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Chicken Pox...

Not

A Respector

of Age

by Shirley Hill
Chicken pox, an acute contagious disease usually prevalent among young children, is sweeping through Sonora Schools, and strange as it may seem, is striking out at high school children.

Dr. Elroy Otte, high school principal, said Tuesday that he had five high school students out with chicken pox which keeps them out of school for approximately one and one half weeks. Students are not allowed to come back until all scabs have disappeared.

In junior high, only one case of the disease has been reported. In fact,

Smith Neal, junior high principal says that the flu epidemic that swept the schools seemed to go the easiest on the junior high age student.

Neal says he feels that the weather has been the main factor in the severe absenteeism that has been plaguing local schools.

Dr. Otte stated that high school absenteeism went as high as 12 percent of the student body at times during the flu outbreak which also left him short of teachers from time to time.

Grade school, which is usually the most severely affected, had a total of 38 absent Tuesday and 53 the

day before, which according to Principal Harold Miller, is not at all bad.

As for chicken pox in grade school, Miller stated that there were a number of cases of the disease but how many he was not sure. Absenteeism in the grade school had run as high as 79 a couple of weeks ago Miller continued.

All in all, whether the nice warm weather, or the tender loving care of doctors, nurses, and mothers being the reason, students are beginning to get back to the grind, although dripping noses and not-so-rosy cheeks are quite evident.

World Day of Prayer Meets Set

There will be two observances of World Day of Prayer in Sonora on Friday, March 4. The first observance will be at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, and the second will be at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist

Church.

World Day of Prayer has been observed on the first Friday in Lent for ninety years, and the program each year is planned by the women of a different country. This year the women of the German

Democratic Republic have planned the program, with the title "Love in Action."

Everyone is cordially invited to come to one of these services as a way of beginning your observance of Lent, the preparation period for Easter.

Blood Drive Underway

Blood donations for the replacement of blood for Sam Odom will be accepted Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. in the basement of the First Methodist

Church.

The Blood Service Blood Mobile will credit the donations to the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, where Odom recently received open heart surgery.

Families of blood donors will be covered for six months for blood replacements through the special Blood Services program.



Sonora's 4-H livestock judging team won the third place overall judging trophy and the first place beef judging award at the recent Angelo State University Livestock Judging Contest. Team members (left to right) Preston Love, Jr., Mark Van Hoozer, Tammy Van Hoozer and Clay Friess, competed against teams from around the state, including junior and senior colleges.

This Week's DEVIL

Congressman Krueger on Natural Gas Problem (see page 10)

City Delivery Starts Next Week (see page 10)

Ranch News (see page 7)

Coming Next Week
Texas Independence Day

Weather

Compiled by Pat Brown

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
February 15	T 58	30	
February 16		70	28
February 17		78	27
February 18		83	31
February 19		81	27
February 20		83	27
February 21		69	31

Rainfall for the month, .65; rainfall for the year, .80.

District Food Show Winners Released

Sutton County was well represented this past Saturday at the District 13 4-H Food Show in Uvalde. Approximately 19 people made the trip to support the 4-H'ers.

In the Preteen Division, the results were as follows: Main Dish Class, Cathy Doran, red ribbon; Side Dish Class, Lora Lea Kordzik, blue ribbon; and Snacks and Beverage Class, Tessa Joy, white ribbon.

The Junior Division results were: Breads and Desserts, Tracy Brownlee, white ribbon; and Snacks and Beverages, Clara Arredondo, white ribbon.

Traveling with these 4-H'ers were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Doran, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kordzik, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Brownlee, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pendleton, Mrs. Trevlin Luttrell, Jody Luttrell, Trudy Dell Taylor, Bonnie Jackson, Susan Moore, and Lois Ivy.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY

Classes will be dismissed all day Monday, February 28 for a teacher workshop. Regular classes will be resumed on Tuesday morning.

Carmen San Miguel Makes Dean's List

Maria del Carmen San Miguel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. San Miguel of Sonora, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1976 fall semester at Sul Ross State University.

Ms. San Miguel is a junior majoring in Spanish. She is among 250 students named to the list by the University's Academic Affairs Office.

Garrett Named Jaycee Head

Jim Garrett was named president of the Jaycees when they met recently. Other officers elected were Herb Jones, vice president; Barry Black, secretary; and Ben Montgomery, treasurer.

Directors of the organization will be elected at a later time.

Rifle Team Members Sought

All boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 19 years old who have been certified under the Hunters Safety Program and would like to participate in the Sutton County 4-H Senior Rifle team, will meet at 1 p.m., Monday, February 28 at the firing range.

The range is located by the cemetery.

If you have any questions contact Mr. Rodney Knight at 387-3068 or the County Extension Office.

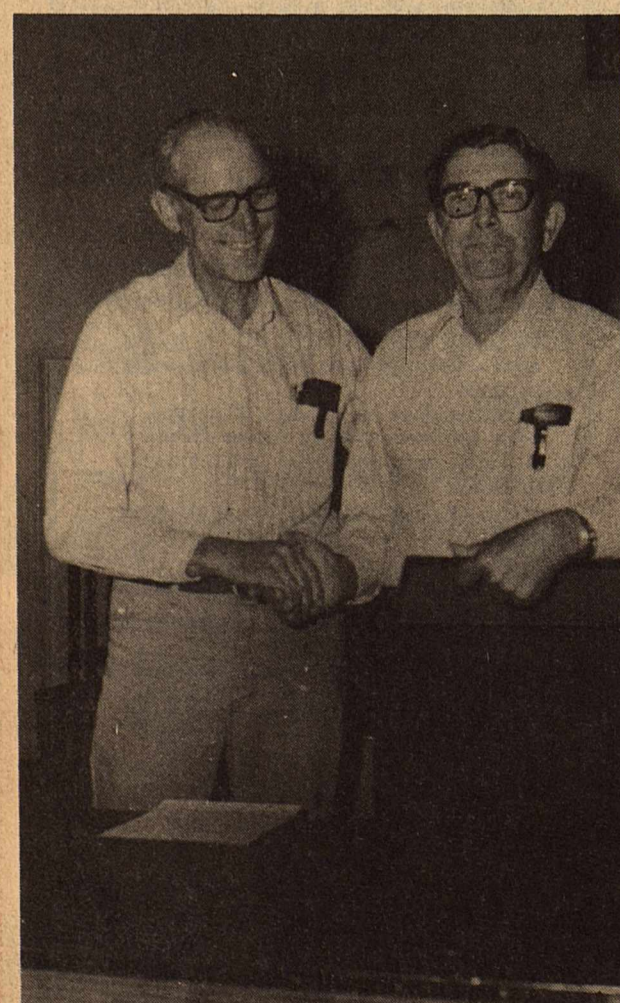
Barbecue Place To Open Soon

Remodeling is going on at Fred Adkins' building located on Main and Crockett Streets, in the building that formerly housed a hamburger and barbecue diner.

Adkins says that Charles Connolly of San Angelo, operator of McIntire's Restaurant, is opening a barbecue eatery that will be called Chuck's Barbecue.



Brownies hosted members of the 60 Plus Club last week with a reception at the Scout Hut. Pictured are Leslie Webster, Tracey Hulsey, Katherine Mathews, Stacey Miller, Tina Hulsey, and Mary Bea Huckaby.



A special Texas Agricultural Extension Service Award was presented Tuesday afternoon to W. B. McMillan (right) for his outstanding service to the 4-H program. Sutton County Extension Agent Clint Langford made the presentation at the 4-H Program Building Committee meeting. McMillan has held numerous volunteer duties in the program for the past 30 years and is now building committee chairman.

Special History Course Stresses Local Heritage

A special history course at Sonora High School will emphasize local heritage and events, with participating students performing the research.

Mrs. Gwen Kordzik, high school teacher, explained the program to the Downtown Lions Club and requested help from Sutton County residents.

"Our students will be contacting you for interviews and will be asking you what you know about our local history and heritage," Mrs. Kordzik commented.

The quarter semester course for high school students of all four grades is designed to show the young people how their lives are affected by experiences and events of history through personal contacts.

A slide presentation will be prepared as an end of semester project to show

what the students have learned about their local history.

Clear, Warm, Dry...

The National Weather Service long-range outlook for Sutton County calls for continued dry and warm... Some might call it hot, with temperatures ranging from the high 70s and low 80s Friday through Sunday. The lows during the period should be in the 40s. No rain, clear skies and brisk winds.

Marijuana Charges Filed

Johnny Joe Factor, 19, of Eldorado, appeared in County Court Monday morning and was assessed a \$300 fine and ninety days in jail, probated for one year.

Factor was arrested Sunday night by City Police Chief Jerry Kemp and Officer Brent Gesch and charged with possession of marijuana.

The vehicle driven by Factor was traveling west on Concho Street when first observed. An attempt to stop the vehicle was unsuccessful and officers observed an occupant of the car attempting to dump some substance out of a sack. The vehicle was stopped and occupants searched. Factor was found with marijuana in his coat pocket.

Other subjects in the vehicle were released.

Tyler Purchases Smoke House

D.M. Tyler, of Stephenville and a former Sonoran, has purchased the Branding Iron Smoke House from Freeman Mearns and has taken over as owner and manager.

Tyler, who worked for three years at Sonora Wool and Mohair, moved to Rockspings where he was engaged in the mohair buying trade and later moved to Stephenville, to enter the insurance business.

His wife Barbara, (the former Barbara Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Wright) and two children Tanna, 11, and

Marshal, 8, will be moving to Sonora following the end of the school year.

Mearns, who has owned and operated the Smoke House the past twelve years, stated that after a short rest, he will seek employment.

Assisting Tyler in the management of the Smoke House is Dick Marsden of Brady who is a recent graduate of Tarleton State University, holding a degree in Agricultural Education.

Tyler stated that he intends to extend the same service extended by Mearns.

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The Beef People

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USDA Choice Beef **Boneless Rump Roast** Lb. **\$1.98**

USDA Choice Beef **Top Round Steak** Lb. **\$1.98**
Edrich Fully Cooked **Smoked Sausage** Lb. **\$1.49**
Kold Kountry **Fish N' Chips** Lb. **89¢**

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USDA Choice Beef **Tenderloin** Whole in Cry-o-Vac 5-7 Lbs. Lb. **\$2.49**

USDA Choice Beef Chuck **Boneless Steak** Lb. **\$1.39**

W/D Premium Quality **Sliced Bacon** 1-Lb. Pkg. **\$1.29**

Turbot **Fish Fillets** Lb. **99¢**

W/D Reg. or Beef **Bologna** Lb. **99¢**

Frozen Foods
Kold Kountry **Cut Corn Mixed Vegetables Sweet Peas** 2 20-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**

Taterlan Shoestring Potatoes 3 20-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**

Swanson **Pot Pies** 3 8-oz. **\$1**
Chicken Beef Turkey

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Country Fresh Indiv. Wrap American **Cheese Food Slices** 12-oz. Pkg. **99¢**
Country Fresh **Cinnamon Rolls** 2 9 1/2-oz. Cans **\$1.00**
Kraft Cheese Food **Velveeta** 32-oz. Loaf **\$1.99**

More Big Savings
Thrifty Maid **Tomato Soup** 6 10 1/2-oz. Cans **\$1**
Astor **Instant Potatoes** 2-Lb. Can **\$1.29**
Kimbell Whole Green **Asparagus Spears** 19-oz. Can **99¢**

Johnson's **Baby Shampoo** 11-oz. **\$1.19**

All Purpose **Light Crust Flour** 5-Lb. Bag **49¢**

Thrifty Maid Elbow Macaroni or **Spaghetti** 3 16-oz. Pkgs. **\$1.00**
Crackin' Good **Toaster Pastries** 2 10-oz. Pkgs. **\$1.00**

Deep South Crunchy or Smooth **Peanut Butter** 28-oz. Jar **99¢**

Astor **Fruit Cocktail** 3 16-oz. Cans **\$1**

Kimbell **Blackeye Peas** 4 15-oz. Cans **\$1.00**
Kraft **Orange Juice** Half Gal. **\$1.25**

Thrifty Maid **Corn** Cream Style or Whole Kernel 4 16-oz. Cans **\$1**

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Kimbell **Aluminum Foil** 3 12" x 25" Roll **\$1.00**

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Kountry Fresh Blackberry or **Strawberry Jelly** 18-oz. Jar **79¢**
Kraft Tangy **Spaghetti Dinner** 8-oz. Pkg. **43¢**

Kraft **Miracle Whip** 16-oz. Jar **67¢**

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Arrow Asst. Colors **Paper Towels** 3 Big Rolls **\$1**

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Dinty Moore **Beef Stew** 24-oz. Can **99¢**

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Sunkist Extra Large **Lemons** 10 For **\$1.00**
California **Avocados** 3 For **\$1.00**
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More Big Savings
Thrifty Maid Tomato **Juice** 2 48-oz. Cans **\$1.00**
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Boneless
Rump Roast lb. **\$1.39**

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Heavy Beef
Round Steak
1 lb. **\$1.19**

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18 oz
jar **67¢**

Wishbone
**Italian
Dressing**
8 oz
btl **49¢**

Duncan
**Hines Cake
Mixes**
18 oz
box **59¢**

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**Saltine
Crackers**
1 lb
box **59¢**

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7 oz **99¢**

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Cold Capsules 10 ct **\$1.49**

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Coors Beer
6 pk **\$1.49**

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Pork 'n' Beans
4 15 oz cans **\$1**

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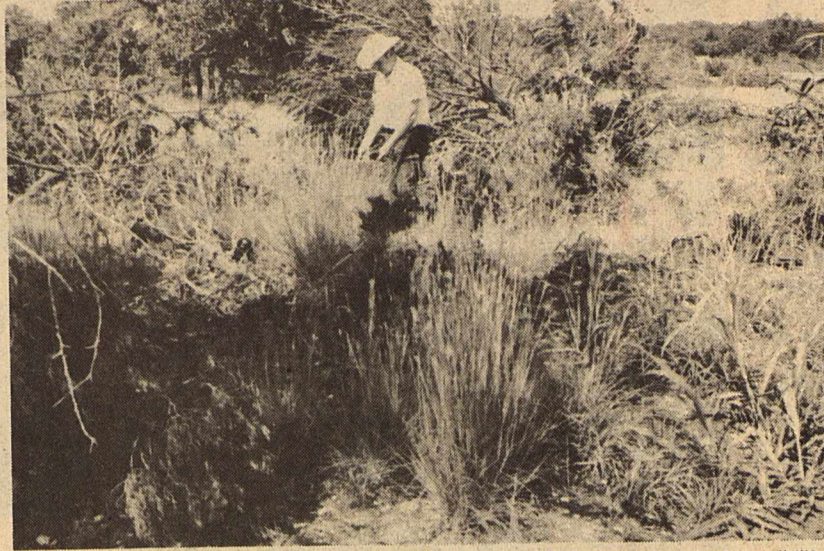


**FOOD
CENTER**

Sutton County Ranch News



Philip Pring Ranch, selective dozing gets rid of unwanted brush, but leaves food and cover for wildlife.



Virgil Polceck, district conservationist, finds reseeded areas abundant in wildlife and prime for livestock grazing.

Time for Dozing Cedar, Brushes

by Joe Bill Averitt
Now is the time for ranchers to think about dozing cedar and mixed brush in pastures where brush is a problem. Not only is brush control a tax deductible item but it will help in ranch operations by: allowing workhands to keep livestock in sight when rounding up, increase livestock grazing area by allowing grass to grow where cedar trees were growing, and improve wildlife habitat by selective dozing and removing unwanted brush and keeping the more desirable browse plants.

Dozing cedar in Sutton County runs from \$14 - \$24 an acre

depending on density of brush and roughness of an area. With normal ranch operations a brush control program can be set up where once brush is removed from a pasture, regular control maintenance will keep brush from coming back. This type of practice will also give ranchers a chance to reseed poor or fair areas to high productive grasses and improved forage plants.

There are cost share programs in Sutton County which are set up to help the rancher do brush work and reseeding areas to grass. For more information contact your Soil Conservation Service located in the First National Bank Building.

Fred Campbell's Wool and Mohair Report

Within the past week, there has been very little change in prices paid in the major wool markets. The markets in Southern Hemisphere countries such as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and sheep producing countries of South America are still showing some sluggishness following a slight decline in prices in late January. In the U.S. shearing continues in Arizona, California and Idaho. Limited sales have occurred in these

states. Prices paid have been mostly .70 to .80 on a grease basis with clean prices very similar to a year ago. Most projections on wool usage are encouraging. Demand for wool products at retail is good and indications are that this will continue. Woolen products are selling better than worsted and this is being reflected in the stronger demand for coarser and shorter types of wool.

The mohair market has shown some signs of life this week. As shearing of Angora goats becomes more active, so has the interest in mohair. Prices are still strong and about on the same level as prices paid recently. Adult is selling on a quality basis from 3.05 to 3.25 per pound, young goat will bring from 3.40 to 3.80 and spring kids from 4.25 to 4.40. The demand seems strongest for the finer types.

Local Ranchers Attend Governor's Conference

A group of ranchers from Sutton County will be among the more than 1,000 producers from across Texas participating in the Governor's conference on "Mission

'77: Stamp Out Screwworms," in Austin February 24. The special conference has been called by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to launch a campaign to eradicate screwworms from Texas in 1977, points out Clint Langford, County Extension Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

Anyone desiring additional information concerning the program should contact the County Agents Office. The conference program will feature a welcome by Gov. Briscoe, remarks by a representative of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the Mexico Secretary of Agriculture, and discussions on various phases of the screwworm eradication program by officials of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, the Texas Animal Health Commission, the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Mission Screwworm Lab.

According to Langford, the special campaign is being launched this year because the potential is high for dealing a final death blow to screwworms, those flesh-eating pest that cause millions of dollars in losses to livestock producers each year. Three factors exist that can make this special eradication effort a reality:

Rambouillet
Field Day
Set Mar. 17

Weighting and shearing of the special Rambouillet ram test group was conducted last week at the Experiment Station. Results of the test will be released at the March 17 Field Day at the station.

--The cold winter will reduce the number of screwworm flies this spring. --The new screwworm plant in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, which opened last July will double the sterile fly production capacity. --A new strain of sterile flies has been developed which should be a significant improvement over earlier flies. Overall, the campaign is designed to create a new vigilance on the part of livestock producers in handling and treating livestock so that the screwworm can be completely eliminated from Texas. The goal is within reach if everyone does his part, contends the County Agent.

Laws Pose Biggest Problems for Ranchers

In our increasingly complex society, agricultural producers are learning that the greatest problems they face are not always those posed by nature, but by people -- while natural laws have remained constant and basic, laws created by man change frequently and become more and more capricious.

Much of the discussion during the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Tri-Annual Meeting in Austin concerned itself with this problem. Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe offered an excellent example in his address at the meeting.

"Having gotten into the eagle situation a bit," he remarked, "I am familiar not only with the difficulty of raising a kid and lamb crop, but also the difficulty of dealing with the Federal bureaucracy in trying to do so."

Briscoe, of course, was referring to federal laws limiting control of predatory eagles, but the problem is not confined to the feathered feasters.

Federal involvement in land use control is one area that concerns agricultural producers, and Tax and Labor Committee chairman Joe Mertz outlined new developments in this area.

Mertz said that Congressman Morris Udall, chairman of the House Interior Committee, has increased the size of the committee and restructured the sub-committees.

"All the new members," said Mertz, "are environmentalists or conservationists. We will have no chance of defeating these bills in committee any more."

With the Federal penchant for overkill, sheep and goat raisers, not to mention other producers, may someday face very detailed Federal control of their activities on their own land, all in the name of protecting agricultural land from urban sprawl.

Federal estate tax provisions are greatly to blame for the loss of productive land in the first place.

One Federal law, however, received offhand and relative approval by Mertz. While agriculture as a whole has fought inclusion under the National Labor Relations Act, Mertz pointed out that a recent California State Law gives union organizers free access to private lands for the purpose of unionizing workers.

Annual Animal Conference

The Third Texas Animal Agriculture Conference will be held in the J. Earl Rudder Center April 4 and 5. The General Session held on Monday morning starting at 9:20 will have as a theme "A Look Into the Future."

We have asked Dr. Coleman Hensley, President of Identronix, Inc. of Santa Cruz, California to talk about electronic identification and management for livestock.

He will be followed by General James R. Rose, Director-Water Development Board, Austin who will talk about water supply and water quality in the state of Texas.

The future of antibiotics and livestock feeding in the future is one of our big questions. Dr. Jacob Mosier, Head of the Department of Surgery and Medicine, Kansas State University, will discuss this subject. He has served as Chairman of the Subcommittee of the FDA Advisory Committee which looked into the future use of antibiotics.

The Beef Research and Information Act will also be discussed. Mr. J.D. Sartwell, Texas Chairman of the Beef Development Task Force and Dr. Ernie Davis, Chairman of the Extension Committee in Making Plans for the Educational Program for the Beef Referendum will be the speakers.

Following the General Session Monday morning, there will be Horse, Swine, Dairy and Beef Short Courses. Included in the Beef Short Course will be a half a day program from the Pasture and Forage Section and another half day program from Range and Wildlife.

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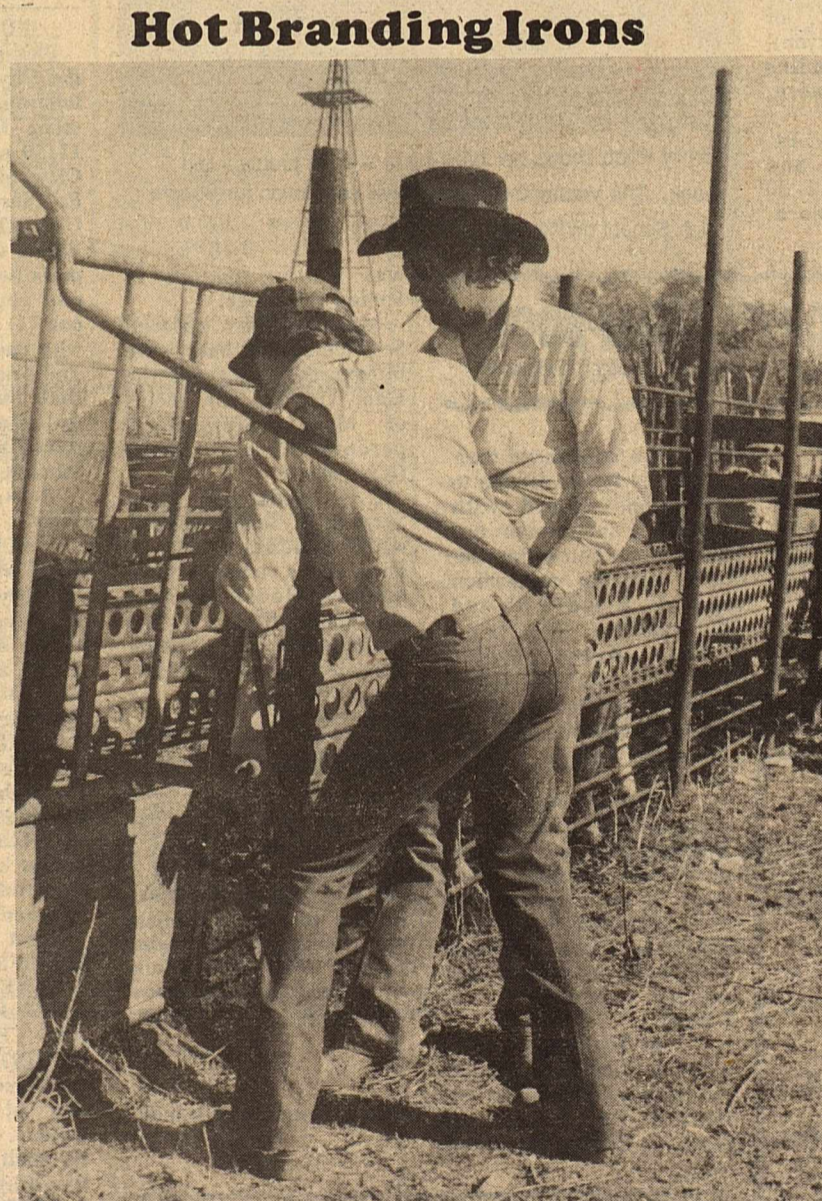
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Cub Scout Pack 19 met February 9 for its monthly meeting and receiving of awards. Pictured are Scouts Joe Sneed, Danny Samaniego, Ronnie Wright, Curt Kneese, Daryl Toerck, Heath Belk and Terry Duren.

City Subscribers Due Doorstep Delivery

Starting with the March 2 edition, the Devil's River News will be delivered to the doorsteps of city subscribers on Wednesday afternoon.

Subscribers who live in the city limits and who now receive their newspaper at the post office, should complete the form on page 2 and return it to the Devil's River News.

"There are still a number of subscribers who have not responded to our survey," publisher Wesley W. Burnett explains.

"We have selected carriers for the city routes and have given them a list of their subscribers," Burnett adds, "however, we know there are some subscribers who haven't responded to our survey."

Burnett also points out that the city carriers will be canvassing their routes in the next few weeks.

"Our carriers will be asking you to subscribe to the Devil's River News. We're offering our newspaper carriers a handsome bonus for each new subscriber they sign up,"

Burnett comments.

Non-subscribers may note that there is a substantial savings by signing up as a subscriber. The newsstand price for the Devil's River News is 20 cents per issue, and on an annual basis the weekly newspaper costs less than

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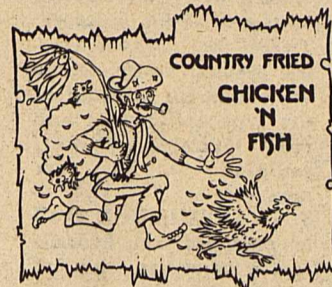
"We believe this is one of the all-time bargains in today's high-cost of living," Burnett emphasizes, "a community newspaper for less than half the cost of a cup of coffee...in my book that's a real deal," he concludes.

Park Board Elects Officers

Virgil Poloczek was named chairman of the Community Park Board when they met last week.

Other officers named were Joe Friess, vice chairman; Tom Elaine Whitehead, secretary; and Connie Malik, treasurer.

Poloczek stated that committees will be named later this month after a meeting with park officials.



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Bob Krueger's Weekly Report

"The Winter of Our Discontent"

For the past several weeks, the Congress and the American people have been grappling with the question of what to do about the natural gas shortages currently being experienced in the many regions of our country. Last year, in one of the warmest winters experienced by our country in twenty years, many representatives from these areas were saying there was no gas shortage. Their statements formed part of the opposition to the bill I had proposed at that time to deregulate the price of natural gas at the well-head. The bill lost in the House by the narrowest of margins.

Since that time, however, we have seen that, in fact, there is a natural gas shortage. Buffalo, New York, has had over 12 feet of snow this winter, with no relief in sight. Factories are closing, schools are closing, and in some cases, people have died because the weather was so bad. In an effort to meet this problem, the Carter Administration has proposed, and the Congress has adopted, legislation which will permit emergency sales of intrastate gas to "distressed pipelines" on the interstate market; that is, those systems which lack gas.

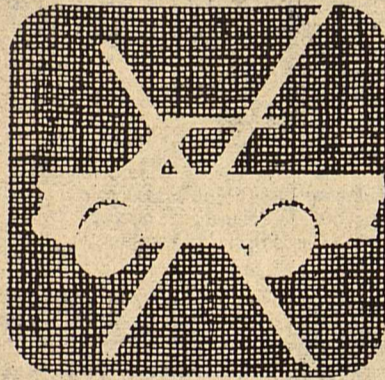
In the House version of the bill, I supported two amendments (one which I authored) which would protect Texas consumers from unnecessary price increases for their gas. There was possibility that this could happen under the Carter bill because of too much demand for the very small supplies available for emergency purchase, and the so-called "redetermination clauses" of natural gas contracts which might be triggered by higher prices resulting from this distortion of free market economies.

Unfortunately, those amendments were stricken from the final version of the bill even though we had successfully fought to have them attached on the House floor. Because they were no longer a part of the final bill, I voted against that legislation. It is not right for Texans to suffer because of the poor planning and unwise judgment of the other states. I do not object to, and in fact am in favor of, other states receiving natural gas. I do think, however, that they should pay the price we pay, and that we should not be forced to again pay unduly high prices in order to

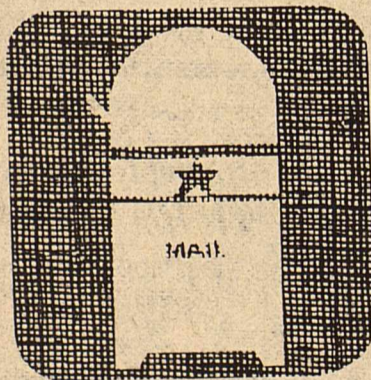
subsidize them.

The only long-term solution to the natural gas shortage is going to be a return to the simple application of market economics. Had we done that a few years ago, we might still be facing a difficult situation this year, but it would not be as serious as it is now. For the time being, we should follow the President's advice in conservation matters, and do our best to see that a long-term solution may be legislated in the coming months.

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