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Thursday, January 1, 1998

Briefly

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse from 12 noon to 1 p.m. New members are welcome to come & join.

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 12, at Zentner's Restaurant, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon. The location of the luncheon has been changed due to the fire at Zentner's Daughter's on December 16.

Social Security Representative Garland Gregg, has scheduled his January visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse in Sonora on Tuesday, January 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Anyone who needs to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Garner awarded EMT of the Year

Submitted by Pat Campbell

During the annual Sutton County EMS Christmas party, Carla Garner was awarded the Gene West Memorial Award for EMT of the year.

This award has been presented to the outstanding member of the organization since 1985. Nominees are voted on by their peers and the name is kept secret until the Christmas party. It is truly an honor to be presented this award; rewarding that person for service "above and beyond the call of duty," and recognizing the guidance and leadership of that person.

Carla received her ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) in 1988, and went on to obtain her Emergency Medical Technician-Basic in 1989. Then in 1997 she obtained her Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate. Carla is a CPR Instructor through the American Heart Association and an Examiner and Instructor through the Texas Department of Health. She is also responsible for obtaining the first two year continuing education program for Sutton County EMS.

Carla has been involved in the past as a member of the Texas Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, appointed by the Governor of Texas, and is presently involved in the Local Emergency Planning Committee and attends many other meetings concerning Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services for the betterment of our community and service.

Carla is married to Rusty Garner and has three children, Craig, Keshia, and Clay.

There is so much more we could say about Carla Garner, but the only thing we need to know is she is very dedicated to the people of Sutton County and the EMS.

New to Sonora, Dr. Calderon embraces small town life



Dr. Guido J. Calderon, his wife Marylu, and their daughter, Claudia.

By Stephanie Campbell

A native of Peru, Dr. Guido Calderon explains the differences of South America from the U.S.

Born in a small town of 50,000, Puno, Peru; not everything is accessible. An American may think a population of 50,000, a city about the size of Midland, would be self-sufficient. Dr. Calderon explains that the capital cities of the countries contain all the amenities.

When a student graduates from high school, at that point they decide what university they will attend, whether it be engineering, medical, law, etc. Dr. Calderon chose the medical field, following in his grandfather's footsteps.

Dr. Calderon took the exam required upon graduating high school in 1984 with 2700 other people. He was one of 80 accepted to Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University, a private school in the capital city of Peru.

Thus began his eight year trek through medical school. He said the first 3 or 4 years are similar to undergraduate studies in the U.S. However, those who do not pass the first year have

one more chance. If they fail to succeed a second time, they must choose another field.

Dr. Calderon graduated from med school in 1992. For the next year he completed his thesis and prepared for the United States Medical Licensing Exam. From June 94 to June 97, he trained in internal medicine at the Southern Illinois University. He is board certified by The American Board of Internal Medicine.

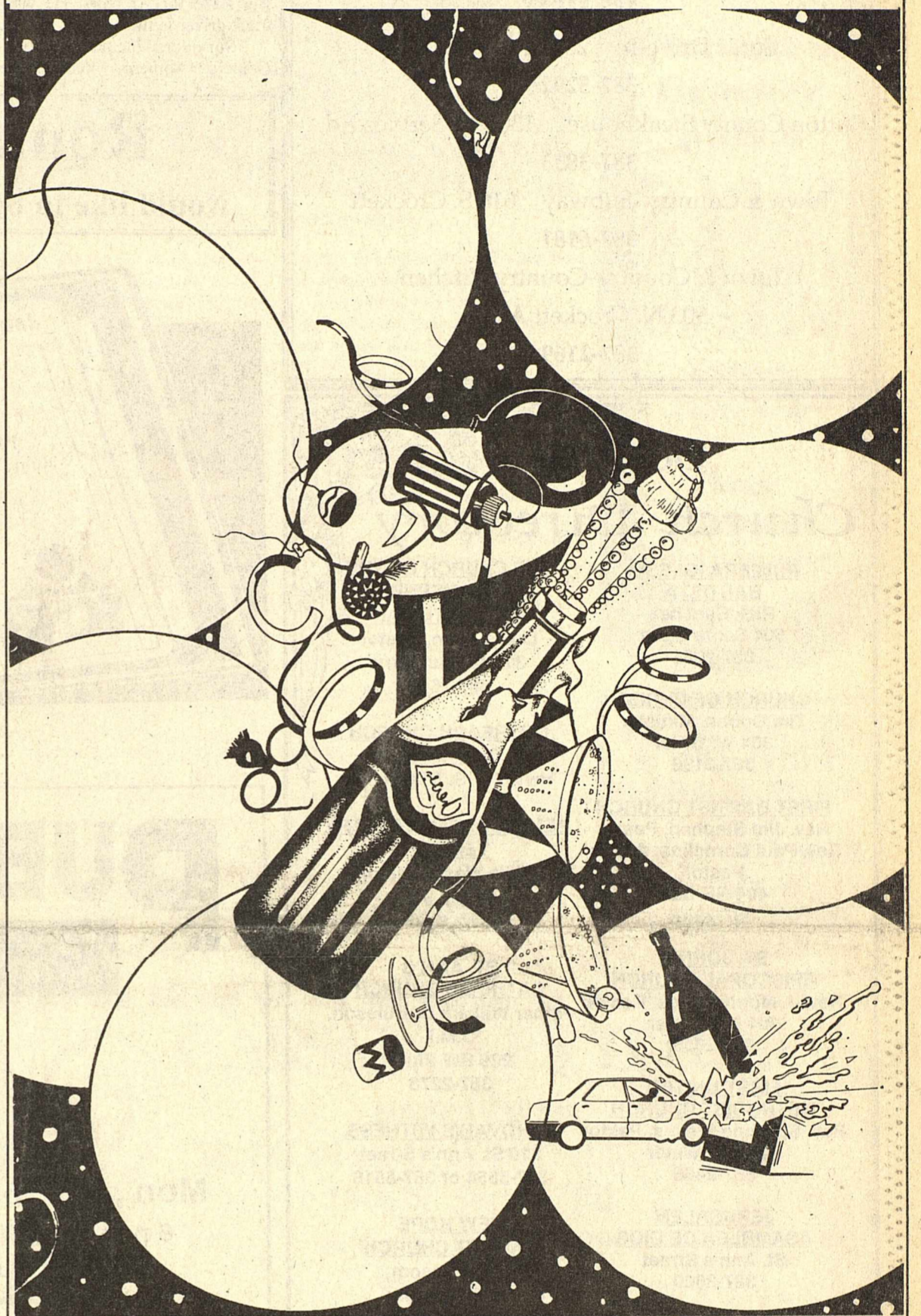
Dr. Calderon chose to practice medicine in Sonora for a number of reasons. One is the high population of Spanish only speaking residents. He feels they will benefit, Spanish being his native tongue. He also mentions climate and small town with no traffic congestion, low crime rate.

"I want a place where my kids can grow safely."

Dr. Calderon and his wife Marylu, have settled in with their 4 month old daughter, Claudia.

He will open his office Monday, January 5th at 301-B Hudspeth Avenue. For appointments call 387-5666.

Stay Safe This Holiday Season,



Don't Drink & Drive!

Just a small amount of alcohol could impair your driving ability.

If you're in a party mood this time of year, consider having a designated driver.

If you're hosting a party, be aware of your guests' drinking. Let them stay over night if they've had too much to drink. *It's the safe thing to do.*

Don't let alcohol dampen your holiday mood - play it safe for everyone's sake.

This message brought to you by these concerned businesses.

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| State Farm Insurance | PM Office & Variety | Chief Chris Croy & Staff |
| Farm Bureau Insurance | Food Center | First National Bank |
| Sutton County Natl. Bank | Broncho Ford | Sonic Drive-In |

Here's your sign. Beginning New Year's Day, traffic fines double in the Hwy 277 work zone. "We will continue to enforce this area to ensure everyone's safety in the construction zone," said Chief Chris Croy.

Winners in the final Merchants' Association Ticket Drawing held Dec. 24th

- Barbara Newkirk
- Kate Jennings
- Mary Bustamante
- Dr. Patti Strauch
- Dorothy Baker

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.
387-5292

Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Our Sympathy

Arturo Romero Sr.

Arturo Romero, Sr., 50, of Big Lake died Thursday, Dec. 25, 1997 in a Big Lake hospital.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 27 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Big Lake with the Rev. Barry McClean officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 2, 1947, in Eldorado and had been a resident of Big Lake for 10 years. He was a truck driver in the oil field.

Survivors include his wife, Gelacia Romero, his mother, Catarina Romero, two sons, Arturo Romero Jr. and Andrew Romero, and a daughter, Rebecca Romero, all of Big Lake; six brothers, Apolonio "Paul" Romero of Big Lake, Ignacio Romero of Sonora, Carlos Romero and Ben Romero, both of Houston, Ray Romero and Hector Romero, both of Eldorado; four sisters, Romana Duran of Sonora, Maria Martinez of San Angelo, Rosa Lock of Houston and Luisa Cowart of Big Lake; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

January 5th - Bingo
January 6th - Blood Pressure & Sugar Checks
January 7th - Van to San Angelo
January 8th - Crafts
January 9th - Come use our exercise equipment on these cold mornings. We open at 7 a.m.

LUNCH MENU

January 1st - Happy New Year - Center Closed
January 2nd - Fish sticks, herb potatoe, 3 bean salad, rolls, peaches, lemon pudding
January 5th - Beef tips w/rice, carrots, corn-bread, fruit cup, strawberries, bananas, lemon pie
January 6th - Oven baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, chunky fruit mix
January 7th - Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, apple juice, pecan pie

Guest meals - \$4.00
 Suggested donation for senior citizens - \$1.75

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Sonora Church Directory

<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 W. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor 404 NE Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector 404 NE Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 NW Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Brother Rick Brinson 306 N. 4th Street 387-2898</p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 NE Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE Willie West, Pastor 509 Amistad 387-3236</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 SW Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price The Depot Weekly Starting Sept. 2</p>
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Community Calendar

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

January 1

Thursday, January 1
Happy New Year
10:00 a.m. New Years Mass
Sutton County National Bank and First National Bank closed

Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

January 8

Tuesday, January 6
6:00-8:00 p.m. Public Involvement Open House, Sonora Middle School
Snack Bar

Wednesday, January 7
School Resumes

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPEN HOUSE

Presented by West Texas Utilities Company

Reagan, Crockett, Schleicher and Sutton Counties
138KV Electric Transmission Line and Substation Project

<p>Mon., Jan. 5, 1998</p> <p>6 p.m. until 8 p.m.</p> <p>Reagan County Activities Center Big Lake, Texas</p>	<p>Tues., Jan. 6, 1998</p> <p>6 p.m. until 8 p.m.</p> <p>Sonora Middle School Snack Bar Sonora, Texas</p>	<p>Thurs., Jan. 8, 1998</p> <p>6 p.m. until 8 p.m.</p> <p>Ozona Civic Center Ozona, Texas</p>
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Location Map

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) is seeking input from the public on the planned construction of a 138,000 volt (138 kV) electric transmission line and associated substations from WTU's Big Lake substation on the south side of Big Lake, Texas, to either WTU's existing Ozona Substation on the north side of Ozona, Texas, or to a new substation in the Ozona area, to WTU's existing Sonora 138 kV substation on the west side of Sonora, Texas.

WTU representatives will be available at the open houses to discuss the type of structures planned, construction methods, right of way requirements, routing of the proposed transmission facilities and the need for the proposed construction. Visitors will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the project, express concerns and make suggestions about the routing of the line and siting of the substation within the project area.

For more information about the open houses, contact: Paul Evans (915-652-3043) or Gene Morris (915-392-3682) if you are in the Big Lake or Ozona area, or Blake Burchard (915-387-3574) or Steve Terrel (915-396-2742) if you are in the Sonora area.

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Ask The Historical Society

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer

We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and we know you all had a busy one because we didn't have any questions this week.

I thought it might be fun to look back at statistics for 1937 and let you compare some of the figures with what you have seen lately in the paper.

In 1947 the Sonora Post Office had total business of \$7,745.12. There were 410 telephones in Sutton County and we had 1,028 registered vehicles. Property valuations for tax purposes in Sutton County totaled \$4,299,781.00. There were 366 utility customers in 1937 and 590 students enrolled in schools. About 150 cars of freight moved in and out of Sonora in 1937 and the Water Department of the City of Sonora had 350 customers. The Methodist Church had 292 members and the Baptist Church had 151 members. A traffic count for one day at the corner of Main and Concho totaled 7,044 vehicles. On the day after Labor Day in 1937 the First National Bank handled the largest number of transactions it had ever had since 1900. The total was 1887 items. Sutton County in 1937 had 62 births, 26 deaths, 35 marriages and 6 divorces.

In the first week of 1938 we had an addition to the law enforcement in Sutton County. The U.S. Border Patrol had an office adjoining the courtroom in the courthouse. Walter R. Wells and Patrolman Hart had just arrived in town from San Angelo and Del Rio to man it.

The *Devil's River News* of January 7, 1938 had the following items of interest: A marriage ceremony performed by the Rev. R.F. Davis, Pastor of the Methodist Church, at his home, at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, united Miss Beavely Reiley and Elmer C. Wilson.

There had been a lot of building in 1937 and there are two full pages of pictures of new or modernized homes. F.J. Wood built a modernistic concrete and tile home of five rooms. Mrs. W.L. Aldwell had major remodeling of eight rooms of her home and a rock veneer applied. The school superintendent's home on the school campus had a light face brick veneer. E.E. Steen had a seven room, dark red brick home built for \$10,000. John Fields built a seven room tile-stucco home on the Junction Highway for \$6,000. Joe N.



Max VanderStucken and George Trainer, 2nd and 3rd persons behind counter of grocery store.

Ross ranch residence of eight rooms, and native rock was built for \$10,000. The Church of Christ built a concrete, tile and stucco 150'x10' buildings on their property. The Roy E. Aldwell residence was remodeled and a rock veneer added. J.B. Ross had a Sonora residence of two storeys and five rooms with two baths. Theo Savell's Sonora home had both storeys rock veneered and the garage enlarged. When you look at these buildings now you can plainly see that some of them have been enlarged, bricked, and changed greatly since the 1937 improvements were made.

Under advertisements we found: Ramirez Boot Shop, Trinidad Ramirez, owner, Mercantile Building, Sonora. "We do it right." Shoe Repairing and Hand Made Cowboy Boots. The City Variety Store, 5 cents to \$5, was having a 9 cent sale for one week, starting Saturday. The Sonora Motor Company which had established business from, Jan. 3-7, 1914 was celebrating its 24th Anniversary. (That means for 1998 they are celebrating their 84th birthday.) G.A. Wynn, attorney-at-law, had offices at the Sutton County Courthouse and also old fire, windstorm and other types of insurance. J.D. Lowery was the manager of the Sonora Abstract Company. The H.V.

Stokes Feed Company said "tell us your needs and we will supply them." Elliott Brothers Company had offices in the First National Bank Building. W.E. Caldwell was the manager of the West Texas Lumber Company. W.W. Gibson was the Cosden dealer and had his place on the south side of the Del Rio Highway. At the Hotel McDonald you could get home cooked meals for 50 cents. Mrs. Frank Turney over at Fields Dairy made an appeal to their customers to please return their bottles to the driver every day. E.F. VanderStucken Company had Marcy Lee Wash Frocks for \$1.00.

My readers say that this is one of their favorite things in this column. Grocery prices in the good old days. I have also been asked please don't tell the salaries back then, we don't want to remember them. January 7, 1938 prices at Piggly Wiggly listed the following items:

Kimbell's Best Flour 48 pounds for \$1.79, 24 pounds for 95 cents. Two pounds of good grade walnuts for 25 cents. Libby's peach halves, canned, 17 cents. Salmon, in the tall can, two cans for 27 cents. Monarch corn was 15 cents a can and spinach was two cans for 19 cents. A half gallon of pure sorghum syrup was 47 cents. Two pounds of prunes cost you 15 cents and a quart of sour

pickles went for 19 cents. Folgers coffee sold for 5 pounds for \$1.35, two pounds for 58 cents and one pound for 30 cents. You could get two heads of lettuce for 11 cents, cabbage for 3 cents a pound, cauliflower for 8 cents a head, apples for 15 cents a dozen, tangerines for 10 cents a dozen and Texas oranges for 15 cents a dozen. A baby beef roast was 15 cents a pound and baby beef ribs were 25 cents for two pounds. Nice lean sliced bacon was 30 cents a pound and pure pork sausage was 23 cents a pound. You could get a pork ham roast for 25 cents a pound, squash for 5 cents a pound, two bunches of carrots for 7 cents and bananas for 15 cents a dozen.

I thought it might be fun some time if one of the teachers would have their students find current day prices for the above items and compare them to the 1938 price on an imaginary shopping trip. The totals of those tickets would be interesting and I would be happy to list them in my column.

I hope everyone is enjoying the much needed rain we have had this week. We certainly have waited a long time for it. I'd like to thank God for what we have gotten and

ask him to keep us in mind when he has a little more to give out.

I would like to remind the students and teachers as the school year starts that we are happy to answer any questions they might have in this column. We will do everything we can to make sure that Sutton County history is recorded properly and available to you.

Members, if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do. The machinery doesn't work without a drop of oil in it once in a while and you know how much oil costs.

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 me a call afternoons or evenings at 915-387-2855. You may also e-mail us at schs@sonora.digicom.net we do check e-mail daily.

I would like to make a special thank you this week to my family for their love, support and encouragement and assistance every week on this column. Without all your help I could not continue this difficult, costly and time consuming volunteer project. Thank You!

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 Keith Hudson
 Nicolas Pena
 Gretta Smith
 3rd
 Avery Bruns
 Oscar Gutierrez
 Jessica Luera
 4th
 Cyndye Batchelor

Linda Neff
 5th
 Demetrio Castro, Jr.
 Reynaldo Y. Sanchez
 6th
 Joe Buitron, Jr.
 Melissa Freeman
 Glenda Ann Gutierrez
 Ramiro Luna
 Rachel Moore
 Martha Perez
 7th
 Bethany Deel
 Rosa Tamez

Bronco scoreboard

Boys Freshmen
 Coach: Lance Powell
 12/19/97
 Sonora: 43 Kermit: 30
 Leading Scorers: Matt Torres-14 points and Ed Mayfield-10 points.

12-20-97
 Sonora: 38 Greenwood: 49
 Leading Scorers: Matt Torres-16 points and Jake Trainer-16 points.

12-20-97
 Sonora: 58 Crane: 63
 Leading Scorers: Ed Mayfield-22, Dustin Patino-10, Jake Trainer-10, Matt Torres-10.

12-22-97
 Sonora: 47 Ozona: 39
 Leading Scorers: Ed Mayfield-10, Dustin Patino-9, Matt Torres-8, Ryan Hardgrave-8, Jake Trainer-8.



ELKS participating in a ropes course were Tristin Ramsey, Sasha Booth, Delilah Bowers, Victoria Tovar, Delma Tovar, Embré Smith, and Tyler Talley. Teachers are Christie Talley and Stella Lumberras, student worker, Veronica Coronado.

Toy drive deemed successful

Submitted
 With the last few installs being completed this week, Classic Cable is excited about the large number of toys collected for children this Christmas. According to Jennifer Hauschild, Marketing Manager, "Classic Cable started this special campaign November 1st and offered it through December 15th.

We had many customers thrilled to be able to help in our efforts to give to the less fortunate children

this Christmas." Classic offered a reduced installation fee if the customer would donate a new toy. In this company wide effort Classic Cable was able to collect 3,190 toys all of which will be distributed back into the community in which they were collected.

In the Sonora community Classic Cable donated 20 toys to the Knights of Columbus who saw that deserving children in the community received a toy this holiday season.

Classic Cable is working hard to be a good neighbor in the communities they provide with cable service. This Classic Christmas for Kids campaign is just one of the many ways they give support back to the communities.

Harrelson receives merit scholarship

Sequin-Texas Lutheran University student Kelly C. Harrelson, a freshman kinesiology major from Sonora, is the recipient of a TLU merit scholarship for the 1997-1998 year. Harrelson is receiving TLU's Fred and Phina Hein Scholarship, and was recognized at the university's recent fall honors convocation and scholarship incheon.

This fall Texas Lutheran University recorded a 49% growth in size of its freshman class as "U.S. News and World Report" again named TLU the #1 "best value" among regional liberal arts colleges and universities in the West.

Help arrives for your New Year's Resolution

If you are one of the many who will pledge to quit smoking for your New Year's resolution, the American Cancer Society wants to help you.

The American Cancer Society is introducing a new "Stop Now/Here's How" quit kit in time for smokers attempting to begin the New Year smoke-free. The quit kit is available free of charge and can be ordered by calling the American Cancer Society: 1-800-ACS-2345.

The new kit provides information and describes methods of quitting smoking that can help people achieve a

healthier lifestyle.

"We know that about 90% of successful quitters do so on their own," stated Allen Henderson PhD, chair of the American Cancer Society's Tobacco Control committee in Texas.

According to surveys, smokers often try to quit more than once before they succeed, with 70% of ex-smokers making one to two quit attempts, and 22% making 3-5 quit attempts. Smokers should not give up trying, since most ex-smokers cycle through the quitting process several times before becoming long-term quitters.

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1/6	Ft. Stockton	Here	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/10	Wimberly	There		2:00	3:30
1/10	Edison	Central	2:00		

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Back Talk **Chiropractic Care**
Questions & Answers

I was always told that cracking your knuckles would cause arthritis. If this is so, wouldn't continuing adjustment of the spine create the same problem?
 Repeated motions of any kind can cause pain and arthritis in many parts of the body. Clerks throwing mail into sorting slots frequently develop tennis elbow. Baseball pitchers develop rotator cuff problems, and, yes, repeatedly cracking one's knuckles could, over time, lead to chronic pain and arthritis. Chiropractic adjustments involve specifically measures thrusts to selected sites on the spine. There is neither scientific or anecdotal evidence that repeated chiropractic adjustments cause pain or dysfunction. Comparing chiropractic adjustments with repetitive strain or injuries is not an appropriate comparison.

Can chiropractic help stroke victims in their recovery?
 Ideally, a stroke victim is being treated to recovery by a team of health care professionals who all bring special expertise to each case. Chiropractic adjustments combined with exercise, nutritional supplements, rehabilitation programs and other work can help restore mobility and aid in re-establishing nerve pathways. The goal is returning the patient to as close to pre-stroke health as possible. Often the greatest strides will be made during the time immediately following the stroke. As time goes by, advances in recovery will be less dramatic, but, nevertheless, apparent. Chiropractic adjustment can only benefit a patient in the rehabilitation process.

Will chiropractic help obese people lose weight?
 Obesity has many cause two of which are hormonal imbalance and poor nutritional intake. Chiropractic adjustments often affect the hormone production in the body. Additionally, chiropractors are comprehensively educated relative to the body's nutritional needs and it is common for a chiropractor to create a nutritional balance program to aid patients losing or gaining weight. Further, obesity can negatively affect body joints causing patients to experience pain in different areas of the body. If a chiropractor sees that a weight control program will be necessary to expedite the recovery of a patient from an injury, that doctor will not hesitate to help the patient get his or her weight in line with the rest of the body's needs.

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FSA County committee elections held

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The 1997 FSA County Committee Elections were held on December 1, 1997. Ballots were counted during the COC meeting on December 3, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. The candidates receiving the most votes in each Local Administrative Area (LAA) will serve the designated term for that LAA. Term length for each LAA was determined by lot at the November FSA County Committee meeting. All three LAA's held elections this year and the persons elected will begin their term of service to the agriculture community on January 1, 1998.

The election results are as follows: LAA#1- three year term-Lee C. Bloodworth, 1st alternate- C. Curry Campbell; LAA#2- two year term- Nancy W. Davis, 1st alternate- Carl R. Lang; LAA#3- one year term- Scott Jacoby, 1st alternate- Curt A. Schwiening, Jr. Nancy W. Davis and Scott Jacoby have

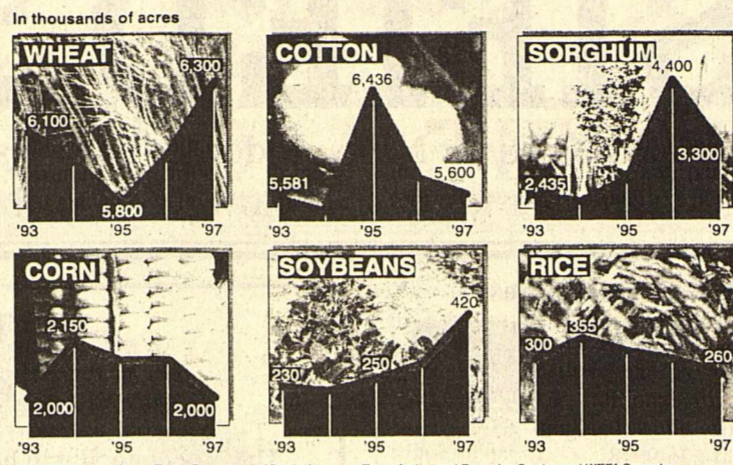
seed on the FSA County Committee for the past several years and will be welcoming the new member of the Committee, Lee C. Bloodworth. At the January County Committee meeting scheduled for January 6, 1998, the new Committee will elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and a regular member.

The FSA County Committee serves our county by informing producers of the purpose and provisions of SA programs, informing the State FSA Committee of local range conditions, participating in meetings as necessary, recommending needed changes in farm programs, and directing the overall operations of our County FSA Office. The programs they help administer directly affect the welfare of our ranchers. Many of us do not realize how much our County Committee members do to serve our community. Please take the time to let our Committee members know how much you appreciate them.

AGRIBUSINESS

Planted acreage in Texas

During the dry years of 1995-96, many farmers concentrated on planting the more drought-tolerant sorghum. With rain levels back to normal, growers have returned to more diversified planting.



Agriculture Poised For Another Year of Solid Gains

(Austin)-- In an end-of-the-year report, State Comptroller John Sharp said that 1997 was a turnaround year for agriculture, as Texas farmers and ranchers look forward to another year of solid gains in 1998.

"This year, Texas producers knocked off the dust from the '96 drought," Sharp said. "Most were blessed with much-needed rain, and prices began to return to profitable levels."

"For cattle producers, prices are on an upswing, and herd sizes are stabilizing," Sharp said. "Cattlemen can look for continued growth next year thanks to higher prices, lower feed costs, and the probable availability of thick forage."

"Overall, 1997 has been good for growers, too," Sharp said. "For example, planted soybean acreage is up 45 percent over the past two years, and harvested cotton acreage has increased by 29 percent."

Commenting in the latest issue of Fiscal Notes, his award-winning monthly publication, Sharp noted that not all crops have rebounded evenly across the state.

"The widespread drought of 1995 and 1996 caused Texas farmers and ranchers to miss out on the high prices offered for many crops last year," Sharp said. "And though the rains were welcome, producers had to contend with more insects, as well as lower market prices that accompanied the higher levels of production."

Sharp said that prices for corn and sorghum are about 40 percent lower this year than last year. Rice farmers in the coastal area planted fewer acres in 1997 than in any of the five previous years, in part because last spring's rains prevented them from planting much rice in time.

The loss of federal income sup-

ports also prompted rice farmers to experiment with other crops in hopes of higher profit margins, according to the Comptroller's analysis.

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The Comptroller's analysis indicates that the coming year is likely to be characterized by the need for Texas agricultural producers to adjust to the federal government's stepping out of the risk management business, a provision included in last year's landmark farm bill.

That legislation called for an end to federal income supports by 2002, with transition payments to be made in the interim.

With the federal government no longer subsidizing crops, Sharp said, Texas farmers and ranchers are free to plant what they choose.

"This new freedom also carries with it new risks," Sharp said. "I encourage producers to familiarize themselves with the latest crop insurance programs and other risk management tools so that they can stay on top of changing market conditions."

Sharp said that another question facing Texas farmers has to do with changes in the Conservation Reserve Program, a federal program in which landowners are paid to retire their land for specified periods of time for conservation purposes.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which operates the program, accepted only 1.8 million acres of the 3.2 million acres offered earlier this year by Texas landowners. An additional sign-up period was completed at the end of last month, although the number of new acres USDA will accept into the program is unclear at this time.

Pasture to Packer Program Complete Second Round

By Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO -- Growing optimism in West Texas' sheep industry fueled by a new processing facility and strong markets added interest to 1997's edition of Extension's Pasture to Packer program.

The program is modeled after Extension's popular beef cattle "Ranch to Rail" program. Both efforts give producers a taste of retained ownership and provide them with their animals' feedlot performance and carcass data.

"It's been three years since we last had Pasture to Packer," said Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist and the program's coordinator.

"We had over 1,200 animals from 62 owners the first time. Unfortunately, we had to shelve the program when Monfort's local facility closed. The closing left us no practical way to process the animals and record carcass information. Now with the opening of the new Ranchers Lamb plant here and help from Strube Packing Company at Rowena, we've been able to resurrect Pasture to Packer."

This year's feeding trial at Denis Feedlot near Vancourt involved 441 lambs from 25 producers.

"This year, with the high price of feeder lambs, it would have been more profitable for most producers to have sold their lambs as feeders when we started back in July."

Profitability depends a great deal on market price. But profit is not the major reason we are conducting this program. Determining feedlot performance and carcass acceptability of their lambs are the major reasons producers should be involved in Pasture to Packer.

"We're trying to help them find out if their sheep have the genetic potential to remain profitable in the future."

Much of West Texas is prime sheep country, but few producers retain ownership of their lambs through slaughter. Most sell them at weaning as feeders. Unfortunately, the market usually becomes glutted with lambs and the price drops.

"Feeding lambs is not a guaran-

teed way to make money," said Craddock, "but it does expand a producer's marketing options."

Pasture to Packer allows ranchers to get their feet wet without really getting soaked before they know their animals' potential and the nature of the business.

"All producers should know how their animals fit the lamb production system. Pasture to Packer is designed to give ranchers information on how their lambs perform in the feedlot and on the packing house rail. We've had quite a few breeders and breeders involved, but it's not a contest."

Many producers have found their animals are right-on-the-money. They're just what they need in their environment under their management system. But, others have not been so lucky. Information from the program gives these producers data needed to change their flock's genetics to improve post-weaning performance and carcass acceptability. The program is specifically designed to help them make those decisions.

Consignors are limited to at least 10 animals but no more than 20. Only wether and ewe lambs are fed. Feedlot performance data collected includes: on-test weight, final weight, average daily gain, total cost of gain, break-even price and net return. Carcass information covers: carcass weight, dressing percent, fat thickness, quality and yield grade.

On arrival, lambs were individually weighed, ear-tagged for identification and given a market value based on feeder lamb prices. This value was used to figure the lamb's break-even price and the profitability of the feeding venture.

Lambs were sold on a carcass basis with the net proceeds mailed to the consignors. Texas A&M Agriculture News Home Page

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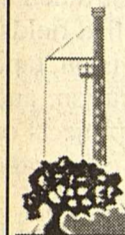
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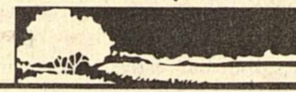
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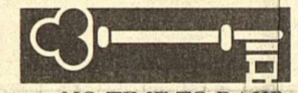
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