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Broncos place first in local tournament

On Friday and Saturday March 18th and 19th the Sonora Bronco Tennis Team hosted the 13th Annual Sonora Tennis Tournament. Schools competing were Coahoma, Crane, Eldorado, Iraan, Irion County, Menard, McCamey, Ozona, Reagan County, Rocksprings, Sonora and Wall. The Broncos scored 55 points to take first place, Reagan County scored 50 points placing second while Eldorado placed third with 49

points. The results were; Boys Singles Eddie McKissack def. Estrada (Menard) 6-2, 7-6. Tankersley (Irion County) def. McKissack 6-1, 6-2. Sean Peek def. Onofre (Ozona) 6-1, 6-1. Pettit (Crane) Peek 3-6, 7-6, 6-1. Wayne Tyler def. Clark (Wall) 6-3, 6-2. Tyler def. Hodges (Sonora J.V.) 6-3, 6-1. Kotsch (Eldorado) def. Tyler 7-6, (11-9) 7-5. Pettit (Crane) def. Tyler 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Tyler placed fourth. Matt

Hodges (Sonora J.V.) def. Vasquez (Ozona) 6-0, 6-3. Hodges def. Rendon (Rocksprings) 7-6, 6-4. Tyler def. Hodges 6-3, 6-1. Askins (Reagan County) def. Bruce Morgan 7-6, 7-6. Morris (Ozona) def. Morgan 8-6.

Girls Singles-Kelly Whitehead def. Kotsch (Eldorado) 6-2, 6-3. Whitehead def. Ifera (Crane) 6-0, 6-1. Whitehead def. Hardy (Eldorado) 6-1, 6-4. Helmers (Eldorado) def. (cont. on page 4)

Bible women dramatized in special presentation

The First United Methodist Church of Sonora is pleased to present Miss Ellen Jane Leister in her original monologue entitled *Women at the Well*, on Friday, April 1, 1988, at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of the church.

Miss Leister is a Christian actress, author and poet whose

talents have been channeled into a full-time ministry through drama and the arts, the purpose of which is to glorify God.

Through her *Women at the Well*, a collection of dramatic monologues which she researched and wrote, Miss Leister brings to life women of the New Testament

who knew Jesus and whose lives were changed by His life. The Good Friday performance will center around Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Miss Leister, a native of Orange, was selected as a 1986 Fellow to the Alden B. Dow Creative Center in Midland, Michigan, her project idea being to research, write and dramatize certain women of the Bible. She has been invited to perform in numerous schools and churches in Texas and throughout the United States.

Her earlier careers included Special Counselor in the Office of Admissions at Texas Women's University in Denton and teacher of Speech, Drama and English at Alamo Heights ISD in San Antonio.

The Methodist congregation cordially invites all citizens of Sonora to come and enjoy this unique worship experience.

Child Abuse Month

April will be observed as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. The Children of Sutton County have a new friend in Sonora as of September, 1987 when a new Child Welfare Board was formed. The new board consists of seven members and will work primarily to provide funding and services to foster children and foster parents, abused children and teen-age mothers.

This board has already started some great projects including the

Angel Tree this past Christmas. Citizens of Sonora also need to be aware that this is an active board requesting community support. The number to call in Sonora to report Child Abuse is 387-5066. The Child Abuse Hot Line number is 1-800-252-5400.

During the month of April there will be several programs presented which will make citizens aware of abused and neglected children. Watch the *Devil's River News* for further announcements.



New water hole

Cahill Construction recently completed yet another water hole at the Sonora Golf Course. This makes the third water trap for the course and adds a touch of beauty as well as difficulty for the golfers.

Members of the Golf Club comment that there's no telling how many ducks may now watch the golfers on their rounds and that perhaps George Johnson will sanction fishing when the weather is too cold for golf. They also add a thank you to Jimmy Cahill for a super job. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Remember the Chamber Banquet on March 29

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled to be held this year on Tuesday, March 29 at the Clint Langford 4-H Center. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

This year's theme will be Sports-every sport imaginable will be represented in table decorations and carried through with banners on the walls. A prize will be given to the person attending the banquet dressed to best represent their favorite sport.

Jerry Larned will be the speaker for the banquet. Larned, a coach for eighteen years at both high school and college level, is touted to be one of the best up and coming banquet speakers in the country who is not only extremely funny but delivers a great message also.

Larned currently resides in

Midland where he is President and partner of Kent Lubrication Centers which operates several lube centers in central and west Texas. Larned serves his community as Chairman of the Appraisal District Board, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce and is an officer in the

Rotary Club.

Also entertaining for the event will be the quartet including Monte Jones, Dennis King, Bryant Harris and Joe Lane, from the upcoming *Music Man*.

Make plans now to attend the banquet.

See *Chamber Salute* inside

District One Act plays performed in Sonora

The District 5 AAA UIL One Act plays will be performed in Sonora on Saturday, March 26 at the High School Auditorium.

The plays will begin at 1 p.m. and run consecutively until all of the schools have performed.

Schools to be included in the performances will be Sonora,

Clyde, Coahoma, Merkle, Abilene Wylie, Ballinger and Colorado City. The top two plays will advance on the Area which will be held in Kermit.

The public is invited to view the competition. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Briefly

Who's filed . . .

City Election

For the position of Mayor:

Bill Gosney (incumbent)

Jerry Kemp

Alderman:

Margaret Cascadden (incumbent)

James Trainer (incumbent)

The position of Mayor and two Council persons, at large, are open in the City election.

School Board

Becky Johnson

Donald D. Patton

Scott Shurley (incumbent)

Rebecca Martinez

Marie Espinosa Berrera

There are three at large positions open on the School Board.

Hats on at Center

The Senior Center will be having a special "Hat Day" at the Center, 104 Wilson, on Friday, March 25 at noon.

The contest is open to all people of the community who have lunch at the Center that day, regardless of age, and a prize will be given for the best decorated hat.

Drag out your hat and your imagination, then come for lunch and fun.

Jam Session

On Friday night beginning at 6:30 pm, several musical artists will gather in the Lobby of the Nursing Home for several hours of "pickin' and grinnin'". Anyone who would like to come watch the fun is cordially invited.

Holy Week Services

St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar, invites everyone to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. On Maundy Thursday, we remember our Lord's institution of the Sacrament of the Last Supper, the Holy Eucharist. This service begins at 7 pm, and will be followed by the stripping of the Altar and veiling of the crosses. Any baptized Christian is welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church.

On Good Friday, we begin at noon with the Stations of the Cross, a symbolic walk with Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, the way of sorrow, as we remember the events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. This will be followed at 1 pm with the Good Friday liturgy. Again, all the people of Sutton County are invited to come and worship with us on this day when Jesus gave all that he had for the sins of mankind.

Little League

Registration for Little League will be held on March 23 and 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Junior High School Snack Bar.

Age groups will be 6-8 years old for T-Ball, 8 before August 1 and not 13 before August 1 for both Minor League and Major League.

A Senior League is possible if enough 13, 14, and 15 year olds sign up.

A valid birth certificate is necessary for registration.

Tickets being sold

Members of St. Ann's Yard Committee are selling chances of a Mounted Quail under Glass, donated by Bob McWilliams of Frontier Taxidermy, to be drawn for at a dance on April 9. Chances on the Quail are \$1 each and can be purchased from any member of the Committee or call 387-2397.

The dance featuring music by the Barrio Band will be held at the 4-H Center from 9 pm till 1 am.

Lenten Services

Hope Lutheran Church will have Lenten Services beginning Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 pm and continuing every Thursday night through Maundy Thursday. Charles Huffman is the pastor of Hope Lutheran Church.

Cookie jar empty?

The Sonora Girl Scouts still have cookies left from their Cookie Sale. Anyone interested in buying some of the delicious cookies should call 387-5345 or 387-5617.

We can help

Are you interested in reading or writing English? Please call the Sutton County Library at 387-2111.

Would you be interested in tutoring? Call Sandra Cooper at 387-2111.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meets in Sonora on Thursday nights and in Eldorado on Tuesday nights. Ozona meets every Tuesday night.

For more information on the organization or on the meetings, call 387-5775.

Legalization Program

A Legalization Committee for persons wishing to apply for amnesty under the new Immigration Law will meet every Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Hall from 8 to 10pm.

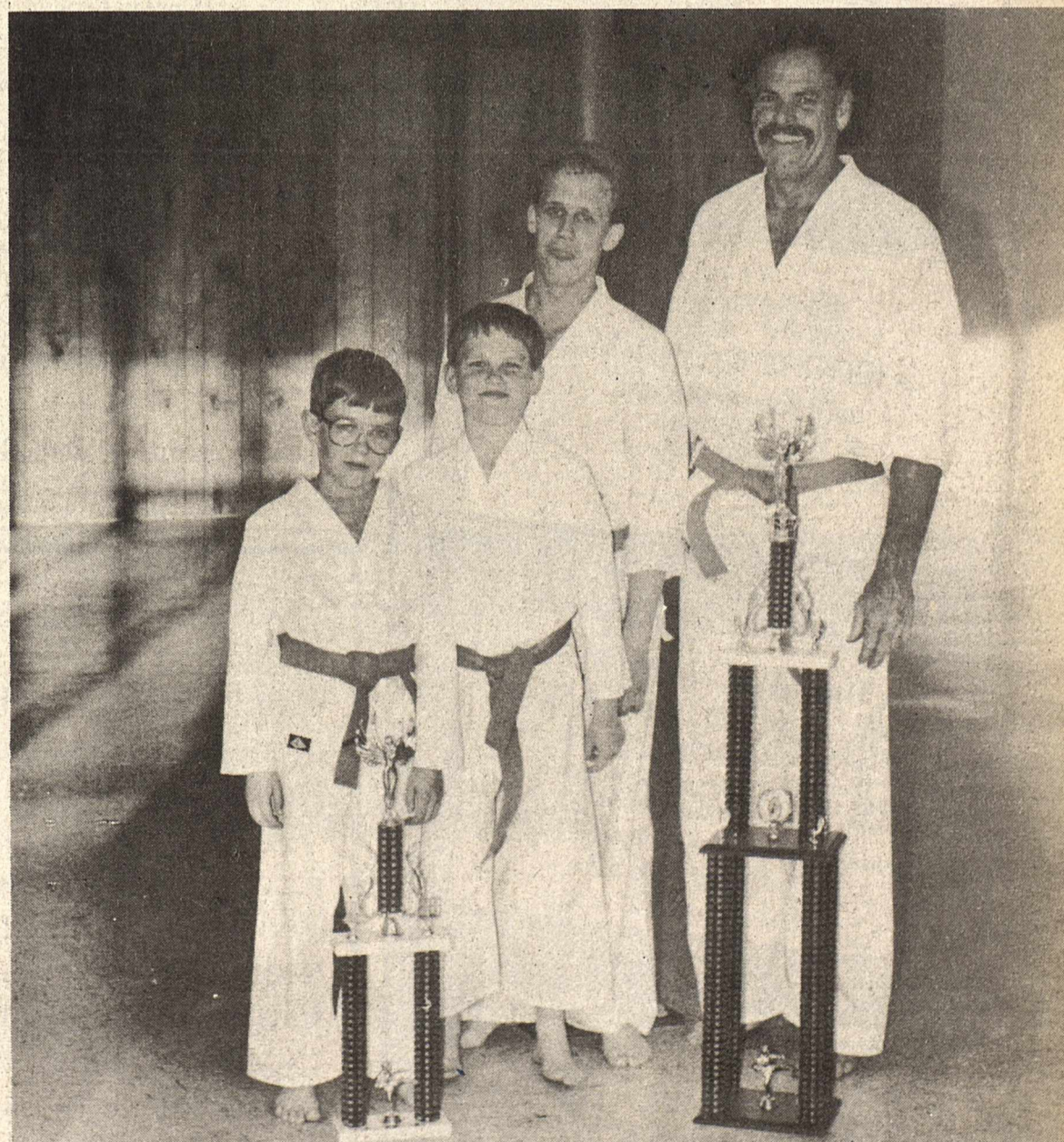
Employers welcomed.

Juntas para personas que desean aplicar para amnistia bajo la Nueva Ley de immigration se llevaran acabo cada Martes de las 8:00 a las 10:00 pm. en el salon de la Iglesia Catolica St Ann's. Amos bien benidos.

"Glad you're here"

The Outdoor Drama Group will once again be giving a "Glad you're here" bag during each performance of the "Covered wagon Dinner Theater". This bag is given to the person who has traveled the furthest to reach Sonora and contains various items from our community.

If you have any advertising vehicle, (key chains, pens, etc.) you would like to have included in the bags, please call the Devil's River News, 387-2507.



Local champions

Members of the local karate class did well at a recent tournament held in San Angelo. Those participating in the tournament from Sonora are (l. to r.) Casey Farrar, Bonner Walch, Jody Luttrell and Tim Roberts. Casey won second in Fighting, Orange Belt Division and Tim Roberts won first in Fighting, Orange Belt Division. Approximately 350 entrants competed in the contest.

Anyone interested in taking lessons can call Lawson Farrar at 387-2214 or Clarence Smith, in San Angelo, at 655-4057. Classes are held each Thursday in the old Western Auto building from 6 until 8 p.m. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Down and out in Texas? Help is available!

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: Last year I lost my job in middle management when the company I worked for had to cut back. I had not gone looking for job in over six years and, frankly, I was really scared. I heard about a professional job search workshop that the TEC was sponsoring in my area and, out of desperation, I went. I don't mind telling you, my expectations were not great. I did not really think the TEC would have anything to offer someone like me. Well, I was wrong...dead wrong. The workshop was invaluable to me in updating my resume, honing my interviewing skills and giving me tips in job hunting. Most important, the workshops helped me restore some of the self confidence I had lost.



Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers
Texas Business Today

This is a service that needs to be publicized. I highly recommend it to all Texans who are out of work. Again Employed Plano, Texas

DEAR AGAIN: We have had a tremendous positive response to these workshops. They are currently available on a weekly basis, free of charge in Amarillo,

Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas (downtown) Richardson/Plano, El Paso, Ft. Worth, Houston, Hurst, Longview, Midland, Odessa, San Antonio, and Sweetwater. Thank you for writing!

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: How can someone draw unemployment benefits if they move out of Texas?

P.M. Mulshoe

DEAR P.M.: All of the states participate in the interstate claim program. Basically this allows a qualified individual to draw unemployment benefits no matter where he or she is living. The person files his claim by mail and is subject to the eligibility and work search requirements of the state that is paying the claim.

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor, Congratulations to you, the 1089 voters who voted for Sheriff Bill Webster.

For those of you too young or who could not vote on election day, give a special prayer of thanks for the people who took time to vote and cared enough for your county to keep Woodie Howell from being your Sheriff.

I am from Blackwell, Texas and I know exactly what kind of "LAW" Woodie Howell enforces. I would not wish that to happen to any other City or County.

I hope that whatever bitterness Woodie has caused will die away leaving you all friends and neighbors once again. I know it will take time, some wounds still have not healed in Blackwell and probably never will.

However, the majority rules in this great Country of ours and the losers just have to learn to live with it.

Barry Meffert
Fire Chief
Blackwell Vol. Fire Dept.

appreciate all the support and personal time some of these individuals gave to this project and we invite everyone to see the improvement.

We also want to thank the Lions Club for all they do for Scouting. They are a tremendous organization and we are proud to call them our friends. We'd also like to say thanks to Ronnie Cox for the First Aide Kit.

As everyone knows, the Girl Scouts rely on donations and contributions from their community. We are thankful for the past, support and for future support we hope to get. If anyone would like to replenish the camping supplies for the girls, please give one of the Scout leaders a call.

The girls also need financial sponsors for their summer camps. These camps teach the girls how to work with other girls from within the state as well as all over the nation, responsibilities and how to just have fun. If you are interested in sending a girl to camp, please call.

If you would like to offer financial support or become a Girl Scout or a leader, call 387-2969, 387-5345 or 387-5617.

Thank you, The Sonora Girl Scouts

The Sonora Girl Scouts would like to thank all of the individuals and organizations who participated in painting the Girl Scout hut. It looks wonderful! And we really

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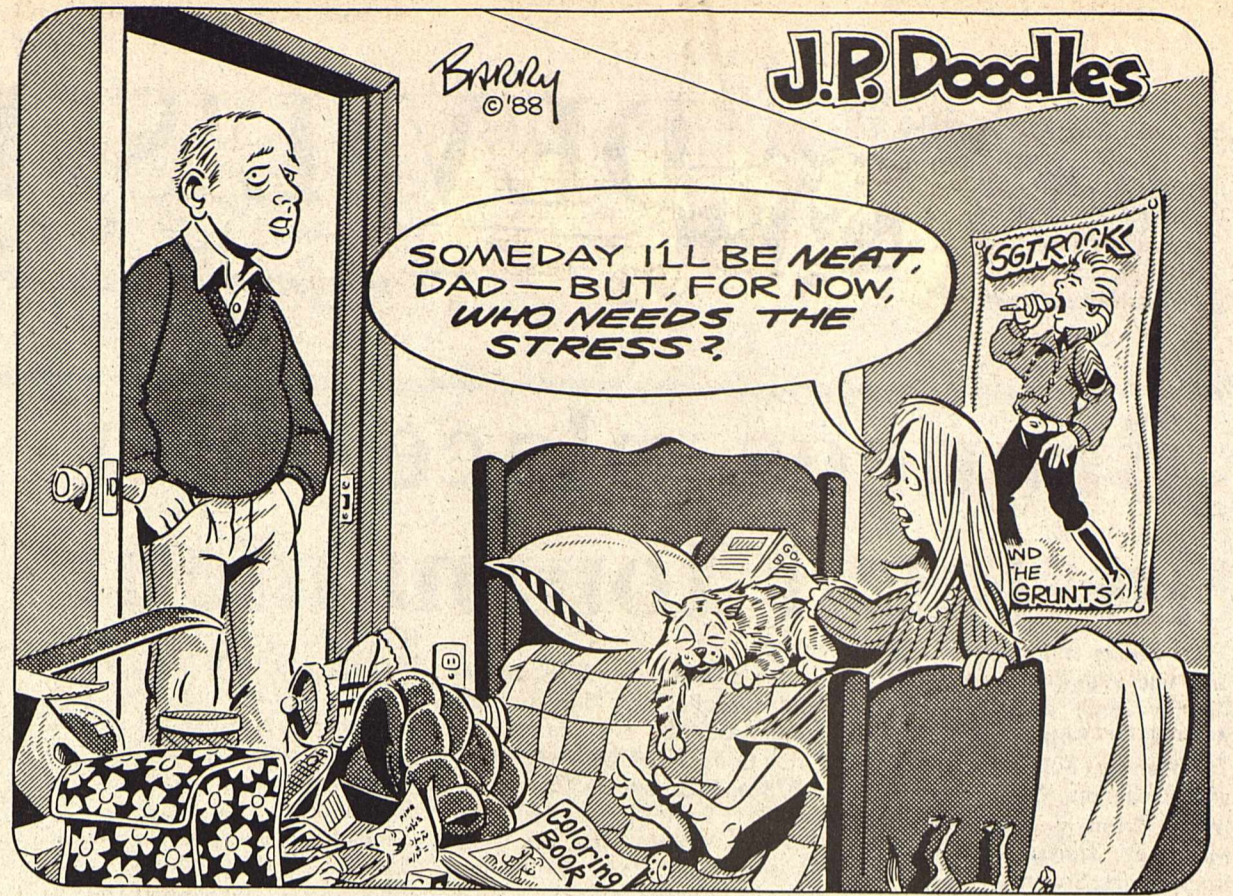
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ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

We, as a sophisticated society, seem to be under an unreasonable obsession with TV evangelists and the deity of the modern world; numbers. There is a lingering feeling that the two are connected.

The financial world virtually hangs on numbers emitted from U.S. Government offices. The balance of trade; the bond sales; consumer figures; debt, purchases, employment; durable goods inventory and orders, housing starts; the prime rate and many others. The world stock markets and currency exchanges wait for the numbers, becoming virtually inert as the numbers issuing date approaches.

The examples are the recent trade figures (exports versus imports). The Wall Street, Tokyo, London, Frankfurt and other exchanges were virtually in limbo awaiting the figures. The figures were issued and all markets went up, in a strong movement. The effects of the numbers indicate that they are regarded as the guiding light.

Apparently world wide opinion believes that figures do not lie. You and I, however, should, remembering how often the figures are altered at the later date, take them with a grain (or a five pound

Auxiliary Bridge Benefit held

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary Bridge Benefit was held Friday night, March 18th, in the First National Bank Annex. The benefit was well attended and enjoyed by all. The evening began with a light meal of finger sandwiches, vegetable tray, fruit tray, and a wonderful assortment of homemade cookies. There were approximately 45 guests.

There were nine tables of bridge and high score winners for the evening were Truba Kaplan and Metha Trainer. George and Martha Wallace won second highest.

Proceeds from the benefit will be used for improvements and equipment in the nursing home and hospital. This annual benefit is a very important one for the auxiliary and has contributed toward the purchase of a new blood gas machine for the hospital and new drapes for the nursing home lobby. Auxiliary President, Leona Bishop said, "We hope everyone will mark their calendars, now, for next year's bridge benefit".

The Sonora Colt 45's opened their season last Sunday with an exhibition baseball tournament. There were teams from San Angelo, Junction, Eldorado and Sonora. San Angelo Astros and Colt 45's played the championship game. The Astros won the game 7 to 6, it was a great championship game for this early in the season.

The Colt 45's would like to give their thanks and appreciation to Food Center for donating the tournament trophies.

The Colt 45's will host Zaragosa Coah. Mexico, with a double-hitter exhibition game Sunday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Park Field #3.

League play begins April 10, 1988.

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Public Records

Editors note: The Public Record will be a regular feature of the Devil's River News and will appear each month.

In the case of County or District Court, charges will not be published until the final disposition of the case has been determined.

Information appearing in this column is gathered by the Devil's River News staff from the public records at the County Clerk's office and records will run without omissions.

MARRIAGES
Juan Jose Domingues-Elvia Monica Garza 2-12-88
Velton Houston Taylor-Synmantha Annette White 3-5-88

DISTRICT COURT
January 21, 1988
The First National Bank of Sonora, Tx. vs. Oliver Norris McCarty, Jr.-Motion to Dismiss.
January 22, 1988
The State of Texas vs. Ernest O. Borrego-Motion amending probation.
January 27, 1988
In the Matter of the Marriage of Diana Lowder vs. Daryl Lowder, Jr.-Order.
February 2, 1988
The State of Texas vs. Ernest O. Borrego-Motion amending probation.
February 3, 1988
The First National Bank of Sonora, Texas vs. Oliver Norris McCarty, Jr.-Order to dismiss.
February 16, 1988
General Electric Credit Corporation, Successor in Interest to Ft. Wayne Mortgage Company vs. Juan F. and Beatrice Barron-Motion to dismiss.
February 22, 1988
General Electric Credit Corporation, Successor in Interest to Ft. Wayne Mortgage Company vs. Juan F. and Beatrice Barron-Motion to dismiss.
February 22, 1988
The State of Texas vs. Jesse Gregory Alviar-DWI, 30 days in Sutton County Jail with credit for time served.

Thank you!

Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary members say "Thank You" to all who attended the Bridge Benefit and helped make it a success.

To those unable to attend but who made donations, we appreciate your wonderful support.

We want to express our heart-felt thanks to the people of Sutton County who contributed time and money to my campaign for State Representative.

Also, we would like to give special recognition and thanks to John Tedford who has for so many years dedicated himself to the Republican Party. Without John's help and expertise it would have been impossible to run a campaign of this magnitude.

Sincerely,
Mark and Kathy Shurley

Taxpayers' information pamphlet available from local appraisal office

Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser for the Sutton County Appraisal District, offers area taxpayers a pamphlet called "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" to help them save on their property taxes.

Published in both English and Spanish by the State Property Tax Board in Austin, the pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas operates and offers suggestions for possible tax savings. Friess noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as water districts and hospital districts).

Homeowners may qualify for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads, Friess said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet list and explains each exemption and how to apply for them.

For example, all school districts homeowners are eligible for a \$5,000 general residence homestead exemption. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 and older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homesteads.

"A school tax freeze, or ceiling, on the residence homestead is a benefit for a homeowner who was 65 or older on January 1 of this year, Friess said.

"In other words, the homeowner's school taxes cannot increase above the amount assessed in the year the homeowner first receives the over 65 homestead exemption. This tax ceiling stays in effect as long as the elder taxpayer owns the homestead and doesn't make an improvement or addition to the house, such as a pool or patio," Friess continued.

New legislation provides an additional tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over-65 homeowner is at least 55 at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can retain the tax ceiling. Before this new legislation took effect, the younger surviving spouse would have lost the tax ceiling.

The chief appraiser pointed out, though, that over-65 homeowners do not need to re-apply for the exemption this year if they received

the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Only those who became 65 during 1987 and those who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling must apply in 1988.

Homeowners are also eligible for a \$3,000 general homestead exemption from the county on the tax which the county levies for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

The pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans.

Productivity valuation is another type of tax relief available to owners of agricultural land. It is available in two forms, generally referred to by its location in the Texas Constitution: "1-d" or agricultural-use valuation and "1-d-1" or open-space land valuation.

Landowners who wish their land to receive 1-d valuation must apply each year. A signed, sworn application must be filed with the chief appraiser by May 2. However owners of land receiving 1-d-1 valuation do not need to re-apply, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so.

Because the qualifications are less restrictive, many landowners choose to apply for 1-d-1. However, if the land's use is changed to a non-agricultural one, the period for recapturing lost taxes is longer than for 1-d valuation.

"Appraisal district personnel can offer more information about special land valuation, tax rendition and exemptions," Friess said. The information is also found in the Remedies pamphlet.

She said the pamphlet also contains information about preparing and presenting an appeal to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is an appointed body which examines appraisal records and hears appeals to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Another section deals with the procedures voters must follow to petition for an election to limit the amount of tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"I urge all property owners in the Sutton County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and avail themselves of all possible property tax relief," Friess said. "Remember, all applications must be filed with the appraisal office by May 2."

FINANCIAL FOCUS

by Mike Smith

Alternate minimum tax and cost basis

Entire books have been dedicated to the Tax Reform of 1986 and what it means to us as taxpayers. Unfortunately, this information often makes for dry but necessary reading. Anyone who invests in the stock market, whether it be in mutual funds, individual securities or other products, should take the time to learn about the new tax laws.

A significant feature of the '86 Tax Reform was to strengthen the alternate minimum tax (AMT). This tax is designed to reduce the number of tax shelters that can be used by high-income taxpayers. Because AMT is so complicated, it should be computed only by a tax professional, but basically here's how it works. Tax preference items are added to the taxpayer's regular taxable income to obtain a new taxable income figure. This figure is then multiplied by the AMT rate, 21 percent, and the taxpayer pays the larger of the alternate minimum tax or the regular income tax.

Tax preference items include interest from some private activities bonds, certain types of depreciation, intangible drilling costs, certain stock options, most itemized deductions and a list of others. A tax preparer will have the complete list. On a more positive note, however anyone whose AMT income is less than \$150,000 does merit a \$40,000 exclusion of preference items.

More taxpayers than ever will

need to calculate AMT this tax season, so if there's any doubt whether or not you should calculate AMT, don't guess; seek the advice of a professional.

Another area that has been affected by the 1986 Tax Reform is cost basis. Although cost basis may confuse some taxpayers, the confusion can be lessened by simply substituting the phrase "cost for tax purposes" for "cost basis." In other words, cost basis is simply the cost you must claim on an individual security or mutual fund when paying income taxes. Of course, you must calculate the cost basis of all individual securities and mutual funds when they are sold.

If a security has been required through inheritance, the cost basis will be the value of the security listed on the estate tax return. If no estate return was filed, you should use the market value of the security on the date of death of the person from whom you inherited the security. Along those same lines, any security received as a gift generally maintains the same cost basis as it held for the donor.

If the same security, for example, AT&T stock, is purchased on different days, the taxpayer has several options. If clients hold the securities themselves and can identify the cost of each certificate, they may choose the cost basis of the security by carefully selecting which certificate to sell. This method is called specific

identification.

If the security is held by a brokerage house, clients may still use the specific identification method by specifying to the broker which security to sell, either by cost or purchase date. This order must then be confirmed by the firm, using the special instructions on the confirmation. If clients don't specify which security to sell, the first security purchased is sold. This is called first in first out.

Unfortunately, mutual fund owners who do not take possession of their shares are unable to use specific identification because mutual fund companies do not usually confirm specific shares delivered on the sale. That leaves two options for mutual fund owners to determine cost basis—first in first out or average cost.

To compute the cost basis of mutual funds, investors need to know how much cash they've invested in the mutual fund and the

value of any dividends reinvested. This information is provided in the clients' year-end mutual fund statement for each year he or she owns the mutual fund.

The 1986 Tax Reform has resulted in a myriad of tax law changes. Even the simplest of these changes can be confusing when trying to figure your income tax. If you have any questions, seek the help of a professional.

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New Arrivals

Warren Andrew Wallace

Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, Warren Andrew, born on March 15.

Warren weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces at birth and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace of Sonora. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Warren will be welcomed home by his older brother, Wilson.

Cody Duane Shurley

Drake and Rhonda Shurley are proud to announce the arrival of their son Cody Duane Shurley, born March 9, 1988 at 4:42 p.m. in Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 1/2 oz and measured 19 3/4 in length.

Paternal grandparents are Mark

and Kathy Shurley of Sonora. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Brown of Uvalde.

Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Grelle of La Pryor and Jackie Thomas of Austin.

Great-great grandmother Geraldine Leggett of Austin.

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Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.

Before retiring from your job, it is advisable to stay home for a week and watch the daytime television shows.

The sense of humor is the oil to life's engine.

Your thoughts are your very own-spoken words are not; so think all you speak, but do not speak all you think.

A flatterer tells exactly what you really think.

Highway wrongs lead to terminal rites.

How is it possible to relax if you've never been able to lax in the first place?

A prophet is a fellow whose advice goes in one year and out the other.

There is a noble forgetfulness--that which does not remember injuries.

Courtship is what makes a man spoon, marriage is what makes him forkover.

Learning to control ones own sharp tongue is the placid test.

Some people are so addicted to exaggeration they can't tell the truth without lying.

The time we kill often sends its ghost back to haunt us.

Middle-age: When the products you bought with a life-time guarantee begin to wear out.

You can buy education but wisdom is a gift from God.

Take care what you say. You don't have to explain what you don't say.

There are really not enough

crutches in the world for all the lame excuses.

Many people aim to do right but are just poor shots.

Time does not heal. It just stitches a thin covering over the wound and it keeps on aching.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

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BRONCO TAILS

News from Sonora High School
by Heather Bunkley

Sonora High School students did very well at the District Literary and Science Competition this past week. The meet was held in Abilene at Hardin Simmons University and due to the results, Sonora is in second place in our district going into one-act play competition. Results from last week are as follows: **Ready Writing**-Rodney Haltom 1st place; **Number Sense**-Cynthia Kepler 1st place; Jesse Lynch 2nd place; **Calculator**-Cynthia Kepler 1st place; 4th Anna Balch; 5th Catherine Kepler; **Science**-Jesse Lynch 3rd overall and 1st in chemistry; **CX Debate**-Michael

Todd/Liza Allen 1st place; Heather Bunkley/Mark Rogers 2nd place; Joe Lind/Chris James 4th place; **Headlines**-Rose Trevino 1st place; **Newswriting**-Rosa Trevino 3rd place; **Editorials**-Allison Schwiening 3rd place; **Prose**-Chuck Harris 4th; Jennifer Ivy 6th; **Poetry**-Kanda Kropp 5th place. Seven students from Sonora High will be competing April 23 in Odessa at regional competition.

The Bronco Tennis and Track teams did well this weekend. The tennis team hosted their annual tournament while the Bronco track team competed in Ozona.

The tennis team earned the team

trophy! In girls' doubles, Preccia Miller and Mary Ross placed first; Jennifer Ramirez and Heather Bunkley placed second; and Cindy Ramirez and Allison Schwiening placed third. Kelly Whitehead placed second in girls' singles. Wayne Tyler placed fourth in boys' singles, and Jesse Lynch and John Russell placed fourth in boys' doubles. Congratulations to all the tennis team members and good luck in Mason this weekend.

Our Bronco girls track team placed second overall and the J.V. boys won first overall in Ozona. Good luck in Iraan this week!

Congratulations to the 1988-89 Bronco Varsity Cheerleaders. Tryouts were held Monday morning. The new cheerleaders are: Tana Churchill, Kim Cooke, Amy Fields, Shanna Patton, Norma Sosa, and Kay Williams. J.V. Cheerleader tryouts will be held today.

Congratulations also to the eight students inducted into the Sonora Chapter of the National Honor Society. They are: Tammie Adams, Christi Adkins, Chacho Cahill, Todd Keller, Tracy Love, Bruce Morgan, Juan Ramirez, and Christi Spain.

Good luck to the Bronco Gold Team--they will be competing in Llano on Friday.

District 5-AAA One-Act Play competition will be held in the Sonora High School Auditorium on Saturday. We wish the best of luck to the cast and crew of "The Dancers"--the play to be performed by Sonora. The public is welcome to attend.

Freshman and Sophomores will be taking the CAT (California Achievement Tests) next Wednesday and Thursday.

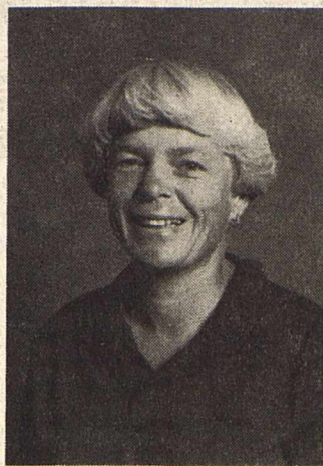
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Meet the teachers

Elementary School
(continued)



Carol Sessom

Mrs. Sessom is from Amarillo and received her Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from the University of Texas at Austin. She teaches P.E. K-2.

She has been teaching for the past seventeen years with the past four years spent in SISD.

Mrs. Sessom and her husband Don have two daughters, Tracy and Candie.

She enjoys camping, cooking, gardening, and photography.

Anita G. Spiller

Mrs. Spiller teaches Bilingual First Grade. She began teaching thirteen years ago and has been with the SISD for ten years.

Originally from Pecos, Mrs. Spiller attended Sul Ross University, Texas Tech and the University of Arizona-Stamford at Guadalajara, Mexico.

She and her husband Donald have a daughter April, age fifteen and a son, Decky, age seventeen.

Mrs. Spiller enjoys painting, sewing, reading, gardening, animals and traveling.

Hardin Simmons. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education and an Elementary Education Certification.

Mrs. Barlemann and her husband, Ray, have two daughters, Janet, age 18, a freshman at Texas Tech, and Laura Lee, 14, a freshman at Sonora High School.

Her hobbies include trying to keep up with House Bill 72, sewing and cooking and she is an adult leader in 4-H.



Becky Carter

Becky Carter

Mrs. Carter has been teaching for two years and began with the SISD this year where she teaches Math and Social Studies in the Third Grade.

Her hometown is San Angelo and she attended Angelo State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education.

She is married to Doyle Carter.

Stamp collecting is her main hobby though she also enjoys collecting polished rocks, playing volleyball and softball. She also enjoys tropical fish and working with potted plants.

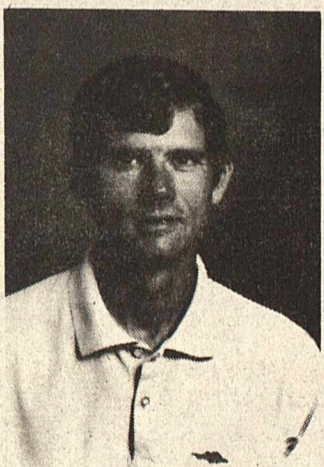
Edwina Friess

Mrs. Friess, a Fifth Grade teacher, is from Sonora.

She attended Sul Ross State where she earned a B.A. and began teaching seventeen years ago. She has taught in the SISD for thirteen years.

She has two children, Fran McLaughlin of Uvalde and Mike who attends Howard College in Big Spring.

Mrs. Friess enjoys reading, visiting with friends and family and watching her son rope.



Bill Dempsey

William (Bill) C. Dempsey, IV

Mr. Dempsey coaches in both Junior High and Intermediate level and teaches Health also.

He attended Schreiner College, Texas A&M and Sul Ross State University earning a Bachelor of Science and a Masters degree.

Originally from Marshall, he has been teaching for twelve years, nine of which have been in the SISD.

He and his wife, Claudia, have three sons, Curt, age 10, Andrew, 8, and Russell, age 6.

Mr. Dempsey enjoys camping, basketball, tennis, hunting and swimming.

Annabel Gomez

Mrs. Gomez, who teaches ESL in grade 2 through 5, began her teaching career eight years ago and has spent the past seven years in the SISD.

She attended Texas A&I in Kingsville, her hometown, and earned a degree in Elementary Education with a specialization in Bilingual Education.



Annabel Gomez

Mrs. Gomez, and her husband, Robert, have one son, Robert Gabriel who is three years old.

Her hobbies include camping, fishing, sports, listening to good music and spending time with her family.



Marlene Higgins

Marlene Higgins

Mrs. Higgins, a native of Kerrville, began teaching twenty-one years ago and has taught in the SISD for the past five years.

She is a Special Education teacher working with grades 3 through 5 in math, language, writing, reading and spelling.

Mrs. Higgins attended Sul Ross State University where she received a Bachelor of Science and a Masters degree.

She enjoys working with crafts in her spare time.



Anita Lane

Anita Lane

Mrs. Lane began teaching twenty-four years ago and has worked in the SISD for the past twenty years where she teaches Fifth Grade.

She attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Texas Technological University with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

She and her husband, Joe, have two daughters, Flaire Lane Shumard and Marche Lane who are both English and Spanish teachers.

Mrs. Lane enjoys needlework, sewing, reading, cooking and both seeing and participating in theater productions.

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Louise Barlemann

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Mrs. Barlemann, a Fifth Grade teacher, began teaching seventeen years ago and has spent the past sixteen years in the SISD where she teaches Math, Spelling, Social Studies and Composition Writing.

She holds degrees from Texas Tech University and attended Tarleton State University, Texas A&M, Kansas State, ASU, and

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Jon Gutherie, from the Gutherie Institute in Austin, has conducted a series of seminars in Sonora on finding funding for special projects. DRN file photo.

(con't. from page 11) has outgrown the 4-H center and hopefully, with co-operation, we can find a larger place for the dinner next year. Pete Gildon and his wife, Irene, were honored by the Chamber with a reception/mixer held at the Sutton County Steakhouse. There was a very nice turnout to greet and welcome the Gildons to Sonora. The Sonora Merchants Association again sponsored a very successful "Shop Sonora for Christmas" promotion. Lots of tickets were given to local consumers and many prizes were awarded to the lucky ticket holders. Santa visited downtown during one of the drawings and our school children sang some of our favorite Christmas carols.

January brought the hope of grants for local organizations for Sonora. The Fundsearch Program, Inc. was established through the Chamber and the purpose of this center is to help organizations, groups, and individuals obtain money from foundations and corporations across the United States. Ruth Spaulding, Patricia Johnson, Margaret Cascadden and Diana Trainer attended intensive training sessions so they could better help those in the community seeking grants.

Micki Miller, Texas A&M Home Economist, and Diana Trainer, attended a Family Community Leadership seminar in La Grange in January. The purpose of this seminar was to help educate women in public policy decision making and now Micki and I can conduct these classes for various groups and organizations.

In January we again sponsored the Sheep Dog Trials and also donated toward the purchase of a 4-H Lamb.

In February, Diana attended a Festivals and Events Seminar at A&M in College Station. This seminar gave lots of good ideas on how to have a better festival.

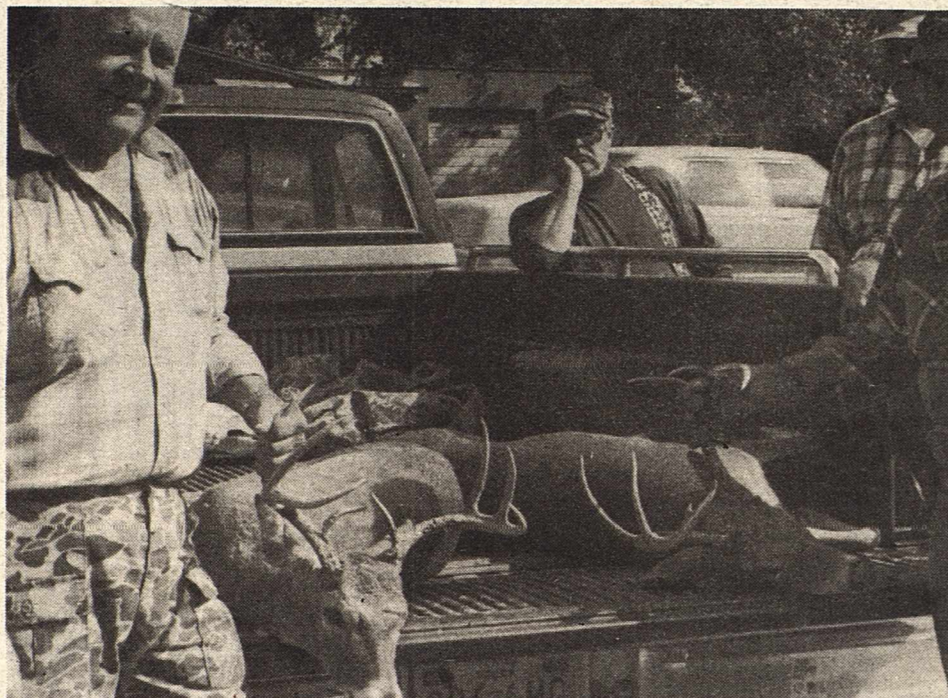
The Chamber of Commerce was present at the District Soil and Water Conservation meeting in February, to hand out information on Sonora and to greet the out of towners. Rudy's Bakery was Business of the Month in February.

March marked the first FundSearch Seminar hosted by Jon Gutherie. Clubs and organizations from Sonora and surrounding towns attended the seminar with high hopes of learning how to obtain grants for their group. Mr. Gutherie will conduct the second in the series of March 21, at the Junior High Snack Bar. Plans are also under way for the 1988 Chamber of Commerce

Banquet. Jerry Larned will be the guest speaker for the event. Also at the banquet, we will introduce the new directors and new officers for the 1988-1989 year. The Chamber of Commerce is really gearing up for tourism for the coming summer. We have lots to offer the tourist, from the Caverns of Sonora and the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater, to touring working ranches and we are doing everything possible to get this information out to the travelers.

As the fiscal year comes to an end, we see a slight decline in membership, but hopefully we can strive to increase this

membership. Correspondence has increased and there are lots and lots of visitors in the office. We send out hundreds of Hunting Guides and have promoted this industry greatly with the Hunting Shows. Visitor Information was mailed out, tourism promoted, newcomers helped to make their move easier, and economic development has been 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 community, and a great Board of Directors.



The Chamber of Commerce delighted hunters to the area such as these with the Big Buck Contest. And once again, the Chamber was responsible for displaying the signs welcoming hunters to the area. DRN file photo.

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The theme for the banquet will be sports and the theme will be carried through table decorations and banners on the walls.

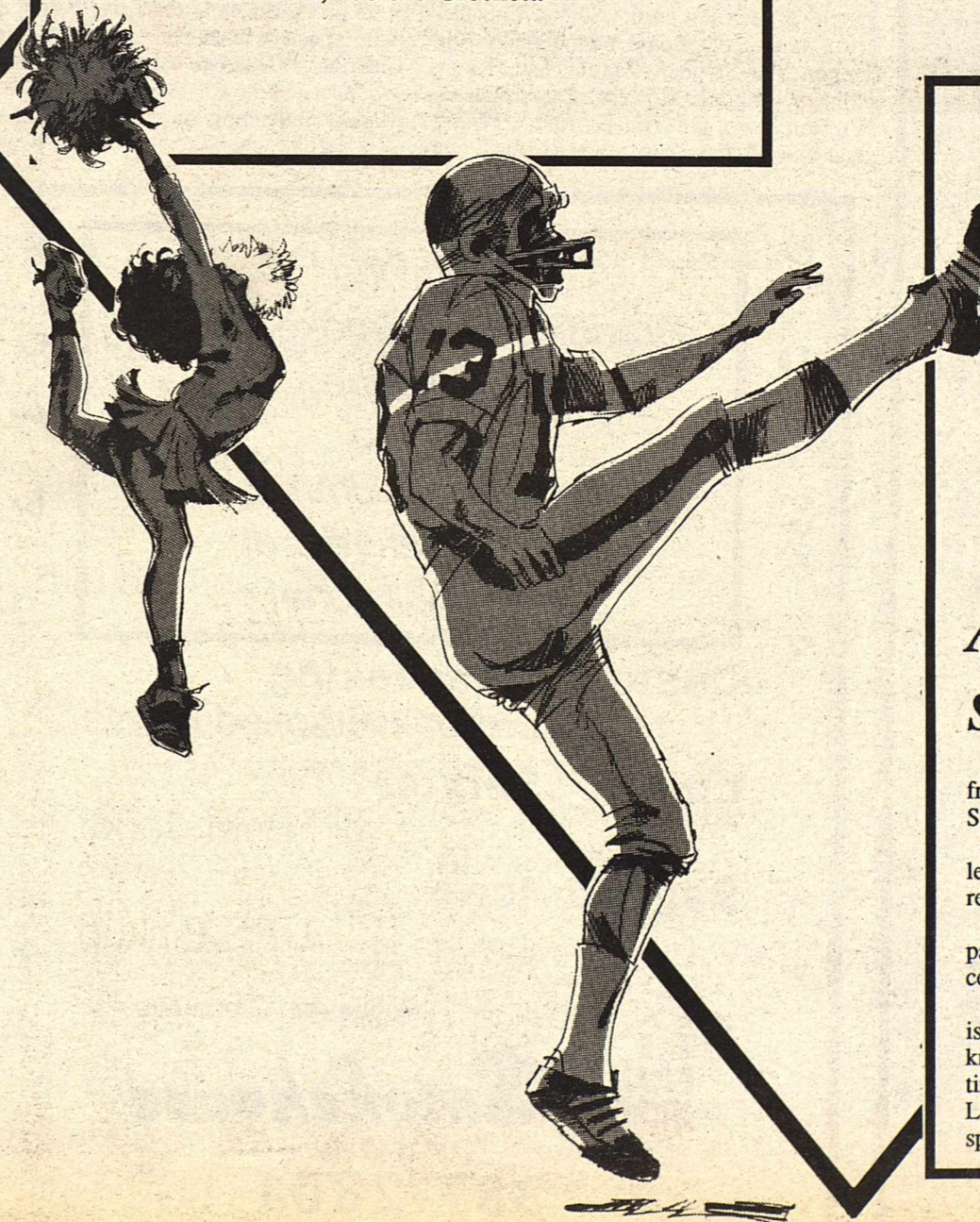
A prize will be given to the person attending the banquet dressed best to represent their favorite sport.

The meal will be catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse and the menu for the event will be:

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Chamber Salute 1988



JERRY LARNED

About the speaker . . .

Larned is a graduate of Haskell High School and earned a B.S. from North Texas State University and a Master's from Sul Ross State University.

He is a former football coach at both high school and college level where is his eighteen year career, he compiled a coaching record of 125 wins, 54 losses and eight ties.

Larned currently lives in Midland where he is President and partner of Kent Lubrication Centers which operates several lube centers in central and west Texas.

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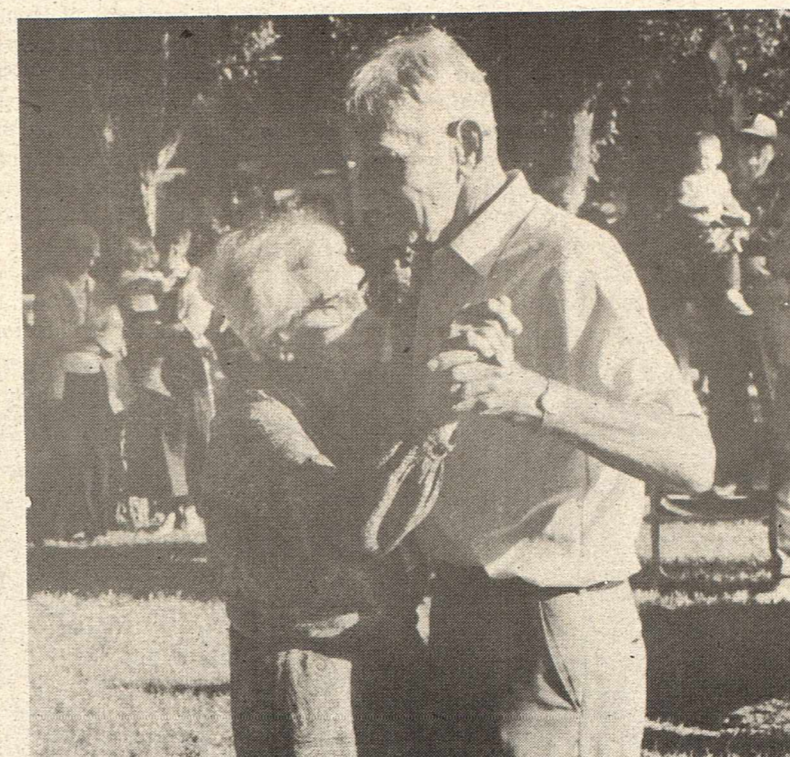
DIANA TRAINER

1987-88 Chamber year end report

by Diana Trainer

1987-88 has been a very busy and exciting year here at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Board members Jo Ann Jones, Jim Stephen, Smith Neal, Kathy Shurley, Ronnie Bowers, Earl Johnson, Preston Love, Gil Trainer, Royce Miears and Bruce Kerbow have worked hard all year

promoting Sonora and helping business strive toward economic recovery. Two major industries - hunting and tourism - were promoted more than ever before and many special events were sponsored by the Chamber. The five new directors were introduced at the Chamber Banquet held in March. Incoming directors were Kathy (con't. on page 9)



Belle and her younger brother, Charlie Crawford from Portland, Oregon, waltzed through the afternoon at her 100th Birthday Party held last October. DRN file photo.

The Chamber helped promote Belle Steen's 100th Birthday Celebration. Belle had a big parade, Bar-B-Q and special dance all held on the Courthouse lawn. We all wished her many happy returns. The San Antonio hunting show was in October and was represented by Royce and Gloria Miears, Bruce and Jessie Kerbow, Jo Ann Jones, and Gil and Diana Trainer. This was

the last show of the season before hunting began. Our Big Buck Contest really grew this past year. We gave away \$2,000 worth of prizes from local merchants and had lots of entries. November Business of the Month was First National Bank of Sonora. The Game Dinner was bigger and better than ever. This annual production (con't. on page 12)

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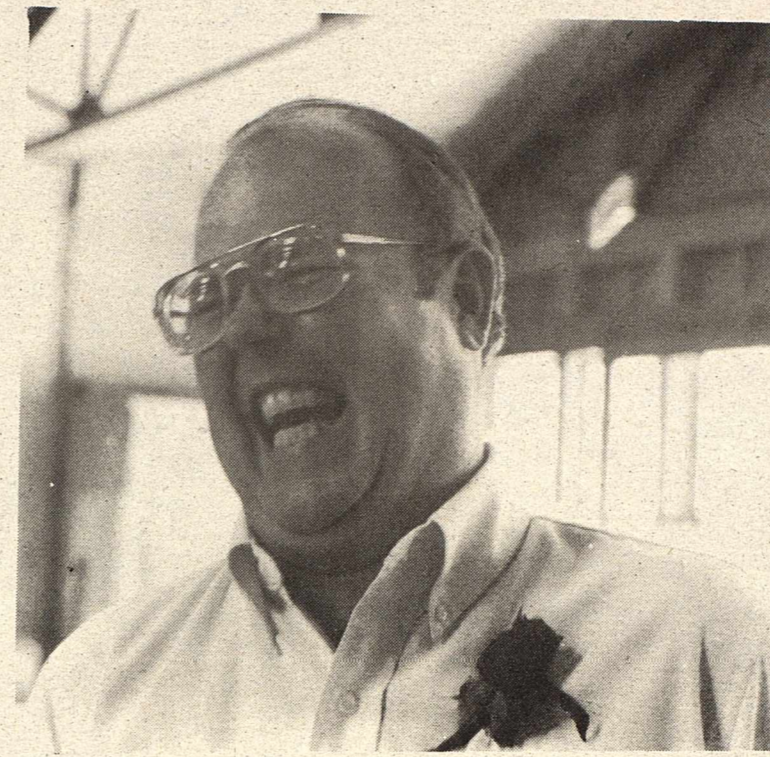


Arts and crafts booths fill a large portion of the Courthouse lawn while food booths are scattered around the area during the annual Sutton County Days celebration hosted by the Chamber. DRN file photo.

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Pollard made one of his famous redwood signs indicating that the Sonora Chamber of Commerce was represented at the shows. We showed off our new display at the hunting show in Fort Worth in September. Jo Ann Jones, Royce and Gloria Miers,

and Gil and Diana Trainer all helped hand out material at the show. Jo Ann Jones and Diana Trainer attended the Chamber of Commerce Executives Association of West Texas Conference in Abilene, and picked up some good information on a productive and effective Chamber of Commerce.



Ronnie Cox

Ronnie moved to Sonora thirteen years ago from San Angelo and began working as a pharmacist at Westerman Drug. Several years ago he purchased the business as well as the Westerman Drug in Ozona.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Ronnie is also a member of the Lions Club and serves as President of the Sonora Merchants Association. He spends

his spare time with his family.

Ronnie is married to Alice who teaches Remedial Reading at Sonora Junior High School. They have two children, Carrie, age 18 and Joel, age 12.

He is interested in the promotion of Sonora and the assets that are already available in Sutton County.

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It is with regret that we say Farewell to out-going members: Jim Stephen, Smith Neal, Jo Ann Jones Earl Johnson and Bruce Kerbow.

It is with pride that we say Welcome to new members: Ronnie Cox, Kathy Davis, Michael Hale Eddie Sawyer and Michael Smith.

We also welcome Seco Mayfield, appointed to fill the vacancy created by Kathy Shurley's resignation.

Carry-over Board members are: Ronnie Bowers, Royce Miers, Preston Love and Gil Trainer

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Kathy Davis

Kathy, the manager of Spain's Department Store, has lived in Sonora for eighteen years. She is married to Matt Davis, a Service Representative for Lone Star Gas, and has two children Christi, age 16 and Wade, age 12. She is a 4-H Club Adult Leader, UYF sponsor, a member of the 4-H and Youth Advisory Committee, a member of the

Sonora Merchants Association and a member of First United Methodist Church. Kathy enjoys golf, reading, snow skiing and attending activities in which her children are involved. She believes the Chamber should be involved in promoting Sonora and encouraging shopping at home or at least giving the Sonora merchants a chance first.

(con't from page 2)

Shurley, Royce Miears, Ronnie Bowers, Preston Love and Gil Trainer. Jo Ann Jones was elected to head the Board, with Bruce Kerbow as Vice-President and Jim Stephen, Treasurer.

Bruce and Jessie Kerbow, Dede Doran, and Royce Miears attended the hunting show in Dallas. This was the first show that the Chamber attended completely on its own. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Sheep Dog Trials and also helped purchase a 4-H lamb at the Sutton County 4-H Livestock Show. The February Business of the Month was Teaff Oil Co.

We sponsored a dinner for the Southwest Travel Council meeting held in Corpus Christi. Dede Doran, Diana Trainer and Gil Trainer attended this three day meeting. The March Business of the Month was Zola's. The Chamber of Commerce has given financial assistance to help with the restoration of the Depot. Patricia Johnson has kept the Chamber updated on the progress of the restoration and exactly where the money was spent. The Chamber hosted an informal get-together in April at the Sutton County Steakhouse. The purpose of this was to get Chamber members together for suggestions on Chamber improvement. The April Business of the Month was the Pizzeria.

The Chamber endorsed the Outdoor Drama Group's Covered Wagon Dinner Theater and helped with some of the expenses incurred during its first year. The production was quite successful and is continuing for the summer of 1988.

Thanks to the hard work of Carol



Joe Lane spoke with knowledge and confidence as he told of Will Carver during a performance last year. DRN file photo.



Tammy Bowman sang her heart out for the audience as she performed for the "Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" last season. Bowman is slated to appear again this year. DRN file photo.

Sessoms, the Tennis Tournament was a huge success. We donated white caps to each participant in the tournament. The May Business of the Month was Live Oak '66.

A second get-together was hosted by the Chamber in May. There was a much larger attendance at this mixer and it was decided that we should have several more during the year.

The Caverns of Sonora and the Chamber

tried co-op advertising billboards in several areas of Texas. Hopefully, this joint effort will bring more tourists to our area and thus benefit us all. Sonora Wool & Mohair was the June Business of the Month.

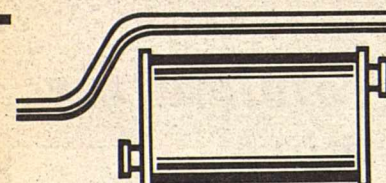
Dede Doran resigned her position as manager of the Chamber of Commerce in July and was replaced by Diana Trainer.

August in Sonora means Sutton County Days and last years can be considered the biggest success ever. The Bar-B-Q was very

good thanks to the committee hosted by Jim Stephen and the rodeo, dance, and courthouse lawn were filled to capacity. A pie eating contest and watermelon eating contest were added to the games this year, much to the delight of quite a few youngsters. Also, in August, Gil and Diana Trainer and Royce and Gloria Miears attended the Hunting Extravaganza in Houston to try to promote hunting for Sonora ranchers. The August business of the month was Country Fried Chicken & Fish.

School days brought the first annual Sonora Homecoming Celebration. We had a very nice attendance and hope that the event will grow and grow over the years. The 2nd Homecoming is set for October 14, 1988. Joseph and Mabel Vanderstucken were honored for their many, many contributions to this community. The special day included a dinner on the Courthouse Lawn and speakers and presentations honoring the couple. September Business of the Month was Spain's Department store. Diana Trainer attended the Second Annual Travel Summit in Arlington in September. This summit put the Chamber in contact with many tourism oriented magazines across the United States. Royce Miears, Gil Trainer and Bruce Kerbow "designed" a new booth for the Chamber of Commerce to take to the hunting shows. The booth is very attractive and is certainly a nice display of the fine hunting that Sonora has to offer. Don Jones took some beautiful photographs for the display and Lonnie

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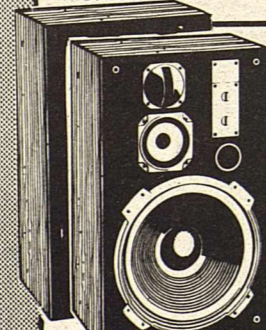


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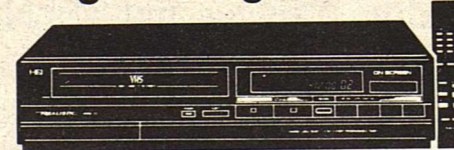
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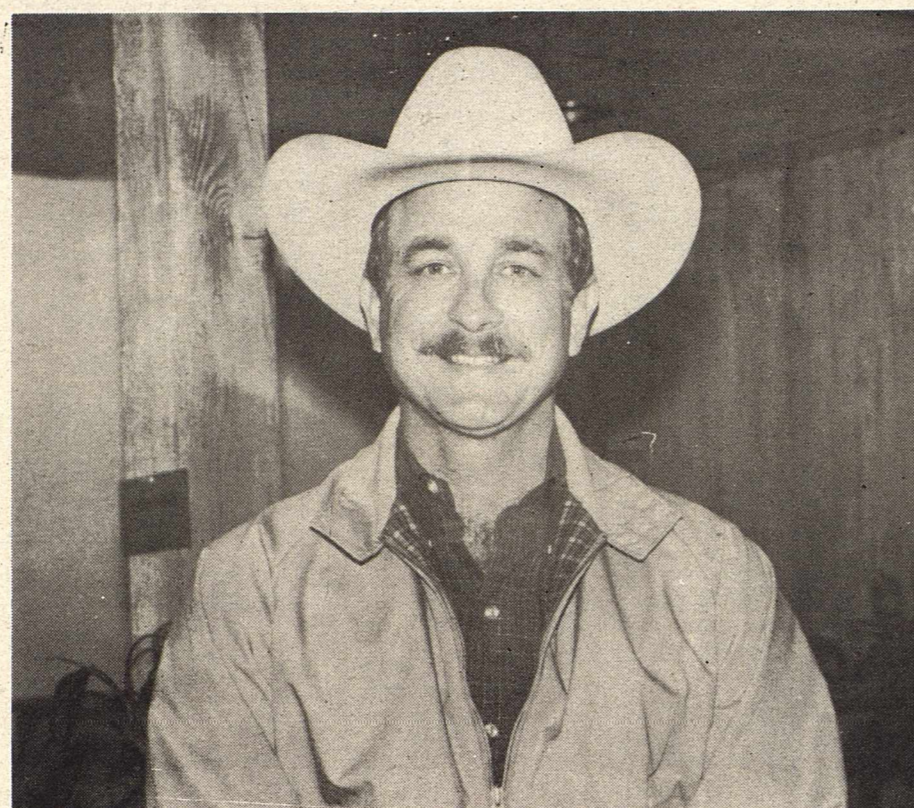
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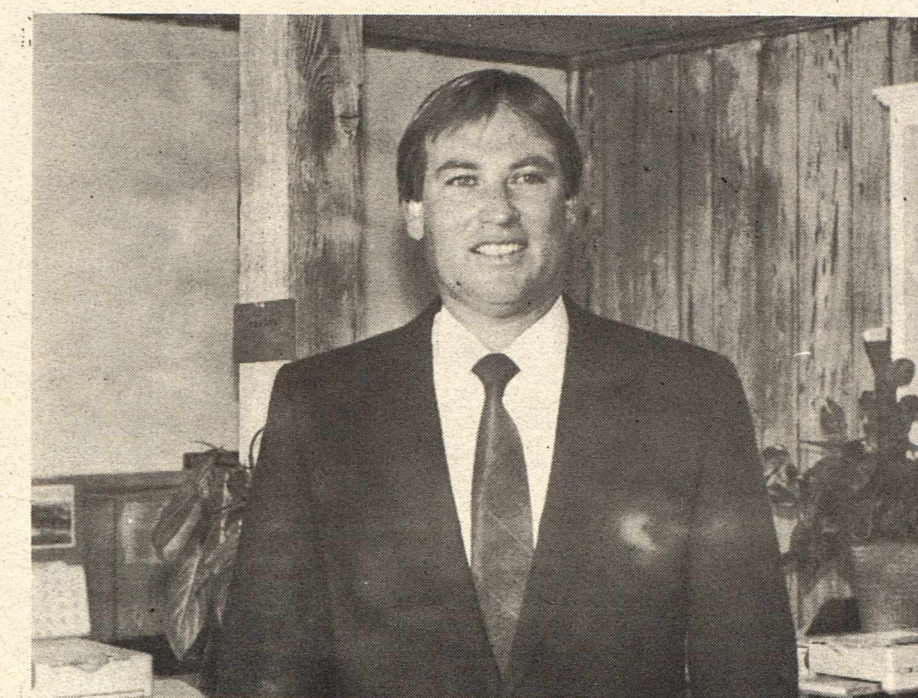
Michael Smith

Mike, an Investment Representative for Edward D. Jones and Co., has lived in Sonora for four and a half years moving here from Colorado City.

A member of the Lutheran Church, he served as Past President of the Chamber Board of Directors and is a member of the Lions Club.

Mike and his wife, Martha, a teacher in SISD, have two children, Matthew, age 13 and Hadley, age 10. Mikes spare time is spent "carrying kids to their various activities."

He believes the Chamber should do whatever possible to help the business community.



Michael Hale

Mike has resided in Sonora for the past thirteen years after moving here from San Angelo. He is employed by First National Bank of Sonora.

He is a past Chamber Director and was secretary in 1978; a member of the Lions Club; past President of the Sonora Jaycees; served as President of the Golf Club in 1985; a past Director of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board, served on the Resource Sharing Committee with the Texas Bankers Association; and is the Director of the Sutton County 4-H

Planning Committee. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Rita, a teacher at Sonora High School, have two children, Davis, age 10 and Lora, age 9.

Mike enjoys golf, fishing and reading.

He believes the Chamber should be involved in the continued promotion of Sonora and Sutton County, should try to attract small businesses to stimulate the economy and support the Hunting Extravaganza.

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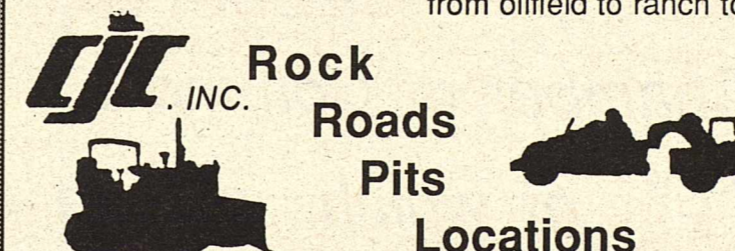
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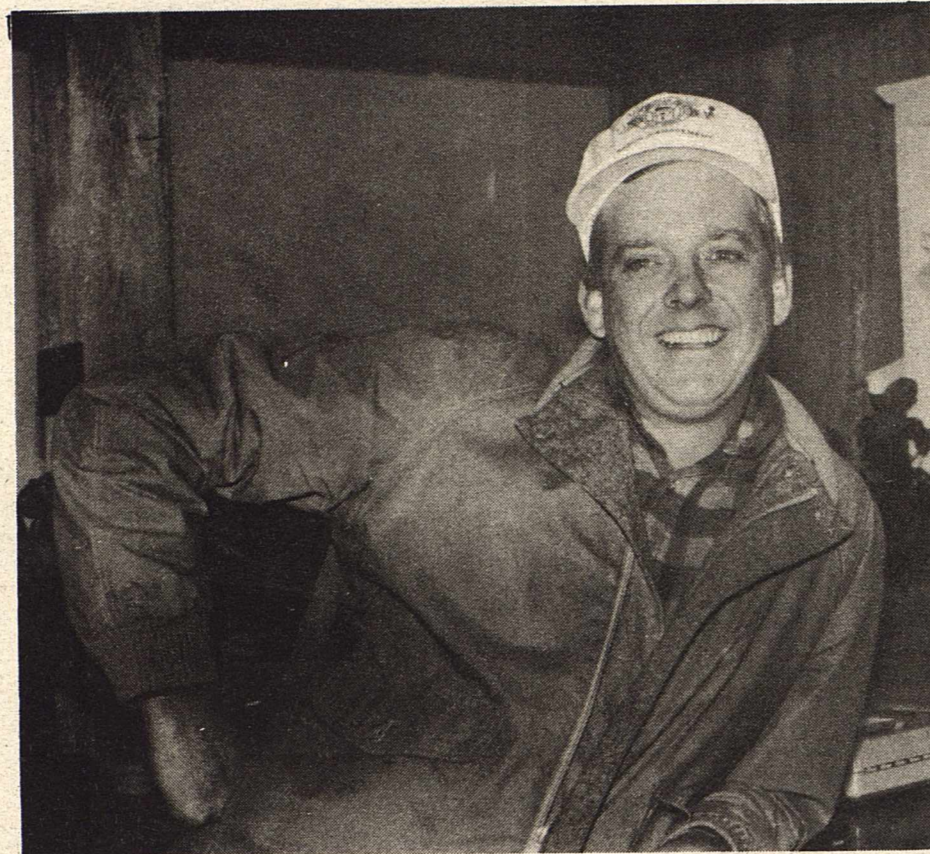
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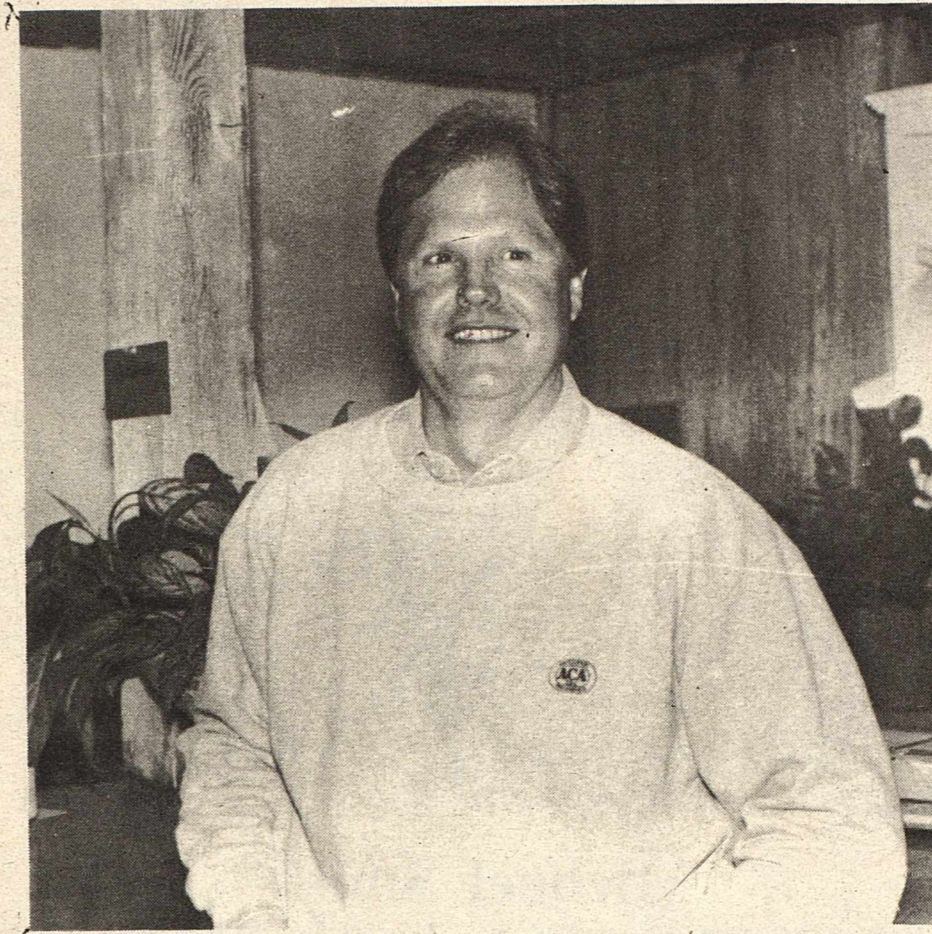
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Stanley Mayfield, II

Seco, a rancher, was born and raised in Sonora. He serves on the Edwards County Appraisal District and is a member of the Episcopal Church. His special interests include the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Stockpens Association, Sonora Wool and Mohair and the Caverns of Sonora. Seco is married to Carol Ann and has three children, Angela, age 6, Cara, age 7 and Ed, age 5. Seco supports the Chambers involvement in promoting tourism.



Eddie Sawyer

Eddie was born in San Angelo but has lived here all his life. He resides on the family ranch about ten miles south of Sonora where he continues the family ranching tradition. A member of First United Methodist Church, Eddie is single and enjoys spending time with members of his family.

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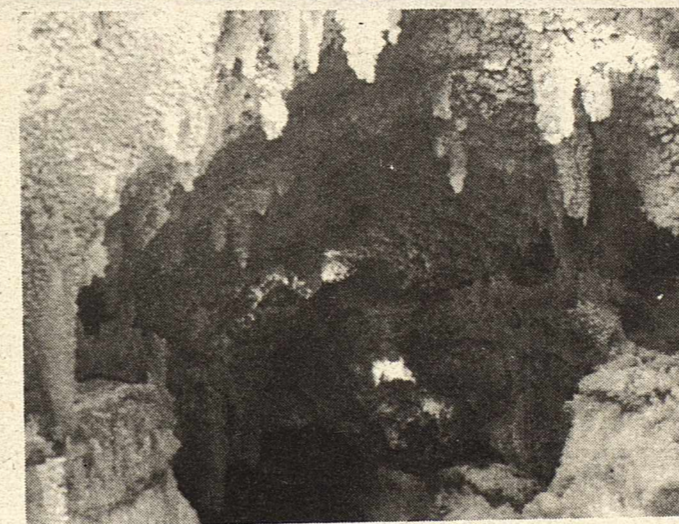
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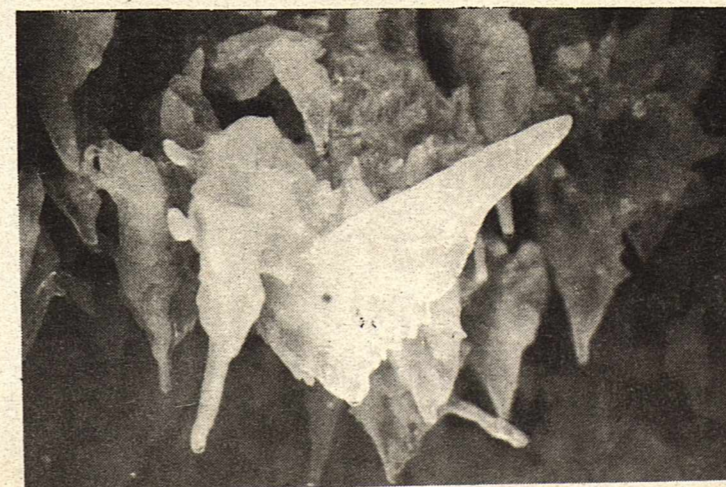


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