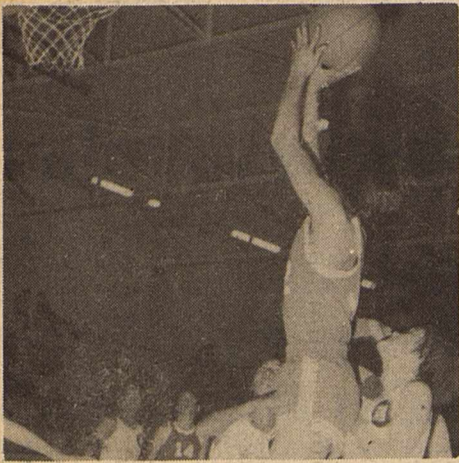


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School Board Rehires Coach Bundy

High School Principal Released

In executive session Tuesday the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District discussed personnel and re-newed Bill Bundy's contract as athletic director.

Dr. Elroy Otte, high school principal, was notified that his contract with the school system had not been renewed. Dr. Joe Andrews told the News Tuesday night, "The board had a number of

crucial decisions to make and it is never easy to come by some of them but what is best for our school system is what the board tries to arrive at in the end."

Other contracts renewed by the board were those of Ed Martinez, band director; Smith Neal, junior high principal, and Harold Miller, elementary school principal.

Ms. Jane Thompson was

hired to teach second grade.

Action was taken by the board on several other issues including the dressing rooms under consideration at the football field.

Dr. Joe Andrews presented preliminary plans to the board that would utilize space east of the present dressing rooms. General plans with some alterations were approved.

Estimated cost of the project is \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Plans for a bus garage were submitted with an estimated cost of \$43,800.00 for a building. No site for such building has been chosen at this time although some 18 acres located behind the football field is under speculation. Board members asked Dr. Andrews to ask for bids on the building and delayed making a decision on land until a price could be reached.

Bills payable were approved and the superintendent's report was made. Andrews told the board that the present enrollment was down from the beginning of school but this was normal as most enrollment starts decreasing in December. Presently high school students number 283; junior high, 289, and elementary, 597.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton, head of the school cafeteria, said in a letter to the board, that the free breakfast program, which becomes mandatory in

1978-79 will provide a meal of milk, juice, bread or cereal to students eligible. She suggested that the last six weeks of the present school year might be a good time to start the program to see how many man hours will be involved and other changes that may arise. There are at present some 400 plus students in the school system eligible for the free lunch program and of these she expects at least 250 to take advantage of the free breakfast.

Regulations state that if more than 10 percent of the entire enrollment are on the free lunch program the breakfast program must also be available.

Board members also reviewed the improvement projects underway which includes the remodeling of the old gymnasium with completion expected in late August; the new vocational building with a May, 1978 expected completion; new athletic field house facilities which were under discussion earlier in the meeting, and a new

junior high school building. Board members expect to receive bids and award contracts for the building construction in June with completion in July, 1979.

Dr. Andrews suggested to the board that next year's school term should begin on Tuesday, September 5 so that the last week in August may be used for teacher in-service training. The board gave its tentative approval.

Approval was given for the Manpower Agency of (Continued on page 14)

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Council Votes Down Rezoning Request

Sonora City Aldermen voted Monday to deny a request from O.L. Richardson, Jr. from residential to commercial to establish a veterinary clinic in the 600 block of southeast Concho Ave.

The planning and zoning commission had recommended the change following a special meeting last week.

More than a dozen citizens appeared before the council to

express their concerns about the building of the clinic in the neighborhood.

In denying the zoning change, the aldermen unanimously voted to retain the residential zoning for the block. (see related story page 2, Planning and Zoning Commission)

Mayor Norm Rousselot, upon the suggestion by alderman Doyle Morgan, appointed a three-member

committee to work directly with the First National Bank for the possible future use of the soon-to-be vacated bank building in downtown Sonora.

Rousselot appointed Morgan, City Manager Bob Nevill and City Attorney Charles Sherrill to serve on the committee. They are to meet with bank officers and make a recommendation to the council as to details for the use of the building.

Aldermen also heard from a representative of Chorpene, Jungman and Co. of San Antonio on the annual audit.

The Certified Public Accountant firm told the city council that Sonora is in a very favorable financial position.

After a lengthy discussion of particular items on the audit, the council voted to approve the report and implement specific recommen-

dations of the auditor.

A letter of appreciation was presented to the council by Joe David Ross, expressing his thanks to the city and particularly electric utility manager Don Jones for his assistance during the Christmas holidays. A transformer malfunction caused problems at the Devil's River Motel, and Jones spent several hours during the evening to repair the problem.

Aldermen voted to retain elected officials salaries at the current \$20 per regular monthly meeting and \$10 per special meetings.

A rate increase by Blue Cross/Blue Shield for employee health insurance was presented by Nevill, who explained that the increase will be 23.3 per cent.

Salary reviews of city employees were accepted by the aldermen, with an average of 5.81 per cent increase approved by the council.

County Commissioners Discuss Bond Issue for \$540,636 Jail Remodeling

The jail bond issue was the topic of discussion when County Commissioners met Monday morning.

Larry Haddad, representing a bonding company from San Antonio, appeared before the court to discuss the different facets on the bond issue.

An estimated cost for remodeling the jail is \$540,636.00 and Judge J.W. Elliott told commissioners that this was the largest amount of money ever spent in the county.

Before any further action can be taken on the jail issue the jail

commission in Austin will have to approve plans and specifications and then Sutton County voters will go to the polls to vote their approval or disapproval of the bonds.

When asked what would happen if the bond election failed, commissioners were told that Sutton County would be out of the jail business.

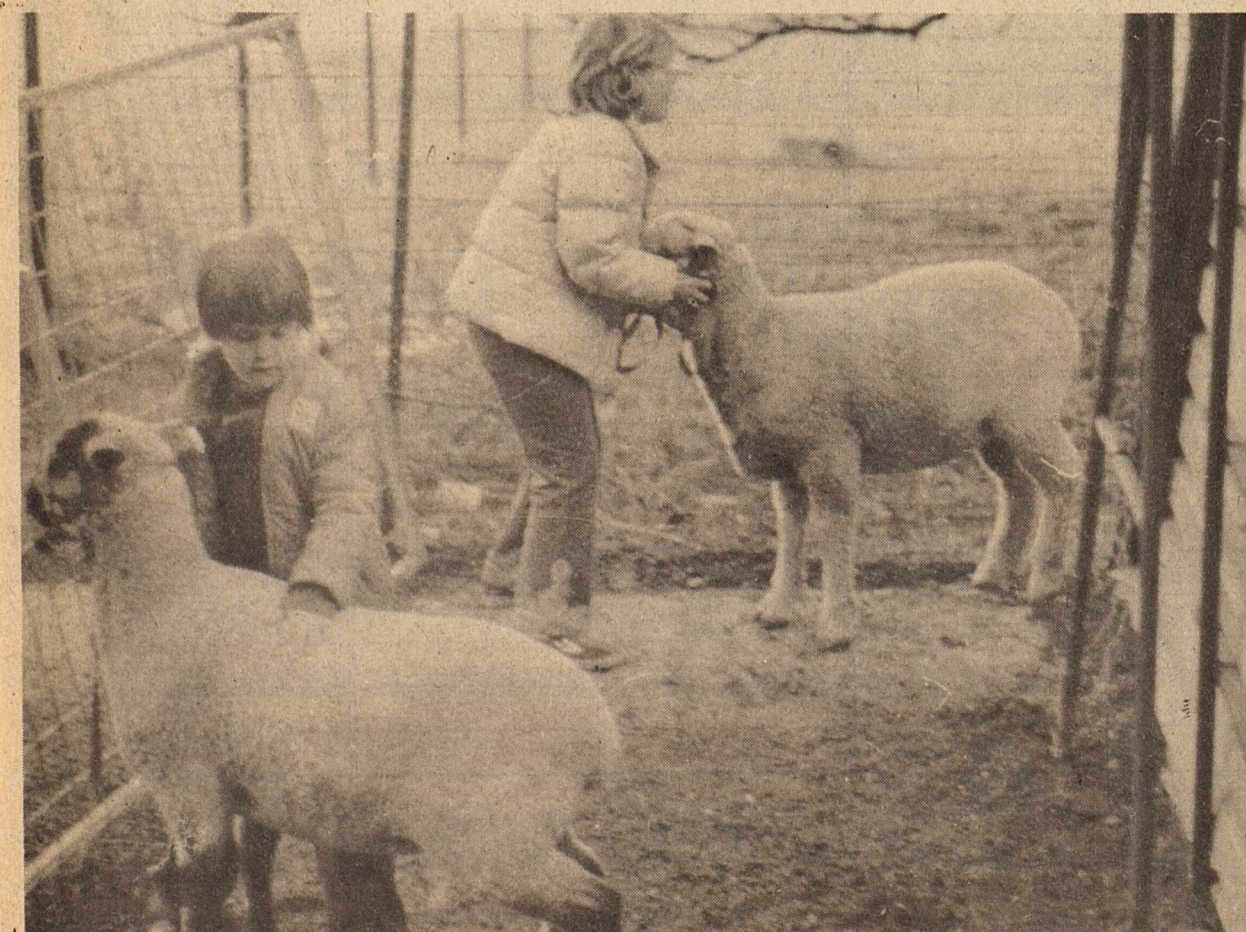
Also attending the meeting was Architect Jack McDermitt who is working with Sheriff Bill Webber on the plan for the jail.

In other action of the court, some discussion was held regarding the county road upkeep.

Also discussed was District Judge Troy Williams' request to the county to hire a county auditor. The court made no action on that request.

Some discussion was held regarding new precinct lines and Justice of the Peace and Jailor's reports were approved.

County salary increases of 8% were approved. Commissioners' salary was also raised 8%.



Getting ready for the 31st Annual Sutton County 4-H Livestock Show, Cindy and Kathy Doran work with lambs Kathy has entered in the show which opens

Saturday. Cindy and Kathy are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Doran. (Photo by Herb Jones)

Good Neighbor Days

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31st Annual 4-H Club Livestock Show Opens

The 31st Annual Sutton County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale opens Saturday at 1 p.m. with the Carcass Lamb Show at the 4-H Center.

James A. Gray, San Angelo; Dr. Frank Orts, College Station; Dr. George Ahlschwede, San Angelo and Jack Groff of Kerrville will judge the lamb carcass classes.

The Market Lamb Show opens Friday, Jan. 20 at 9 a.m., followed by the Angora Goat Show at 2 p.m. and the Rabbit Show at 3 p.m.

Display Lamb Carcasses and results of the carcass show are scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Saturday Jan. 21 followed by a barbecue lunch and auction sale of lambs.

Presentation of awards and drawing for the handmade boots concludes the program at 1 p.m., Saturday.

Auctioneer this year is L.P. Bloodworth of Sonora.

Committees
Bookkeeping: Jayne Powers, Chairman; Linda N. Joy, Co-Chairman; Trevlin Luttrell and Mike Hale.

Livestock Show Committee: Mickey Powers, Chairman; Jerry Don Balch, Co-Chairman; Jerry Johnson, J.D. Cook, Tommy Love, Cleve T. Jones, Thomas Whalen, Dennis Dunnam, Turney Friess, Virgil Polocck, Preston O. Love, Bill Doran, Robert Zapata, Herbert Fields (trophies), Corky Schwiening, Bud Whitehead, George Wallace, Calvin Van Hoozer, Bill Stewart, Bobby Doran, Miguel Solis, Joe Friess and Eddie Wills.

Publicity: Wanda Cook and Wes Burnett.

Food Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Doran, Chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Love, Co-Chairman.

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Auction Committee: Herbert Fields, Chairman; Norm Rousselot, Ken Braden, George Bundren, Lin Hicks and Ralph Crownover.

Announcers and Awards: Tonia Mittel, Dan Hernandez, Marshall Doran and Ricky Day.

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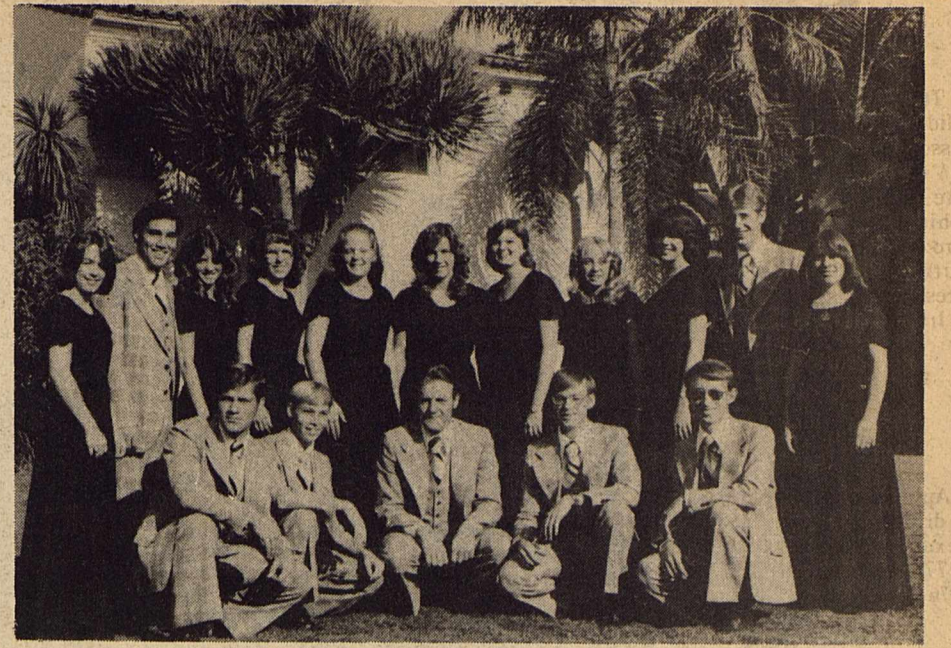
The Pacific Coast Bible College Chorale will be presenting a ministry in song at the Trinity Baptist Temple Friday night at 7:30.
The meeting will be held in the new building at West 4th and Menard.
This chorale group travels over the United States singing and presenting a film about the college.

Angelo State Announces Sonora Fall Graduates

Cindy Jane Cavaness, Tryon Lewis Fields and Mrs. Cecilia L. Nevill of Sonora were among 182 Angelo State University students who completed degree requirements at the conclusion of the fall 1977 semester.

Ms. Cavaness has completed work for the BS degree. She is the daughter of Milton R. Cavaness and Mrs. Jane Archer. Ms. Cavaness has also accepted a teaching position with the Kerrville Independent School District.
Fields has completed work for the BS degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fields. Mrs. Nevill completed work for

the MEd degree.
Of the 182 graduates, five earned masters of arts in teaching, six masters of business administration, seven masters of public administration, one master of science and nine masters of education. Bachelors degrees conferred include 39 bachelors of arts, 40 bachelors of business administration and 75 bachelors of science.



Morgan, Hill Exchange Vows

Miss Cindy Morgan and Ric Hill, both of Lubbock, were wed December 31 in ceremonies held in the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock.
Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morgan of Lubbock and

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill of Sonora.
Randy Hill of Sonora served his brother as best man. Mrs. Trey Lackey of Arlington was matron of honor.
Brothers of the bride, Norman Morgan, Jr., and

Gregory Morgan, both of Lubbock, were ushers.
A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the ceremony.
Mrs. Joe Morris of Lubbock set at the bride's book.

Lions Club Queen Candidates

The annual Sonora Lions Club queen contest and banquet will be held Friday, Jan. 23 at the school cafeteria with 12

Sonora High School girls competing for the honor.
Candidates this year are seniors Jane Wallace, Nancy Mooney, Janice Grider, Lucy Morris, Kim Cox and Terri Simpler.
Candidates from the junior class are Carol

Brandon, Stacy Brasher, Loraine Creek, Karen Crownover, Patricia Ponsetti and Pam Powers.

Hicks To Study In Paris

Lindsey Hicks, a junior business major at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, will study in Paris, France for a semester.
He will join 23 other students who are in the Paris program. The group left January 6.

Lindsey will make his home with a French family in Versailles and travel by train to daily classes. He and his teammates will study French and other subjects in their major fields. In addition, they will travel throughout Europe as a group and also on their own.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners in last week's duplicate bridge play in Eldorado were Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins, first; Margaret Frost and Pete Finley, second; Billie Porter and Tom Peaslee, third; Marilyn Adkins and Vivian Mearns, fourth; Helen Blakeway and Jack Bebee, fifth; and Marlene Evans and Mary Lois Brown, sixth.
A membership tournament will be held Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Fire Department Report

176 alarms were answered by the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department according to their annual report ending the 1977 year.
This is an increase of 56 percent over the 100 alarms answered in 1976.
This past year the fire department answered 107 grass fire calls, 20 structure alarms, 28 vehicle alarms, 9 false alarms, three dump ground fire alarms, three fuel spills, and assisted at one plane crash.
A total of 3,514 1/2 man hours was involved in firefighting efforts.
New officers of the fire department were named December 28 with Carl Teaff named fire chief. Gene West was elected first assistant chief; Tim Thorp, second assistant chief; Louis Olenick, president; James Blackman, secretary and treasurer; Everett Ogburn, chaplain; Mrs. Ervin Willman, mother; Robert Taylor, 3 year trustee; Robert Stokes, one year trustee; David Flores and Bobby Huffstutler, direct-

ors; and Jerold Zech, reporter.
"As we go into the new year," stated members of the department, "we would like to take this time to thank the people of Sonora and Sutton County for their unselfish and generous support over the years."
"Much that has been accomplished by this department would not have been possible without the moral and financial support you have given us," they added.
"Again we say a heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County whom we stand ready and prepared to serve."

Rousselot Joins Phillips Co.

Mark Rousselot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rousselot, has joined Phillips Petroleum Company in Houston.
Rousselot is a December graduate of the University of Texas with a B.A. in petroleum land management.

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Kappa Gamma ESA Hosts District Meet

Kappa Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will host the District VII meeting here January 15. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria with registration from 9-9:30 a.m.
Special guests at the meeting will be Jerry Harvey of San Antonio, state president; and Shirley Barton, of San Antonio, state corresponding secretary.

Chapters in District VII include Delta Delta, San Angelo; Delta Theta, Brownwood; Delta Lambda, Comanche; Delta Omicron, Santa Anna; Epsilon Xi, Brownwood; Gamma Eta, Abilene; Gamma Lau, San Angelo; and Theta Alpha, San Angelo.
Kappa Gamma members expect approximately 50 persons to attend this all day meeting.

Virginia Gunn, Rick Young To Exchange Vows Feb. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Austin C. Millsbaugh of San Angelo have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Gunn, to Mr. Rick Young of Sonora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorcell Young.
The Feb. 4 vows will be

exchanged in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo.
The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and the prospective groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University at Lubbock.

High School Honor Roll Announced

Dr. Elroy Otte, principal of Sonora High School has announced the following students made the honor roll for the past six weeks.
Seniors making all A's - Kelly Carta, Nancy Mooney and Lucy Morris. Making all A's and one B - Gloria Salazar.

Juniors making all A's - Denise Neal; making all A's and one B - Mary Gomez, Linda Hamilton and Linda Latta.
Linda Smith and Debbie Perez made all A's in the sophomore class.
Freshmen making all A's were Lee Burch, Paula Friess, Anna Gonzales, Marche Lane and Yolanda Reyna. Kari Hill and Valerie Tedford made all A's and one B.

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Federal 'Rip-Off' Costs Texas Millions

The president of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association has denounced a "regulatory ripoff" by the federal government which will cost Texas producers \$429-million authorized by the Congress in sales of crude oil. In a letter to Texas

members of the Congress, H.B. (Hank) Harkins of Alice said that a decision by a Department of Energy agency to keep the composite price of domestic crude oil approximately 50-cents per barrel below statutory levels is causing "great concern" in Texas.

Harkins, an independent drilling contractor and oil producer, cited projections by the Economic Regulatory Administration of composite crude oil prices to be allowed through February, 1978. Nationally, the prices received by U.S. producers

during the nine-month period that began last June will fall \$1.1-billion short of levels approved by the Congress. As producer of approximately 39.6-percent of the nation's crude oil, Harkins said Texas will suffer what he described as a "regula-

tory ripoff." He also told Texas congressmen and senators that the state's treasury will lose approximately \$19.7-million in severance taxes on this amount of production. Harkins said that this situation "is just another example of the problems that arise when attempts

are made to regulate prices rather than allowing the mechanisms of the free marketplace to work." Under authority granted the ERA by the Congress in the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973, the statutory price of domestic crude oil may be increased five-percent to reflect the effects of inflation and five-percent to provide further incentives. The adjustment may not exceed a rate of 10-percent a year, Harkins said.

Web Elliott Announces



J.W. (Web) Elliott announced that he will seek re-election as county judge in the May Democratic Primary. At the end of his term this year, Judge Elliott will have served Sutton County in the capacity of judge, for twenty years. Elliott stated, "I will continue to do the job to the best of my ability, and seek the support of the people in my bid for re-election."

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1977 Drilling Shows Big Increase

Applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests in Texas totaled 24,059 in 1977, up from 21,252 in 1976.

Applications to drill, deepen, plug back and for service wells in 1977 totaled 27,849 against 24,943 a year ago, the Railroad Commission's Oil

and Gas Division reported in a preliminary summary. The report showed 19 oil discoveries and 22 gas strikes were completed in Texas during the Dec.

15-31, 1977 period. Oil discoveries included three each in the Refugio, Southeast Texas and Midland areas, two each in the San Antonio, deep South Texas, West-Central Texas and North Texas areas and one each in East Texas and the San Angelo areas.

Gas well completions in 1977 totaled 4,400 of which 782 are discovery wells. In 1976, Texas had 4,108 gas well completions including 888 discoveries. The report shows total oil and gas drilling applications of 1,148 for the last two-weeks of 1977 and logs 487 oil, gas and service well completions. There were 291 oil and 178 gas well completions.

In the Dec. 15-31 period, 183 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

Waddill and McCreary Join Cardinal Surveys

Norris Waddill and Mike McCreary have joined the Cardinal Surveys sales staff, as recently announced by C.A. Adams, General Sales Manager for Cardinal Surveys.

Waddill's sales territory will primarily include Odessa, Andrews and Goldsmith. Waddill has 26 years of first-hand oil field experience, including 13

years of production logging experience. He and his wife Louise and daughter Nancy reside in Odessa.

McCreary has lived in the Permian Basin all his life and attended Howard County Junior College in Big Spring. He has over 11 years sales and oil related administrative ex-

perience in the Permian Basin. His new sales territory will include Midland and area towns to the north and east.

Cardinal Surveys is a sister company of Cardinal Products and Cardinal Chemical, headquartered in Odessa.

Poerner Takes Oath

John H. Poerner of Hondo last week took his oath of office as a member of the three-man Railroad Commission in the Texas House of Representatives chambers where he began a career in public service eight years ago.

Poerner, a Medina County native and a former legislator, is the 28th person to become a member of the energy, mining and transportation regulatory agency. At the time of appointment on Oct. 27, he was serving on Gov. Dolph Briscoe's staff.

The new Commissioner succeeds Judge Jim C. Langdon, who resigned his seat on the Commission after 14½ years to return to the practice of law.

In a brief talk following the oath-taking, Poerner said he wants "my tenure (on the Commission) to reflect fairness to all concerned, stability as a state agency and credibility to those whose lives we touch." He pointed to 1978 as the start of "a new chapter" in the Commission's 87-year history.

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McLeroy Promoted

Richard Kenneth McLeroy, 44, has been promoted to director of the Commission's Abilene District 7B Office.

McLeroy, a native of Woodboro, Texas, is a former Air Force Captain and was co-owner and general manager of a private employment business before joining the Commission in 1973 as a geologist.

He has served as acting director in the Abilene office for the past several months until his appointment as director. McLeroy and his wife, Donna Sue, have two sons.

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Saturday, January 14
Jr. High Boys and Girls, Ozona Tournament
Monday, January 16
Jr. High Boys and Girls vs. Iraan, there
Freshman Boys vs. Reagan Co., here
Tuesday, January 17
Girls Varsity and Jr. Varsity vs. Lakeview, here

By Kay Holdridge
The 8th grade girls had trouble offensively as shots were not made and rebounding was inconsistent. The girls lost by a 37-27 count to McCamey but trailed by 13 throughout most of the game. Jessica Robledo and Rosa Noriega gave 100% throughout the game both offensively and defensively. They both grabbed many stray passes and stole the ball from

McCamey dribblers. Robledo was the high point player with 13 and Noriega scored 9 for second highest honors.

The remainder of play was marked by standing around and little offensive or defensive movement. The girls missed numerous charity tosses and took few percentage shots. Rebounds were few as McCamey was allowed numerous shots per possession, while Sonora usually shot once and was force on defense.

Tony Rideway was the only other scorer with 5. She got into foul trouble early in the contest and had to exercise caution. Gina Thompson, another starter, fouled out in the final minutes of the third quarter.

The eighth grade boys beat McCamey in a well matched game by a 43-30 margin. The game seesawed but Sonora trailed 5-8 at the end of the first

quarter. Rebounding by Fred Sutton and his under the basket shooting found the Broncos ahead 14-9 with 3:59 remaining in the first half. Sutton also stole the ball numerous times also.

An offensive surge and a stout defense in the final minute and half of the second quarter saw Sonora increase their lead to 27-14 at the half. Another reason for the big lead was teamwork to get the ball under the basket for the easy shot.

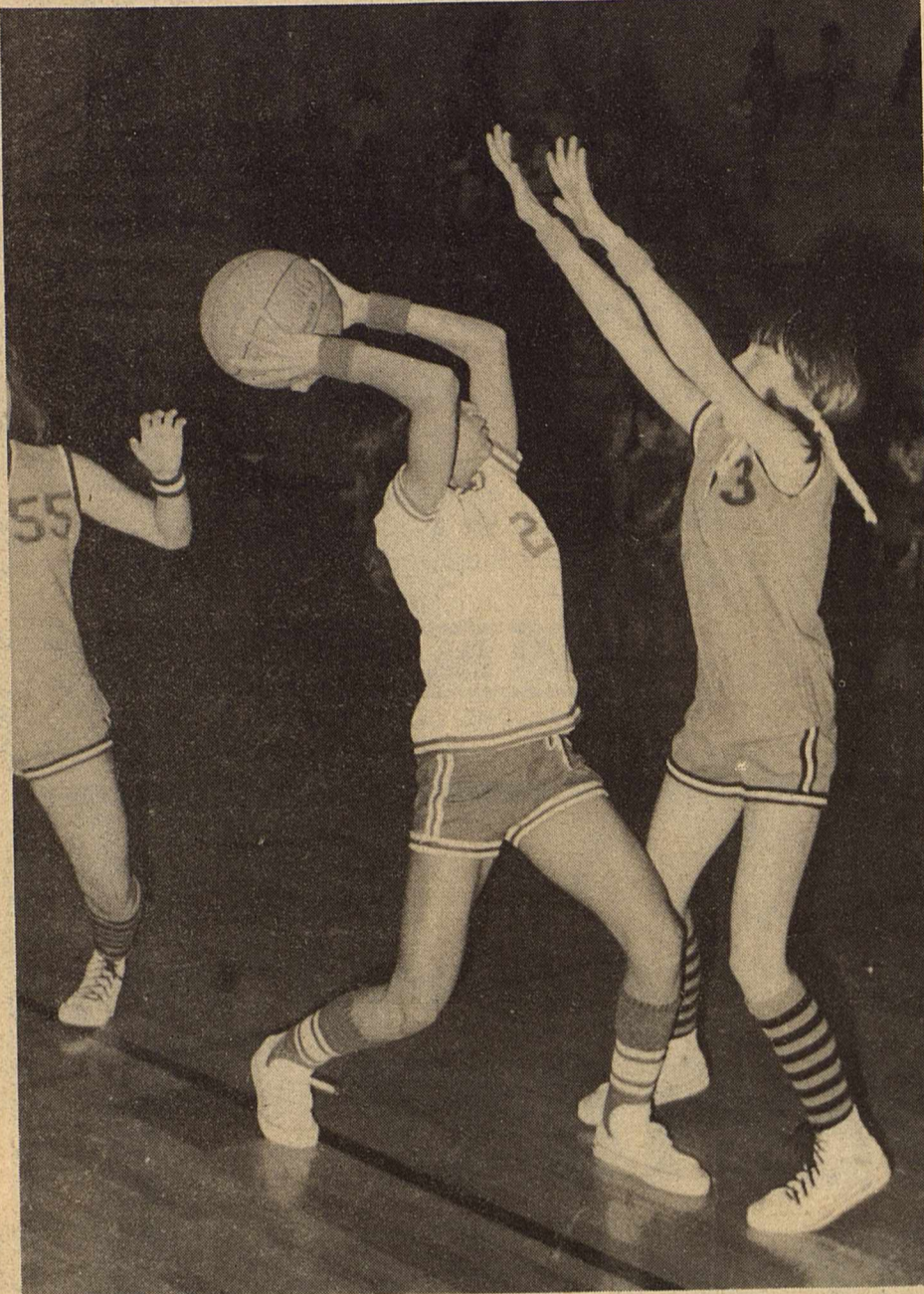
McCamey pulled within 8 as Sonora began to let down and turn the ball over. Fouls hurt late in the third quarter and shots, even those under the basket, would not fall. The third quarter ended 35-28.

The Colts maintained control during the fourth quarter and played with confidence. Teamwork played a large part in the victory as the team passed to the open man instead of

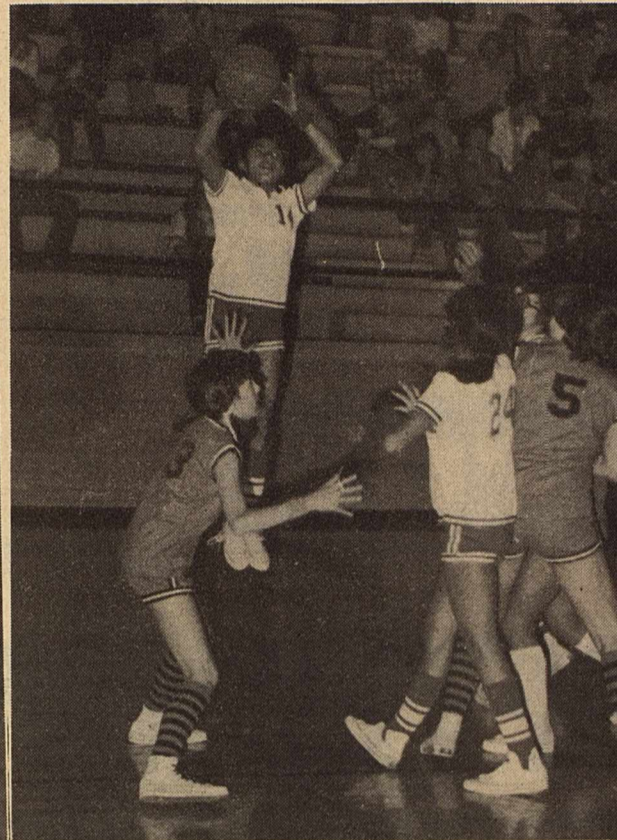
shooting non-percentage shots.
High point man was

Allen Stewart with 14. Other scorers were Joe David Favila, who played

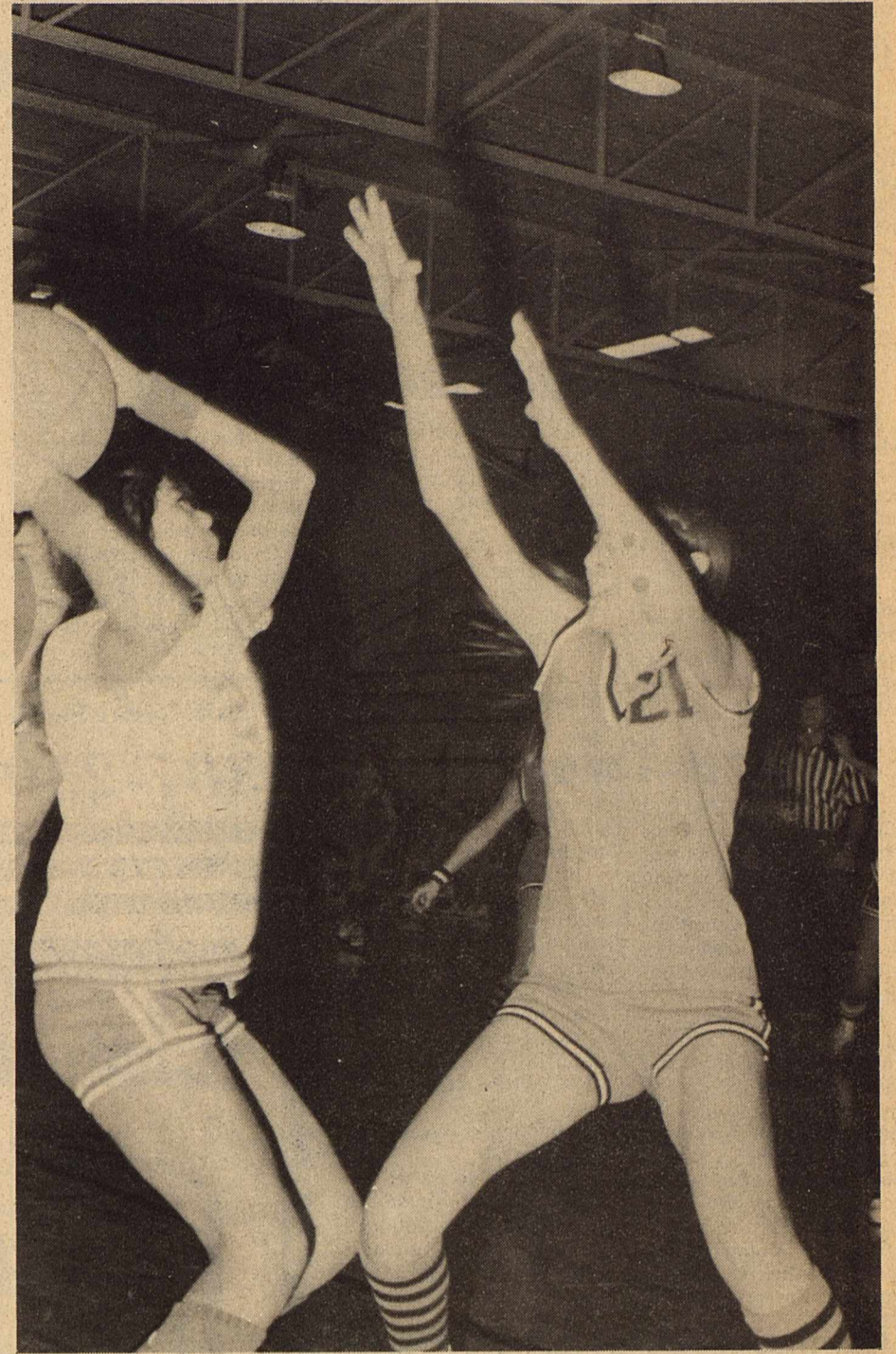
exceptionally well, with 11. Scott Savell with 6, Fred Sutton with 5, and Perry Draper with 4.



Rosa Noriega gets set to shoot during the 8th Grade Girl's losing effort against McCamey Monday night here.



Jessica Robledo jumps high in the air to take a shot during Monday night's 8th Grade girls' game against McCamey.



The 8th Grade Girls lost their encounter to McCamey Monday night, although the girls put on a good display of offensive talent.

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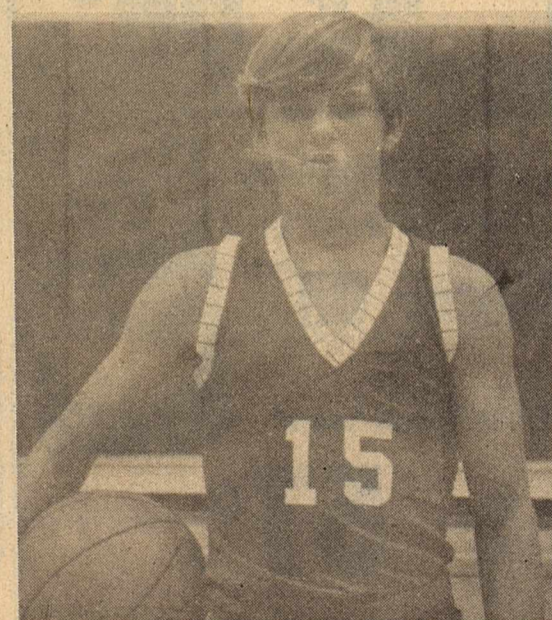
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Paula Friess, freshman, is a junior varsity starter. Paula's height and speed are her main assets. She has 2 years basketball experience and her main weaknesses are inconsistency and inexperience. Paula is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Friess.



Annabelle Gonzales, freshman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lalo Gonzales, is the junior varsity's leading scorer. Her strengths include being able to get an open shot, ball handling and quickness. Her weaknesses include missing free throws.

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7th Grade Boys Lose to McGamey in Final Seconds, 22-20

By Kay Holdridge
The seventh grade boys lost an exciting game by a 2 point 22-20 score to McGamey. Chris Reynolds hit 2 free throws to tie the game 20-20 with 12

seconds remaining in the contest. McGamey hit 2 free throws with 7 seconds remaining to claim the win. Robbie Bible's frantic last second shot was short.

Defensively Chris Reynolds and Espy Whitehead did fine jobs showing hustle and desire. Whitehead pulled down key rebounds and Reynolds

knocked the ball up numerous times. The top point netter was Reynolds with 10. Whitehead and Timmy Doan

each netted 4 and Joe Rodriguez added 2.
7th grade girls
The seventh grade girls also lost but by a

substantial 30-11 score. Eleven points is indicative of the numerous turnovers and mental mistakes offensively and defensively. The offense scored sporadi-

cally due to losing the ball before getting in scoring position. McGamey scored many times as their defense stole the ball many times and raced to

each layups. Delma Noriega led the girls with 5 points, while Debra Zapata, Anna Mata, and Twylo Woodall each scored 2.



Allen Stewart shows his form [14] during action Monday night as the 8th Grade Boys trounced McGamey. Fred Sutton gets set for the rebound.

8th Graders Dominate

By Kay Holdridge
The eighth grade teams dominated Junction in rough and tumble games in Junction.

The boys nearly doubled Junction's 22 points as they scored 42 points. After leading by 9 at the first half buzzer, the boys outscored Junction 21-10 in the second half.

Allen Stewart led the scoring with 8. Scott Savell and John Blankenship scored 5 each and Perry Draper and Armando Martinez added 4. Mark Doan and Joe David Favila each had 3. Charley Carroll added 2 points to the effort.

The entire roster played

at least a little in the game.

The eighth grade girls handed Junction another defeat as they outscored them 34-27. Three regulars fouled out, but the bench was able to save the victory.

The girls led by 5 at the half (21-16) and added 13 points in the second period while allowing Junction only 11.

Jessica Robledo scored 13 points to lead the offensive efforts. Tony Ridgeway added 10. Rosa Noriega had 5. Julie Stewart added 3. Lisa Ramos contributed 2 and Sandi Wright sank a free shot to conclude the scoring.

7th Grade Boys, Girls Whip Junction

Both the seventh grade boys and girls convincingly defeated Junction teams in Junction Thursday night.

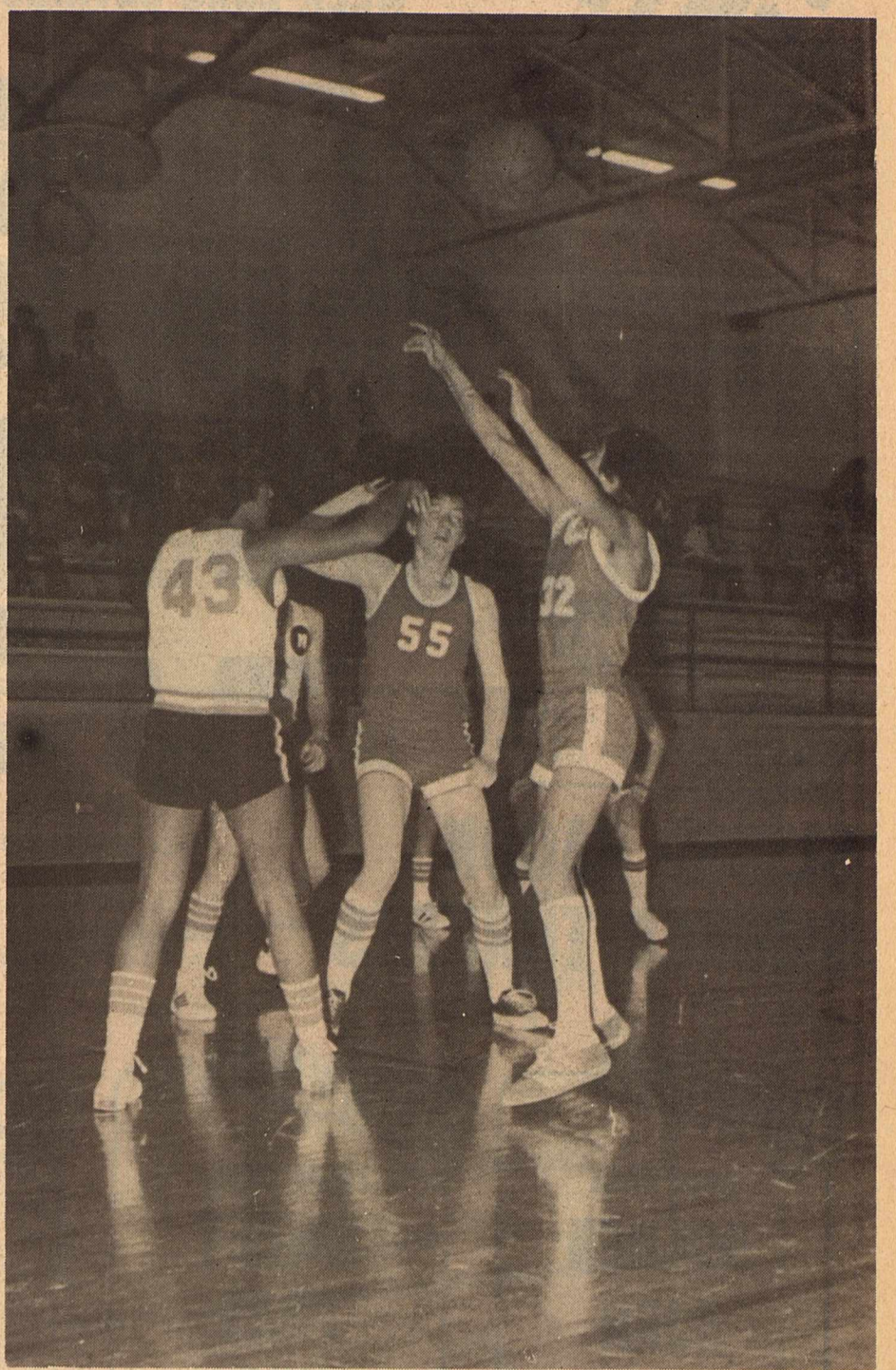
The boys won by 26-9 count. The scoring found 7 boys with points. Chris Reynolds and Timmy Doan each had 6 points to lead. David Chandler and Joe Rodriguez popped the nets for 4. Marney Sorenson, Espy Whitehead, and Paul Pruitt each had 2 points.

The first half ended 9-7, but the boys scored 17 points in the second half and limited Junction to 2

in the entire second half.

The girls had 6 players scoring points as they routed Junction by a 31-16 count. The girls scored points in the first half and led Junction by 5. The defense held them to 4 points in the second half while pouring in 14 of their own points.

Anna Mata was high point with 8 while Debra Zapata and Delma Noriega each contributed 6. Twyla Woodall scored 5. Tanna Tyler had 4, and Sonya Ridgeway added 2.



Joe David Favila lets loose one of his winning shots during Monday night's winning contest against McGamey for the 8th Grade Boys. Teammate Fred Sutton helps out.

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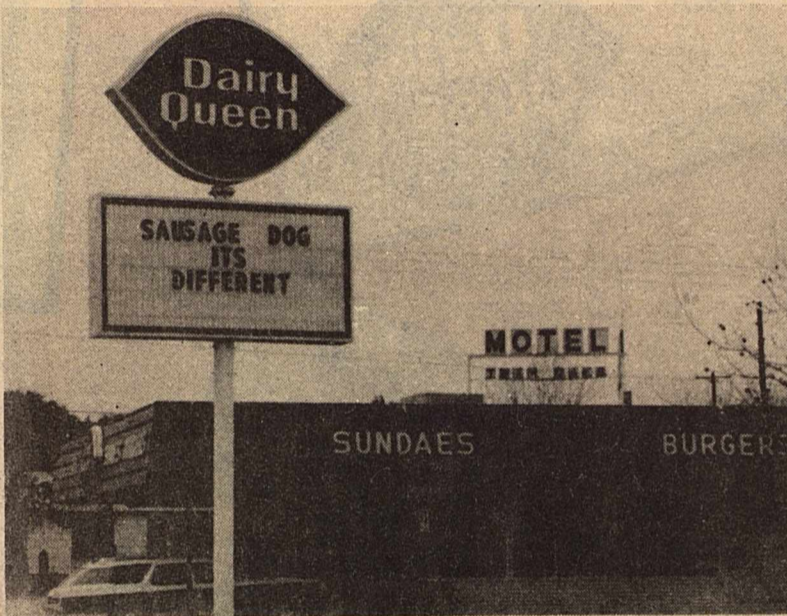
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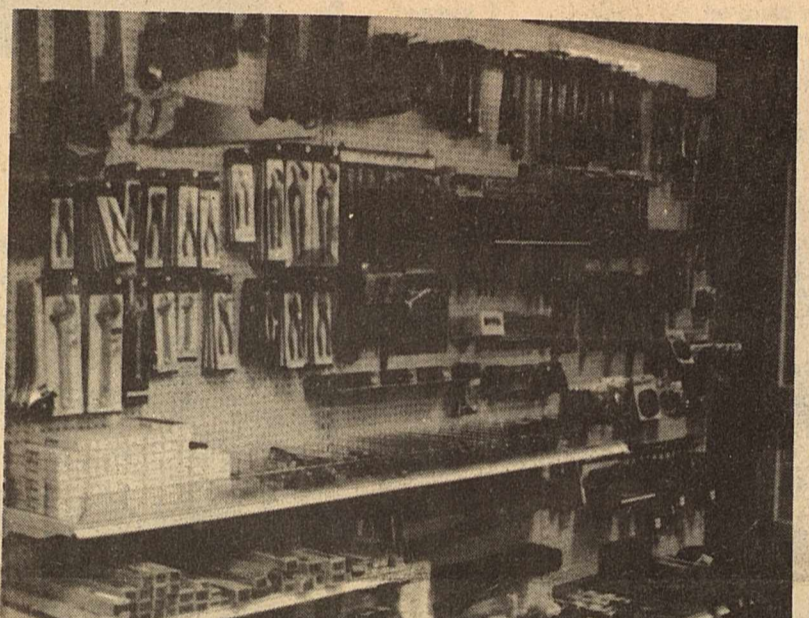
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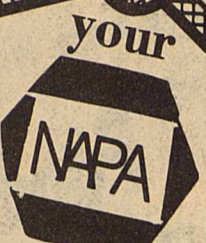
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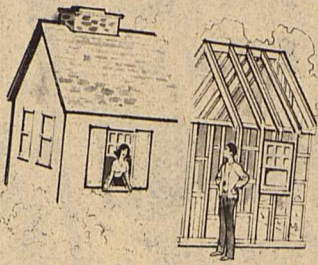
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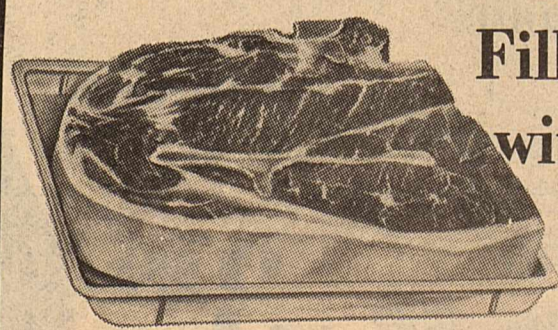
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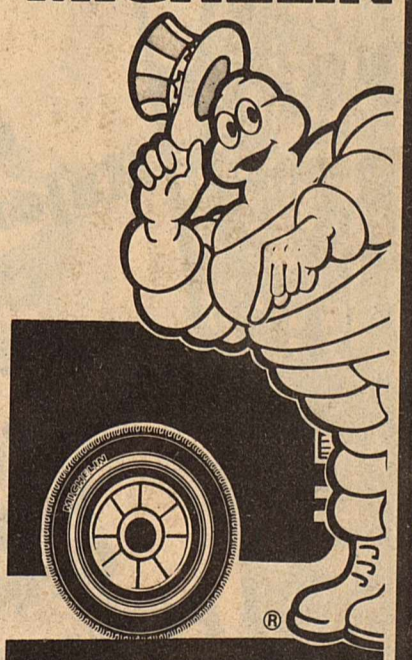
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**Roping and Riding
The Camels:
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Many Texans are aware that about 75 camels, with a number of Arabs and Turks to serve as trainers and drivers, were imported to the state in 1856. These animals, sent here at the insistence of United States Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, were to be used experimentally for transportation and hauling

during expeditions against hostile Indians on the state's frontier.

Before the usefulness of the camels for these purposes could be determined, the experiments were interrupted by the upheavals of the Civil War and its aftermath. Within a decade after the end of the war, Texas' Indian frontier was considered to be fairly secure. Railroads had begun to offer faster

and more efficient transportation than the camels could have provided. The animals, already scattered to other areas of the country or shot for sport where they roamed wild, never became permanent features of the Texas scene.

The original consignments of camels by the U.S. Army were later supplemented by two privately-sponsored impor-

tations. One of these came to nothing and the camels, once landed at the port of Indianola, were left to wander wild along the dunes of the coast until they died or were killed. The camels involved in the other private venture was more fortunate. Brought ashore near Houston in 1858, the animals found a good home on the ranch of Lt. Gov. (and late Gov.) Francis R. Lubbock on

Sims Bayou in Harris County. Governor Lubbock's memoir, "Six Decades in Texas," edited by Judge C.W. Raines and published in 1900, recounts some of his experiences with the camels. This first portion of a two-part series describes their disembarkation, their pasturage, and some sport which the Texans had with them.

In the fall of 1858 a couple of ships, presumably British, anchored at Galveston under suspicious circumstances. They were first thought to be slavers watching for an opportunity of secretly landing their human freight. But the ships turned out to be laden only with camels; at least no evidence appeared that they had any African negroes aboard to sell as

slaves. Happening to be in Galveston at the time, I went to see the camels (about forty in number), after they had been landed and penned.

Mrs. Watson, an English lady, owner of the herd, was hunting some reliable person to whom she might intrust its care till finally disposed of by sale or otherwise. I was introduced as a proper person to the lady, and her agent, Senor Michado. A few preliminaries once settled as to the extent of my obligations for their safety, I contracted with Senor Michado on satisfactory terms to assume the custody and maintenance of the camels when delivered at my ranch. Accordingly a steamboat was chartered, on which Michado brought the animals to the mouth of Sims' Bayou for delivery.

The landing took place in the presence of a crowd of spectators, among whom were Sam Allen, Jules Baron (my brother-in-law), and myself. On finding themselves once more on solid ground, they showed their high spirits by jumping, rearing, and frisking about like sheep. Observing these capers, Baron remarked that he did not believe that anyone could lasso a camel. Allen quickly affirmed the contrary, and finally bet Baron \$10 that he could rope one himself. Allen mounted his horse, lasso in hand, and, with a sharp throw, on the first trial threw it over the head of a large camel and

brought him to the ground after a short struggle. Baron, lately in from Louisiana, had not learned that Texans generally accomplish what they undertake. Michado, with his outlandish servants, Turks or Arabs of unpronounceable names, conducted the camels to my ranch, a few miles distant. Here they were easily corralled in the pasture prepared for them.

The camels once in my care, Michado returned to Galveston, leaving the herd with the foreigners, whom I will call 'Arabs'. The pasture had in it seventy-five acres or more, nearly all prairie with a small skirt of timber near the bayou, and inclosed by a new high staked and ridered fence. In addition to the grazing in the inclosure, there was given them every day large quantities of cured hay, which they devoured at will.

Every two or three days, when it was warm, they

were taken out of the pasture to water at a selected place on the bayou, to avoid bogging. In winter the intervals of watering ran up to four or five days. This was managed with so much care that only one or two camels bogged at the watering place. These had to be drawn out of the bayou by a yoke of strong oxen; for after several ineffectual efforts to extricate themselves and getting down deeper in the mire, they sank down quietly, with only a few mournful plaints of distress, apparently resigned to their fate. And it was not without some nursing and attention that they fully recovered from their sad experience on being hauled out. While not being perhaps so much of a water animal as the horse, the camel can certainly swim, as was demonstrated by some of this herd in Buffalo Bayou.



What a string of skins . . . and worth at least \$1,000. That's what Clay Hicks (left) reported when he and Dayton Armke (center) and Will Wallace stopped by

the office last week on their way to deliver the racoons and fox skins.

Political Directory

The Devil's River News is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic May Primary.

- District and County Clerk
Erma Lee Turner (re-election)
- County Commissioner, Precinct 2
Bill Wade (re-election)
- County Judge
J.W. Elliott (re-election)

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- Monday, January 16
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Broiled Peaches
Cornbread
Peanut Butter-Raisin Cookies
Milk
- Tuesday, January 17
BBO Sausage Links
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- Wednesday, January 18
Tacos

- Pinto Beans
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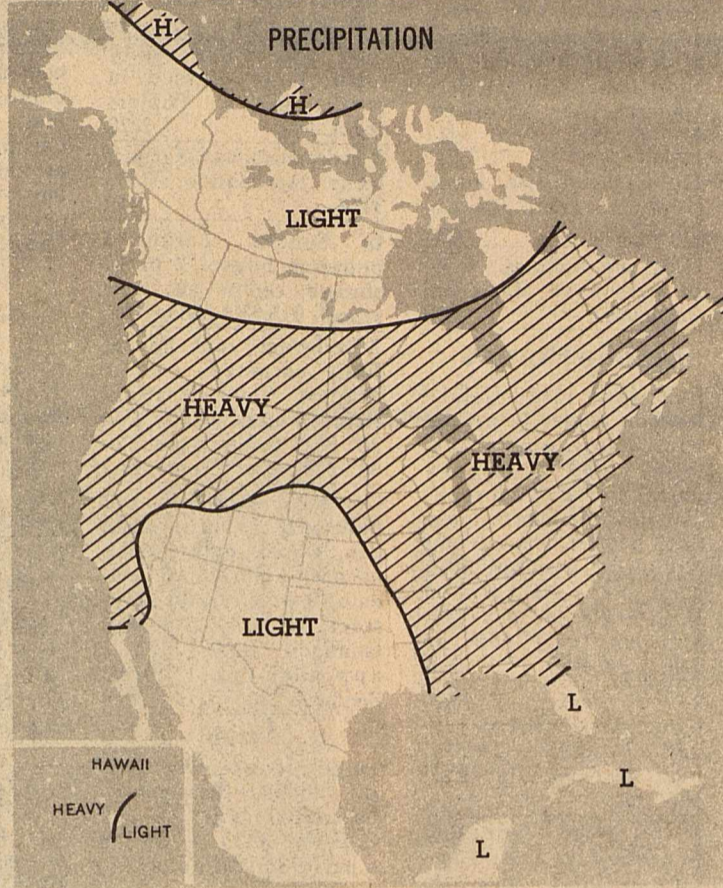
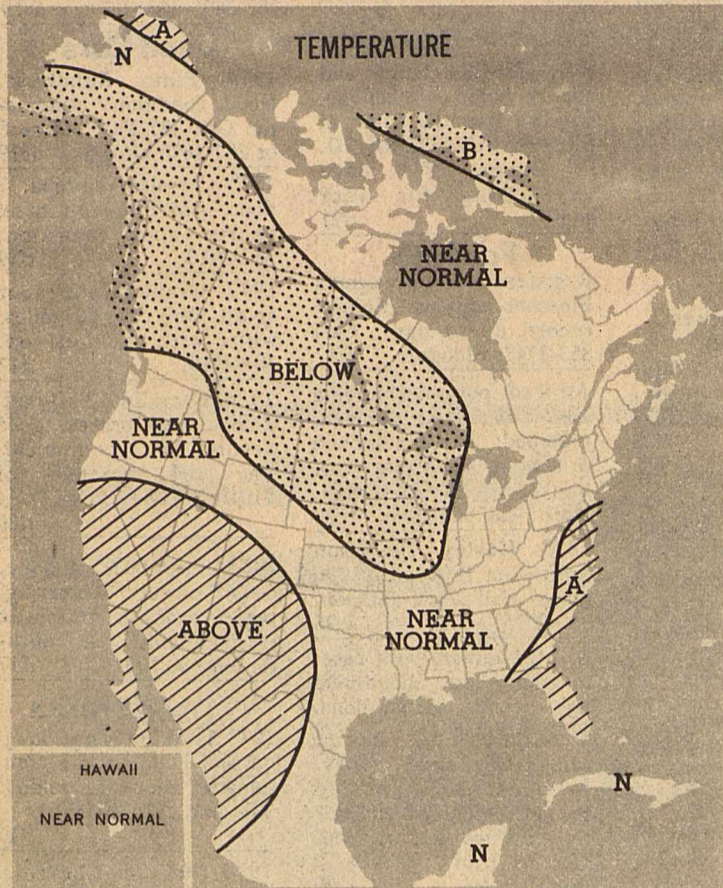
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Carcass Judging At 4-H Center

The live judging of the 4-H Carcass lambs will be held at the Sutton County 4-H Center at 1:30 p.m., Saturday.

Dr. George Ahlschwede and Jack Groff, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist, will serve on the judging committee with James A. Gray, former Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist.

This committee will select the top ten finewool lambs and the top ten crossbred lambs to be entered in the carcass show.

4-H members may enter one lamb of each breed in the live judging of the carcass show. The judging will select the top lamb from each 4-H member pen to enter in the live judging if the 4-H member desires their help.

4-H members are not required to enter the carcass show if they do not care to and they can also designate the lamb that they want to enter in this show.

The lambs will be slaughtered at Armour and Company in San Angelo and the carcasses will be

evaluated by Dr. Frank Orts, Extension Meats Specialist, from College Station.

The final placing of the lamb carcasses will be determined by this formula. 2 x the carcass placing + 1 x the gain placing = final placing. Ties will be broken by the gain placing of the lambs.

The general public is invited to the live judging of the carcass lambs. Final placings of the lambs should start about 2:30.

The First National Bank of Sonora is the sponsor of the Carcass Lamb Show and provides all of the prize money and two trophies for the two Champion Lamb Carcasses.

4-H members and their parents are reminded that all of the market lambs that will be exhibited in the regular show on Friday, Jan. 20 must be weighed at the 4-H Center on Saturday, between 8:00 and 11:30.

The lambs are all being weighed at this time so that they can be divided into weight classes.

File ACP Applications

Applications for 1978 ACP practices, except for aerial mesquite spraying, may now be filed at the ASCS office, according to Corleen S. Meyer, acting county executive director for Crockett and Sutton County ASCS.

The county committees will accept requests for cost shares for aerial mesquite spraying sometime in March or April. Exact dates will be announced in February.

"Applications for cost-shares cannot be approved until you are ready to start your conservation work," Meyer announced.

A request must be filed, at the ASCS office, before starting the practice, if the practice is to be considered for cost sharing.

Practices included in the 1978 ACP Handbook are about the same

as last year. Copies of the handbook may be obtained from the ASCS office.

During the 1977 cost share program, 69 Crockett and Sutton County ranchers were helped in the brush control of 26,473 acres.

Meyer also reminds producers that Jan. 31, 1978 is the final day to timely file incentive applications for sales made during 1977 for the wool incentive program.

"If you are purchasing more feed than you normally need to, you might want to discuss the new emergency feed program," Meyer added.

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Save Your Dead Animals

The dead lamb or kid you find in your pasture may well hold the answer to the eagle depredation controversy that is now going on, according to Bill Schneemann, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

We recognize that the lack of information as to the actual depredating habits of the golden eagle is certainly hurting the sheep and goat producers at this time.

The only way this information can be obtained is for an authority to have the opportunity to post mortem these baby animals and actually determine what caused their death.

The TS&GRA is proposing that all sheep and goat producers in the State of Texas who have suspected golden eagle kills to put these small animals in a plastic bag and put them in the deep freeze.

Regional centers will be designated where these frozen specimens can be taken. Sonora's center is the Branding Iron Smokehouse.

Collection will be made from these centers, and the lambs and kids will all be taken to San Angelo Research and Extension Center where the lambs will be posted by Dr. Bart O'Gara of the University of Montana.

Dr. O'Gara is one of the few recognized authorities on golden eagles who has the ability to determine as to how the lamb or kid was killed and if it was killed by a golden eagle.

Until we have such information, it will be impossible to develop a very comprehensive program to correct eagle depredation.

To point out the seriousness of the problem, I quote from an editorial in the AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1977. "Ranchers contend that golden eagles prey on lambs and kid goats. But their efforts to get the Federal game authorities to believe them have been unsuccessful."

ICA Meets

The Independent Cattlemen's Association met January 5 for its monthly meeting at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

A regular business meeting was held along with election of officers for the coming year.

Cleve T. Jones was chosen president with Ruth Shepherd elected vice president and Joan Gardner, secretary and treasurer.

Members of the association left Monday for a one-day meeting with the mother organization in Austin.

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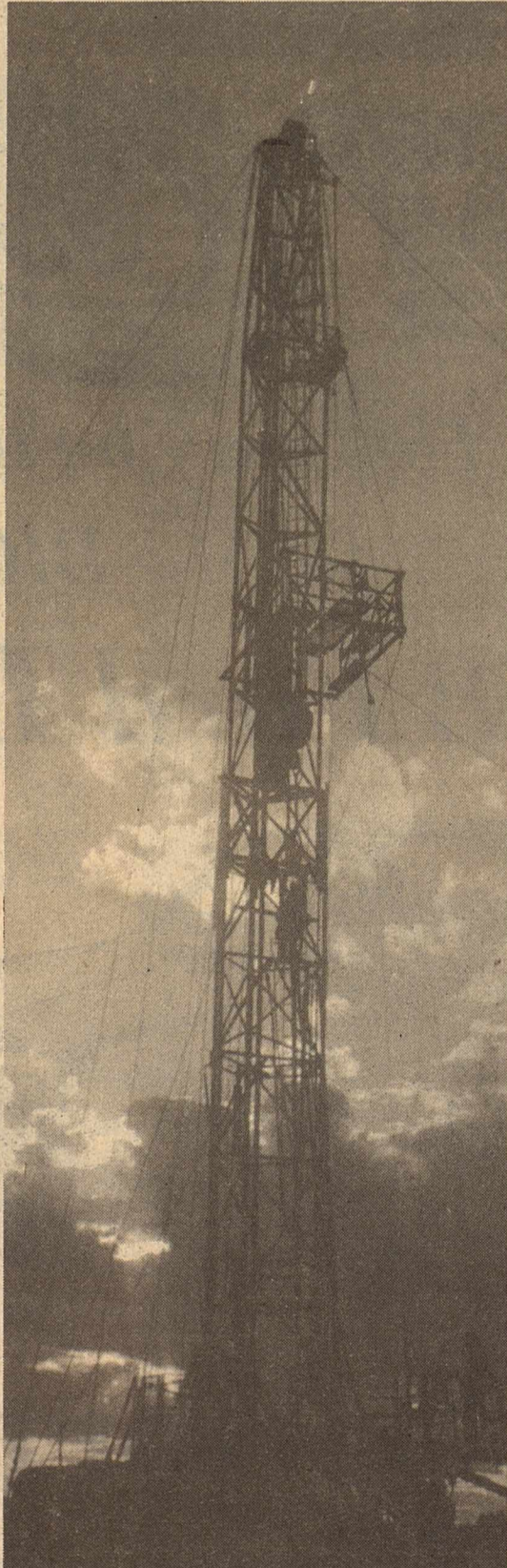
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