

Leader Salutes Eldorado Progress

by Nell Edmiston

We're already well into 1981 and the new year promises to be a good one for the City of Eldorado and Schleicher County. The community is growing by leaps and bounds. Construction is underway on four very important projects in the community; oil production seems to be on an upswing; several new businesses have moved into the area and in general the town is making progress in several areas.

The Leader staff is very proud of the community and wants to salute all the city, school, county and other officials and individuals who have made this community what it is—a good place to live and raise our children.

The Leader staff wants to continue to produce a high quality product with last minute news coverage and highly effective advertising.

Therefore, we have reorganized our staff to produce a better quality product. I am returning as editor after a short absence and Shirley Overstreet is remaining as advertising manager. Donna Garvin and

Becky Jones will be reporters and Matthew Nixon will be photographer.

Shirley and I will try to be in the office during regular working hours but at times will have to be gone from the office at the same time. Please bear with us—we will try not to leave the office closed for very long periods at a time.

Even with a larger staff than we have ever had before, we still need help gathering news, so if you have any ideas or stories do not hesitate to call and let us know.

Also, we hope to be a very big service to the businesses here who can help themselves by advertising in our paper. After all, each ad in our paper is seen by over 1300 readers each week. If we miss you on our regular ad calls and you need some advertising assistance, don't hesitate to call us and we will help you any way we can.

Again, the Leader staff salutes the Schleicher County area and hopes to help make 1981 a terrific year for this community.

Hawks, Eagles Clash Here

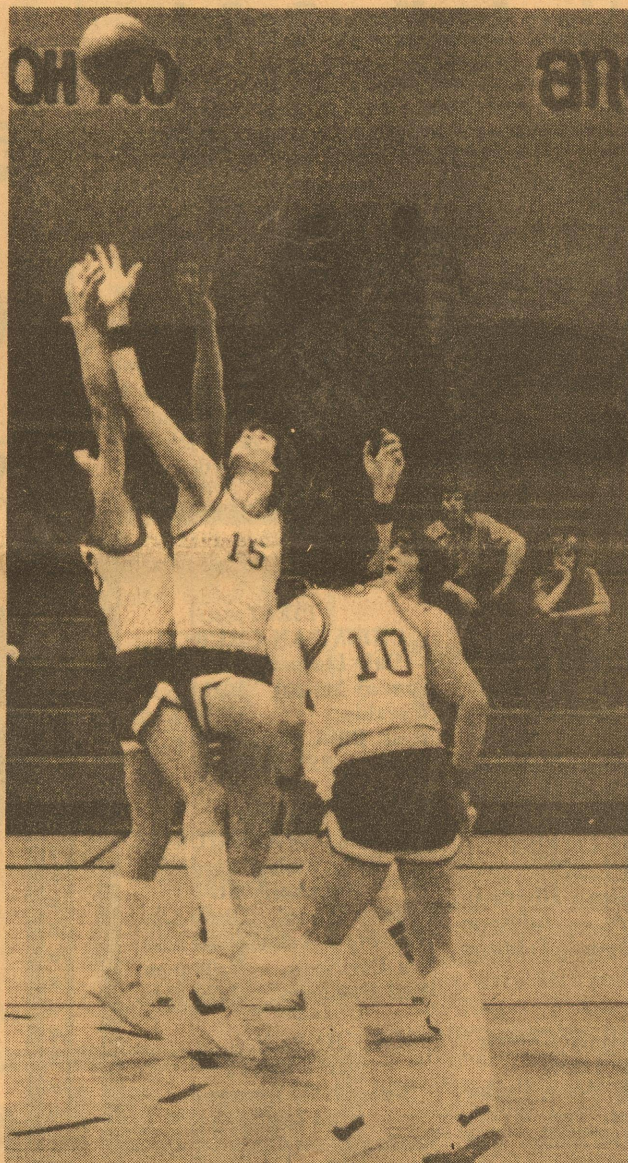
The Wall Hawks and the Eldorado Eagles met head on during both championship games in the junior varsity basketball tournament last weekend. The Eldorado girls first beat Junction to go to the final game to trounce over the Hawkettes 54-27. Victoria Powell lead the Eaglettes by pumping in 25 points. Amy Heald scored ten points, Julie Cash scored six. Stephanie Thomas scored five, Shanna Swift scored four, Gina Patton and Davina Vanett scored two each.

The Eldorado boys beat Junction and then Mason 21-37 to go to the final championship bracket. In a heart-breaking double-overtime game, the Hawks slipped past the Eagles 33-31. Craig Griffin lead the Eagle scoring with 17 points. Floyd Fay scored eight points with Lamar Hardee, Laurence Brame and Danny Pina scoring two points each.

The Reagan County girls won consolation by overrunning the Junction girls 35-14 after first losing to Wall and then winning over Sonora 38-14. Junction girls got to the consolation bracket by winning over Menard 40-20.

In the boys division, McCamey won consolation after first losing to Sonora and winning over the Reagan County boys. They then went on to win over Menard for the trophy.

Girls coach Larry Mitchel said the Eaglettes played one of their best games of the year. Boys coach Craig Bessent also praised the junior varsity boys saying "they played exceptionally well, way above their heads. They were not expected to win, but came from behind to do so anyway."



Hot Action--The Eldorado Eagles and Eaglettes got involved in some hot action with the Junction junior varsity teams during the tournament held last weekend (pictured.) Both teams advanced to the championship bracket with the boys losing in a heart breaker to Wall and the girls winning the top trophy.

Reagan Makes Oil Decision

(Editor's Note) Bob Pascal with Congressman Tom Loeffler's San Angelo office announced Tuesday morning shortly before press time a message which ironically coincides with publication of our Petroleum Edition—the announcement that President Reagan has decontrolled the price of crude oil. The news should be sweet music to the ears of the petroleum industry. The following is a statement issued hurriedly by Loeffler.)

"Effective immediately, President Reagan will take action to remove remaining federal control on crude oil and its by-products. I believe it goes without saying this action is the first and perhaps most important step the new administration can take in regaining our national energy independence.

"Immediate decontrol will open domestic production and conservation. America will now have the incentives to search out and produce hard to find reserves. Less than one-third of all crude oil produced in the United States is now under federal control. Removing remaining controls now rather than in September under phased decontrol means we are maximizing our ability to produce our own energy needs at the earliest possible time, at the lowest possible price and with the least impact on the American economy and consumers.

"Finally, we are taking positive steps to release the stranglehold OPEC has had on this country since 1973."



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Long-Time Eldorado Residents Die Recently

Mr. Belk

Mr. Riley

Mr. Carroll

Services were held Monday for **H.A. Belk, 72**, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Carl Watson officiating. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery under direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Belk died Saturday in Schleicher County Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 4, 1908 in Burnet County. He married Dixie Fraught July 27, 1933 in Goldthwaite. A stock farmer, he had lived in Eldorado since 1933. He was a member of the Eldorado Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife: two sons, Jimmy Belk of Eldorado and Allen Belk of Ballinger; two daughters, Jane Alexander of Sonora and Gainell Minnick of Dimmitt; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Charles Halfman, Eddie Alexander, R.B. Alexander, Eddie Sutton, Joe Minnick, Heath Belk, H.A. Belk Jr. and James Franklin Belk Jr.

A long-time resident of Eldorado, Fred "Pop" Riley died Sunday in Schleicher County Medical Center after a sudden illness. Graveside services were held Monday in Eldorado Cemetery under direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Riley was born July 1, 1905 in Corning, Mo. He married Flora Kerr April 28, 1945 in San Angelo. A veteran of World War II, he was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, the American Legion and was a 10 year member of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Jane Graham of Kerrville; a son, Otis Davis of Tunisia; two sisters, Grace Mears of St. Joseph, Mo., and Alta Bantz of Albion, Neb.; a brother, John Riley of St. Joseph, Mo.* five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Orval Edmiston, Sam Whitten, J.L. Buchanan, E.H. Topliffe, Charlie Hahn and Oscar Neff.

Services were held Saturday in First Baptist Church for long-time Eldorado resident, C.V. Carroll, who died Jan. 23 in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery under direction of Kerbow Funeral Home officiating.

Mr. Carroll was born April 4, 1909 in Ada, Okla. He married Ida Whiteley in Junction in 1929. He lived in Eldorado since 1933 and was retired. He was a veteran.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Shirley Granberry; one brother, Tom Carroll of Eldorado; one sister and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gerald Tinney, Alvin Farris, Hap Doss, Bill Williams, Glen Parker and Gene McCalla.

County To Take Equipment Bids Soon, Discuss Several Items During Meeting

The Schleicher County Commissioners agreed to take bids February 9 on the kitchen appliances, office furniture and office machines of the new law enforcement center, during their regular meeting Monday.

The estimated cost of the appliances, including stove, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, trash compactor, dishwasher, washer, and dryer, is \$4,065. The estimated cost of the office furniture and machines is \$9,000, including desks, chairs, filing cabinets, typewriters, and adding machines.

A motion was made and passed by the court to enter into a contract with each person owning a hangar at the Eldorado Airport. It will be a five-year contract for one dollar a year, paid in advance. The owner will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the hangar, during the time of possession.

Billy Williams brought the contract from the Schleicher County Appraisal District for approval and

signing by the court.

By order of the court, the monthly library allotment was raised to \$550. Four hundred dollars a month will be paid from the general fund and \$150 will be paid from revenue sharing, made in semi-annual payments.

Representatives from Angelo Truck and Tractor met with court to discuss cost of new dump trucks for the county barn. Bids will be called for in the near future.

Clay Burleson, county roads superintendent, discussed the purchase of a new steam cleaner with

kept on a monthly basis.

Repairing the courthouse sidewalks was discussed by the commissioners.

The commissioners were given a tour of the new law enforcement center.

A.G. McCormack, county treasurer, presented the 1980 financial report to the court.

A representative from the Department of Human Resources met with the commissioners on a home energy assistance program for Schleicher County.

Board Members Attend Seminar

Some members of the Schleicher County Medical Center Hospital Board attended a Physician Placement Seminar sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians last weekend. These were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Andrews, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Brame, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moore, Mr. Pete Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sykes, and Mrs. Rick Sterling.

The seminar was designed to bring together second and third year residents in Family Practice Residency programs, interested in setting up practice in a rural area, with community representatives who are seeking family physicians for their areas.

Most of the 19 communities were from areas with populations less than 30,000. A total of 26 family practice residents attended.

The seminar was held at the Woodcreek Resort in Wimberly.

New Gas Rate Approved

The Eldorado gas rate increase proposed by the city council was put into effect Tuesday evening, January 20, during a public hearing. There were no opponents to the increase present.

The rate increase of \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet will be effective on the February 20 gas bills. The service will be from January 15 to February 15. The minimum remains \$3.00 per 2,000 cubic feet.

During the meeting the city council signed a contract with the Sch-

leicher County Appraisal District for reappraisal of property for tax purposes.

The resignation of Bob Bradley from the board of directors of the Schleicher County Appraisal District, due to the nepotism law was discussed by the council. A resolution was made to nominate city secretary, Carolyn Mayo for the vacancy. The board of directors will fill the position from nominees made by the school, county and city.

Inside This Paper---
First Annual Petroleum Edition
Saluting the Oil Industry and Its Employees

More Stock Show Pictures



Jan Edmiston



Missy Bureson

The Leader staff wishes to thank Lori and Rick Stricklan for taking all of stock show winners during last week's show. We appreciate all the time and effort to take these pictures in such bad weather.

Anyone wishing to obtain extra prints of stock show pictures may contact the Stricklans at 853-2497.



Randy Lentz



Kirk Griffin

Country Folk

by Jerry Lackey

Anytime Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan is on the program -- any program -- the audience is in for a treat not only with good entertainment sprinkled with jokes but facts and figures as well.

As an agriculture journalist and editor for over 20 years, I have never missed the occasion to be in Reagan's corner. I always come away with more copy than I have space. Thusly, get ready for several up-

coming columns through this Syndication.

Reagan and I go back along way. When I was editor for the Sheep & Goat Raiser magazine, he was at College Station with the Extension Service. He is the father of a small community renewal in Texas, a project I have pushed with every ounce of energy since my youth of growing up on a Hill Country ranch.

We both worked for former Texas governor Dolph Briscoe and now we both work for the advancement of farmers in ranchers in the Lone Star state.

ASC Sets Meeting Date

A reorganizational meeting of the Schleicher unit of the American Cancer Society will be held Thursday, January 29, at 8 pm in the Club Room of the Memorial Building in Eldorado.

Fazlur Rahman, M.D., a leading cancer specialist from San Angelo, will be the featured guest speaker. Rahman serves as the District Medical Director for the American Cancer Society in the 16 county region.

All of those interested in the cancer control programs of the ACS are invited to attend. For additional information, please call Steve Thompson with the American Cancer Society at 944-2509 in San Angelo or Helen Carlman at 853-2766 in Eldorado.

Brown was in San Angelo recently speaking to the Mohair Council of America membership meeting. And he reported some 8.7 million pounds of mohair was produced in Texas during 1980. That figure was down slightly from the 1979 figure of 9.3 million pounds and I would guess the decrease is largely due to the increase of predators. A producer survey indicates the average price for mohair averaged \$3.45 per pound for 1980.

Brown addressed the labor problems in ranch country and suggested President Reagan and his administration might look into the "wetback" programs. "We've got to have adequate labor but farmers and ranchers must also maintain profitable operations," he said.

He also cited the fireant problem and said: "The fireants are moving westward from East Texas at a rate of 30 miles per year." I was the first Texas journalist to introduce fireants to Texas in print. I remember 15 years ago viewing their giant mounds in Louisiana as the dangerous little things were on the move toward the Texas Border.

When they reached Gillespie County some years back, I was there with Extension agent Duery Menzies exposing the story. Matter of fact, I won an award from the Associated Press for a series on fireants.

"We have determined that 1 percent of the population is susceptible to death from fireants stings," explained Brown.

Quickly turning to other reports by Commissioner Brown, he reported a trip

last year in Japan, Taiwan and Korea by MGA representatives produced positive results. "Foreign exports of Texas mohair doubled in 1980," he added.

He spoke briefly of his meeting with new U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block of Illinois. "He's a hog farmer who knows a lot about our problems," he said. "He's going to be sympathetic to the farmers and ranchers and I think he will turn things around. He's mover."

"They have coyotes in Vermont, so they know the growing problem we have down here," said Brown.

The Texas Ag Commissioner says we have a good year ahead for the state's agriculture community. And let me add: Thanks to the knowledge and leadership of Reagan Brown its going our way.

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853-2597

Cookies Are Now On Sale

The Girl Scout cookie sales are now going on until February 8. If you are interested in ordering or have any questions regarding Girl Scout cookies, please call any of the leaders. Their names and numbers are as follows:

- Kim-et Nelson-853-3136
- Becky Sterling-853-2932
- Sherry Lux-853-2487
- Becky Jones-853-3120

Aileen Halbert, Eldorado's cookie chairman this

year, will also be glad to provide any information about Girl Scout cookies.

The cookies will be delivered between March 24 and April 4 at which time money will be collected. Absolutely no money will be collected before the individual receives their cookies.

Each box of cookies you purchase will contribute to your local organization of Girl Scouts and help the girls to win awards.

Three Excuses

by Rev. Don Williford

Matt. 9: 37-38 says: "Then Jesus said to His disciples: The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." It is obvious the harvest is plentiful here in Eldorado. One would have to be spiritually blind or spiritually dead not to see the many people in our midst who are ready for the good news of Jesus Christ. Why aren't we reaching these people?

There are three excuses: "I'm just too busy," "It's the responsibility of the preachers, Sunday School teachers and outreach lead-

ers" and "I'm afraid and I don't know what to say or do."

First of all, if you are too busy for God, you are too busy. Everyone is busy, but we need to take time for God and his work.

Secondly, I believe that as long as a Christian is living, God has a job for him to do. We need to quit patting ourselves on the back for the great service we did for God and begin serving God again today.

Thirdly, we know that Jesus commands us to witness, but we can be assured God will provide the words we need.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Bishop: Bryan Galloway
San Angelo 658-4797
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Joe Moran-Ozona-392-3453
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Priesthood 10 a.m.
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Visitors Welcome
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1st & 3rd Sundays San Angelo.

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Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell
Pelt St. & McWhorter Ave.
387-2617 (Sonora, Tex.)
Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Ronald J. Sutto
7 N. Cottonwood
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Fellowship Time 10:30 a.m.
Visitors Welcome

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Oak and Gillis
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Adult Evening Bible Study
Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30

OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE CHURCH
Rev. Mark J. Woodruff
Pastor 853-2663
Saturday 7:00p.m.
Sunday 8:00a.m. [Spanish]
9:30a.m. [English]

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Wed. Eve. Serv. 7:30p.m.

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Rev. E.L. Flores, Pastor 853-2721
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Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
6-7 p.m. Training Union
7-8 p.m. Evening Worship
Wed. 3 p.m. Sunbeams
7 p.m. Prayer Services

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Dale Lipssett, Minister
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
853-2247

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rev. Walter Ford
Hackberry St.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Eve. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Eve. Serv. 7:30 p.m.

ROCK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dale Huff, Evangelist
708 Lee St.
Sunday Bible Class 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John A. Robinson
Hwy 277 across from Courthouse
853-3010
Church School 9:50 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Young Adult Study 7:30
All are welcome.

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WTBS Movie Schedule

Wed., January 28, 1981
9:00 a.m. Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed. 1963 comedy. A handsome hero of a medical TV series is constantly pursued by female fans. He goes to a psychiatrist for help, where his doctor's nurse plots with his fiancé to hurry their wedding. Dean Martin, Elizabeth Montgomery.
12:00 Noon Under the Red Robe. 1937 adventure romance. A memorable day in French history, when fearless swordsmen faced Cardinal Richelieu and challenged his right to order the death penalty for Huguenots. Raymond Massey, Conrad Veidt, Annabella.
11:00 p.m. Spencer's Mountain. 1963 drama. The parents of a Wyoming mountain boy, one of nine children, give up their plans to build a new home for their retirement years in order to send him to college. Henry Fonda, Maureen O'Hara, James MacArthur.
1:30 a.m. The Long Duel. 1967 adventure drama. An archeologist becomes entangled in the trouble of a tribe of nomadic people in India. Yul Brynner, Trevor Howard.

Thurs., January 29, 1981
9:00 a.m. Mr. Soft Touch. 1949 drama. A war veteran returns home to find his club has been taken over by a gangster, so he robs the safe and takes refuge in a settlement house. Glenn Ford, Evelyn Keyes, John Ireland.
12:00 Noon Naked in the Sun. 1957 adventure drama. True events of the Osceola and Seminole Indians warring against a crooked slave trader. James Craig, Lita Milan, Barton MacLane.
10:30 p.m. The Leopard. 1963 drama. In the 1860's in Sicily, the Prince of Salina is shattered by the news of Garibaldi's invasion and knows the aristocrats must bow to the new order. Burt Lancaster, Claudia Cardinale.
2:00 a.m. A Raisin in the Sun. 1961 drama. A frustrated but indestructible black family in Chicago is stirred into emotional flux

when the proud matriarch of the house receives a \$10,000 life insurance payment. Sidney Poitier, Claudia McNeil, Ruby Dee.

Friday, January 30, 1981
9:00 a.m. The President's Lady. 1953 romance drama. future President Andrew Jackson struggles to suppress the scandal surrounding the lady he marries, which concerns her romantic past. Charlton Heston, Susan Hayward, Fay Bainter.
12:00 Noon Embraceable You. 1948 drama. A small-time crook runs down a girl, injuring her. He visits her in the hospital, and eventually they fall in love. Dane Clark, Geraldine Brooks.
8:00 p.m. Tomb of the Living Dead. 1969 horror. Three strangers arrive on isolated Blood Island and hear that there have been numerous killing attributed to a green-blooded, green-skinned monster. John Ashley, Angelique Pettyjohn.

10:30 p.m. War Gods of the Deep. 1965 sci-fi/horror. The ruler of a sub-oceanic city kidnaps an expert on seismology and a young woman whom he believes is the reincarnation of his wife. Vincent Price, Tab Hunter, Susan Hart.
12:15 a.m. The Italian Connection. 1973 drama. An Italian gangster steals a six-million dollar shipment of heroin, and when the New York hit men show up, he sets up a small-time hood as the thief. Henry Silva, Woody Strode, Mario Adorf, Silvia Koscina.
1:50 a.m. Little Cigars. 1973 adventure drama. A voluptuous blonde 'bac girl' is on the lam from her sadistic gangster boyfriend and his henchmen. She falls in with a gang of midgets who are really crooks. Angel Tompkins, Billy Curtis, Jerry Maren.

Saturday, January 31, 1981
7:30 a.m. Red Tomahawk. 1967 western. After Custer's defeat at Little Big Horn, an army captain spreads the word that the Sioux may attack Dead-

wood. When he learns of the whereabouts of four Gatling guns, he and another man set ambush for the redskins. Howard Keel, Joan Caulfield, Broderick Crawford, Scott Brady.
9:00 a.m. Titanic. 1953 drama. In April of 1912, the luxury liner Titanic sails from England with 2,200 passengers onboard. The film follows the story of these people before and during the tragic sinking of the ship. Clifton Webb, Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Wagner.

11:00 p.m. Volcano. 1969 adventure. A group of adventurers are searching for treasure in the waters near Java in 1883 when a volcano erupts. Diane Baker, Maximilian Schell, Brian Keith, Rossano Brazzi.
2:00 p.m. In Old Chicago. 1938 romance drama. An epic of the great Midwestern metropolis and the O'Leary's whose cow started the Chicago fire. Tyrone Power, Don Ameche, Alice Faye.

12:30 a.m. A Child Is Waiting. 1963 drama. A touching drama about retarded children, and the psychologist who tries to develop new methods of teaching them, with the help of a music teacher. Burt Lancaster, Judy Garland, Gena Rowlands. Lancaster, Judy Garland, Gena Rowlands.
2:45 a.m. The Devils Disciple. 1939 drama. Based on George Bernard Shaw's superb play about the actions and reactions of men and their ideals during the American Revolution. Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier.

Sunday, February 1, 1981
1:30 Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison. 1957 drama. A Marine corporal cast up on a Pacific island finds the only other inhabitant is a nun. Together they outwit the Japanese. Robert Mitchum, Deborah Kerr.
12:00 Noon The Young Lions. 1958 drama. A powerful and many faceted story of three young men, two Americans and a German, in the campaigns of World War II. Some actual

documentary footage. Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, Dean Martin, Hope Lange, Barbara Rush, Maximilian Schell.
3:30 p.m. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. 1938 juvenile classic. Mark Twain's immortal classic about a boy in a small Missouri town who gets involved in 'forbidden treasures.' An excellent production. Tommy Kelly, Jackie Moran, Ann Gillis, Walter Brennan.
7:00 p.m. Mr. Scoutmaster. 1953 comedy. To acquire the juvenile touch for a kid's show he writes, a childless tv writer becomes a scoutmaster. Clifton Webb, Edmund Gwenn, Frances Dee.

11:30 a.m. God is My Co-Pilot. 1945 adventure drama. Based on Col. Robert E. Scott's novel about his own exploits flying with Claire Channault, and the luck that has people calling him a 'one man air force.' Dennis Morgan, Dane Clark, Raymond Massey, Alan Hale, Andrea King.
1:25 a.m. The Hard Way. 1945 drama. A domineering sister wrecks her own life while trying to push her sister to stardom. Ida Lupino, Dennis Morgan, Joan Leslie, Jack Carson.

Monday, February 2, 1981
9:00 a.m. Tammy Tell Me True. 1961 comedy romance. The romantic adventures of a backwoods girl who sets out to get a college education. How she helps an elderly woman and the dean of women. Sandra Dee, John Gavin, Charles Drake, Beulah Bondi.
12:00 Noon High Hell. 1958 drama. A mine owner and his crew arrive at the mountain mine site, only to find his partner already there with his wife. Weatherbound, they spread the winter fighting over the gold and the girl. John Derek, Elaine Stewart, Rodney Burke.
7:00 p.m. Spellbound. 1945 drama. Alfred Hitchcock directed this film about a young man who is accused of murder, but suffers from amnesia and can't recall the events of the killing. A

woman psychiatrist who loves him helps out. Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck, Leo G. Carroll.
10:45 From Hell to Texas. 1958 western. During a fight, a man is killed when he falls on his own knife. His opponent finds himself on the run from the man's father and brother, who declare a vendetta. Don Murray, Diane Varsi, Chill Wills.

12:50 a.m. A Gathering of Eagles. 1963 drama. An Air Force wife, shocked by her husband's attitude towards the men in his command, nearly leaves him before she realizes the importance of his Strategic Air Command work. Rock Hudson, Rod Taylor, Mary Peach.

Tuesday, February 3, 1981
9:00 a.m. Tammy and the Doctor. 1963 comedy. Tammy attracts the attention of a young intern and almost ruins the romance of a doctor and a older nurse when she accompanies her friend to the hospital. Sandra Dee, Peter Fonda, Macdonald Carey, Beulah Bondi, Margaret Lindsay.
12:00 Noon Paula. 1952 drama. A woman, unable to have children of her own, accidentally runs over a young boy. When she finds out the injuries will leave him mute, she goes to work to teach him to talk again. Loretta Young, Kent Smith, Alexander Knox.

12:30 p.m. Serenade. 1956 musical drama. The story of a derelict singer who is torn between the love of two women and his own ambition. Mario Lanza, Joan Fontaine, Sarita Montiel, Vincent Price, Vincent Edwards.
1:05 a.m. The Joker Is Wild. 1957 biographical drama. Follows the life of the beloved nightclub comedian, Joe E. Lewis, who conquered problems with the gang lords of the roaring '20's and then with the bottle. Frank Sinatra, Jeanne Crain, Mitzi Gaynor, Eddie Albert, Jackie Coogan.

Rutledge Is

Ordained Minister

Billy Joe Rutledge, former Youth Director at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado has been ordained Minister of Youth at the First Baptist Church in Weatherford. The event took place January 18. Billy Joe is also presently studying at the Southwest Seminary at Ft. Worth. He is the son-in-law to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis of Eldorado.

Cake
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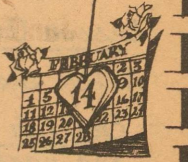
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Baptist Church Memorials Are Given

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The tickets for the Bean Supper sponsored by the Xi Xi Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi are now available. The price of \$1.50 covers all you can eat plus your

iced tea. Bingo will round out the evening with a blackout featuring a black and white television for the prize. For tickets or information about the bean supper and

bingo, call Glenda Harris at 853-2327 or contact any member of Beta Sigma Phi. Come join us and have some good food and fun at 6:30 pm, February 18, in the Memorial Building.

Memorials given to the First Baptist Church recently include: For Frank Barton--Mr. and Mrs. Gail Mittel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Etheredge,

Mrs. E.H. Dannheim, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Littlepage, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Whitten, M and Mrs. Jim Hardy, Mrs. W. A. Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Blaylock. For Mrs. Mary Davis--Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Mittel, Mrs. E. H. Dannheim, Mrs. Edgar Spencer. For Kichun Byrd--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Blaylock. For Andy Bosman--Mr. and Mrs. Jack Etheredge,

Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Robinson. For W. A. Blaylock--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hardy. For Cy Ogden--Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Littlepage, Mr. a and Mrs. Gail Mittel, Mrs. E. H. Dannheim, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Robinson, Mrs. Edgar Spencer. For Thomas F. and Ruth P. Green and Glen W. Green--Mr. and Mrs. Carroll G. Green. For G.L. Sloan--Mr. a nd Mrs. C. A. Littlepage. For Tennyson Nixon--

Mrs. E.H. Dannheim, Mrs. Edgar Spencer. For Bethel Jeffrey--Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Etheredge, Mrs. Spencer and Claude. For Edgar, Barbara and Peggy Spencer--Mrs. Edgar Spencer and Claude. For Andy Kotsch--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hardy

Mini-Mini-Spanish Lesson V

(to) Dress Vistirse

English

a coat
a jacket
sweater
gloves
trousers or pants
hat
cap
shirt
blouse
skirt
shoes
boots

Spanish

un abrigo (proper) saco (used)
una chaqueta
un sueter
los guantes
los pantalones
sombbrero
gorro (proper) cachucha (used)
la camisa
la blusa
la falda
los zapatos
las botas

Pronunciation

ah-bray-go or sah-koh
cha-kay-tah
soo-ay a-tair
goo-ahn-less
pahn-tah-lone-ess
sohm-breh-roh
goh-roh or ka-choo-chah
koh-mee-sch
blue-sah
fah-dah
gah-pah-tohs
boot-tahs

By Paul Peña

Mini-Spanish Lesson Reviews:

Lesson One: The Universe

Match the Spanish word to the English word...

English

the earth
the water
God
the sun
a star
the moon
the air
the sky
the river
the sea

Spanish

el rio
Dios
el sol
la estrella
el agua
la tierra
el cielo
la luna
el aire
el mar

Words... by Paul Pena

When kind words to us are spoken
Let's return them with the same
For kind words are recorded
whether or not they come to fame.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

First National Bank of Eldorado

Name of Bank City

In the state of Texas at the close of business on December 31, 1980 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 8575 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

ASSETS

Cash and due from depository institutions	2,926
U. S. Treasury securities	2,048
Obligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	1,975
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States	4,559
All other securities	14
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	1,800
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	8,824
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	89
Loans, Net	8,735
Lease financing receivables	0
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	127
Real estate owned other than bank premises	0
All other assets	16
TOTAL ASSETS	22,200

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	6,555
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	10,440
Deposits of United States Government	23
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States	2,815
All other deposits	0
Certified and officers' checks	55
Total Deposits	19,888
Total demand deposits	7,458
Total time and savings deposits	12,430
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U. S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	0
All other liabilities	30
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	19,918
Subordinated notes and debentures	0

MEMORANDA EQUITY CAPITAL

Preferred stock	No. shares outstanding	0	(par value)	0
Common stock	No. shares authorized	75		
	No. shares outstanding	75	(par value)	75
Surplus				375
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves				1,832
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL				2,282
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL				22,200

Amounts outstanding as of report date:	
Standby letters of credit, total	0
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	2,093
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	409
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:	
Total deposits	19,677

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Frances Peters
James Payne
Ra Mendon

Directors

Frances Peters
Name
Cashier
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Frances Peters
Signature

Jan. 26, 1981
Date

In Those Days

One Year Ago--Shanna Swift won the overall showmanship trophy during the annual stock show here.

Baby boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Manual Pina, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snelson and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Skinner.

Barbara Jackson became chairman of the American Heart Assoc.

Five Years Ago--Mrs. Ira Day was opening a day care center

The city of Eldorado received its first sales tax payment from the office of the state comptroller. E.H. "Fat" Sweatt was

in the hospital. Twelve years ago--Archie Nixon showed the grand champion steer at the county livestock show.

There were several grass fires in the area.

J.H. Emmons celebrated his 100th birthday.

Thirty-five Years Ago--W.T. Parker was announcing the opening of his newly remodeled and larger grocery store which now includes 5200 square feet of space.

The murder trial of Carl Sofge was moved to Balinger on a change of venue.

EHS Girls Lead Odessa Stock Show

Senior Lynna Sauer led Eldorado's placing at the Odessa Stock Show, Jan. 7, with an eighth and a twelfth in the heavy medium class lambs.

Other EHS students placing were Melissa Sauer, freshman, 15th in light medium lambs and 35th in the heavyweight class, and Mitzi Mittel, freshman, 35th in the light medium class.

Mia Kuikko, senior;

Danette Dunagan, sophomore; and Wendi Dunagan, fifth grade, also showed lambs but did not place.

Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Duwain Sauer, Mrs. Mary Leigh Dunagan and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mittel. Fred Igo, FFA advisor, also sponsored the group.

EHS students will enter their stock in the shows at San Antonio (February 14-16) and Houston (March 6).

Contest Announced

Eldorado Woman's Club will award cash prizes for the three best essays concerning Eldorado youth and their community.

The ten finalists are Mark Wallis, Sandy Wilcke, Bridget Robinson (senior) and Heidi Church, Lori Patton, Kim Payne, Dan Ray, Shelly Squyres, Joan Schrier, and John Sparks (junior).

These were chose by Mrs Shirley Jackson and Mrs. Pat Moore, EHS English

teachers. Three community leaders will select the three winners from these. The first place winner will receive \$50, second place \$40, and third place \$30. Winners will be announced February 4.

The subject of the 400-600 word essay was "Ways in which an individual youth can contribute to community improvement." The essays had to be the student's own work with no outside help.

Seniors Hear Career Talks

Two representative from Angelo State University (ASU) met with seniors last week. Jim Glossbrenner, coordinator of careers and Jim Valentine, financial aid director discussed loans, scholarships, grants and campus employment.

Brenner and Valentine also pointed out the cost of private school as compared with that of state schools. They encouraged interested students to apply for financial aid and stressed the importance of taking the ACT and SAT.

Diabetes Group Sets Meeting

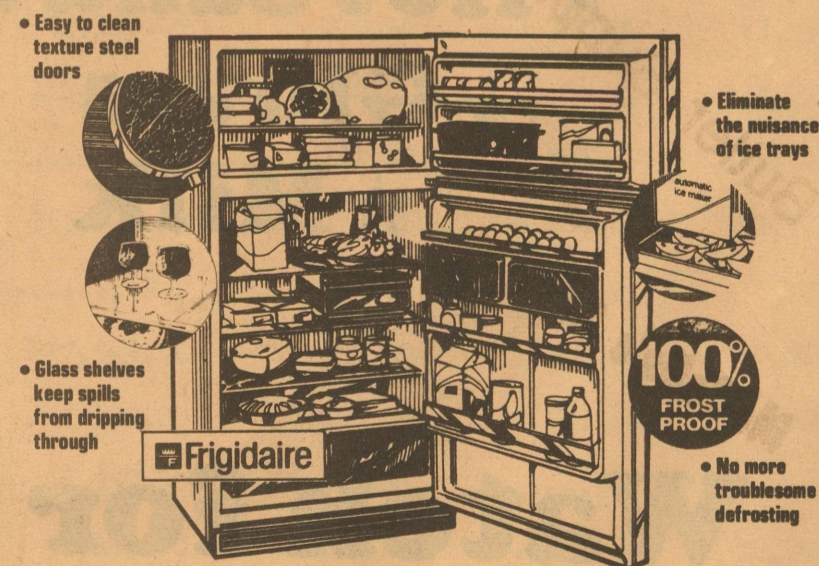
The American Diabetes Association will meet at 7:30 pm Tuesday at a new meeting place, the St. Angelus Room of Central National Bank in San Angelo. Coffee and visitation begins at 7 pm.

Dr. Milton Williams will speak on insulin reactions. All interested persons are welcome.

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				BOYS			GIRLS		
				V.	J.V.	FR.	V.	J.V.	FR.
Nov 15	Sonora	There	5:00	x			x	x	x
Nov 18	Rankin	Here	6:30				x	x	
Nov 21	Sonora	Here	5:00			SCRIMMAGE	x		x
Nov 25	Rankin	There	5:00	x	x		x		
Dec 2	Iraan	There	5:00	x			x	x	
Dec 4-6	Sonora Tourney						x		
Dec 5	Brady	There	5:00	x	x	x			
Dec 9	Wall	Here	6:00				x	x	
Dec 9	Ozona	There	5:30		x	x			
Dec 11-13	Ozona Tourney						x		
Dec 11-13	Iraan Tourney						x		
Dec 16	Junction	There	6:00				x	x	
Dec 16	Ozona	Here	5:30		x	x			
Jan 6	Ozona	Here	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Jan 8-10	Eldorado Tourney						x		
Jan 9	Sonora	There	5:00	x	x	x			
Jan 13	Menard	There	5:00	x			x	x	
Jan 16	Reagan Co.	There	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Jan 20	Mason	Here	5:00	x	x		x		
Jan 22-24	Eldorado J.V. Tourney						x		
Jan 27	Wall	There	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Jan 30	Junction	Here	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 3	Ozona	There	5:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 6	Menard	Here	5:00	x	x		x		
Feb 10	Reagan Co.	Here	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 13	Mason	There	5:00	x			x	x	
Feb 20	Wall	Here	6:00	x	x				
Feb 24	Junction	There	6:00	x	x				

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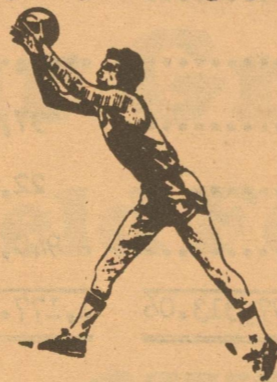
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Juveniles Vandalize Local School Building

The Schleicher County Elementary School building was forcefully entered and vandalized Saturday night, January 17. The incident was not discovered and reported to the county sheriff's office until Monday morning.

The building was entered through a broken window. Desks throughout the school were ransacked and several small items were taken including pens, pencils, and stop watches.

Approximately eight windows were broken, including a large double-pane

window in the nurse's station. Most of the items taken were recovered.

Several juveniles, ages ranging approximately ten to twelve, were apprehended and placed in the custody of their parents.

Richard Richey, elementary school principal, will present the cost of damages to Sheriff Orval Edmiston as soon as they are available.

The juveniles and their parents will meet with Edmiston on making restitution for the damages.

Senator Is Worried About Education

Senator Walter Mengden, Republican from Harris County, has pre-filed legislation to prohibit school districts in Texas from engaging in "social promotions" in which all students are automatically promoted from one grade to another without regard to academic achievement.

SB 142 establishes a state policy that students be required to demonstrate basic competencies appropriate for each grade level before being promoted to a higher grade level or awarded a high school diploma.

The bill requires the governing boards of all school districts to adopt basic proficiency tests in reading, writing, mathematics, social science, and natural science that are appropriate for each grade level and to prescribe minimum standards of achievement on the tests for promotion to the next grade or for receipt of a high school diploma after completion of the 12th grade. No student may be promoted or given a diploma unless he or she has demonstrated a minimum level of achievement of the tests.

An exception to this requirement is provided for mentally retarded students in special education programs. However, a high school diploma awarded to a student in a special education program must indicate the student's exceptional status.

In addition, SB 142 required all school districts to submit reports to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) at the end of each school year regarding the number of students who passed, failed, and repeated courses in summer school. The TEA would investigate the practices in those districts that

appear to be passing an abnormally high ratio of

students. If, after being warned, a district persisted in automatically passing all or almost all students, the district would lose all state aid.

"A large number of students graduating from high school have shown a lack of even a very basic knowledge of the three R's," Senator Mengden said. "While some people have suggested that the fault may be with incompetent teachers, I think the real blame needs to be laid at the doorsteps of those school districts that automatically promote all or most students."

"Sure, it's no fun for a child to have to go to summer school or to repeat a grade. But in real life, all of us at one time or another have experienced failure in something, and children need to understand that there is no such thing as automatic success in the things we do," he said.

Senator Mengden introduced an identical bill, SB 26, during the 1979 legislative session, but the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Senator Oscar Mauzy, Democrat from Dallas, refused to schedule it for a committee hearing.

"It's time to realize that education is very serious and extremely important. Students absolutely must learn the basic fundamental things they need to take their place in society. The Schools do no favors to Jan. 22. Present were those students by handing Maudie Bassinger, Jake our social promotions and Spencer, Opal Parks, Etta automatic diplomas. In Ruth Dannheim, Natalie fact, those schools do the Stockton, Louise Logan, greatest possible disservice Annie Speck, Bessie Doyle, to those students and to the Lillian Mikeska, Zelma state as a whole," Senator Henderson and Faye Mace. Mengden said.

Texas Economy Is A Tough Act To Follow

By Sen. Lloyd Bentsen

Maybe you're familiar with recent new stories touting the "miracle" economies of countries like West Germany or Japan. But get ready for another success story that's a bit closer to home.

As outgoing Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, I recently released a Report on the Texas Economy. Simply put, its underlying message is that the Texas state economy is a pretty tough act to follow. The Committee staff, in preparing this report, gathered some impressive figures to chart the economic boom our state has undergone over the past decade.

The bottom line is that we were providing more jobs at higher pay for Texans during the '70s. The number of manufacturing jobs, for example, increased more in Texas than in any other state. At the same time, per capita income in our state went from below the national average to above it.

Texas ranks high on the American economic scale in a number of areas. For example, we're first in the value of mineral production second in construction con-

tracts and third in gross farm income.

The word must be out that the Texas climate is great in more ways than sunshine. New Businesses are sprouting up here at an incredible rate. In 1975, 16,726 businesses were newly incorporated here. By 1979 the number had risen to 41,130.

Indeed, during the last five years, the average annual increase in the number of new incorporations in Texas was 25.3 percent. The JEC report notes that this is double the national average and more than one-third greater than the

Sunbelt average.

We especially can be proud of the economic headway our state has made on its record of capital investment. This is an area where most of the nation sadly has been lagging. In recent years Texas has led the nation in the amount of capital invested in plants and factories here.

Meanwhile, our booming economy has had to keep pace with an expanding population rate. Back in 1970, Texas ranked fourth among the 50 states in population. Today, after a decade of growth more than twice as fast as the rest of

the nation, we rank third, with a population of 14.1 million. The JEC report forecasts that Texas population growth will continue to exceed the national average for the rest of this century.

Texans justifiably can take pride that our economy, compared with other states, has remained so strong during some very rough times. Policymakers in Washington can learn much from what we've been able to accomplish.

But this does not mean that we're free of problems. At a time when double-digit inflation continues to whit-

tle paychecks, we can't afford an air of smugness and just rest on our laurels.

Ultimately, the JEC report shows that we're in a better position than other states to do the tough job that will be demanded to put our country's economy back in full gear during the years ahead.

It's a tall order, but based on our proven economic track record here, I think Texas can lead the pack in responding to this challenge.

School Menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatloaf Whipped Potatoes Pinto Beans Sliced Beets White Cake/Chocolate Icing	Turkey-Pot-Pie/Vegetables Whole Kernel Corn Sliced Peaches Sugar Cookies	Hot Dogs With Chili Corn Chips Fruit Cup Rice Krispie Cookies	Fried Chicken & Gravy Creamed Potatoes Buttered Spinach Carrot, Pineapple, Raisin Salad Apricot Cobbler	Barbecue-on-a-bun Potato Rounds Pork & Beans Banana Pudding
Breakfast Monday	Breakfast Tuesday	Breakfast Wednesday	Breakfast Thursday	Breakfast Friday
Peaches Pancakes, Syrup	Apple Juice Cinnamon Toast	Orange Juice Hot Biscuits-Sausage-Jelly	Apricot Halves Buttered Rice-Toast	Pears Doughnuts

Mrs. Griffin Hosts Club

Virginia Griffin hosted their place in society. The 42 Club in her home Schools do no favors to Jan. 22. Present were those students by handing Maudie Bassinger, Jake our social promotions and Spencer, Opal Parks, Etta automatic diplomas. In Ruth Dannheim, Natalie fact, those schools do the Stockton, Louise Logan, greatest possible disservice Annie Speck, Bessie Doyle, to those students and to the Lillian Mikeska, Zelma state as a whole," Senator Henderson and Faye Mace. Mengden said.

FUND	CASH BALANCE OCT. 1, 1980	TOTAL RECEIVED	TOTAL DISBURSED	CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 1980
JURY.....	1,301.16	411.19	308.35	1,404.00
ROAD & BRIDGE.....	42,117.92	16,026.69	34,133.98	24,010.63
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL.....	1,701.08	71,234.33	942.66	71,992.75
FARM-MARKET ROAD.....	26,311.70	103,653.27	15,335.94	114,629.03
GENERAL.....	69,155.67	311,837.13	79,776.29	301,216.51
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.....	19.14	-0-	-0-	19.14
OFFICERS SALARY.....	10,135.80	89,537.54	50,953.33	48,720.01
LAW LIBRARY.....	643.72	75.00	73.50	645.22
SOCIAL SECURITY.....	3,965.58	6,300.00	10,235.50	30.08
REVENUE SHARING.....	16,204.72	7,394.00	2,527.59	21,071.13
CONCHO RIVER FLOOD CONT. ..	1,257.55	304.36	-0-	1,561.91
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.....	60,191.17	106,359.93	153,896.62	12,654.48
	<u>233,005.21</u>	<u>713,133.44</u>	<u>348,183.76</u>	<u>597,954.89</u>
SECURITIES OWNED BY SCHLEICHER COUNTY				<u>276,500.00</u>
TOTAL CASH & SECURITIES				<u>874,454.89</u>

FUND	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1980	Received From Transfers	Received From Auto License	Received From Tax Collections	Received From Other Sources	Total Received (Inc. Trans.)	Total Disbursed (Inc. Trans.)	Trans. To Other Funds	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1980
JURY.....	3,507.22			462.28	416.19	878.47	2,981.69	100.00	1,404.00
ROAD & BRIDGE.....	37,214.72		69,511.00		37,851.85	107,362.85	120,566.94	42,250.00	24,010.63
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL.....	34,142.80			79,120.09		79,120.09	41,270.14	3,700.00	71,992.75
FARM-MARKET ROAD.....	74,758.92	281.67		116,481.08	1,890.00	118,652.75	78,782.64		114,629.03
LATERAL ROAD.....	281.67						281.67	281.67	
GENERAL.....	222,007.54			301,249.61	53,837.92	355,087.53	275,878.56	106,200.00	301,216.51
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.....	3,519.14						3,500.00		19.14
OFFICERS SALARY.....	18,744.16	135,000.00			82,543.44	217,543.44	187,567.59	19,100.00	48,720.01
LAW LIBRARY.....	694.42				180.00	180.00	229.20		645.22
SOCIAL SECURITY.....	2,129.89	36,350.00				36,350.00	38,449.81		30.08
REVENUE SHARING.....	4,979.61				37,643.00	37,643.00	21,551.48		21,071.13
CONCHO RIVER FLOOD CONT.....	1,968.91				22,493.00	22,493.00	22,900.00		1,561.91
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.....	-0-				940,321.78	940,321.78	927,667.30		12,654.48
	<u>403,949.00</u>	<u>171,631.67</u>	<u>69,511.00</u>	<u>497,313.06</u>	<u>1,177,177.18</u>	<u>1,915,632.91</u>	<u>1,721,627.02</u>	<u>171,631.67</u>	<u>597,954.89</u>
						Securities Owned by County			<u>276,500.00</u>
						Total Cash & Securities			<u>874,454.89</u>

The above statement as compiled from the records of the office of County Treasurer, Schleicher County, Texas is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. G. McCormack
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WEDDING SET-- Mr. and Mrs. George Draper Sr. have announced the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Candi Draper, to Kurtis Homer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Homer. All are from Eldorado. They will be married Feb. 21. Miss Draper is a 1978 graduate of Eldorado High School and her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of EHS. The couple will live in San Angelo and both are attending Angelo State University.

Drought Loans Available

Emergency drought actual loss loans are available at 5 percent interest through the Farmers Home Administration until June 29, 1981. These loans are made to farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain credit elsewhere due to the drought.

The loan can be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to meet interest and depreciation payments on current real estate and chattel debts. Other loans, beyond actual losses, can be made for annual operating expenses

or to make major adjustments in a farming or ranching operation.

Schleicher County is serviced by Ben T. Rucker, Jr., County Supervisor. The office period in Eldorado is the Thursday following the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 pm to 3 pm in the Courthouse. The office period in Eden is each Monday morning from 9 am to 12 noon and is located in the ASCS Office. The Eden telephone number is 915-869-3941, address: Box H Eden, Texas 76837.

Woman's Club Hears Student

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Jan. 13 with 19 members and two guests. The program was aimed at stressing the importance

of American Field Service and how our high school students are benefitted.

Mrs. Steve Williams introduced Miss Mia Kuikko, an exchange student from Finland. She showed an interesting group of slides of her country and an inspiring speech comparing her country with ours. Hostesses were Mrs. Elton McGinnis, Mrs. Albert Tisdale and Mrs. Evelyn Stigler.

Rivera Baby Is Baptized

Felicia Rivera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Rivera, of Sonora, was baptized Sunday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The Rev. Mark Woodruff officiated.

Sponsors for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tovar of Sweetwater. After the baptism, an informal dinner was served at the home of Bob and Daisy Pena, the baby's great-aunt and uncle.

Out of town guests were the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Tina Moreno of Sonora, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pena, Rene and Rhonda of Arlington, Maribel, Michele and Joann Tovar of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Mercedes Pena.

Rehab Tops One Million

Pledges made at the Rehab '81 telethon benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, San Angelo and Snyder totaled almost \$1 million.

More than 6,500 pledges to support the treatment center for handicapped children and adults were made during the telecast Saturday night.

Pledges were \$989,350 including pledges to the operating fund and the building fund for a new facility in San Angelo.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center treated more than 8,000 handicapped children and adults without charge in 1980.

Bob Bullock Releases Forecast

Obituaries

Mercer

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 18 for Ella Mae Mercer, 91 of Eldorado. She died at 9:45 a.m. on Jan. 16, at Schleicher County Medical Center. Services were held at the First Baptist Church with Don Williford presiding. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery.

Mrs. Mercer was born in Bexar County on March 24, 1829. She was married to Henry Mercer in Tom Green County April 30, 1912. She was a long-time resident of this county and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a resident of the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Survivors include three sisters: Savannah Kelly of San Angelo, Evie Poe of San Angelo, Lois Tyler of San Antonio. Six grandchildren: Earl Dean Clark, A.G. Clark, Sidney Mercer, Richard Mercer, Jim Mercer, and Earnestine Adair; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Orland Harris, George Williams, Hollis McCormick, Hollis McCormick, Tony Cheatham, Sam Whitten, Bill Hubble.

Callison

Funeral services were held Jan. 21 in West Virginia for Mrs. Vaughtie F. Callison, mother of an Eldorado man, John Callison. Mrs. Callison died Jan. 19.

Services were held in Keyser-Bryant Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Kenneth L. Swank officiating. Burial was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Beckley, W. Va.

Mrs. Callison was born June 23, 1902 in Beckley. She is survived by two

sons, Russell B. Callison of Cleveland, Ohio and John Callison of Eldorado.

Pallbearers were Tom Elkin, Clyde Oney, Beuran Atkinson, Harlan Swinn, Paul Gunter and W.F. Weaver.

Estes

Wayne Estes, 54, of Bertram, died Jan. 11 in the Veterans Hospital in Temple.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Estes, he was born Jan. 12 in Eola. He lived in Eldorado several years before moving to Bertram in 1966.

He is survived by three sisters and two brothers, Wanda Emery, of New Braunfels, Ollie Rue James of Dallas, Ruth Harris of Eldorado, Jim Estes of Midland and Johnny F. Estes of Houston.

Newman Gives Lions Program

The program for the Lions Club meeting, January 21 was presented by Ken Newman, the school counselor.

The main topic of the program was career education and the Eldorado Lions were well informed.

Newman first related the various aspects of his job and then described the use of equipment which helps to train young people about different careers.

The Lions also discussed the success of their biggest annual fund raising event, the basketball tournament which took place January 8, 9, and 10. Its success was greatly attributed to the participation and co-operation of the citizens of Eldorado and the invited teams.

Adkins, Sweatt Win First

Fred Adkins, Sonora and Bernice Sweatt were first place winners of the Duplicate Bridge Club last Thursday.

Imogene Edmiston and Helen Bebee won second place and third place went to Anne Parker, Ozona, and Jo Nell Johnson, Sonora.

Evelyn Wimer and Jack Bebee placed fourth for the evening and Lottie Puckett, Sonora, and Mary Lois Brown, San Angelo took fifth.

Winners for Duplicate Bridge January 15 were Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins, Sonora, in first place and Lue Kight, Sonora, and Jack Bebee winning second.

Third place went to Win-

nie Helen and Tom Ratliff. Tied for fourth place were Imogene Edmiston, Zeila Baker and Mary Christian and Billie Porter.

'A' Students Are Listed

The following students have a record of academic achievement having made all A's during the fall semester:

Seniors--Dee Dee Cawman, Patti Hausenfluck, Mark Wallis, and Sandy Willeke.

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Bid proposal may be secured from and must be returned to Guy Whitaker, Superintendent, Schleicher County Independent School District, P.O. Box W, Eldorado, TX 76938.
Bids will be opened at 8:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 1981.
The School reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted for the best interest of the school.

Notice to Bidders
Sealed bids, addressed to the Commissioners Court of Schleicher County, Texas will be received at the office of the County Judge of said County in the Courthouse at Eldorado, Texas, until 10:00 a.m., February 9, 1981, at which time such bids will be opened and considered by said Court, meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas, for the furnishing of the following new equipment, to-wit:
Appliances and Office Equipment
For the new Law Enforcement Center, Courthouse Square, Eldorado. Specifications for the above may be obtained from the County Judge of said county at P.O. Box 536, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

Notice
Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 11 day of February, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in Eldorado, Texas on the application of the hereinafter named owner for a license to sell beer at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows:
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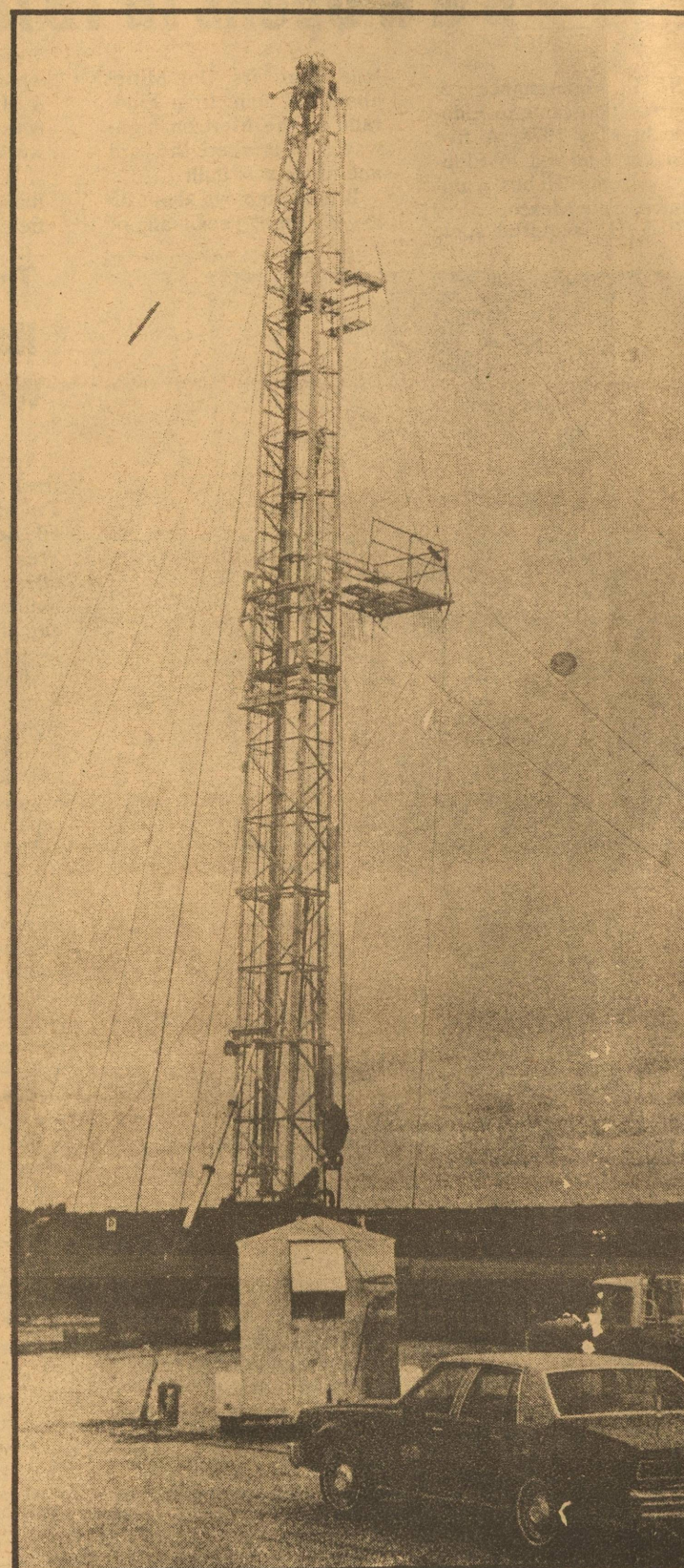
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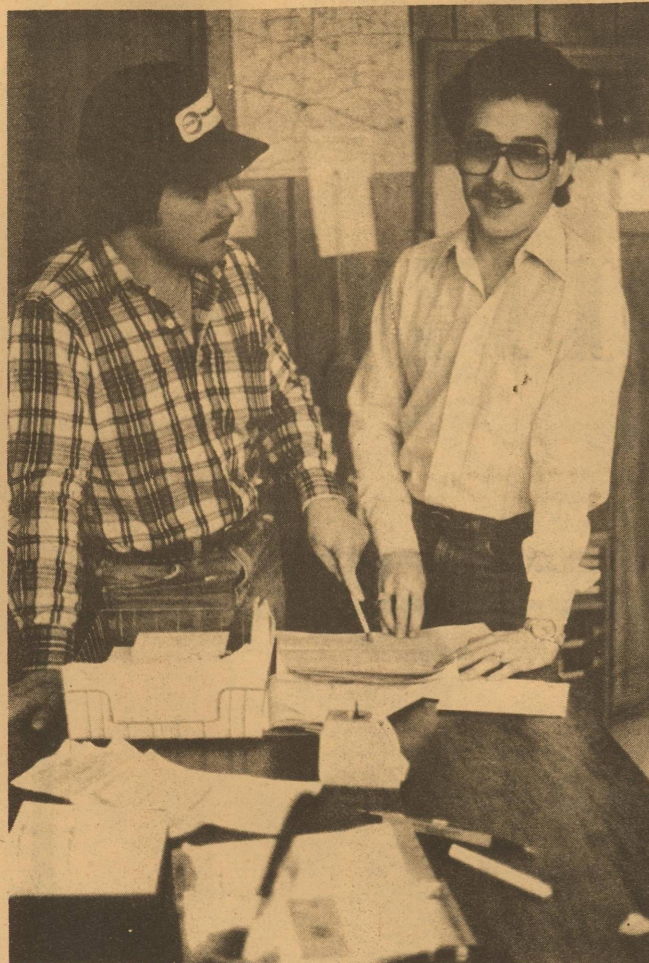
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Infill Drilling, Tight Sand Rulings Produce Optimism

Two dramatic rulings in the past year signal a bright future for the Sonora-Ozona-Eldorado gas play. The first came in June when the Texas Railroad Commission nanded down its ruling allowing infill drilling within the Sawyer Canyon sand.

Spacing in the field was previously on 160-acre optional spacing, but as long as three years ago, many operators began to suspect that many well

were not draining 160 acres.

Steve Swift, district manager of HNG Oil Company in Sonora, said after extensive study, HNG found that, indeed, a majority of the wells were not capable of even draining 80 acres.

Swift said Don Hunter, HNG's reservoir engineer, initiated the studies needed to make application to the RRC. About 1 1/2 years of research was needed.

HNG, along with other

operators in the field presented their proposal to the RRC at a special hearing in March. No opposition was offered at the hearing.

Hunter predicted the new spacing rule will probably affect half of HNG properties in the Sawyer field.

In arriving at its decision on an optional 80-acre spacing on the 640-acre roration units, HNG was influenced by extensive testing in the field.

Long term pressure buildup was tested at specific locations and evaluation of the results concluded many of the wells were not capable of draining more than 80 acres.

The acres tested were well locations which approximated 80-acre spacing and where deliverability was average or slightly above average.

"We wanted results that would be representative of the field as a whole," Hunter said.

Swift said that while the testing showed some wells could not even drain 80 acres effectively, others located in basins are capable of draining up to 320 acres or more.

"The wells in the Canyon and are beasts," Swift said. "Each one is different, and no two wells perform exactly alike."

Because of the intermittent nature of so many of the wells and lack of homo-

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Poynor Employs 90

C. H. Poyner Construction Company, an established oilfield construction company for over 20 years, began operation in 1959 by C.H. and Virginea Poynor of Big Lake. Today the company has yards in Eldorado and Big Lake, with a total of 90 employees.

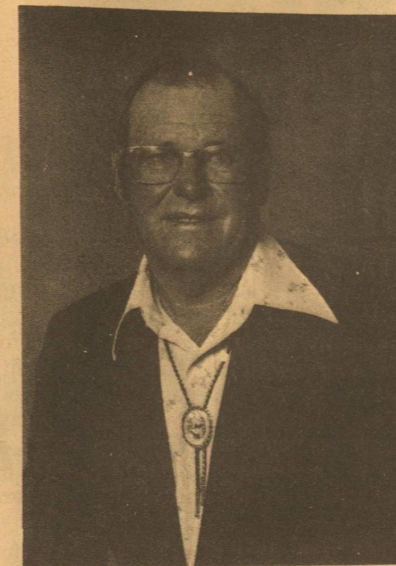
In 1967, C.H. Poynor,

retired and his son, Johnny became president. In 1977, Poynor turned the business over to his two sons, Britt and Jesse and Dale Fisher. Fisher is general manager of both offices and runs the yard in Big Lake. Britt and Jesse operate the yard in Eldorado.

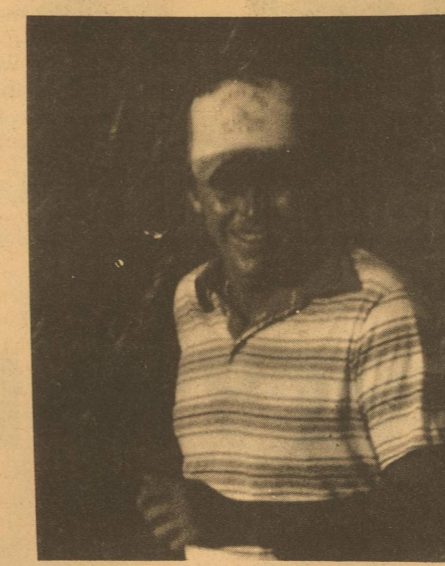
The company does gen-

eral oilfield construction, tank battery work and general maintenance work on leases. They also have sand and gravel for sale.

Poynor Construction Company has been at their present location on South Main Street in Eldorado for the past three years, after buying a roustabout service from C.C. Lease.



Wally Nichols



Dale Bettis

B & H Opens In 1978

B&H Maintenance & Construction came to Eldorado in May 1978. A five man crew moved to Eldorado from Hobbs and Eunice, New Mexico.

B & H acquired some

land from Mrs. Doy Mittel about one mile from Eldorado on the Mertzon highway. This is where the yard and office was built.

B & H employs about 35 to 40 employees, all of

whom are from this area. B & H specializes in pipeline construction and repair work, large or small.

Wally(Nick) Nichols is manager and Dale Bettis is field superintendent.

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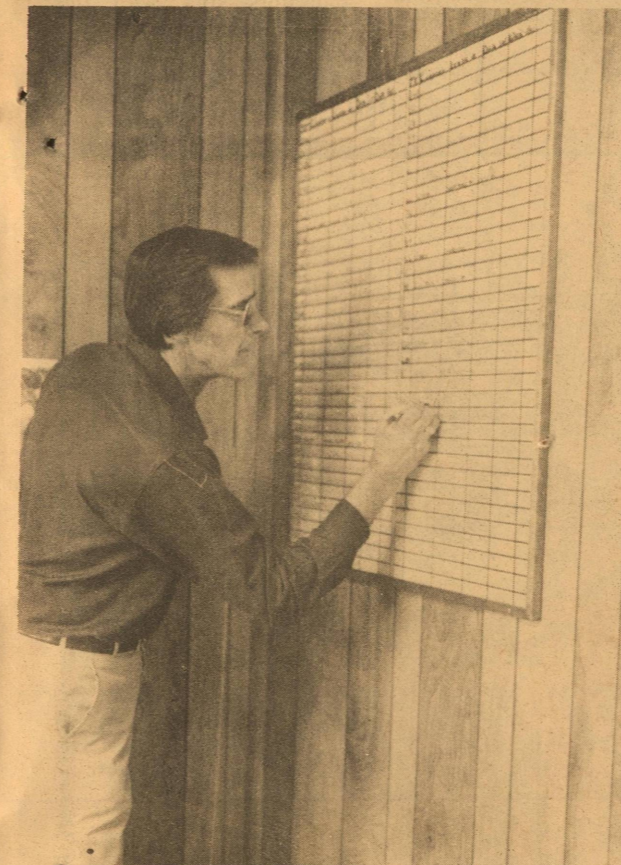
Specializing in brine and fresh water hauling, Trey Trucking handles general oil field hauling all over West Texas. The Eldorado office is located in a new building on the northern end of Eldorado on the San Angelo Highway.

Oliver Conatser, who has been with the company eight years, is manager. He reports the company now has 14 employees with his son, Mike Conatser, as supervisor.

The company has 11 pieces of oil field equipment which includes six transport trucks, three high pressure pump trucks and two wench trucks.

Conatser says the company is planning to add more equipment in the future, including a wench truck, forklift, transports and pump trucks.

Conatser and his wife, Mary have two son, Mike and Tracy.



Oliver Conatser

Growth....

more and more acreage is moved up, the reserves may be even higher than expected.

Bob Johnson, Amoco's Houston division engineering supervisor, in 1977 predicted production could be sustained for many decades provided low production rates are maintained.

Well life is estimated at 20 years although improved stimulation and recovery technology could possibly increase the figure.

Communities such as Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona that derive a heavy economic benefit from gas exploration and production can take heart in predictions of development drilling into the next century although wildcatting is expected to peak in the next five to 10 years.

HNG predicts it will take at least another 10 to 15 years to complete its drill-

ing program while Amoco officials predict it will take even longer for theirs.

Although geology, inflation, success ratios and above all politics, could at any time slow expansion to a halt, the outlook on all fronts is optimistic.

Until a cheaper replacement for oil gas is found and implemented, the growth of the area is inevitable.

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Area Energy Roots Traced

Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona were often considered a land forgotten by time, at least in comparison to other West Texas towns that had boomed and flourished. The tri-cities remained virtually unchanged for years.

Until the 1970's, ranching remained the principal base of the economy, and the area was better known for its excellent hunting and championship football teams.

But the end of the 1960's signaled the commencement of a new era for the sleepy little towns.

The end was in sight for other West Texas boom towns—the fields around McCamey, Rankin, Iraan and Big Lake were well past their primes.

But the advent of a national energy crisis forced the little-tapped resources of Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett, Edwards, and Val Verde counties into the focus of the nation's energy consumers and producers alike.

Soon mobile homes covered any available spot as tents had once done in the boom towns of previous decades—the areas's long nap was over.

Bill Roden of Midland pioneered the exploration of the area in 1970.

El Paso Natural Gas had wells in the area for 20 years, but it was Roden who came in with extensive leasing and drilling programs.

Now president of HNG Oil Co., Roden said the company was gambling on an increase in the price of gas.

"The gamble paid off," he said.

Many jaws dropped as the company began drilling the low pressure wells when the price of gas at the time would not even merit the drilling of a prolific gas well.

Bewilderment was further compounded in the industry by the fact there were no gathering systems in the area.

The suspicion with which other operators viewed HNG gave the company ample time to prove up vast acreage before others moved in.

By 1977, Roden described the gas play as "our company's bread and butter area".

Amoco Production Co. soon followed HNG's lead

and eventually became the dominant force in the steadily rising explorations.

By 1975 Amoco's Sonora office was named as a sub-area due to the increase in production and the forecasted future activities.

The company's 1975 plans called for drilling 100 wells on 260,000 acres in Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett and Val Verde counties.

By 1976 plans to drill 140 wells were announced and their lease holding had expanded to 650,000 acres including tracts in Edwards and Terrell counties.

At one time in 1976, Amoco had eight rigs running in an attempt to test leases that were to expire that year.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle to further exploration was overcome in Aug., 1972 when Oasis Pipeline Company completed its 36-inch line that spanned from Cayanosa to New Braunfels.

The 479-mile main section of the pipe was scheduled to carry one billion cubic feet of gas a day.

The system included compressor installations at Bakersfield, Ozona, Junction and Comfort. Final

completion cost was \$141 million.

Although HNG and Amoco are the two biggest producers in the area, numerous others—mostly independents—have been active in the area.

An inkling of these include Anderson Petroleum, Enserch, Dorchester Exploration, Delta Drilling, Northern Natural Gas, Lone Star Gas, El Paso Natural Gas, Fort Worth Oil and Gas, C&K Petroleum, Lively Exploration, Hunt Energy, H.L. Brown, Gulf, Texaco, Gas Development Corporation, Kathol Petroleum, Penzoil, Union Texas, Indian Wells Oil Company, Dan J. Harfison, Windsor, Sun Oil, American Quasar and Mitchell Energy.

Mitchell is one of the largest independents and has over 100,000 acres of lease holdings in Sutton, Schleicher, Irion Sterling and Edwards counties.

Also included in their holdings are a modern cryogenic gas-recessing plant operated by their North Texas LPG Division.

Enserch, along with its own gas processing plant, held more than 30,000 acres of leases by 1977.

Anderson Petroleum, which had done most of its drilling in Crockett County, has now begun expanding into Sutton County.

Although production and drilling firms were the first to move into the area, they were quickly followed by the service companies.

Brown and Root, Dowell, Dresser-Atlas, Halliburton, Western Wireline, Pool, Nowsco and DiaLog were among the first.

Although Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett Counties are the major beneficiaries of the play's economic impact, companies here extend their services into Terrell, Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kimble, Menard, Concho, McCulloch, Tom Green, Irion, Reagan and Pecos counties, and the actual play continues into Sterling and Mitchell counties.

The growth of Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona have been phenomenal, to say the least. Populations in all three towns have virtually doubled.

One of the most efficient indicators of the community's growth can be reflected in school enrollment.

In Sonora, where the bulk of the companies have located, the 1972 school enrollment stood at 833 with 248 students in high school.

At then end of December, the figures had risen to 1,271 total and 290 in high school.

Although there is no way

to truly gauge economic progress, businessmen began reporting record sales as the boom began.

Uncounted new businesses began, and despite prohibitive real estate cost, a scarcity of land and high interest rates, home building has increased dramatically.

Growth has caused some pains with more people needing more services. Schools have been forced to build new facilities, but the higher tax revenues has made many projects for school, county and city growth possible.

Many factors have played a part in the success of the field, but these must be maintained if operators are to remain active.

Higher price ceilings for natural gas were of course the original inducement. With deregulation expected to be complete by at least 1985, the prices should continue to be an incentive to produce.

Success ratios (an estimated 50 percent of wildcats and 75 percent for development wells) much higher than the national average and much lower costs associated with air drilling have combined to make exploration in the area economically feasible.

Reserves are estimated to range between five and 35 trillion cubic feet. Some operators stick with the more conservative estimate, while others feel, as

Desk & Derrick Club Organizes

A desire on the part of Inez Awty Schaeffer, Humble Oil and Refining Company, New Orleans, to meet other women in the oil and gas industry brought together a group of women to form the first Desk & Derrick Club.

The story of the formation of the New Orleans club, published in trade magazines, was received with interest by the women in the oil centers of North America. In June 1949 a club was formed in Jackson, Mississippi, followed by Los Angeles, California, and Houston, Texas. These four clubs formed the Association of Desk & Derrick Clubs of North America by signing "Articles of Association" which set forth by Bylaws under which they proposed to operate their first year.

The purpose, "to promote among the women employed in the petroleum and allied industries through informative and educational programs, a clearer understanding of the industry which they serve, to the end that the enlightenment gained thereby may increase their interest and enlarge their scope of service," is clearly stated in the Association Bylaws.

The Association is composed of member clubs organized within North America by women actively engaged in all branches of the petroleum industry and in companies and organizations who directly supply and serve the petroleum

industry. Included in the membership are women executives, geologists, editors, draftswomen, secretaries, stenographers, auditors, accountants, bookkeepers, clerks—any woman actively engaged in the industry as defined by the Association and meeting the requirements of the member club.

Industry leaders have recognized the value of this educational program to their employees and have contributed to the success of Desk & Derrick through their cooperation in the programs and field trips to all types of petroleum installations.

Desk & Derrick members have assisted in public relations and educational programs of the oil industry in their communities by holding seminars on industry subjects, special study courses and carrying out many other industry projects.

All Desk & Derrick programs, with few exceptions, are devoted to some phase of the complex petroleum industry. The Association Bylaws provide that 80 percent of all regularly scheduled programs of a member club shall be devoted to the purpose as outlined.

Honorary memberships in the Association have been extended to Inez Awty Schaeffer, founder, and Lee Wilson Hoover, first president.

The Board of Directors is comprised of the President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and a Director in charge of each of the Association's eight regions.

The Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club (Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona) was formed 7 months ago on July 15th 1980. Current President of the club is Joyce Reber, Halliburton Services; Vice-President, Frances Dodd, Cotton Equipment and Services; Recording Secretary, Hilda Flores, Hooper Trucking; Corresponding Secretary, Candy Nelson, Oil Patch Anchor Service & Well Head Safety; Treasurer, Peggy Fowler, Industrial Specialties & Supply; Immediate Past President, Joyce Vaughn, CRC Wireline; and Directors are Sheri Barton, Cotton Equipment and Services; and Edna Duran, Sonora Truck Equipment & Repair. The term of office for the officers and the board of directors is one year commencing and ending January first of each year.

Meetings of the Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club are on the First Tuesday on every month at the HNG Building in Sonora. Sometimes followed by a business luncheon if the members do not have time for it in the monthly meeting. The monthly meetings of the club usually consist of a scheduled speaker speaking on his specialty area in the oil



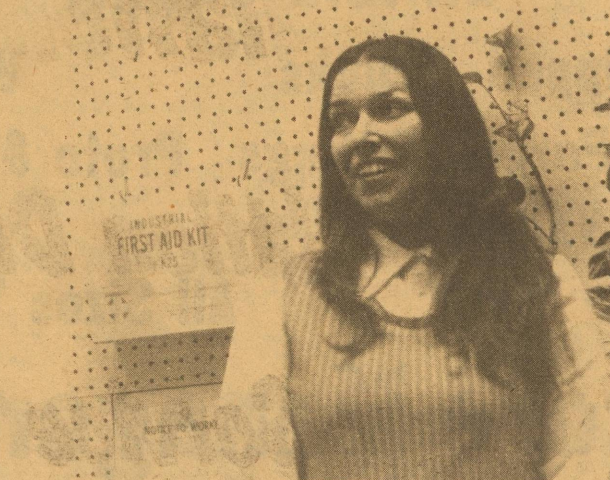
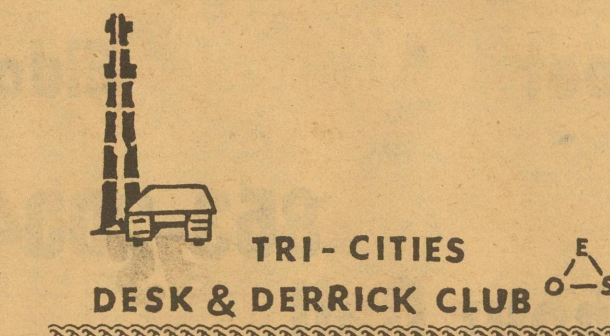
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industry. It is an educational experience to help the ladies understand what is going on out in the field. Current scheduled speakers for the club are as follows:

February, Joe Huggins an independent landman from the San Angelo area. March, Bill Harle from Sonora on running casing from S&S Casing Crews Inc. April, Butch Kauffman from Sonora on logging and perforating from CRC Wireline. May, a representative of the Western Company will be on hand to speak and answer questions on Well Stimulation. In June, Johnny Jones, of Sonora will be speaking on engineering from El Paso Natural Gas and in July, Dennis Thomas and exploration geologist from Dallas.

The insignia of the club is a derrick with a stylized desk at the lower right. The official publication of our local club shall be called "Frac Fans" and our club colors are black and gold. The motto of our club is "Greater Knowledge - Greater Service."

For more information on the Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick Club, write box 1672, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Tri-Cities Desk & Derrick hosted the San Angelo Desk & Derrick Club last Saturday on a tour through the Halliburton offices and facilities in Sonora. D.J. Garvin, safety director for Halliburton, conducted the tour.



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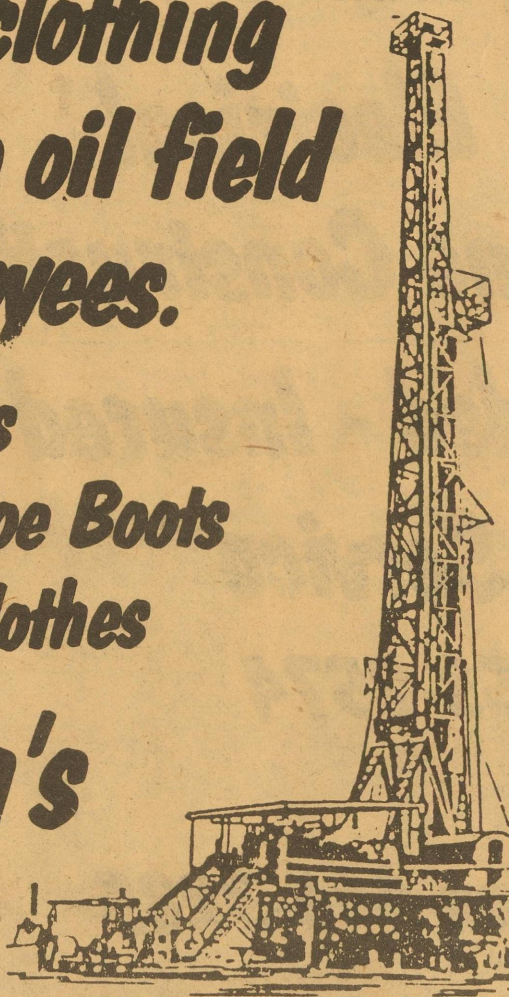
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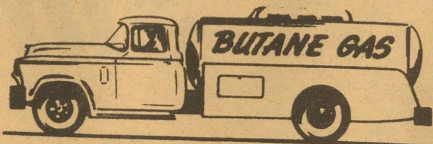
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New Drilling Regulations.....

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While many production companies are still feeling their way through the new ruling, Anderson Petroleum is one company that is already reaping its benefits.

One among them, HNG as found the roles of reduction foremen and umpires become particularly crucial in making many Canyon sand wells commercially successful.

To remedy the situation, many Canyon sand wells are put on intermitters which cycle the production several times a day.

"You have to build up enough pressure to unload the water, so we just can't reduce many of the wells 4 hours a day," he said.

Though an intermittent well may produce 125 Mcfd, during the flowing portion of the cycle the rate may be 300-400 Mcfd. However, the flow portion of the cycle may add up to only a third of a day.

While HNG has taken the lead, Amoco has taken a wait and see approach to the spacing ruling.

"We will be keeping a close watch on what HNG does in infill drilling", Jim York, Amoco district superintendent in Odessa said.

"It looks like they are hitting some virgin pressures, we will probably go in and drill some wells on 80-acre spacing," he continued. "We have never been bashful about going to tighter spacing to protect or improve drainage."

York said part of the reason Amoco had not gone to tighter 160-acre spacing in some of its proration units was a matter of economic priority.

"You have to look at returns," York said. "If we can drill 50 wells elsewhere that will bring Amoco a high return, those wells have a higher priority than 50 wells in the Canyon sand."

York said Amoco would need some more performance data to see if it was draining everything it had before it launches a tighter spacing program.

The Canyon sand starts in Schleicher County, runs southward through Sutton and Crockett counties and curves around the Val Verde Basin in Val Verde County.

What could be the biggest boost for the area came in December when the RRC received notice from the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission that the Canyon sand under six Southwest Texas counties had been designated a tight gas sand from which production qualified for high cost incentive pricing under the federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

Determination of a tight gas formation is made by the federal agency, but an appropriate state authority such as the RRC must recommend such action.

FERC's approval involves the Canyon Sand underlying Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell, Crockett, Edwards and Val Verde counties.

Under the federal act, gas from FERC-designated tight gas sands can be sold at a price that is 200 percent of the going rate for production from new on-shore wells as an incentive to explore for and develop gas formations that are difficult to produce.

"It (the ruling) will probably have a greater impact on us than anything else before," George Tullis from Anderson's Midland office said. "This will be our biggest year ever."

Tullis said Anderson renegotiated its contract with Valero in 1979 anticipating

such an increase in allowable price.

When the regulation went into effect, Anderson got the price from Valero--about \$5.05 per mcf.

"We are running four rigs all the time now," Tullis said. "Where we drilled about 60 wells last year, we are planning to drill 75 to 100 in 1981."

"If we had more acreage leased, we would probably drill even more," he added.

The price increase has Anderson actively seeking new leases, and the company is also beginning to seek new customers for its pipeline company.

"Since we can now offer other producers higher prices, we feel like our pipeline company can be highly profitable," Tullis said. "This is the first time we've begun looking for pipeline customers. Frankly, we didn't have the personnel available and we wanted to concentrate on our production."

Tullis said the bulk of Anderson's drilling in this area has been in Crockett County, but a large part of 1981's plans call for drilling in Sutton County.

He also said the new infill drilling regulations

will probably not affect his company since they only have six wells in the Sawyer Field now.

The major holdup on new pricing seems to be contracts with pipeline companies. Most officials seem reluctant to talk in depth about the prices since many of them are trying to renegotiate their contracts.

One official, who asked not to be named, said the case was a matter of economics: "If the pipeline company gives us a higher price, then they have to pass higher prices along to their customers and so on down the line."

Bob Smith with Amoco in Midland did say his company had gone to their purchaser asking for the higher prices.

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really predict how such a dramatic price increase would affect Amoco's drilling program, but added the workover program in the area would definitely be accelerated.

"It will also make us look a lot closer at some old wells that were uneconomically feasible to produce before," he concluded.

In talking with numerous oil company officials, the consensus seems to be that the higher prices will have to come as more and more companies receive the higher prices.

Swift warned this will not necessarily bring a boom of drilling activity, though.

"We'll never see the gigantic booms here," he said. "For one thing, there aren't enough rigs available and the mills cannot keep up with the orders now."

"We'll have cyclic period of peaks and valleys in activity," he concluded, "but we should basically see a steady pace for many years."

Stimulation Methods Improve

For over 100 years operators have looked for ways to improve the production and extend the life of oil and gas wells.

"Shooting" was the term used for the first method of stimulation. As far back as the 1860's it was learned that "shooting", setting off a charge of dynamite in the pay zone, could improve the output of a declining well.

By the turn of the century "shooting" was generally routine practice and remained so until acidizing and fracturing techniques were introduced.

The use of hydrochloric acid dissolve rock in limestone or dolomite formations had humble beginnings but is common procedure for nearly all wells, both old and new.

The first acid job was performed in the 1930's when Henry Dow used an ordinary garden hose to siphon acid from a drum into a well.

It is a far cry from modern jobs using complex pumps and often thousands of gallons of acid, but the results are basically the same--a notable, and often drastic, increase in production.

The basic purpose of an

acid treatment is to dissolve rock, thereby enlarging existing channels and opening new ones to the well bore.

Since the advent of acidizing additives have been developed to use in conjunction with the acid inhibitors are used to prevent or delay the corrosive action of acid on steel casing and tubing while other chemicals are added to overcome various problems in the formations.

Hydraulic fracturing ushered in a new age of the petroleum industry. Fracture treatments are expensive but are frequently employed because the process will open drainage channels in tight sandstone reservoirs much the same as acid treatments will do for carbonate reservoirs.

Many wells that would have been economic failures, including a high percentage of those in the Sonora area, have been completed as satisfactory producers by fracturing.

The first instance of hydraulic fracturing occurred in the Hugoton gas field of western Kansas in 1947. Four limestone formations between 2,300 and 2,600 feet were tested.

Flow-meter test after the treatment indicated some

increase in production, but at the time, it was not considered commercially successful.

Later modifications in design and equipment combined with a better understanding of various formations have succeeded in making widespread and efficient use of the technique.

The theory of fracturing is based on the principal that fluid, pumped into the well at pre-designated pressures, will increase production by forcing apart existing fractures in the formation and creating new ones.

A propping agent, usually sand but some times hardened glass beads or ground nut shells, is pumped in with the fluid to hold the fracture open after the pressure is released.

Thus, channels to the wellbore are enlarged and extended to give the well higher production and longer life.

Although shooting had almost disappeared from the stimulation scene by 1960, the development of modern explosives along with a better knowledge of downhole problems has generated a new interest in the technique.

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Product Rate Set At 100% Again

The Railroad Commission on Jan. 20 set the Texas oil production rate for February 1981 at the market demand of 100 percent for the 48th month in a row and the 104th time since the Commission first went to the ceiling level in April 1972.

Chairman Jim Nugent and Commissioners Mack Wallace and Buddy Temple directed the continuance of the maximum statewide allowable after receiving and reviewing purchaser nominations for Texas oil in February totaling 2,567,731 barrels daily, a decrease of 20,194 barrels daily when compared with January 1981 buyer requests. February 1980 nominations totaled 2,652,720 barrels daily.

February's permissible rate of output is calculated to average 3,467,160 barrels daily with actual production estimated at 2.48 million barrels daily. The maximum allowable applies to all but 10 fields in Texas that are assigned lower legal rates of flow for conservation reasons. Actual production in February 1980 was 2,585,888 barrels daily.

Nugent reported that February 1981 nominations for the purchase of Texas gas totaled 24,313,657 Mcf daily. Gas nominations for January amounted to 24,686,060 Mcf daily. February 1980 gas nominations totaled 25,426,405 Mcf daily.

The next statewide oil and gas hearing will be held on Thursday, February 19, at 9 a.m. at the Quality Inn here.

RRC Approval

The Railroad Commission today approved the initiation of an experimental project in a Kleberg County field that is expected to lead to the recovery of an additional 20 billion cubic feet of gas over the next ten years.

Proposed by Exxon Corp., the South Texas enhanced recovery project will involve the production of large volumes of water from the nearly depleted Alazan, North(H-21) Field so that reservoir pressure will be reduced to permit the release of gas trapped behind the invading water front.

Chairman Jim Nugent and Commissioners Mack Wallace and Buddy Temple sanctioned the Exxon program during the weekly conference on Oil and Gas Division matters. Approval was recommended by Technical Hearings Director Billy D. Thomas, who held a public hearing on Dec. 9 on Exxon's application.

In his findings of fact, Thomas reported that the "experimental project is expected to recover an additional 20 billion cubic feet of gas which otherwise would never be produced." He also reported that the H-21 reservoir is at abandonment state and that its seven oil wells are classified as salvage.

Thomas explained that the Alazan, North (H-21) Field was discovered in 1958, between 7,100 and 7,200 feet, and has produced more than 17.8 million barrels of oil and 57.6 billion cubic feet of gas. Gas injection for pressure maintenance began in 1960 and was terminated in 1975.

In 1979, the Railroad Commission placed the oil wells in a salvage category.

Rhomas said water production from the reservoir at present is 10,000 barrels per day and is diverted to an RRC-authorized esturine disposal facility. Water produced in the experimental project also will be diverted to the facility.



Quadra Corp. Experiences Large Growth In 1980

Quadra Inc. is a quickly expanding company which has seen many changes during the past year. Offering frac tank rentals, the firm also offers steam cleaning and vacuum truck service.

The company now boasts 100 tanks, two steam cleaning trucks, two vacuum trucks and nine truck-tractors.

The company also offers the same services at Terminal, close to Midland. Joining Niblett at the Eldorado office is Joe Max Edmiston, supervisor, four drivers and one secretary. At the Midland yard, the company has four drivers, a salesman, a supervisor and a pusher.

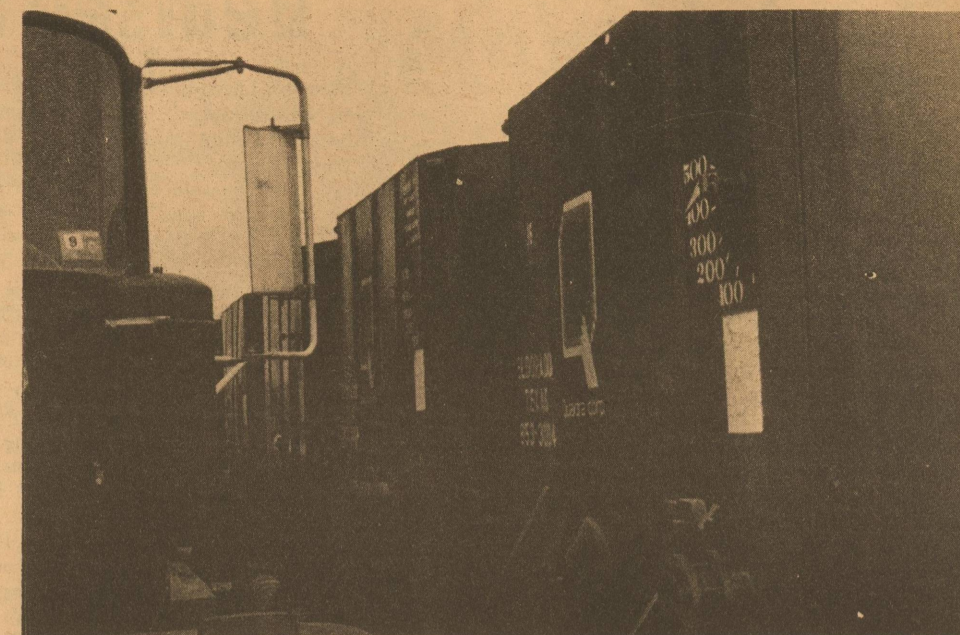
Niblett has lived in Eldorado several years. He and his wife, Cathy, have three children, Elizabeth, Cherie and Ashley.

The Eldorado yard is located on South Main, but the company is building a new office building and yard on South Highway 277 which is scheduled to be completed during the spring.

Niblett said the company was built to offer clean, fast and 24 hours a day service. He expressed thanks to the people of the Permian Basin and of Schleicher County for their cooperation and support which has made Quadra a success.

CRA Inc. Traces History

In the early 1960's, the plant at Mertzton was owned by Dr. Willard Dow of Houston, Texas, and operated by the Dow family under the name of Mertzton Corporation. About 1965, the name was changed to Brooks Gas Corporation when Dr. Dow started gathering the gas from the Brooks Gas Field near Mertzton.



CRA, Inc. purchased the plant from Dr. Dow in 1968. CRA, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmland Industries, Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, also operates gas plants in Oklahoma, Wyoming, and one other plant in East Texas. In 1976, a Cryogenics plant was built on the Charlotte Harvey Ranch northeast of

Quadra

Eldorado. A third Cryogenics plant was built and started up in December of 1980 on the T.J. and Jewell Roach Bailey Ranch about ten miles north of Eldorado. Seven hundred miles of pipeline have been laid to gather gas from wells in five counties and take it to these three plants. The five counties are Schleicher, Irion, Tom Green, Sterling,

and Reagan. All three plants do the same thing, which is to make LPG liquids, recovering ethane and heavier LPG components. The product is then pumped into a pipeline owned by Quana Pipeline. The dry natural gas from the discharge of the Mertzton and Mertzton Satellite Plants is sold to Northern Natural Gas, and

this same product from the Eldorado Plant is sold to Lone Star Gas Co. The volume capacity of the Mertzton and the Eldorado Plants is 30 million cubic feet per day each, and the capacity of the Mertzton Satellite Plant is 15 million cubic feet per day.

The Mertzton Plant had 12 employees when it was purchased by CRA, Inc., in 1968. The number of employees has steadily increased over the years to a point that now CRA, Inc. employs 70 people from the Mertzton and Eldorado area. CRA, Inc. also employs several contract welders and contract roustabout crews throughout the year, all of these people living in the Mertzton and Eldorado area.

The local office for all three Cryogenics plants is located at the original plant seven miles southwest of Mertzton. The manager of the three plants is Morris Grice, and the plants superintendent is Ray Jachim. The Division Office for all CRA, Inc. gas plants is located in Midland, Texas. Ed Beinhoff is the manager. The Gas Division of CRA, Inc. is headquartered in Tulsa Oklahoma. Lowell Shireman is the Executive Director. The Gas Acquisitions Department for the Gas Division is located in Midland, Texas, and is managed by Mike Savage.

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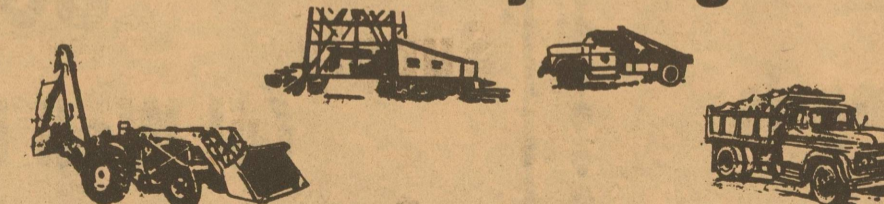
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Bentsen Introduces Bill

Senator Lloyd Bentsen on Jan. 15 introduced legislation to exempt from the "windfall profit" tax the first 1,000 barrels of oil a day pumped within the U.S. by an independent producer.

Both producer and royalty owners would be exempt under the bill.

"If we are sincerely concerned about increasing domestic oil and gas production, I can think of no more efficient or effective way to go about it. Year after year it has been demonstrated that independent producers invest \$105 in new production for every \$100 they generate in revenue, and this at a time we need every drop of oil we can produce in this country," Bentsen said in Senate remarks accompanying his bill.

"If we want to make maximum effective use of our energy assets in America, it simply makes no sense to place a windfall profit tax on the first 1,000 barrels of daily production from our independent producers. It makes no sense to take \$22 billion out of production over this decade."

The Senate, in November 1979, approved a Bentsen amendment to the so-called "windfall profit" tax which would have provided the 1,000 barrel a day exemption for independent producers. The House version

of the "windfall tax" included no exemption for independents. Under the House bill independent producers would have paid a total of \$57 billion in "windfall" taxes.

The conference committee which met to iron out differences in Senate and House versions of the "windfall" tax agreed, at the urging of Bentsen, on a compromise which reduced the total tax paid by independents from \$57 billion to \$22 billion, a savings of \$35 billion.

Bentsen noted that even though the tax on independents in the final version of the bill was substantially reduced from what the House originally proposed, \$22 billion is still a heavy tax burden. And he said independent producers will wind up paying a lot more than that by the time they fill out all the paperwork needed to pay the tax.

"Most of the oil and gas found in this country is due to the efforts of our 12,000 independent producers. Independents drill 90 percent of the wildcat wells in this country. They find 75 percent of the new oil and gas fields. They account for 54 percent of our new oil and gas reserves," Bentsen said.

"The vast majority of independents are unincorporated and their profits are subject to a maximum income tax rate of 70 per-

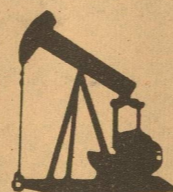
cent, not the 46 percent corporate tax rate enjoyed by their competition. The Senate is clearly on record as favoring this exemption from the "windfall" tax and I am hopeful that we can move promptly to redress this flagrant injustice in the tax," Senator Bentsen said.

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Nugent Named To DOT Safety Committee

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent has been appointed one of five government representatives on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous-Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee.

The committee, made up of 15 members representing government agencies, industry, and the public, evaluates and makes recommendations on all proposed hazardous liquid pipeline safety standards and amendments. It may propose safety standards for adoption by the Transportation Department.

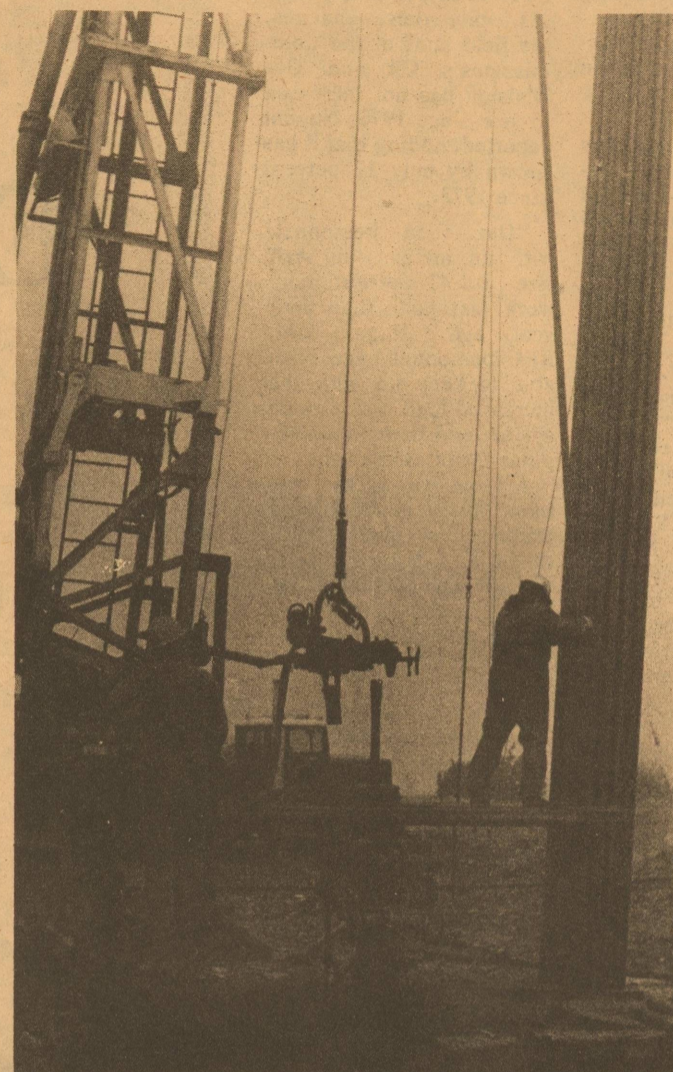
Chairman Nugent's term on the committee runs through Dec. 31, 1983.

Sponsored by the federal agency's Office of Pipeline Safety Regulation, the committee is made up of mem-

bers experienced in the safety regulation of the transportation of hazardous liquids and of pipeline facilities, or technically qualified by training, experience, or knowledge in one or more fields of engineering.

Through its Gas Utilities Division, the Railroad Commission is responsible for ensuring safe distribution and transmission of natural gas in Texas. The division's safety and engineering section conducts field inspections to evaluate design, construction, operation, maintenance, and emergency procedures of utilities in the state.

Other Texans on the committee are Dean A.E. Graux of the College of Engineering, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, and Milton B. Grove, manager of the Technical Services Department, Exxon Pipeline Co., Houston.



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The U.S. Department of Transportation has notified the railroad Commission that up to \$161,815 will be reimbursed to the RRC for expenditures made in carrying out its gas pipeline safety program during 1981 announced Gas Utilities Division Director Jeffrey R. Hill today.

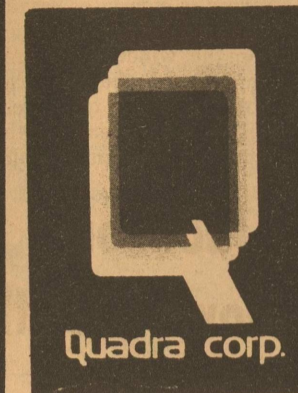
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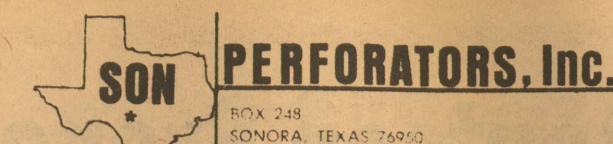
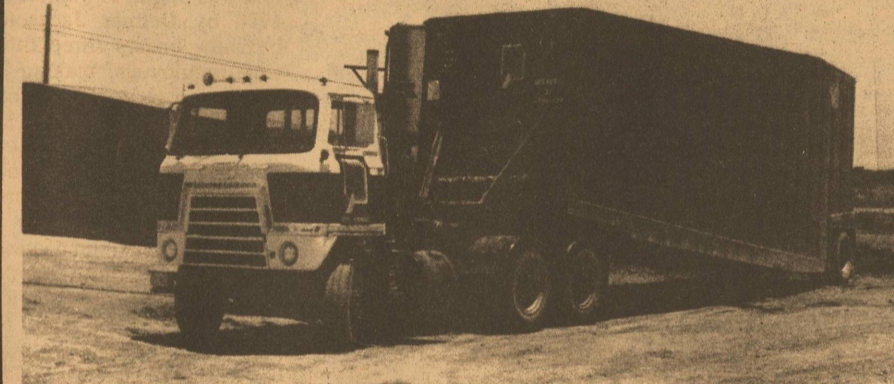


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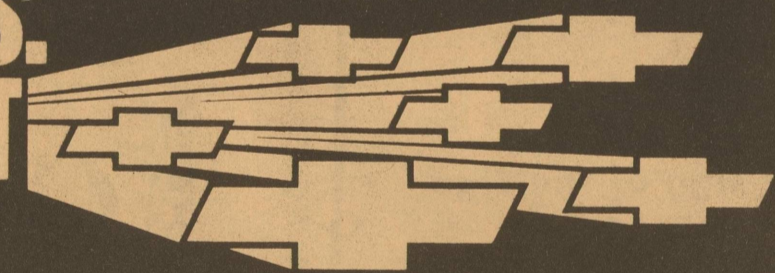
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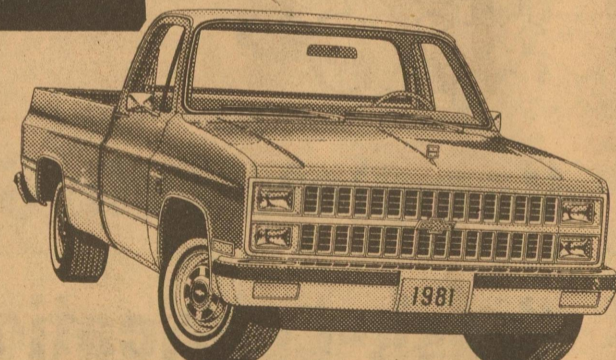
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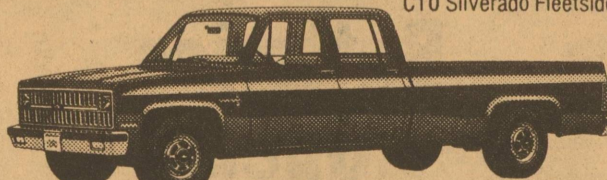
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Bentsen Proposes WPT Exemption

Senator Lloyd Bentsen on Jan. 15 introduced legislation to exempt from the "windfall profit" tax the first 1,000 barrels of oil a day pumped within the U.S. by an independent producer.

Both producer and royalty owners would be exempt under the bill.

"If we are sincerely concerned about increasing domestic oil and gas production, I can think of no more efficient or effective way to go about it. Year after year it has been demonstrated that independent producers invest \$105 in new production for every \$100 they generate in revenue, and this at a time we need every drop of oil we can produce in this country," Bentsen said in Senate remarks accompanying his bill.

"If we want to make maximum effective use of our energy assets in America, it simply makes no sense to place a windfall profit tax on the first 1,000 barrels of daily production from our independent producers. It makes no sense to take \$22 billion out of production over this

decade."

The Senate, in November 1979, approved a Bentsen amendment to the so-called "windfall profit" tax which would have provided the 1,000 barrel a day exemption for independent producers. The House version of the "windfall tax" included no exemption for independents. Under the House bill independent producers would have paid a total of \$57 billion in "windfall" taxes.

The conference committee which met to iron out differences in Senate and House versions of the "windfall" tax agreed, at the urging of Bentsen, on a compromise which reduced the total tax paid by independents from \$57 billion to \$22 billion, a savings of \$35 billion.

Bentsen noted that even though the tax on independents in the final version of the bill was substantially reduced from what the House originally proposed, \$22 billion is still a heavy tax burden. And he said independent producers will wind up paying a lot more than that by the time they fill out all the paperwork

needed to pay the tax.

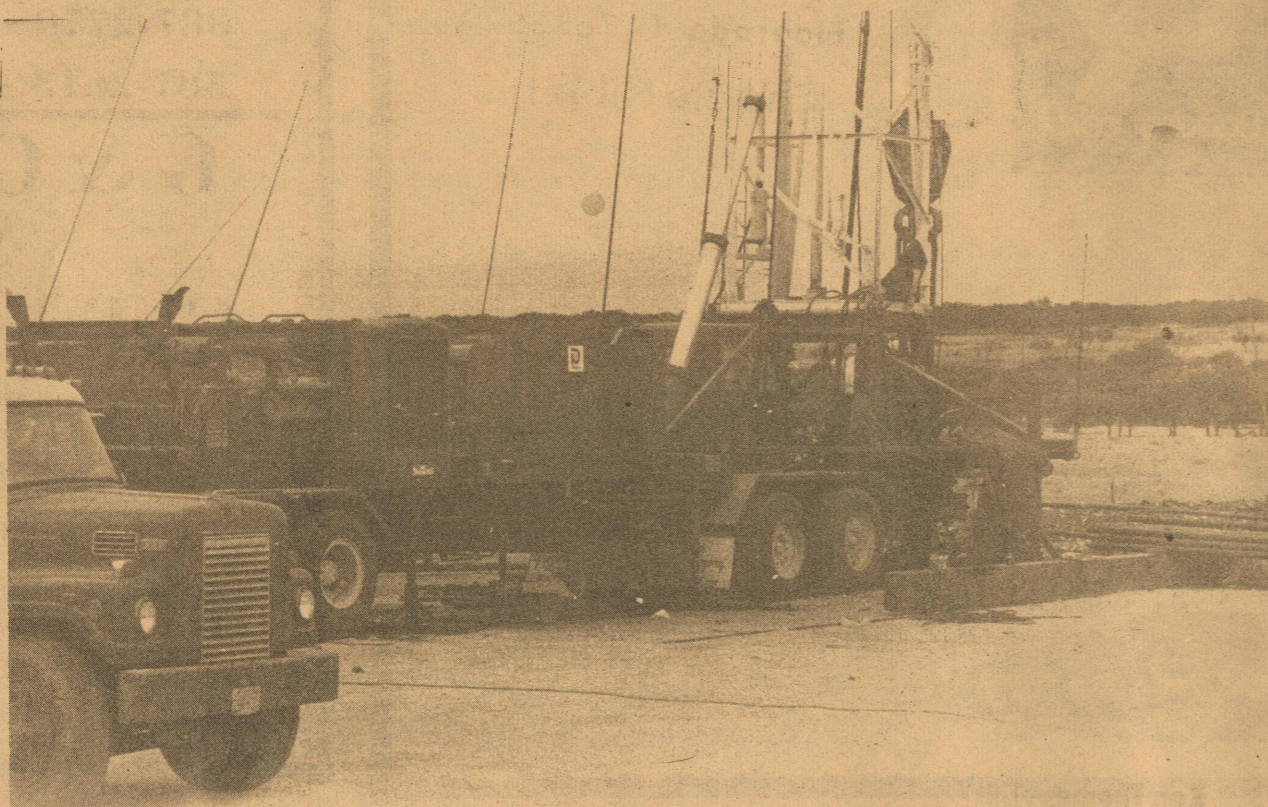
"Most of the oil and gas found in this country is due to the efforts of our 12,000 independent producers. Independents drill 90 percent of the wildcat wells in this

country. They find 75 percent of the new oil and gas fields. They account for 54 percent of our new oil and gas reserves," Bentsen said.

"The vast majority of

independents are unincorporated and their profits are subject to a maximum income tax rate of 70 percent, not the 46 percent corporate tax rate enjoyed by their competition. The

Senate is clearly on record as favoring this exemption from the 'windfall' tax and I am hopeful that we can move promptly to redress this flagrant injustice in the tax," Senator Bentsen said.



Nugent Issues Warning

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent has warned that changes are still needed in the U.S. energy picture despite the recent optimism in the country regarding a new presidential administration, increased petroleum production activity and fuel supplies, and a decrease in imports.

"I am encouraged by today's feeling that free-market, production-oriented forces might finally get out from under the net altogether," the RRC Chairman told members of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association executive committee.

He added that Americans must not mistake changes in political climate, personalities and public opinion for real change in the obstacles that confront America's energy realities.

Nugent said that Americans must understand the recently publicized huge quantities of undiscovered and unproduced oil and gas are deep, in poorly accessible locations, and in difficult formations.

"We know that producing them will be slow, difficult and expensive," he said, explaining that today's relative optimism is "in large part due to a slight loosening" of oil and gas controls over the last year that unleashed a re-

cord-making boom in drilling and exploration. The RRC Chairman added that more changes in the regulatory climate will be slow in coming.

"I have yet to see any federal bureaucracy dismantle itself, and I do not count on the Department of Energy to be a first," he said. "And if you expect Congress to turn loose of the windfall profits excise tax, the biggest revenue producer in history, then let me encourage you to think again."

The vast petroleum industry expansion of recent months has caused some problems for the Railroad Commission, Nugent added.

"It is making it increasingly difficult to recruit and keep qualified professionals at the same time that industry activity is increasing our workload by leaps and bounds," he said.

He indicated the size of the increased workload since 1972 with these figures:

--an increase of 212 percent in applications to drill.

--a 160 percent increase in oil well completions.

--an increase in gas well completions by 165 percent

--a threefold increase in the number of drilling rigs in the field today.

The RRC Chairman noted that last year alone applications to drill increas-

ed from 29,000 to 40,000. Despite these changes, the field staff of the Commission's Oil and Gas Division has not increased in size since 1976, Nugent reported, adding that it has grown by only 17 percent since 1972.

"Our field personnel, with no increase in staff size, did 41 percent more work last year than four years ago," Nugent said. RRC personnel have been able to keep up with the increased load with a radio system and improved computer facilities, he said.

A large part of the problem lies in maintaining a trained Commission staff, the RRC Chairman said. Experienced personnel continue to leave the Commission for better-paying jobs in private industry, Nugent explained.

Increased production activity makes it necessary for the Commission to ask the Legislature for a general boost in funding for the Oil and Gas Division, he said.

Nugent added that the Commission is also asking for special additional salary grades for petroleum engineers, as well as help to continue the conversion and expansion of the Commission's computer facilities.

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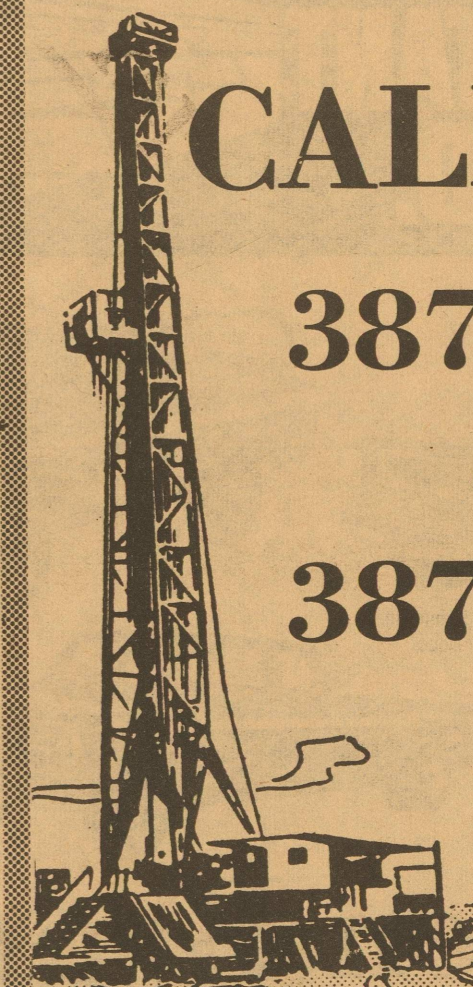
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The Permian Basin Petroleum Association has calculated the amount of money being forfeited from the Permian Basin and going to Washington everyday for the Windfall Profits Oil Excise Tax.

Crude oil production figures, as available for the first ten months of 1980, for Southwest New Mexico (Hear, Eddy, Chavez and Roosevelt Counties) were 57,725,513 barrels.

For Texas railroad Commission Districts 7C, 8 and 8A, 456,634,333 barrels were produced, making the Permian Basin total 514,359,846 barrels for an average of 1,686,426 barrels a day through October 31st, 1980. The average Windfall Profits Excise Oil Tax is about \$6.59 a barrel. The net result is an estimated 11 million dollars a day that producers and royalty owners in the Permian Basin are forced to

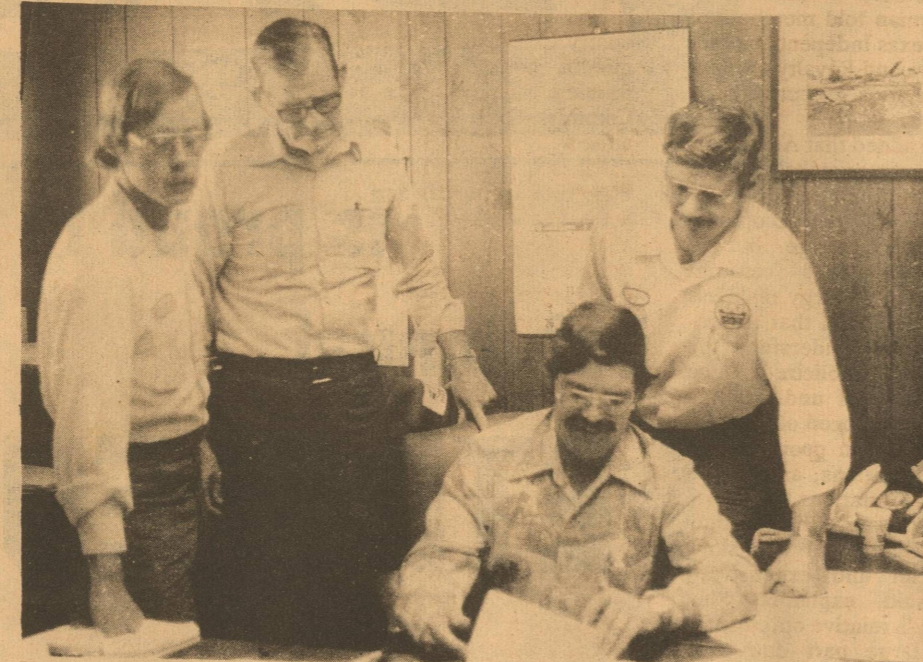
pay the federal government for Windfall Profits Oil Excise Taxes.

The Permian Basin produces about 21 percent of the nation's oil. Based on that percentage, the federal government is realizing a little less than 55 million dollars a day-- some 20 billion dollars per year-- from windfall profits excise taxes paid by the domestic petroleum industry. The tax only applies to oil produced in the United States.

Efforts will be made, in the new session of Congress, to repeal the DOE, then the tax entirely. If those efforts fail, exemption will be sought for producers, royalty owners, stripper marginal and tertiary oil.

PBPA, in cooperation with the other independent producer and royalty owner associations, has decided to wait and see what President-elect Reagan's Administration proposes before seeking any formal, specific action from Congress.

Many observers in the industry are predicting gasoline to be selling at \$1.50 to \$1.65 a gallon by the end of 1981. They site complete deregulation by October 1st increased foreign prices and the Iran-Iraq War.



Kennith Night, Bruce Lambert, Jerry Edmiston, Sam McClure

R&H Well Service Completes 2nd Year



Ken Thomas, Bill Huckabee

With 38 employees, the R&H Well Service yard in Eldorado is completing two years of operation. The attractive yard, with a modern office building, large maintenance building and several mobile homes for employees, is located on the northern end of Eldorado.

The office opened in December of 1978 under direction of Bill Huckabee, district manager. It covers an area composed of Schleicher, Menard, Tom Green, Sterling, Irion, Crockett and Sutton Counties.

Joining Huckabee are Ken Thomas as dispatcher, Lois Lively as secretary, and Fred Church and Bob Bratton as rig supervisors. Operators are Winston Graham, Macon Ray Picken, Don Shields, John Pickel, Virgil Harley, Kerry Robinson, A.L. Hatter and Ernest Barrera.

R&H was organized in 1963 by W.B. Rimer, Steve Hollifield and Jay Hughes. The company does completion work, workovers, swabbing and new well drilling.

The Eldorado yard is one of four R&H yards. The other three are located in Odessa, Andrews and Crane. Together, the four yards have 46 rigs, and cover the Permian Basin.

Huckabee and his wife, Toni, have three children, Archie, Donald and Donita and live at the yard.

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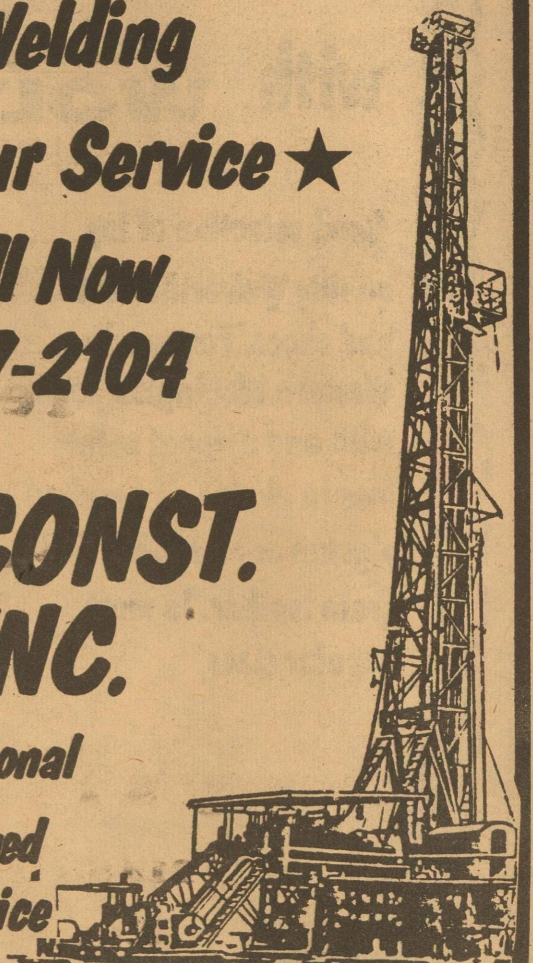
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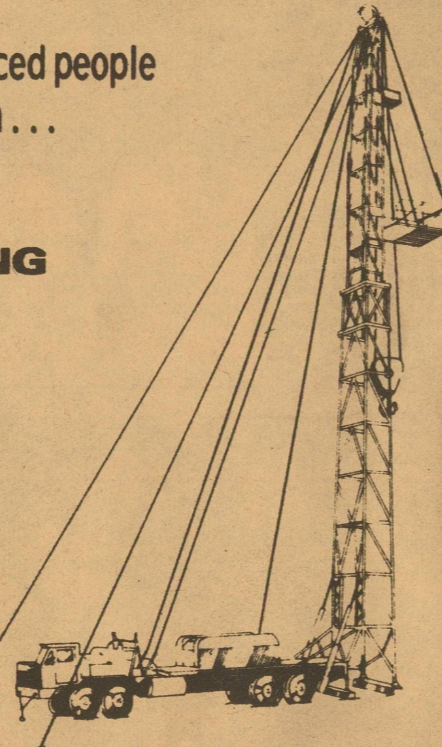
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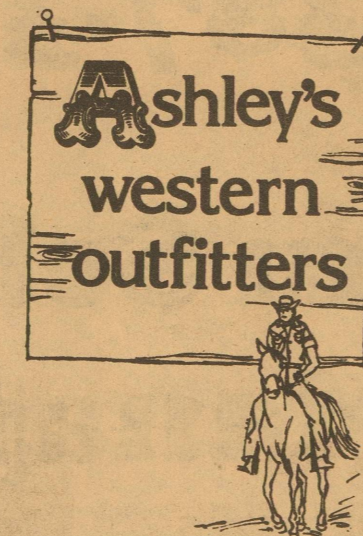


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Sen. Tower Criticizes Windfall Profits Tax

In recent years, the Administration began to relax regulation of the oil and gas industry, but turned right around and came up with a so-called "windfall profits" tax.

This windfall profits tax is a classic example of political expediency winning over sound reason and economic reality. While our source of foreign oil becomes increasingly precarious by the day, this windfall profits tax can only serve to increase our dependence on foreign oil.

While the past Administration claimed that this law would save 100,000 barrels per day of imported oil, its dampening effect on domestic production could cost the U.S. 2 million barrels a day.

In my view, if there is ever to be any prospect of the United States breaking its dangerous dependency on foreign energy, it is critical that this oil tax be phased out at the earliest possible date.

Another area of concern lies in the federal government's locking up of vast federal lands which have the potential for tremendous oil and gas discoveries.

These millions of acres of federal lands have been held hostage by the federal government. One Energy department official was quoted recently as saying "the single most important factor in finding new oil reserves is opening up unexplored territory. yet, political expediency has kept this from happening."

But I look forward to the new year with a great deal of optimism, knowing that the winds of free enterprise will begin to surface once again in our nation's capital.

And after years of decline in this vital aspect of our economy, it is certainly refreshing to see our oil and gas producers responding to the marketplace in a robust way. I pledge to continue my efforts to expand that marketplace and loosen the shackles so needlessly imposed. The consequences, from the standpoint of both our domestic economy and the country's security, are too grave to ignore.

In many ways as we face the new year, the oil and gas industry is faced with the old paradox of being in both the best of times and the worst of times.

America's oil and gas fields are brimming with activity. After 25 years of steady decline, American drillers were expected to complete more than 59,000 wells in 1980, a new record in energy exploration. And, from figures already in, the first six months of 1980 showed a jump of nearly 35 percent in the number of wells to be completed over 1979. American oil output was expected to rise by 2 percent in 1980, marking only the third increase in a decade, and the 35 percent hike in natural gas reserves recorded in 1979 was the largest jump in a dozen years.

Equally important, this new born in oil and gas activity is coming at a time when the OPEC countries are beginning to let out word of additional price increases and a tightening of supplies, furthering their stranglehold on the world energy picture.

So, after reeling off these rosy statistics, why would anyone feel concerned that the American energy business could be facing that other end of the paradox -- the worst of times?

Well, I'm afraid the past Administration and many

of my colleagues in Congress still have not learned the important lesson in Congress still have not learned the important in light of a partial loosening of the grip of federal controls -- a lesson that is staring them right in the face.

For this drilling boom is yet another example of an old economic law: when price rise, producers will attempt to increase their output.

Hopefully, with a new Administration and a new mood prevalent in the Congress, this basic law of economics might be listened to once again in Washington. But it will be a long, tough road and a number of roadblocks must be cleared.

Texas Democrat Congressman Kent Hance is ready to introduce his energy package for 1981. It calls for repeal of the Windfall Profit Oil Excise Tax.

If that fails, a 1,000 barrel a day exemption for independent producers and royalty owners, total stripper oil exemption and abolishing the Department of Energy.

Hance's 1,000 barrel a day producer exemption failed by only about 30 votes in 1980. He'll have more company this time.

HNG Oil Co. Prospers Since Beginnings Here In 1971

HNG Oil Co. has enjoyed great prosperity since they opened their office in Sonora in 1971.

The district office here, managed by Steve Swift, is in charge of production in Sutton, Schleicher, Sterling Irion, Crockett and Val Verde Counties. The bulk of the production is in Sutton County.

The Sonora office has a geologist who determines where a well will be drilled.

"The canyon sand in the Sonora Gas Area is extremely difficult to gauge as far as gas production is concerned," Swift said.

"In the middle of a producing field, there may be a dry hole and the well could also be another producer."

"The only way that the geologist can determine the exact location of a producing well is to study the general trends," he added.

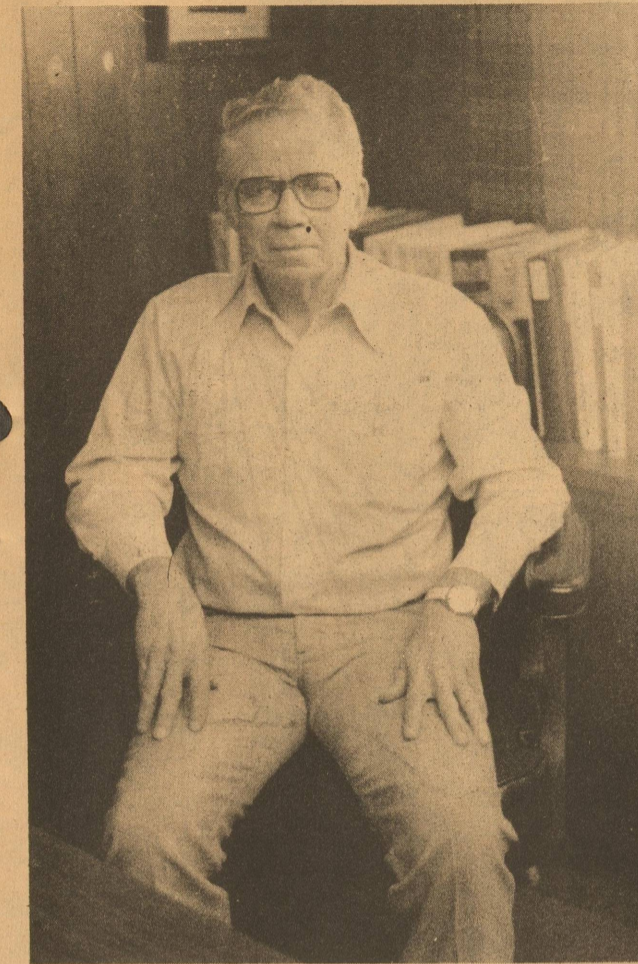
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HNG contracts most of its drilling out in this area to Tom Brown Drilling Company and Delta Drilling Company.

The company also uses services offered by a multitude of service companies in the area. These include Halliburton, Dowell, Western, Dresser, CRC Wireline, Dialog and Brittain with many other companies completing the list.

At the present time, HNG has approximately 500 producing wells in its seven-county area with most of the wells located in the Canyon Sand.

Western Celebrates 5th Year



Don Nicholson

The Eldorado Division of the Western Company of North America would be celebrating its fifth year of operation this April. The yard opened in April of 1975 under direction of district manager Don Nicholson.

Nicholson remains in this position with J.L. White as maintenance supervisor and Jerry Edmiston as operations supervisor. Nicholson has been with Western over 30 years. White has been with the company for about eight years and Edmiston has been with the company for five and a half years.

Sales representatives for the Eldorado division are Bob Cramer, Victor Gutierrez and Bruce Lambert. Kenneth Hight, Sam McClure, Monroe Dacy and Juan Montalvo are service supervisors and all are Eldorado natives.

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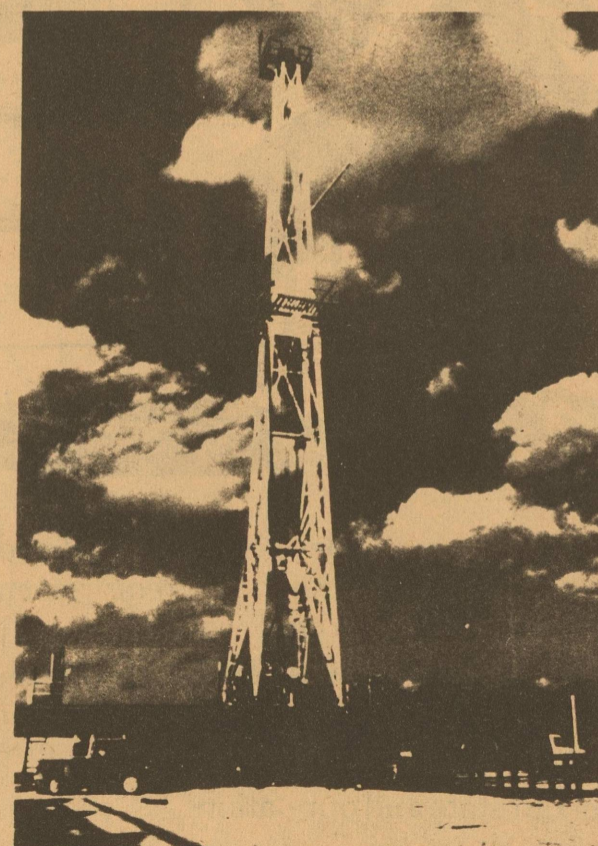
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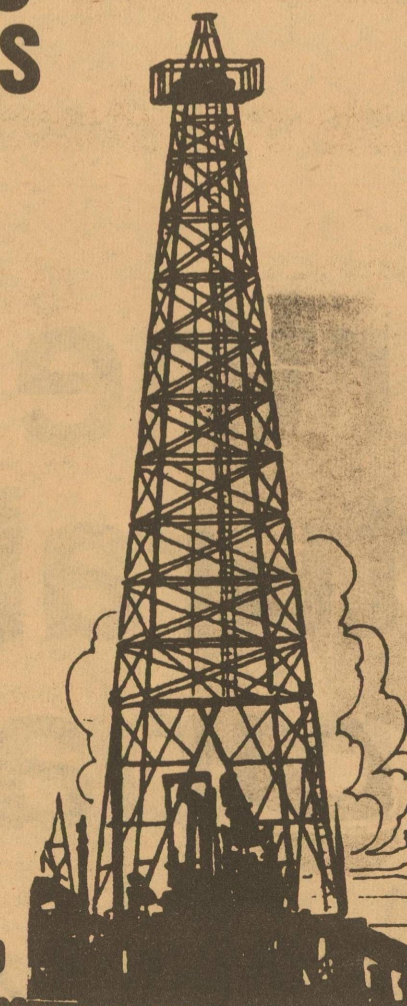
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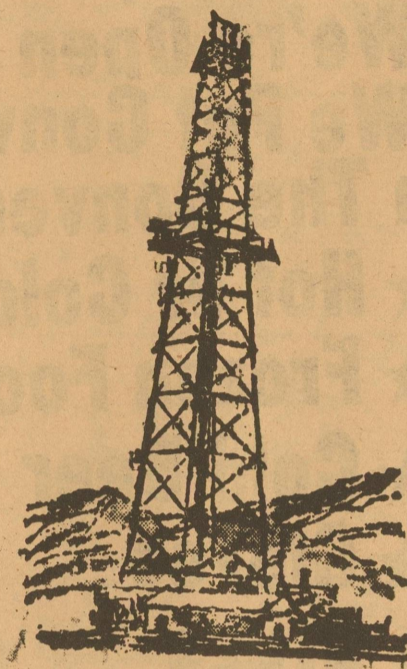
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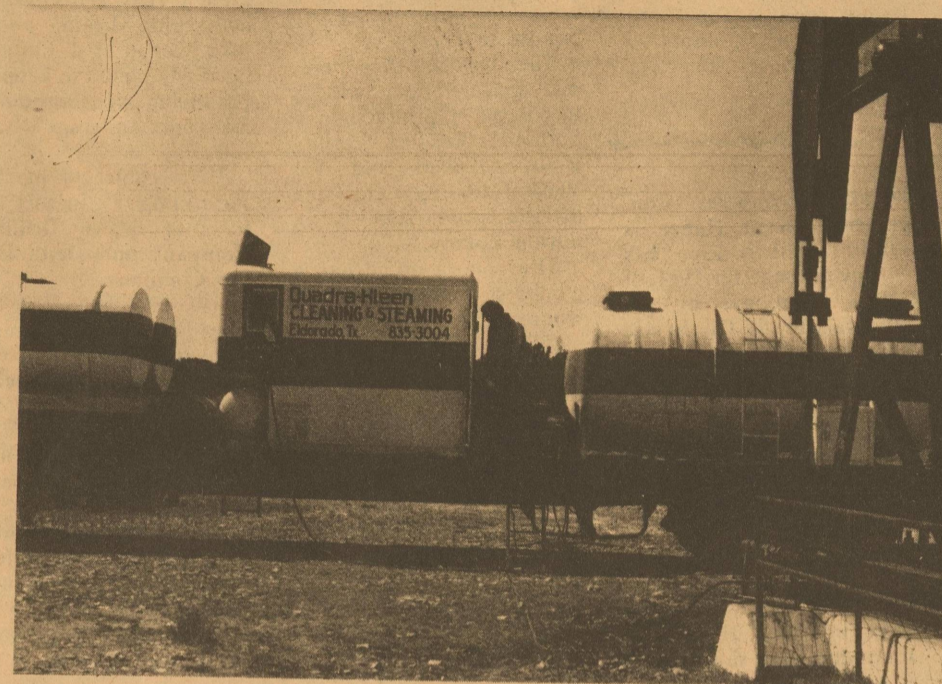
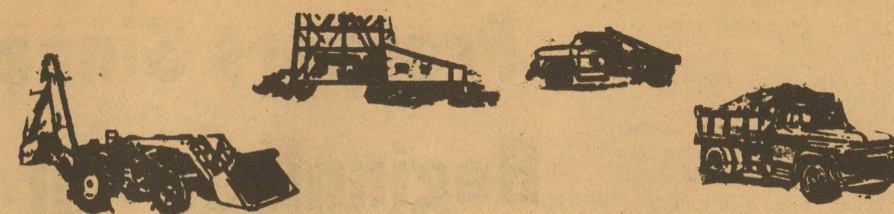
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Butler began operations in Ozona in the spring of 1977 and opened the Eldorado office in June of the same year.

Along with Butler is his daughter, Barbara Cosper, who is office manager and her husband, Don, store manager. Cynthia Sauer is bookkeeper and Butler's son, Ray works part-time for the business.

The company carries oil-field supplies, including name brand valves and wellheads, tube line well fittings, forged steel fiber-fittings, forged steel fittings, and miscellaneous pumper supplies. They carry fiberglass and steel tanks, and all sizes of pipe. A wide assortment of hand-tools, including Blackhawk, are in stock along with coolers and water cans.

A complete Trico Pump shop was installed in 1980. The shop has new pumps and a trained repairman to

rebuild, repair, and redress old pumps.

Butler Supply Company has a 24-hour call including holidays and company trucks are radio-equipped.

Butler is a native of San Angelo and has lived in Eldorado for 12 years. Prior to the oilfield supply business in 1977, he owned a truck farm.

Cosper, is also a native of San Angelo. He and Barbara have two children, Clint and Christine.

Ray Butler has a son, Clay.

Shurley Owns Abest Const.

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Barbara Cooper Don Cooper

Abest employees are on 24-hour call and all the units are two-way radio equipped.

The locally owned com-

pany has also recently added central heating and air conditioner repair and service and welcomes all business.

Application List Climbs to 31,165

The Railroad Commission's Natural Gas Policy Act Section reported that as of Jan. 15 Texas oil and gas operators have filed 31,165 applications for determinations of new gas well production categories under the federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

The Commission initiated the well classification program in December 1978 pursuant to NGPA mandate and guidelines set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Under the federal rules and corresponding RRC policies, the section is responsible for processing applications are reviewed through section statistical checklists and are brought before the Commission for action.

Through Jan. 15, the Commission has approved 23,296 applications for the requested NGPA producing categories, according to the section report. Seven applications have been denied.

A total of 21,495 applications have been transmitted to the FERC. The federal agency has the power to reverse or remand applications acted on the transmitted by the RRC. Another 1,378 applications are in a microfilming status before being sent to the FERC.

The NGPA Section report

gives the following breakdown of categories applied for by operators and those finally approved by the Commission:

1) 11,036 applications for determinations under NGPA Section 108 for stripper well natural gas from wells producing an average of no more than 60,000 cubic feet per production day. The Commission has approved 9,797 applications.

2) 13,679 applications for determinations under Section 102 (C) (1) (C) -- wells drilled in new onshore reservoirs. A total of 1,859 have been approved.

4) 1,412 applications for determination under Section 102 (C) (1) (B) -- gas from wells meeting distance requirements from other wells. A total of 638 applications have been approved.

5) 148 applications for determinations under Section 107 -- high cost gas wells drilled after Feb. 19, 1977 and completed at a depth below 15,000 feet. Eighty-three of the Section 107 applications have been approved by the Commission.

6) 464 applications for Section 107 (C) (5) -- gas from formations described as tight sands. Two of these applications have been approved by the Commission.

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Wallace Seeks Training Program

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace raised a plea for a minimum-effort program of technical training, research and development that would give America an energy base from which to wipe out the threat to national security from "overdependence on foreign oil suppliers."

To "extract the nation from a vise of energy and technical personnel shortages, the senior member of Texas' energy and transportation regulatory agency told a statewide oil and gas hearing audience, "I am calling for our country to invest in a crash program of research and development, and for the training of engineers."

In the face of "a tremendous shortage of scientific and technological manpower," Wallace noted that the U.S. graduates only one engineer to every six graduated by the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, he reported "the National Science Foundation and the (federal) Department of Education project substantial shortages in technically educated professionals and

skilled labor in the United States--and by 1990, a 47 percent shortage of industrial engineers, an 87 percent shortage of statistical professionals, and an 80 percent shortage of computer professionals."

Wallace said America is relying on Mideast sources for a major portion of its oil supplies while the U.S. public lands holding 50 percent of the country's remaining energy potential are contributing only 15 percent of the nation's supply.

U.S. energy policies for three decades, said Wallace, have left the country without enough oil for national security.

"The rebirth of the spirit of our nation to get us out of this mess depends not on debate, discussions, and more laws," he maintained. "Rather, it depends on the will of the American people to set about building an energy base."

Wallace said universities and colleges must be sufficiently funded to conduct advanced research and development of oil and gas recovery systems, includ-

ing those that will allow us to recover all of the oil still in the ground here at home."

Last year's boom in domestic oil and gas drilling--62,000 new wells and record active rig counts exceeding 3,300--must be sustained and expanded, the Texas energy official contended.

Wallace urged energy hunters to recapture their exploratory zeal and disregard pessimists' claims that domestic oil and gas resources are virtually exhausted. He noted that the Overthrust Belt in the northern Rockies, currently the nation's most significant oil and gas trend, was discounted as a petroleum province only a few years ago before being tested and drilled in the past decade.

Wallace said he is convinced that a bright future is ahead of the U.S. in the development of its energy resources. It is essential that we "signal to the entire world our total commitment to full production of all our resources," he added.

Wallace said he is buoyed by reports that labor, political and business leaders, and spokesmen for civil rights organizations are calling for a national policy of accelerated domestic energy production.

"Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People, said in a statement last week that all forms of domestic energy need to be exploited because rising fuel costs are hurting the poor," Wallace cited.

Wallace noted that Hooks, Alexander Trowbridge, co-chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Wisconsin Gov. Lee Sherman Dreyfuss--speaking for 200 civic, industry, labor and government groups--have announced plans for an American Energy Week public education program for March 15-21 to stress U.S. energy self-sufficiency and more domestic production.

In congratulating the groups, Wallace observed that they had made the linkage between oil and gas exploration and unemployment, high energy prices, international respect, and national defense.

Nugent Named

Texas Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent was elected chairman of the Energy and Transportation Regulatory Agency, January 2, in Austin.

Nugent was recently elected to a two-year term on the Commission in the November 4th elections.

Also serving on the Railroad Commission is Mack Wallace of Athens and newly elected Commissioner, Buddy Temple of Diboll.

Pool President Announces New Thrust Against Oilfield Theft

David W. Biegler, President of Pool Well Servicing Company, announced Jan 12 that Pool is joining forces with a growing number of oil field equipment manufacturers, service companies and trade associations which have pledged to offer rewards and vigorously pursue the arrest and conviction of oil field equipment thieves.

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Biegler announced that Pool Well Servicing Company has ensured that its equipment is marked with identifying numbers. It is now offering rewards for information leading either to arrest and conviction of the offenders or to recovery of the equipment stolen from the company. He further stated that every effort will be made to prosecute the thieves regardless of cost.

Pool Well Servicing Company currently operates more than 280 rigs in Texas, California, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Wyoming.

Sutton Specialties Offers Power Line Work, Roustabouts

Sutton Specialties, owned by Tommy Shook and Larry Maddux is a two faceted company which is composed of power line contracting and roustabout crews.

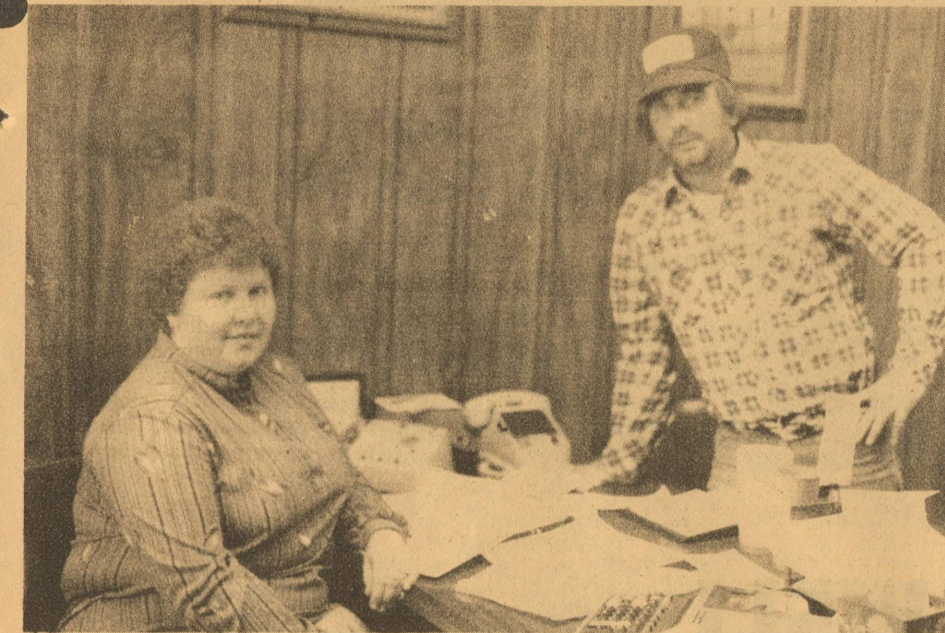
Shook, who was raised in Junction and Sonora, is in charge of the power line

contracting. The company builds lines for Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and oil field industries. There are 14 employees who operate hole diggers, cranes and bucket trucks.

There are 13 employees under Maddux's directions who do general oil field construction operating cen-

tralizers and float equipment. He also sells Pathfinder and Rector equipment.

Shook is married and has two children, Lance and Shawna. Maddux lives in Junction. He and his wife have two children, Jeff and Melanie.



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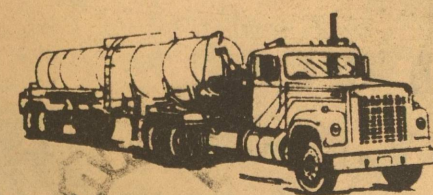
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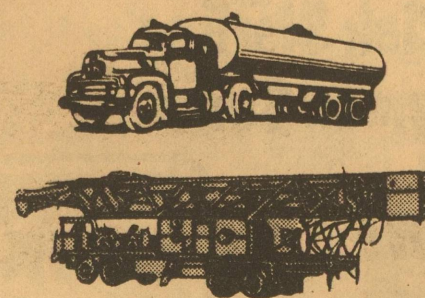
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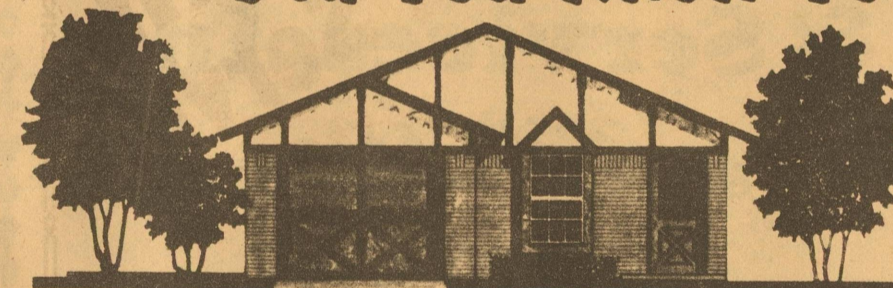


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