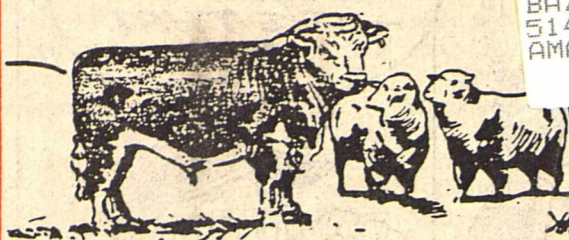


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McSwain to headline Friday nights performance

Ross McSwain, Regional Editor for the San Angelo Standard Times and author of *Ou Yonder Revisited* will be the featured storyteller at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater on Friday, June 30.

His book, *Ou Yonder Revisited*, was among the books nominated in 1989 for the annual T.F. Fehrenbach Award presented by the Texas Historical Commission. He is currently working on Volume II.

McSwain delighted audiences during last years season with tales of the Southwest just as he will delight this years audience.

Sheri Gomez of Ozona will provide musical entertainment for the evening. This lady can sing! Her repertoire runs from McIntyre to Streisand and back again.

Saturdays show is one the kids from six to sixty won't want to miss. Laine Crowe, a black powder hunter and mountain man, will tell tales of the frontier.

It has been said of Crowe that he was born 200 years too late and he has spent the past forty-five years hunting and trapping game from the Texas border to the North Platte River in Wyoming.

Crowe is a scrimshaw artist and quite a speaker on the lifestyles of mountain men and the Southern Plains Indians during the period between 1808 and 1835.

Crowe performed for the intermediate school last year and told some fascinating tales. Crowe

is well versed on history as it actually was.

The performances begin at 6:30 with dinner served by the Sutton County Steakhouse. The show will begin around 7. Tickets for the show are \$4 for adults with children six and under free and dinner is

priced at \$4.95.

Nature provides a wonderful backdrop for the shows which are held on the grounds at the Caverns of Sonora. Beautiful evening skies and soft gentle breezes, a good show and wonderful meal--what more could anyone ask?



Crowe, wearing his "shining shirt" which is covered with turkey beads, will share the story of the mountain men as he performs Saturday night.

The audience will be able to wonder through his hunting camp and see his coonskins caps, turtleshell purses, and beaded buckskins. Contributed photo.

Six Sonora students named outstanding

Six Sonora junior high students were named Outstanding Band Campers at the Sul Ross State University annual Junior High Band Camp held on campus June 11-17.

Juanita Smalling on flute, Becky Lumbreiras on clarinet and Audrey Neel on trumpet were named Symphonic Band Outstanding Band Campers; Carmen Burch on percussion was named Honors Band Outstanding Band Camper; and Jennifer Presley on clarinet and Dede Moore on baritone were named Concert Band Outstanding Band Campers.

More than 150 area junior high students attended the week long camp. Students registered Sunday and spent Monday through Saturday attending band and sectional rehearsals in preparation for the Saturday concert presented for parents and guests in the Sul Ross Main Auditorium.

Band campers were auditioned during registration and divided into three bands. Four Sonora students--Stefany Roberts on flute, Chris Ramirez on clarinet, Jennifer James on trumpet and Joel Cox on tuba--were selected for the top band, the Honors Band.

Symphonic Band members included Elsa Lumbreiras on trumpet, Monica Chavez on percussion and Virginia Talamantes on baritone.

Band camp students lived on campus in Mountainside Hall. Activities were planned each night and included dances in the Student Center Monday and Friday nights. Swimming, a scavenger hunt, Talent Night, a faculty band concert, and Olympic Night with events like the life saver relay, mummy wrap and watermelon roll

were offered during the week.

The camp was organized and directed by John Faraone, Sul Ross director of band, with assistant director Bryant Harris of Sonora High School and camp secretary June Cobb.

Band directors were Harold Floyd, Monahans High School, Honors Band; Jim Rhodes, Grandfalls-Royalty High School, Symphonic Band; and Ray Tietze, El Paso Riverside High School, Concert Band.

Senator Gramm to visit Sonora July 1

Senator Phil Gramm will be in Sonora on Saturday, July 1 in celebration of Small Business Week which begins on that day.

Gramm, who feels that small businesses are the basis of our economy and our hope for a prosperous future, will be at the Commercial Restaurant from 1:30 until 2:20.

Seco Mayfield, Chamber of Commerce President, Mayor Billy

Gosney and Councilman Lemuel Lopez will join Senator Gramm in recognizing the role of small business in the American economy.

The senator and mayor will participate in a ribbon cutting symbolic of the community's support of small businesses and that future ribbon cutting will be forthcoming.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Should you pay for processing?

People have been receiving mail from an organization called the Federal Benefits Assistance Corp. offering to assist them in filling for Social Security retirement benefits for an \$18 fee, Franklin Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo said.

The Federal Benefits Assistance Corp. is not connected with the Social Security Administration or Federal government.

First, Upp said, there is no need to pay any firm money to help you file a Social Security application.

Second, you may actually lose money and delay the processing of your claims by sending your application to a private company. Social Security applications are not officially filed until they're actually received by a Social Security office.

The representatives in any Social Security office will prove free all of the service you need to file your claims benefits, including:

- Giving you the proper application form;
- Helping you complete the form; and
- Telling you what documents you need and how to obtain them.

The Social Security representative can answer questions and

provide you with brochures explaining how Social Security affects you.

Don't pay \$18 for services Social Security will provide free. Phone 949-4608 if you have questions about filing a claim for Social Security benefits.

Business management key to ranching success

High among any business goals should be profitability, liquidity, solvency and efficiency, according to Dr. Larry White of Uvalde.

"Many managers, including ranch managers, who are very capable in the technical and production aspects of their businesses are completely in the dark when it comes to measures of business status and performance," said White, who is a range specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Managers may leave their record keeping to bookkeepers, or worse, use the "shoebox" record system. The only "business analysis" they do is filling out their tax forms at the end of the year and/or preparing financial statements as they are required by their lender, White said.

Successful managers should be able to determine the financial position of their businesses at any time, he stressed. They must be able to evaluate where the business has been and where it's going.

The Total Ranch Management program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, teaches ranchers how to incorporate these business skills into their operations.

The TRM approach provided a total ranch perspective in a practical workshop approach where profit is a prime consideration. The next eight-day school will be August 15-18 and 21-24, 1989 in Uvalde.

Due to the in-depth, personal training provided, registration is limited to twenty-five ranchers. A registration fee of \$200 is charged to offset the costs of a reference handbook, calculator, school supplies and regional newsletter.

Further information may be received by contacting TRM, P.O. Box 1849, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1849, telephone (512)278-9151.

DPS challenges Texas drivers

The Director of the Department of Public Safety has challenged Texas drivers to show the DPS traffic death estimate for the long July 4th period is far too high.

"The DPS Statistical Services bureau has indicated that as many as fifty-two persons could be killed on Texas roadways during these hours," Colonel Joe Milner said. "But the number will be lower if more drivers will slow, down, avoid drinking alcohol and use a well-known safety precaution--seat belts." Col. Milner mentioned that the July 4th period will include the weekend before Independence Day.

"The DPS Public Information Office will conduct the traffic fatality count for 102 hours, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, June 30 and continuing until midnight



Outrageous Characters...

A cast of outrageous animal characters joined by George Washington and a pirate captain focus the audience's attention on the freedoms contained in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights in "The Next Amendment." A rousing musical with original songs and patter, "The Next Amendment" was penned by Dr. Charles Pascoe of the Southwest Texas State University theatre arts faculty. It will be one of three Pascoe plays featured at the second annual central Texas Children's Festival June 28-July 16 in the SWT University Theatre located in the Speech and Drama Center. The other productions will be "Cave Song" about the need to preserve the Edwards Aquifer and its precious natural resource and "Oracle of the Balcones," a bit of Texas history viewed through the eyes of Karmadillo. The Flaming Red Flamingo portrayed by Merydth Hunt of Austin, left, and Red, White and Blue Jay played by Kelly Russell of Sonora was captured as they cavorted on stage in one of the stirring musical numbers from the show, described as a mixture of Vaudeville and a slick Broadway musical. Tickets are \$3 each and are available at the SWT University Theatre Box Office. For reservations and information about show times, telephone (512) 245-2204.

Briefly

EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, deadline for the Devil's River News dated July 6 will be at 5 pm on Friday, June 30.

The Devil's River News office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 1989.

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration.

Teen Nite

Teen Nite at the City Swimming Pool will be held Friday, June 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. A two-man volleyball tournament will be held this week.

Teams need to sign up at the pool. A fee of \$1 will be charged for anyone entering the pool area.

Tickets now on sale

Season tickets for the 1989 Season of the "Covered Wagon Dinner Theater" are now on sale to the public and may be purchased at Westerman Drug.

The cost of the tickets are \$25 each and entitle the bearer to attend all eighteen shows.

Spaces available

Space reservations are now being taken for Sutton County Days.

Fees are as follows: lawn spaces \$20; booths with pegboard (handmade items only) \$25; commercial \$50; and electricity \$5.

For further information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce 387-2880 or come by 706 SW Crockett.

Bible School

"Celebrate God's Love" will be the theme for the Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches as they join together for Vacation Bible School.

The session for children three years through sixth grade will begin on July 10 and conclude July 14.

Drawing June 30

Donations are being sold for a drawing to be held June 30 for a hand-crocheted lace doily set or a handmade vest. The tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased at the Center.

The drawing will be held at the Senior Center and all proceeds will go to benefit the Center.

Senior Citizen's Day rescheduled

Due to illness, "Razzle Dazzle the Clown" was unable to perform at the Nursing Home and Senior Center on June 9.

The date has been rescheduled for June 30 at 3 pm at the Nursing Home. In addition to "Razzle Dazzle", door prizes will be given and refreshments served.

"Razzle Dazzle" will also be at the Senior Center, 104 Wilson, during the lunch hour June 30. Come join in the "clowning around."

Basketball camp

Anyone who was unable to register for the Sonora Basketball Camp may do so on Monday, July 10 at 8 am for incoming 4th-6th graders and 1 pm for incoming 7th-9th graders at the Junior High gym.

The camps runs from Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14. Times will be 8:30 to 11:30 am for 4th-6th and 1:30 to 4:30 for 7th-9th.

Cost of the camp is \$15 which includes the price of a T-shirt.

ICA Meeting

The next regular Independent Cattlemen's Association meeting and Dutch treat dinner will be held Monday, August 7, 1989. Beginning at 6:30 pm, the meeting will be held at the Sutton County Steakhouse. All members are urged to attend.

There will be no July meeting due to the 4th of July holiday.

SS representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, will be in Sonora on Thursday, July 20 from 9 to 10:30 am at the Sutton 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.

Classes continue

Adult Education Classes for Amnesty Applicants only will continue throughout the summer on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 pm in the Vocational Building.

For more information call 387-3029.

Clases para adultos de amnestia solamente continuaran durante el verano.

En los martes y jueves de las 6:30-9 pm en el Vocacional Building.

Para mas informacion llamen al 387-3029.

Lodge meeting

Dee Ora Lodge #715 stated meeting is the third Thursday of every month with a meal served at 6:30 pm and the meeting following at 7:30.

Predator problems

Ranchers of the area need to be aware of an increasing predator problem in some areas.

If you would be interested in joining a trapping club or if you have questions regarding predator control call John Wade at 387-2908.

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.

Hotline number

Violence need not be a part of your life. Call the Family Shelter in San Angelo at 655-5774. Transportation to the Shelter is available.

Sutton County Days

Sutton County Days Association meeting to be held on Monday, July 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora Stock Pens.

Depot Roof Countdown

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10	campaign	644	to adopt

Make checks payable to SCHS-Depot Roof and mail to Depot Roof, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950 or drop by Westerman Drug.

Do workers on strike get unemployment?

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: Can workers on strike draw unemployment insurance benefits?

Commissioner



Mary Scott Nabers

Texas Business Today

Dear T.W.: No. Section 5(d) of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act provides a disqualification from the receipt of benefits to claimants who are unemployed as a result of their participation in a strike. However, if the strikers ultimately make an unqualified offer to return to work and this offer is rejected by management, then the strike becomes a lock out and it may be possible for the workers to draw benefits under another provision of the law.

rather large corporation, to work a project which requires about 65 hours a week. He gets no additional compensation for this time and feels it would do no good to complain since he is considered a salaried employee. What would you suggest he do?

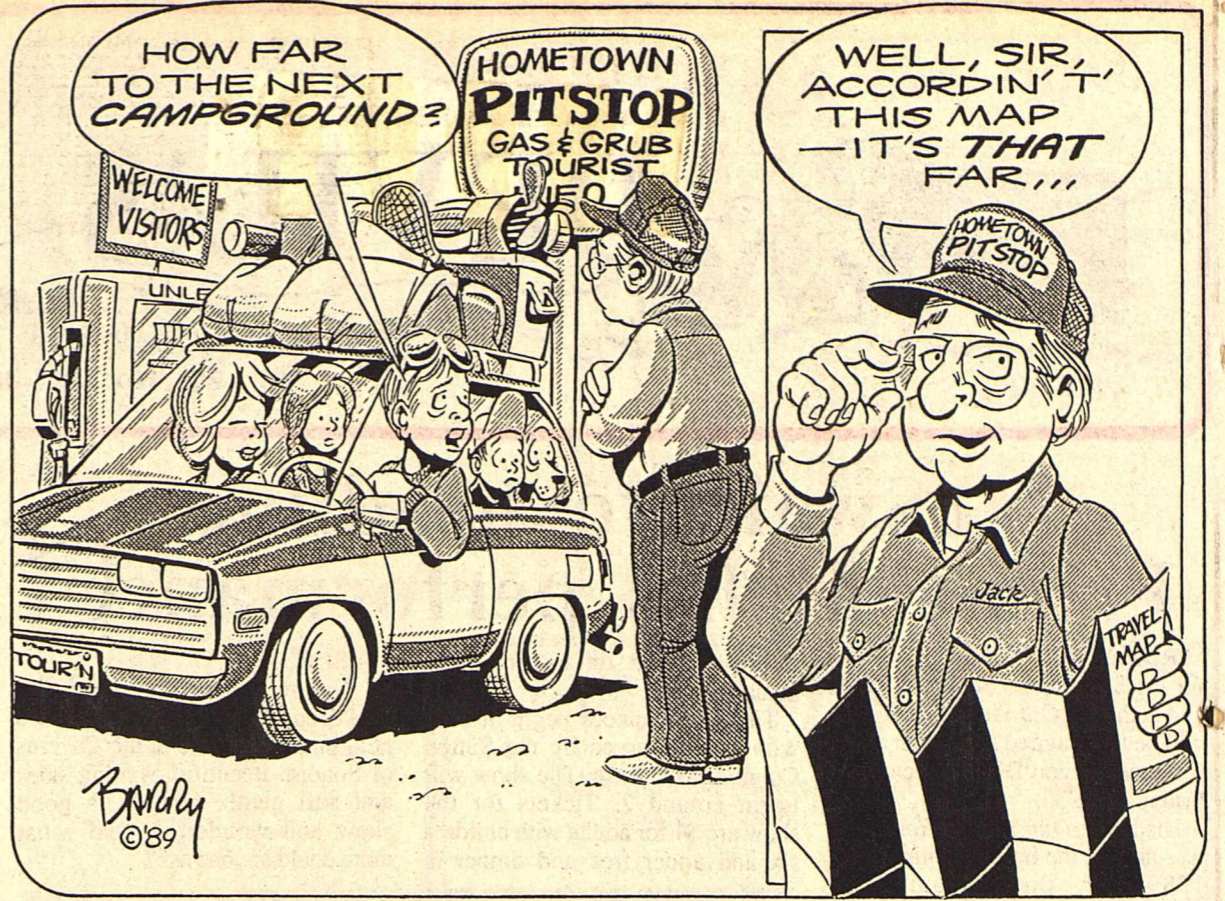
M.C.
Odessa, Tx.

DEAR M.C.: Your friend could first go to the personnel office of the employer and ask someone to explain the criteria under which he

is considered exempt from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. If he is satisfied that his position is indeed exempt, then he should discuss his workload problems with his immediate supervisor to see if some satisfactory compromise can be worked out.

If your friend believes that he does not meet the criteria for an exempt employee, he can file a wage complaint with the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. There should be a listing for them in the federal government section of your local telephone directory.

Mary Scott Nabers represents all Texas employers. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 TEC Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Tx. 78778.



Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Beef is back. That's good news to those of us who enjoy eating beef, whether it's a lean, tender steak; a convenient, flavorful roast; or a burger with all the trimmings. It's also good news to those of us who are beef producers.

Beef is big business. The beef industry is the single largest segment of American agriculture with sales of cattle and calves accounting for about 22 percent of total receipts from farm marketing. In Texas, cash receipts from cattle and calves totaled \$4.9 billion in 1988. And every dollar of cattle sales directly generates an additional \$5 to \$6 of business activity in the farm supply and food businesses.

There's an important reason why beef is back. Beef producers became part of a new era in the beef industry on October 1, 1986, when the national beef checkoff program begins. Through the checkoff, beef producers invest one dollar per head of cattle sales in a program which funds beef promotion, education and research at both the national and state levels.

June 27, 1989, marks the 1,000th day of the national beef checkoff program--1,000 days of solid progress for us in the beef industry. The result is a better, more nutritious and enjoyable product for consumers and improved profitability for the biggest single sector of the agricultural economy.

Sincerely,
John S. Cargile

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to all of my friends for their cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization.

I also want to extend a special thanks to Pastor Fred Campbell who brightened each day with a visit.

I appreciate the support and encouragement. Bless you all.

Doris Merriman.

Dear Sonora and Sutton County,

We would like to thank everyone who attended James Morris' retirement party June 17 at the Caverns.

Mr. Morris has spent so much of his life helping others and he was pleased to see and visit with those who have worked with him.

He will certainly be missed!

Sincerely,
The staff and management,
Caverns of Sonora

Two Sonora students graduate

The more than 1,400 students receiving degrees at Texas Tech during the spring 1989 commencement exercises included two Sonora students.

Preeti Patel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naranji Patel, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in biochemistry.

Mike Polocsek received a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Polocsek.

Ozona to celebrate July 4th

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce wishes to invite you to participate in our annual 4th of July Celebration on the Square, to be held Tuesday the 4th from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Starting with the Flag Ceremony at 1:00 and then on to the Pet Parade. Any pet can enter and ribbons will be awarded in various categories. A trophy will be given for Best of Show.

While the children enjoy sack races, egg tosses, and water games, the parents can wander through the crafts booths, display booths, food booths, and may join the washer pitching tournament.

Following the Fire Department Demonstration at 4:00 p.m. there will be a street dance starring all hometown talent. Levi and Lace Square Dance Club will give an exhibition during the evening. Admission is free.

If you wish to reserve a booth, please call 392-3066. The booth prices are \$25.00 with a \$10.00 refund upon clean-up.

We plan to have an outstanding Celebration again this year and your participation will help us achieve our goal. We sincerely hope you will join us on the 4th of July.

Galindo ends basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Samuel Galindo, son of Mary and Samuel Galindo Sr. of 308 E. College St., Sonora, Tx., has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Galindo's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Galindo's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in February 1989. His wife, Velma, is the daughter of Manuel and Rita Villanueva, also of Sonora.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist and the Outdoor Drama Group would like to thank Ronnie Cox for also wanting to be your Season Ticket Agent for the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater!

Season tickets are still on sale at Westerman Drug for \$25 each. The Season runs thru August 12, 1989

SNIPS, QUIPS, and LIFTS

by Lottie Lee Baker

A lot of American families are so poor they have only one car and one boat.

You can't rise with the lark if you have been on one the night before.

Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.

Folks shouldn't be so fearful of tomorrow because when it comes it will be today.

We'd better go easy on the "stick

to you ribs food", because that's not where it usually sticks.

Spaghetti is the stuff you wind around your fork, then drop in your lap.

An onion is a vegetable that builds you up physically, and tears you down socially.

This year about the only thing that is not enriched, fortified, or reinforced is money.

It's funny how we never get too old to learn some new ways to be foolish.

It is far better to forgive and forget than to hate and remember.

Newspapers are owned by individuals and corporation, but freedom of the press belongs to the people.

A good friend is like a tube of toothpaste--comes through in a tight squeeze.

Some carve out a future, while others just whittle away the time.

No one has more faith than the person who plays a slot machine.

Wisdom enables one to be thrifty without being stingy, and generous without being wasteful.

Why can't the government cut down on its spending? It's forced the rest of us to cut down on ours.

It is possible that a man could live twice as long if he didn't spend the first half of his life acquiring the habits that shorten the other half.

To avoid old age keep taking on new thoughts and throwing off old habits.

You can lead a man to congress but you can't make him think.

Drivers are safer when highways are dry, and highways are safer when drivers are dry.

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June vows exchanged

Mary Louise McGann of Earth became the bride of Zane Clay Teutsch during a double ring ceremony at the Gazebo in San Angelo on June 24.

Parents of the bride are William E. and Suzanne McGann of Sunny Hills, Florida. The groom's parents are Thomas E. and Jo Ann Walker of San Angelo.

The bride, wearing a tea length silk dress with Chantilly overlay, was given in marriage by her mother and father.

Maid of Honor was Miss Jennifer

McGann of Lubbock, sister of the bride while the father of the groom served as Best Man.

The bride is a graduate of Coronado High School and Texas Tech University and teaches in Earth where the couple will reside.

The groom graduated from Water Valley High School and currently is attending Texas Tech University.

He is the grandson of Sam and Libbye Young of Sonora, Mrs. Cecil Teutsch of Tyler, and the great grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Libb Wallace.

OES installs officers

Sonora Chapter 575, Order of the Eastern Star held installation of officers Tuesday, June 6, 1989.

New officers for the 1989-90 year are: Beverly Valliant, Worthy Matron; Wayford Tyler, Worthy Patron; Betty Dillard, Associate Matron; Jim Harrington, Associate Patron; Charlotte Wilson, Secretary; Dorothy Baker, Treasurer; Darla McKissack, Conductress; Candy Nelson, Associate Conductress; Virginia Kepler, Chaplain; Patricia Tyler, Marshall; Maxine Locklin, Organist; Shelly Briscoe, Adah; Maggie Glasscock, Ruth; Jackie Polocsek, Esther; Butch Campbell, Martha; Brenda Valliant, Electa; Anna Rose Gillit, Warder; and Margaret Kring, Sentinel.

Refreshments were served by all Chapter members after the ceremonies.

Worthy Matron, Beverly Valliant, has chosen "Reach Out" as her theme for the year. As officers for this year, we would like to reach out to each of our members and encourage you to attend Chapter. Only participation will enable us to achieve the goals of the Order.

The Chapter met for the regularly stated monthly meeting on June 20 where annual reports were read and approved.

The program for the month was patriotism, presented by Darla McKissack. Charlotte Wilson provided special sing-a-long music.

The Chapter voted to sell snow cones at the courthouse during Sutton County Days.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Maggie Glasscock and Dorothy Baker.

Covered Wagon Review

by Charlotte Gilmore

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater has just completed its 44th performance and they keep getting better and better. The performers this past week-end, Allen Damron and Tim Henderson, will be back next season. That's a guarantee! They were so good and made so many friends during their stay here. Tim and Allen are good friends, so they each stayed an extra night to hear the other perform and it was a very special weekend for them as well as for Sonora. If you missed them, put it on your calendar for Season #4.

This Friday and Saturday night coming up will bring Ross McSwain and Sheri Gomez back to the stage of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater. Those of you who have heard them before know it will be an entertaining evening. Laine Crowe's show on Saturday is one kids will especially enjoy because they will be able to walk into Laine's hunting camp and examine his coonskin caps, turtleshell purses, beaded buckskins, his sleeping quarters, and smell dinner cooking. Laine is a veteran blackpowder hunter who has hunted on the Aldwell ranch for eighteen years as well as a veteran storyteller.

Our "Glad You're Here Bag's" are spreading out across the U.S. already-Washington state, Virginia, Florida and South Carolina. We are so grateful to all the merchants who contributed and hope you'll let us know if the folks come to see you.

The pony express riders so far have been: Laramie & Stetson Hall



MRS. JEFFREY ELMORE Crites, Elmore recite vows

Carla Carissa Crites and Jeffrey Ross Elmore were married Saturday, June 24, 1989 in Bandera.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Crites of Sonora and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. Gerald Elmore of Peoria, Illinois.

The bride is a Dental Assistant for Comprehensive Dental Services in San Antonio.

The groom is employed by Wildwood Apartment Management Corporation of San Antonio.

Following a wedding trip to Austin, the couple plan to make their home in Bandera.

and Will L. and Stormy Matthews. If you would like to ride one weekend at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater and deliver the Glad You're Here Bag, please give Janalyn Jones a call at 387-2524.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Outdoor Drama Group and helping to put on shows, call Charlotte Gilmore at 387-2757.

Howell selected as member

John Louis W. Howell has been selected as new member of the 1989-90 Outstanding College Students of America. He was chosen for the honor based on outstanding merit and accomplishments as an American college student.

Howell, who attends Texas

A&M, has won a three and one half year scholarship for Air Force ROTC and a two year scholarship from C.R. Clements of Coperras Cove.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey DuRussell and the late Louis Davis.



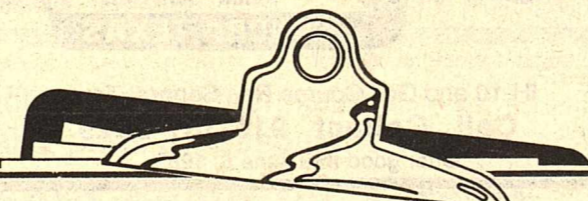
The U.S. is 3,623,420 square miles in area.

TO THE SONORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Our utmost praise and thanks to all of you who were there to prevent what could have been a devastating loss of our home. Without your rapid response, and the expert way you handled the whole situation, we hate to think of what might have been. We cannot find enough words to express the gratitude we feel.

Once again, thanks so much to such a wonderful group of gentlemen who are so often overlooked and who often do not receive the credit they deserve.

God bless you each and every one, George, Becky and Boys



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Mrs. Jim Porter, nee Karen Bishop

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Tedford Jewelry Bridal Gift Registry

Gigi McKinney, bride-elect of Mark Van Hoozer
Dana Souter, bride-elect of Jeff Pannell
Prissy Cook, bride-elect of Steve McCollum
Mrs. Jim Porter, nee Karen Bishop

Downtown Sonora 387-3839

"Over the Hill Gang"

Hudspeth Nursing Home News

by Doris Cahill

Welcome back to Doris Cox from Community Hospital in San Angelo, and Wilma Nicholas who likes it here better than at home all by her lonesome. And many thanks to Evelyn McDonald for the magazines and "The Bait Stop" for twelve little gold fish with which to re-stock the fish pond in front of the building.

Teacher to pupil: "Have you read 'Freckles?'"

Pupil: "No Ma'am, mine are the brown kind."

Bingo scores for June 9th, 15th and 22nd were Bruton 5, Cahill 5, Drennan 4, Hardy 3, Cox 2, Mazuca 2, Rodriguez 2, Steen 2, Hinojosa 2, Carpenter 1, McLaughlin 1, Fuller 1, and Mendez 1. Helpers were Marissa Herrera, Mary Maskill, Guila Vicars, and Wanda Davidson. Caller was Lilia, as usual.

Manuel Mendez was honored at the June 16th, Hosptial Auxiliary Birthday Party. Sheila Harris sang for us, and Patsy Dobbs played the piano. Hostesses Dorothy Baker and Pauline Thompson were assisted by Vivian Crites and Monica DuRussell, and cake made by Clara Brooks, also punch was served.

On the 17th Mr. G. strummed his guitar and sang western songs while Lilia served Strawberry Shortcake, ice cream and punch at the party honoring all fathers.

On the 20th, Sheila Harris, Rhonda Akins and Josh and Nick Theaux sang hymns for us while Patsy Dobbs played the piano. Little Kendra Rush was also a visitor.

Charlotte Wilson played the piano for us awhile on June 21. Helping to shorten the longest day of the year, which was also the first day of summer.

Lilia has introduced us to a parachute game and we are always in the mood for popcorn, juice, and eskimo pies. I wouldn't want her to know it, but we like her a little bit, and think who is a handy gal to have around for lots of reasons.

Jim Luckie spent a weekend at his ranch recently and discovered

Tech honor list

More than 2,000 Texas Tech University students qualified for the academic honors list at the end of the 1989 spring semester.

Students on the President's Honors List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade-point-average while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours of class work.

Sonora students included on the President's Honor List are Kelly Cahill and Curt Kneese.

Kelly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cahill, is a junior with a major in biology.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schneider, Curt is a junior majoring in petroleum land management.



People believe if a spider crawls towards you, you will have a quarrel.

exotic Russian Boars had visited. I was interested to learn they are very destructive and carnivorous. Jim missed about a dozen Spanish goats, and several areas of grassland had been rooted up.

Members of the Church of Christ were here for devotional on June 11th and Rev. Don Jones brought an inspiring message. Singing hymns with Rev. Jones were: Ruth Lee Eaton, "Honey" Anderson, Myrtle Armentrout, Gretta Smith, and Claudine Jones. Rev. and Mrs. Jones were accompanied by their granddaughter, Stacy Jones, who enjoyed listening to our parakeet sing along!

"Life has no pleasure nobler than that of friendship".

Abraham Lincoln

Out of town guests were: Brenda Touchstone, Amarillo; Bille and Don Nicholas, Houston; Blondee McMillian and Hanson Nixon, Eldorado; David Ray and Dee Odum, San Antonio; Violet Needham and Mrs. E. Lee Pitts, San Angelo; Ellen Ray, Eldorado; Damacia Sanchez and family, San Angelo; Howard and Catherine Bennett, North Ft. Myles, Florida; Dr. and Mrs. John D. Eaton, Teresa, Alicia, and Tom, San Angelo; Colleen Tallart and Heather Hall, Odessa; Foster Hearn and Curt Conroy, Uvalde.

Local guests were: Tonya Lackey, Jared Shipp, Ruby and Vernon Luckie, Wilma Patrick, Martha Wallace, Mary Earwood, Ida Belle Barnes, Monty Yantis, Dorothy Baker, Mrs. Leonard Gibbs, Evelyn McDonald, Marsha Stabel, Ruth and Jason Bounds, Nadine Porter, Pauline Thompson, Vivian Crites, Guila Vicars, Monica DuRussell, Sheila Harris, Patsy Dobbs, Ruth Lee Eaton, Kendra Rush, Rhonda and Josh Akins, Nicklaus Theaux, and Lois McCalmont.

Bueno Bye, Until next time.

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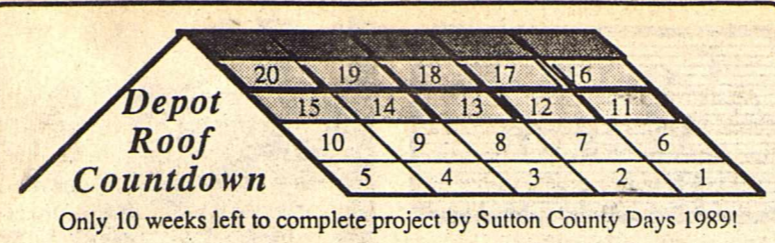
As they did last year, the Episcopalians, Methodists, and Presbyterians are joining in this ministry to the youth of Sonora.

Everyone three years old through students who have just completed the sixth grade is invited to attend

and bring a friend. Registration will be Monday, July 10, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School will be in session daily from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Come join us as we "Celebrate God's Love."

For more information call Sarah Wade at 387-2908 or JoAnn Wilkinson at 387-3205.



Good week for the Depot Roof! Ten weeks and 644 sq. ft. left in the countdown. We are so close. Now, let's go for 500's by next Thursday.

Most recent contributors are: Shurley Cross S. Ranch; Rose Mary Jones, Del Rio; Leon and Cee-wee Johnson Burtnett, Noblesville, Ind.; Tyree Hardy,

Houston; Jack and Imogene Trainer, Del Rio; and April Spiller.

If you have ever thought about helping with the Depot roof, even one single sq. ft. Won't you please send your contributions to SCHS Depot Roof, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950 or drop it by Westernman Drug and Watch This Roof!



Brenda Valliant

Valliant named as manager of Caverns

Brenda Valliant, a long time Sonora resident, has been named as the new manager of the Caverns of Sonora, Inc. The appointment came after the retirement of James Morris this past week.

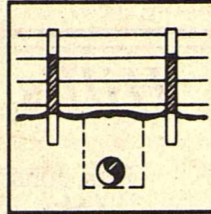
Working several years as a tour guide while she was still in high school, she returned to work for the Caverns in July of 1988.

She is the wife of Tom E. Valliant and the mother of Tavia Lee, Victoria Roy, Tom Edward II, and Travis Cozby Valliant. Brenda

is actively involved as a Sunday school teacher and a member of The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church. She is also a member of the Sonora Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the Sonora Womens Club.

Brenda performs her job with a great deal of enthusiasm and is excited about the renovations taking place at the Caverns saying, "I want to invite everyone out to see what's taking place 'cause if you haven't seen us lately, you haven't seen us!"

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The booklet even shows how to hold a pair of pruning shears and how to make pruning cuts at the proper angle.

You'll learn how to shape and guide a shade tree when it's young so that it's tall, straight, strong, and healthy when it's old.

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To obtain your free copy of this valuable booklet, send your name and address to: How to Prune, National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

SELF CONTROL

by J. Michael Fish

You are the barrier in the Way of Success

The principle barrier prohibiting the realization on individual goals is the individual himself. Many persons deligate the cause of such barriers to economic, occupational, religious, health or any numbers of other factors. Though they present consequential challenges and definitely obstruct the direct

achievement of objectives, estimations of their significance are often grossly disproportionate.

More often than not; feelings of inadequacy, fear of the consequences, ignorance and procrastination are the causations of failure.

Indeed; everything received, at any time or in any station of life, has an element of cost and must be coordinated with areas directly and indirectly involved. Also, and understanding of the cost/valve received relationship is imperative.

"I can't ... because I just don't have the money." If I had a nickle for every time I've said and heard this excuse, I'd buy the Devil's River News and hire Ann to run it and provide a healthy wage increase for her and those that help to produce it.

Actually, the individual feels the cost outweigh what is received and/or they are unwilling to incur the expense of wisdom, time, perspiration; or all three.

The problem with such an excuse?

It's a trap. Making such a statement conveys to the subconscious a belief that money is a significant barrier. The more it is stated, the stronger the belief. Consequently, one becomes trapped by the barrier of money; unable to partake of life's blessings or achieve goals because they are "unaffordable."

Certainly; money, job, church and ill-health are factors which must be considered and can be formidable challenges to confront. The life experience hinges on the ability to solve its problems. Even without the afore-mentioned barriers, there are plenty of obstructions in which to surmount. Why complicate them by overestimating their proportions?

All Star players selected

The Sonora City League would like to announce their All Star players selected for the up-coming tournament in Brady, on July 6th, 7th, and 8th:

Players are: Peter Noriega, Keith Varnor, John Paul Hudman, Chris Gutierrez, Andy Mirike, Cody Renfro, Hadley Smith, John Sosa, Coley Thompson, Jason Morley, Adrian Mata, Jarrod Johnson, Davis Hale-alternate, David Varnor-alternate, and Frank Gamboa-Coach.

Congratulations to all the players and good luck in Brady. The league would like to invite everyone to come to Brady, July 6th, 7th, and 8th to support our All Star team.

"Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist"

Due to an inability to accept rejection, criticism, or discouragement, many people lack confidence, even when they possess a very viable talent. This stems from trying to hard to please someone else and fretting over the opinions of others. They judge themselves, or their abilities, by 'outside' estimations.

The thing that satisfies, pleases and brings peace of mind is the thing to pursue.

"What will I do if I succeed?" Will success change me into someone I don't like? "What if I fail?" "Will I be respected if I fail?" These questions are based on fear; the fear of success or failure, as the

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"THOSE CRAZY EPISCOPALIANS"



are they just "religion shoppers?"

In many areas, you find very few "native-born" Episcopalians. Often, they're folks who shopped around till they found a church that satisfied some longing for something missing in their own religious experience.

Maybe that's why the Episcopal Church, along with its reputation for peculiarities, has long been known as sort of a "thinking-man's religion." It embraces so many members who made up their own minds...then stopped shopping.

They lay no claims to having the "only religion" or even the right one. It's just the one that's right for them.

Episcopalians are a bit different. They have "formal" services. They don't chit-chat much at church. They kneel at times. They read prayers from a book. And they offer guidelines, not straight-jackets, for Christian living. If you'd like to know the reasons why, your Episcopal neighbor or minister would be flattered to explain, without "twisting your arm."

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The public may intervene or participate in this matter but is not required to do so. Anyone who wishes to intervene in this proceeding or comment on the relief sought by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757 or call the Public Utility Commission Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf. The hearing on the merits in this case has been set for August 3, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. at the above address.

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If you are now getting Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks and want direct deposit, just call any Social Security office.

Even if you direct deposit, you still must notify Social Security promptly if you change your address. This is because important notices are mailed directly to you from time to time.

State to pay costs for some adoptions

The state will reimburse up to \$1,500 of the cost of adopting a child with special needs, according to Charles Stevenson, acting commissioner of the Texas Department of Human Services.

"We will reimburse non-recurring adoption expenses, such as fees paid to licensed child-placing agencies, court costs, attorney fees, health and psychological evaluations, transportation, and reasonable costs of lodging and food for the adoptive parents or child necessary to complete the adoption process," Stevenson said.

He said the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 authorizes the reimbursements for adoption of "special needs" children. This

includes children 6 years old or older; minority children 2 years or older; children diagnosed as having a physical, mental or emotional handicap; and children in a sibling group who are adopted together.

The adoption must have been in accordance with Texas laws or the laws of the state from which the child was adopted.

Claims for the cost of adoptions since Jan. 1, 1987, require completion of an application which may be obtained from an adoption worker at a local office of the Texas Department of Human Services. Claims for reimbursement after June 13 require a written agreement prior to the adoption.

Brisbin wins state pistol championship

C.J. Brisbin of Sonora won the State Championship Pistol Competition sponsored by the Texas State Rifle Association and held in Slaton on June 10 and 11.

In addition to his first place in the pistol division, Brisbin placed first in AAA Small Bore Hunter Pistol, third in AA Open Site and with two others, placed second as State Championship Team.

Out of ninety-six entrants in the event, Brisbin was one of twenty selected and named to the Governors Pistol Team.

He plans to attend the National meet in Raton, New Mexico in August.

Following major rules for a safer Fourth of July

An average of 10,525 fireworks-related injuries per year were treated in hospital emergency rooms nationwide during the period 1985-1988, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The number of injuries reported in this manner has doubled since 1974, when 5,000 injuries occurred.

In 1988, almost 50 percent of the reported injuries happened to youngsters under 15 years of age. Half of the reported injuries consisted of burns, according to CPSC. These statistics do not include the number of injuries which were not treated or those which may have been treated in doctors' offices. The careless use of fireworks results in a significant amount of fire damage each year as well.

For instance, in 1987, fire departments in Texas reported 621 fireworks-related fires to the State Board of Insurance, State Fire Marshal's Office through the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System (TEXFIRS).

These fires resulted in about \$662,652 in property damage. Currently, about 321 fire departments protecting more than 70 percent of the state population submit data to the TEFIRS.

The State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the State Board of Insurance, is responsible for the licensing and regulation of the manufacturing, sale and storage of fireworks in Texas.

Paul T. Wrotenbery, Chairman of the State Board of Insurance, joins State Fire Marshal Ernest A. Emerson in offering the following major rules for a safer Fourth of July:

- *Many towns and communities

have ordinances that regulate the possession and use of fireworks. If you aren't certain about laws affecting fireworks in your area, contact your local fire protection or law enforcement authorities for information.

*Use only fireworks which are legal for sale or use. Federal law bans fireworks that contain more than 50 milligrams of explosive charge.

*Designate a responsible adult to ignite fireworks. Never give fireworks to children. Most fireworks injuries are caused by misuse, and mainly by children under 15.

*Read the instructions. If you don't understand the instructions, don't take a chance by lighting the firework.

*Never experiment with fireworks. Don't take fireworks apart or mix anything with the contents. Never make fireworks at home.

*Ignite outdoors. Light fireworks only in a clear area away from houses and flammable materials (dry brush, gasoline cans, etc.)

*Allow enough room for proper functioning. Never ignite fireworks in glass or other containers.

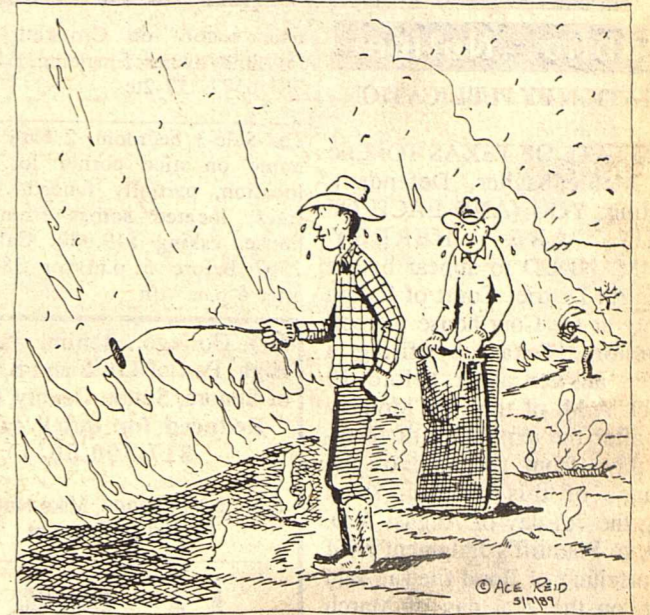
*Keep a safe distance away from the fireworks ignition area and be sure that other potentially dangerous objects are out of range before lighting fireworks.

*Never handle fireworks that have malfunctioned. Do not try to relight them or pick them up. Douse them with water instead.

It is vital that parents enforce these rules for the sake of the health and lives of youngsters, because it's the young people who are most often the victims of accidents involving fireworks.

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Self Control...

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case may be. They can be answered or realized in the positive, as well as the negative sense. "Don't cross that bridge until you come to it."

Ignorance is a correctable condition. Though it weighs heavily in the pursuit of any objective, most people naturally gravitate toward sources of information owing to enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the 'magic pill' that adds vitality to living, for those of ill-health, as well.

Procrastination needs little explanation. It is a major cause of failure and evidence that one lacks drive, enthusiasm. I have yet to meet the individual that has not possessed this characteristic, at one time or another.

Anything worth achieving will cost. Money is a key factor only because it is "legal tender for all debts, public and private." However, the three basic elements required in any undertaking are wisdom, time and persistence. Almost any known condition or barrier can be overcome by these elements.

According to a Gallup Poll published in *Success* magazine, the factors symbolizing success are: enjoyable jobs, happy family, peace of mind, good friends, and above all, good health. Income was barely mentioned, in this regard.

Be realistic in your estimation of that which confronts you. There is a way to overcome that which stands in your way. Know the expense of that which you desire. If the price is right, go for it.

DPS...

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on Tuesday, July 4th," he said. "As before, we'll be keeping this count with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies along with DPS troopers and communications personnel."

The final count for the 1988 July 4th period, which was seventy-eight hours in length, totaled thirty-two fatalities.

Col. Milner said as part of his agency's "Operation Holiday," additional troopers will be deployed to help minimize the risk of driving on all roadways in rural areas.

Traffic fatality totals for Texas will be tabulated and released three times daily from the DPS, at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The first report will be made at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 1.

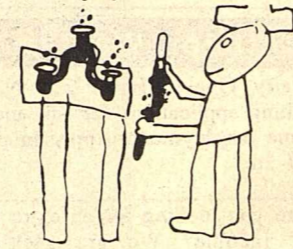


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(Editors note: We wish to thank the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, the National Park Service and Martha Rogers for the reference material used in this article.)

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.

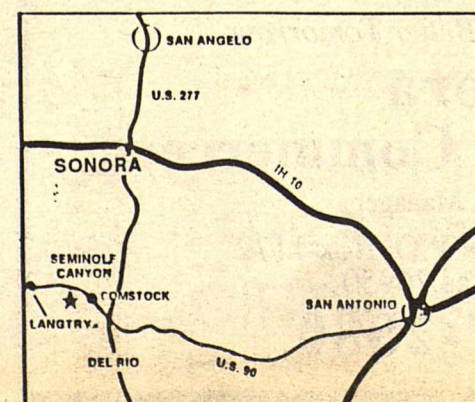
Lake Amistad provides visitors with any type of water sport they desire from skiing to fishing, from sailing to wind surfing. A list of fishing guides as well as camping information and marinas may be obtained from the National Park Service in Del Rio.

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.

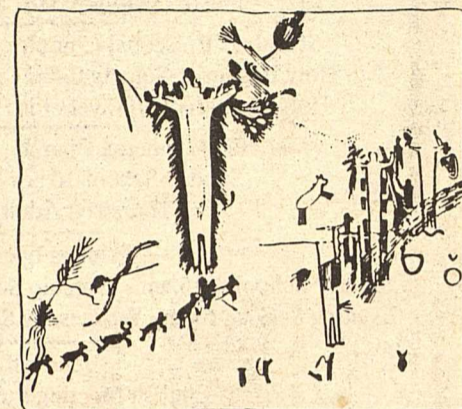
His admiration for English actress Lilly Langtry was so great that he named his town, Langtry, after her and his combination bar-courtroom-billard parlour-jail after her nickname "Jersey Lilly".

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.

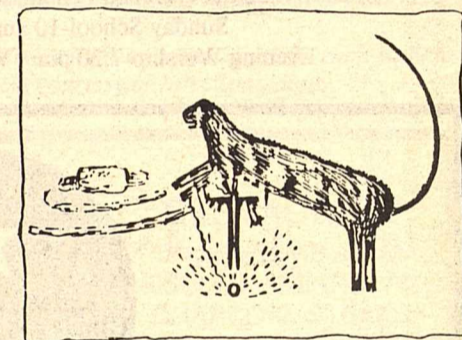
The Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry is operated by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and open daily to the



public. Valverde 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.



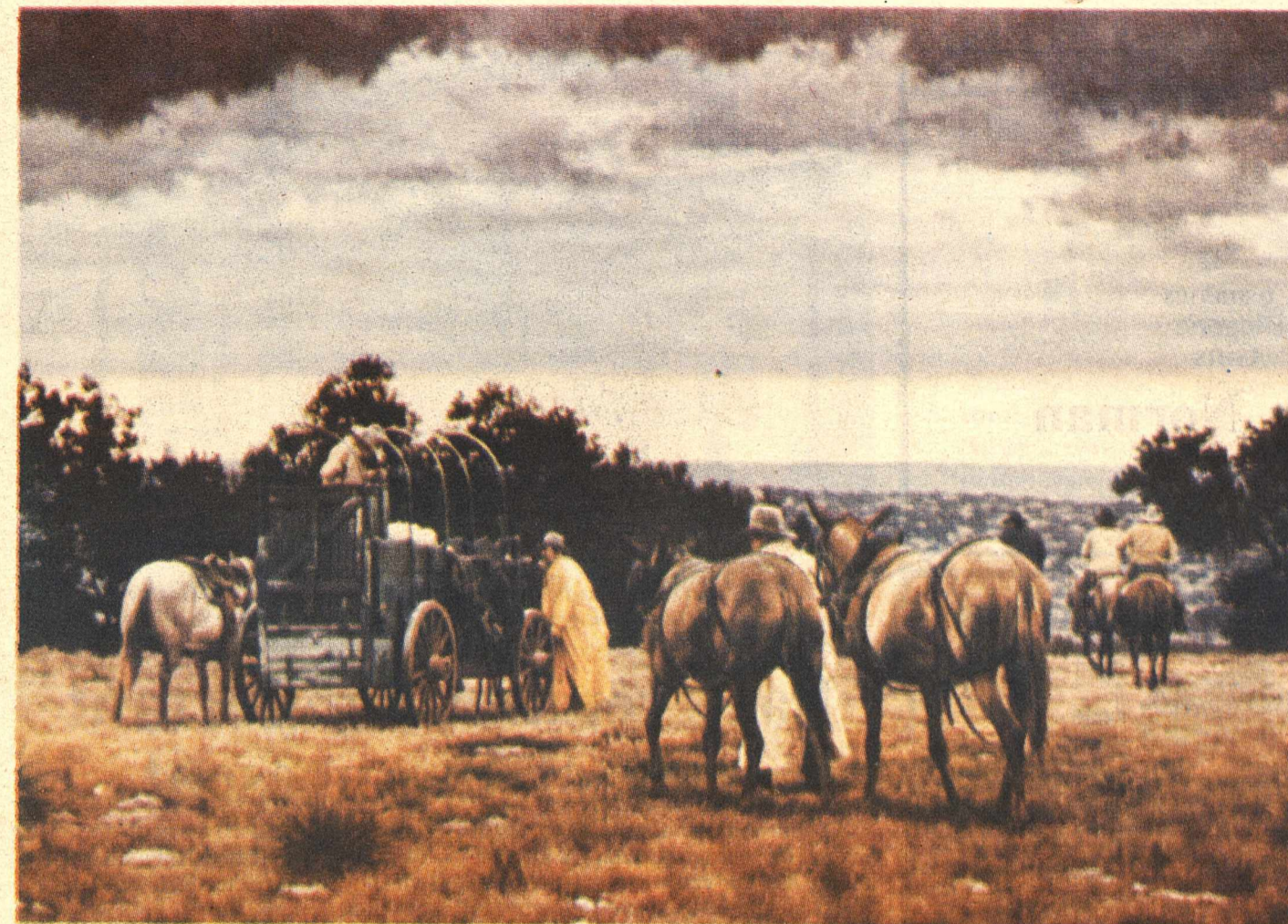
This drawing of a panther, found in the Panther Cave Pictograph Site, would measure nineteen feet from head to tip of tail if the tail were straight instead of curved.

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.



Breaking Camp, an original oil painting by local artist Herman Walker, is typical of mornings in ranching country. Walker portrays cowboys and their life as only a cowboy could. His paintings are so perfect they could easily be mistaken for photographs. Other paintings by Walker can be seen at Ol' Sonora Trading Co. located on Hwy. 277 N. in Sonora.

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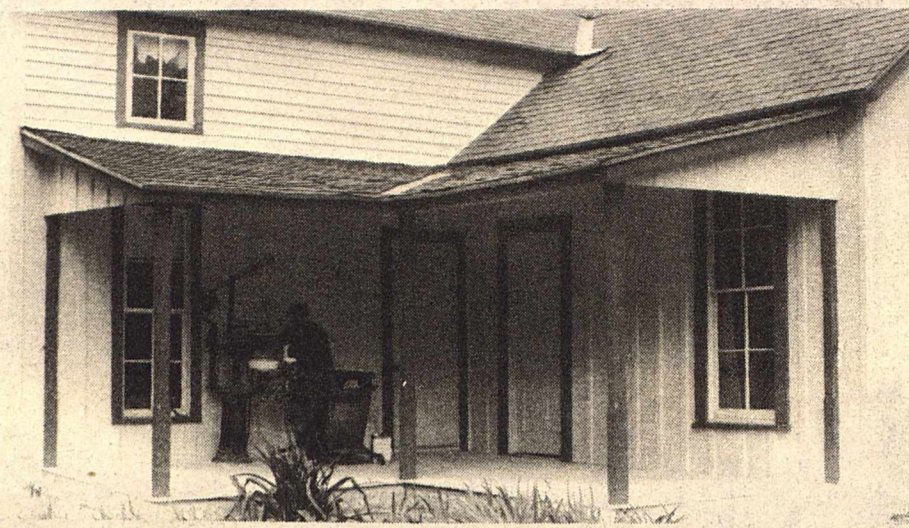


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Isaac Miers built this home for his family in 1888. The home is now used to display many artifacts of Sonora's past.

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.

**Past remains important
part of the present**

As you walk the downtown streets of Sonora, let your imagination go. You can almost see the early days of the town when cowboys tromped the wooden sidewalks, spurs ringing; you can see the dust rising from a herd of sheep being driven through town and up Main Street. In fact, old issues of the Devil's River News implore residents "to keep their livestock off the sidewalks."

Main Street ends to the north directly in front of the Sutton County Courthouse which was constructed in 1890. Although an annex was added in 1985, the Courthouse remains very much as it was in the beginning and is still in use today. West of the Courthouse on the square is the old Sutton County Jail. Construction of the facility was authorized in 1891 with a bid price of \$11,700. However, upon its

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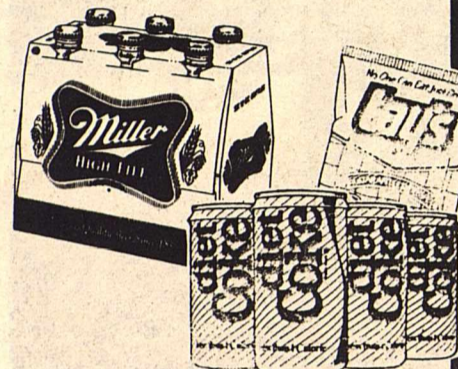
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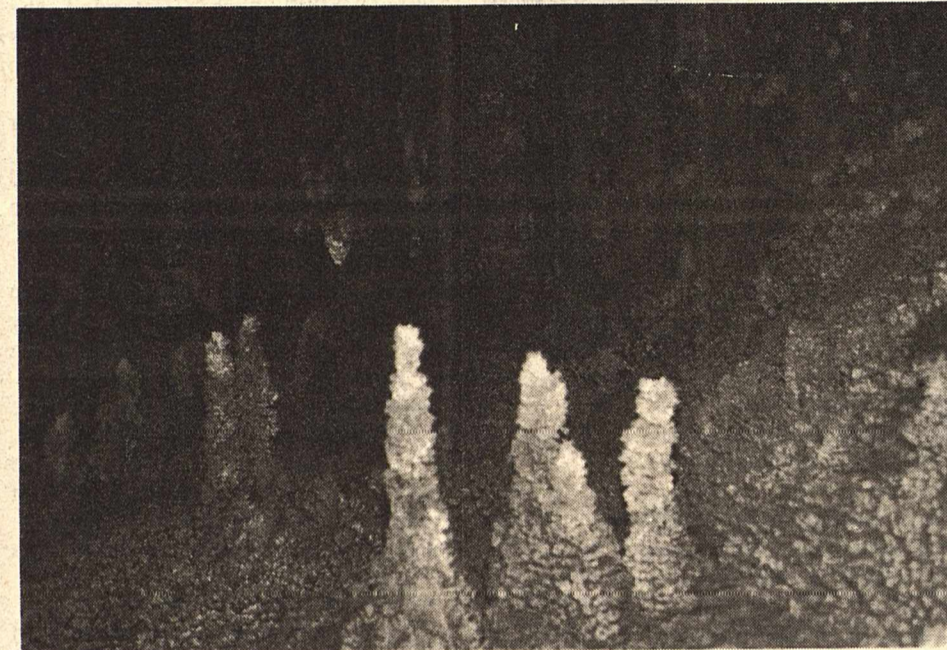
year except Christmas and the hour and a half tours leave regularly from the visitor center. Casual summer wear and comfortable shoes are recommended for the tour. The temperature inside the cave remains a constant 78° year round.

The newly remodeled gift shop features grocery items, deli sandwiches, a Sweet Shoppe, and a Minnetonka moccasin shop

as well as many novelty and gift items.

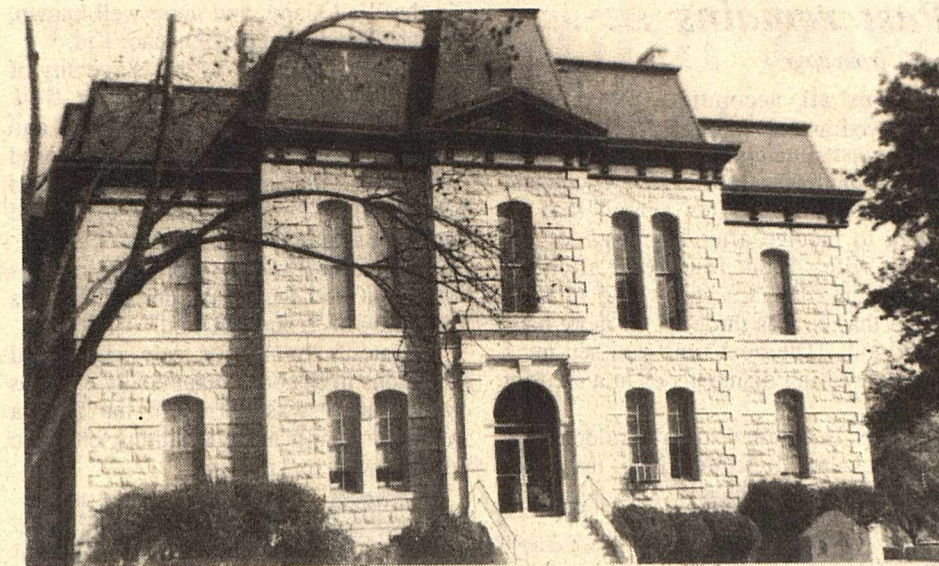
There are ample 20, 30, and 50 amp RV hookups available in addition to campsites and picnicking areas. Modern shower facilities were added last year in an ongoing effort to make the grounds as convenient and comfortable as the inside of the cave is beautiful.

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



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.



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.

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 and today it houses many historical treasures and stories of yesteryear.

Across from the old jail is the Miers Home which was built 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 which was moved to its present site several years ago.

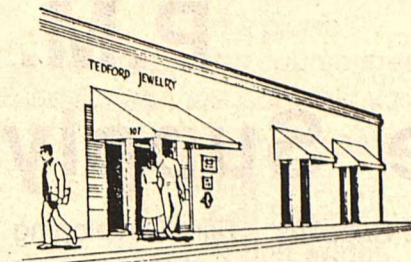
The first train pulled into Sonora on

June 27, 1930 to a large cheering crowd. Men on horseback, women in their finery and children, eyes filled with wonder, were on hand to greet that first train. Concern was expressed about the horses and dogs on the track.

Through the years, Sonora and Sutton County has been the home of the real pioneers, the descendants of many still residing in the area.

Possibly the closest Sonora ever came to the "wild west shoot 'um up days" of the movie screen was the shooting of Will Carver by Sheriff "Lige" Briant on April 2, 1901.

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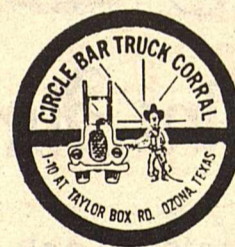
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Past remains . . .

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From all accounts, Will Carver cowboyed among various spreads in the Southwest during his younger days earning the respect of his fellow workers. Most of his associates agreed that he began to change after the death of his young wife. About four years after her passing in 1892, Carver is said to have stated that he was through, no more hard work and, "The next time you see me I will be wearing diamonds or in a six foot box."

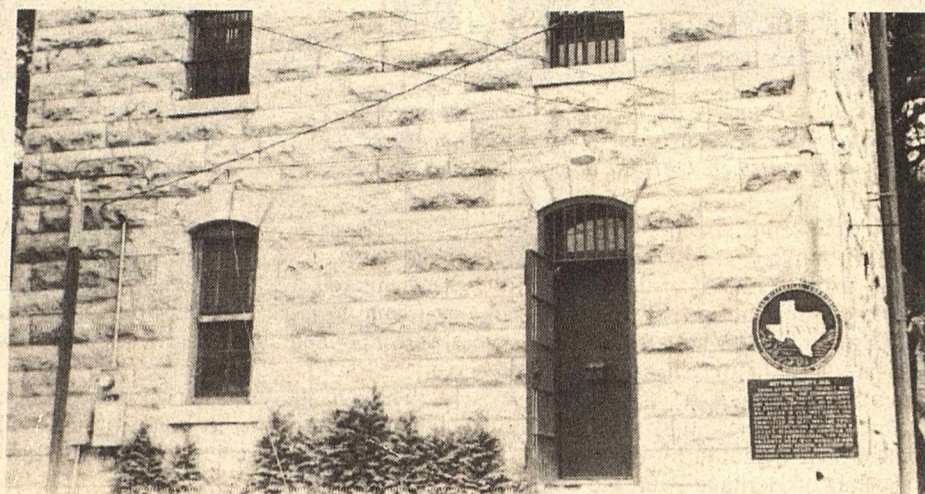
Carver is rumored to have ridden with the Black Jack Ketchum Gang, the Hole-

in-the-Wall Gang, and more well known, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

A photo, courtesy of the University of Oklahoma Library, appearing in *Will Carver Outlaw* by local historian and author John Eaton shows Carver posed with with Kid Curry, Sun Dance Kid, and Butch Cassidy and Carver is indeed sporting a large diamond ring.

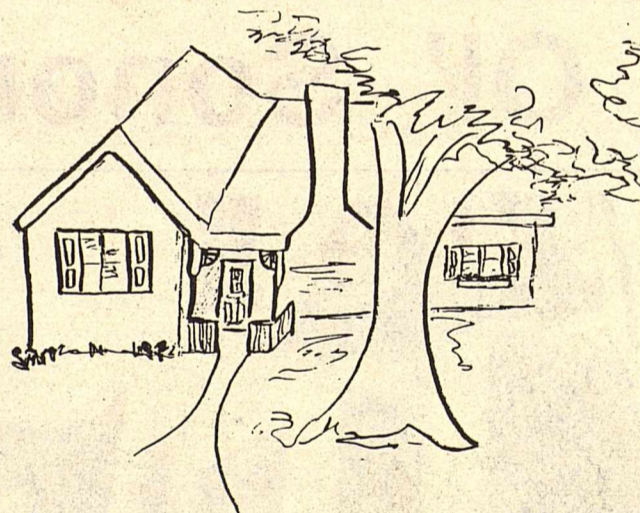
The fateful night some three months later fulfilled the remainder of Carver's prophesy of "a six foot box."

Eaton's book, for sale at several locations in Sonora, romantically explains why Carver was buried in the Sonora Cemetery with a stone stating only the date of death and no name.



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.



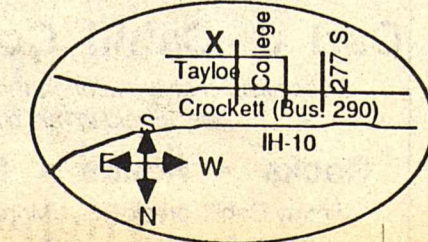
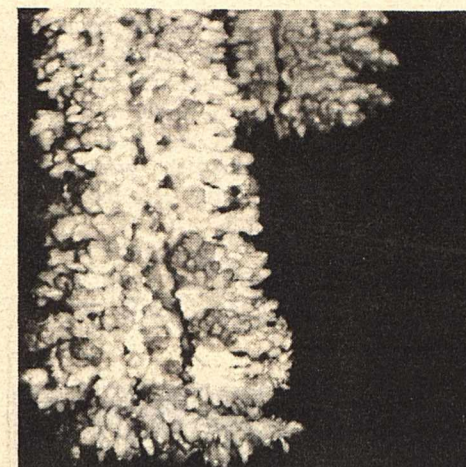
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Incredible formations like the "War Clubs" above are visible throughout the cave.

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who had been through. Following is a quotation taken from the register as one effort by the National Speleological Society to stress the need for conservation of the natural wonder.

"Let it never be said, and said with shame, That all was beauty here until you came. Take nothing but pictures, Leave nothing but footprints!"

Commercial exploration and development began in 1960 after Jim Papadakis of Wisconsin and Jack Burch of Oklahoma concluded an agreement with land owner Stanley Mayfield.

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A great deal of thought and planning was used in the placement of the indirect lighting system in order to display to the best advantage the unbelievably crystal-like formations.

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 foreign countries.

The caverns are perhaps best known for the countless, approximately 100 million, helictites which decorate the walls and ceilings. They grow out of the walls in every shape and size imaginable.

Soda straws, thin hollow calcite, growing from the ceiling can reach up to six feet in length. They are so frail they can break with a touch or merely by 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.

When compared to Carlsbad Caverns, the Caverns of Sonora are usually favored by those touring the cave, which is still living and growing.

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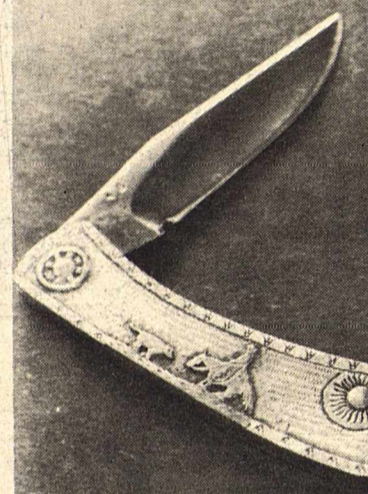
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Don Edwards . . .

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reflects the influence of the cowboy minstrels and balladeers from the early 1900's "with a special love for Howard 'Jack' Thorp, John Lomax and J. Frank Dobie."

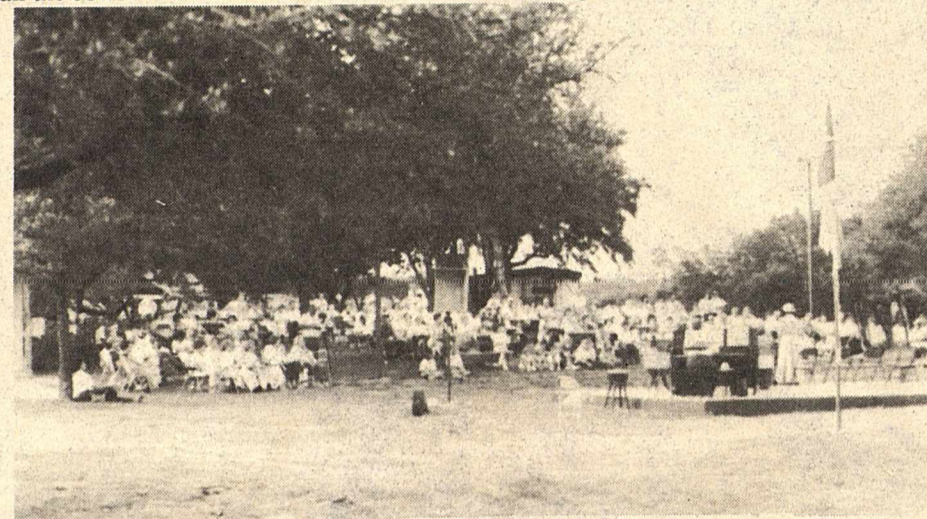
"I'm a real traditionalist. I believe our past is the key to the future," Edwards says.

"I love what I do. I'm not much for being a super star but I'd like to get out and reach more folks cause my kind of music has to be shared and passed around. It's taken me some 40 years to figure that out. But I wouldn't trade the experience for all the cows in Texas."

During the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater 1989 Season Finale, August 11 and 12, Edwards will be joined by Jim Stephen, local minister and avid muzzel loader, and Cowboy Poets Ray Fitzgerald, Joe Brown, and Jody Shackleford.

Stephen and Edwards will perform Friday night. Saturday will begin with a Cowboy Breakfast where Edwards will once again honor those in attendance with his talent. The poets will perform Saturday night.

Many of this weekends performers will be camping on the grounds at the Caverns of Sonora. Bring your tents, bedrolls, or campers and join them for a weekend you will long remember.



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.

"Most beautiful cave in the world"

Take IH-10 West from Sonora, about eight miles, to Exit 392, then follow the well marked paved road and you will arrive at the Caverns of Sonora. Here are several things which have been said about these caverns:

"I consider it the most beautiful I have ever seen and I have been in over 150 caves, both developed and 'wild ones.'"

Jim Papadakis
1960 spelunker

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Scenes of grandeur such as this greet visitors to the Caverns.

The legend says the opening of the cave was found around the turn of the century by a Mexican sheepherder when his dog chased an animal down into the hole.

Explorers of the day were fascinated with the hole and dug until they could fit through the 18" diameter hole. They made their way through the passage until they came to a sixty foot drop which seemed to be impossible to conquer.

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

Wearing carbide lamps for lighting, they attempted to scale the wall and failed. Carefully inching their way along a ledge, they successfully by-passed the pit only to be confronted by a forty-five foot passageway only large enough to slide their bodies through. At the end of the cramped crawl, they emerged into a large area.

Their rewards were found. Rooms of beauty even beyond their wildest desires lay before them. Stalactites, stalagmites, and helectites covered every inch of the space; they could hardly move without damage to the fragile formations.

Prior to the development of the caverns, all the early explorers had to sign a register at the front of the cave to show
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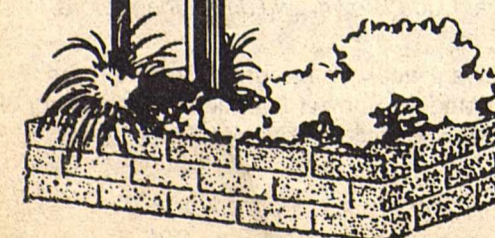
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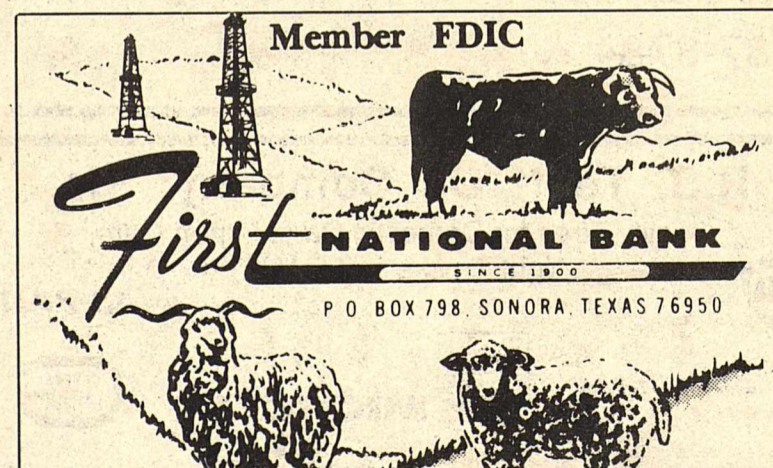
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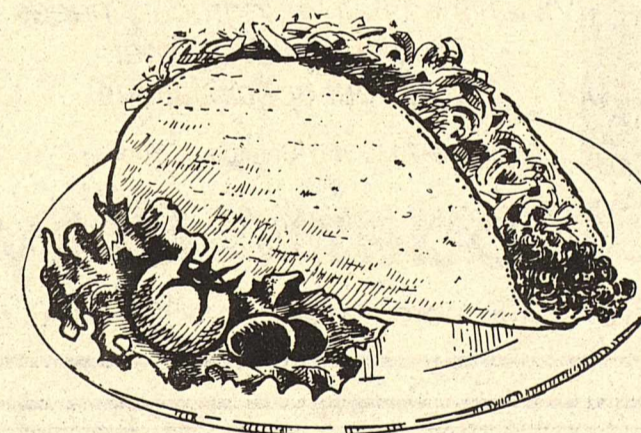
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Don Edwards, cowboy troubadour

Don Edwards will be appearing at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater on Friday, August 11 as part of a very Western weekend.

Living in Weatherford, Texas, Don has a long list of performing credentials including appearances on all three major television networks plus the Nashville Network, West German Public Television, the BBC in London, KRO Radio in

Hilverson, Holland, and Radio 1 from Auckland, New Zealand.

He has also graced the stage at the Cowboy Poets Gathering in Elko, Nevada and Alpine, Texas in addition to appearances in Washington, D.C., West Haven, Connecticut, and Atlanta, Georgia during 1988; 1989 is destined to be a busy year for Edwards with a tentative East Coast Tour slated for the fall.

Edwards is a cowboy singer-guitarist-composer-poet. His gray hair and tanned face give him an authentic cowboy look but he is quick to point out, "I'm not a cowboy even though I break and train my own horses and run a few head of cattle."



The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater is the birth place of "Biscuits O'Bryan" as drawn by Herman Walker.

"Biscuits", a character created and performed by the Rev. Monte Jones, tells of life in the old West as a camp cook. He will be on stage on July 15.

"I have cowboied, working with cowboys doing day work on some of the big ranches in Texas and New Mexico," he states. "I try to do enough to keep myself in perspective but in no way am I the hand those working cowboys are. I'm a whole lot handier with a guitar than a rope."

Anyone who has heard him will not argue about his musical ability as his expertise and extensive cowboy, western and traditional repertoire, laced with a touch of the blues and swing, has captured the hearts of audiences all over the world.

Edwards was born in 1939, the son of an actor/magician. By age 11, he had learned to play the guitar and he was strongly influenced by his movie cowboy heroes. By the time he was a senior in high school, he packed up his 1947 Ford pickup and headed for Texas.

"Formally my schooling left a lot to be desired. I was more interested in playing the guitar and riding broncs and bulls than getting an education," he says.

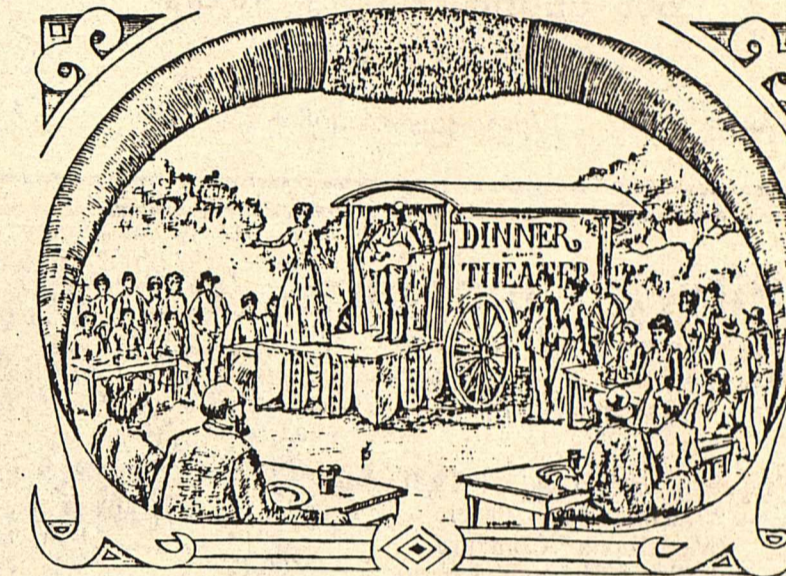
Musically he defines himself as 'a pretty decent guitarist,' he plays both six and twelve string and a vintage 1926 Gibson Mastertone guitar-banjo, with roots in the styles of Jimmie Rodgers, Karl Farr and Jules Verne Allen. Vocally he was influenced by Marty Robbins and Bob Nolan and the yodeling styles of Roy Rogers and Elton Britt. His writing

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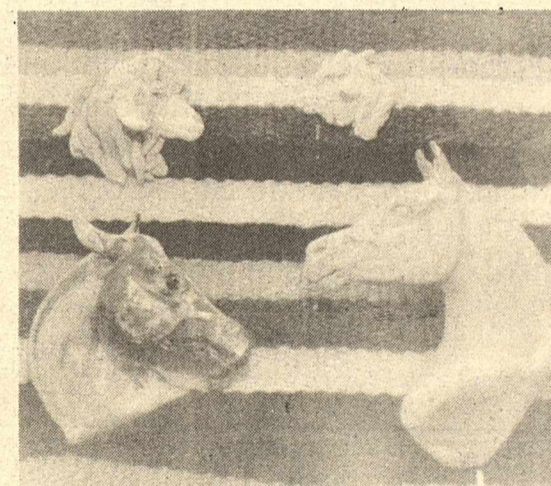
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