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Entrants in the 4-H Fashion Show are (left to right) April Spiller, Laura Lee Barlemann, Tammy Fisher, Julie Jones, Dede Moore, Beverly Cooper, Lora Hale, Shawna Faris and Heather Floyd.

The sewing abilities shown by these girls is amazing and their creations were beautiful as well as practical. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

## Mardi Gras theme for show

Fashion Mardi Gras was the theme for the June 18, 1988 4-H Fashion Show held in the Junior High Snack Bar.

The Fashion Show contestants in the Pre-Junior (third grade-10 years old) were Heather Floyd in Sleepwear and Speciality Wear; Shawna Faris in Casual Sportswear; and Lora Hale in Daytime Non-Tailored. Each contestant won a blue ribbon for first place in their division. These three girls will represent this group at District. A 4-Her has to be nine years old by January 1, 1988 to qualify for District competition.

The contestants in the Junior Division (11-13 years old) were Beverly Cooper in Speciality Wear;

Dede Moore in Casual Sportswear; Julie Jones in Daytime Non-Tailored; and Tammy Fisher in Dressy Attire. These four girls won first place in their division and will represent Sutton County at District.

The contestants in the Senior Division (ages 14-19) were Laura Lee Barlemann in Non-Tailored Daytime and April Spiller in Speciality Wear. They will represent Sutton County at District July 30 in San Antonio.

The 4-H clothing program is designed to provide opportunities for youth to:

- Build self-confidence and poise by making the most of their personal appearance.
- Develop skills in wardrobe

planning.

- Develop skills in purchasing clothing and accessories.
- Properly store and care for clothing.
- Make clothing and accessories for themselves and others.
- Understand fibers, yarns and processes for making fabric.

The 4-Hers are taught by volunteer leaders. Lolabeth Jones was the chairman of the Clothing Project Group. Other leaders included Teen Leaders Laura Lee Barlemann and Julie Jones and Adult Leaders Susan Floyd, Rita Hale, Sandra Cooper, Francis Moore, Linda Fisher, Anita Spiller, and Louise Barlemann.

## Bunkley recipient of \$10,000 scholarship

Heather Bunkley, daughter of Iris and Nick Garza, was one of ten 4-H members recently honored at State 4-H Roundup in College Station with the top 4-H Foundation Scholarship available. The \$10,000 scholarship was awarded by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition to a 4-H member with plans to major in some field of agriculture at a Texas college or university.

Heather graduated with honors as the valedictorian of the 1988 class of Sonora High School. She had a

very distinguished career in 4-H club work winning numerous honors and awards.

County Extension Agent Preston Faris stated that Heather was one of the most dynamic young leaders with which he has ever worked and truly deserving of this recognition.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Foundation presented over \$650,000 worth of scholarships to deserving 4-H club members at the 1988 State 4-H Roundup.



HEATHER BUNKLEY

## Soldiers to perform this weekend

The Living History Units from Fort Concho will be performing on both Friday and Saturday at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater on the grounds of the Caverns of Sonora.

Forty-five men are enrolled in the three companies which strive for authenticity in uniforms, equipage, and on-field operations. Nearly all the participants are volunteers.

The Fort Concho Infantry and

Cavalry units and the Buffalo Soldiers tell the story of the military frontier. The Buffalo Soldiers, organized in 1987, recreate Company "A" of the 10th Cavalry, one of the two all-black cavalry regiments that protected the Southwest and Great Plains in the 19th century.

The units will be performing field drills as well as telling their stories. They will also show and

explain all of the equipment used by the early soldiers and will be happy to answer questions regarding life on the frontier.

The evenings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Cowboy Hootenanny, followed by dinner catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse and the show. Show tickets are \$4 for adults with children six and under free. Dinners are priced at \$3.75 and \$5.50.

## Test results show students above the national norm

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session on June 14.

At the request of the superintendent, the order of the agenda was altered to allow Mrs. Jeryl Fields, district counselor, to report on the district-wide testing program for the 1988-89 school year.

The counselor's well-prepared presentation revealed that students in Sonora were accelerating their mastery of reading and math as reflected in the state-mandated Texas TEAMS test administered in the spring and fall to 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th graders.

The California Achievement Test, (CAT), results showed grades K through 10 to be above the national norm in math and total language battery, with reading the weakest area.

Mrs. Fields concluded her presentation with information relating to the G.E.D. testing program. She said that the fee is now \$20 for the test, with an additional \$5 for the state certificate. The new regulation will

require a 250 word essay, and the time limit for the G.E.D. limit has been extended to 7 hours and 35 minutes. Since the essay portion of the test must be scored in Austin, the results of the test will not be known for almost two weeks.

President Samaniego thanked Mrs. Fields for her informative presentation, and said the Board would take under advisement whether or not to adjust the test fee upward.

Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser for the Sutton County Tax Appraisal District, reported that school tax collections stood at 96 per cent of the 1987 levy. She concluded with information about pending litigation--collection of a large delinquent tax account from the 1985 levy has been delayed further by the defendant's motion for a new trial.

A public hearing on the use of federal Chapter I and II funds for the 1988-89 fiscal year was declared open by the president, who asked for any comments on the subject. There were none. The public hearing was then declared closed.

Superintendent James Bible advised the Board that Sonora had applied to be a pilot district for the mandated-expansion of the Public Employees Information Management System, (PEIMS), beginning in the fall with the addition of data on the students for inclusion into the system. He said that the selected pilot district would be funded for the extra expense involved by the Texas Education Agency adding that we stood a good chance to be selected because of the quality of our computer program already in place.

Mr. Bible then reported on the asbestos abatement program. A recent visual inspection by Nathan Kiser of Kiser Engineering revealed that the ceiling in the living room of the old homemaking department in the junior high gym was of blown-on asbestos-containing material, and would have to be removed and replaced immediately. The cost was estimated at around \$2,000. Mr. Kiser was quoted as saying that the school and the City of Sonora were among the best kept he had seen.

The superintendent then requested permission to change the date of the July Board meeting from Tuesday, July 12, to Thursday, July 14. Permission was granted.

A list of needed maintenance and repair items for the summer was reviewed, with repair to the flooring in certain areas of the second floor of the old rock building granted top priority. Permission was given to have the formica countertops at 99 and 103 Brookside replaced at a cost of \$672 and \$693, respectively.

Mr. Bible continued with the news that the two out-of-service buses had been sold at the Abilene bus auction for \$2,500.

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## Briefly

### Installation of Officers

Dee Ora Lodge # 715 announces that Masonic District #55 is having Open Installation of Officers for the coming year on Monday, July 11, 1988. The Most Worshipful Graham H. Childress, Grand Master of Masons in Texas will be the installing officer. L.P. Bloodworth will be the Master of Ceremonies and Bailey Rogers will be the Installing Marshall.

The festivities will begin at 6:30 pm at the Ozona Civic Center, corner of 1st and Ave. F. A catered meal will be provided by the lodges of District #55, including Ozona, Sonora, Eldorado, Big Lake and Midkiff. Mr. Chris D. Perner of N.A.S.A. will be the guest speaker with a talk on the U.S. Space Program. Installation of officers will begin about 8 pm.

All mason, their wives and guests are invited. Reservations are required for the caterer. Please make them by mail to Pete Anderson, P.O. Box 289, Sonora, Texas 76950 or call 387-5436 after 6 pm.

### S.S. Representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his July visit for the 21st between 9 and 10:30 am at the County Courthouse.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

### Feed program approved

Sutton County was approved for the Emergency Feed Program on June 1, 1988.

Producers feeding more than normal because of the drought should come by the ASCS Office and fill out an application. You will be assisted with your feed bills, 50% of the actual cost not to exceed five cents per pound.

Any feed that you purchase after your application is filed, or any feed purchased since April 1, 1988 that you have on hand, will be eligible for cost share assistance if you are approved.

### Thee Youth Committee

For the very first time, First Baptist Church is going to have Thee Youth Committee.

What is Thee Youth Committee? It's five days of food, fellowship, fun and Bible Study. These activities will begin Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 6:30 till 9 pm each evening. The unit of study will be on the subject of prayer.

Thee Youth Committee is for all youth in the community that are junior high or high school age.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this first time ever opportunity.

### Wheels needed

The Outdoor Drama Group is in need of four buggy wheels or small wagon wheels in order to construct a "wagon" entrance for the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater.

If you have any wheels or have knowledge of the

whereabouts of some, please call L.P. Bloodworth at 387-2793.

### We can help

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

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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 also meets every Tuesday night.

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

### Track and Field Camp

The Texas A&M Track and Field Camp will be holding two sessions running July 3-9 and July 10-16.

For additional information contact Texas A&M Track Camp/Athletic Dept., College Station, Tx., 77843 or call (409)845-5823.

### Chamber taking reservations for booths

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for arts and crafts booths for the Sutton County Days Celebration.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office, 706 SW Crockett, or call Debbie Farrar at (915)387-2880.

### Early deadline for 4th

The deadline for the Devil's River News issue of July 6, 1988 will be 5 pm on Friday, July 1. Our office will be closed July 4 so that we may celebrate the Independence of our Nation with our families.

### Tour seminar

Marion Szurek, director of the San Angelo Convention and Visitors Bureau has announced a Motorcoach Tour Seminar to be held on July 12 at the San Angelo Convention Center from 11 am to 3 pm.

Speaker for the seminar will be Kitty Carter, President of Lone Star Travelers, Inc. of Houston.

For reservations or for more information on the seminar call Lynda or Joan at (915)653-1206 or 653-3162.

### Bookmobile schedule

The Bookmobile will be at the following locations each Tuesday:

- 12:30-1:30 at St. Ann's parking lot
- 1:30-2:30 at the Little League Field
- 2:30-3:30 across from the football field
- 3:30-4:30 on the lawn at the Nursing Home

### Goat roping July 10

There will be a goat roping in the Roping Club Arena in Marathon on July 10. Books will open at 12 noon with the roping to start at 1 pm. The fee will be 3 for \$40, progressive after the first two.

The event will also feature a match between Ed Hill, Jr. and Glenn Hutto.

For more information call (915)386-9407.



### Watch your step . . .

The walkway at the Courthouse received much needed handrails this last week. The rails will not only be beneficial for those using the steps but they are also attractive. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

## The continuing saga of contract labor liability

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: Do people whom the Texas Employment Commission has designated as employees rather than independent contractors have a claim on back overtime pay? S.F. Baytown, Texas

Commissioner

Mary Scott Nabers



Texas Business Today

DEAR S.F.: They certainly may, if they are hourly and not salaried employees. A recent Department of Labor case on this point is Brock v. Superior Care, Inc. No. 87-6195, slip op. (2nd Cir. Feb. 16, 1988). Superior Care, a temporary care nurse referral service, had employed two groups of nurses—one group it recognized as employees, the other group it treated as independent contractors. In reality there was no difference in the services performed by the two groups. All were paid hourly, all were supervised through monthly or bi-

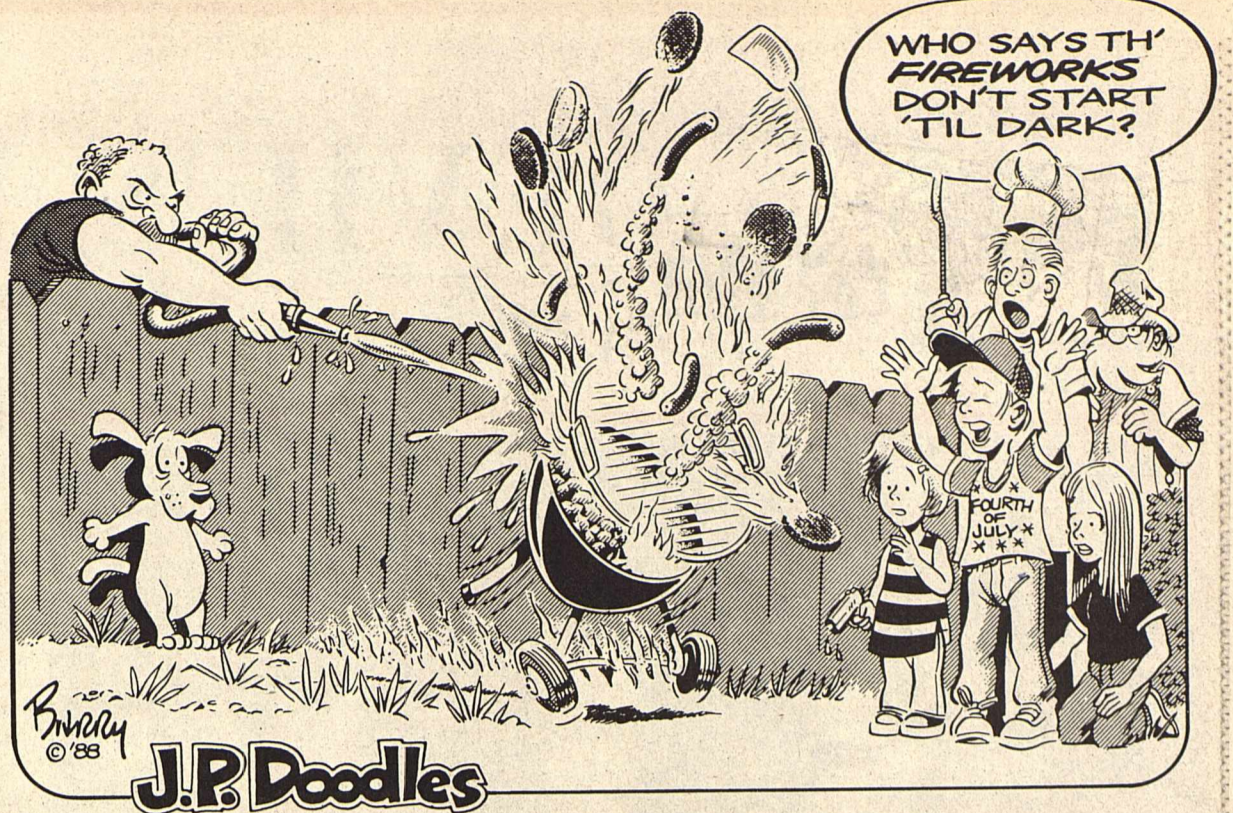
monthly on-site visits, all were required to submit patient case notes and none had an investment in the firm which offered them the opportunity for profit or loss. Those nurses the firm considered employees had not been permitted to work more than 40 hours a week. Those considered independent contractors were allowed to work in excess of 40 hours a week, but they were not paid overtime.

The Court found that the "independent contractors" were in fact Superior Care's

employees and that as such they were entitled to \$697,140.66, 3 years of back overtime pay!

Forewarned is forearmed. Incorrectly classifying individuals as independent contractors may have extremely expensive consequences for a business. The Texas Employment Commission can assess back unemployment taxes plus interest and penalties. The Department of Labor can enforce reimbursement for wage violations as it did in this case. And, of course, the Internal Revenue Service will have something to say about failure to pay proper federal taxes.

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.



## ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

## SNIPS, QUIPS, AND LIFTS

by Lottie Lee Baker

The Bible contains the vitamins for a healthy soul.

Encouragement is like premium gasoline. It helps to take the knock out of living.

Usually it is on the detours that we pick up the tacks.

Many would turn over a new leaf if they could tear out some of the old pages.

Many people are lonely because they build walls and not bridges.

Democracy, like love, can survive almost anything—except neglect and indifference.

Love is the beautiful story, marriage is the "talkie" version of it.

Love is the glue that cements

friendship; jealousy keeps it from sticking.

The meek may inherit the earth just in time to see it sold for taxes.

You know that your memory is failing when the TV shows re-runs and they seem new to you.

Many men get more fun out of grinding the ax than in burying the hatchet.

A balanced budget is when the month and the money run out together.

Music has been called medicine, and some of it is hard to take.

Nature must have a sense of humor to let spring fever and house cleaning come at the same time.

Oh, how this world needs a

computer that can figure out all the things in life that don't add up!

Between tomorrow's dream and yesterday's regret is today's opportunity.

When you come right down to it, the problem isn't alcohol—it's the people who drink it.

Have you noticed that some people have gear trouble? They talk in high and think in low.

Judge each day, not by harvest, but by the seeds you plant.

Many people believe in law and order as long as they can lay down the law and give the orders.

**ALIF FOR THE WEEK**  
Another thing that seems to improve the longer you keep it is your temper.

Ethics are defined as components of a theory or system of moral values. At its best, it is a hazy definition. When it is preceded by the adjective; Congressional, the definition becomes unfathomable. Congressional ethics, to the people ostensibly represented by Congress seem very flexible, bent at all points in favor of the legislators, and differentially enforced.

Congressmen, have been known to receive fees for touring a plant their committees were investigating (legal under their ethics). Executive branch executives must wait one year before they engage in lobbying their associates. White House aide Nofzinger was recently given a jail sentence for not waiting one year after leaving office before lobbying. A Congressman can begin lobbying as soon as he leaves office, that is differential enforcement.

Jim Wright is on the carpet about contentions that he used some of his staff to produce a book for personal gain. He also interceded on

the behalf of some of his constituents with government agencies and contractors which is looked on by constituencies as a normal duty for a representative. Without consideration for propriety or legality. Jim Wright's acts are droplets in a deluge.

The Army purchased several thousand more trucks than it requested. As they say in the movies, "it is only coincidental the trucks are manufactured in Oshkosh, Wisconsin." It is also coincidental that the chairman of the House Military Appropriations Committee represents Oshkosh. The said representative is continually making an issue of military waste, but coincidentally not a peep about the "truck" faux pas.

A Congressional practice, of questionable ethics, is the attachment of riders to essential appropriations bills. An excellent example of this practice was the Senator who did so much personal chest beating during the Iran-Contra

hearings that I was reminded of the Tarzan movies. That same man attached a rider to a national appropriations bill giving over five million dollars to support a girls school near Paris, France. He knew virtually nothing about the school. A commendable action for a self labeled patriot in times of severe deficit.

Senator Moynihan is a master at attaching a small rider to a major appropriation bill. The rider goes through because the major bill is a necessity and gets all the attention. The rider, in effect, filches several million dollars of taxpayer's money from the treasury.

The ethics of Congress are an elastic umbrella of morality that is woefully inadequate. The problem would have been narrowed by the line by line veto power, but the defeat of that (in Congress) is indication of the interest in ethics.

Who enacts laws governing legislators, and who polices the policemen as you near the top?

## Covered Wagon Review

by Charlotte Gilmore

4 down-18 to go! Another week-end of good weather, good crowds, good food, good shows. Joe Lane keeping us all on the edge of our seats as he pulled a few skeletons out of the closets with his "Wills, Indictments, Deeds and stuff like that" from Sutton County's Public Records. The Storymakers regaling us with ghost stories, legends and tall Texas Tales, and the true story of Joseph Wilbarger. Being entertained by thirteen musicians from Sonora, Ozona, and San Angelo and by Texas Pride, four barbershoppers in comic attire. "Devil's River D" missing and "The Prime Minister of Laughter" appearing instead. Erica Kerbow riding Pony Express. The "Glad you're Here Bag" going to folks from Virginia and Oregon. The peacocks are still with us and we still haven't needed our new fans. Big County Good Sams bringing twelve camping rigs to the Caverns for the week-end to see the cave and attend Dinner Theater. Other visitors from Midland, Dublin, Lubbock, Conroe, Ozona, Cross Plains, Big Lake, Sterling City, San Angelo, Eldorado, Del Rio, Austin, Abilene, Houston, and Big Springs. I'd like to share the poem L.P. Bloodworth wrote for Dinner Theater with you.

Covered Wagon Theater  
by L.P.B.  
If you need entertaining Friday or

Saturday nite

You don't like the bars, and you can't stand a fight  
Covered Wagon Theater is the place to go  
You'll have more fun than San Antonio  
Yes, the Covered Wagon Theater is a great place to be  
Just you and your Lord under a live oak tree  
Singing and dancing and a lot of good things  
Muy bien comida the Steakhouse will bring  
There'll be some tall tales about our great west  
The singing is great, you may like that best  
Grandma and Grandpa telling stories of the past  
It's so awful good, you know it can't last  
Come on out, be entertained for the nite  
You won't need the bar, you won't have to fight.

## Hospital Notes

In the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital June 10, through June 19, 1988:  
Stella Keene, Sonora  
Kendra McAnally, Sonora  
Milton Cavaness, Sonora  
Salvador Noriega, Sonora  
Rosario Fay, Sonora  
Laveda Bucher, Sonora  
Teresa Duckett, Sonora

## Annual Rocksprings 4th of July Rodeo to be held July 2-4

One of Texas premier cowboy events will take place July 2, 3 and 4 in Rocksprings when the annual Rocksprings 4th of July Rodeo is held. This years rodeo will be open to everyone!

Cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country will match their skills in bareback and saddle bronc riding, bullriding, calf roping, team roping, and barrel racing.

Books will open June 28th from NOON until 8:00 P.M. at 214-674-3645. Wing Rodeo Company is producing this years event.

Contestants will be happy to know that \$300.00 will be added to each event and Gist buckles will go

to the champions in each event.

A dance will conclude activities each night from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Jay Eric and Blieders Creek will entertain Saturday night, with the Nashville Sounds set for Sunday and Dudley Ilse and the Nueces Bank on tap Monday night.

Entry fees for the various events are \$50.00 for the bareback, saddlebronc, bullriding and barrel racing; \$55.00 for the calf roping, and \$100.00 for the team roping (enter twice).

"Everyone is invited to come to Rocksprings and enjoy the 4th of July", a spokesman said.

## Library News

Over 100 Sutton County Children have signed up for the Summer Reading program at the Library. This year a new popular feature seems to be the "Read to Me" program for children who do not read yet. Brother or Sisters, Moms and Dads may read to these children and be involved in all the fun and prizes like the older kids.

Another new attraction at the Library is the Book Mobile. Some Library staff members will be in your neighborhood every Tuesday with paperbacks for all ages, magazines, and large print magazines, plus Readers' Digest Condensed books which may be checked out for two weeks at a time. The bookmobile schedule is:

12:30 at St. Ann's Church parking lot, 1:30 Little League Park, 2:30 across from the football field, and 3:30 Nursing Home front lawn, for those of you who are unable to make it to the Library, your business will be appreciated at these times and locations.

It is not too late to sign-up for the Summer Reading Program. You may do so by coming by the Library on Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 to 5:00. Remember, Storyhour is on Fridays at 10:00 for preschool age children and MovieTime is on Wed. mornings at 10:00 for school age children.

## Deadline

for News Articles and Ads is Monday at 5pm

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### CVOG receives National Leadership Award

The Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVOG) was recently selected as the outstanding rural regional council in the United States by the National Association of Regional Councils.

The Rural Council Leadership Award is presented annually "to honor a rural regional council and its leadership who have over the years made a continuing and significant contribution to the regional council movement."

CVOG Chairman, Ross Foster, Mayor of Sterling City, accepted the engraved silver bowl commemorating the award at the National Association's Annual Conference held in Hartford, Connecticut in May.

In winning the award CVOG became the first regional council in Texas to be so honored. Previous winners were regional councils in Kentucky and Virginia.



MRS. MICHAEL JESURUN

### Wilde, Jesurun exchange vows

Elizabeth Wilde became the bride of Michael Jesurun on June 18 at the Texas Federation of Women's Club in Austin. The bride was given in marriage by her father and the wedding was officiated over by Will Davis, Jr., pastor of the Milwood Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wilde of Del Rio and the groom is the son of Mrs. Gladstone Jesurun of Brownsville.

Matron of Honor was Mrs. Deborah Baptista of Austin with Becky Woolridge of Austin, the groom's niece, serving as Bridesmaid.

The groom's brother, Robert of

Cedar Park was Best Man and James Wilde, the bride's brother of Del Rio was the Groomsman. Chad Dellis of Brownville, the groom's nephew, served as Usher.

The reception immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride, granddaughter of Mrs. Honey Anderson of Sonora, graduated from Del Rio High School and is employed as a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant.

A sales manager, the groom is a graduate of King High School in Corpus Christi.

After a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will reside in Austin.



Above are members of the Westside Lions Club including (from left to right) Rueben Meza, Harold Martinez, President, Ben Solis, Treasurer, Billy Burch, Chapo Samaniego, and Chaldo Salazar, Sr., Tail Twister. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

### Westside Lions elect new officers

The Westside Lions Club which has been in existence for the past twenty-seven years, has elected their officers for 1988. Serving as President will be Harold Martinez; Erasmo Lumberras as 1st Vice-President; Carlos Gallegos, Secretary; Ben Solis, Treasurer and Chaldo Salazar, Sr. as Tail Twister.

Projects of the Westside Lions include dances, raffles, and cook-offs the proceeds of which go into helping young and elderly with eye examinations and glasses, aid to cancer patients and disaster victims such as those in Zaragosa.

They urge anyone who has a need to contact a member of the club or one of the officers.

#### New Arrivals

### Robert David Patton

Robert David Patton made his debut on June 15, 1988 in San Angelo Community Hospital. Robert arrived weighing 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 20 and 1/4 inches long. Proud parents of the young man are David and Janet Patton.

Robert was welcomed by a host of well-wishers including sisters, Stacy and Sara and brothers, Jason and Justin. Maternal grandparents

### Badillo to report for duty in Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Sgt. Armando S. Badillo, son of Armando A. and Leonora S. Badillo of Sonora, Tx., recently reported for duty with 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He is a 1980 graduate of Sonora High School.

are Jack and Phyllis Spencer of Kerrville. Iretta Neifert of San Antonio is his maternal great-grandmother. Robert's paternal grandmother is Lola Patton of Barksdale.

We are all glad you are here, Robert.

### Homemakers Update

by Micki Miller

No matter what kind of diet you're on, there is no need to deny yourself the taste of dairy foods or the calcium and vitamins they contain.

"With the variety of dairy products now on the market, practically every special dietary need can be met," says Dr. Mary Kinney Sweeten, a nutrition specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

For people counting calories or trying to reduce their fat intake, low-fat or non-fat dairy products are the obvious answer.

Some people don't like non-fat milk, but there are plenty of other low-fat choices ranging from 1/2% to 2% milkfat that may be more acceptable in taste and yet still cut calories.

Low-fat yogurts, cheeses and ice milk will also significantly cut fat intake if eaten in place of whole milk products.

Until recently, people on low-sodium diets had to avoid cheeses

due to their salt content. However, a whole array of low-fat processed cheeses from Swiss to Monterey Jack, are now on supermarket shelves. They're also lower in fat and have about half the calories of regular cheeses.

For individuals who have trouble drinking milk because they can't digest lactose, there are several alternatives. Drinking a small amount at one time may help the problem in some cases. Most lactose intolerant people can also eat cheeses or yogurt since they contain little or no lactose.

Fortunately, low-lactose commercial milk products are also available in most supermarkets. Some are low-fat as well as low in lactose content.

People on low-cholesterol diets will, of course, need to follow their physician's instructions.

In general, however, experts with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Cholesterol Education Program advise a balanced diet with reduction of total fats, saturated fats and cholesterol.

Dairy products can fit into the recommendation to reduce cholesterol intake to below 300 milligrams a day.

### Center Menu

**Friday June 24-Turkey Ham, Candied Yams, Buttered Cabbage, Hot Rolls, Cucumbers W/Sour Cream, Apple Cobbler**

**Monday June 27-Hamburger Patty W/Cheese, French Fries, Dill Pickles-Onions, Lettuce-Tomatoes, Hamburger Bun, Mixed Fruit Cup W/Pineapple**

**Tuesday June 28-Chicken Creole, Red Beans, Buttered Squash, Corn Bread, Lime Rice Swirl**

**Wednesday June 29-Oven Baked Fish W/Tartar, Herbed Potatoes, Okra Gumbo, Hot Rolls, Melon Cup, Peanut Butter Cooky**

**Thursday June 30-Meat Loaf W/Tomatoes, Macaroni&Cheese, Buttered Broccoli, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler**

**Friday July 1-Roast Beef W/Brown Gravy, mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Hot Rolls, Creamy Coleslaw, Gingerbread W/Topping**

### For your convenience

**A Saturday Clinic**  
at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital  
with a doctor on duty

will be in operation every Saturday

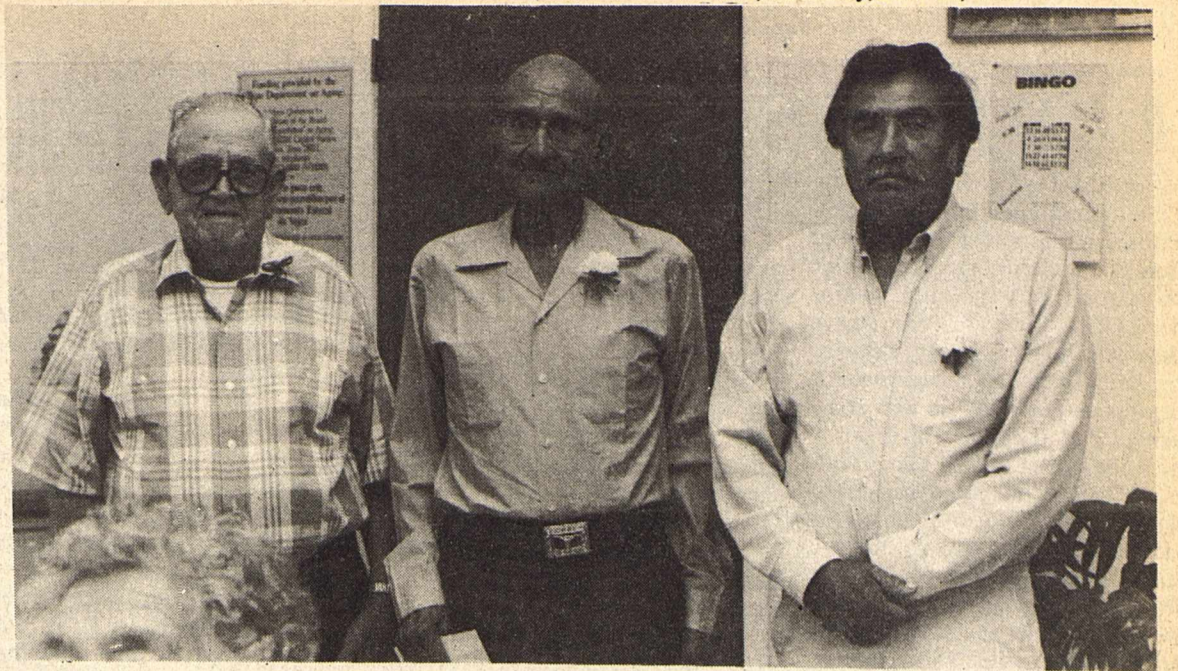
**9 am to 12 noon**

This clinic is for routine illnesses or for routine office visits which can not be taken care of during the week.

Se abrira una clinica para su conveniencia cada Sabado de 9am al doce de medio dia.  
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**L. M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital**  
Hudspeth Drive

**387-2521**



### Father's Day winners . . .

In a Father's Day program at the Senior Center this past Friday, the three gentlemen above were selected from those in attendance for special honors.

Julio Arrendondo, left, won first place as the oldest Father; Jose Flores, center, won third for having lived in Sonora the longest; and Ignacio Calderon, right won second for having the most grandchildren. Each was given a gift certificate to congratulate them. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

For example, of 450 food products containing cholesterol which were examined by the Food and Drug Administration, almost one-fourth had less than 20 milligrams of cholesterol in a serving. Among these foods were skim and low-fat milk as well as some cheeses and yogurts made from skim and low-fat milk.

### Kimble County to host first Bingo on Saturday, June 25th

On Saturday, June 25, 1988, the first Bingo game will be held at the Senior Citizen Center located at 404 College Street in Junction, Kimble County, Texas. The games will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Kimble County Senior Citizens Center assists with the Nutrition Program for the Elderly in Sutton, Menard and Kimble Counties.

The games are being sponsored by the Kimble County Senior Citizens' Building Association and will feature cash prizes as authorized by the Bingo Enabling Act.

The Bingo Enabling Act passed

by The Texas Legislature in 1981 lets cities and counties hold elections to allow Bingo games sponsored by charitable organizations which have received licenses from the state comptroller. Voters in the City of Junction gave their approval in June of 1983.

Under the terms of the act, an organization may give cash prizes not to exceed \$500.00 in one game or \$2,500 in one night.

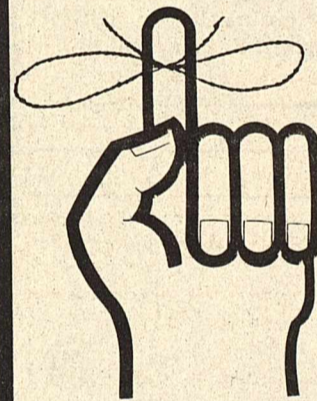
Seating at the Senior Citizens Center is limited to 200. NO ONE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE CAN BE ADMITTED TO THE GAMES.

### Hill's Gift Registry

Lora Lea Kordzik, bride-elect of Lanier Duderstadt, II  
Marche Lane, bride-elect of Wesley Pearce Milam  
Judith Law, bride-elect of Douglas McPherson

### Hill's Jewelry

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### Tedford Jewelry Bridal Gift Registry

Gail Hunnicutt, bride-elect of Carl Simmons  
Tammy Ramos, bride-elect of Eddie Favila  
Marche Lane, bride-elect of Wesley Pearce Milam  
Sharla Snider, bride-elect of Chris Jones  
Lora Lee Kordzik, bride-elect of Lanier Duderstadt, II  
Rosie Joseph, bride-elect of Keith L. Butler  
Mrs. Johnny Creek, nee Sharon Maberry  
Mrs. Clinton Franklin Mixon, nee Patsy Perez  
Mrs. Francisco Valdez, Jr., nee Theresa Ann Munoz

Downtown Sonora 387-3839

# Depression. . . help is available

A recent headline in Medical Tribune mentions a report from Yale that indicates about 5% of our population suffers from "major depression". Twice that many have definite symptoms of depression or recurring symptoms and episodes of depression that interfere with some aspect of normal living. A pompous statement like that, "interferes with some aspect of normal living", by the doctor is almost guaranteed to bring the one quick-witted response for the day from the hang-dog and sluggish face which the depressed patient usually brings to the office as he replies, "That's right, Doctor, my sex life has gone to pots".

There are types of depression which may be normal, a disappointment in life or a failing grade on a test, and there are moods that come in response to life's adversities, tragedies, and normal separations. These "depressions" pass with hours or days whereas a true depressive episode may be expected to last more than a week and include disorders of sleep, excessive fatigue, and loss of energy, mental dullness, or a feeling that no job can be finished because one crisis or another crowds in before the first can be finished. Feelings of guilt or of worthlessness and loss of interest in activities, usually pleasurable, are accompanied by the loss of pleasure and joy in doing things that usually bring happiness. Thoughts of death and suicide are symptoms of major

depression.

There has been a revelation in psychiatry since the time when I went to school and Freud was the King. Science has shown us a chemical disorder of the brain for practically every severe mental disorder. That is to say, our body chemistry may be at fault in manufacturing substances that cause emotional illness and depression. At the same time, scientists have become very clever at matching drugs that alter brain chemistry to reverse the changes that cause various mental illnesses. This sort of thing may be one of the brightest prospects for medicine for the near future.

All those silly books written by runners and marathoners who revel in the ecstasy caused by intense physical activity may be in fact advertising endorphine, a chemical released in the brain during intense physical activity that mimics strongly the euphoria of drug addiction and may be responsible for the addictive effect of exercise and for the tremendous boost in feeling that inspires those books.

Lastly, here is a list of suggestions for self help with depression:

1. Try to establish a sleep pattern as near normal as possible--avoid naps, retire and arise at the usual times, even if you are lying in bed reading or listening to music playing softly. Seek help if sleep is not possible as sleep deprivation will magnify depression each day.

2. Exercise everyday for 30 minutes strenuously or for an hour if walking, or do some such light exercise.

3. Do not stop your usual activities or avoid going to work.

4. Avoid drugs and alcohol.

5. Talk to somebody at your house about your feelings. If the depression goes for a week to ten days, seek the professional help of a clergyman, psychologist or psychiatrist, personal physician, or a counselor.

6. Call your trusted counselor or physician after hours for help if necessary--remember, on the doctor's scoreboard up yonder, a life saved from depression counts the same as a clever 12 hour surgery, the timely ministrations during a heart attack, or the blessed event of attending a birth. All in all, conquering depression is not unlike being reborn nor is the recovery any less joyfully greeted by a loving family and friends.



Pictured above are Sutton County Extension Agent Preston Faris, Norm Rousselot, owner of the Rousselot Ranch, and Donald Patton, ranch manager, who are proudly displaying the stained glass plaque presented to the Rousselot Ranch for winning the Yearling Ewe Futurity held in Del Rio. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

## Val Verde County yearling ewe futurity held

The Val Verde County Extension Sheep Committee chaired by Mr. Bill Zuberbueller recently hosted the first "Yearling Ewe Futurity" at the fairgrounds in Del Rio. Producers from Edwards, Kinney, Sutton, Val Verde and Terrell Counties participated.

The competition was judged by Dr. Carl Menzies, Mr. Clinton Hodges, and Mr. Gerald Porter. The winning entry was from the Rousselot Ranch in Sutton County. The entry consisted of 25 yearling ewes selected from the flock of range ewes by Mr. Donald

Patton, ranch manager.

Judging entries was size, body conformation, wool quality, structural correctness and style. All three judges highly praised the Rousselot entry.

The plaque was donated and made by Susan Wardlaw.

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Attending the seminar were, left to right, Herman E. Moore of Sonora, Sutton County Precinct 1, Place 1, and Christine N. Davee of Ozona, Crockett County Precinct 1, Place 1.

## Texas Justice Court Seminar

A total of 98 justices of the peace attended a 20-hour seminar May 24-27 in San Angelo conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminars are held in compliance with Article 5972, Section B of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes.

Topics covered included a review

of new legislation impacting the justice court system passed by the 70th Legislature, Civil Law, Code of Judicial Conduct, Criminal Trial Procedure, Forcible Entry and Detainer and Lease Agreement Laws, Contracts and Torts, Justice Court vs. Small Claim Court Jurisdiction, Regulatory Law Review, Inquests, Autopsies and a review of the Penal Code.

## 1988 Fort Stockton Water Carnival to be held on July 14-16

The 1988 Production of the Fort Stockton Water Carnival, scheduled Thursday, July 14, Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, presents "Once Upon A Time". A fairytale, fantasy, set in medieval times, with over 20 dance and synchronized-swimming acts. Performance time will begin at 8:30 P.M. all three

nights, at the Comanche Springs Swimming Pool in Fort Stockton, Texas.

For reservations and other information, contact: Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Drawer C, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735, (915) 336-2264.

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# Church Directory

<p>Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm</p>	<p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Worship Service-10 am Communion first Sunday of each month</p>	<p>Somebody Cares Center Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour-9:30 am Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 am Morning Service-10:45 am L.I.F.E. (youth)-3 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7 pm</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11 am Church Training-6 pm Evening Worship-7 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm</p>
<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11 am Training Union-5 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2 pm Between Santa Clara &amp; Chestnut</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler-Pastor Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KVRN 98 AM-11 am UMYF-6 pm Chancel Choir-7 pm</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8 pm Charles Huffman, Pastor</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Lawrence D'Mello Saturday Night Mass 7 pm English Sunday Mass 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass-7 pm</p>
<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentacostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School-10 am Worship-11 am Evening Worship-7:30 pm Wednesday Services-7:30 pm</p>	<p>Live Oak Baptist Church Sunday School-10 am Sunday Worship-11 am Evening-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 814 St. Anns 387-3857 387-5223 English Meetings Public Talk Sunday-1pm Watchtower Study Sunday-1:55 pm Theocratic School Wednesday-7:30 p Service Meeting Wednesday-8:15 pm Bible Study Monday-7:30 pm</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8&amp;11 am Sunday School-9:45 am Holy Eucharist w/Parayers for Healing, 1,3, &amp; 5 Wed., 7 pm Daily Morning Prayer-8:45 am Monday-Friday The Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector</p>

The following businesses urge you to attend the church of your choice

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## STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

GTE Southwest Incorporated, in accordance with the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates in Texas, effective July 6, 1988. This proceeding has been previously docketed by the Commission as Docket No. 5610.

The proposed changes in rates will affect approximately 970,500 of the Company's Texas customers who represent all classes of customers subscribing to the Company's local exchange and foreign exchange services within the State of Texas, as well as all entities subscribing to the Company's billing and collection services within the state. The proposed changes in rates are designed to increase the Company's intrastate revenues by \$81,407,000, or approximately 11.8 percent annually.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223, (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

A complete set of revised rate schedules has been filed with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for public inspection in each of the Company's Business Offices in the State of Texas. A summary of the Company's rate filing has also been sent to the Mayor's office of each affected Municipality.

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## St. John's foundation developed

St. John's Hospital & Health Center has announced the development of St. John's Foundation.

St. John's Foundation, established April 23, 1988, will provide a convenient vehicle through which individuals, foundations, estates, corporations, and any other organization can invest in the future of quality health care by contributing to its mission and good works.

The initial Board Members and original incorporators of the organization are P. Denny Oreb, Bobbie Gosnell, and Albert Fuentes. The Board of Trustees members include: Dick Burnett, Don W. Griffis, J. Willis Johnson, Lou Kordek, R.B. Lange, Sherry Micher, Sister Brigid Mollaghan, C.C.V.I., Tom Parrett, Clark Pfluger, Joanne Powell, Richard Salmon, Richard C. Stoebner, M.D., Phillip Templeton, Eva Tucker, and T.K. Weatherby, M.D. all of San Angelo and John Nikolauk of Eldorado.

St. John's Foundation president, Don Giffis stated, "The Foundation will create an opportunity for endowment funds to be received, interest from these gifts will

provide for new programs, new equipment, and expansion and otherwise help the Hospital change with the community needs."

The St. John's Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization. The purpose being the support of St. John's Hospital & Health Center and the mission of the congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in Tom Green County. St. John's Hospital, founded in 1910, developed a "mission of caring" by providing quality health care to the people of San Angelo and the Concho Valley.

President-elect, Clark Pfluger was quoted as saying "I am delighted to participate on St. John's Foundation Board of Trustees. It feel this will be an opportunity for San Angelo and the surrounding areas to receive improved health care with benefits of St. John's Foundation."

Joanne Powell, Secretary, commented "St. John's Hospital has a mission to provide the Concho Valley with exceptional health care, including an expertly-trained staff and the best in technology. Most importantly, care for the sick that is delivered with hope, love and sincere concern for all patients. The St. John's Foundation was formed to help the hospital attain these important goals." Other officers include R.B. Lange as the Treasurer of the Foundation.

The St. John's Foundation has a goal of 20 million dollars by the year 2000. The Foundation office will be located in St. John's Hospital & Health Center, 2018 Pulliam. For information, contact Bobbie Gosnell at 655-3181 ext. 5113.

## Historic fort's story comes alive again

Out of the pages of Southwest Texas history comes all the adventure and romance of Brackettville's 136-year old Fort Clark frontier cavalry post in the community's live stage production, "The Glory Road", with performances on June 24th, 25th, and July 1st, 1988, at 8:30 p.m.

Scripted by noted playwright Kermit Hunter, "The Glory Road" presents the unique living story of the fort and the adjacent town of Brackettville from their origins near Las Moras Spring in 1852, through the World War II era. Colorful characters of soldiers and their families, Indians, ranchers, and townspeople will relate the exciting tale with dialogue, music and dancing, costumes and special effects, in the natural outdoor setting of Fort Clark's Old Quarry Amphitheater.

The members of the large cast of "The Glory Road" are all drawn from the local Fort Clark-Brackettville community, representing a link of continuity in the area's absorbing and entertaining story which dramatically unfolds before the audience.

Advance ticket information and other details about "The Glory Road" may be obtained by telephoning (512) 563-9529, or writing the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts, P.O. Box 813, Brackettville, Tx. 78832. Tickets will also be sold at the gate for each performance at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Concession refreshments will also be available at each performance.

## Local results of fifty-first annual Wool Show and Judging

Sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce, the Fifty-First Annual Wool and Mohair Show and the Twenty-Eighth National 4-H Wool Judging Contest was held June 14-16.

Winners of the Wool Judging was the team of Candi Saathoff, Shannon Cowsert, Tim Wells, and Toby Sandidge of Bandera County.

Second place went to the team from Albany County, Wyoming; third place was won by the team from Chaves County, New Mexico; and fourth place was won by the team from Runnels County.

Local standings in the Wool and Mohair Show are as follows:

### Junior Division

#### Finewool Single Fleeces

Class 2-Aged Ewe  
Second place-Brian Faris  
Class 4-Aged Ram  
Third place-Renfro Bros.

#### Registered Rambouillet

Class 5-Yearling Ewe  
First and second place-Brian Faris.  
Class 6-Aged Ewe  
First and second place-Brian Faris.  
Class 8-Aged Ram  
Second and third place-Shawna and Brandon Faris; fourth place-Renfro Bros.

Champion Registered Wool Fleece and Grand Champion Wool Fleece-Brian Faris.

#### Mohair Single Fleece

Class 18-Adult Doe  
Fifth place-Russell Chalk  
Class 19-Yearling Doe  
First place-Russell Chalk; fourth place-Farah Gee

Class 20-Kid Doe  
Fourth place-April Spiller; sixth place-T.J. Thorp

Class 21-Adult Buck  
First and second place-Renfro Bros.

Class 22-Yearling Buck  
Second place-Brian Faris; fourth and fifth place-Russell Chalk.

Class 25-Yearling Doe  
Seventh place-Shane Keller  
Class 27-Adult Buck  
First and second place-Brian Faris; fourth place-Brandon Faris.

Class 28-Yearling Buck  
First place-Shane Keller

#### Bags of Wool

Class 31-Best Put Up Bag  
First place-Brian Faris  
Class 33-Aged Ewe  
First place-Brian Faris; third place-Wallace Children; sixth place-Brandon and Shawna Faris.

Class 34-8 mos. Any Age  
First place-Wallace Children  
Grand Champion Bag of Wool-Brian Faris.

#### Open Division

#### Finewool Single Fleeces

Class A-1-Yearling Ewe  
Third place-Earwood Ranch; fourth place-Charles Shannon

Class A-2-Aged Ewe  
Second place-Ashley Brockman; fifth place-Charles Shannon; sixth place-Ashley Brockman; seventh place-Landon Brockman.

Class A-3-Yearling Ram  
First place-Kathleen Moore; second place-Bill and Katy Karnes; third place-Kathleen Moore; fourth place-Hensel Matthews.

Class A-4-Aged Ram  
Second place-Kathleen Moore; third place-Landon Brockman; sixth place-Bill Karnes.

#### Registered Rambouillet

Class A-6-Aged Ewe  
Second place-Bill and Katy Karnes.  
Class A-8-Aged Ram  
Third and fourth place-Bill and Katy Karnes.

#### Mohair Single Fleeces

Class A-18-Adult Doe  
First place-Patti Strauch  
Class A-19-Yearling Doe  
Second place-Joe David Ross  
Class A-21-Adult Buck  
First place-Joe David Ross; second place-Bill and Katy Karnes.

Class A-31-Best Put up Bag  
Second and third place-Earwood Ranch.

Class A-32-Yearling Ewe  
First place-Earwood Ranch; second place-Bill and Katy Karnes.  
Class A-33-Aged Ewe  
Sixth place-Earwood Ranch.  
Grand Champion Bag of Wool-Earwood Ranch.

#### Junior Division Judging Livestock

High Novice Individuals  
Second place-Davis Hale  
High Junior Individuals  
Fourth place-Brian Faris; fifth place-Bobby Mogford.

High Senior Individuals  
First place-Todd Keller.  
High Novice Teams  
Second place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Davis Hale, Walker Wallace, David Fisher, Callie Moore, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

High Junior Teams  
Third place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Brain Faris, Bobby Mogford, Wade Spain, Cody Renfro, alt. Coach-Preston Faris

High Senior Teams  
Second place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Todd Keller, Christi Spain, Tracy Love, Brandy Wallace, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

#### Range

High Novice Individuals  
Second place-Jason Morley; third place-Walker Wallace.  
High Junior Individuals  
Third place-Shane Keller; fourth place-Brian Faris.

High Senior Individuals  
Third place-Tracy Love.  
High Novice Teams  
First place-Sutton County 4-H team consisting of Jason Morley, Walker Wallace, Davis Hale, Justin Morley, alt. Coaches-Tom Payton and Leo Merrill.

High Junior Teams  
First place-Sutton County 4-H team consisting of Shane Keller, Brian Faris, Matthew Smith, Tracy Crite, alt. Coaches-Tom Payton and Leo Merrill.

High Senior Teams  
Third place-Sutton County 4-H team consisting of Tracy Love, Todd Keller, Chacho Cahill, Brandy Wallace, alt. Coaches-Tom Payton and Leo Merrill.

#### Wool

High Novice Individuals  
First place-Jason Morley, second place-Hadley Smith, third place-David Fisher.

High Junior Individuals  
Second place-Brian Faris  
High Senior Individuals  
First place-Christi Spain  
High Novice Teams

First place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Jason Morley, Hadley Smith, David Fisher, John Jones, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

High Junior Teams  
First place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Brain Faris, Shane Keller, Bobby Mogford, Wade Spain, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

High Senior Teams  
First place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Christi Spain, Tracy Love, Todd Keller, Brandy Wallace, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

#### Mohair

High Novice Individuals  
Second place-Davis Hale.  
High Junior Individuals  
Second place-Amy Patton; third place-Brian Faris; fourth place-Tammy Fisher.

High Novice Teams  
Second place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Davis Hale, David Fisher, John Jones, Shawna Faris, Coach-Preston Faris.

High Junior Teams  
First place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Amy Patton, Brain Faris, Tammy Fisher, Shane Keller, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

High Senior Teams  
Third place-Sutton Co. 4-H team consisting of Todd Keller, Christi Spain, Tracy Loye, Brandy Wallace, alt. Coach-Preston Faris.

Over-All High Novice Individuals  
Second place-Davis Hale; third place-Jason Morley; fourth place-David Fisher; fifth place-Walker Wallace.

Over-All High Junior Individuals  
Second place-Brian Faris; third place-Shane Keller.

Over-All High Senior Individuals  
Second place-Tracy Love.  
Sweepstakes Awards  
Second place-Sutton Co. 4-H.



Observers and entrants from across the nation browse through the displays at Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse during the Wool Show. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



Wool Show and National Judging winners from the Sutton County 4-H club proudly show-off their ribbons and plaques won during the fifty-first Wool Show this past week. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.

### AT&T ANNOUNCES UPCOMING PRICE CHANGES FOR SOME TEXAS INTRASTATE SERVICES

AT&T announces the following price changes for some of its Texas intrastate services. These changes, which more closely reflect the actual costs incurred by AT&T in providing these services, will become effective on August 1, 1988.

- SDN (Software Defined Network) Schedule A prices will be reduced 1.5% during the initial 30-second period. Schedule B prices will be reduced 16.4% overall. Schedule C prices will be reduced 4.2% overall.

- WATS 80 service prices for both the initial 80-hour usage period and the additional usage period will increase 5%.

- The monthly prices for some of AT&T's Analog Channel Services will increase between \$7.05 and \$25 per channel termination for Analog services.

- The monthly prices for some Dataphone Digital Service (DDS) will decrease up to \$9.65. Other DDS monthly prices will increase up to \$18.35. Overall, AT&T's DDS monthly prices will increase less than 1%.

The combined effect of these price changes is expected to produce approximately \$3.4 million in annual revenue, which is approximately 0.3% of AT&T's annual revenue for all Texas intrastate services.

If you have questions regarding these price changes, please call your AT&T Account Executive, or our business consultants toll-free at 1-800-222-0400. AT&T's tariffs reflecting these changes will be filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on July 1, 1988, with an effective date of August 1, 1988.

Persons who have questions regarding this tariff filing may also contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas in writing, at 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or by calling the Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 for teletypewriter for the deaf.

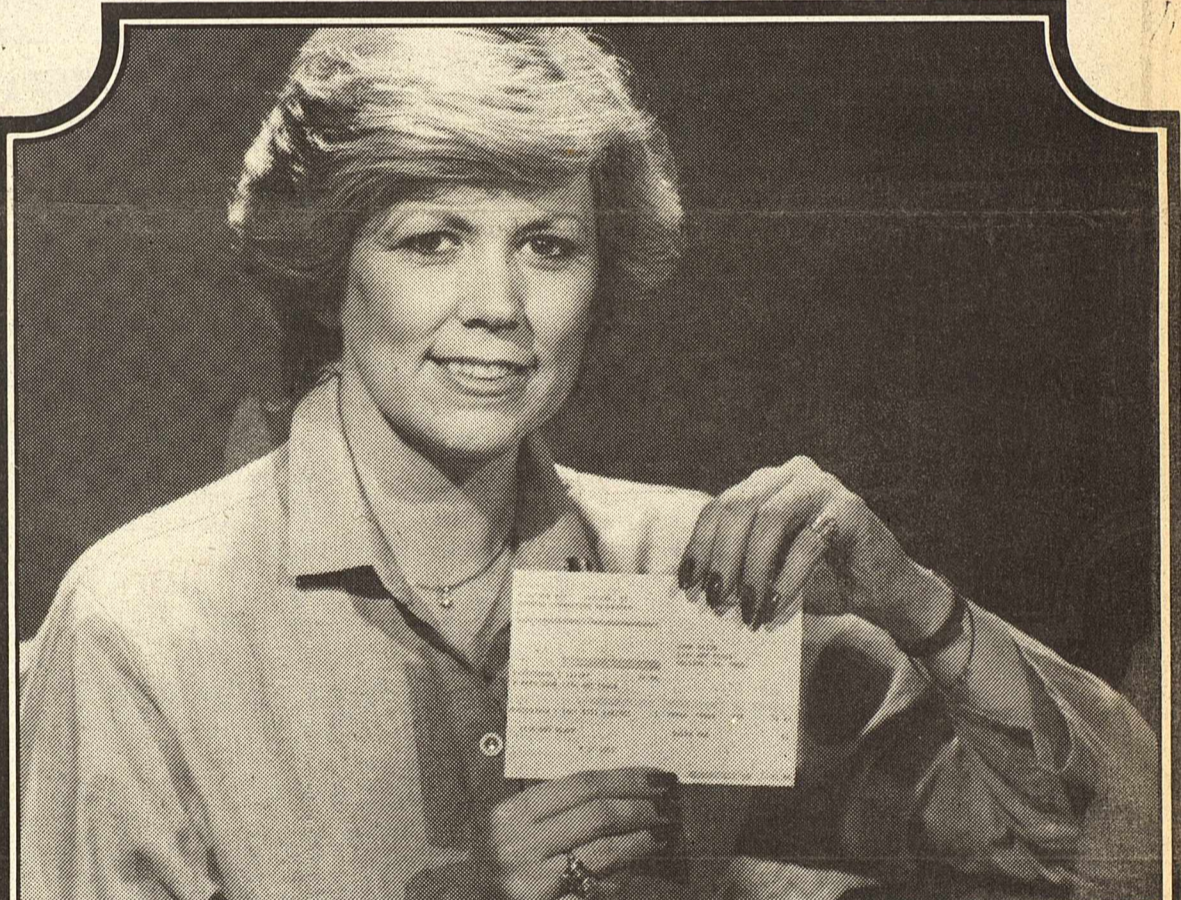


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# TEAMS test results exceptional

Students in the Sonora school system exhibited exceptional mastery of math, reading and writing on the state-mandated TEAMS test given during the fall of 1987 and the spring of 1988.

According to figures released by the school district recently, the official math wizards of the district are the students who were in the 5th grade at Sonora Intermediate School. One hundred per cent of the 5th grade mastered the math portion of the test. Both the 7th and 9th graders showed a 98 per cent mastery in this area.

In each of the six grades tested, more than 90 per cent of the students demonstrated mastery of

reading skills, with the front-runners those in the 3rd and the 11th grades with 96 per cent.

The third area tested, writing skills, also reflected Sonora's dedicated teaching staff, with all but two of the classes showing mastery by more than 90 per cent of the students tested.

Overall, the vast majority of students tested for the first time on the TEAMS passed with flying colors.

The California Achievement Test

is given to all students in grades Kindergarten through 10. Those results showed Sonora students to score well above the national norm in total battery scores.

According to Superintendent James Bible, the test results area clear indication of the high quality of the staff--and of the students--that is traditional in Sonora. He added that on-going improvement in test scores, especially the TEAMS, is a primary goal of the Board, administration, and the teaching staff.

## Sutton County approved for the Emergency Feed Program

June 1, 1988 Sutton County was approved for the Emergency Feed Program. This program is to assist producers that are having to feed more than normal because of the dry conditions.

The amount of assistance will be 50 percent of the cost of feed purchased, not to exceed 5 cents per pound. The amount of assistance depends on how much feed you will need over and above what you have left from past year production and how much feed loss will have occurred from the time of your

application until conditions improve.

Any feed that you purchase AFTER YOUR APPLICATION IS FILED, or any feed you have purchased since April 1, 1988, that you have on hand WHEN YOUR APPLICATION IS SIGNED will be eligible for cost-share if your application is approved.

When you came in to file an application, we will need: Livestock Head Count, Feed on Hand, Amount and Date of Purchase, Feed bills signed by the Supplier.

1988 Wool and Mohair Support Prices

USDA announced the support prices for Wool and Mohair marketing will be \$1.78 per pound for shorn wool and \$4.69 per pound for Mohair.

EFP Participants Eligible for Graze ACR

Producers that have applied for and are clearly eligible for assistance under the Emergency Feed Program are authorized to graze, BUT NOT HAY, their ACR and CU acres for payment.

This office will be closed Monday, July 4th, in observation of Independence Day.

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### Computer Concepts

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Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4

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## Test results . . .

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A request by Angie Bounds of Eldorado to use the tennis courts for private lessons beginning July 1 was granted with the stipulation that the district tennis coach had no objection. However, Ms. Bounds' request to use the courts during school hours after the start of school was denied. It was stipulated further that her private lessons would end no later than August 15.

The superintendent concluded his remarks with comments about the summer school bilingual program, a tentative budget study schedule, and the information that he was to appear before the City Council next week to discuss use of the city-owned drug detection dog, and use of city equipment to resurface areas of the bus barn grounds.

Warren McCarron asked for the Board's direction on student accident and employee health insurance. He said that the lowest bid for football player coverage was \$75 per student as compared with last year's \$70. He continued with the comment

that the current carrier for employee health coverage, Great West Life, had estimated a rate increase of 15 to 20 per cent. The Board directed that a call for bids be issued on the health insurance, which will be considered at the August Board meeting.

John Scarborough, a mechanical engineer of Fort Worth, began a lengthy presentation to the Board on the air conditioning and heating units at the new high school. He said that the system was in good condition and well-maintained, but that there were various ways of making it more cost effective, all of which were based on reducing the kilowatts, or demand.

Following a question and answer period, Mr. Scarborough was instructed by the Board to work up a preliminary energy management system for their consideration, and to investigate the cost of submeters to determine the heavy-usage areas in the building. He is to report back to the Board at the September meeting.

On motion of Scott Shurley with

## Dry weather lawn management

When the weather turns dry, don't just turn on your lawn sprinkler and then gripe about your high water bill.

By watering, fertilizing and mowing your lawn properly, you can reduce your water bill as much as 40 percent, said a turfgrass specialist.

"Conservation by the homeowner provides the only solution to high water bills and excessive water demands during our hot and usually dry Texas summers," said Dr. Richard Duble with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

In small cities where industrial demand for water is low, lawn watering may account for as much as half of all the water used during summer months. Even in larger cities, lawns get 30 to 40 percent of all the water supplied in municipalities.

"Most Texas lawns use about 2 inches of water per week during the summer, and most of this usually comes from irrigation," Duble said. "However, as little as 1 inch of water per week can keep lawns alive and green."

Exactly what can a homeowner do to reduce the summer water bill?

"First, water your lawn only when grass starts to show signs of drought stress," said Duble. "Look for discoloration and wilting. If leaves roll up in the late afternoon

and footprints remain after walking across the lawn, then water within 24 hours.

"Once you've decided that your lawn needs watering, do it right," said the specialist. "Most homeowners don't water their lawns properly. They either water too often, causing grass to develop shallow roots and making it a prime target for insects, diseases and temperature extremes, or they water too infrequently and apply too much water at one time, resulting in a lot of runoff."

"When watering, soak the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches," Duble said. In heavy clay soils, watering for 15 to 20 minutes periods may be necessary to prevent excessive runoff.

"Cutting back on lawn fertilization can also reduce watering," said Duble. Applying fertilizer in the spring and fall will generally keep your lawn healthy. Fertilizing during the summer, especially with nitrogen fertilizer, will green up your lawn, but it will also increase grass growth and water use.

"Mowing less often and cutting your grass at taller heights also will help keep your lawn in better shape during hot, dry weather," said the specialist. "St. Augustine grass lawns do well when mowed at a 3-inch height, and bermuda grass lawns can be cut at a 2-inch height."

a second by Jim Garrett, the curricular budgets for 1988-89 were unanimously approved. The approved budget amount are as follows: Athletics-\$84,850, Band \$20,700, Choir \$5,000, Speech & Drama \$10,078, UIL Literary \$5,089, Misc. UIL \$2,500 for a total of \$128,217.

In order to bring the days in each semester into balance, the 1988-89 school calendar was amended on motion of Jim Garrett and a second by Becky Johnson.

A change in the schedule for expansion of the Gifted/Talented program to include all grade levels by the year 1990-91 was unanimously approved on motion of Gary Hardgrave with a second by Scott Shurley. Donald Patton, after commenting on the effectiveness of the program, asked about staffing for the expanded program. Mr. Bible answered that regular classroom teachers in each grade would receive training in G/T instruction.

Donald Patton asked the superintendent about revising the rules for students enrolled in vocational training. He was advised that the revised rules would be presented for consideration in July or August.

Gary Hardgrave said that several parents had suggested that an orientation session for parents whose children were entering kindergarten would be a good thing.

The Board with a motion by Gary Hardgrave and a second by Jim Garrett accepted resignations from Kyle and Sherry Viertel, Donna Hill, and Sheila Murr from the teaching staff. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Becky Johnson with a second by Donald Patton, the following teachers were unanimously approved for hire for the 1988-89 school year: Virginia Kepler, Special Education; John Zimmerman, Choir; Molly Cook, High School Business; Mary Perez, Intermediate Classroom; Mark Nelson, Assistant Band Director.

### Poetry contest deadline set for June 30th

World of Poetry is celebrating its 13th Anniversary by sponsoring a Free Bonus Poetry Contest, open to all poets. Some 200 prizes are being offered totaling over \$16,000.00, including a \$1,000.00 grand prize. The deadline for entering has been extended to June 30, to give more poets a chance to enter. Winners will be notified on or before August 1.

Says 80-year old Poetry Editor Mrs. Eddie-Lou Cole, "I have loved poets my whole life long, and I am happy to sponsor this contest to encourage new talent. My happiest birthday would be to see a new poet win!"

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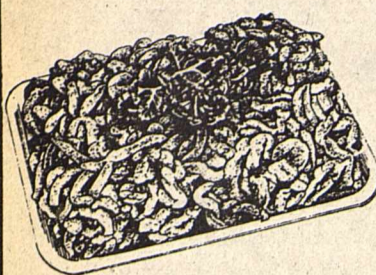
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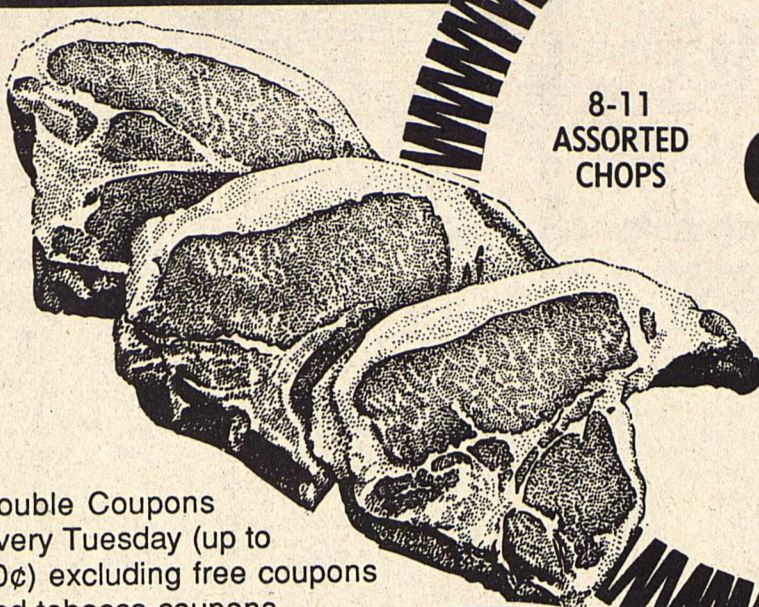
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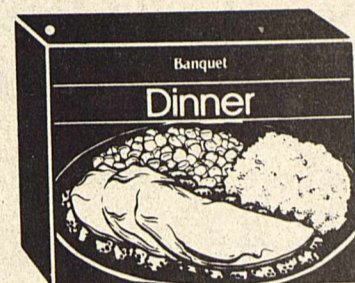


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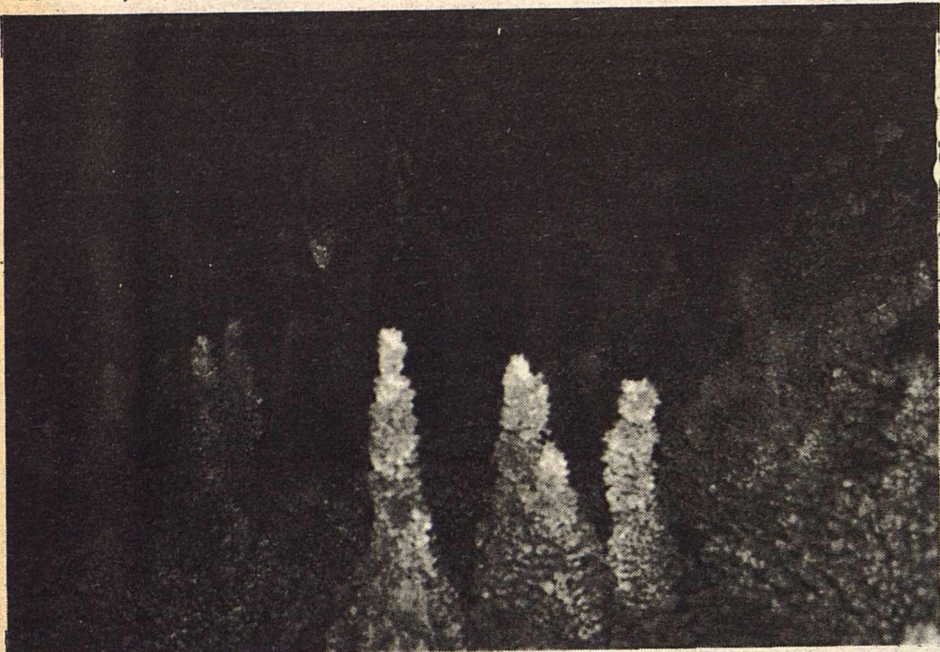
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The cave can best be described as "awesome" with millions of unique formations to delight any visitor. Particular attention has been paid to the indirect lighting which displays each sight to its best advantage. All photos used in this article courtesy of John Spaulding.

## How the river was named

One of the questions almost every visitor to this area wonders or asks is "How did the Devil's River get its name?"

For an answer to this question, we turned to John Eaton, noted historian and author and here is the story as he tells it:

In 1848, John Coffey Hays was asked by a group of business men in San Antonio to find a trail west thus beginning the Westward Move.

Hays traveled up the Rio Grande eventually coming to the (now) Devil's

River.

He became lost and spent two days wandering in the river, then spent another two days finding his way back to the Rio Grande.

Hays asked a native to the area what the name of the river (Devil's River) was. The native replied "The San Pedro." Hays response to this was reportedly "The hell it is . . . St. Peter's Creek(?) . . . from now on it's going to be known as the Devil's River!"

## Most beautiful . . .

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beauty even beyond their wildest dreams lay before them. Stalactites, stalagmites, and helectites covered every inch; they could hardly move without damage to the fragile formations.

All of the early explorers had to sign in at the front of the cave to show who had been through. The following is a quotation taken from the register sign as one effort by the National Speleological Society to further stress the conservation of our natural wonders:  
"Let it never be said,  
and said with shame,  
That all was beauty here until you came.  
Take nothing but pictures,  
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Commercial development of the caverns began in March 1960 after Jim Papadakis of Wisconsin and Jack Burch of Oklahoma concluded and agreement with land owner Stanley Mayfield.

Blasting and tunneling was done through the use of jackhammers and dynamite. Compressed air was delivered to the jackhammers deep within the cave through lightweight irrigation tubing. It was impossible to use any other equipment without harming the fragile formations and all work was done manually.

Painstaking effort went into the indirect lighting system which displays to best advantage the unbelievably crystal-like stalactites, stalagmites, helectites, and draperies.

Nearly five years after the Dallas team received permission to explore the cave the caverns were opened to the public. Almost

2,000 people attended the dedication ceremony including visitors from eighteen states and several countries.

The caverns are perhaps best known for the countless number of helectites decorating the walls and ceilings. It has been compared to the Carlsbad Caverns but almost all who tour the Sonora Caverns say it's the most beautiful. The cave is impressive in that it is still alive and growing. There are approximately 100 million helectite formations growing out of the walls in every shape and size imaginable.

Soda straws, thin hollow calcite growing out of the ceiling can reach up to six feet in length. Hollow in the center, these straws can break with a touch or merely with the human breath.

The most famous formation of the whole cave is the butterfly. Its translucent, pale yellow wings unfold perfectly from its perch, frozen in stone for untold centuries. Nature has sculptured all the delicate beauty and perfect detail of a living butterfly.

The cave opens every day of the year except Christmas. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from May 1 through Labor Day and 9 to 5 the rest of the year. The hour and a half tours leave regularly from the visitor center where you will find a snack bar and gift shop. Casual summer wear and comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the tour.

There are ample free picnicking facilities and campsites are available for a fee. New shower facilities have recently been opened for campers.

For additional information on the caverns write to Box 213, Sonora, Texas 76950 or call (915)387-3105.

# Welcome to SONORA

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Published by the Devil's River News for the summer of 1988



Lee Bloodworth's jewelry is outstanding in design and workmanship. A piece such as this buckle can take up to sixty hours to complete as each letter and emblem is cut individually and carefully soldered onto the base.

## Talent abounds in area

We are common victims of stereotyping whether it be people or places. When we think of artisans, we think of busily cluttered or wonderfully barren showrooms with work exhibited for the many viewers who will wander by, make an aside critique on the work and, maybe if the work has hit that special place in that viewer, purchase it.

We don't necessarily think of the dry, mesquite covered, rolling country on the edge of the famous Texas Hill Country as being a spot where we are likely to find any truly talented persons.

This is where our concepts of artistry and its creators are questioned as Sonora and the surrounding area produce a large diverse group of artists who are masters in their fields.

These artists are different also from our ideas of how artists are supposed to be or supposed to live. Far from the bohemian or the slightly daft creator, most of these local artisans hold steady jobs in respected professions. If someone else likes their endeavors enough to purchase them, that's a bonus.

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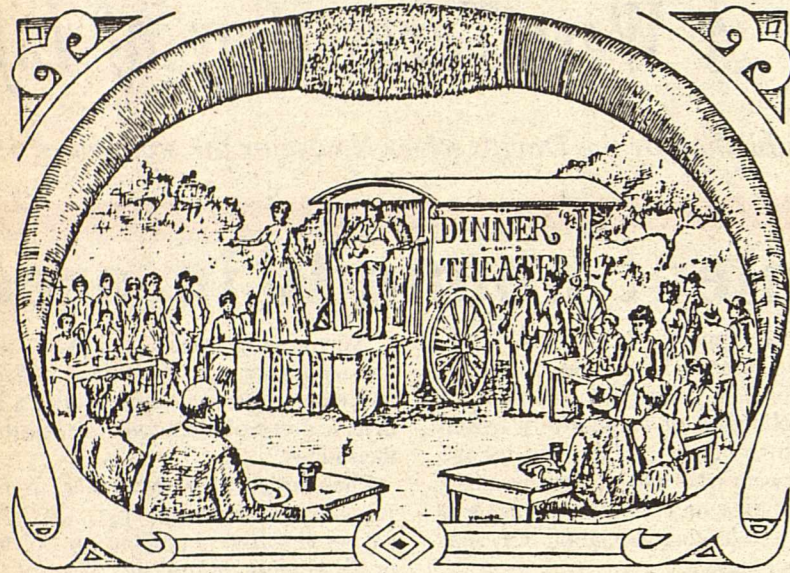
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"Morning Light", a 12 x 16 oil, depicts life on a working ranch as the sheep are gathered. Walker's paintings are so painstakingly detailed that it is only on

close inspection that one discovers they are not photographs. Truly a master, Walker's works transport the viewer to the sight where the very atmosphere can be felt and experienced.

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For additional information contact the Outdoor Drama Group, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950, (915)387-2507.

## Howdy, welcome, hola

Howdy, hello, welcome, hola and all that other stuff people say when they are glad to see ya' commin'. Allow me to interduce myself, name's Elwood P. Suggins, riginally from Snake Navel, Idaho but I had to move down here after that big ol' bear tore my sleeping bag up and scered the hair off my head.

We sure want to welcome all you good folks what see the necessity of drivin' through our quiet little town. Let me take you on a tour of this fair city. Comin' from the South you'll see on yur right a set of pens what used to hold all them cattle from Kansas City that John Wayne drove to the railhead. Yeah, me and the Duke was real tight back then.

As we approach the curve before the red light we see a vacant building on the right, on the left, an occupied grocery store. Right nice young miss owns this one and would be well worth your time to stop and visit with Vivian.

Back to the east is what we folks call a woolhouse. No, no, no, the house ain't made of wool but maybe yur clothes is. Stop by and let them nice folks at the woolhouse give ya a tour, maybe buy some tack for Trigger too.

When ya get to the red light ya'll see a store on the left that seals all kinds of things. Wave to ol' Mike as ya make the corner at the Gulf Station, if it's after 10 in the morning, wave to Billy Sam at the Headquarters.

If ya need some possibles there's Food Center and Jim's Thriftway. I go by there and eat grapes if Ronnie or Thomas ain't watchin'.

As we travel west don't git too excited cause you are bout to cross the Dry Devil's River. Please no fishin' from the bridge. On yur right is O'Bryan's clothin store. Stop by and git yourself a new T-shirt.

Now yur about to git to the heartthrob of our little city as ya approach the next light. That's right! Downtown Sonora. On yur right is the First National Bank. I wish folks would make up their minds bout whose First National Bank was first. Ever town in Texas has one.

On yur left is San Angelo Savings. Back in the good ol' days Cole Younger never did rob this fine establishment, neither did Jesse James. Only robber this town ever saw was a feller name Will Carver. He come to town to rob the first

First National Bank but Sheriff Lige Briant shot him down and he reposes in our local cemetery. Next door, on our left we see Westerman Drug store. Talk about friendly and hospitable, Ronnie Cox is a gas. He has a cure for it though.

Next block on the right resides the town mayor, Bill Gosney. He sells socks and drawers when he ain't cross the street at city hall.

Next is Hill's Jewelry. So ya know what time it is since the clock at the bank is always wrong, stop and buy a watch from J.T. Next comes the cable company and they would be glad to hook ya up if the cord on yur RV is long enough to git to where yur goin'.

Next is a vacant store. We really need one of you folks to open somethin up in this spot and sides if ya did, you'd be home now, right? Side that is one of them Radio Shack stores that also sellfishin and huntin stuff. Nice combo-huh? Then we git to the ASCS office which was really the first First National Bank. Then we git to the Hair Studio. Thats where ya go to git yur hair taught how to act.

Then theres the Devil's River News. Ain't no Devil's River within forty miles and here this paper done been named after one of our least favorite people in history.

And here is the Mercantile Building. Now this building was recently renovated and it is really nice. They even have an image to uphold. You lady folk might want to see what kind of image you can project by stoppin in and seein Ruthie and Mary Adele.

Now, if ya look straight up the street you will see a wonder among wonders. Somebody built a courthouse right smack dab in the middle of Main Street. And that, dear friends, is the reason Main Street in downtown Sonora is so short.

On the West side of the street goin' South is Sears catalog store. Seems they found more uses for a catalog than in the outhouse. Next we come to the office of Bill Morriss who is a local rancher and business man. Next we come to the Federal Land Bank. Stop by and let Jack sell ya a piece of Texas. Has quart mason jars of genuine Texas turf. Weekly specials while they last. Next we git to Doyle Morgan Insurance. Funny, a guy names a insurance policy after him. Stop by and git a policy to insure your safe

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## Abundant history, recreation available to the south

(Editors note: We wish to thank the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, the National Park Service and Martha Rogers for the reference material used in this article.)

Ninety miles to the south of Sonora lies Del Rio, Acuna, Mexico and Lake Amistad.

Located in Val Verde county, the population of Del Rio in 1985 was estimated to be slightly over 31,000. The original name of the community was San Felipe del Rio (St. Phillip of the River) but was shortened at the suggestion of the Postal Department so as not to be confused with the town of San Felipe de Austin.

The Amistad Dam leading to Mexico was a cooperative effort of the American and Mexican sections of the International Boundary and Water Commission and was opened in 1968. Large bronze eagles in the middle of the dam symbolize the spirit of cooperation between the two nations.

Lake Amistad provides visitors with any type of water sport they desire from skiing to fishing, from sailing to wind surfing. A list of fishing guides as well as camping information and marinas may be obtained from the National Park Service in Del Rio.

Election records from 1885, the year Val Verde officially became a county, show that Roy Bean, from Langtry, was elected Justice of the Peace. The Judge dispensed his own brand of justice from the Jersey Lilly Saloon which kept him in "hot water" with county officials but formed the basis for the legends that grew up around him.

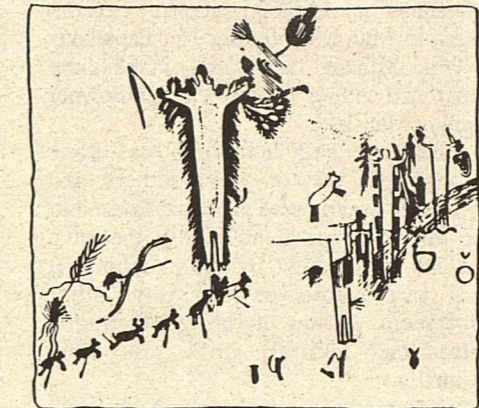
His admiration for English actress Lilly Langtry was so great that he named his town, Langtry, after her and his combination bar-courtroom-billard parlor-jail after her nickname "Jersey Lilly".

One interesting event that took place during Judge Bean's tenure was the world championship prize fight between Australia's Bob Fitzsimmons and Ireland's Peter Mahar in February, 1896. In order to avoid orders against the fight from the United States and Mexico, Bean held the fight on a sand bar in the middle of the Rio Grande. Fitzsimmons won the fight, incidentally, in a time of one minute and thirty-five seconds.

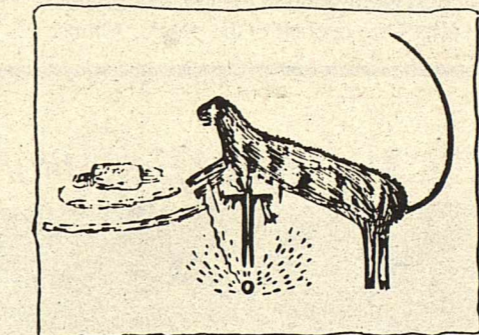
The Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry is operated by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and open daily to the

public.

Val Verde County has one of the richest concentrations of aboriginal art on the continent with ample evidence to suggest the presence of Indians as long as 10,000 years ago. Pictographs are painted on the walls of area caves dating back some 4,000 years before the birth of Christ. The county has about 400 archaeological sites.



Drawings from the Panther Cave Pictograph Site cover the entire wall and part of the ceiling reaching more than twelve feet above the floor.



This drawing of a panther, found in the Panther Cave Pictograph Site, would measure nineteen feet from head to tip of tail if the tail were straight instead of curved.

Panther Cave, in Seminole Canyon on the Pecos River contains some of the most striking pictographs and can be reached by boat on Lake Amistad or visitors can take guided tours from the Seminole Canyon State Historical Park.

The Amistad Navy, a family-oriented social and service organization based on Lake Amistad, recently took a 142-mile round trip cruise from Diablo East Marina in Del Rio to Langtry.

The trip allowed the group to get a close-up look at the prehistoric artwork on the lower Pecos; the historical evidence of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad; and the land of Judge Roy Bean. James Long, a member of the Navy, also speaks of the abundant wildlife which can be seen in the area.

While they demonstrated the feasibility of the trip, they also caution that it is not a trip to be taken by the novice boater. They stress that trips should be undertaken only by skilled, knowledgeable individuals who have coordinated their plans with the Park Service.



Photo of Lake Amistad as used on the 1987 Permanian Bass Club Invitational Tournament Magazine

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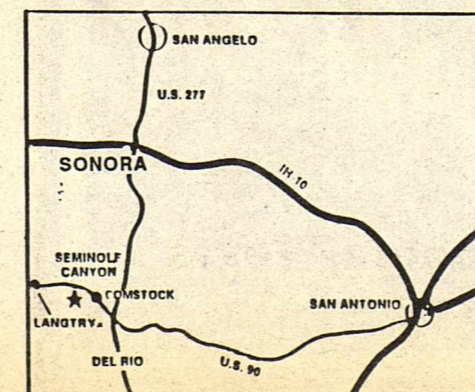
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Covered Wagon Dinner Theater

# Presenting the pioneers of yesterday and today

This area of Texas was not the home of any of the famous historical heroes, good or evil. Oh sure, we had an occasional bad guy but we had no Davy Crockett, no Jesse James; we had no James Bowie, no Billy the Kid. The people who moved into this area during the years of settlement however were the true heroes of that time or any time.

They were the men and women who were brave enough to fight the day to day battles of survival.

It took only minutes to decide the outcome of a shoot-out; it could take precious hours, perhaps days, to fight a range fire which threatened to destroy a herd or homestead.

It took only days for Santa Anna to proclaim a victory at the Alamo; it could take years to fight a drought. One citizen of Sonora tells of an old timer who oft quoted that the next drought begins the minute the last drop of rain rolls off the roof.

The true heroes fought the wind and the rain and the hot dry and lack of rain; they fought the loneliness of months on the prairie with no companionship; they fought the sicknesses with little medical assistance; they fought the pests and varmints that destroyed their livestock and crops. They fought a daily battle, and in most cases, won.

Unfortunately, these are not the men and women that history remembers by name, in fact, we often fail to remember their heroic deeds.

It is to the end of recording their lives and hardships, their dreams and victories that the Outdoor Drama Group of Sonora was formed in early 1987. It was the hope of the group at that time to record some of the early history of Sutton County and the surrounding area to be used in a docu-drama to be presented during the Centennial of Sonora's founding in 1990.

Two facts became evident quickly. One was that there was too much history to ever cover it in a matter of several hours of showtime regardless of how well it was written. The second thing that surfaced was that each story reminded someone of another event of historical interest.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater was born!

The versatile format of the theater allows various storytellers to impart their bit of the old west, whether in story or poem or song, while providing excellent family entertainment.

Nestled in the oaks on the beautiful grounds of the Caverns of Sonora, the audience is provided with these walks through the pages of history each Friday and Saturday night from June 10 through August 20. A bonus to theater goers is the fresh air, gorgeous sunsets, the twinkling of the stars about the time the performances end and the tranquility nature provides.

Each performance evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a Cowboy Hootenanny followed by a delicious meal, if you wish, catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

After the meal, the audience is treated to a tale by an individual or a group of individuals, a look at history by a unit of Cavalry soldiers, poems or reminiscences from cowboy poets, or a look of the traildrive given by the campcook.

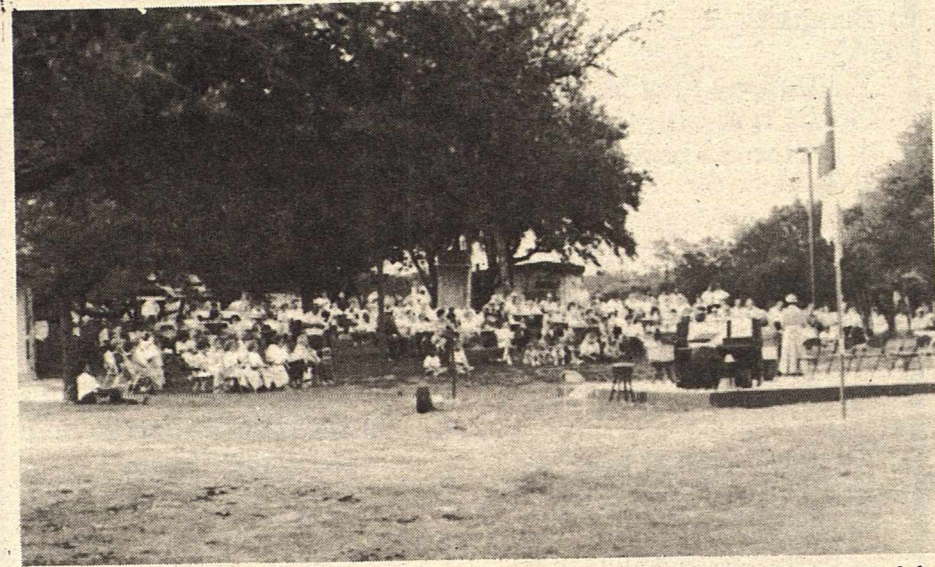
The storytelling is often followed by entertainment which could be dancers, singers or a town band.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater is a place where friendships are renewed and new friendships born and its just a place to

relax and enjoy yourself for the evening. Regardless of the reason, the Outdoor Drama Group invites you come and spend the evening with them.

Admission for the show is \$4 for adults with children six and under free. Meals are served in two sizes and priced at \$3.75 and \$5.50. Reservations are not necessary and tickets are available at the gate.

To reach the Caverns of Sonora, travel West on IH-10 to the 392 Exit and follow the signs eight miles.



A new amphitheater was constructed in time for the opening of the 1988 Season of the Covered wagon Dinner Theater. Terracing of the seating area provides for excellent viewing for the entire audience. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

# Sonoras beginnings proved embarrassing

The town of Sonora presents a story of a community with a unique history and embarrassing beginning.

The area was rather late in developing as most of the early settlers were sheepherders who drifted in from the east and drifted back as the grass ran out.

The area was not readily adaptable for other livestock; sheep were the only stock that could survive on the moisture found.

The drilling of a water well in the late 1880's was probably the most significant reason for migration of permanent settlers into the area.

The fact that most of the wells were of limited capacity coupled with the misconceptions of many ranchers that cattle could not survive on well water, stalled advancement into the area. Fortunately a dramatic rise in price due to heavy demand of Texas beef in northern markets forced ranchers to rethink their positions.

It was around the water wells that the town of Sonora was born.

Charlie Adams is reported to have told that Sonora was founded when he decided the well he drilled cost too much and in order to break even, he would have to sell lots and start a town.

The community's beginnings proved to be one of its more embarrassing moments. Adams said he filed on a section of school land, made payments and sold lots. But the land actually belonged to a New York

firm.

For the next two years, Adams sold lots and the town grew steadily. At this point, the mistake was discovered. There was nothing the citizens of Sonora could do but pitch in and try to buy the town back.

A trip was made to New York but the owning firm reasoned the land must have some extraordinary value. Why else would anyone be trying to buy it? The firm agreed to sell but decided to reserve everything beneath the surface.

By the terms of the contract, Sonora had cut itself off from its water supply.

Lot sales ended until 1890 when R.W. Callahan also traveling to New York, secured two deeds to section 85 from Edward Tracy and the estate of James Russell. The deeds, dated May 17, 1890, declared "full rights, no restrictions, underground or otherwise."

Sonora was founded on May 19, 1890 and was selected as the county seat by popular vote on November 3, 1890.

Adams' wife reserved the right to name the community after a faithful employee who came from the state of Sonora in Mexico.

Sutton County was formed three years earlier when the Texas legislature passed an act creating Sutton and Schleicher counties out of Crockett.

The county encompasses 1,500 square miles of territory.

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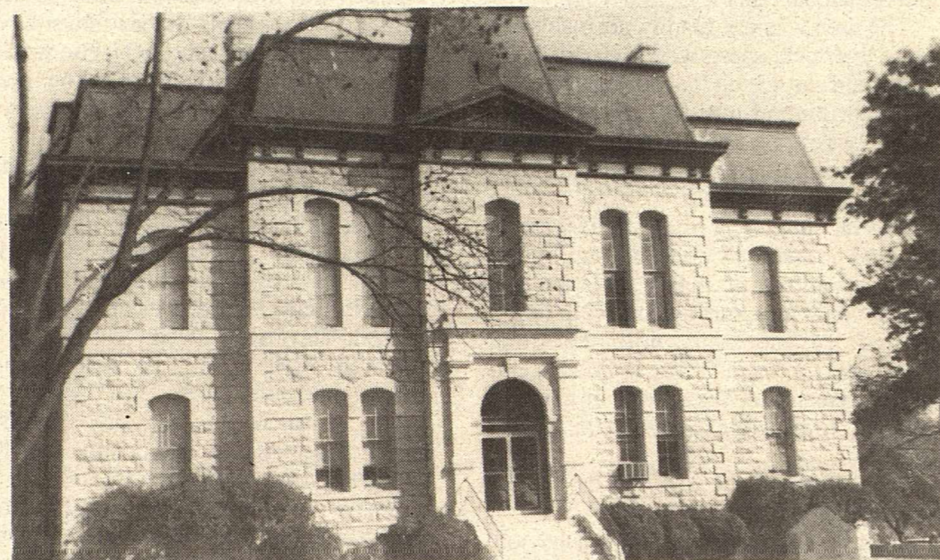
At the time of its settlement, the area was blanketed with high grass, the mesquite and other brush that now cover the terrain was nowhere to be seen.

A combination of overgrazing and droughts that hit in the period between the 1910's and 1930's caused irreparable damage to the range, land and made an opening for the less palatable vegetation.

Research, much of which is a direct product of the local experiment station, has helped the ranchers cope with the problems they have faced.

The determination of the ranchers to overcome hardships has established Sutton County as one of the national agricultural leaders. The wool and mohair produced here is considered by experts to be the finest in the world.

The Agricultural Industry continues to be the dominate factor for Sonora's economy. Though it took a backseat in the past decade to the natural gas boom, agriculture and the determination of local ranchers continues to be the backbone of Sonora and Sutton County.



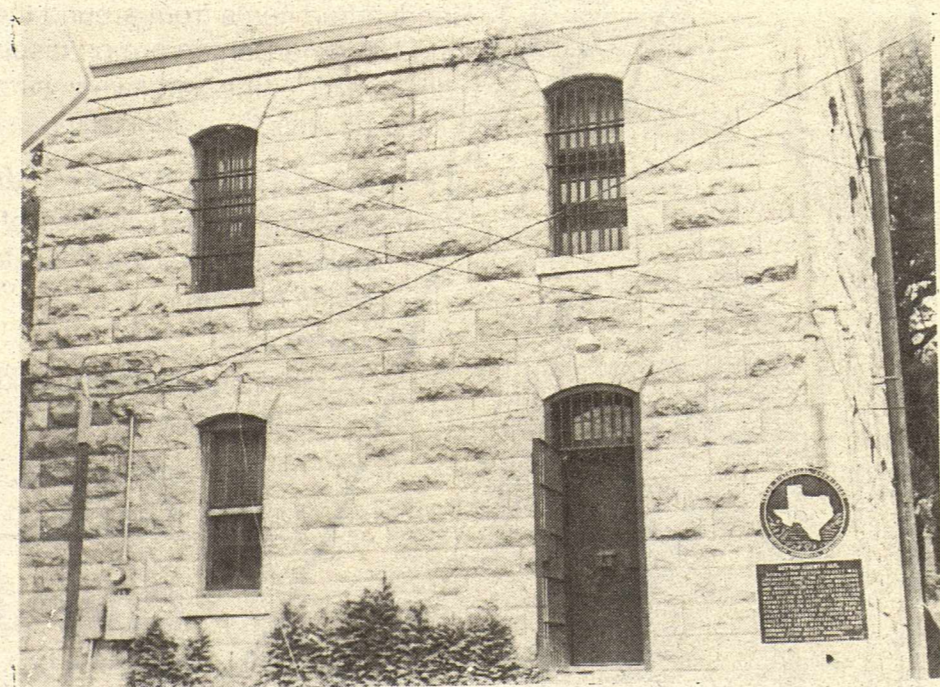
The Sutton County Courthouse, constructed in 1890 at the cost of \$40,000, is still in use today. The design, beauty and workmanship in the facility are still the envy of modernday craftsmen. DRN file photo.

## Pages of the past available for viewing

When you walk through the downtown area of Sonora and use your imagination, you can almost transport yourself back to those early days when a town was just beginning—the days when cowboys tromped the wooden sidewalks, spurs ringing; you can see the dust rising from

the herd of sheep being driven through town and up Main Street. Old issues of the Devil's River News implore the residents "to keep their livestock off the sidewalks."

Main Street ends to the north directly in front of the Sutton County Courthouse.



The old jail, used until the late 1970's, now houses the office of the Sutton County Historical Society and has been declared a Historical Site by the State of Texas. Many interesting artifacts used in the settling of the area can be viewed in the jail and a trip through the dark, crowded cells located on the second floor would certainly discourage one from a "life of crime." DRN file photo.

## Yearly Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

Sutton County 4-H  
Livestock Show  
Sheep Dog Trials

### FEBRUARY

Girl Scout Father/Daughter  
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### MARCH

Region II High School Rodeo  
Annual Chamber of Commerce  
Banquet

### MAY

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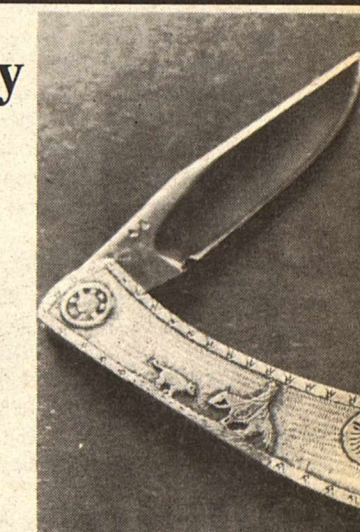
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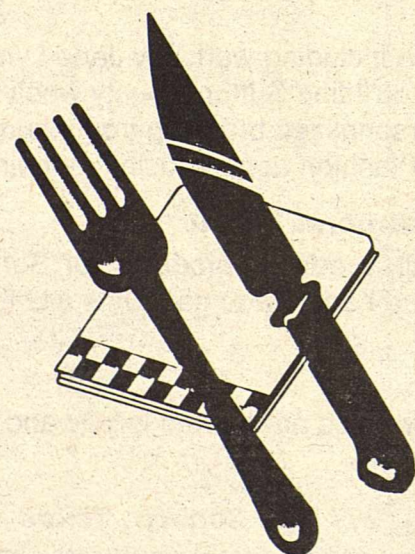
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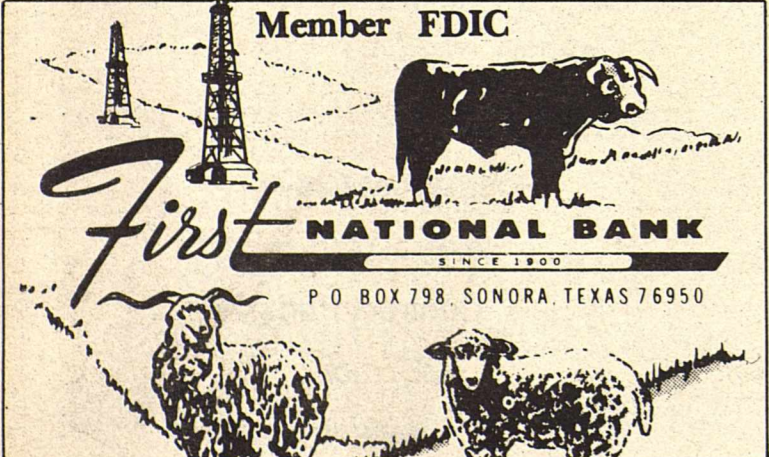
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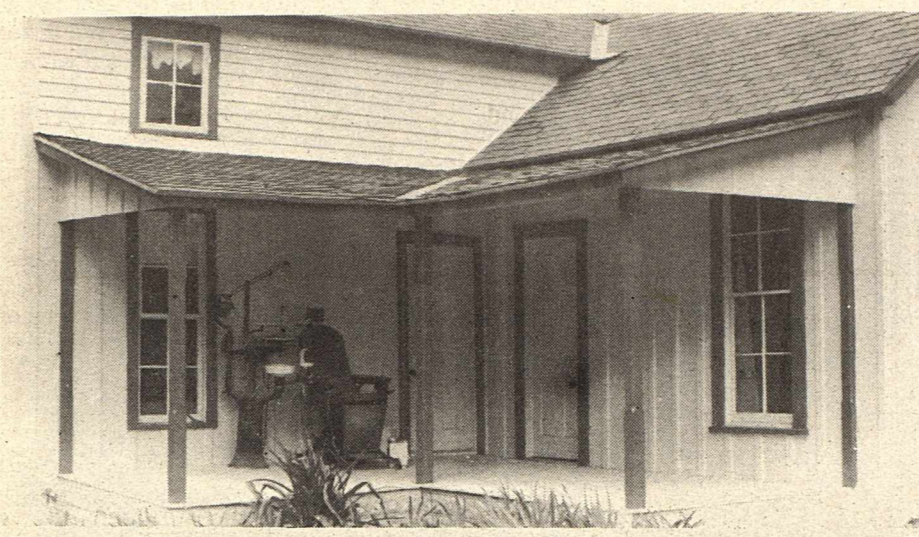


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Isaac Miers built this home for his family in 1888. The home is now used to display many artifacts of Sonora's past. The old jail, Miers home, and old depot are operated by the Sutton County Historical Society who maintains an on-going program for restoration of the facilities. DRN file photo.

The Courthouse was constructed in 1890 at an approximate cost of \$40,000. The walls of the courtroom on the second floor have heard much testimony in the past ninety-seven years with many famous trials taking place in the earlier years. Though an annex was added in 1985, the Courthouse remains very much as it was in the beginning and is very much in use today.

Next door to the Courthouse on the west is the old Sutton County Jail whose construction was authorized by the County Commissioners in February, 1891. The cost of the facility was to have been \$11,700 but upon its completion some six months later, the cost had risen to over \$20,000.

The jail was retired in the late 1970's with the construction of the modern building across the street. Today the old jail houses many historical treasures and stories of yester-year.

The Miers Home, across the street from the old jail, is the oldest home in Sutton County and was constructed by Isaac Miers in 1888. Part of Heritage Park, the home is now a museum and cared for by the Sutton County Historical Society.

Directly behind the Miers Home is the old train depot.

The first train pulled into Sonora on June 27, 1930 to a large cheering crowd.

Men on horseback, women in their finery, and children with their eyes filled with wonder were on hand to meet that first train. Concern was voiced about the horses and dogs on the track.

While 1930 doesn't seem that long ago, consider the options of travel of the day and you will realize how the arrival of the train revolutionized the area.

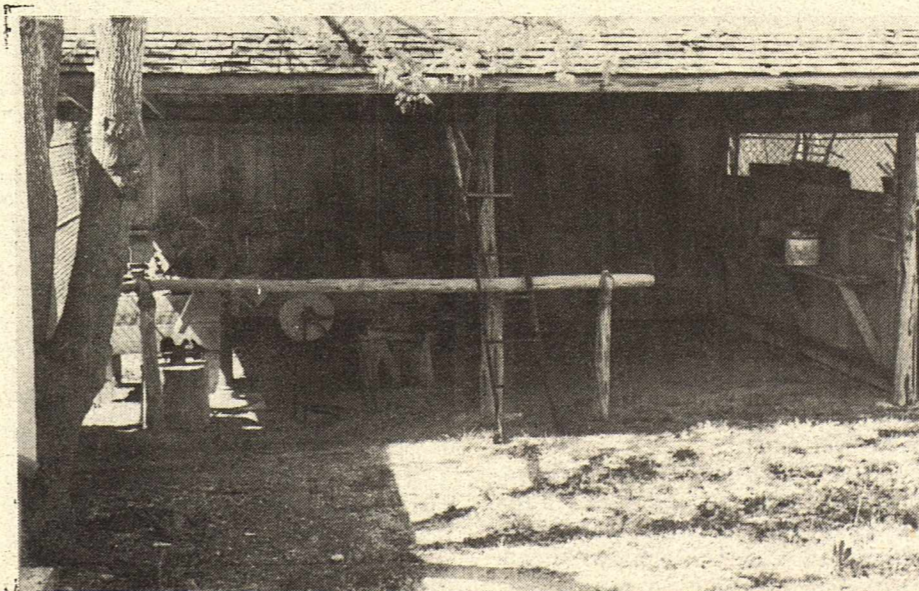
The depot was purchased several years ago by preservation minded citizens and moved to its present site.

To the south across from the Courthouse is the Mercantile Building.


Constructed in 1902-03 by Ed R. Jackson, the limestone structure wears an ornate facade of cast iron and pressed tin.

The building originally housed a mercantile and dry goods store on the first floor with the second floor used as offices and a community hall. The 100 year old Belle of Sonora, Belle Steen, talks of living in an apartment in the building many years ago. The structure also housed Sonora's first telephone exchange.

Old newspapers dating back to 1890 are housed in the Devil's River News office located next door to the Mercantile Building. Though the condition of many of the old papers prohibits handling, many can be viewed and history buffs are always welcome.



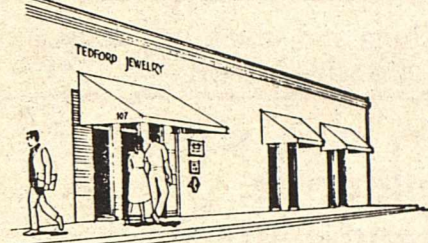
Located behind the Miers Home is a blacksmith's shop. The majority of the items on display in the complex have been donated by local citizens who are concerned with preserving the past. DRN file photo.



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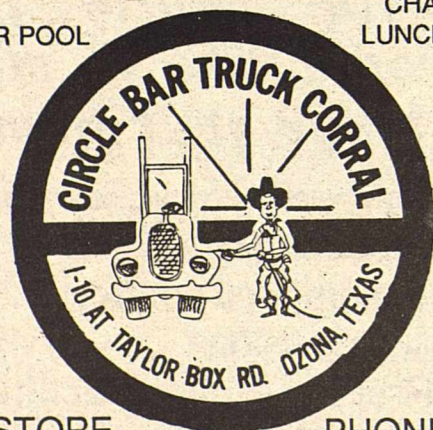
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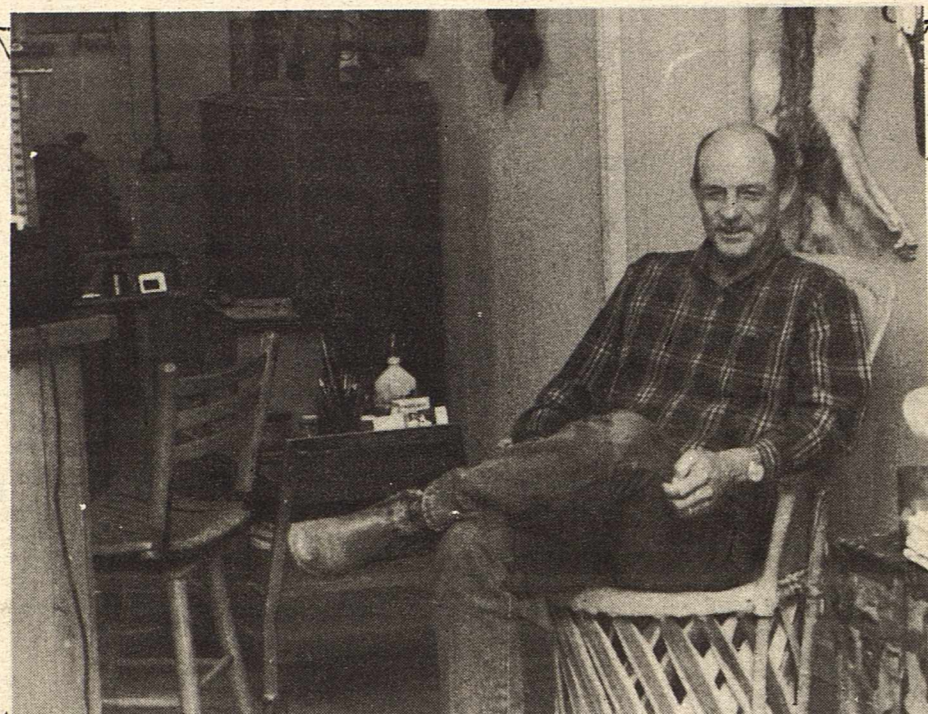
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Walker relaxes in his studio next door to his home in Eldorado. The studio itself displays the "by gone" days that Walker captures in his paintings. Some of Walker's work can be seen at Ol' Sonora Trading Co. in Sonora. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

### Talents . . .

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Herman Walker is an exception to this rule as he is to many rules. Walker, who resides north of Eldorado, paints for a living which he admits "gets kinda thin sometimes."

Walker, who grew up around cowboys and their way of life, began sculpting in 1972. Having had little formal training in the field of art, Walker says he has often taken the long way around in his art career and much of what he knows, he attributes to fellow artists who have taken the time to explain things to him.

"When I began to sculpt, I thought it was my responsibility to take my creations from 'beginning to end—I didn't know that you 'did your thing' and then took the work to someone else to cast—so I wound up learning the whole process."

Walker began painting in about 1975. He had taken a few oil painting classes during the summers when he was in high school but here again, it was up to other artists to teach him the tricks of the trade.

"I was visiting with a fellow artist one day and voiced concern because I couldn't get very vibrant colors in my water colors. I told him I often had to go back over an area several times in order to get the color right. He asked what type of paint I was using. I told him I was using water colors, the kind in the box that kids used. He just kinda laughed and told me about buying the paints in tubes," Walker remembers.

"My work has evolved more by fluke rather than a calculated plan."

And his work has evolved. His home and studio are filled with ribbons from competitions he has entered all over the United States and to own a Herman Walker would be another way to say that "you have arrived."

His paintings display the western tradition in a calm, serene manner. "I try to fix or arrange the subject matter in a painting that can be lived with and enjoyed. Action paintings are great to look at but if you look at that bucking horse for years, you reach the point where you are ready for that horse to hit the ground. When I do a painting, I want it to be

enjoyed by the owner, their children and their grandchildren."

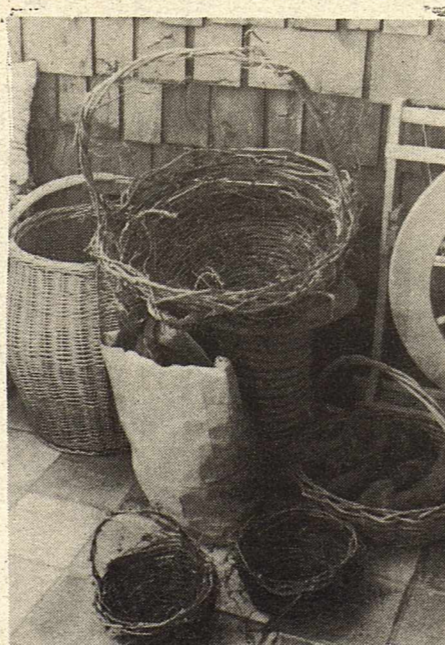
Walker has work on display at the Musselman Gallery in San Antonio, First National Bank in Eldorado and at Ol' Sonora Trading Co. in Sonora.

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Displaying the quiet calm disposition of her profession as a third grade school teacher, Jane Lynch spins and weaves with great adeptness though she has only been doing it for about seven years.

"I don't know why I started this," Mrs. Lynch says, "I just wanted to learn. I took a workshop in Lubbock and I've been doing it ever since."

Learning to spin on a Navajo spindle, a simple stick-like contraption, Mrs. Lynch soon progressed to a spinning wheel. She dyed her first yarns with natural substances. "I got some interesting looks at the check-out stand as I would say 'No charge for the onion skins'. One clerk asked me if I had ever tried Rit." Mrs. Lynch has kept a notebook of all the items used to dye her yarn and the beautiful soft shades produced by these



To Jane Lynch, weaving doesn't stop with fabrics but continues on to beautiful rustic baskets of all shapes and sizes. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

sets and stuff in the park. No, ya can't jist drive off and leave 'em there.

Next is the Clint Langford Memorial 4-H Building. It was named in memory of a man who served the youth of the community for many years as the county agent. Many of the social activities of the community are held here throughout the year.

Ok, ok, ok, keep goin about 8 miles and turn left 7 more miles and you'll git to that big ol' hole in the ground, the Caverns of Sonora. Nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there, too many people walkin the halls. Oh yeah, during the summer the Outdoor Drama Group has a Covered Wagon Dinner Theater out at the Caverns. I bet it gits crowded in the ol' Conestoga.

Headin back north ya better stop by the Ol' Sonora Trading Co. and git yerself one of them Mohair blankets to take back with

ya so ya can stay warm til ya git back here to see us.

Out there by the big ol' highway called I-10 yur gonna see the Cecil Atkisson car dealership and you can bet ol' Tony can fix ya up with a new vehicle. Next door is the Sutton County Steakhouse—best place to tie on the ol' feed bag if yur reel hungry. Then ya can go next door to the Devil's River Inn and take a nap.

Many of the proprietors of business establishments wouldn't agrre to my fees so they are not memtioned here. No, really the truth is that there is no way I can mention all the businesses and good things about Sonora. Sonora is a really great place to live, not so much to visit cause the biggest asset this community has is the people who live and work here and one can't really appreciate that in jist one visit. Ya mite jist stop and settle fer a spell.



Scenes of grandeur such as this greet the visitors to the Caverns of Sonora. The cave is truly a specimen of nature at her best.

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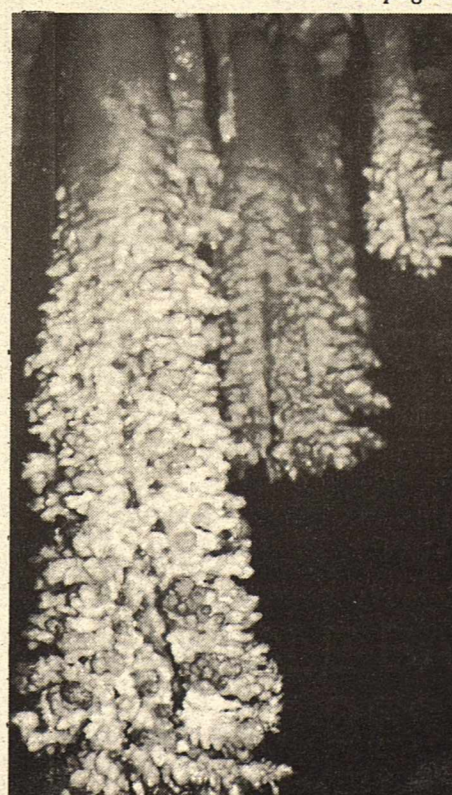
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Legend has it that a Mexican shepherder found the opening to the cave when his dog chased an animal down into the hole. Explorers were fascinated with the hole and dug deep enough to fit through the 18" diameter hole. They made their way through until they reached an impassable obstacle, a sixty foot drop.

The hole was then left unexplored for more than fifty years until, in 1955 when Dallas spelunkers got permission to explore further.

Wearing carbide lamps to see by, they attempted to scale the wall and failed. Carefully inching their way along a ledge, they successfully bypassed the pit. The next obstacle was a forty-five foot crawl through a hole only large enough to slide

their bodies through. At the end of the cramped-crawl, they emerged into a large passageway.

Their rewards were found. Rooms of



Incredible formations like the "War Clubs" above are visible throughout the cave.

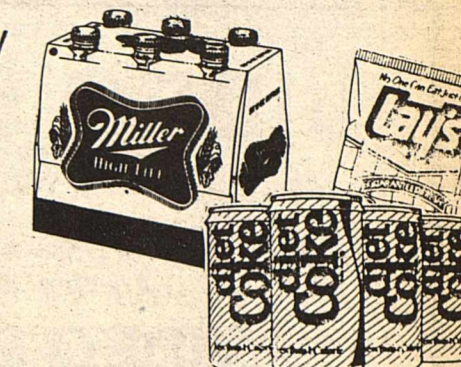
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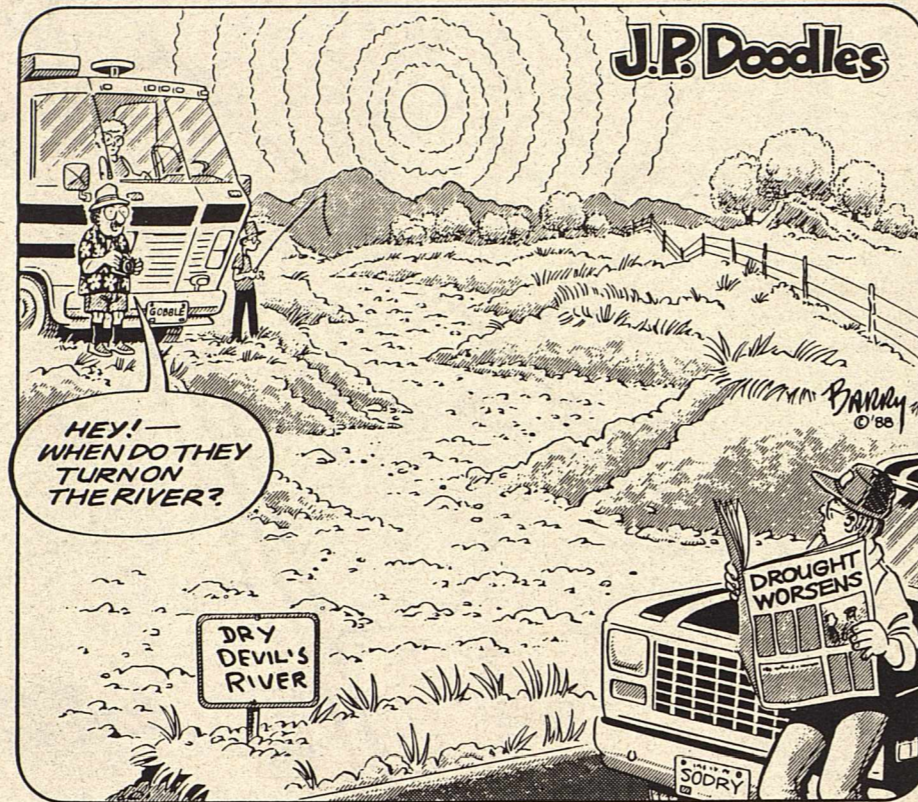
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Next is Sonora Electric. Nelson sells and services Maytag appliances. Lonely fellow. Stop by and say howdy. Next is not the offices of Racehorse Haynes and F. Lee Bailey but they are the offices of Elliott and Elliott. Attorneys at Law. I wish they would quit lawin' so much and be Attorney at Work instead.

Then there's Spains Department Store. It is somewhat related to Doyle Morgan Insurance. He must have the policy on this. Nice atmosphere and quality merchandise at fair prices. Next is City Hall. Lots of important things go on there for it is the pulse of our city. Anybody got a pacemaker?

Take a right here and ya see a NAPA store. If ya break down remember this place. Across the stree is Tedford Jewelry. No, ya can't jump off the roof onto them awnins' like Gary Cooper in "High Noon." Next is our famous alley for it was this alley that the movie "Alley Cat" was not made for, however have you ever seen a one-way alley?

Next is the Ford House. Used to people come from all over to dance on this here floor. No, it ain't Parkay, it's concrete. Tell ya what, jist to show my hospitality go to the Ford House and tell Sam to fix ya up with a new truck and have her send the bill to me, ol' Edwood P. Suggins.

On yur right is State Farm Insurance. Never could figger why the state farm needed insurance. Next we see the office of Mark Shurley, attorney at law. Another attorney at law instead of at work. Jist to show ya what kind of people live here, Mark has a middle name of Friend.

Well, that pretty well takes care of the downtown business distrik. Up round the courthouse is the old jail, the new jail and the Miers Home Musuem. The old jail is quite interestin' and would be well worth the trip through, as is the Miers Home. Also the old railroad depot is bein fixed up so you fine folks can see this fine old specimen of antiquity.

Ok, on out the main "drag."

On our left is Sonora Auto Parts and Devil's River Pawn Shop. Stop by and purchase a pawn to go with yur chess set. Oh, back at the red light is another one of them hair places called the Bright Spot. Stop by and git yur locks cut.

Now we come to that Dry Devil's River agin. And please no fishin from this bridge either. Last person caught fishin from the bridge was Bill Dance; he caught the last fish out of the Dry Devil's River and now the EPA has shut it down for fear the Dry Devil's River Darter Minner might be in danger of becoming extinct.

Onward across the river is the river is the Taxidermy of one Bob McWilliams. Watch McWilliams or yur pet poodle might come up missin'. Swimm'n' hole is on the left next to one of them ball parks. Next is Victor's Auto Shop. Yur lucky if ya break down here, he'll git ya goin' agin. Next is the Bait Stop. Stop by and let them fix ya one of their specialties-filet minnow. Served jist the way ya like 'em.

Across the street is the Shell of Sonora where ya gas up and go next door to the civic hub of Sonora--the Sonora Chamber of Commerce where ya stop by and they tell ya that I'm jist fullof it. The Chamber office is open 24-hours a day for yur shopping convenience and is number 6859 on yur tourist map.

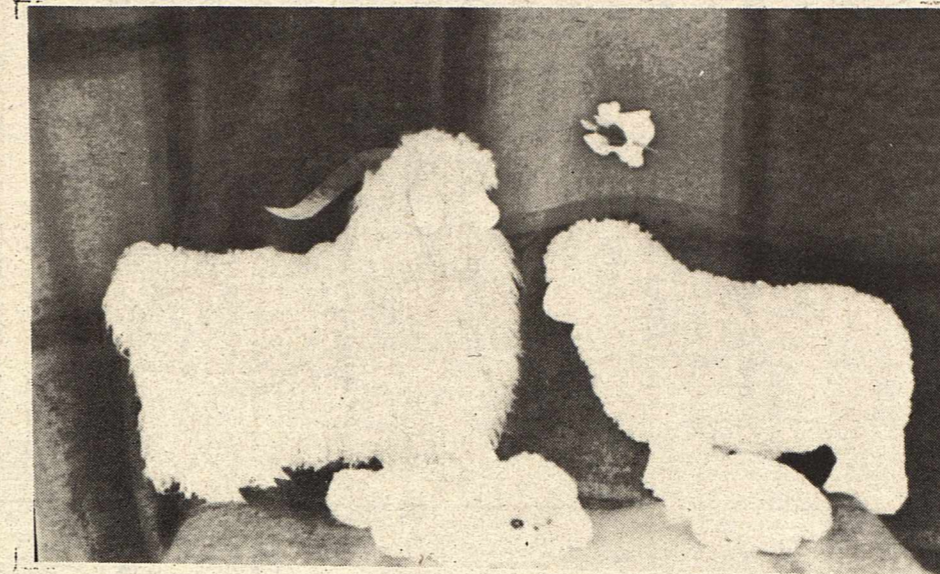
Keepin' on our westerly trek we see-ta-da-, the bus station wher you can git on if ya can't git yur car fixed. Next is Town and Country where ya wait for the bus to show up.

Next is Ed Carrasco's Phillips 66 where ya can git a flat fixed or not if ya don't need one fixed. Next is Sam's Big Tree Restaurant. Next is the Twin Oaks Motel. Funny ain't it, Sam calls it a big tree and these folks call it Twin Oaks. Same tree, too.

Across the stree is Zola's Motel. Bein in the same family for over 80 years. Nice place to stay, nice folks that run it too.

Ok, now on yur right you will see that grand arena where the champions of the world have never gathered together to perform. I roped a steer there once though, fell off my horse there too.

Yes, the kids can go play on the swing



Angora goats, sheep, and wooly critters are but a few of the items that LaVerne Benton fashions using the natural wool and mohair of the area. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

substances. The notebook in itself is a work of art for those who enjoy the wonders of nature.

"The weaving just seemed to naturally follow," she explains, "I had all this wonderful yarn, now what to do with it."

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Patti Strauch is a veterinarian in Sonora. Knowing the correct body structures of animals and birds has enabled her to do some beautiful drawings and paintings of the creatures.

Several years ago, Patti began sculpting. Her first project entailed miniatures of sheep dogs to be used as trophies for the annual Sheep Dog Trials of which she is the local organizer. Working in clay and painting the dogs produced such wonderfully detailed specimens that Patti decided to try bronzes.

Her abilities show through amazingly in the tiny figures formed into the various postures familiar with the species.

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Lee Bloodworth began making jewelry about seven years ago. The first thing he made was a buckle which he made from the brass out of a windmill cylinder and copper electrical wire.

He had long been interested in doing



Lynch works at her loom constructed by her husband in her workroom.

Rugs, woven from old jeans and sock toes, can be purchased at Ol' Sonora Trading Co. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

leather tooling and had also done a great deal of welding. It seemed natural to incorporate both into his design of jewelry.

It soon became evident that he either had to create jewelry full-time or quit. "It became too expensive as it is addictive. You can't get enough-you try one thing and that leads you to want to try something else. I found I could spend \$7 or \$800 a month for materials."

Ranching for the past ten years and running some livestock presently, Bloodworth spends ten to twelve hours a day making jewelry. "And when I really get involved in a piece, I might work 18 or 20 hours in a day."

Bloodworth feels that the customer plays a critical role in his work as he sits down with each and together they design the piece. There will never be two items alike and each has a distinctive personality of its own.

Most of his work involves the overlay of silver on silver or gold on silver. He also likes to work with precious gems in the creation of his jewelry and has occasionally worked with the setting of turquoise. Brands and initials are a speciality with each letter cut individually. Prices of the items range from less than a hundred dollars for a pair of earrings or over a thousand for buckles and bracelets.

The majority of Bloodworth's work is sold by word of mouth. Delivery of an item will take from four to six weeks. For more information write to Lee Silver Co., Box 1155, Sonora, Texas 76950 or call (915)387-2185.

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Perhaps the most consistently creative person in this area is LaVerne Benton, manager of the Ol' Sonora Trading Co. located at IH-10 and 277 N. in Sonora.

A school teacher until a few years ago, LaVerne has an uncanny talent for turning the smallest scrap of nothing into something almost anyone would like; a man's handkerchief becomes a doll, a strip of wool becomes a cattail, a piece of fabric becomes fashion wear. LaVerne even makes jewelry she calls Pasture Pearls--yes, you guessed the primary substance of these gems.

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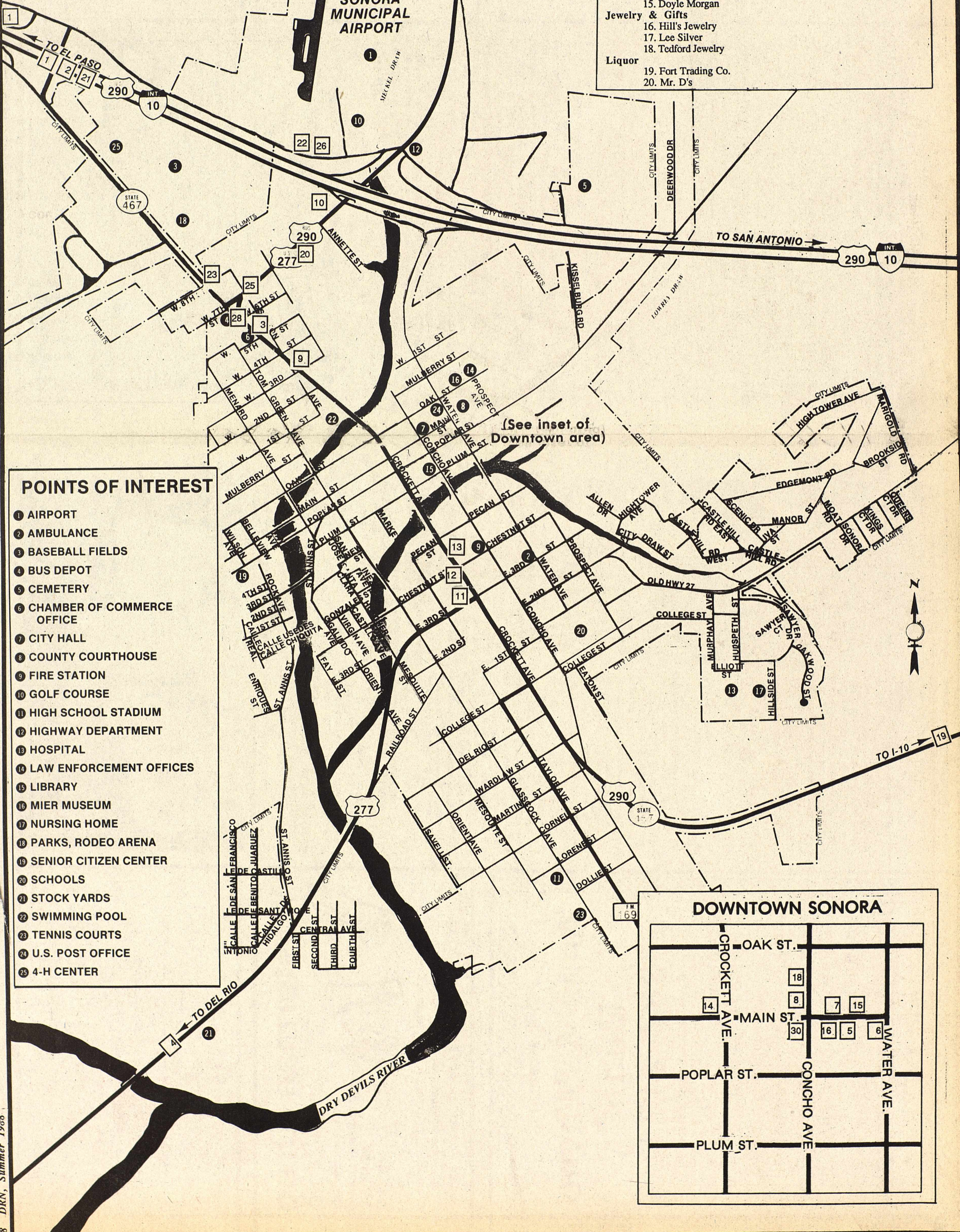
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### BUSINESS DIRECTORY

- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Amusement</b>            | <b>Motels</b>                |
| 1. Caverns of Sonora        | 21. Circle Bar               |
| 2. Covered Wagon            | 22. Devil's River Inn        |
| 3. Dinner Theater           | 23. Zola's                   |
| 4. Video Shack              | <b>Real Estate</b>           |
| 5. Rough Canyon Marina      | 24. Anna & Wayne Munn        |
| <b>Camping Equipment</b>    | <b>Restaurants</b>           |
| 5. Little Outdoors          | 25. Dairy Queen              |
| <b>Clothing</b>             | 26. Sutton County Steakhouse |
| 6. image                    | <b>Services</b>              |
| <b>Department Stores</b>    | 27. Atlas Wireline           |
| 7. Spain's                  | 28. Chamber of Commerce      |
| <b>Drugs &amp; Sundries</b> | 29. Chas. Howard             |
| 8. Westerman                | 30. First National Bank      |
| <b>Fuel</b>                 | 31. Jimco                    |
| 9. Bait Stop                |                              |
| <b>Gifts</b>                |                              |
| 10. Ol' Sonora Trading Co.  |                              |
| <b>Groceries</b>            |                              |
| 11. Cousin's Conv. Store    |                              |
| 12. Food Center             |                              |
| 13. Thriftway               |                              |
| <b>Hair Care</b>            |                              |
| 14. Bright Spot             |                              |
| <b>Insurance</b>            |                              |
| 15. Doyle Morgan            |                              |
| <b>Jewelry &amp; Gifts</b>  |                              |
| 16. Hill's Jewelry          |                              |
| 17. Lee Silver              |                              |
| 18. Tedford Jewelry         |                              |
| <b>Liquor</b>               |                              |
| 19. Fort Trading Co.        |                              |
| 20. Mr. D's                 |                              |



### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 AIRPORT
- 2 AMBULANCE
- 3 BASEBALL FIELDS
- 4 BUS DEPOT
- 5 CEMETERY
- 6 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE
- 7 CITY HALL
- 8 COUNTY COURTHOUSE
- 9 FIRE STATION
- 10 GOLF COURSE
- 11 HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
- 12 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
- 13 HOSPITAL
- 14 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES
- 15 LIBRARY
- 16 MIER MUSEUM
- 17 NURSING HOME
- 18 PARKS, RODEO ARENA
- 19 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
- 20 SCHOOLS
- 21 STOCK YARDS
- 22 SWIMMING POOL
- 23 TENNIS COURTS
- 24 U.S. POST OFFICE
- 25 4-H CENTER

(See inset of Downtown area)

