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CAPUCHINA RECEIVES MAYOR'S AWARD

Juan Capuchina was presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence during the City Council meeting Tuesday, February 21, 1995. Devoe Smith nominated Mr. Capuchina for assisting Tip Finley. Mr. Finley received severe burns to his upper body during a fire at the Enron Compressor Station. Following is Mr. Smith's nomination request for this prestigious award.

"On January 3, 1995, the Enron Sonora Compressor Station had a fire in which Tip Finley was badly burned. It is my belief that if not for the heroic efforts of Juan Capuchina, Tip would have died before he could extinguish himself. Juan could easily have run away to protect himself from injury, but instead, risked his own life to save another. I think he deserves every possible award for his heroic efforts."



Jeanette Holmes

HOLMES WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Jeanette Holmes, the 16 year old daughter of John Henry and Jamie Rivas of Sonora, was queen of the Laredo Trail Ride at the 1995 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. This was one of many trail rides to kick off the stock show and rodeo. For representing the Laredo Trail Ride, she received a \$10,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Miss Holmes had many duties at the show and rodeo. She greeted patrons and conducted tours. Jeanette participated in two fashion shows. In one show, she modeled clothes from Ol' Sonora Trading Company.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL SCHEDULE

submitted

Since early Fall, board members of the local Christmas in April program have devoted much of their time and attention to preparing for this Spring's project. February 23, 1995, the board will meet to review applications and make final decisions as to which houses the group will be able to repair this year.

Earlier this year, the board met to elect officers and chairpersons for committees. The positions were filled as follows: Paul Chevalier, president; Tim Talley, vice president; Tonya Brown, secretary/treasurer; Carole Thorp, publicity chair; Michelle Anderson, fund raising and volunteer recruitment; Melissa Teaff and Carmen Sanchez, food and refreshments; Virgil Polocsek, repair estimates chair, David Sanchez, Paul Chevalier and Tim Talley, estimators.

Important dates to remember this year are: **February 27, 6:00 p.m., Fire Hall** - House Captain Orientation; **March 13, 6:00 p.m., Fire Hall** - Project Selection by Teams; **April 3, 6:00 p.m., Fire Hall** - House Captain Consultation; **April 7** - Last day to order materials; **April 29** - Christmas in April work day.

This community has always supported the Christmas in April program in Sonora since its birth in 1991. This year, we received 34 applications and priority will be given to applicants who have not received help in the past and those most in need. We hope that you will continue to participate either physically or with your cash donation and make this year's project every bit as successful as previous years. If you or your group want to help this year, please contact Michelle Anderson at 387-2950 or 387-3881. No gift is too small to help and we want to continue to operate on donations from members of our community. If you have questions, please contact Paul Chevalier at 387-5402. Donations may be mailed to Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., PO Box 63, Sonora, Texas 76950.



Tip Finley is pictured above as he congratulates and thanks Juan Capuchina after receiving the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

A music scholarship fund has been established under the Sutton County Community Trust Fund at the First National Bank of Sonora, in memory of Mrs. Rena M. Elliott.

Mrs. Elliott received a Bachelors of Music from Hardin-Simmons in 1930, a Bachelors of Art in music education in 1933 and a Masters of Music in 1945.

Mrs. Elliott was a music student of Dr. Irl Allison for four years and gave her senior recital in 1933. That same year she came to Sonora and taught grades 4-6 for 6 years and also gave private piano lessons. She left Sonora to go to McCamey where she taught public school music in grades 1-7 for 5 years. She taught about 220 pupils in McCamey. She then went to Abilene where she was the supervisor of public school music for one year. She then went to Odessa where she was also the public school music supervisor for 5 years.

In 1951, she married Albert Cecil Elliott and moved back to Sonora. She did not teach music until Mr. Elliott's death in 1963. She then began teaching private lessons and continued teaching until shortly before her death.

Mrs. Elliott averaged teaching 20 pupils per year and many of her students continued their music in college. Each year she held a recital for her students. She began taking her students to the National Piano Guild in 1964 and her students never made below a superior rating. She was admitted into the Hall of Fame in 1964 and also judged for the National Piano Guild in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Other achievements of Mrs. Elliott's included being certified as an approved music teacher by the American College of Musicians. She appeared in the 1978-79 edition of Personalities of America. Mrs. Elliott was named Who's Who of American Women 1977-78 and 1979-80.

Mrs. Elliott played the piano for the First Baptist Church for 43 years and retired in 1993. She gave a special musical program in 1990.

Mrs. Elliott passed away January 14, 1995.



Sonora Bronco Band Members who will be going to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest: (Back Row, L-R) David Velez and Salvador Trinidad; (Middle Row, L-R) David Davenport, Kristi Wallace, Stefany Davenport and Amy Massey; (Front Row, L-R) Chris Neal, Coley Thompson, Vicky Richardson and Raymond Hubble.



Sonora Bronco Band Members making an excellent and good rating at the Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest: (Back Row, L-R) T.J. Harris, Thomas Hunt, and Anthony Mungia; (Third Row, L-R) Dustin Harris, Sheryl Robertson & Erin Payton; (Second Row, L-R) Kelly McKnight and Katie Kooke; (First Row, L-R) Crystal Martin, J.R. Sanchez, and Michelle Cramer.

SONORA STUDENTS COMPETE IN REGION BAND CONTEST

submitted

The Region VII Band Solo-Ensemble Contest was recently held at Angelo State University. Twenty-one students from Sonora High School competed. Bronco Band members brought home seventeen Class I first division medals.

Those bringing home solo medals were Amy Massey, David Davenport, Chris Neal, Salvador Trinidad, Vicky Richardson, David Velez, and Raymond Hubble.

The clarinet quartet received a first division. Members were Amy Massey, David Davenport, Kristi Wallace, and Stefany Davenport.

The brass sextet received a first division. Members were Chris Neal, Salvador Trinidad, Vicky Richardson, David Velez, Raymond Hubble, and Coley Thompson.

All of the above will advance to the State Solo-Ensemble Contest to be held late May.

Those making Excellent were Katy Cooke, Sheryl Robertson, Thomas Hunt, Kelly McKnight, Anthony Mungia, T.J. Harris, Crystal Martin, Dustin Harris, Michelle Cramer, Erin Payton, and J.R. Sanchez. Dustin Harris received a good rating on his solo.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS SCHEDULED

submitted

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a series of Lenten luncheons again this spring. The luncheons will be held at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall every Wednesday at noon during the season of Lent.

Each week a different congregation will be responsible for preparing a simple meal and providing for a Lenten meditation.

This year the following schedule will be observed for meal preparation: **March 1** - St. John's Episcopal; **March 8** - First United Methodist; **March 15** - New Hope Baptist; **March 22** - First Baptist; **March 29** - Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian; **April 5** - St. Ann's Catholic; **April 12** - Hope Lutheran

The Ministerial Alliance extends a cordial invitation to everyone in Sonora to share in these times of fellowship and reflection in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BRIEFLY

Christmas in April

February 27, 6 p.m., Fire Hall - House captain orientation; March 13, 6 p.m. Fire Hall - Project selection by teams; April 3, 6 p.m., Fire Hall - House captain consultation; April 7 - Last day to order materials; April 29 - Christmas in April work day.

Groups that want to work this year should contact Michelle Anderson at 387-2950 or 387-3881. Contact Paul Chevalier at 387-5402 for questions. Donations may be mailed to Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., PO Box 63, Sonora, TX 76950.

FUMC Lenten Services

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Defensive Driving at Sr. Center

AARP is offering a defensive driving course at the Senior Center March 9 and 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$8. Call to register at 387-3941 or 387-5657.

1995 Mailing Address Book

The 911 system will go online in Sutton County before the 1995 Sonora and Sutton County Mailing Address Book is printed. Some house numbers and/or street names will change. If you wish to be included in the 1995 book, please mail your new address to: Mailing Address Book, P.O. Box 452 or go by the Library or the Devil's River News and fill out a form. If you do not wish to be included in the mailing address book, please send your request to the above address.

Ft. McKavett Reenactment

A living history program will be performed at Ft. McKavett Saturday 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult tour \$2, child tour \$1.

For more information contact Sarah or Buddy at (915) 396-2358 or Mike Boyd at (512) 575-2567.

Great Golf Deal

The Sonora Golf Course is offering a one time opportunity to join in the fun as new members. The offer is good in March only. Pay \$82 instead of the full balance of \$132. Monthly dues are \$32 per month thereafter. For more information call 387-3680.

Lenten Luncheons

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Ind. Cattlemens Assoc. Mtg

Charles Carter, Legislative Director of Independent Cattlemens Association will be the guest speaker March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Steak House for the ICA meeting.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Anderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicky Anderson, to Keith Wallace, the son of Jerry and the late R.W. (Dub) Wallace.

Miss Anderson is a 1991 graduate of Sonora High School and will graduate from Angelo State University in May of 1995 with a Bachelors of Business Administration in accounting.

Mr. Wallace is a 1990 graduate of Sonora High School and attended Angelo State University.

The wedding will be June 24, 1995 at the First Baptist Church in Sonora.



Shane and Todd Keller are pictured above with their Champion Buck from the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Shane showed the buck, which belongs to Todd, Shane and Mrs. Keller. Shane and Todd both attend A&M University in College Station and are majoring in Biomedical Science. Shane is a sophomore and Todd will graduate in May.



As the sponsor of the 1995 Calf Scramble Event at the 46th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, H-E-B is helping the youth of Texas grow and prosper in their agricultural endeavors. Louis Massey of Sonora was a winner in this event. Shown congratulating him are (L-R) Gary Nagel, John Padulo, Mary Bunner and Roy Martin, Calf Scramble Committee members.



Kelly Morrow was a winner in the 1995 Calf Scramble Event at the 46th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. He is pictured above as he is being congratulated by (L-R) Roy Martin, B.J. Voigt, John Padulo, Mary Brunner and Wayne Stroud, Calf Scramble Committee members. The event was sponsored by H-E-B, in an effort to help the youth of Texas grow and prosper in their agricultural endeavors.

4-H & FFA COMPETE IN SAN ANTONIO SHOW

Sonora students recently competed in the San Antonio Stock Show. 4-H members, Shawna Faris placed 1st in Light Weight Finewool lambs and Anthony Renfro placed 6th in Light Weight Cross lambs. Other 4-H members who participated were Keshia Frasier, Brandon Faris, Tom Jacoby, Brady Lock, and Bill Renfro.

Three FFA members won or placed in the show. Cody Renfro won Champion Finewool and Reserve Grand Champion of Show and placed 7th in Finewool Cross lambs. Jason Morley won 10th place for Medium Finewool and Jason Jacoby placed 11th in Heavy Finewool. Other FFA members who competed were Justin Morley, Chris Crowder, Louis Massey, David Fisher, and Walker Wallace.

Exhibitors of Angora goats from the 4-H Club were Bryce Williams, Byron Williams, Thomas Schenkel, Ashley Brockman, Landon Brockman, Graham Bloodworth and Thomas Bloodworth. Arret Wireman exhibited a meat goat.

If you would like to submit a recipe to "What's Cookin'?", mail it with your name, address and phone number to:
What's Cookin', The Devil's River News, 220 N.E. Main Street, Sonora, TX 76950

SENIOR CENTER MENU

- Thursday, February 23**
Liver & Onions, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Upsidedown Cake
- Friday, February 24**
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Hot Rolls, Fruited Jell-O
- Monday, February 27**
Lasagna, Garden Salad, Spinach, Garlic Toast, Banana Pudding
- Tuesday, February 28**
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, French Fries, Bread, Apple Cheese Crisp
- Wednesday, March 1**
Salmon Patties, Scallop & Au gratin Potatoes, Cut Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Brownie
- Thursday, March 2**
Spanish Meatballs, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding
- Friday, March 3**
Fried Catfish, Tartar Sauce, Herb Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Corn Muffins, Lime Rice Swirl

7 x 3 = 21

School Menu

All Meals are served with milk.

<p>BREAKFAST Mon., Feb. 27 Menu Not Available At Press Time Tues., Feb. 28 Menu Not Available At Press Time Wed., March 1 Menu Not Available At Press Time Thurs., March 2 Menu Not Available At Press Time Fri., March 3 Menu Not Available At Press Time</p>	<p>LUNCH Mon., Feb. 27 Corn Dogs, Cheese Nachos, Cucumber Slices, Fresh Fruit Tues., Feb. 28 Tacos (Beef & Cheese), Spanish Rice, Green Salad, Rice Crispie Treat Wed., March 1 Menu Not Available At Press Time Thurs., March 2 Menu Not Available At Press Time Fri., March 3 Menu Not Available At Press Time Mon., Feb. 27 Menu Not Available At Press Time</p>
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Card of Thanks

The Senior Center would like to give special thanks to Mr. Ed Carrasco and the Head Start children for decorating the Valentine's day meals on wheels bags. They all turned out so pretty and colorful. I have had several calls from the senior citizens to say that they really liked them.

Thanks again,
Juanita Mesa

Card of Thanks

I'd like to thank the parents of our Smooth Operators for all of their support this past basketball season. I really enjoyed working with your children. Thanks also for the gift certificate from Bronco Sports! I'd like to thank Carol Sessom and Bill Dempsey for working with them in P.E. Finally, I'd like to thank Mary Hereford and Team Graphics for designing and printing the shirts.

Sincerely,
Kaye Hufstedler

Card of Thanks

Thank you everyone for all the kindnesses extended to me during my illness and surgery. I greatly appreciate your generous contributions, calls, flowers, cards, and prayers.

God Bless You,
Ruben and Edna Velez and family

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the DRN in the story headed "Four SHS Students Participate in All-State Band", O.L. Richardson was erroneously printed as O.H. Richardson. We apologize for this error.

Community Calendar

February 23rd-March 2nd

Thursday, February 23rd
1:00 p.m. - Senior Center Birthday Party
5:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Bulls vs. Hawks; Wildcats vs. Attack Pack
6:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Jammers vs. Spurs; Hornets vs. Da Boys
7:00 p.m. - Sonora Homecoming Meeting - First National Bank Director's Room
7:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Tigers vs. Killer Bees; Dream T. vs. Bulldogs

Friday, February 24th
5:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Hot Shots vs. Dolphins, Spurs vs. Hawks
6:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Tigers vs. Ladybugs; Spurs vs. Suns
7:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Celtics vs. Killer Bees; Devils vs. Wildcats
8:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Barracudas vs. Bulldogs

Saturday, February 25th
Little Dribbler's Basketball Practice: **Small Gym** - 9:00-Hot Shots & Jammers; 10:30-Dolphins & Bulls; 12:00-Celtics & Hawks; 1:30-Spurs; 4:30-Tigers; **Jr. Hi Gym** - 9:00-Barracudas & Tigers; 10:30-Ladybugs & Wildcats; 12:00-Attack Pack & Hawks; 1:30-Hornets & Dream T.; 3:00-Devil's Spurs; 4:30-Bulldogs & Da Boys

Monday, February 27th
Little Dribbler's Basketball Practice: **Small Gym** - 4:30-Hawks & Suns; 6:00-Tigers & Celtics; 7:30-Bulls & Spurs; **Jr. Hi Gym** - 4:30-Wildcats & Spurs; 6:00-Hornets & Ladybugs; 7:30-Attack Pack & Bulldogs; **High School Gym** - 4:30-Dolphins, Barracudas & Tigers; 6:00-Devils & Hawks; 7:30-Dream T., Jammers, & Da Boys
6:00 p.m. - Christmas In April House Captain Orien.-Fire Hall

Tuesday, February 28th
5:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Barracudas vs. Tigers
6:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Hot Shots vs. Tigers; Spurs vs. Wildcats
7:00 p.m. - Little Dribbler's Basketball Games - Hawks vs. Spurs; Hornets vs. Attack Pack

Wednesday, March 1st
12:00 p.m. - Lenten Luncheon - St. John's Episcopal Church

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Fred Darkow, Pastor
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201 NW Water
387-2466

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Ask The Historical Society



July 1, 1930 - First passenger train to run to Sonora.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society

"The Joy Family and the Indians"

Wiley Joy and his family came from the Arkansas Ozarks in 1857 in an ox wagon. The Joy family first settled at Doss' Valley in Gillespie County and then moved to Spring Creek in the same county. In 1860 they moved to the James River Valley in Kimble County and were joined by Wiley's brother-in-law Henry Hutchins, and several of the Joy children, including John, Tobe, Troup, Charles and a daughter named Alwilda.

Alwilda was a beautiful woman, with dark complexion and dark hair, when unbraided it hung around her shoulders and past her knees. She married Lafe McDonald of the Spring Creek McDonalds and they were starting their new home on the James River.

Just as the new settlers began to establish themselves, news came of the struggle between the states. Lafe McDonald answered the call and weeks then months passed with him off in the conflict. You have to remember that at this time the closest mail delivery point was in Fredericksburg, a good forty miles to the northeast. Munroe McDonald lived about half-way to Fredericksburg and usually brought any mail for the Joy family to his homestead to be picked up by family members as they visited.

Wiley Joy and two of his sons had put in a small farm about fifteen miles over the mountain to the southwest of their James River home on the Johnson Fork of the Llano. In the spring of 1864, Wiley and two of his sons, Troup and Charles, were spending a few days at this new site cultivating their new crop. While they were gone, Alwilda got it into her mind that she just had to go to Munroe McDonald's home as she was sure there was a letter there for her from Lafe. Her mother tried to talk her into waiting until the men returned but she refused. Mother and daughter saddled horses and decided to make the round trip in one day. They were late in returning, maybe the mail had arrived late, but it was quite late in the afternoon that they started homeward. About a mile from where the town of Harper is located, they crossed the Banta Branch and a group of Comanche hailed them from the brush. The Indians cruelly murdered the two women. The mothers' body was found on the west side of the branch, she had been the first to fall. Alwilda desperately tried to escape on her horse. Alwilda's body was found about a half mile from her mother's on the east side of the creek.

Dock Joy, the son of John Joy, was seven at the time and was with his mother, aunt, and others at the James River home at the time of the attack.

"The night after

Grandmother Joy and Aunt Alwilda were killed, we all gathered in the yard and listened intently for a sound. We knew they should have returned long before and mother knew something dreadful had happened. Finally, some one of us heard the faint beat of a horse's hoof against the rocky mountain side. A complete hush fell over us. It was a few moments before mother concluded the noise was but one horse. A sigh of relief was breathed by all of us because that was a sign the rider was a messenger and the noise was not that band of Indians."

"It seemed a long time, but it must have been but a moment until Old Man Mathew Taylor skidded his horse against our fence and came to a halt."

"Well, girls," he told us, without waiting to be asked a question, "I've got some awful bad news to tell you. Your mother and sister were killed this evening."

"The horse panted a moment. Mr. Taylor got a fresh drink and rode on to Johnson Fork to notify Wiley Joy and his sons. The next day Grandfather Joy and his sons came by and got us, and took all of us to Spring Creek in an ox wagon. We never returned to James River again until after the war was over."

After the murder of his wife and daughter, Wiley Joy swore he would get even with the Indians. At about four he had been kidnaped by Indians and held by them until he was released at about twelve. He knew how the Indians thought and acted and plotted his revenge. He studied their wanderings, located their hide-outs and camping places. He knew where the dog-wood thickets were that the Indians liked to make arrows from. On nights when the moon was he would fill his saddle bags with food and ride away to sit in wait for the Indians. It was reported that he sent a bullet through a chief as he sat on a log watching his tribesmen gather arrow materials from a dog wood thicket. Joy was not a talkative man and did not search for flattery or undeserved praise, so many of his experiences were never told. He went his own way and followed his own course in life as to what he thought was proper and just in the eyes of God and man, and exacted his revenge.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call at 915-387-5114 or 387-2855 after noon please.

FUMC To HOLD LENTEN SERVICES

submitted

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JOHNSTON NAMED TO ASU DEAN'S LIST

submitted

Susen McCleery Johnston of San Angelo was named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University for the Fall, 1994 semester. The requirement for the Dean's List is maintaining a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average. Susen had a 3.308 grade point average.

Susen is a 1992 graduate of Sonora High School and is the daughter of Mary Lou Hudman. Susen is currently completing her junior year at ASU after attending Texas Tech University her freshman and sophomore years. She will be entering the nursing program at ASU in July 1995.

GOLF MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

submitted

The Sonora Golf Course is offering a one time opportunity for new members to join in the fun. They are offering a great deal in the month of March only.

Instead of paying a full balance of \$132.00 to join, pay \$82.00, that's a savings of \$50.00. Monthly dues will be \$32.00 a month. This is a great deal for the whole family, so don't delay.

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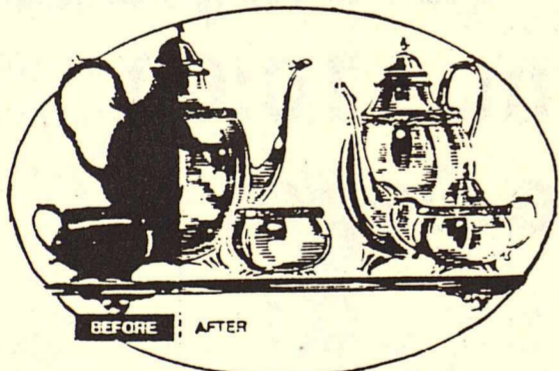
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Vicky Anderson, bride-elect of Keith Wallace

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Jennifer Ramirez, bride-elect of Mongkon Jasiczek

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SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION



Coach Bob Bellard

In charge of the entire athletic program of the Sonora Independent School District is a young man thoroughly steeped in the tradition of athletic excellence. He is Bob Bellard, now in his fifth year as head coach.

Coach Bellard was born in San Angelo while his father Emory was head coach at Central High School. He attended high school in Bryan and began his college education at Texas A&M, completing it at Mississippi State University, again owing to his father's coaching career

locations. Considering his family background, it is entirely apt that Bellard be a head coach at so young an age. He grew up chewing on a football, so to speak.

Bellard and his wife, Amy, a computer aide at Sonora Primary, met when they were in the 8th grade. They have two daughters, Jacki, 12, and Jessie, 8. Both, of course, are enthusiastic supporters of all the Bronco and Colt teams, both girls and boys. Katy, Texas, was their home prior to their move to Sonora in 1989.

Coach Bellard stressed that the move was primarily for professional reasons, based on Sonora's long standing reputation as a school system with plenty of fighting spirit and athletic talent. The fact that he was born in this area helped him to decide that this was the perfect place for him to begin a long head coaching career.

Aside from the fact that the high school football team has gone to the playoffs four of the past five years, the major enthusiasm of the athletic department right now is the new baseball program, instituted for the first time this spring. Even though the 17-game season will be somewhat shortened due to the time needed to prepare facilities, the program itself is expected to be a success, both by the students and in the community.

The fifty students who have signed up for the baseball tryouts and the entire coaching staff express their thanks to the community wide effort, the many volunteer workers, the private companies for their donations, and to the school district governance and administration for their enthusiastic backing of this program. While it is too early to determine the success of the newest Broncos, at least we won't have to worry about a strike!

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Middle School Principal Donna Hill is pictured above as she leisurely reads a book in the Middle School Library on Valentine's Day. Mrs. Hill was given a "day off" to read by her students.

SONORA STUDENTS "TRAVEL" THE WORLD

submitted by Susan Parker

Just as Phileas Fogg traveled in *Around the World in 80 Days*, so have the students at Sonora Intermediate School. Modes of transportation are much faster now, so, the students were able to travel the distance in less than 45 days.

The students began "traveling" by reading books, January 1. For each accelerated reader read, with a passing test score, the student wrote his name, the title and the author of the book on a "hot air balloon." The balloons were hung from the ceiling of the hallway near Mrs. Hill's office. The balloons traveled east around a world map through New York, London, Suez, Bombay, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Yokohama, San Francisco, and Sonora. They traveled the same route as Phileas Fogg except for the detour through Sonora.

The students read 650 plus books to complete their journey and, to give Mrs. Hill their Valentine's Day gift. The students gave Mrs. Hill a day off from school on Valentine's Day to leisurely read in the library. They were able to join her in library silent reading at assigned times during the day.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

submitted by Juanita Mesa

The Senior Center has a number of upcoming activities. Thursday, February 23, the Center will celebrate February birthdays. Friday, February 24, Kelly Lewis will provide a nutrition program at noon, Kooking with Kelly.

A defensive driving course will be offered by AARP (50+) on March 9-10 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00. Call now to register, 387-3941 or 387-5657.

JUNCTION STOCKYARDS REPORT

The Junction Stockyards sold 273 cattle Friday, February 3, 1995. Choice calves sold steady. Plainer calves mostly \$1-\$2 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 50¢ higher. Stocker cows and pairs sold steady.

At the goat and sheep sale Monday, February 6, 3,381 head were sold. Lambs sold steady. Slaughter ewes and bucks also sold steady. Slaughter lambs were \$5-\$6 higher. Slaughter Angora sold \$4-\$8 higher. Fat kids and yearlings were \$6-\$10 higher.

Friday, February 10, 132 head of cattle sold. Calves were steady to \$1 lower on all classes offered. Packer cows sold mostly \$1 higher. Stocker cows were steady to stronger.

The stockyards reported 2,515 sheep and goats sold Monday, February 13. Lambs were \$1-\$3 higher. Slaughter ewes and bucks, \$2-\$3 higher. Stocker Angora sold \$3-\$5 higher. Slaughter Angora were \$3-\$4 higher. Spanish goats sold \$3-\$5 higher.

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This legislation is the product of efforts by a 90-member coalition - Texas Communities for Expanded Local Calling Areas - that was formed last year to address the PUC's rules about Expanded Area Service (EAS).

Specifically, the new rule allows a community with fewer than 10,000 access lines to petition for two-way, toll-free local calling to nearby exchanges. When a petition is approved, GTE must ballot the customers in the petitioning exchange. Seventy percent of the customers responding to the ballot must approve the service before it can be implemented.

Once a community votes to get the new service, it is mandatory for all customers. Every customer in that exchange will receive the service and will be required to pay for it.

Customers in the petitioning exchange would be charged up to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7.00 per business line in addition to their regular charges for local service. If these rates do not recover the company's cost, an additional monthly charge may be assessed to other customers in the state. This is a temporary charge that applies only until the next general rate case.

A community may petition for expanded calling to exchanges that are within a 22 mile radius, or communities in which the central offices are up to 50 miles apart if they meet certain "community of interest" requirements.

1995 FARM PROGRAMS FINALIZED

submitted

"Producers who sign up for the 1995 farm programs and who have at least minimal crop insurance may receive 50 percent of their estimated deficiency payments in advance on their crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice," said Cleve T. Jones, Chairman of the Sutton County CFSA (formerly ASCS) committee.

"Among other recently announced provisions of the 1995 farm programs the prohibition on planting designated crops, such as soybeans and other oilseeds, on up to half the Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR)," said Mr. Jones. This decision was in response to the weakening soybean market.

"Farmers and ranchers who receive U.S. Department of Agriculture benefits from crop stabilization and certain other programs must have at least minimum, called catastrophic or CAT, insurance to receive benefits from programs," said Cleve T. Jones. "They can get CAT insurance from the county CFSA (formerly ASCS) office or from a private insurance agent for a nominal fee. The small fee is waived in the case of limited resource farmers."

A limited resource farmer is one who had a gross annual income of less than \$20,000 in 1993 and 1994 or a producer on a farm of less than 25 acres, where crops constitute the majority (not to exceed \$20,000) of the producer's income. Limited resource farmers must provide proof of qualifying income or certify on the application that he or she qualifies for the waiver of fees.

OLD WEST RETURNS TO FT. MCKAVETT

submitted

Fort McKavett State Historic Park, an 1850's to 1880's military post will come alive on Saturday, February 25, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the sounds of rifles, cannons and marching troops as the park hosts its annual "Frontier Fort Reenactment". The public is invited to meet and visit with the reenactors from the "Crossroads of Texas" and friends from historic Fort Concho.

An event coordinator stated, "The event is fun and entertaining as well as educational for people of all ages, especially to those interested in the history of the Old West. The reenactors are a friendly professional bunch who strive for authenticity while trying to assure the public has a good time, no questions will go unanswered. Come out and join the program."

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

submitted

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet Tuesday, March 7, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main, San Angelo.

The program will be "Kimble County's Colorful Past." Kimble County claims to be the front porch to the west.

The speaker will be Frederica Burt Wyatt who is a native of Kimble County and chairman of the Kimble County Historical Commission. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

A beginners genealogical class, taught by Billye Scattergood, will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Visitors are welcome at both meetings.

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VARSITY TENNIS OFF TO GOOD START

submitted

Saturday, the varsity tennis team traveled to Eldorado to compete in a practice meet against Eldorado and Forsan. The team as a whole split with nine wins and nine losses.

In the girls bracket, Candie Sessom and Katie Burge were defeated by Eldorado's number one girls doubles 6-1, 6-0. The doubles team of Katie Key and Kristie Burge won their match against the Forsan number two team 6-2, 7-5. Becca Chalk and Stacey Key also won their match against Forsan's number one team 7-5, 6-2. Katie Burge and Katie Key were defeated by Eldorado's number one 6-1, 6-1. In the girls singles, Katie Burge was defeated by Eldorado's number one 6-1, 6-1. Candie Sessom was beaten by Eldorado's number three 6-3, 6-1. Stacey Key brought in a win against Forsan's number four 6-4, 6-2, along with her sister, Katie, who beat Forsan's number two, after losing the first set 1-6, in a 6-1, 6-1 victory. Becca Chalk also won her match against Forsan number five 9-7. Kristie Burge was defeated by Eldorado's number four 8-2, thus giving the girls an over all total of five wins and five losses.

The boys bracket ended with a four and four draw. The varsity boys started off on a slow pace with David Fisher and Curt Dempsey losing their match against Forsan's number two 6-2, 6-1. Justin House and Jason Morley were defeated by Eldorado's number ones 6-7, 3-6. Fisher and Dempsey lost to Eldorado's number three 6-2, 6-3. Jason Morley defeated Forsan's number six 6-0. In singles, Christopher Neal won a two set victory over Eldorado's number two 6-4, 6-0. Raymond Hubble defeated Forsan's number two in a split set victory of 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Justin House was defeated by Forsan's number four 3-6, 6-1, 4-6. The winning for the boys was concluded when Raymond Hubble and Christopher Neal won a long match against Forsan's number ones in a tie breaker victory 9-8 (tie-breaker 7-3).

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Valliant Effort

by Marti McLain

The big news of this week brings us some stock show thrills. Cody Renfro is walking on clouds and Tony and Billie (Mom and Dad) are soaring even higher. Tony won a first place in his division with his fine wool lamb. He also won RESERVE CHAMPION of the entire show at the San Antonio Livestock Show. The lamb sold well, and Cody has a college education in the bank. Tony Renfro is especially pleased because the lamb is from stock that can be traced back to herds raised in Sonora for generations. Tony's careful selection and breeding plans have produced a winner. Cody is a "hands on 4-Her" who feeds, waters, grooms, and cares for his project himself, but has wonderful back-up support from his two younger brothers, his parents, and his grandparents. The Renfro's live in the country and drive many miles daily so that their boys can live and learn on the ranch. The sacrifice has paid off. Grandparents were also in on the excitement. Birl Dillard, Cody's grandfather was helping out at the ranch while the family was in San Antonio. He had been to the ranch to feed the lambs that the boys had left home. Some of their lambs were shown in San Antonio and others will be shown next week in Houston. On his way back to town, Birl heard a rather loud boom, like an explosion, and he also saw an ambulance. We are all human and Birl was wondering what had happened, hoping that no one was hurt. When he drove up to the house, Betty Dillard (Cody's grandmother) came running out of the house. Tears were streaming down her face and she couldn't talk. Needless to say, Birl was frightened. Finally, Betty told him that she was crying for joy. She had just heard of Cody's win. Birl was relieved to know that the tears were good news. Congratulations to Cody and to all of the family.

Other Sonora citizens were "star-gazing" in Houston at the Stock Show and Rodeo. Janelle and Randy Sparks and Cindy and Kenneth Hayes were in Houston for the rodeo. They had made their plans so that they could attend the Clint Black show. They were wandering through the food booth areas when two golf carts drove up to them and stopped. The carts were touring Clint Black and Jay Leno through the exhibits. Cindy and Janelle spoke to them and got very friendly answers from the two. They were on their way to get Sausage on a Stick, a real favorite of rodeo fans. Clint Black explained that Jay Leno is a good friend of his, and Leno had never seen a rodeo. Black thought that he should see one, so he came to Houston to see his first rodeo and Clint Black's show. Clint was, of course, wearing his traditional black T-shirt and black hat. In their conversation, the girls assured Jay that they never missed his show. Janelle told Clint Black that they loved his music, and her husband really loved his wife (Lisa Hartman). He thought they were funny and friendly. Cindy and Janelle were shopping when Kenneth and Randy alerted them to the fact that Clint and Jay were over at a nearby booth buying cowboy hats. They rushed over and had another quick visit with the stars before the crowds of fans arrived. They really thought that it had been a perfect day, and they were sitting on a bench, relaxed and waiting for their husbands. This time the carts rolled up to them and stopped so close that they were touching them. Yes, again, it was Jay Leno and Clint Black. This time the stars spoke first because Janelle and Cindy were so familiar to them. Clint Black is from Katy, Texas and he talked a lot about Texas women in his show. He likes them, if all Texas women are like Janelle and Cindy, they like him. Cindy loved seeing both of them, but when asked how they are different from their TV image, she said that Leno is grayer and Black is shorter when you see them in person.

Janelle and Cindy were very glad that they found some people from Sonora to share their story. They ran into Maggie Davis and Bonner, and also got to tell their stories to Glen and Rosalea Richardson. It would be terrible to have three star sightings and have only strangers around to tell.

Bridge Clubs are busy, even with so many people off at the stock shows. Thursday, Leona Bishop entertained the luncheon club with wonderful Mexican food. The two table club met at the Bishop's home with Faye Morgan as a club guest. Leona has just returned from a few days of TLC for daughter Karen in Austin.

Thursday evening Gloria and Jack Kerbow had the couples bridge club in their home. This is a dessert club, and Gloria served pecan pie with a touch of lemon in it. It's a wonderful way to add to the flavor of a pecan pie.

Vicki Shannon entertained our two table night bridge club Thursday night. I was the only one absent and Bobby Smith was Vicki's guest. She served chicken casserole, spinach salad, hot rolls, and a raspberry dessert. Joan Cusenbary won high; Linda Johnson won travel, and Bobbye Thompson won bingo. It's great to know that Bobbye is feeling well enough to start playing again.

Joe and Anita Lane hosted the couples bridge club Saturday night at their home in Sonora. Joe was amazingly active during the evening. He has developed a special little step, a foot action that propels his wheel chair along. He was taking dirty dishes to the kitchen, taking dessert and coffee orders, and serving water and tea, all from his wheelchair. He is now putting about 35 pounds of pressure on his hip. He gets the scales out and walks over them many times to get used to the feel of 35 pounds. The party was fun at the Lane's with barbecued brisket, potato salad, red beans, salad, and home baked whole wheat bread. Members attending were A.W. and Leona Bishop, Martha and George Wallace, Cynthia and Albert Ward, Dean and Marti McLain. Jane and James Alexander and Bobby Lou and Ralph Mayer were guests. High was won by the Wards, travel was won by the McLains, and bingo winners were the Alexanders and Mayers.

Gloria Kerbow has just returned from a visit with her nieces. She flew to Oklahoma City and visited with her niece Bea Ramsey. They were joined by another niece, Quilla Keck of Grass Valley, California.

This last week, Sonora lost a former citizen, who had meant so much to many who knew her. She was a lovely lady and a very fine teacher. Emerald Smith came to Sonora as a junior in high school. She was in Mae ward's class and became a close friend of Mae's and many others in that class. She was staying with an uncle and only remained in Sonora that one year. Later she returned and was a great asset to our community as a very talented teacher. She will be missed by the many who knew her.

Dean McLain was in Bracketville Tuesday and Wednesday to shoot scenes in the movie "Streets of Laredo". This is the movie from the McMurtry book; he also wrote *Lonesome Dove*. The book was not as good (to me) as *Lonesome Dove*, but Dean is going down for the shoot. He is to play the doctor in Ft. Stockton. He has no idea what he will do or if he will speak. Whatever he does will be interesting. It is fun to watch all that is involved in making a movie. I heard that Bruce Kerbow will be riding in it also. There may be others from Sonora, but Dean hasn't run into them yet.

Last Friday and Saturday, in the Actor's Theater of San Antonio, where I am directing my play, one of the movie makers had a "cattle call". This means that they are looking for lots of people, and everyone can come for the try outs. More than three thousand people showed up for the tryouts. By 9:00 a.m., when they began, 750 people were lined up for blocks, waiting to be interviewed. They had advertised that they wanted all types of people, only age restrictions were between 18 and 60. The movie is called, "Ace Ventura Goes to Africa". Advertisements for parts said that the directors were looking for 80 people to play Africans. Apparently, there are scenes where two African tribes were at war. The casting director explained that half of the people would need to shave their heads. Most people were willing. The movie will be filmed at an exotic game ranch near San Antonio.

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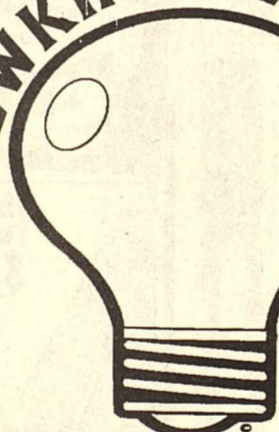
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Bobbie Smith, Clerk of the District Court (s) of Sutton County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court

Public Notice

at office this the 1st day of February, A.D. 1995.

Bobbie Smith Clerk,
112th District Court
Sutton County, Texas.
By Genevieve
Crenwelge, Deputy.
300 East Oak, Suite 3
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J.W. Johnson
P.O. Box 1425
Sonora, Texas 76950

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

FILE NO. 4039

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Kurtis Dale Witham
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Carmichael, California 95608,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FREEWAY ROUTE CONNECTING LUBBOCK AND INTERSTATE 10 (BETWEEN FORT STOCKTON AND JUNCTION)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating studies to identify possible freeway routes between Lubbock, beginning at the terminus point of Interstate Highway 27, and terminating at points along Interstate Highway 10 between Fort Stockton and Junction. The study will also identify possible freeway routes located north of Interstate Highway 40 to the Texas state line commencing at Interstate Highway 27 in Amarillo. TxDOT will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 1995 starting at 7:00 p.m. with public input beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Convention Center located at 411 Rio Concho Drive in San Angelo for the purpose of discussion the route study and soliciting input from citizens and other concerned groups. TxDOT will also conduct an open house at the same location from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to answer question and provide assistance.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in this meeting and/or open house. Written comments will be accepted through April 1, 1995 and should be addressed to: Walter G. McCullough, District Engineer, Texas Department of Trans., 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, TX 76904. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer at (915) 947-9205 or 944-1501. Requests should be made on letter no later than two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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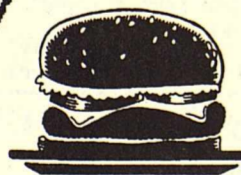
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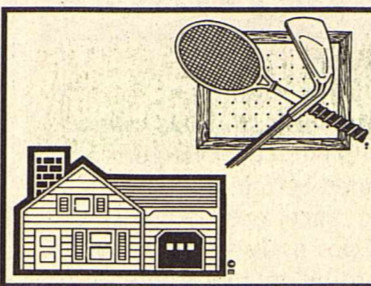
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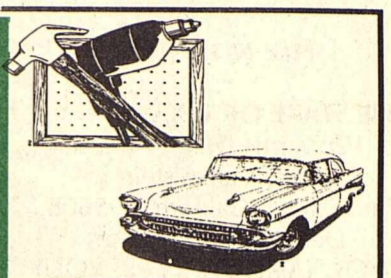
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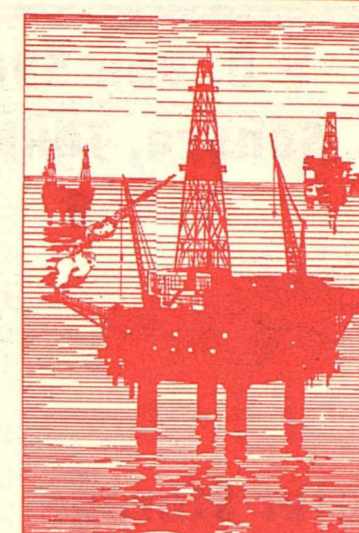
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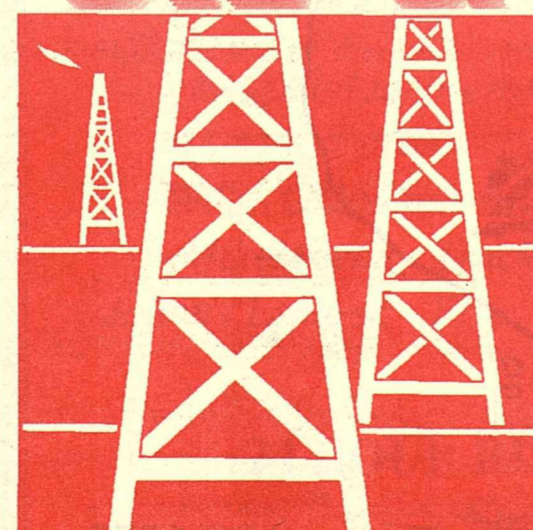
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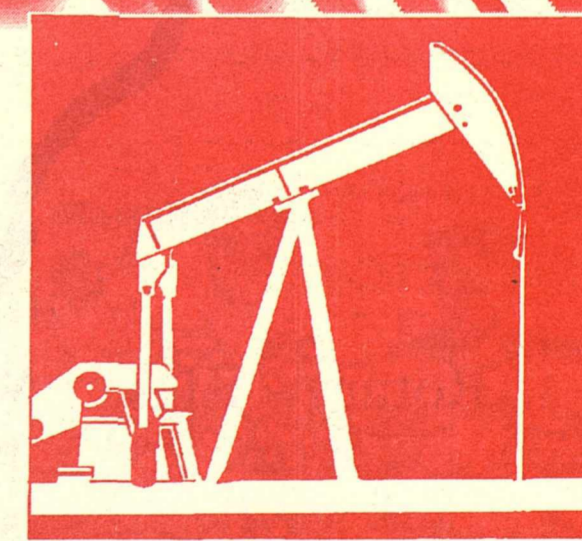
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Texas Biggest Rig On Sutton Well - 1930

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American Exploration Co.

American Exploration Co., originally HNB Oil Co., established it's offices in Sutton County with the discovery of the Sawyer Field in the early 1970's. In the early 1980's, the company was bought by a Houston based corporation and the name was changed to Enron Oil & Gas. In 1989 a portion of Enron was purchased by American Exploration Co. AEC is based out of Houston and is currently producing and operating 600-700 gas wells in Sutton and Crockett Counties.

The Sonora office consists of 22 employees: Production Foremen - Bob Cramer, Alex Castro and John Sturgeon; Pumpers - Callaway Hall, Zeke Gamez, Dody Snyder, Doty James, Carlos Gamez, Jesse Bustamante, Stanley James, J.W. Redden, Alec Morrow, Victor Garcia, Bill Doran, Scott Neff, Sammy Reinhard and Zane Powers; Office Manager - Judy Webster; Drilling Consultants - Jim Mathews and Al Lynch; Production Consultant - John Shipley; Landman Consultant - Rusty Yarner.

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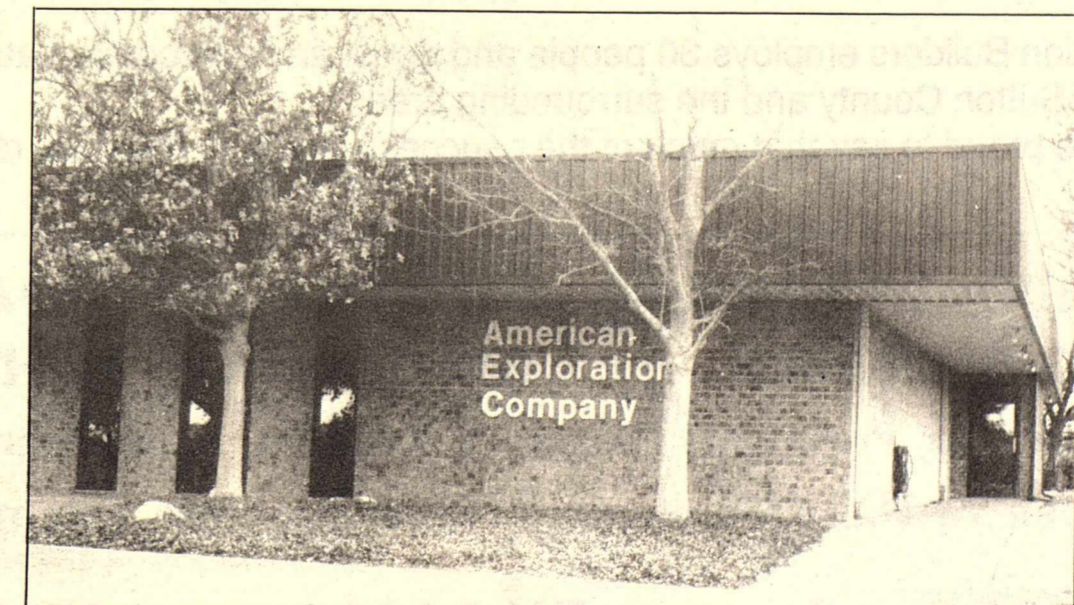
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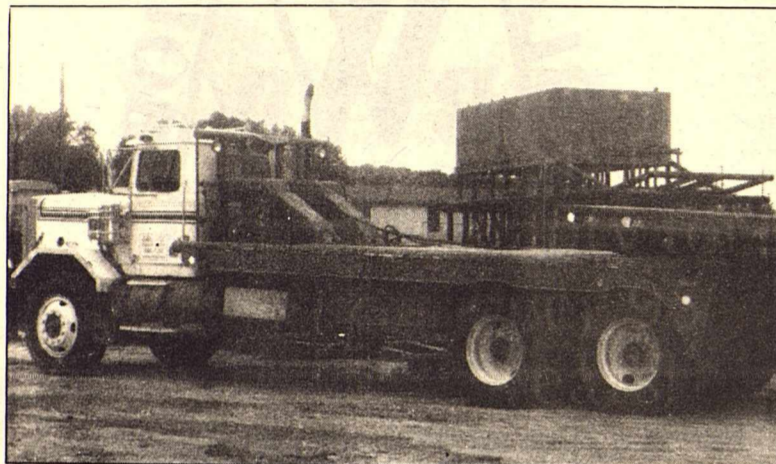
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First Sutton County Oil Leaves In King Tank Truck - 1947

September 5, 1947. The first load of oil from a Sutton County well will leave here Monday or Tuesday in a tank truck owned by W.D. Drilling. The oil, now stored on the J.S. Holman Ranch, was produced by two wells on Holmans' property. Dring will make delivery to a San Antonio refinery.

Sixty feet of oil cut mud was recovered by Lloyd S. Parker of San Benito No. 1 Meta P. Reick, wildcat in extreme Southeastern Sutton County, on a 90 minute drill steam test Wednesday from 2710-30 feet. Drilling continued. The operator picked the top of the Palo Pinto at 2,710 feet.

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Let us help you - call 387-2884 or 387-3819. We have a 24 hour dispatcher.

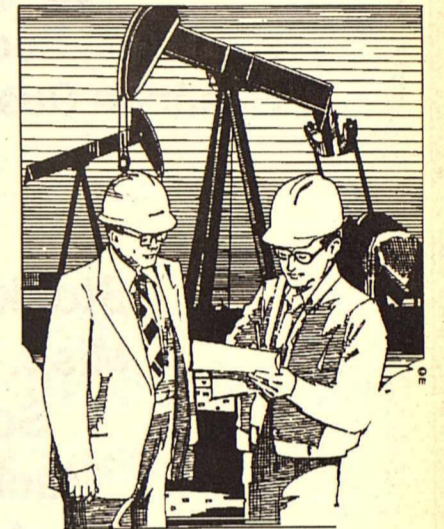
Sonora Oil Trust Names Officers - 1891

June 20, 1891. A company has been formed to operate the Sonora oil fields, and several wells will be put down at once. The Company will be known as the Sonora Oil Trust. W.A. Williamson is president, and W.B. Rountree, manager. J.T. Cooper, owner of the present well is holding his location for \$6,000.

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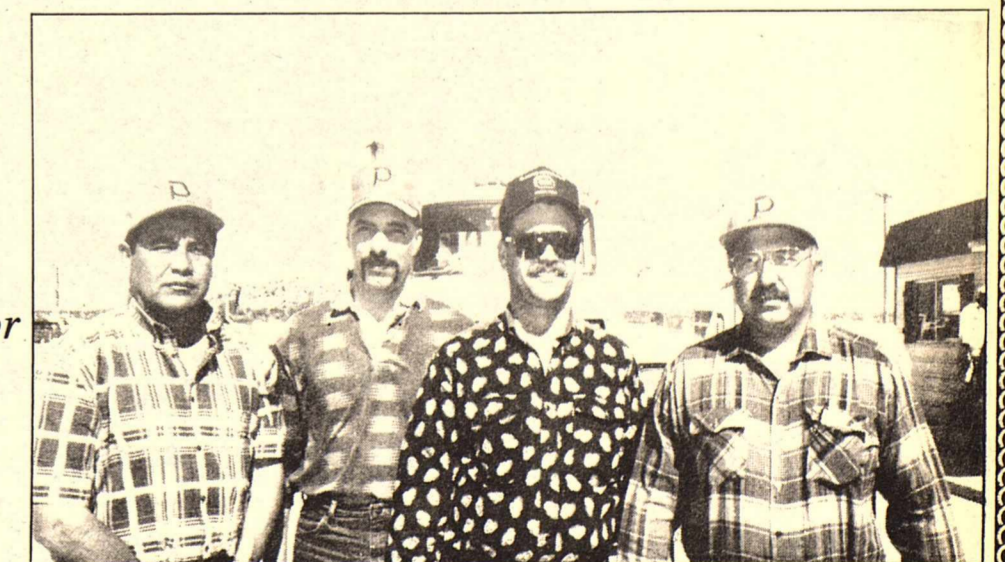
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CJC, Inc.

We at CJC, Inc. feel very fortunate to still be a viable part of the oil industry in 1994. There have been some severe challenges during the past five decades since our company started in Sonora, Texas. We are probably facing even more serious challenges in the immediate future. Our area's financial fate hinges upon how well we play the "game". The main players are the landowners, the oil companies, and the contractors who perform the various jobs. Quality players and team work are two of the key ingredients to success. You can have the Emmitt Smiths, Michael Irvings, and Kevin Grogans, but if they don't play together they are not successful.. We at CJC, Inc. can be one of the industry's team players into the 2000's.

First Recorded Leases - 1912

May 29, 1912. Renewed interest in Sutton County's oil future is evident with the leasing recently of several tracts of land for drilling purposes.

D.B. Cusenbary has leased 11,520 acres to Charles S. Rees of New York for an undisclosed price. The 15-year paid-up lease calls for drilling test to be made within a year.

James Cornell has leased sixteen sections of land from Oscar Appelt. Terms of the five-year paid-up lease were not disclosed. Other leases made by Cornell lately include Thomas Bond, S. W. McKee, William Mittel, and J.B. Merck.

Black Warrior

Black Warrior, a division of BW industries, is located at 302 N.E. 5th in Sonora, (915) 387-6129. Formed in 1989, Black Warrior has a division in Sonora since 1992.

Black Warrior is based in Sonora and specializes in wireline logging, perforation and pipe line recovery. Locally Black Warrior employees 5 people: Juan Sanchez - District Manager, Juan Barron - District Sales, and Field Engineers - Leon Bruns, Frank Gallegos and K.C. Sparks.

First Drilling Contract Let In July 1891

July 25, 1891. W.B. Rountree, the well driller, and manager for the Sonora Oil Trust was in Sonora Thursday. Mr. Rountree has a contract to drill 800 feet for oil south of Sonora.

Ranches Sell Right For \$200 - 1919

January 14, 1919. Captain George M. Church and M.B. Leonard have been in Sonora on oil business. Capt. Church has bought one-half the mineral rights under 640 acres of the A.F. Clarkson ranch for \$200.

Leonard has bought half interest in 694 acres belonging to John R. Robinson for \$100. Several other tracts have gone for similar amounts including C.O. Ridley's sale of half rights under 640 acres for \$160.

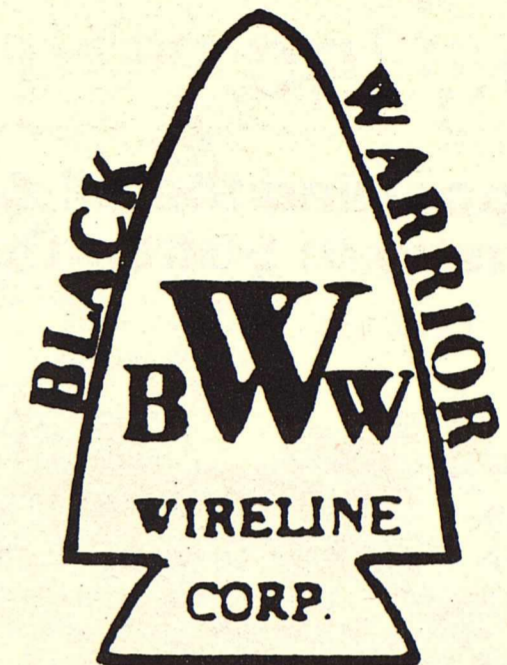
Royalties Bring A Quarter In 1918

July 14, 1918. Recent oil leases in Sutton County have gone for ten cent bonus. Sales of mineral rights and royalties have brought 25 cents to 30 cents. Captain George M. Church, James A. Arthur, M. B. Leonard and M.V. Sullivan have made several deals at these prices.

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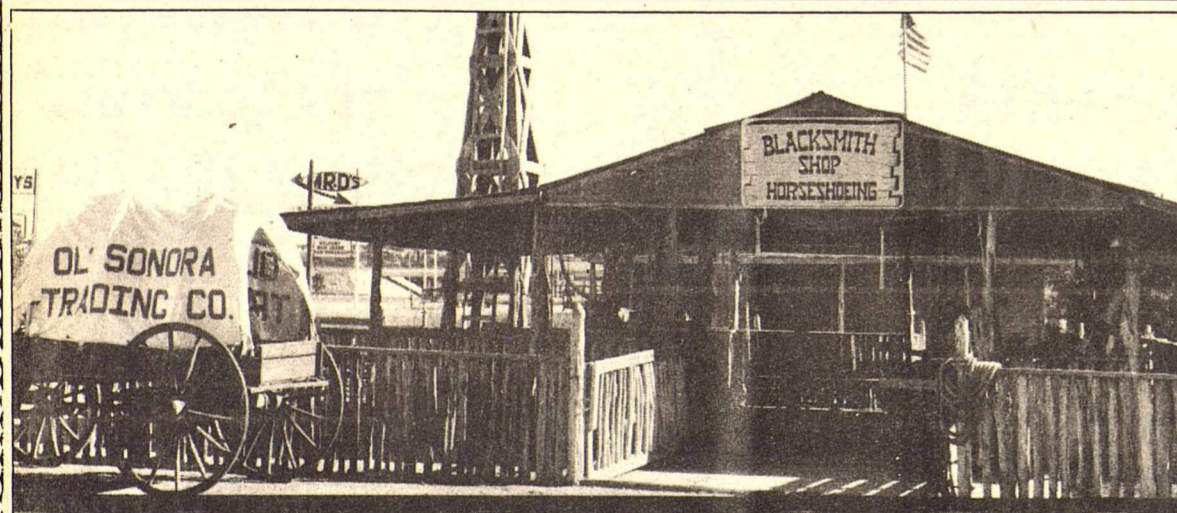
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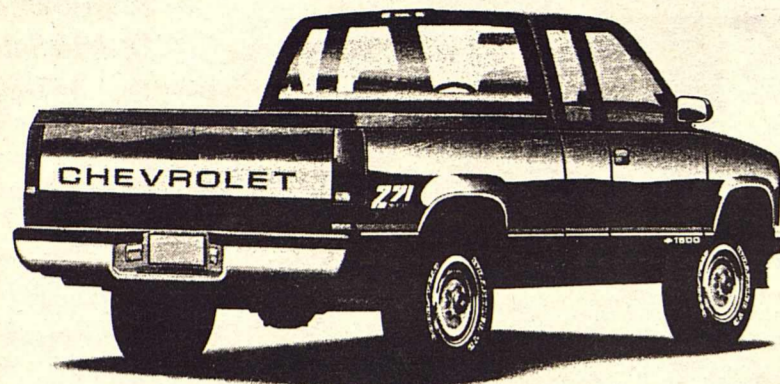
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A group of local investors was instrumental in organizing Sutton County National Bank as a member of Westex Bancorp, Inc., a bank holding company with headquarters in Del Rio, Texas.

In keeping with our philosophy of providing quality service, the bank continues to go the extra mile for its customers and develop products which are essential to the banking industry.

It has been our pleasure to serve the community of Sonora and Sutton County for the last 12 years. We look forward to continuing our banking services and hospitality for many more years to come.

Our thanks to Sonora and Sutton County Oil and Gas Industry for being so beneficial to our business!

Drilling On Allison, Holman - 1944

June 2, 1944. Some 200,000 acres of Sutton County land have been leased by major oil companies, at \$1.00 an acre. Approximately one-third of the leases call for 50 cent rental, the balance for a rental of 25 cents.

One deep test is now being drilled by Moore and Roberts on the George S. Allison ranch and another on the J.S. Holman ranch in Edwards County by the same firm.

Royalty Co. Sets Wildcats - 1939

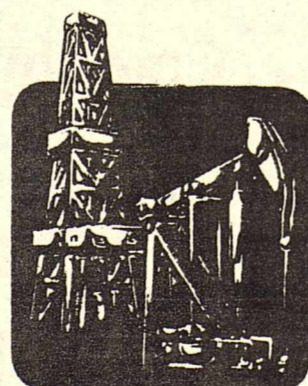
December 15, 1939. A wildcat test is scheduled for Sutton County by Craig and Scroggins of Royalty.

Twenty-three men composing seismographic crews for exploration are making their offices at the courthouse.

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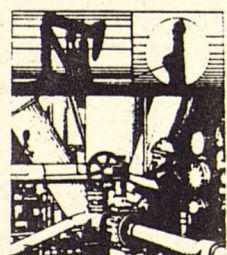
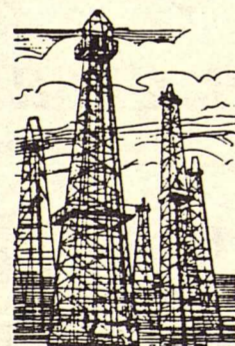
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Charles Howard Construction, owned by Robert and Debbie Hard, is proud to serve the oilfield industry with quality construction.

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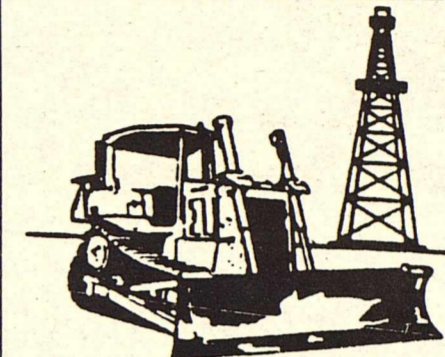
In 1989, WT Construction of Premont, Texas purchased an existing construction company in Sonora. Billy Tiffie, a partner in the parent company with seventeen years of experience in the construction business, moved to Sonora to operate the new venture. Billy really liked the area and decided to dissolve his partnership and move his family to Sonora permanently. William Tiffie Construction Company, Inc. became a separate company in August of 1989.

Wife, Debbie Tiffie, a former school teacher of nine years, decided to join the family business in office capacities in 1990. "We have always lived in small town communities and want our children to grow up with the same opportunities." In their spare time, the Tiffie's are very active in community affairs, the sports of rodeo and cutting, and breeding top AQHA quarter horses.

William Tiffie Construction Company specializes in pipelines and roustabout services. They also provide dirt work such as building locations, building and repairing roads, and location restorations. They provide 24 hour service and purchase all of the materials and supplies that they use from other local merchants whenever possible. "By reinvesting in the community we do our part to keep the local economy strong."

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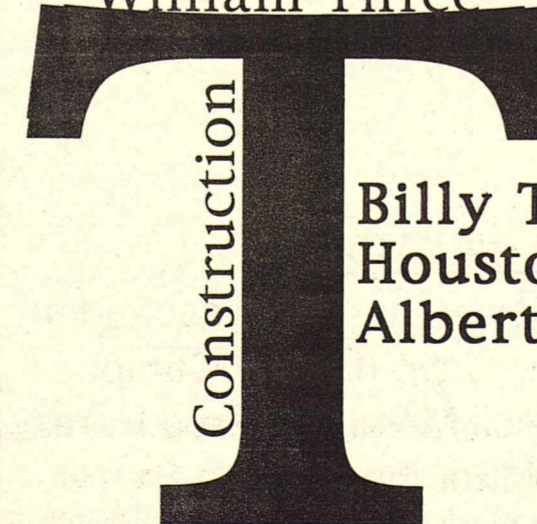
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By Bill "Yankee" Cascadden

I've often been asked how I ended up in Sonora, Texas, a far cry from Northern Michigan where I grew up. I came to Texas in 1975 for economic reasons and worked for Harris Rat Hole in Midland for 2 years. The oil boom was in full swing in the Ozona and Sonora area and I was spending much of my time down here so in 1977, I moved my family to Sonora.

I started out with a shade tree for a yard which I leased from John Eaton, between Ray Holmes Sand & Gravel and the interstate. My wife and I ran the rigs for the first couple years and in 1980, I purchased Jim Perry's old welding shop, bought two rigs from Harris and formed Son-Tex Rat Hole Service, Inc., which is short for Sonora, Texas. We spent 13 years at that location dealing with low overhead wires and trying to maneuver the rigs around residential traffic. Just recently, we were able to purchase the Farmer Homco building and property. From my present location, I can see the original shade tree I started under. It's still around and so are we. We have enjoyed living and working in Sonora and providing a service to the oilfield - hopefully for a long time to come.

1931 Lease Equals Amount Of Collections

August 5, 1932. Seventeen oil companies holding acreage in Sutton County paid Sutton County landowners an amount equal to the approximate total of city, state, county and school taxes collected here on 1931 assessments, a check of local figures reveals.

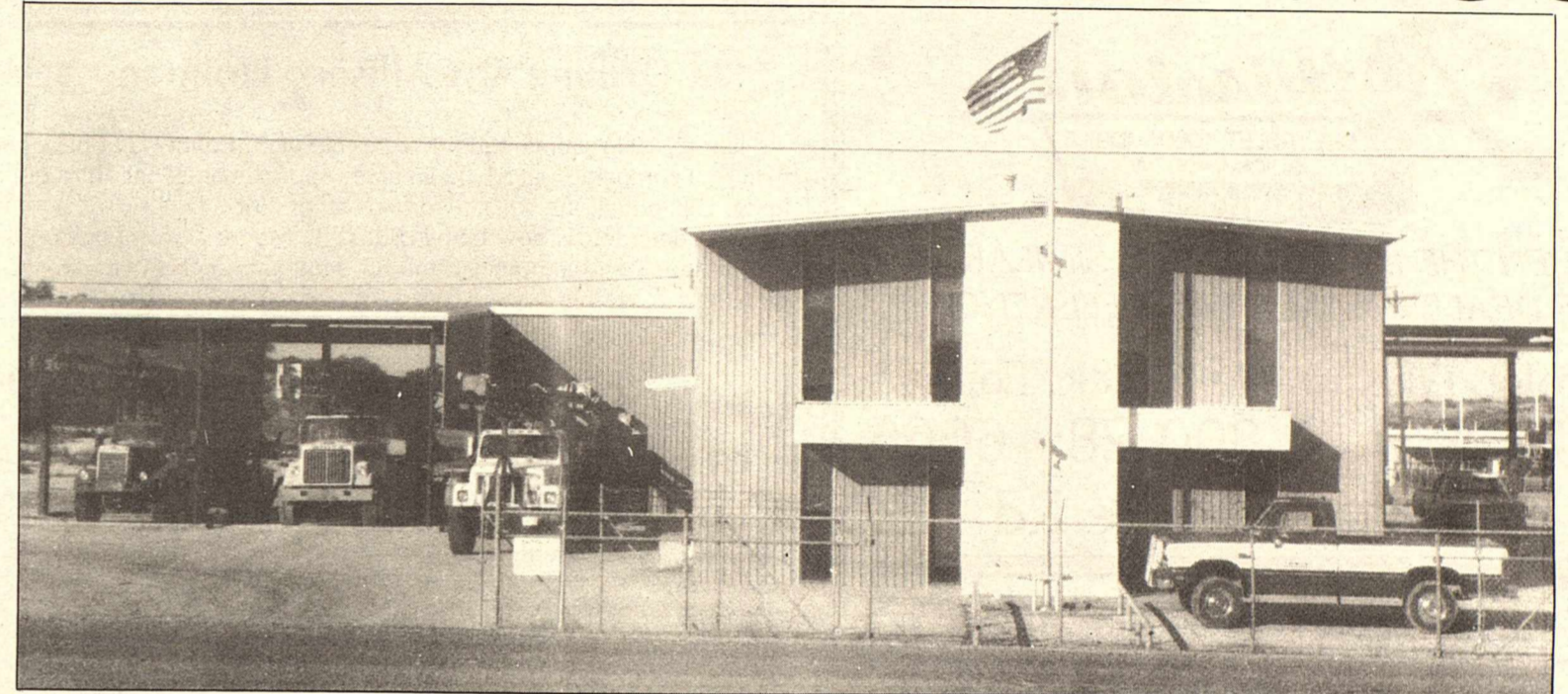
Total leased acreage is 583,748 acres. The average lease is estimated at 25 cents an acre with some higher. Receipts from leases were \$120,937 and tax collections last year were \$124,000.

Oil companies holding leases include Basin Oil Co., Sun Oil Co., Humble Oil and Refining, Gulf Oil Corp., The Texas Company, Stanolind, Atlantic, Phillips Petroleum, Republic, Empire, Texas Pacific, Indian Territories Oil, Continental, Shell, California, Tidal and Simms.

Explorer Seeking Oil Leases - 1926

June 8, 1926. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer of North Pole fame, has been in Sonora seeking an oil lease on the Hi Eastland property.

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