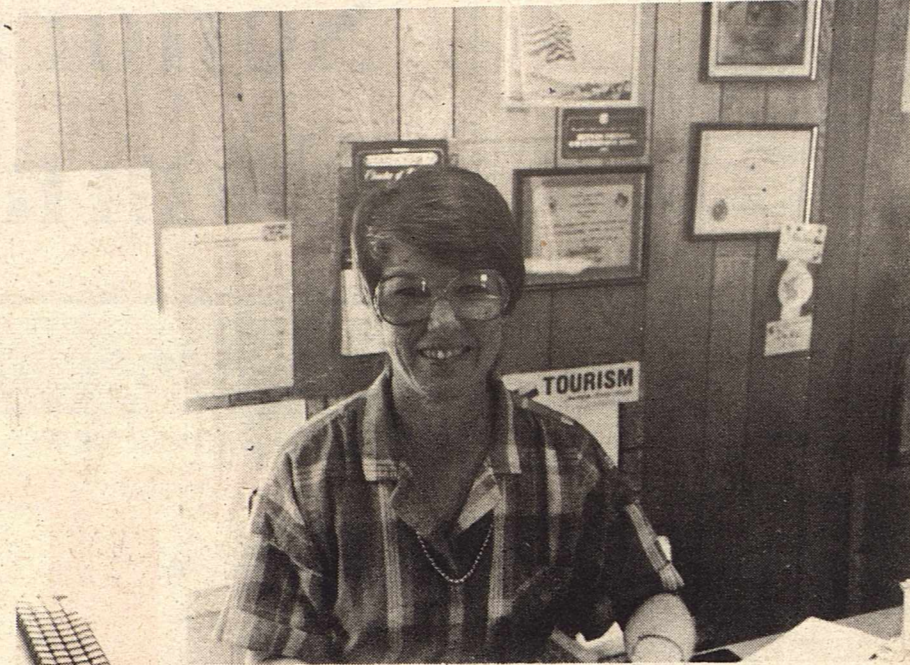
The Chamber sponsored a series of Town Meetings early in 1986 and continued to support the idea of a Civic Center for Sonora's future. Bruce and Jessie Kerbow attended the Hunters Extravaganza in Houston to promote hunting in Sutton County.

The new Board and Officers met for the first meeting of 1986 in April. New Officers were Mike Smith, President; Alvis Johnson, Vice-President; Jeanne Jackson, Treasurer. The Chamber leased a billboard at Midway, between Kerville and Junction, to advertise Sonora and bought a lighted sign to advertise events within the community. This sign was erected in front of the Sutton County National Bank to give the best exposure to visitors. Jo Ann

Jones and Dede Doran attended a two day Economic Development Seminar in College Station to learn more about improving Sonora's business community. Perry's Store held their Grand Opening of the new store location with Ray Hollingsworth as their manager. The Chamber began an extensive advertising campaign for tourism in "This Is West Texas" magazine produced by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Doyle Morgan Insurance was the April Business of the Month.

May was another busy month for the Chamber. Dr. James Mallett came to Sonora to give the results of the City Survey at the Town Meeting. The Chamber of Commerce began to help the Historical Society monetarily with the restoration of the Miers Home Museum. The Goat Roping and Bull Riding were extensively advertised by the Chamber to help bring many tourists to Sonora. Perry's was the May Business of the Month.

The "Up With People" group arrived in June, the cost being underwritten by the Chamber of Commerce. A Bar-B-Que and Dance were held in their honor upon their arrival. The Sesquicentennial Committee promoted the group and saw to their



DEDE DORAN

housing and set up. The Chamber sponsored a Business and Advertising Seminar along with West Texas Utilities and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The Annual Chamber of Commerce Tennis Tournament was held in June and was a huge success thanks to Carol Sessom, co-ordinator. The Chamber tries a pilot project - to hire teenagers did a wonderful job and many tourists were impressed with their knowledge and information about Sonora, and with their manners. The Chamber began plans in June for Sutton County Days to held in

August. Carl J. Cahill, Inc. was the June Business of the Month.

In July, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce helped provide trophies for the Baseball Tournament sponsored by the Sonora Merchants Baseball Team. Many out of town teams were here. The Chamber then sponsored a trip to the State Tournament for the Sonora Merchants Baseball Team. They represented Sonora well!! Bumper Stickers were purchased to help advertise Sonora. These were given away in several locations and seemed to be

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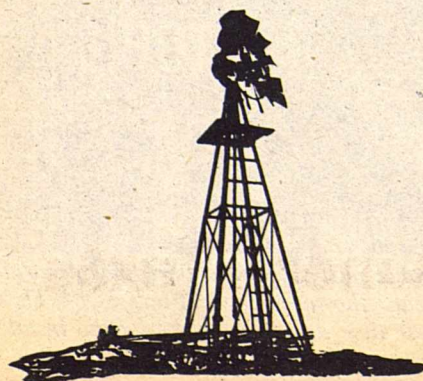
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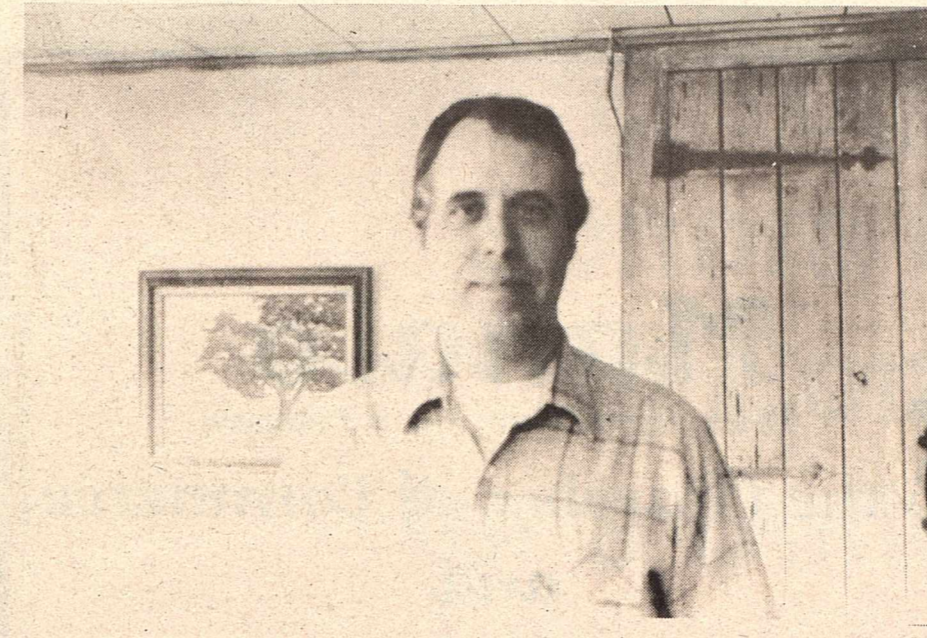
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GIL TRAINER

Gil Trainer has lived in Sonora all his life except for a brief time spent in the military service and as a store manager for Tandy on the west coast. Trainer owns Western Auto located at 302 Concho.

A 1964 graduate of Sonora High School, Trainer graduated from TCU in 1971 with a BA degree.

Trainer is a member of Jaycees, Sutton County Historical Society, and is the Vice-president of the Sonora Merchants Association. He has also worked actively in Little League for the past six years.

When asked what he would like to see in

the way of cultural or social achievements for the city of Sonora, Trainer responded "Our Musuem Complex should be developed and maintained as a first rate attraction for travelers. Advertising should be coordinated with the Caverns of Sonora, and possibly some tourists might stay in town for a longer period of time."

Merle Haggard is Trainer's favorite singer and his favorite novel is *A Bridge Too Far* by Cornelius Ryan.

Trainer and his wife, Diana, have two sons, Blake, 15 and Spencer, 9.

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JAMES STEPHEN

James B. Stephen, minister of the First Baptist Church of Sonora has been a resident of Sonora for three years having moved here from Fort Davis.

Stephen received a BA from HSU and is a 1972 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is active in the Lions Club, 4-H and

is currently serving his second year as a Director for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

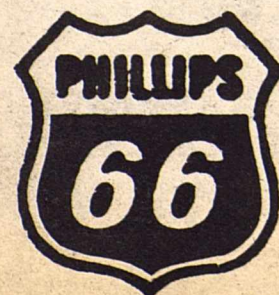
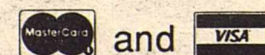
Stephen is a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and SCAT.

Stephen and his wife, Betty, have two children, John, age 21 and Rachel, age 18.

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RONNIE BOWERS

Ronnie Bowers, manager of Food Center, is a newly elected Chamber Director.

Bowers has been a resident of Sonora for nine years, moving here from Junction where he graduated from high school. Bowers is a 1976 graduate of Tarleton State University.

Both a collector and reader of Louis Lamour, Bowers says his favorite singer is Ronnie Milsap.

Bowers is a member of the Lions Club and the Sonora Merchants Association.

"I would like to see Sonora work toward some type of tourist attraction to bring more dollars into our community." Bowers say when asked about what he would like to see in Sonora.

Bowers and his wife, Kari, have two children, 5 year old Clint and 4 year old Lindsey.



KATHY SHURLEY

Newly elected Chamber Director Kathy Shurley has been a resident of Sonora for the past four years and is the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for this area of West Texas.

Kathy is a graduate of Round Rock High School. She also graduated from Texas Tech, where she majored in Family Relations with a minor in Social Welfare, with a Bachelor of Science in Home

Economics.

When asked what she would like to see in social or cultural achievements in Sonora, Kathy said "I would like to see development of youth oriented activities in our community. Aside from school, there really isn't much for the young people to do socially."

Kathy and her husband, Mark, have one son, Drake who is 17.

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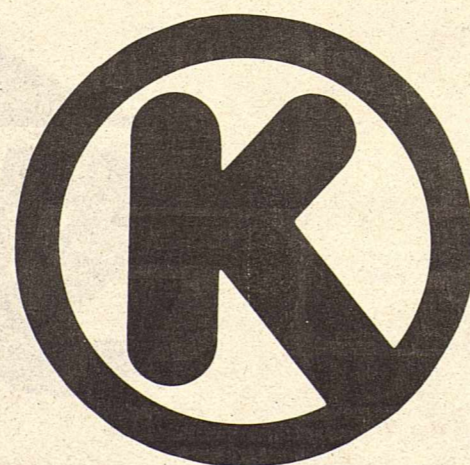
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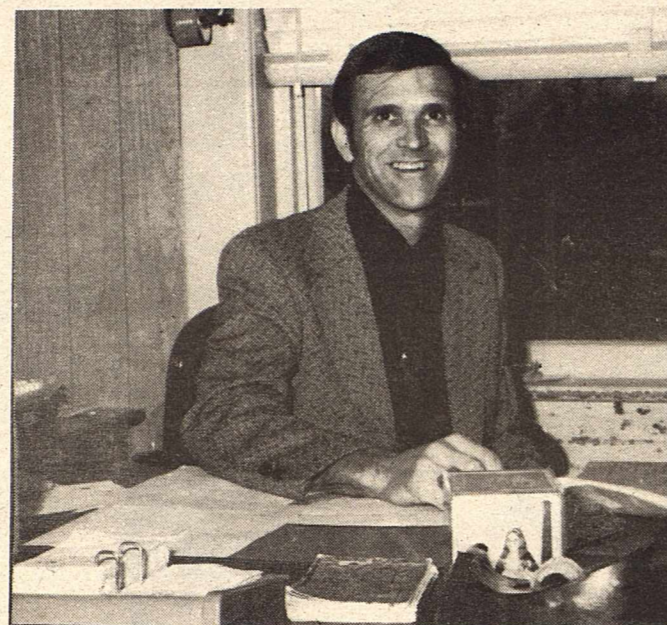
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SMITH NEAL

Smith Neal, principal of Sonora Junior High School, has lived in Sonora for the past twenty-seven years.

Neal has a B.A. and a Masters of Education from North Texas State, and Certification for Administration at Sul Ross State.

Now serving as President for the Sutton County Committee on Aging and Vice-president for the Hospital District, Neal has also served as Past Master for Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, past President for the Lions Club and has worked with the March of Dimes. This is his second year to serve as a director for the Chamber of

Commerce.

Neal's favorite novel is *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain and his favorite singing group is the Oakridge Boys.

When asked about cultural and social achievement for Sonora, Smith responds, "I want to see Sonora have a successful museum and I want to see Sonora continue to have an excellent public school system. And I would like to see the Sutton County Days Celebration become even bigger and better."

Neal and his wife, Jo Ellen, have three children, Denise, 26, Eric, 23 and Chris, age 10.



EARL JOHNSON

Earl Johnson, who has lived in Sonora for the past fifty-six years, is the manager of West Texas Utilities in Sonora.

A graduate of Sonora High School, Johnson has served as a director for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for one year, is a member of the Sonora Merchants Association and the Lions Club.

Johnson says his favorite singer is

Willie Nelson and his favorite novel is *Lines and Shadows* by Joseph Wambaugh.

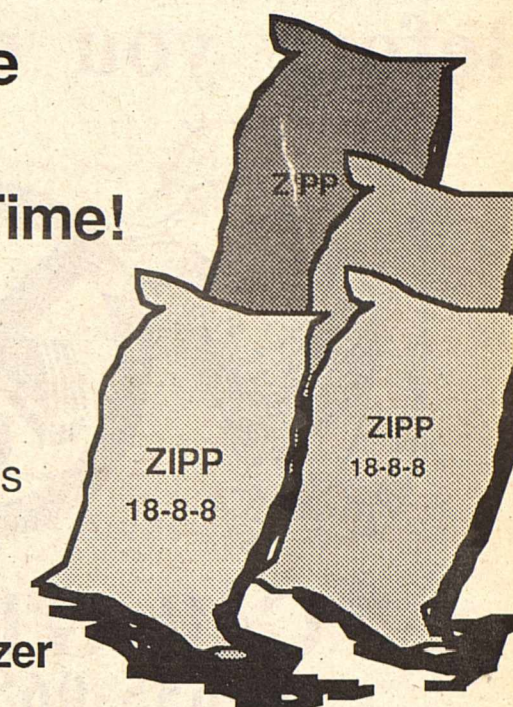
"What Sonora needs is an active youth center for our young people," says Johnson when asked what he would like to see Sonora achieve in the way of culture or social activities.

Johnson and his wife, Patsy, have one daughter, Leslie Thorp.

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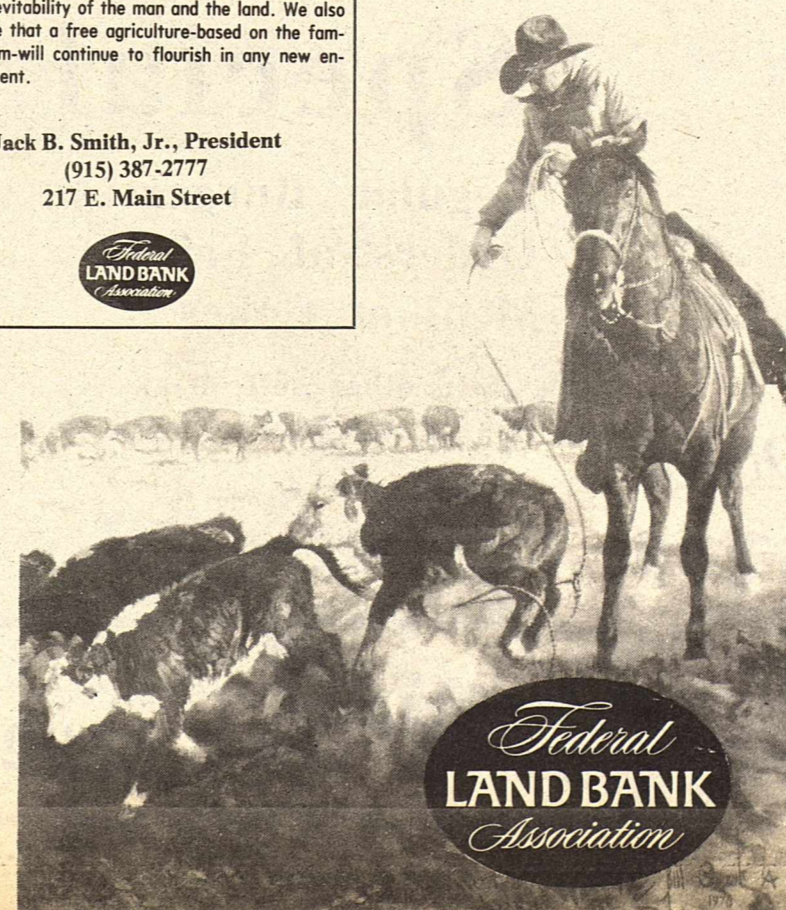
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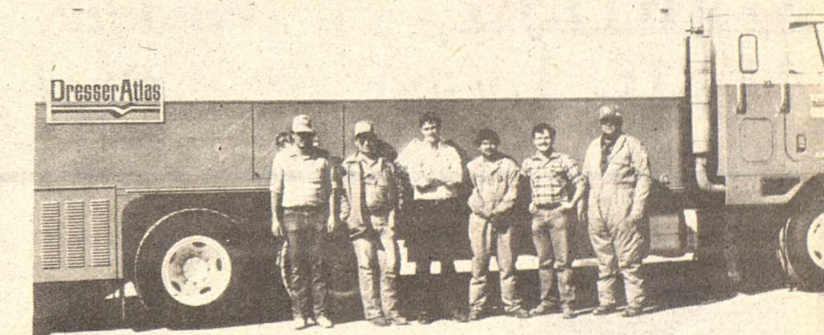
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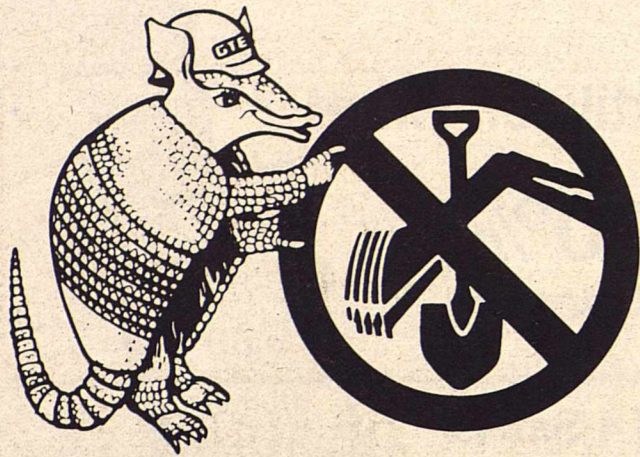
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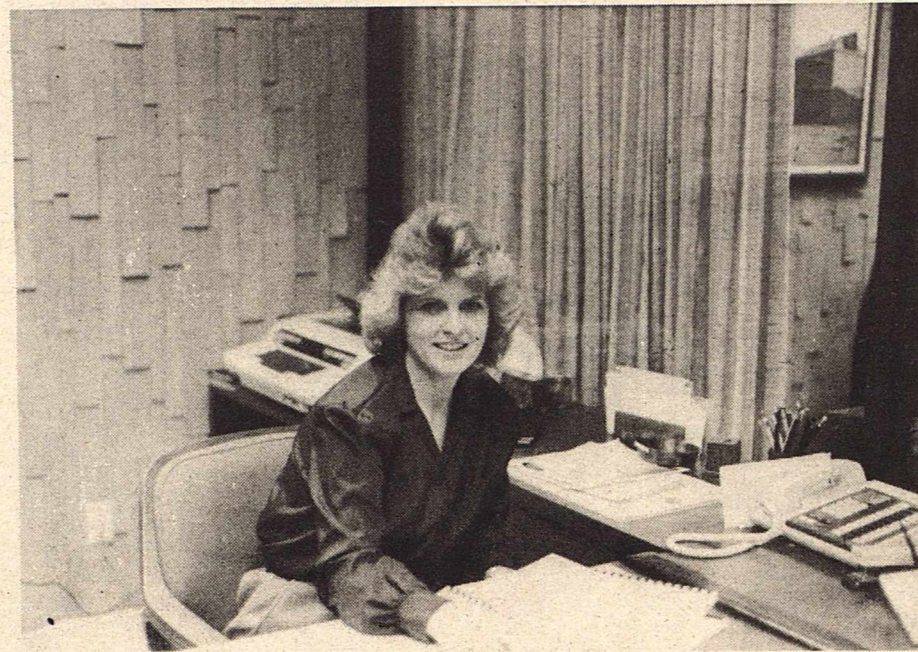


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JO ANN JONES

Jo Ann Jones has been a resident of Sonora for the past thirteen years. She graduated from Tivy High School in Kerrville and has completed several ABA banking courses.

Employed by First National Bank of Sonora, Jo Ann is an Assistant Vice-President and Loan Officer for the bank.

This is Jo Ann's second year as a Chamber Director and this year serves as President of the organization. She is also

active in 4-H, Texas High School Rodeo Association and AJRA Rodeo. Jo Ann is a member of the Sutton County Days Association, ESA and the American Institute of Banking.

Jo Ann says she would like to see more teen activities for our children and new industry to employ Sonora people.

Jo Ann and her husband, Herb, have two sons, Duane, age 17 and Darrell, age 14.



ROYCE MIEARS

Royce Mears is a lifelong resident of Sonora though he was born in San Angelo.

Mears is the owner of the Branding Iron Smokehouse, located at 204 S. Water, having brought it back into the family in 1985. Mears father purchased the Branding Iron in 1965 but sold it in 1977.

A graduate of Sonora High School, Mears attended Tarleton State University for two years.

Mears has worked actively with hunters

in the area for the past two years at the Branding Iron and was one of the supporters for getting a Big Buck Contest started in Sutton County.

As to what he would like to see for Sonora, Mears says "What we really need is more employment for the people of Sonora! I would also like to see more service organizations."

Gloria, Mears wife, also works at the Branding Iron Smokehouse.

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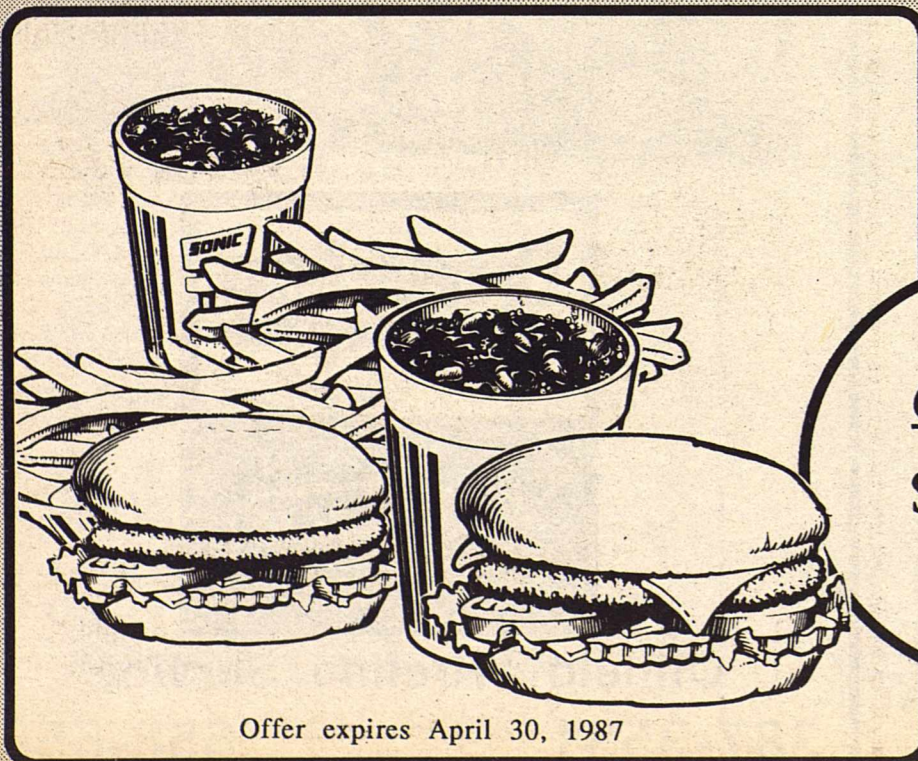
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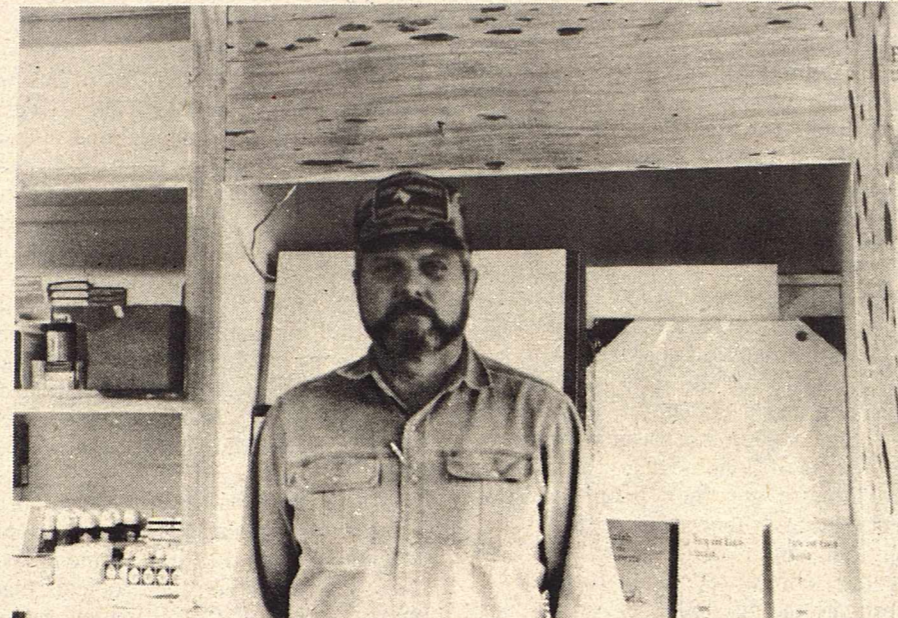
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PRESTON LOVE

Preston Love is a newly elected Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce though he is not new to the job. This is Love's second term on the Chamber Directory Board.

Love was born in Sonora, graduated from Sonora High School and from Texas Tech. He has lived in this area all of his life.

Very interested in Sonora, Love has been active in many of the special events hosted by the community.

Manager of the Devil's River Motel, Love and his wife, Linda, also own the Sutton County Steakhouse.



BRUCE KERBOW

A lifelong resident of Sonora, Bruce Kerbow lists his occupation as merchant/mortician as he is the owner of both Kerbow Furniture and Kerbow Funeral Home.

Kerbow graduated from Sonora High School, Southwest Texas State and the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science.

County Chairman for the Salvation Army, Kerbow is also a 32 degree Mason, a member of Dee Ora Masonic Lodge and the Sonora Golf Club. Kerbow has also served a previous term as a Chamber director.

Kerbow, who says his favorite authors are Louis Lamour and Stephen King, his favorite singer is Conway Twitty, says he would like to see some type of permanent industry in Sonora. "This would boost our local economy by hiring some of our unemployed people."

Kerbow and his wife, Jessie, have two children, Erica, age 8 and Zac, age 6.

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quite a success. The Branding Iron Smokehouse was the July Business of the Month.

The Sesquicentennial Golf Tournament was held in August and was sponsored, in part, by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Sutton County Days was advertised on KLST TV 8 and their news team was in Sonora to cover the event -- two firsts! The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Sutton County Days Parade, BBQ, Queen Contest, Old Timers Reunion, Fiddlers Contest, Arts & Crafts booths, as well as many games and other events of the day. A Queen Contestants Dinner was held at the Sutton County Steakhouse for the first time ever. Sutton County National Bank was chosen as the August Business of the Month.

As school started in September, the Chamber was busy getting everything ready to attend a Hunters Extravaganza in San Antonio. Bruce and Jessie Kerbow and Bobby and Dede Doran attended this show. A Texas Tourist Development Agency Familiarization Tour came to Sonora to see the sites. These people were writers from the Midwest and were interested in the Caverns, the Ol Sonora Trading Company, the Miers Home Museum, as well as the working ranches in the area. They have written some wonderful articles about Sonora. The group was treated to a Steak lunch and a "real" gunfight at the Steakhouse. The Chamber helped sponsor Belle Steen's 99th Birthday Party. Dede

Doran attended the First Texas Travel Summit in Austin to help boost Sonora's tourism. The Retail Merchants Association with Ronnie Cox and Gil Trainer as initial co-chairmen was formed with the help of the Chamber of Commerce. Location Builders was selected as the September Business of the Month.

October was yet another busy month for the Chamber in that they contracted with the Discover Texas Association for the File Folder Program and joined the Texas Approach to take tourist information to 8 travel shows in the United States. This has been a highly successful program in that the Chamber gets letters and calls daily from people attending these shows wanting more information about this area. Tourism is a very important industry to Sonora. The Chamber sponsored the First Annual Home Tour. A television and VCR were purchased to help promote hunting and tourism. Tapes depicting our whitetail deer and turkey as well as the Caverns and other tourist attractions have been made to show others just how much we do have. These have been used at Hunting Shows and Travel Shows. The Chamber also contracted with the Discover Texas Association to have advertising in their '87 Tour Manual. Two large street "WELCOME HUNTERS" banners and many smaller banners were purchased by the Chamber to let the hunters know just how much we do appreciate them. The smaller banners were supplied to member businesses only. Jo Ann Jones and Dede



Over 500 lease lists were passed out by these two lady's Dede Doran and Jessie Kerbow at the Hunters Extravaganza held in Dallas of course Bruce helped too! (Someone had to take the picture.)

Doran attended a Business Workshop in Abilene. The Sonic Drive In of Sonora was the October Business of the Month.

The Sutton County Wild Game Dinner in November was a huge success, again, and was sponsored, in part, by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Many, many hunters lease lists were sent out by the Chamber in an effort to get rancher's land leased for hunting. The Chamber also sponsored a Big Buck Contest that will

become an annual contest. Frontier Taxidermy was the November Business of the Month.

December brought Christmas and new decorations for Sonora, thanks to the Chamber. The merchant's "Home for the Holidays" promotion was sponsored, in part, by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Gosney's Department Store was the December Business of the Month. With January came a sigh of relief that

Banquet Speaker "funny man"



GEORGE MCKINNEY

Noted humorist, George McKinney, whose letter head and business card reads "Let George Do It", will be the guest speaker for the 1987 Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 7pm at the 4-H Center.

McKinney holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Sam Houston State University and has over thirty years of experience in marketing, community and industrial development and management and is a former high school science teacher.

Serving as an Air Force navigator and bombardier, McKinney was in both WW II and the Korean Conflict.

McKinney's credentials are most impressive. He has served as president of such organizations as the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Foundation, and on a hospital board. He is the past State President of the Beautify Texas Council. He is a member of the International Platform Association which is the Who's Who of the Speakers and Entertainers on the American Platform.

McKinney was commissioned an Ambassador of Goodwill by former Governors Dolph Briscoe and Mark White and has been awarded the same honor by Governor Bill Clements.

The East Texas Chamber of Commerce named McKinney the 1983 East Texan of

the Year. Impressive though this list is, it doesn't convey McKinney's tremendous sense of humor and what a delightfully funny man he is. You will definitely want to make plans to hear George McKinney at the Chamber Banquet!

The First Baptist Church Choir will also present "The Grasshopper Opera" for your entertainment on this special evening.

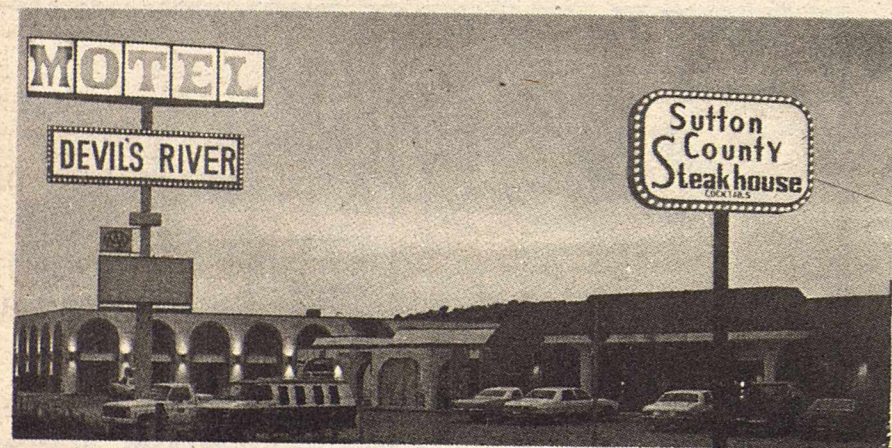
Please purchase your tickets early as only a limited number of tickets will be available and drag out those casual clothes and brightly colored "jams" or "muumuus" as this is to be an Hawaiian Luau.

Hunting Season was over, but it was not to be! Those calls for 1987 Leases just kept coming in and we were off and running again, this time with a new lease list. Letters were sent to all area ranchers who have listed before with a plea for new information. The Chamber was proud to help sponsor the El Camino Girl Scout Council's District Convention. They also sponsored the Opera "I Pagliacci" as well as the Sheep Dog Trails. Mrs. Margaret Harper, the founder of the play "Texas", was the Chamber's guest at a meeting to try to decide if Sonora should have an outdoor drama and, if so, just how to go about producing it. She was most interesting and very helpful. It was also noted that if 40,000 tourists go through the Caverns of Sonora each year, Sonora should try to get these people to stay overnight. Another tourist event or situation would be most helpful; A steering committee was formed to investigate the possibility of an outdoor drama for Sonora. Patricia's Place Antiques was the January Business of the Month.

February brought with it the Dallas Hunters Extravaganza and the best show yet! Five hundred lease lists were given out and over one hundred more mailed after our return. Bruce and Jessie Kerbow and Dede Doran manned the booth at this show. Dede Doran visited with a Jr. Girl Scout Troop about who and what the Chamber of Commerce is. They were a most interested group. New Board of Directors for the 1987-89 term were Ronnie Bowers, Kathy Shurley, Preston, Live, Gil Trainer and Royce Miers. Teaff Oil Company was named the Chamber February Business of the Month.

March was just as busy as any other month. The Chamber voted to advertise tourism in the 1987 West Texas Chamber of Commerce Host Map and Calendar of Events that will be published in the April/May edition of the "This Is West Texas" magazine. We are gearing up for the tourists! More and more tourist information is going out about Sonora as we attend more events and advertise more. The Chamber, along with the Caverns of Sonora, had a booth at the El Paso Travel Show. The Annual Chamber Banquet will feature a Hawaiian Luau with George McKinney as the guest speaker and "The Grasshopper Opera" from the First Baptist Church as an added attraction. Zola's Motel was named the March Business of the Month.

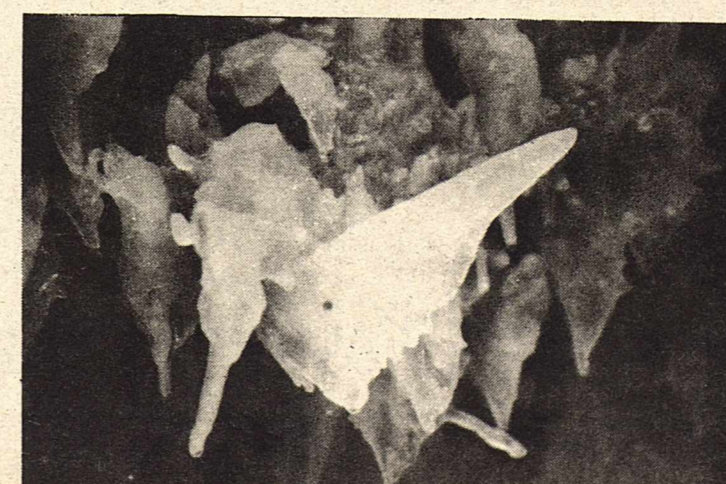
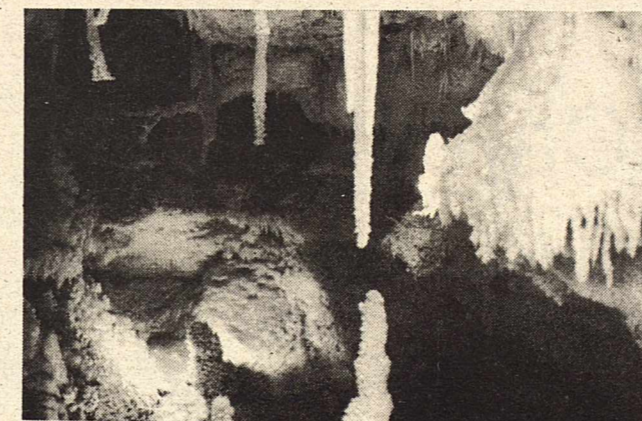
As the fiscal year ended, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce saw an increased membership from 123 to 130 members. This is just great with the problems that Sonora has faced. Correspondence has increased to an all time high and visitors in the office has also been on the rise. All in all, the 1986-87 year has been a very successful and productive one for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. All year Hunting Leases were mailed out and this industry was promoted, Visitor Information was mailed out, tourism promoted, newcomers helped to make their move easier, and economic development promoted. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to making Sonora the VERY BEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT!!! This can only happen with the support of you, the people and a great Board of Directors.



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