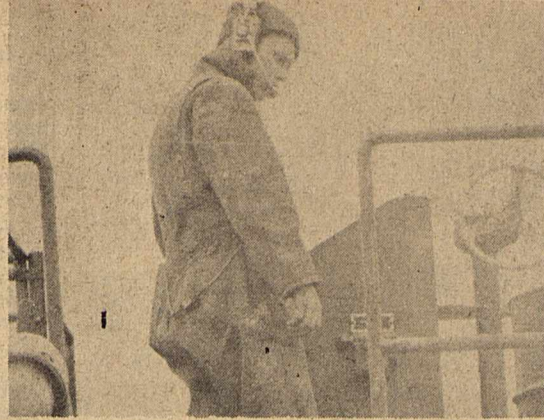


Services Pending For Davis Child

Jennifer Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, was killed Tuesday morning in a tragic auto-pedestrian accident. The six-year old was struck by a pickup while crossing Crockett Street enroute to school.

Funeral services were still pending as of press time yesterday with Stephens Funeral Home in Coleman in charge of arrangements. The accident is still under investigation.

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Weather

Compiled By Pat Brown

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
January 23		60	30
January 24		52	14
January 25	T	51	36
January 26		67	43
January 27		54	30
January 28		46	24
January 29	T	46	34

Rainfall for the month .32; rainfall for the year, .32.

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Edemencio Samaniego

Mr. Samaniego Named Deacon In Rites Sunday

Edemencio Samaniego, a member of St. Ann's Parish in Sonora, was one of 33 men ordained as a permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

Samaniego received the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the hands of the Most Reverend Raymond J. Pena, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of San Antonio.

Samaniego and the other new Deacons will join 31 others throughout the Diocese of San

Angelo, a 34-county area.

Training for the new deacons for the past two years has been under the direction of the Most Rev. Stephen A. Leven with the assistance of Rev. Russell Schultz as director of the academic program.

Bishop Leven has personally done much of the teaching during classes held during a weekend of each month. Bishop Leven was unable to confer the sacrament because of an illness.

The diaconate provides a formal, lifetime commitment for individuals toward the work of the church in which they, as deacons, act in the name of the church.

Pope Paul VI, in restoration of the permanent diaconate, listed many services a deacon could perform including assisting the bishop and priest during liturgical celebrations (Mass), performing baptism, distributing the Eucharist to the faithful, bringing Communion to the sick, assisting at and blessing marriages, and officiating at funerals and burial services.

Among other Church responsibilities, Samaniego is a Cursillista, Lector, Eucharist Minister and does home visitations. He assists Rev. John Waldron, pastor of St. Ann's Church in Sonora.

He and his wife, Anita, reside at 116 Ben Juarez in Sonora.

Feb. 7 Last Day to See Test Rams

Dr. George Ahlschwede, sheep and goat specialist with the Texas A&M Experiment Station in San Angelo has notified Sutton County Extension Agent Clint Langford that anyone wishing to inspect rams on test at the Sonora station should do so before Feb. 7.

The final weighin before shearing will be held Feb. 7 with shearing set for the following day.

The annual Ram Test Field Day and Sale will be held Thursday, March 15.

Aird Ruled Incompetent To Stand Trial

A Sutton County jury has found an accused armed robbery suspect incompetent to stand trial, according to District Attorney Joe Grady Tuck.

Phillip Edward Aird was indicted by the 216th District Court Grand Jury for the November 18, 1978, robbery of P&S Grocery. Aird, 32, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was arrested together with a 17 year old accomplice, Gary Wayne Bryant as they fled from the grocery on Bryant's motorcycle.

After reviewing the Defendant's history of mental illness, his Court appointed Attorney, Charles Sherrill, requested a psychiatric examination which was performed by Dr. Thomas Hardee of the Kerrville State Hospital.

Testifying in Monday's trial Dr. Hardee described the Defendant as a paranoid schizophrenic who lacked ability to consult with counsel.

After deliberating their verdict, the jury members found the Defendant incompetent to stand trial, but with a reasonable probability of attaining competence in the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, Judge Robert R. Barton ordered the Defendant committed to the maximum security unit of the Rusk State Hospital.

Members of the jury were: Doris Jinx Taylor, D.R. Snyder, Leslie Lee Robertson, Wilma Pinner Jones, Donald Jones, Osbaldo R. Casteneda, J.T. Hill, Don Grider, Joe Wendel Turnbull, Odelmira B. Flores, Alice R. Schlagel, and Bobby Earl French.



Carol Brandon (top center), winner of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club Sweetheart contest, is flanked on the right by first runner up Hillary Hunt and on the left by second runnerup, Patricia Ponsetti. Other

queen contestants pictured below are (left to right) Sandy Lilly, Paige Pollard, Karen Crownover, Loraine Creek, Pam Powers, Judy York, Janie Gold, Mary Lynch and Linda Smith.

Brandon Named Queen

The naming of Carol Brandon as sweetheart highlighted the activities of the annual Downtown Lions Club Banquet last Wednesday night.

Miss Brandon was escorted by Benny Granger and will represent the local Lions at the District competition in Midland, May 4 and 5.

First runnerup in the contest was Hillary Hunt, escorted by David Creek, and second runnerup was Patricia Ponsetti, escorted by Mike Jones.

Other queen contestants and

their escorts were Loraine Creek and Scooter Surber, Karen Crownover and Scott Brasher, Janie Gold and Joey Kirby, Sandy Lilly and Duray Smith, Mary Lynch and Kent Cagle, Linda Smith and Tony Hooper, Paige Pollard and Johnny Doan, Pam Powers and Ben Ingham and Judy York and Billy Bob Galbreath.

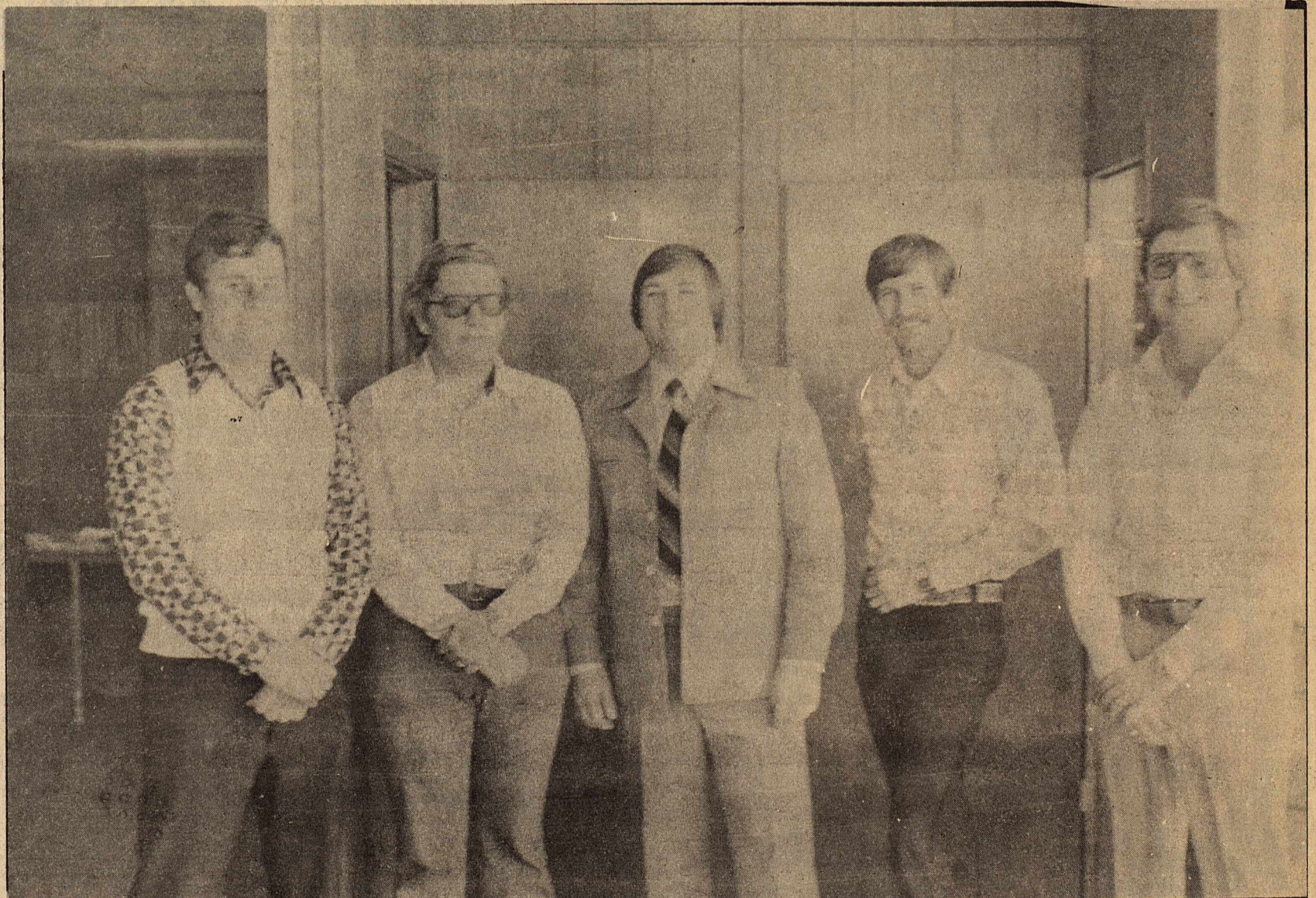
The queen's contest was emceed by Dr. Lonnie Pollard.

In a short address to the gathering, Lions Club District Governor Harland Brancel of San Angelo praised the effort of the local club, saying, "If every club in

our district had as outstanding a program of local service as this organization, there is no doubt we would have the outstanding district in Lionism throughout the world."

A group from the school composed of band director Ed Martinez, speech and drama instructor Chris Cassel, and students David Jennings, Scott Savell and Armando Martinez provided entertainment for the members.

Current Lion Club officers are Gene West, president; J.T. Hill, first vice-president; and Hershel Davenport, secretary-treasurer.



New Sonora Jaycee officers for 1979 are (left to right) Tom Clifton, secretary; Robert Brown, director; Mike Hale, director; Les Robertson, president; and Mike Sipes, treasurer. Not pictured are Herb Jones,

vice-president and Al Elliott, director. The officers were elected at their meeting last Thursday night.



These Webelos of Troop 19 attended a Camporee at Camp Fawcett near Barksdale last weekend. Pictured (left to right) Dwayne Freeman, Terry Duren, Javier Flores, Jeff Kimbrell, Jimmy Miles, and Marshall Tyler. Standing behind the group is Troop Leader Jim Kimbrell.

Reflections....

By Rev. Jim Miles
Recently I have had the pleasure of spending some time with a man-not of this community-that I had known casually for several years, without really knowing anything about him.

I knew that he and his wife had no children. I did not know that they were medically unable to do so. I knew that he had worked through the years with many youth groups. What I did not know was that during these years, although he was a salaried employee, he had sent over a dozen young men

and women through college.

There are, I believe, at least two messages for each of us in the above account.

First, true Christianity is marked by acts such as this man's. He did many good things, not out of obligation, not begrudgingly, but because he saw a need and met that need. Many parents who play the martyr over the money spent on their own children could learn from him.

Second, everyone has a story to tell. I wonder how many people we call acquaintances could warm our hearts and give us strength if only we would take the time to get to know them?

Each person we encounter during this day and each day is a child of God, and our brother or sister in Christ. Should we not take time to listen,

to probe, to explore in order that we might know these folks better, and better understand them?

D.E. Students To Compete In San Angelo

Distributive Education Club members of Sonora High School will join some 500 D.E. students from Area I at the Distributive Clubs of America Youth Conference at Angelo State University in February.

The weekend program will consist of a competitive events contest in the fields of marketing and distribution.

Competing from Sonora will be Eddie Noriega in

apparel and accessories; Becky Boyd in food marketing; Kim Jolly in food services, and Mandy Holt in apparel and accessories.

The above students will be accompanied by Lewis Ferguson, local D.E. Coordinator. The events will begin Friday, February 2 at 1 p.m. and February 3 at 3 p.m.

All first place winners will be eligible for state competition in Fort Worth March 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Pack 19 Webelos Attend Camporee

The Webelos Den of Pack 19 attended the Concho Valley Council's winter Camporee at Camp Fawcett, near Barksdale last weekend.

Kimble, Webelos Den Leader, and the Rev. Jim Miles.

While at the camp the boys hiked, cooked, attended a back packing demonstration, and visited a model campsite.

The boys also played informal games with boys from other units.

El Camino Girl Scout Board Meets Saturday

The El Camino Girl Scout Council Board of Directors met Saturday, January 20, following the Annual Council Meeting in San Angelo. Newly-elected President Mrs. Gary (Marilyn) Flage presided over the meeting.

The new Board Members were appointed as Committee Chairmen for various Board Committees. Mrs. Wanda Halford of

Sonora and Mrs. Laura Austin of Menard were appointed to the Executive Committee. This Committee consists of the officers of the Council and representatives from each of the four district in the Council.

A booklet from National Girl Scouts, "Corporate Boards of Directors in Girl Scout Councils", was given to all Board Members to read over and

become familiar with. Mrs. Flage announced that she would be at the Council Office in San Angelo every Wednesday to make herself available to the Board and Council members.

The next meeting for the Board of Directors will be held March 24, in Sonora. This meeting will consist of Board Training for Board Members.

Girl Scout Cookies Arrive, Deliveries Start

Girl Scout Cookies have arrived! Girl Scouts will be delivering them between now and February 11 to everyone who ordered cookies last November.

Most troops had to order extra cookies of each type to be able to order in case lots. Check with Girl Scout leaders in town or your Neighborhood Chairman if you didn't get to order Girl Scout Cookies or you would like more.

Varieties this year include Cheddarette Crackers, Chocolate and Vanilla Cremes, Scot-teas (sugar cookies), chocolate chip cookies, mint cookies, Savannahs (peanut butter

cookies), and Country Oats and Nut Crisps (a delicious new all-natural cookie). These Girl Scout cookies sell for \$1.25 per box.

Remember that by buying Girl Scout Cookies,

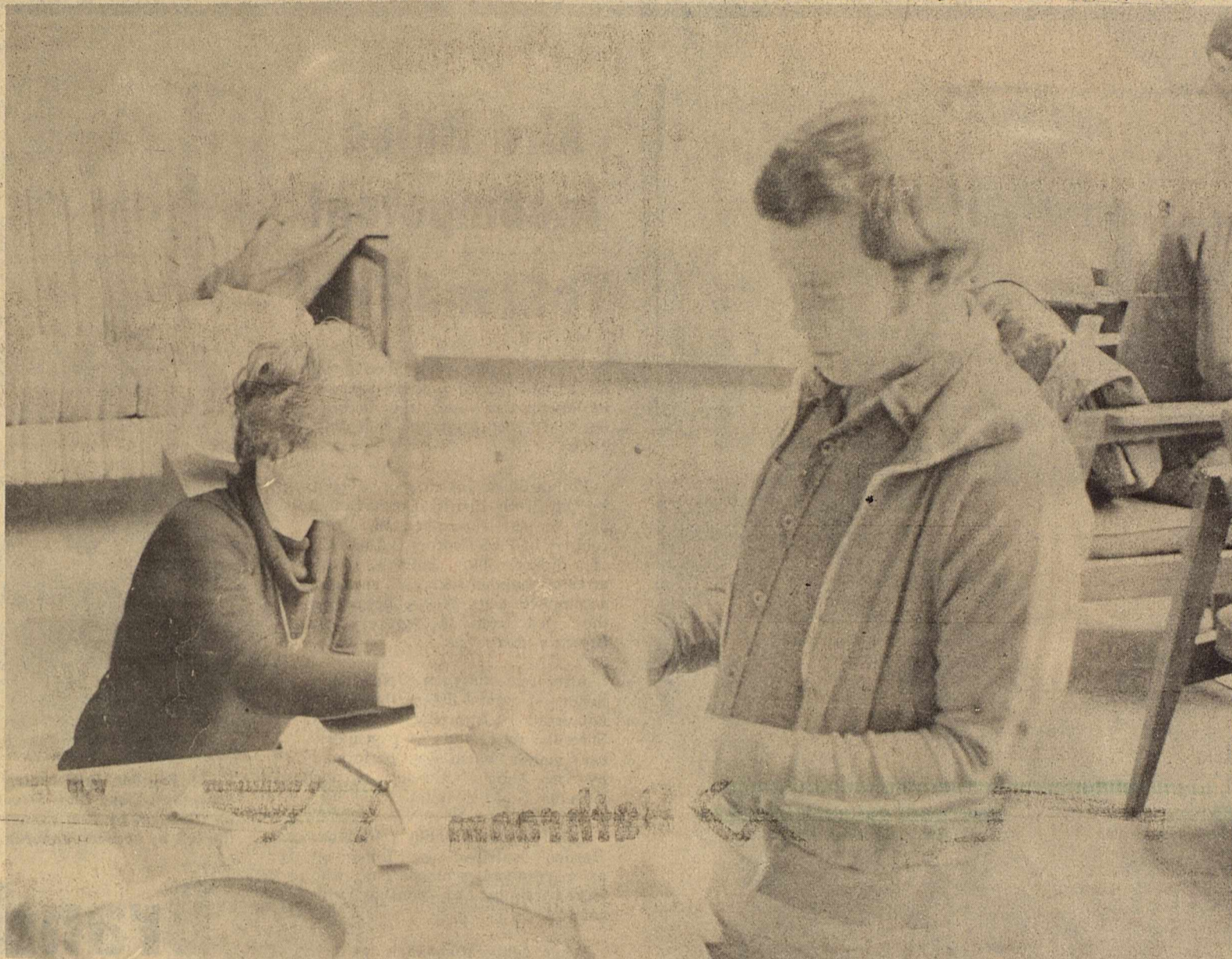
you help Girl Scouts earn money for their troops and camperships towards summer camp, plus help to build and maintain camps for all troops to use.

Support Girl Scouting... Buy Girl Scout Cookies!

Real Estate Transfers

WD-Louis Rochester et al to Texas Presbyterian Foundation, east or south-east 20' lot 4, all of lot 5 and west or northwest 30' lot 6, Block 15-A, South Heights Addition.

WD-VL-Jerry Glenn Gilley et ux to Steven G. Swift et ux, lot 11, block 1, Meadowcreek Addition. Gift Deed-G.W. Kisselburg to Nettie M. Schaffer et al, lot 1, block Z.



Marlene Evans and Charles Russell work stuffing envelopes as members of the Sutton County Division of the American Heart

Association met Monday night to mail out letters for their annual fund raising drive.

Mitchell Rites Held in Moore, Okla.

Services for Beth Ann McNeely Mitchell, 36, of Del City, Okla., were held January 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Moore. Burial was at Sunny Lane Cemetery. Mrs. Mitchell died

January 6 at South Community Hospital.

She was born in Texarkana, and moved to Oklahoma City in 1957. She was store manager and co-owner of Super

Tees Division of Timothy Ball Co. She was a 1960 graduate of Del City High School and a 1956 graduate of Central State University, a member of Southwest Oklahoma City Art Association and the

First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, James Mitchell; one daughter, Terri L. Bryant; one son, William C. Bryant; a sister, Emily Lou Frith of Oklahoma

City; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.E. McNeely of Moore, Okla.

Mrs. McNeely is the former Emma Sessions, niece of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cleve T. Jones of Sonora.

Service Held Saturday for Juan Gomez

Funeral services for Juan L. Gomez, 83, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in

St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial was at the Sonora Cemetery under the direc-

tion of Kerbow Funeral Homes. Gomez died Thursday in

Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital following an illness.

He was born Aug. 14, 1895 in Mexico and moved to Sonora in 1916. He married Anita Savala in 1927. She preceded him in death in 1976.

Gomez was a retired construction contractor and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons, Pete Gomez and Polo Cervantez, both of Sonora; and Jesse Gomez of Fort Worth; three daughters, Elida Guerra Guerra and Maria Carrasco, both of Sonora, and Juanita Garza of Vallejo, Ca.; 24 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three sisters; and a number of nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were grandsons Jessie Gomez, Peter Gomez and John Gomez, and Robert Zapata, Oscar Galindo, Pete Virgen and Pablo Favela.

Sonora Churches

Primera Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:30 p.m.
Worship 7:00 p.m.
WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Paul Terry, pastor
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church
John E. Hafermann, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Adult Inquirer's Class 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Confirmation Instruction 9:00 a.m.

Church of Christ
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Eve. 7:00 p.m.

Sonora Tabernacal United Pentecostal
Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Rev. John Waldron
Sat. Vigil Mass 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 7 p.m.
Holy Day Mass 7 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Holy Com. 11:00 a.m.
1st and 3rd Sundays Morn. Prayer 11:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays

First Assembly of God
Rev. Ned Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Eve. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
The Rev. Jim Miles
Sunday: Church School 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
(Communion on first Sunday of each month)
Inquirer's Class 7:30 p.m.
(Session and Diaconate meet at 7:30 on the 3rd Wed. of each month)

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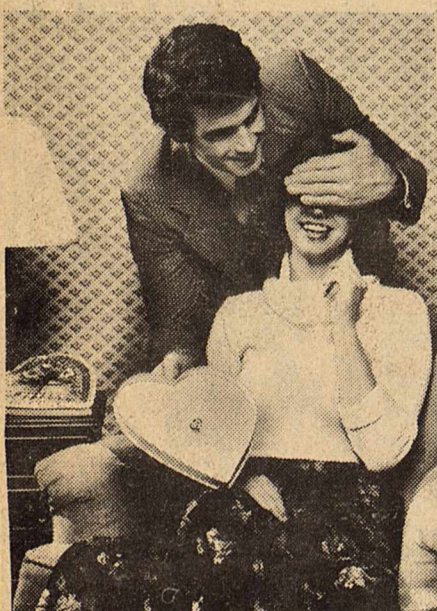
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 Hunt's **Tomato Sauce 5 8-oz Cans for \$100**
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Chicken of the Sea **Tuna 6 1/2-oz Can 69¢**
 Color Tex **Bathroom Tissue 4-Roll Pkg 69¢**

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 Heinz **Gravies 2 12-oz Jars for 88¢**
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Lipton **Instant Tea 3-oz Jar \$199**
 Frontier **Towels 2 Jumbo Rolls for 88¢**
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 El Chico **Tacos 6-ct pk 79¢**
 Morton's **Cream Pies 16-oz Pie 69¢**

Fancy "Bud" Wrapped **Lettuce Head 59¢**
 Medium White **Onions 5 lbs for \$100**
 Hass Creamy **Avocados 4 for \$100**
 Bull Nose **Bell Peppers 8 for \$100**
 Sunkist **Lemons 14 for \$100**
 Calif Pascal **Celery 39¢ ea**
 Medium Size **Cucumbers 7 for \$100**
 Large Ruby Red **Grapefruit 5 for \$100**
 Del Monte **Bananas 5 lbs for \$100**



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D.E. Students Selling Spring Fruit

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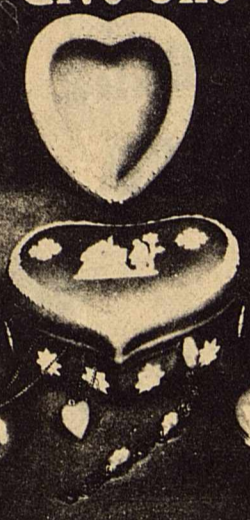
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Members of the Sutton County Division of the American Heart Association worked last Monday night sending out letters in an effort to solicit funds for this year's drive. Pictured are [left to

right] Campaign Chairman Clint Langford, vice-president Harold Miller, area co-ordinator John Payne of San Angelo, and campaign chairman Nina Langford.

Heart Association Begins Fund Drive

Members of the Sutton County Division of the American Heart Association met Monday night to mail out letters explaining their annual fund-raising drive.

According to local president Rev. Jim Miles, the letters explain the association will not conduct door-to-door drive this year because of the large number of similar campaigns by other organizations.

The letter simply asks for donors to return their contributions in the enclosed envelopes.

The contributions will be used for research to probe the unknown and seek causes, cures, treatment

and prevention of disease of the heart and circulatory system, for public education by conducting an extensive program to reduce premature death and disability from cardiovascular disease by educating the public to the risk factors and making them aware of prevention steps they can take, for professional education by providing for the continuing education of physicians, nurses and paramedical personnel, and for pressure clinics, heart information centers, instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and much more.

The Sutton County Division last year received the Heart and Torch Award from the American Heart Association, the highest award given.

"We are giving people in Sutton County the opportunity through this letter to give and give

generously to the American Heart Association," Miles said. "By returning the enclosed envelope with your contribution you will be taking an important step toward a more healthy America."

Other association mem-

bers present included Vice-president Harold Miller, Treasurer Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, Immediate Past President Dr. David Owensby, Campaign Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Clint Langford, Dr. Joe Andrews, Fay

Dunnam, Marlene Evans, Rev. J.W. Fritz, Charles Russell and Gene Shurley. Other members of the local chapter are Charles Graves, Lucille McMillan, W.B. McMillan, Sam Perez, Abelino Sanchez, Jr., and Rev. Paul Terry.

Happy Birthday

Thursday, February 1

Lesia Joy Cleveland Nance Charles Pharis J.C. Berry

Monday, February 5

Bob Granger Mrs. Stella Keene Larry Berger Chuck Browne Suzanne Dillard Janey Dillard

Friday, February 2

Mrs. W.L. Miers Becky Tittle Johnson Tom K. Nevill Terri Simpler Wayford Tyler, Jr.

Saturday, February 3

Myrtle Armentrout Susan Schwiening Crowder Dennis Nance

Sunday, February 4

Dr. William R. Johnson Mrs. B.E. Cartwright Trudy Draper Ricky Wright

Monday, February 5

Bob Granger Mrs. Stella Keene Larry Berger Chuck Browne Suzanne Dillard Janey Dillard

Tuesday, February 6

Mrs. Vernon Hamilton Robert L. Hardgrave, Jr. Dorteo Castro Betty Stewart Carl J. Cahill III

Wednesday, February 7

Lewis Spraggins

Joe Nance Herman Moore Jr. Elisenda Gandar

Janie Welch on Dean's List

Cisco Junior College's fall semester Dean's List includes 1 student from Sonora. Students on the Dean's List have earned a 2.5 or better grade point average on a 3.0 system. The Sonora student making the Dean's List was Janie R. Welch.

Scout News

Troop 276-worked on badges all month and kept close contact with their troop grandmother.

Troop 241-Leader Betty Lopez took the girls to Perry's where they bought flower seeds to be planted at the Girl Scout House. The girls also cooked a dinner by themselves and learned how to set a proper dinner table place setting.

Troop 124-Leader Lori Mohler took her troop to the Nursing Home. The girls made fruit baskets for the Nursing Home and sang songs.

Hospital Auxiliary Meets

Mrs. Catherine Terry, president of the Hospital Auxiliary, presided at a meeting held in the conference room of the hospital Monday.

The meeting was opened with a devotional by Esther Loeffler and the minutes were read and approved.

A treasurer's report was given and a motion was made to transfer \$1,500 to the savings account.

Mrs. Leala Wiseman will be in charge of a Valentine party that was planned for residents of the nursing home.

The need for a new colored television in the hospital was discussed and Mrs. Halbert and Beverly Howard were asked to check into the purchase.

New officers were elected and these will be installed in May.

11 persons were in attendance at the meeting.

Bunko Club Hosted by Mrs. Parker

The Chaos Bunko Club met Monday night at the San Angelo Savings Room with Patricia Parker as hostess.

Cherry swirl pie, chips, dips and drinks were served.

Winning bunko was Ruby Jolly; high, Ms. Parker; second high, Susan Mirike, and low, Jeanie Prather.

Melissa Slusher was elected a new member of the club.

Guests at the party were Connie Sinks and Ms. Mirike.

Others attending were Kathy Knight, Jacque Walicek, Mottie Hite, Karen Goins, Kim Hardin and Betty Weant.

Just in time for the Fling Ding

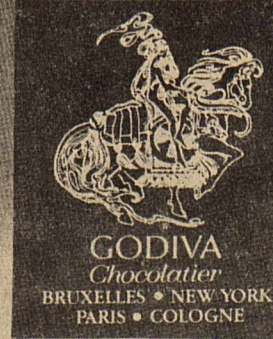
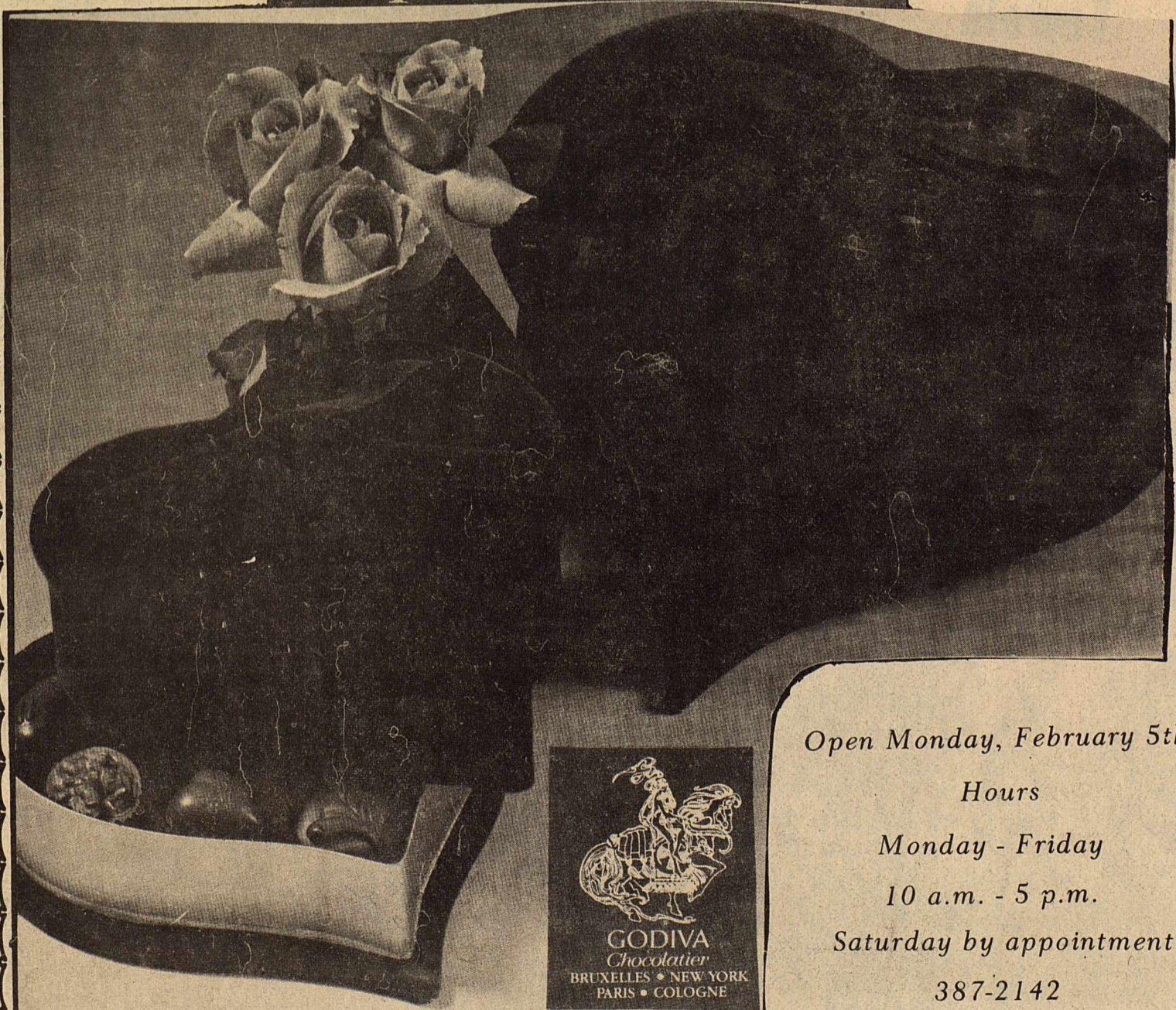
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Local Artist Sets Exhibition In San Angelo Show

Local Artist-Teacher, Barbara Earwood, and her students, will be exhibiting in the San Angelo Art Club's annual "Teacher's and Students Show" during February. The show will hang in the Helen King Kendall Art Gallery, 119 W. 1st Street, San Angelo, from

February 4th through the 28th. There will be an Informal Coffee honoring the Teachers and Students on opening day, Sunday, February 4th, at the Gallery from 2-5 p.m. Everyone is welcomed. Students of Mrs. Earwood's, all of whom will be showing their work

for the first time are: Miss Robbi Dickenson, Justin Stanley, Marshall Tyler, Miss Elaine Newton, Mrs. June Ferguson, Mrs. Linda Epps, Ms. Sammie Espy, Mrs. Jeanne Jackson, Mrs. Rick Young, Mrs. Margaret Cascadden, and Mrs. Peggy Street. The Gallery is open on

Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. No admission is charged.



Owners of Sonora's newest pre-school, the ABC Fun Factory, are Diane Snider (left) and Sharon Hogue. Students seated at the desk are Missy Hogue (left) and Jennifer Williams. The school is located on Poplar Street.

New Arrival

A daughter, Stephanie Gail, was born January 11 in Schleicher County Medical Center to Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Daniels. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Daniels of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Dannheim of Eldorado. Great-grandparents are Etta Ruth Dennheim of Eldorado, Iris Faber of Redding, California, and Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Faul of Eldorado.

Green News

By Sammie Espy
Sonora High School Golf Coach, Oliver Wuest, reports that Greg Tedford, James Minatra, Johnnie Doan, R.B. Alexander, Billy Bob Galbreath and Wade Hopkins are the prospective golfers for the Golf Team at this time. Coach Wuest is expecting more players when Basketball Season ends February 13th. The first golf tournament will be February 16th and 17th in Ft. Stockton. Wilson Page made a HOLE IN ONE on #9 last

Friday. Wilson hit a 6 Iron into the hole. Playing with him were Paul Page, Howard Derrick, Raymond Mobley and J.W. Neville. Lucille (Chicken) McMillan is in Baylor Hospital, Dallas, undergoing treatments for a pinched nerve. We wish Chicken a speedy recovery. Merle and Lonnie Taylor have bought the house formerly owned by Frank French and will be moving in shortly. Remember the Fling Ding Open February 11th.

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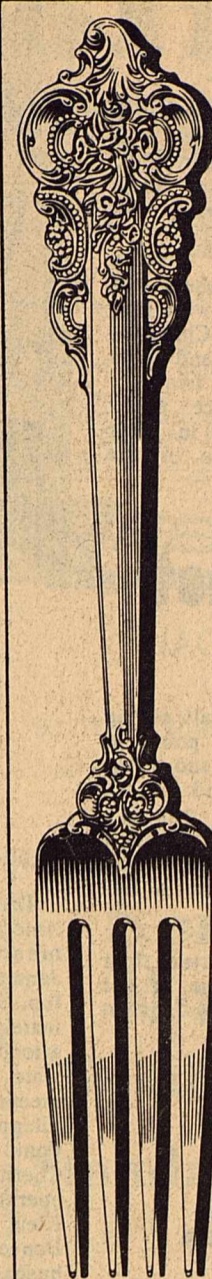
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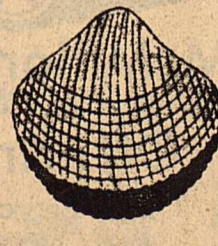
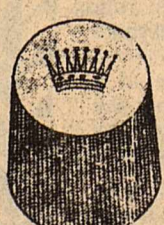
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8th Grade Boys Fall To Wall Monday

The Sonora eighth grade boys fell victim to cold shooting Monday night as they dropped a contest to Wall, 32-21.

Wall surged ahead 10-6 in the first quarter, but the Colts came back to cut the gap to 14-9 at halftime.

The Hawks pulled the game out of reach in the third period as they scored 10 points while completely shutting out the Colts.

A futile comeback effort

in the fourth quarter fell short as the Colts outscored their visitors, 10-8. Marney Sorenson headed the Colt scoring with seven points.

Other Sonora scorers were Espy Whitehead and Chris Reynolds with four each; and David Chandler, DeVoe Smith, and Tom Schabel, all with two.

The Colts face Brady Thursday night in their last home game of the season.

7th Graders Blast Hawks 21-8

The Sonora seventh grade boys took revenge for a 38-13 loss to Wall earlier in the season as they blasted the Hawks Monday night, 21-8.

The Colts fell behind 4-2 at the end of the first quarter, but came back to knot the score at halftime, 8-8.

A superb defensive effort completely closed the door on Wall scoring

in the second half as the Colts hit for six points in the third stanza and seven in the final period.

Jeff Brittain with 11 points and Wendell Yarborough with 10 scored all the Colt points in the game.

The Colts played their final home game of the season Thursday against Brady.

Girls Shut Out Wall In 4th Qtr.

Theresa Marlow hit two baskets with less than a minute left in the game, and the stingy Colt defense shut out Wall the entire fourth quarter to give the Sonora seventh grade girls a 17-15 come from behind victory over the Hawks Monday night.

The Colts fell behind in the early going, trailing 4-2 at the end of the first period and still in a hole, 9-6, going into the second

half. By the end of the third stanza, Wall had a 15-11 lead, but the Colts came to steal the victory.

Marlow finished the game with six points, followed by Kate Parker with four; Tammy Tidwell, Olivia Ramirez and Lora Lea Kordzik, all with two; and Patricia Bible with one.

The Colts play their last home game Thursday against Brady.

Eighth Grade Girls Loose By One

The Sonora eighth grade girls saw a last ditch effort fall just short Monday night as they were nipped by Wall, 24-23.

Sloppy ball handling and poor shooting plagued the Colts throughout the early going as they fell behind 5-4 after the opening period, and saw the Hawks widen the margin to 14-8 at halftime.

Both teams managed

only two points each in the third stanza, but the Colts outgunned their visitors 13-9 in the closing period to almost pull off the rally.

Delma Noriega was the top point producer for the Colts with 14.

Other Sonora scorers were Mirasol Ramirez with three and Tanya Tyler, Debra Zapata and Anna Mata all with two.

Softball Meeting Changed to Feb. 15

The meeting for the women's softball league has been changed to February 15. The meeting will be held at the HNG Building at 7:30 p.m.

All rosters for softball teams will be submitted at

this meeting.

Anyone desiring to join one of the teams should contact Jane Smith and Bowie Construction or Julie Parker at 387-3804.

The deadline for joining a team is February 13.



This group of Sonora High School teachers and students provided entertainment at the Sonora Downtown Lions Club Banquet last Wednesday. They are (left to right) Ed Martinez, Scott Savell, Armando Martinez and Chris Cassel. Hidden from view in the background is drummer David Jennings.

Mohair Council Meets

The Mohair Council of America held their annual meeting Thursday, January 18, in the Holiday Inn, San Angelo. Approximately 100 were in attendance, and out of state guests for the meeting included Germano Fileppo and Maurizio Poma of Biella, Italy; Cherita Moody, owner and operator of the Bernat Klein distributorship in Denver, Colorado, and her husband, Vernon; Jo Ann Jayne and Rozita Jake of the Navajo Tribe, Shiprock, New Mexico; and Bernard Waldman, Mohair Council advertising agent, New York, City.

Reports were given on the past year's activities, the International Mohair Association executive committee meeting held in London in November, and the foreign market development trip conducted during the first two weeks in November. The 1979-80 budget was given approval by the board and totals \$204,400, 60% of which is allocated for advertising and promotion projects.

The visitors from Italy showed a documentary film on the Angora goat industry of Texas. During the noon luncheon, high fashion mohair garments were modeled. These garments were supplied by

designers in New York and from Bernat Klein's line, distributed in Denver. Highlight of the meeting was election of 1979 directors and officers. Re-elected for a term of one year were Bob Childress of Ozona, President; Herman Moore of Brownwood, Vice President; and Robert Pfluger of San Angelo, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors elected to represent District IV, which is Sutton County, are Armer Earwood, James Hunt, Guy Askew, Bob Brockman, Thomas Morris, Lawrence Finklea, Joe David Ross, Ruth Espy, and Norm Rousselot, all of Sonora.

Health Officials Take Stand for Measles Immunization

The subject of this memorandum is measles. Virtually all public health professionals are aware of the serious consequences of this disease. All public health professionals are aware that measles can be prevented by immunization. Still, we have measles.

A nationwide epidemic of measles occurred in 1977. From our experience early last year, we learned that large numbers of children whom we thought to be protected were susceptible because of theretofore unrecognized flaws in our immunization system. Efforts to seek out the unprotected and to immunize them, when viewed from the national and statewide perspective, have not been sufficient.

There is evidence that another Texas measles epidemic may have begun. We know of epidemics in 8 other states. Many measles cases are occurring in our school children, especially in Junior High School and High School students in East Texas. We have no reason to believe that the rest of Texas will remain relatively unaffected unless positive and vigorous steps are taken now to prevent a violent resurgence of measles during and after the holidays.

The following steps should be taken immediately throughout the State:

1. All school systems must review immunization records on all Elementary, Junior High School and especially High School

students in order to identify the following students:

A. Those who have not been immunized with live virus measles vaccine or cannot provide certification by a physician that they have been adequately immunized prior to that time.

B. Those who were immunized against measles prior to the month which included their first birthday.

2. These children must be immunized with deliberate haste.

3. Texas physicians, school personnel, and day care center operators must report to the local health authorities every case of measles suspected or diagnosed. Knowledge of cases and clusters of cases will make it possible to identify populations that have escaped immunization.

4. Health authorities, civic leaders, school administrators, and parents must publicize the measles problem and bend every effort towards immunization effort toward immunizing every child and adolescent. In local outbreaks, infants of 6-12 months of age are candidates for immunization, recognizing that upon reaching 15 months they will need to be immunized again. Adults may, in some circumstances, also need protection by immunization.

5. Every school should maintain accurate records of the immunizations of all children and adolescents

Sorority Hosts Social

Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Kappa Gamma Chapter, held their monthly social Saturday at the HNG Building.

"Frosty Fun" was the theme of the social. Hosting were Glenda Short and Pam Davenport.

Those attending were Jo Ann and Hubert Jones, Nelda and Stanley Mayfield, Jim and Judy Miles, Jan and Les Robertson, Jo Ann and Mark Wilkinson, Diane and Hal Snyder, Marlene and Roy Evens, Pam and Mat Davenport, and Glenda and Steve Short.

Softball League Elects Officers

Tyron Fields, David Nadrachel and Bud Smith were elected as new officers of the Men's Softball Association last week.

The new officers discussed the possibility of hosting invitational tournaments this year with local as well as area teams participating.

Currently, eight teams are set for the upcoming season, and 10 or 12 are needed for the new split league format which will feature a championship game between the two league winners at the end of the season.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or playing should contact one of the officers.

Happy Anniversary

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February 11
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February 13
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February 14
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February 17
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February 27
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King on Dean's List

Charles Wayne King of Sonora, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the university.

Charles, a Spanish major at ASU, is listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll.

Dr. Fields Speaks at Seminar

Dr. Johnny Fields of Sonora was one of the featured speakers at the Fourth Annual Golden Crescent Veterinary Ranch Seminar last Friday in Victoria.

Dr. Fields addressed the convention on the subject of "Selection and Care of Replacement Heifers". He was one of a slate of four veterinarians addressing the group along with Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan Brown who served as the keynote speaker.

The seminar, one of a series held throughout the state, was sponsored by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.



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In medium bowl, combine all ingredients, except chicken. Place chicken in single layer in 8" x 12" baking dish. Cover chicken with sauce. Bake, covered, in preheated 350° F. oven for 30 minutes. Remove cover. Continue baking, uncovered, for 30 minutes longer. Serves 6.

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Duplicate Bridge Winners

Tom Peaslee of Sonora and Billie Porter of Eldorado won first place overall in the American Bridge League Association membership games held in Brady January 24.

Peaslee and Mrs. Porter also won first place overall in the ACBL membership game held in Big Lake January 29.

Peaslee, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. W.H. Hillard and Mrs. Mary Christian of Eldorado's Swiss team, was one of the winners in the A.C.B.L. grand nationals final playoffs held in San Angelo Saturday.

They will advance to the grand nationals state Playoffs in March.

Cattlemen Appoint Inspector

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has appointed Charles "Lucky" Thompson, 35, of Giddings, Texas, as field inspector, effective January 1, 1979. The announcement was made by TSCRA Secretary-General Manager Don C. King of Fort Worth.

Thompson, previously sheriff of Lee County, Texas, will serve cattle raisers in TSCRA District 6. This district includes Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Briscoe, Hall and Childress Counties of Texas, and Beckham, Greer and Harmon Counties of Oklahoma. He will be headquartered in Clarendon, Texas.

Thompson was raised on the Lloyd Shelton Ranch at Ashtola, near Clarendon. He attended high school in Clarendon and later served in the U.S. Army for two years.

While in high school and after his military service, Thompson worked as a cowboy for the 6666 Ranch at Borger, Texas; the XL Ranch at Masterson, Texas; Pitchfork Land & Cattle Company at Guthrie, Texas; the Shoe Bar Ranch at Turkey, Texas; and the Shelton Ranch.

Thompson worked as a TSCRA brand inspector at Lubbock, Texas, and later at Giddings.

His seven-year law enforcement career began with the Lee County Sheriff's Department. He has been county sheriff for the last two years.

Thompson is a certified peace officer with an advanced certificate and is a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He has also completed 46 hours of college credit in law enforcement at Austin Community College.

"Lucky Thompson has the three essentials necessary for doing our members a good job in District 6— he's a ranch cowboy, a law enforcement officer and a professional brand inspector," King says.

Thompson succeeds John Tropper, longtime TSCRA field inspector who died November 3, 1978, in an Amarillo hospital after a long illness.

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A New Jail for Sutton County, Sonora, Texas in accordance with plans and specifications for Sutton County, prepared by J.C. McDermitt and Associates, Architect; and on file in the office of the Architect at Suite 409, Simaco Center, San Angelo, Texas, and the office of the County Clerk in Sutton County Court House, Sonora, Texas. Other plans will be on file throughout the State of Texas, in the various plan rooms.

Copies of plans, specifications and proposal blanks, together with any further information desired may be secured from the office of the Architect, upon deposit of a check for \$100.00. Checks shall be made out to J.C. McDermitt, Architect.

Copies will be forwarded to prospective bidders upon receipt of deposit, shipping charges, collect, via Bus or United Parcel

Service.

Deposit will be refunded upon return of bidding documents in good condition and with charges prepaid within ten days after date contracts are awarded for contractors submitting bids. Those who do not submit bids forfeit their deposit unless documents are returned seven days before opening of bids. All bidding documents must be returned in good condition, as they remain the property of the architect.

Accompany each proposal with Bid Bond or Certified Checks in the sum of 10% of the amount of the proposal. Amount must be stated in dollars and cents.

Contractors are advised any proposals must remain in force for a period of thirty calendar days after opening proposals.

Proposals shall be sealed and addressed to: Honorable J.W. Elliott, County Judge, Sutton County, Sonora, Texas.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept bids that embraces such combination of proposals as may promote the best interest of the Owner.

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Legal Notice

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Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of The Utility and the classes and number of utility consumers affected is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and the city of Junction, Texas.

The statement of intent is available for public inspection at the General Office of The Utility located at P.O. Box 305, 702 Pecan Street, Junction, Texas 76849. Campbell McInnis Attorney for The Utility 4C22

Legal Notice

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City of Sonora is taking bids for [1] new 1979 1/2 ton pickup. Specifications can be seen at the City Managers office at 201 Main City Hall Sonora, Texas. Bids will be received until February 5, 1979 at 5:00 p.m. 2C22

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Debra Zapata puts up a shot over a taller Wall player in the eighth grade girls 24-23 loss to the Hawks Monday night. The Colts trailed the entire game, and a fourth quarter rally fell just short.

J.V. Girls Take Eldorado Consolation

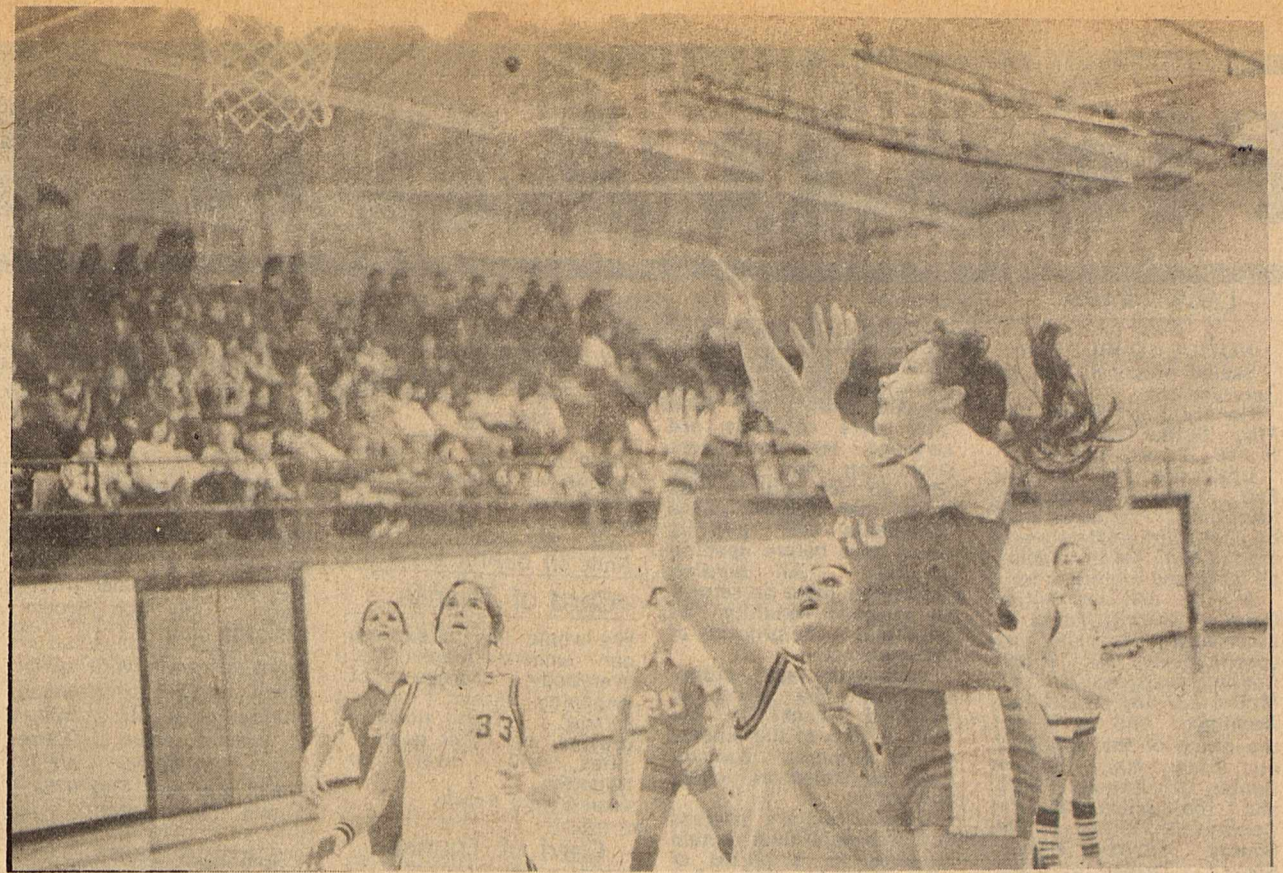
The Sonora junior varsity girls brought home the Consolation Trophy from the Eldorado Junior Varsity Tournament last weekend as they downed the Wall Hawks, 36-17.

The Broncos jumped to a 12-2 opening period lead and were never threatened again as they upped the score to 20-6 at halftime.

By the end of the third quarter, the gap had increased to 28-10, and the Broncos edged the Hawks, 8-7, in the final period to ice the win.

Jessica Robledo paced the Bronco scoring with 17 points in the game.

Other Bronco scorers were Noriega, eight; Sheppard and Gina Thompson, each with eight; Evans and Daphney Smith, both with two; and Friess, one.



Judy York puts in a layup in Sonora's 45-38 win over Ozona Friday night. York had 15 points in the game,

the Bronco's first District 7-AA victory. For full game details see page 4B.

7th Grade Boys Take Consolation Trophy

The Sonora seventh grade boys took third place in the Ricksprings Tournament, playing against all eighth grade teams.

The Colts dropped their opening game against

Ricksprings, 21-8, as they had trouble finding their shooting touch.

Ricksprings went ahead, 4-2, at the end of the opening period and maintained the two-point spread, 6-4, throughout the first half.

The Billies edged ahead even more, 10-6, by the end of the third period, but exploded to outscore the Colts, 11-2, in the closing quarter.

Wendell Yarborough with six points and Ronnie Pollard with two accounted for all the Sonora scoring.

The Colts broke loose a

tie ball game in the fourth quarter to win the Consolation Game against the Medina eighth grade, 11-8.

Medina went ahead 4-0 at the end of the first quarter, but the Colts battled in the third stanza, battled back to knot the game at halftime, 4-4.

In a tough defensive quarter, neither team allowed a single basket in the third stanza, but the Colts outscored their opponents, 7-4, in the closing period to ice the win and a trophy.

Yarborough, Pollard, and Jeff Brittain each

contributed three points in the game, while Jay Thomas netted two.

Brittain was also named to the all-tournament squad.

Sonora 8th Grade Girls Win Consolation At Iraan

The Sonora eighth grade girls took home the Consolation Trophy from the Iraan Junior High Tournament last weekend after defeating Rankin in the finals, 26-12.

The girls pulled off a come from behind victory against Alpine, 28-25, to clinch a berth in the consolation game.

Alpine moved ahead to

an 8-2 first quarter lead, and the Colts still trailed at halftime, 11-6.

Both teams exchanged baskets in the third period with the score standing at 19-14, but the Colts outgunned their opponents 14-6 in the closing quarter to capture the victory.

Debra Zapata hit for 10 points to head the Colt attack. Other scorers were

Delma Noriega, seven; Anna Mata, four; Mirasol Ramirez, three; and Sonya Ridgeway and Tanna Tyler, two each.

The Colts led all the way in the Rankin contest, jumping ahead 7-4 at the end of the first quarter and extending the lead to 13-8 at halftime.

By the end of the third quarter, the girls led 19-10 and then outscored the Red Devils 7-2 in the final period to ice the victory.

Noriega paced the Colts scoring with 14 points, followed by Zapata with six, and Ridgeway, Tyler and Mata with two each.

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7th Grade Girls Fall At Ricksprings

The Sonora seventh grade girls dropped their games in the Ricksprings Junior High Tournament, but still had respectable showings playing against all eighth grade teams.

Medina downed the Colts in the opener, 31-10, as they went ahead of the Colts, 7-4, at the end of the first quarter, then extended the lead to 21-4 at halftime.

The second half was relatively close all the way as Medina outscored the Colts only 6-4 in the third quarter and 4-2 in the final period.

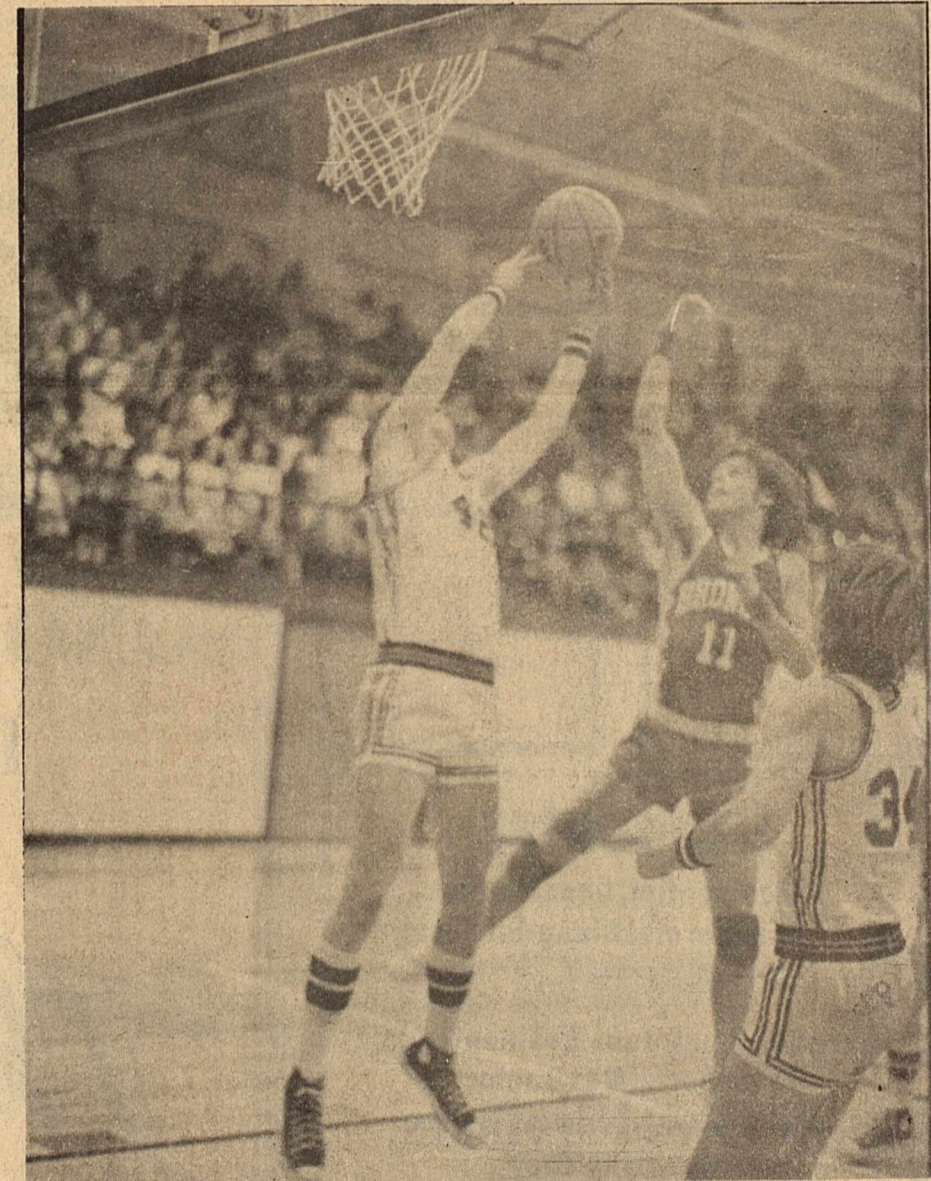
Theresa Marlow with eight points and Judy Merrill with two accounted for all the Colt scoring.

The Colts tied the score, 2-2, through the opening period of their 18-5 loss to Ricksprings in the Consolation Game, but had trouble scoring in the second stanza to trail 10-3 at halftime.

Ricksprings shut the Colts out of the scoring column in the third quarter to cinch the win.

Marlow and Kristi Hill each had two points in the game, and Patricia Bible added one.

Marlow was named to the all-tournament team.



Kent Cagle [11] battles an Ozona lion player for a rebound in Friday night action. The Broncos dropped the game 52-41, their third District 7-AA loss. See page 3B for full game details.

8th Grade Boys Downed At Iraan Tournament

The Sonora eighth grade boys were edged in a close game in the Consolation Finals of the Iraan Tournament Saturday by McCamey, 25-23.

The Colts trailed, 6-2, after the opening period, then narrowed the gap to 13-10 at halftime.

The Colts pulled to

within one, 19-18, by the beginning of the fourth stanza, but failed to gain any ground on the Badgers.

Espy Whitehead and Tom Schabel with six points each lead the Colt scoring.

Other Sonora point producers were Marney Sorenson and DeVoe

Smith with four each and Jeff Harlin with two.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
Close of Business—December 31, 1978


ASSETS

Loans and Discounts	\$11,442,425.32
U. S. Government Bonds	4,780,128.29
Other Stocks and Bonds	7,257,544.40
Property Accounts	683,298.27
Cash on Hand and in Banks	2,253,377.00
Federal Funds Sold	2,850,000.00
Other Assets	696,366.83
Total	\$29,963,140.11

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus	300,000.00
Undivided Profits	2,069,131.74
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Bronco Bits

By Annabelle Gonzales

The yearbook staff will put the yearbooks on sale one more time this year. They will be sold this last week of January for \$12. SHS students can pay an additional \$1.50 to have their name put on the cover.

Carol Brandon was chosen as Lions Club Queen last Wednesday night. She will later travel to Midland for district competition. The winner will then travel to Odessa for state competition. The Lions Club is paying for all entry fees and wardrobe. Hillary Hunt was first runnerup and Patricia Ponsetti was second runnerup.

The varsity girls won their second district ball game against Ozona, 45-38. The J.V. girls also won their game by a score of 55-33.

Both varsity and J.V. boys lost to Ozona. The varsity boys lost 52-41, and the J.V. lost, 43-14.

The J.V. girls participated in the Eldorado J.V. Tournament and took the Consolation place. They were beaten by McCamey in the first round action. The girls came back and beat Big Lake and then Wall for consolation.

Many of the Mighty Bronco Band members have been working extremely hard these last few weeks. They will be participating in the solo and ensemble contest. At least half of the band will be participating in Brownwood on Feb. 1.

Thought for the Week: Most people underestimate their own brain power and overestimate the other person's.

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Register of Merit Hereford Sale Slated

One of the most outstanding sets of Hereford herd bull prospects ever offered in one sale will sell in Fort Worth, January 28 in The Texas Select Bull Sale sponsored by the Texas Hereford Association. Twenty-four bulls consigned by 18 breeders will be presented. The offering includes blue ribbon winners in some strong shows on the Hereford circuit and include many sons of Register of Merit and Super Register of Merit Hereford sires. Some of the most prestigious sire name in the Hereford breed appear in these bull pedigrees.

The bulls come from a wide cross-section of the state with the 18 breeders

selling having a cumulative total of 450 years in the registered Hereford business. Total REGISTERED cow numbers on the consigning ranches totals 5500 mother cows. Extremely high standards were set by the selection committee in selecting the bulls nominated for the sale.

Jack Chastain, Secretary-Manager of the Texas Hereford Association, said that any breeder interested in a top Hereford bull should be able to find a bull of exceptional quality to add breed character and doing-ability to his breeding program. "These bulls have quality enough for

the registered breeder and are modern enough for the commercial cowman," he added. The bulls will sell in Single lots.

Of the 24 bulls entered, 10 different Super ROM sires, 5 different Register of Merit Show sires, and two Feedlots and Carcass Register of Merit Sires appear in the pedigrees either as a sire and/or grandsire—a total of 17 ROM sires just in the first two generations. Going back further in the pedigree would add even more to this impressive number. ROM sires represented with sons or grandsons in the offering are Grand Slam, CL

Domino 8015, RC Mischief K37, Winrock D4, CL Domino 334, Selkirk Lad 113, SR Big Arthur H201, Granite V Bar Rock, RC Mischief K73, HH Advance C405, RC Mischief D4, DH Beau Mark Dhu 326, WR Rock 9954, DH Beau Mark 815, HH Advance C756, WCF LI Domino 6313 and CN D4 Mischief.

Some of the other outstanding sires represented with sons or grandsons in the sale are ML Domino 85B, the 2,600 pound son of Domino DP Lad 7; SR Mark Domino K166; SR Mark Don K521; FL Centurian; HH

Advance C116; CI Domino 896; CL I Domino 820; 07 Tiberius A696 by 07 Tiberius 772; 07 Tiberius 826 by 07 Tiberius 58; Mark Selkirk D31; Big Beef PR 5; FP Sterling D4 66B; Advance LI Dom 3150; TK 40B Britisher 436 by MA Britisher MIS 40B; RB Donald Dhu K168 by 26 Royal Dhu B186; RBF LI Domino A320 by CI I Domino 7005; WCF LI Domino 2189 by WCF LI Domino 8117; HH Advance A272; and HH Advance C504.

The following Texas Hereford Association members have entered bulls in the sale: A OK Herefords, Lometa; Van

Winkle Ranch, Buffalo; Rocking Chair Ranch, Ft. McKavett; Weldon Edwards, Clyde; Flat Top Ranch, Walnut Springs; Friedman's Lone Star Herefords, Henrietta; Rockbrook Farms, Montalba; Delbert McCloy, Sunray; Cooke County College, Gainsville; Granite Hills

Neblett, Jr., Stephenville; Jack Davidson, Hamilton; V Bar Ranch, Bob Sale, Stanton; and B&C Cattle Co., Miami and Sid Stephens, Stephenville.

The sale bulls will be stalled in the exhibit barns along with cattle entered in the Charles Neblett Jr. Register of Merit Hereford Show in Fort Worth for inspection prior to sale time.

The bull sale will be held on Sunday, January 28, 1979, immediately following the annual commercial Hereford Heifer

Sale, also sponsored by The Texas Hereford Association. Other Hereford activities in Fort Worth during stock show time will be the ROM breeding show Monday, January 29 and the annual membership meeting and banquet of the THA at Green Oaks Inn, January 29.

For additional information on Hereford activities in Fort Worth, January 28-29, contact the Texas Hereford Association, 3345 Winthrop Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116, Phone 817-732-7797.

'Operation Dead Lamb' Underway by TS&GRA

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association has done a lot of talking the last year or so about

Operation Dead Lamb—and we've meant every word of it.

Most of what we've said

has been along the lines of "let's get this information together and maybe someone will look at it." For too many years now, our reports of severe livestock losses to golden eagles have fallen on deaf ears. Too few people have actually witnessed eagles killing stock and those who did were invariably dismissed by eagle apologists as stockman who probably made the whole thing up.

The eagle protectors have managed to frustrate efforts to gain reasonable relief by demanding proof they thought no one could provide. Well, we're providing that proof now—

and someone appears to be looking at it. Who's looking? The U.S. Interior Department, believe it or not!

In a recently proposed regional supplement to the infamous "Golden Eagle Management Plan" released late in the fall, Operation Dead Lamb is cited as an information-gathering method to be incorporated into the Fish and Wildlife Service program.

Under a section dealing with "assessment of damage," the supplement proposes to use Dead Lamb results, field reconnaissance and mail surveys to establish livestock

loss levels attributable to eagles. The report even mentions an Interior brochure expected to be published to help producers recognize various types of predator kills. The brochure would improve rancher accuracy in the mail surveys and further cut down on the (already very low) percentage of "duds" submitted for Operation Dead Lamb.

We are not suggesting by any stretch of the imagination that the federals will be taking over the Dead Lamb—pray forbid—only that they seem to recognize the integrity of the results. That means a lot when you consider

how many times federal restrictors have announced their own information-gathering programs, then suppressed their results when the evidence revealed truths they didn't want revealed.

Judging from the record the last few years, truths about eagles have fallen into the taboo category, yet here comes the Interior Department, unbidden and announced, to take advantage of a program that has already proven itself capable and willing to discover and tell the unpopular truth about eagle depredations.

Could things be looking up? Not without a whale

of a lot of co-operation from stockmen. Operation Dead Lamb needs carcasses a lot worse than the buzzards do—and not just carcasses of suspected eagle kills, but carcasses of all types of predator kills. It is, after all, not just a one-track program, though the need for eagle evidence gave it birth.

We're suggesting that all suspected predator kills be collected, frozen and submitted for the program. It wouldn't hurt to identify the suspected predator yourself, either—non-eagle kills tentatively identified as such will help assure that their presence in what is considered

basically an eagle program won't be misconstrued to suggest that ranchers can't tell one kill from another.

Collection points are: Flavil's Gro. & Mkt., Uvalde; Ranch House Meat, Menard; Del Rio Locker Plant, Del Rio; Kountry Korner Food Store, Comstock; Branding Iron Smoke House, Sonora; Priour-Varga Warehouse, Rocksprings; Bernhard's Ingram Locker, Ingram; Ray Siegmund, District Agent, 1710 N. Front St., Ft. Stockton; San Angelo Research & Extension Center, Hwy 87 North, San Angelo.

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Inflation and a mild recession are several of the roadblocks facing farmers and ranchers in 1979, says a marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Carl Anderson expects overall economic growth to slow to 2 percent or less in 1979, down from nearly 4 percent in 1978. "This will bring on a mild

recession during mid-year. The economic slowdown will likely curtail buying of higher priced cuts of red meats and will encourage the use of ground meat, meat substitutes and poultry," he contends. "Mill use of cotton may also decline.

"Inflation and the high cost of energy will continue to hamper economic growth in the United States and will

especially keep agricultural producers in an economic blind," believes Anderson. "The President's wage and price standards are not expected to be effective unless they are bolstered by considerable economic restraints by monetary authorities and in government spending.

"Effects of a high rate of inflation are particularly severe on agriculture," emphasizes the economist.

Sell Unproductive Cows

One sure way to cut winter feed costs and generate income is to cull and sell cows that will not

calve and that wean lightweight calves.

Winter feed costs, depending on management, are generally between \$50 to \$100 per cow, and accurate culling based on an individual cow's performance can cut these costs and improve profits, points out Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Maintaining accurate performance records on each cow is the key to accurately determining re-

productive efficiency. These should include the cow's lifetime production in the herd, age, conception data, calving dates and weaning weights of calves as well as calving intervals.

Without cow identification and performance records, culling is limited to a pregnancy determination and visual inspection which are important and should be practiced by all beef producers whether they have performance records or not. A veterinarian should check

cows for pregnancy and soundness and remove open or defective cows. Open cows left in the herd gradually eat up profits and give nothing in return. The should be the first to go.

Month of birth and age of calves are two important factors affecting differences in weaning weights within a herd, explains Clint. Older calves will weigh more than younger calves, and research results show that calves born in winter and early spring weigh from 35 to 80 pounds heavier at weaning compared to summer and fall calves. Calving dates are helpful in culling and can also help detect cows with breeding problems by determining the calving interval. Each cow should have a calf each year.

Weaning weights can be used more accurately in culling if they are adjusted to a common age such as 205 days. Cows can be compared and culled on the basis of their milking ability.

Producers will have to decide how extensive a record system they need. However, when it comes down to culling cows, there is no substitute for good records, contends Langford.

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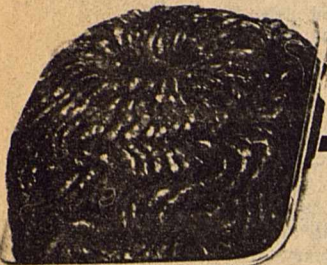

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The Ozona Lions blew by Sonora in the fourth quarter to hand the Broncos their third straight District 7-AA loss Friday night, 52-41.

Momentum shifted constantly in the game, and the Broncos took the lead after the first period of play, 12-10.

But the Lions got the hot hand in the second quarter, outscoring the Broncos 19-12 to take a 29-24 halftime lead.

The third quarter was all Sonora, as a superb defense forced the Lions into low percentage outside shots while the Broncos patiently waited for the sure shot.

Two free throws by David Creek with 1:59 left tied the game at 35-35, and a layup by Dan Lawson with 15 seconds remaining gave the Broncos back the lead going into the final period, 37-35.

The Broncos appeared to have control of the contest, but questionable calls by the officials on their first three possessions of the quarter shifted the momentum back to the

Ozona crew.

Taking the lead, the Lions forced the Broncos into their running game, and when Lawson and Cody Savell fouled out less than a minute apart, the

game was out of reach.

Lawson with 13 points and Creek with 10 led the Bronco scoring effort.

Other point makers for Sonora were Pat Street with eight, Savell with six and Kent Cagle with four.

Ozona Junior Varsity Blast Sonora Boys, 43-14

The Sonora junior varsity boys had definite scoring problems Friday night as they were thumped by Ozona, 43-14.

The Broncos fell behind 12-4 after the first quarter, then could manage only one basket in the second period to trail 16-6 at halftime.

Ozona upped their margin to 26-8 in the third stanza, then exploded for 17 points in the final period.

Johnny Doan, Allen Stewart and Perry Don Draper, all with four points, and John Blankenship with two accounted for all the Sonora scoring.

Bronco Basketball Stars

Meet the 1978 - 79 Bronco Cagers



Daphney Smith is a 5-0 sophomore point and wing for the Bronco junior varsity. She is also a member of the Bronco band. The daughter of Eddie and Venetta Smith, she has lived in Sonora eight years.



Rosa Noriega is a 5-4 freshman guard for the junior varsity Broncos. She is also a member of the track team. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Noriega, she has lived in Sonora her entire life.



Debbie Kemp is a 5-1 sophomore guard for junior varsity Broncos. She is also a member of the tennis team. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kemp, she has lived in Sonora for four years.



Julie Harris is a 5-0 1/4 junior guard for the Bronco junior varsity, and basketball is her only sport. The daughter of Jackie Harris, she has made Sonora her home her entire life.

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Bronco Girls Get First District Win, Down Ozona, 45-38

The Sonora Bronco girls picked up their first District 7-AA victory Friday night as they thrashed Ozona, 45-38. The victory puts the girls at a 1-1 district record and sets up a showdown with Crane

Feb. 8 for a chance to tie the Golden Cranes for the league title.

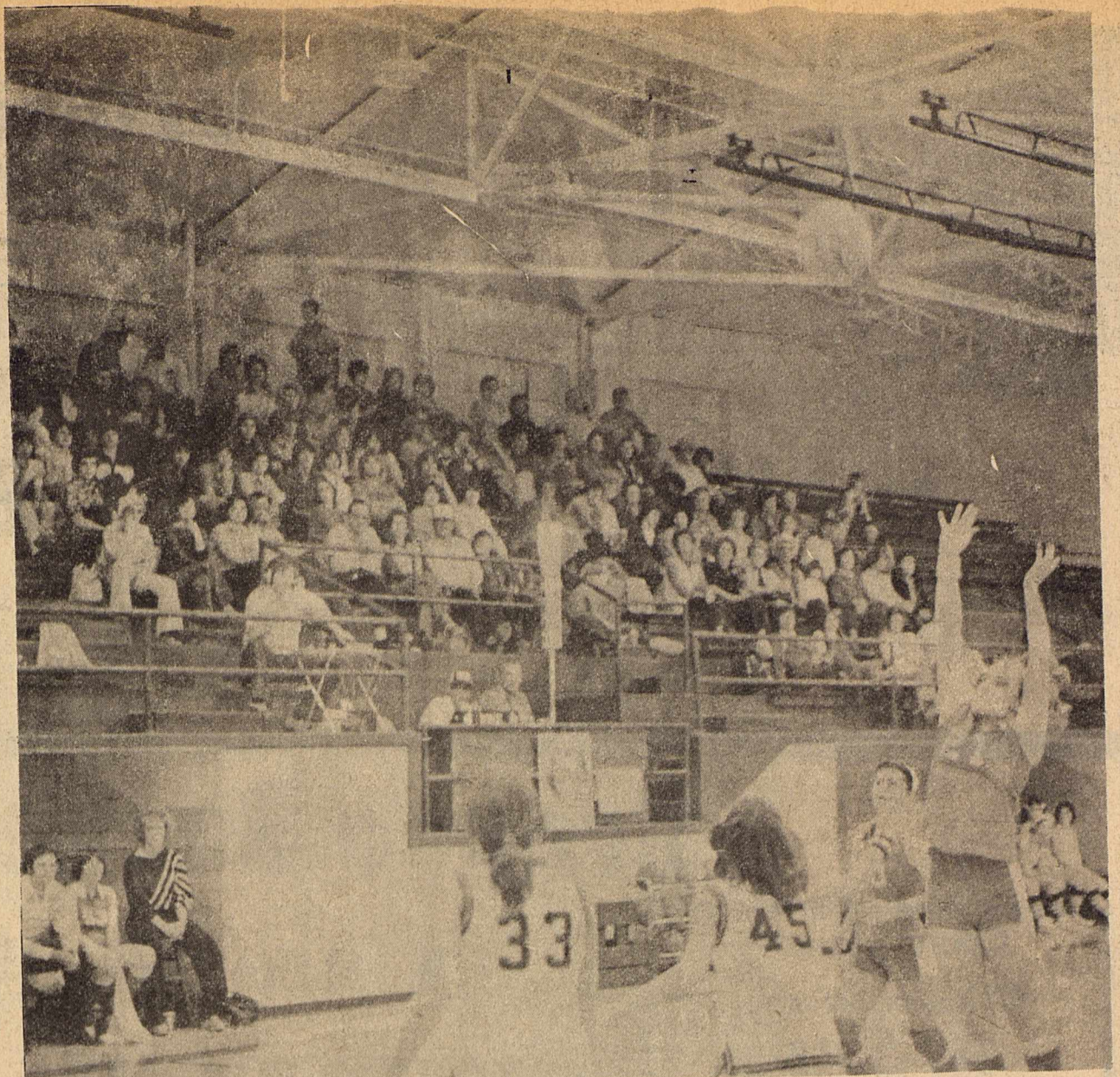
Sonoras fast break worked to perfection as Judy York and Paige Pollard constantly put in the easy shot in the first quarter as the Broncos swarmed to a 16-2 lead.

Ozona battled back in the second stanza, however to cut the halftime margin to 25-14.

The Broncos again surged ahead in the third quarter to lead 36-22, but sloppy ball handling by the Sonora squad and hot shooting by Ozona in the closing period made the score much closer than the balance of the game really was.

Pollard and York headed the Bronco scoring attack with 20 and 15 points respectively, while Stacy Chandler added eight and Pam Powers, two.

The girls will be idle this weekend while the boys travel to Kermit for a rematch with the district leaders.



Pam Powers puts up a jump shot for her only basket of the night as the Broncos eased by Ozona Friday night, 45-36. Looking on from the floor is Annabelle

Gonzales (20) and watching the action from the bench are (left to right) coach Walter Holik, Emily Elliott and Jamie Condra.

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J.V. Girls Explode Past Ozona

The Sonora junior varsity girls exploded for 17 points in the first quarter Friday night as they

blasted Ozona, 55-53.

The Broncos led 17-5 at the end of the opening period and pushed the lead to 27-17 at halftime.

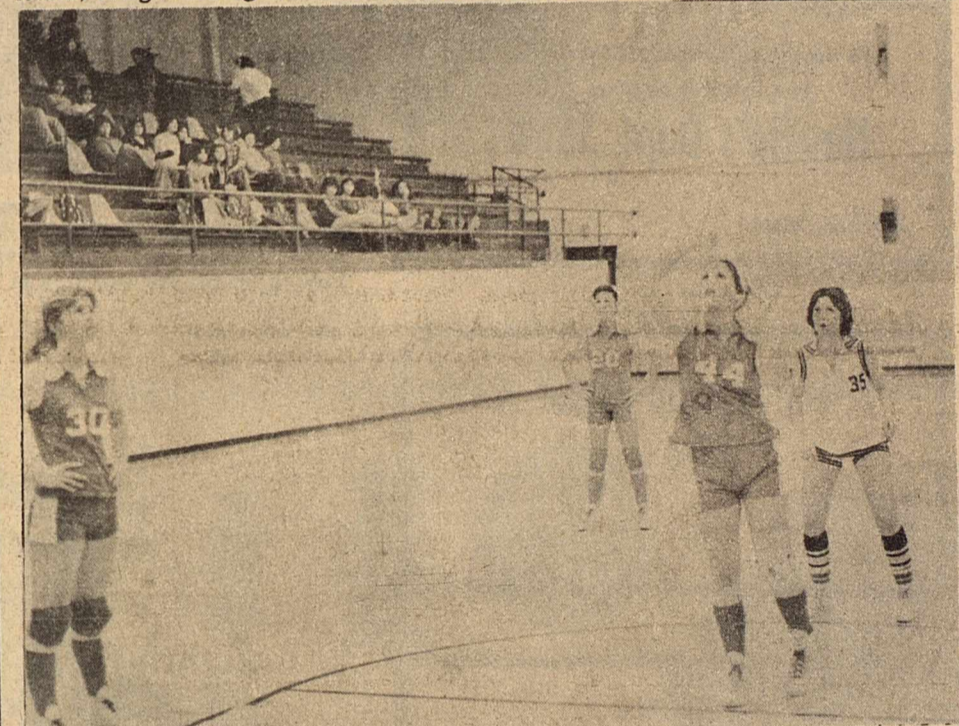
By the end of the third stanza, the girls had gone

ahead of their hosts, 41-27, then outscored them 14-6 in the final period.

Jessica Robledo, Rosa Noriega and Vicki Sheppard all hit in double

figures for the Broncos. Robledo had 18; Noriega, 15; and Sheppard, 10.

Also contributing to the Bronco scoring were Paula Friess with seven and Tonya Evans with five.



Stacy Chandler puts up a free throw Friday night as the Bronco girls won their first district game over Ozona, 45-38. Chandler hit for eight points in the contest. Also looking on are Paige Pollard (30) and Annabelle Gonzales (20).

REPORT OF CONDITION

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ASSETS	Cash and due from depository institutions	4,153
	U. S. Treasury securities	1,615
	Obligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	3,158
	Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States	7,249
	All other securities	15
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	950
	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	11,572
	Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	129
	Loans, Net	11,443
	Lease financing receivables	NONE
	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	683
	Real estate owned other than bank premises	NONE
	All other assets	653
	TOTAL ASSETS	29,919
	LIABILITIES	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		11,002
Deposits of United States Government		30
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		5,406
All other deposits		4
Certified and officers' checks		184
Total Deposits		26,688
Total demand deposits		11,070
Total time and savings deposits		15,618
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		NONE
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U. S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		NONE
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		NONE
All other liabilities	206	
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	26,894	
Subordinated notes and debentures	NONE	
MEMORANDA EQUITY CAPITAL	Preferred stock No. shares outstanding	NONE (par value) NONE
	Common stock No. shares authorized	2,000
	No. shares outstanding	2,000 (par value) 200
	Surplus	300
	Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	2,525
	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	3,025
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	29,919	

MEMORANDA		Thousands of dollars
Amounts outstanding as of report date:		
Standby letters of credit, total		NONE
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		3,792
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		902
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:		
Total deposits		26,289

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.

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/s/ Clayton Hamilton } Directors

/s/ Michael V. Hale
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Mayor Attributes Local Economy and Growth To Oil and Gas Industry

By Doyle Morgan, Mayor City of Sonora

During a time when the total economy of our nation has suffered, Sonora and Sutton County has enjoyed prosperity. Frankly we can thank the oil and gas industry for this.

When I moved to Sonora we were a town of some 1,700 population. Now a conservative estimate is

5,000. An increase of 3,000 or 4,000 people in Houston or Dallas would go unnoticed, but when a town triples in population in six or seven years, that is impressive.

Our business community has grown in numbers and for the most part has grown individually. In 1973 total sales tax revenue for the City of Sonora was \$39,667. In

the 1978 the revenue was \$165,639.

We are all aware of what inflation has done to the dollar but in 1973 the total city budget was \$629,123; in 1978, \$1,697,955.

"Growing pains" have brought many problems to city government. I will be the first to admit that some of these problems have not been solved, but progress has been made in the most critical areas.

The sudden influx of people created a demand in city services such as

water and electrical distribution, sewer and streets.

Work has been completed on the water distribution system. It would be nice to have good summer rains and not have to test the capacity of the improved system, but we have our usual hot and dry summer, city engineers believe we will not have the water pressure problems of last summer.

Improvement of the electrical distribution has been divided into three phases. Phase one will be complete this spring and

will eliminate those down-towns "brown-outs" during the summer months.

Plans now underway will increase our sewer plant capacity to take care of a 8,500 population and have room for expansion.

All streets in the city limits are now paved. The problem now is one of maintenance.

One local problem is housing. Two private projects are now in the planning stages. These will open lots for approximately 100 single family residences. This to me is

very encouraging.

Yes, we still have a lot of problems that come from more and more good folks moving into our town.

If you are interested in the growth and progress of Sonora, they are sure nice problems to have.

I think I speak for all members of the city council, our city manager, department heads and all other city employees, when I say we are interested in growth and progress and are grateful to be a part of it.

New Energy Bill Leaves

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by Don Holdridge

The energy bill-?????? The new energy bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Carter has done at least one thing for the petroleum industry-left it in a state of udder bewilderment.

This new piece of legislation has left an atypical bureaucratic nightmare unparalleled even by those legislators who "earn" their living at such time-consuming chores.

For the economics of Sutton County and the surrounding eight-county area, the bill still should be good.

For one thing, the price for new gas will rise to \$2.06 per thousand cubic feet and will continue to rise until 1985 when the price of new gas will be deregulated.

This would appear on the surface to be a blessing for the gas-rich fields of Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett, Edwards and the other surrounding Counties, but other factors could keep the picture from being quite as rosy as it looks.

For one thing, the additional expense of the added paperwork created by the new legislation could spell doom for many of the small independent operators-many of whom were responsible for the early development of this field.

This could very well mean the end of the small independent, and this group has probably been more responsible for the development of new fields throughout the United States than any other.

Another problem facing the petroleum industry is the emphasis being placed on alternate sources of energy.

Many, in fact most, new types of industry are being required by the federal government to be fuel by coal.

The prices for coal are unregulated, and the constantly increasing wage demands of the highly unionized coal workers and higher transportation costs for the coal have caused it to have an unfair competitive edge over natural gas.

What many of our elected officials have failed to realize is that there is not a shortage of natural gas which caused the lack of fuel in the North in recent winters-the problem was a lack of adequate storage and the fact that there was no profit incentive in exploration for gas.

The energy crisis and the resulting rising prices of natural gas were responsible for the development of this gas field, and others exist elsewhere that are not yet economically feasible simply because of the low prices of gas and the ever-increasing costs of production.

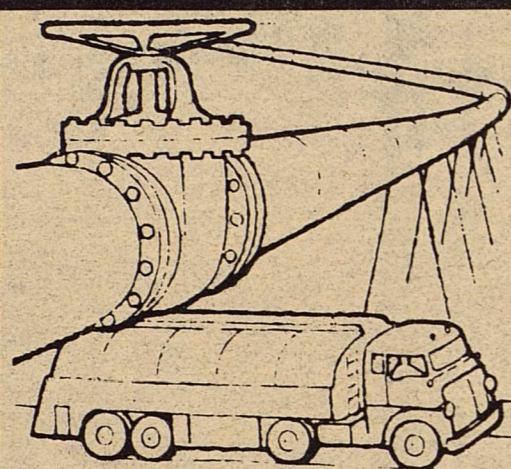
More storage facilities for natural gas have been built since the cold winters when northerners went without heat, but now they must pay more for government-enforced alternate energy sources while many wells in this area remain capped for long periods and the flow in the state's intricate pipeline system remains at a virtual standstill.

Most politicians and bureaucrats realize the top two problems facing our nation are that of the economy and energy.

Failing to see the relationship between the two has been their downfall.

Much of our economic problems did not begin until the energy crisis forced us into a dependence on over-priced foreign petroleum.

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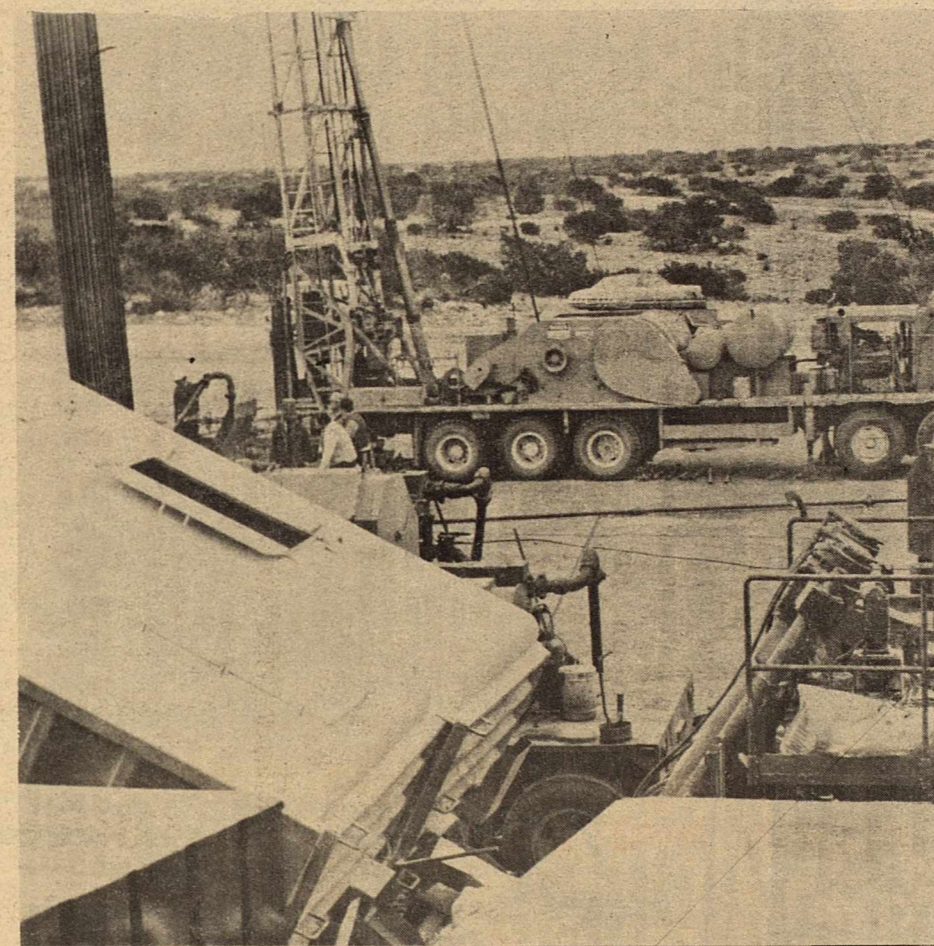
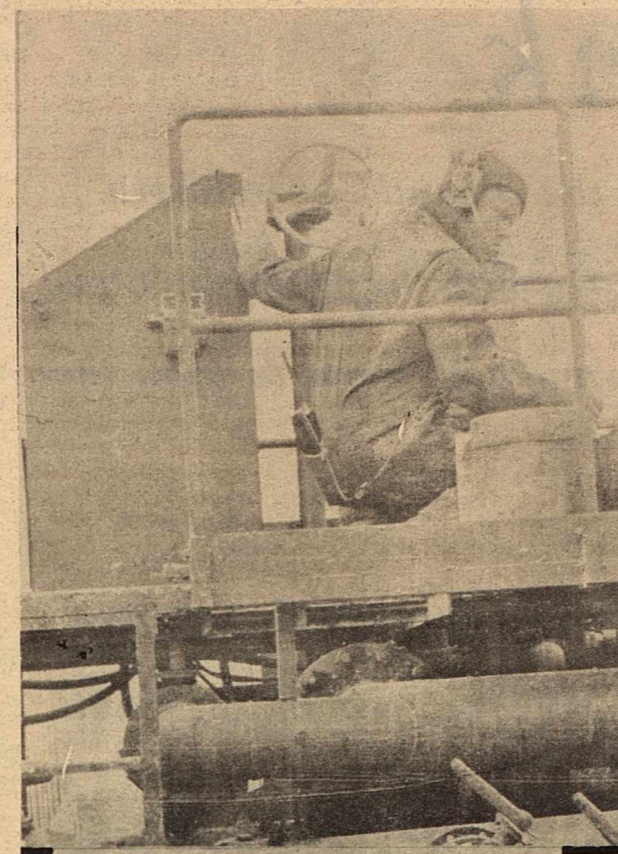
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Texas Government Receives \$400 Million in Royalties, Rentals

State Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said today a survey of states which receive income from lease of state lands shows Texas led the nation last year with almost \$400 million in oil and gas royalties and rentals.

Armstrong, as chairman of a Western States Land Commissioners committee on fair return for use of public lands, prepared the survey for presentation at a meeting of the commissioners tomorrow in Reno, Nev.

Texas received \$261 million in oil and gas royalties from production on state-owned lands last year, \$6 million in other mineral royalties, \$93 million in bonuses paid by oil and gas rentals of state lands.

Other states with major revenues from oil and gas production on state lands were Alaska, with \$180 million in royalty, rental and bonus income; California, with \$97 million; and Louisiana, \$201 million.

"Our royalty income in Texas has more than quadrupled in the last five years, while royalty in-

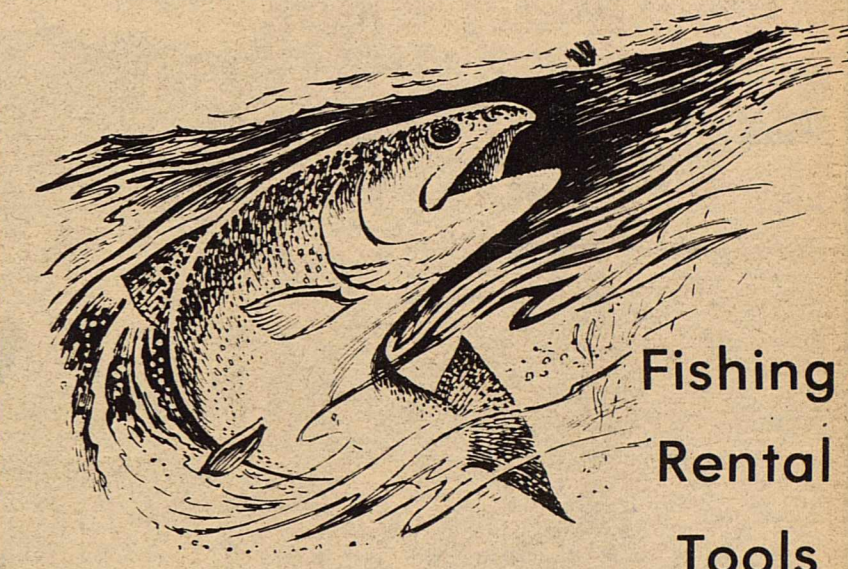
come in California and Louisiana is at about the same figure as 1973," Armstrong said.

"This is a reflection not only of the increased oil and natural gas exploration in Texas and increasing gas prices, but also of our decision to raise our state royalty from 16 2/3 per cent to 20 per cent to make certain our state

education system benefited fully from the increased industry profits.

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Wallace Concerned About Feds

Rulemaking moves and postulations of federal policy makers are dampening efforts to find domestic solutions to U.S. energy problems, Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace has told Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

Wallace, in a letter, advised Bentsen that actions of Washington energy authorities "tend to facilitate complacency toward production when immediate action to stimulate production is critical." The Commissioner

pointed, in particular, to a newly published proposal of the Federal Energy Regulatory Administration which encourages the use of natural gas in powerplants and appeals of Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger for conservation while claiming substantial surpluses of natural gas are available to the interstate market since passage of the Natural Gas Policy Act in late 1978.

Wallace wrote that the Economic Regulatory

Administration's proposal under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, would temporarily permit and encourage the use of natural gas by existing powerplants.

"This action confirms my gravest fears, and verifies my most somber expectations regarding the passage of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978," Wallace told Bentsen, recalling a September 1978 letter to the senator in which he predicted "the discriminatory and risk-ridden course of action that the federal government now assumes" in energy policy.

Wallace has maintained that the gas policy act and the powerplant legislation are intended "to substitute natural gas, mainly from the South and Southwest, for use of fuel oil in the Middle West and Northeast in areas heavily burdened for pollution."

In the September letter to Bentsen, Wallace observed the possibility of such substitution "flows mainly from the success of Texas in converting utilities to the use of coal combines with the stimulating effect on production of free natural gas prices in intrastate markets."

In the weekend letter,

Wallace questioned the wisdom of allowing "precious" natural gas supplies to be used to fuel industrial and utility boilers as the ERA rule permits. He said the Railroad Commission's three-year-old rule phasing down the use of gas under industrial boilers "was and is sound policy for Texas and this nation."

But, Wallace cited to Bentsen, the Commission has been forced to reconsider its boiler fuel policy because:

1) Other states did not follow suit with appropriate policies to conserve natural gas.

2) ERA proposes to postpone the federal drive toward coal conversion by allowing Texas natural gas to be used in Midwest and Northeast boilers while its use for such purposes is being phased out in Texas.

3) The Interstate Commerce Commission has consistently approved dramatic increase in rail transportation rates for west coal delivered within Texas, making already expensive fuel more costly to Texans.

4) The federal clean air act appears to bar industrial expansion and economic growth along the Texas Gulf Coast by prohibiting the use of coal, although mandated by the "coal conversion bill."

5) The Gas Policy Act of 1978 provides a way for states in the interstate market to take natural gas already bought and paid for by Texans in the form of high utility rates without having paid for their first share of the exploration and production costs.

"This country, according to President Carter, is engaged in the 'moral equivalent of war,'" wrote Wallace.

"Yet, those in authority refuse to do what is necessary to win the war—order an all-out domestic production attack."

Wallace observed that Energy Secretary Schlesinger's exhortations to conserve energy are well advised.

"But, as a strategy to win the war, (conservation) is impotent without a simultaneous production effort," he said.

The solution to the energy crisis is energy production, maintained Wallace.

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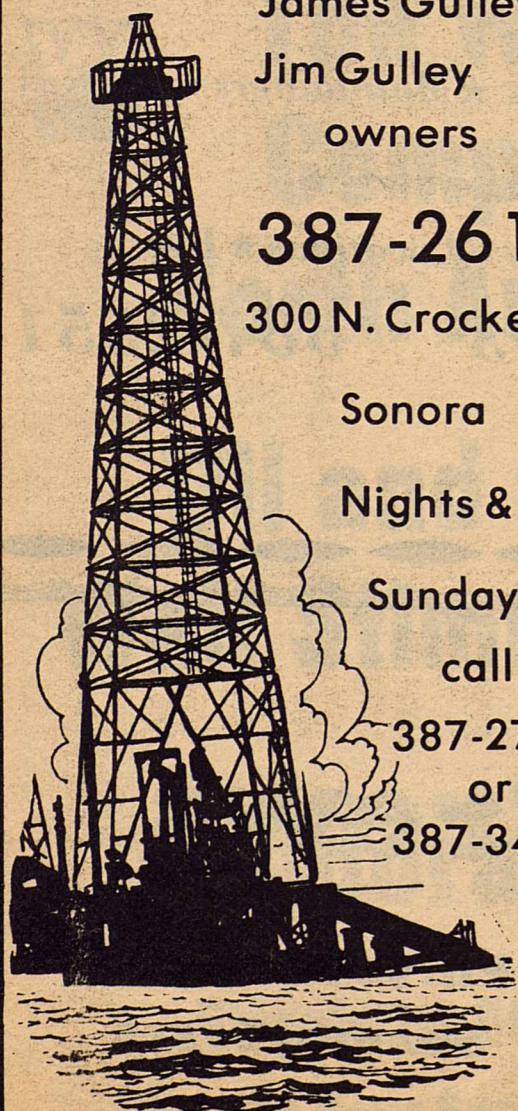
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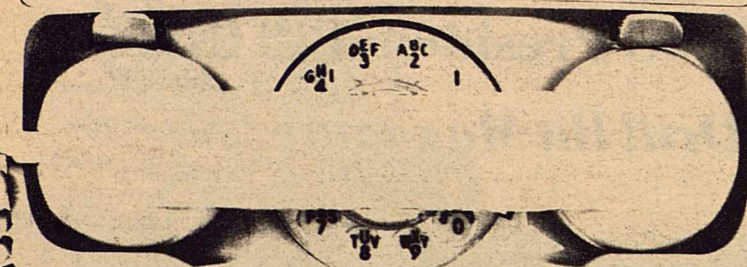
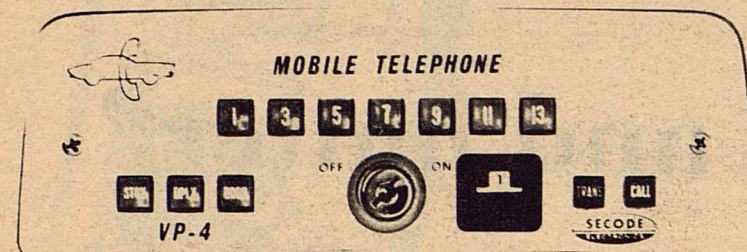
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By deregulating natural gas and decontrolling crude oil, the federal government, by allowing these prices to rise to a natural market level, could

combat inflation in several ways.

The added incentive to explore for gas and oil would make it more profitable for petroleum companies to produce more, thus decreasing our dependence on the expensive foreign imports and actually lowering the prices to the individual consumer.

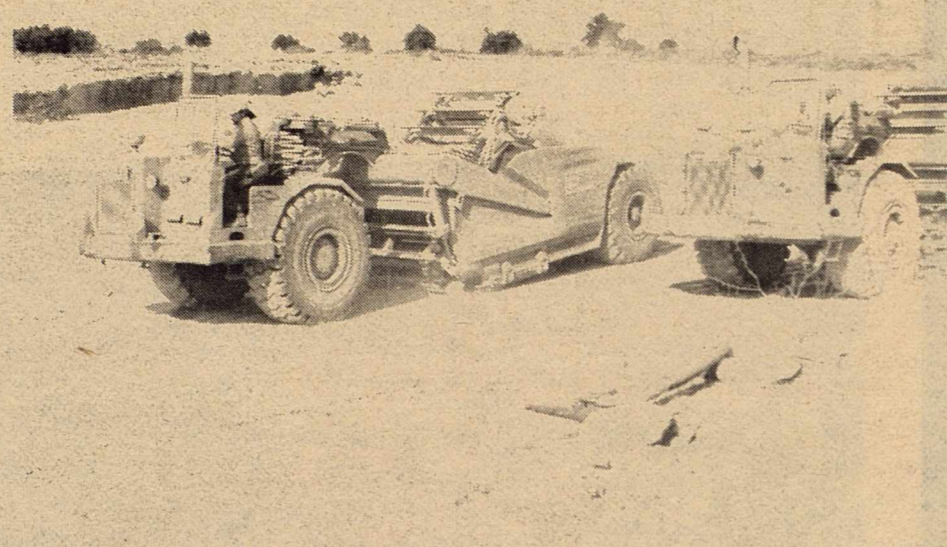
This would also mean jobs for those hundreds of thousands of Americans who are not working now; they would no longer be a drain on the federal

welfare systems and could help lower the national debt by being tax paying citizens.

Naturally, immediate devaluation would mean immediately higher prices. But a competitive market would eventually keep prices at a reasonable level.

Price fixing in a competitive situation will never work as long as the government stays out of the situation, according to

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A Cahill Crew Builds a Location

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cogenerating industries will need to buy back-up power from the utility. If these rates aren't reasonable, industries won't consider cogeneration. In other cases, an industry may have surplus electricity to sell to a utility. Since the price a utility pays for this electricity may have an impact on their rates for other customers, we need to be sure that the purchase price is reasonable. We aren't looking for new areas to regulate. Our existing authority is adequate to provide necessary protections, but what we do need to do is to clarify our position on these issues so industries and utilities know where we stand. 'Regulatory uncertainty' as it's called can delay cogeneration just as effectively as bad regulation," Cowden emphasized.

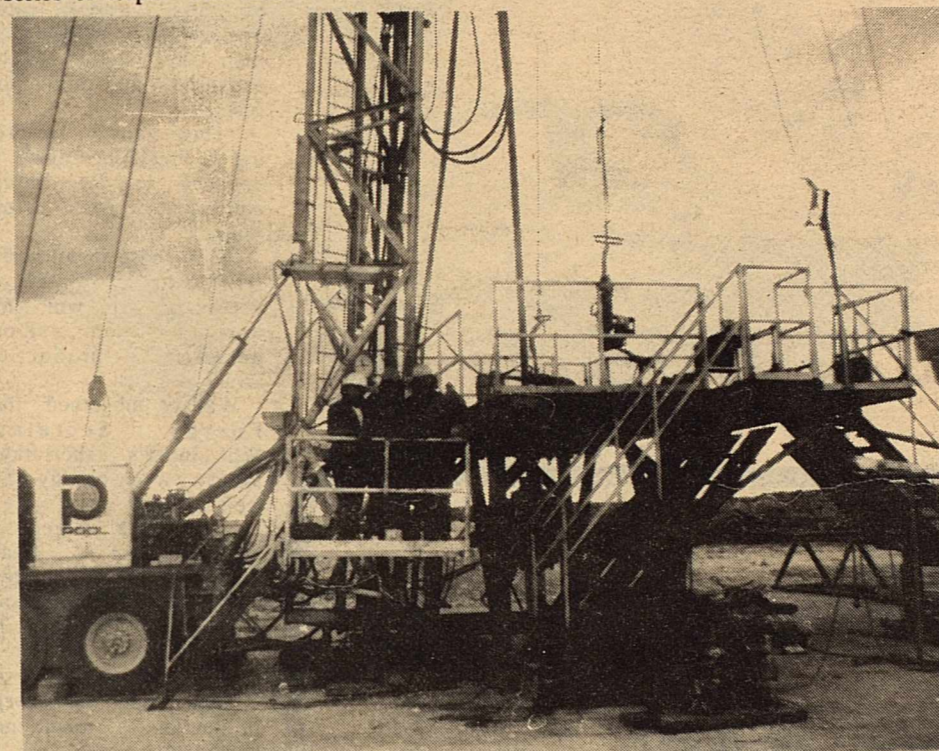
The PUC project has a series of steps. The first

is to identify cogeneration sites which are either in the planning stage, about to get underway, or in the first stages of implementation. Once this inventory of cogeneration projects has been completed, the next step will be to select two projects for on-site assistance. This assistance may take the form of evaluating the economics of cogeneration under various ownership and operating arrangements, or simply guiding industries through the regulatory process.

The experience gained from providing on-site assistance will be used for several purposes. One will be to assist PUC staff in the development of a computer model for cogeneration. Another will be detailed case studies designed to show industries and utilities interested in cogeneration how others have implemented these

systems. The third will be a Texas handbook on cogeneration which will provide techniques for analyzing cogeneration at any given site.

"We feel that these tools will encourage industries and utilities in Texas to include cogeneration as a viable option in their planning process," PUC Project Director Paul Smolen said. "At the same time, seminar students at the LBJ School will be studying barriers to cogeneration and developing recommendations for our consideration. The culmination of all these efforts will be a statewide cogeneration conference next fall. The conference will provide a forum to present the findings of this project, to share the case studies, to provide instruction on the use of the handbook, and to clarify the Commission's policy on cogeneration," Smolen added.



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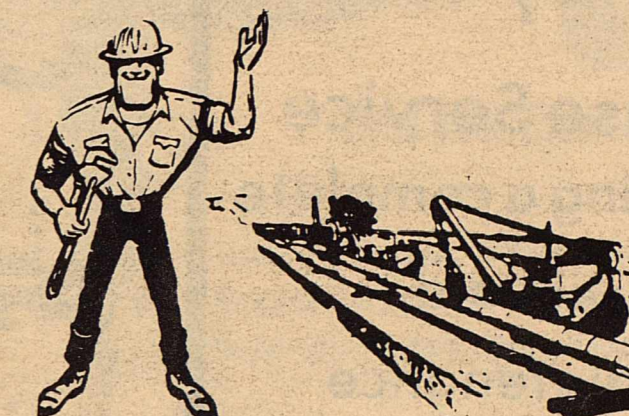
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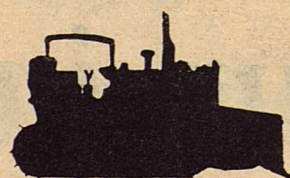
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but also the appearance of a conflict.

"The responsibilities of the agency are too important for there to be any public question about the freedom of the members of the Commission to make decisions with no personal interest involved.

"Finally, I pledge to Governor Briscoe, to my fellow Railroad Commission employees, and especially to the people of Texas that I will undertake these duties with full awareness of the hardship many Texans have endured during the five years of the so-called energy crisis.

Nugent emphasized that the problems of energy consumers "will always be foremost in my mind." He pointed, in particular, to two areas in which he is intent on making contributions toward solutions of energy problems:

...Keeping a close watch on Texas' energy resources to assure that they are produced efficiently in accordance with sound conservation practices.

...Working hard "for fair and equitable treatment of this great producing state in the evolution of federal energy problems."

Nugent watchers during his 18 years in the legislature are prone to

point to his tenaciousness once he commits himself to a bill or issue. His leadership in the passage of a landmark highway funding measure and the school finance bills through constant barrages of attack by foes is often cited as examples of his toughness and persistence.

Nugent, 56, represented Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, Real, San Saba, Schleicher, and Uvalde Counties during nearly two decades in the Texas Legislature.

A native of San Angelo, Nugent graduated from high school there before attending Schreiner Institute in Kerrville for two years. He then earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. After Navy Air

service in World War II and work in industry experimental activities, he returned to the University of Texas to receive his law degree in 1949.

Subsequently, he served three terms as County Attorney of Kerr County before his election to Texas Legislature.

Nugent has served as chairman of the Texas House Committees on Criminal Jurisprudence, Aeronautics, Rules, and Transportation. He was reelected to the legislature last November and resigned from his seat on January 3 to accept appointment to the Railroad Commission.

The new Railroad Commissioner and his wife, the former Billie Merritt of Kerrville, are parents of a daughter, Nan, a student at the University of Texas.

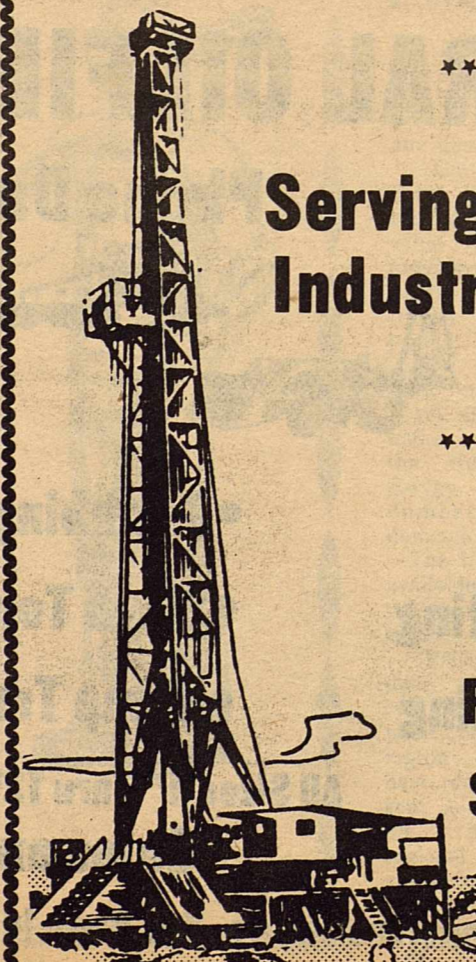
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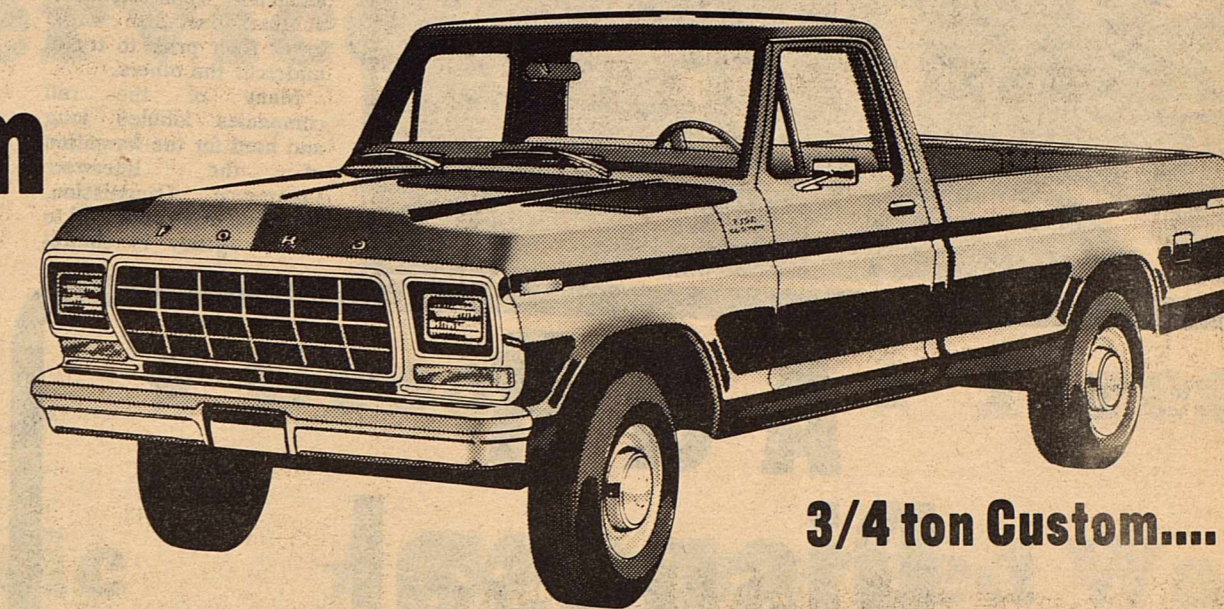
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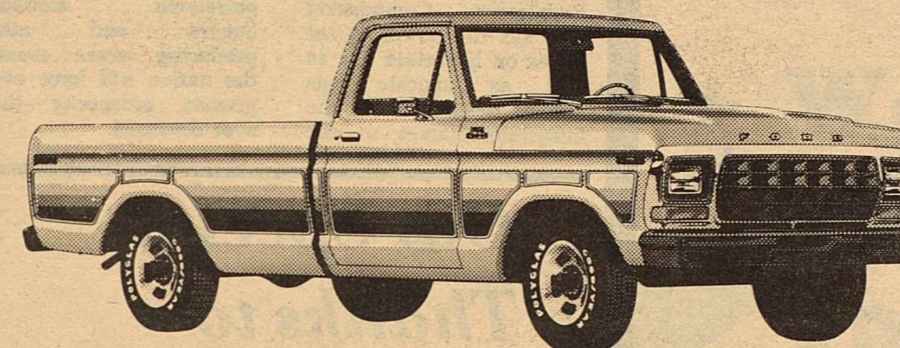
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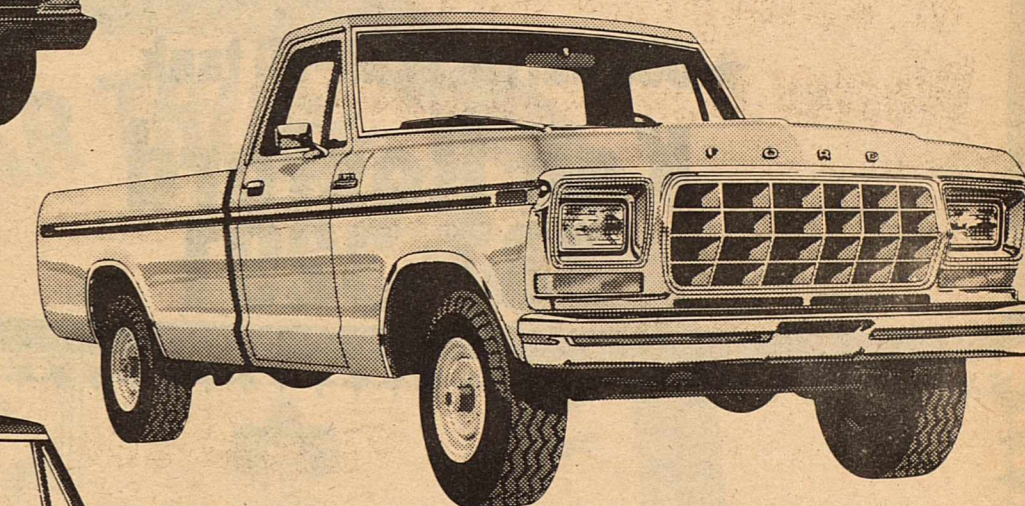
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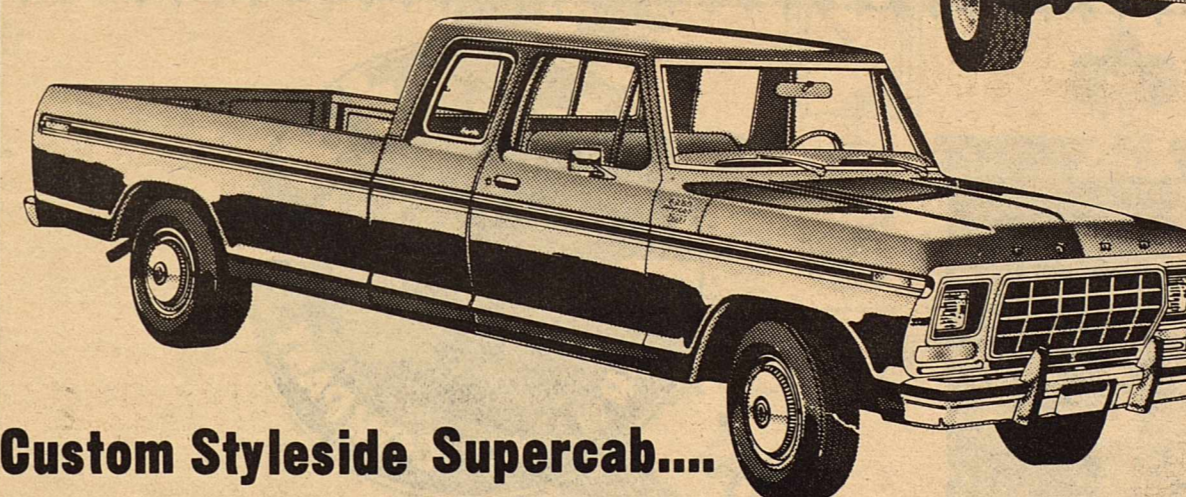
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Nobe Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman.

One of his favorite examples is of the railroad industry which for years tried to establish uniform prices for rail service. But every time the various companies would get an artificially high price set, at least one firm would lower their price to try to undercut the others.

Many of the rail companies lobbied long and hard for the formation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which up front appeared to be an agency to control

the railroads, but in all actuality was a rail lobby controlled price-setting bureaucracy.

When the trucking industry began to compete heavily with the railroads, the rail lobby was successful in bringing the truckers under the jurisdiction of the ICC so they could still compete.

Another more recent example of deregulation of prices is the airline industry. Once airlines were allowed to compete without government price setting, the companies became more competitive, freight and passenger rates went down and the industry had its greatest year in history.

This can happen in the petroleum industry if the federal government will only wake up long enough to see it.

Our new energy bill also has some other kinks, including a provision giving the power-hungry federal bureaucracy control over intrastate gas.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission now has the power to set prices on intrastate gas as well as allocate gas already designated for the intrastate market to the

interstate market.

Beside stripping the Texas Railroad Commission of these powers, the bill has placed a mountain of paperwork on the agency. This includes classification of wells as outlined in the bill. Failure to comply with this—although it would mean a savings of millions of dollars to Texas taxpayers in additional paperwork and manpower—would mean a complete reversion of state regulatory power to the feds, a trend that continues at an alarming rate in many areas already.

Although Sonora and the surrounding area will see continued growth and drilling activity until the price of gas is deregulated, it will be far from as dramatic as it would be if immediate legislation were implemented.

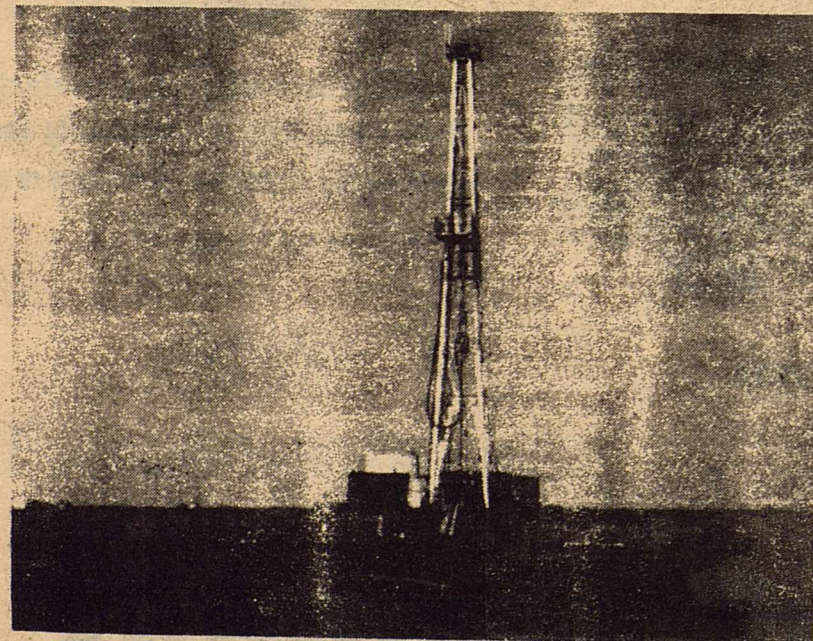
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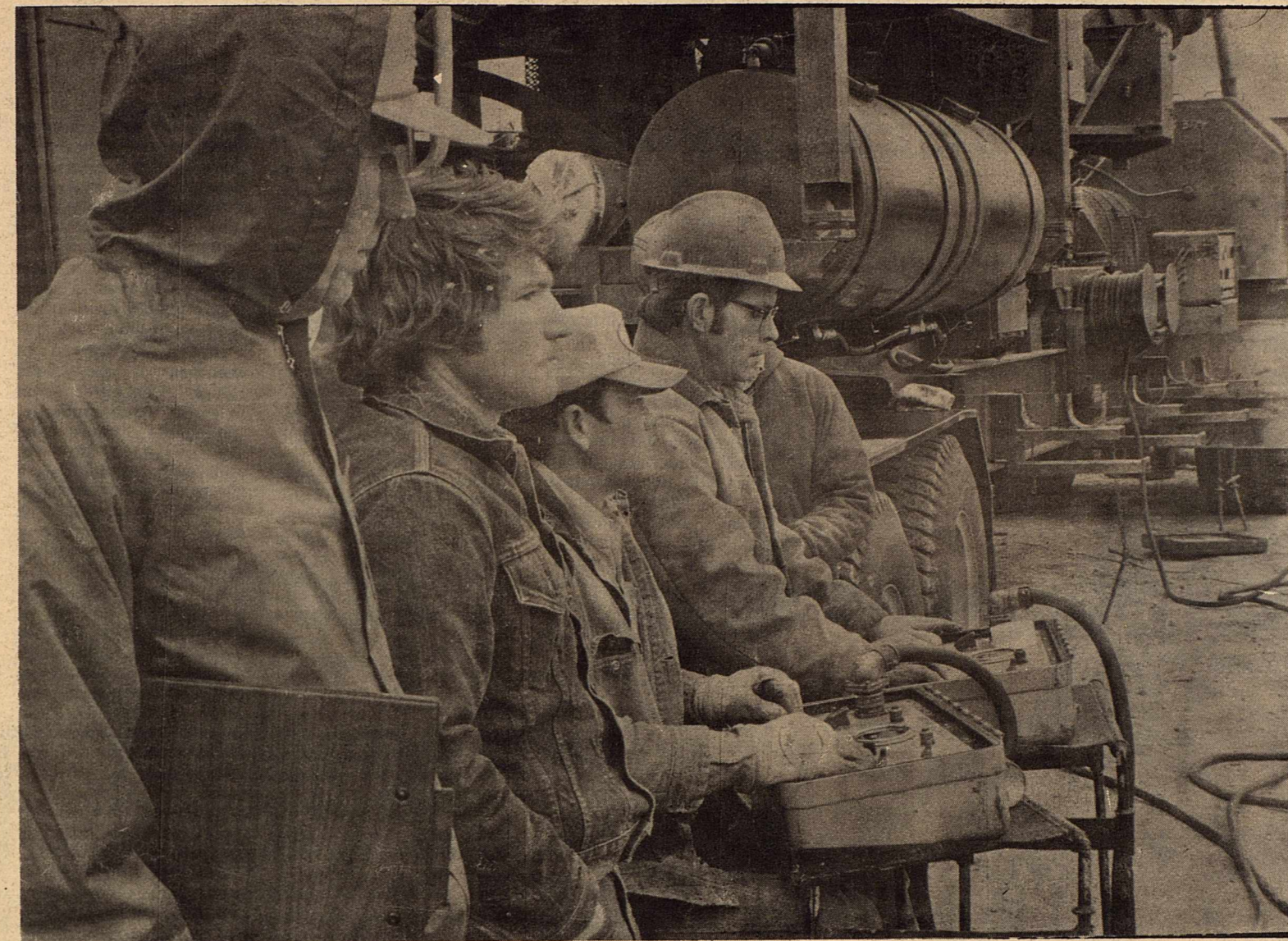
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but the fact of the matter is that we have the greatest potential for cogeneration in the country because of our heavy concentration of industries with large electricity and heat requirements. Specifically, we have three industries ideally suited to cogeneration: petroleum refining, pulp and paper, and chemicals." Cowden pointed out.

"Some of these industries are already actively engaged in cogeneration. Southwestern Public Service Company and the Celanese Corporation in Pampa have cogenerated for over a decade and recently received PUC approval for an additional facility," the Chairman continued. "A number of other projects are being considered in Texas. We hope by this study to expand the options open to industries and utilities to enter into cogeneration arrangements.

"Too often, regulatory policy is set without a clear understanding of its ramifications. Cogeneration is a highly complex area, and we frankly don't feel we have enough information to deal effectively with the issues involved," Cowden said. "There are cases where

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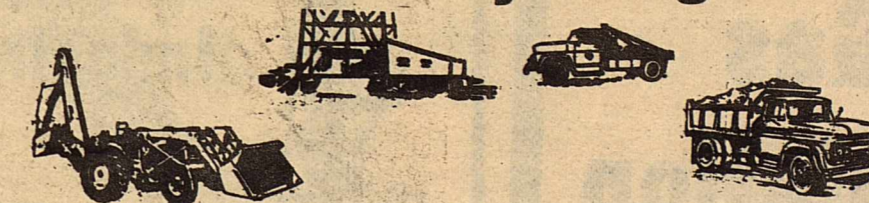
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So assess friends and acquaintances of long duration in putting the tape to James E. (Jim) Nugent, a nine-term member of the Texas Legislature. Nugent took his oath on January 4 as one of the three Commissioners of the energy and transportation regulatory agency.

The swearing-in ceremonies in his hometown marked the start of a new career and in a new sector of government operations. Nevertheless, Nugent quickly demonstrated his awareness that the nearly 90-year-old Railroad Commission affects the lives and fortunes of every Texan and every industry in the state, as well as all other Americans and their enterprises.

agency in protecting the rights and wellbeing of the people of Texas.

Governor Briscoe and the three of us share the same objectives: to be certain that the regulatory actions of the Railroad Commission are reasoned, fair and always in the public interest.

"It is my hope that my experience of 18 years in the House of Representatives, dealing regularly with matters under the commission's jurisdiction, has prepared me for this service."

Of his appetite for hard, tough jobs, Nugent asserted:

"Those who know me best are well aware that I have never avoided hard decisions and I do my homework."

"They also know that I am proud of my independence."

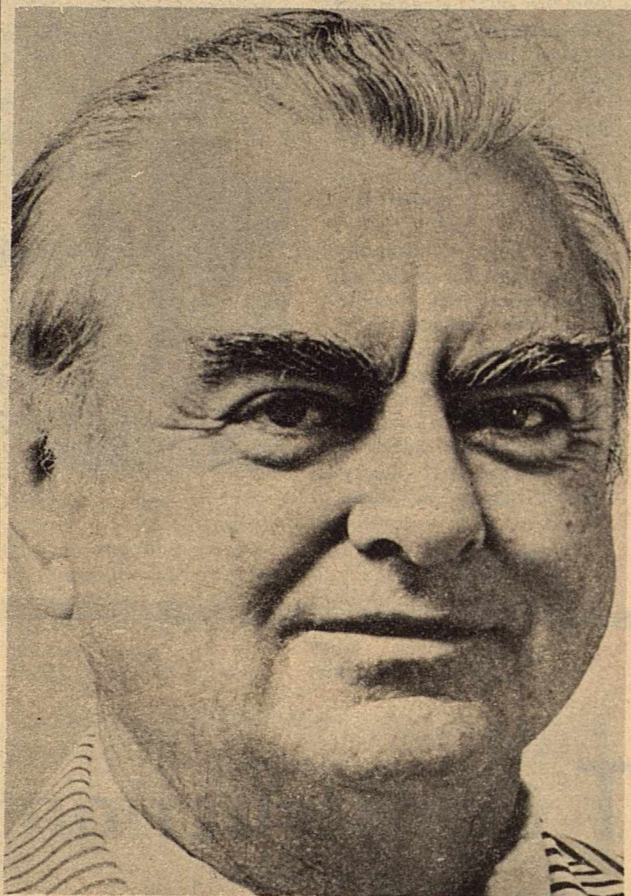
"Therefore, I face this new opportunity of service with an open mind, a determination to make fair judgments based upon full study of the facts, and an eagerness to devote my full time and energies to the job."

Describing himself as "a participant in the free enterprise system all of my life," Nugent explained his philosophical approach to the Commission post thusly:

"Any of (my) financial holdings which present any semblance of a conflict of interest will be placed in a blind trust or sold as my lawyers advise me..."

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25 percent of all the energy ever produced in the United States and 40 percent of the country's oil and gas.

"The energy which has been produced in Texas represents a total market value of \$200 billion. At today's world prices, that figure would exceed a trillion dollars," he reported.

New directions, he insists, must be steered if Texas and the rest of the nation expect to overcome the threat of serious energy shortages from domestic sources.

The U.S. must conserve available resources and must step up domestic sources of supply.

"Believe me, it can be done, but not if we continue to follow the philosophy of the Washington bureaucrats who have developed our present national energy policy," he advised the regional industry-civic organization.

Poerner finds federal price controls on crude oil "are destroying the nor-

mal economic incentives" to find and produce petroleum from the likeliest sources of the future.

"If price controls were removed, there is no doubt that there will be a great increase in production," Poerner says. However, he warns:

"Without this increase, we will be in worse shape than we are now with an ever-increasing dependence on OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)."

In his recent assessment of the energy situation before the industry civic organization, Poerner noted that the opportunities which have made America great, "are due in large measure" to resources within Texas.

But, he cautioned, "The days of cheap, easily produced oil and gas are gone forever. We must give the highest priority to research programs aimed at the development of alternative energy supplies."

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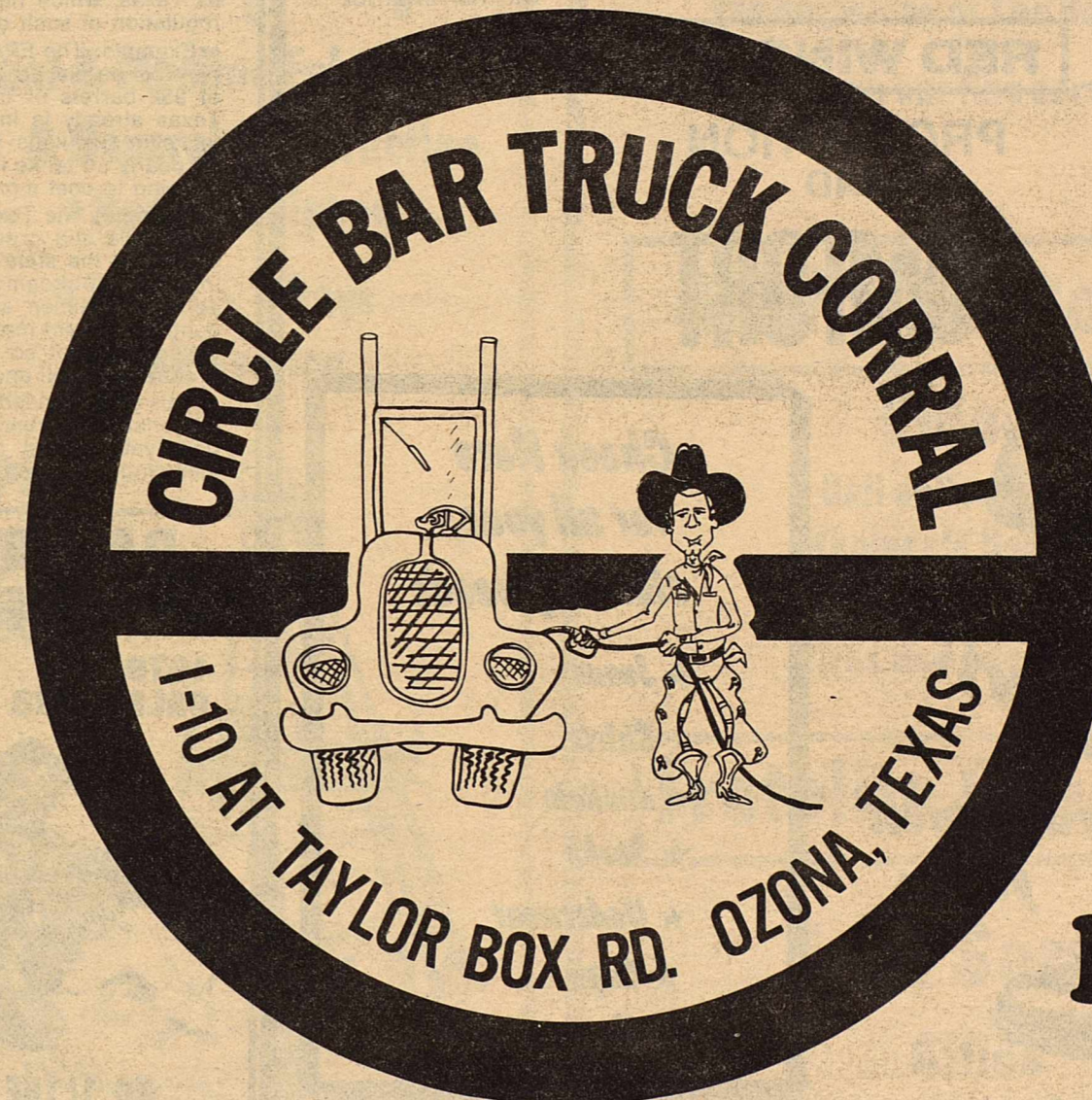
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Texas Oil & Gas...

Industry Spends Billions To Protect Environment

By H.B. (Hank) Harkins, President, Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

The U.S. petroleum industry, operating in Texas and other producing and processing states, is very much involved in protecting the environment. Its commitment to this purpose calls for the expenditure of a significant amount of money.

In 1977, the industry nationwide spent in excess of \$2.5-billion on environmental protection. That contrasts with approximately \$1.6-billion in net income for the nation's 18 largest integrated oil companies during the same year. And it represents an increase of more than \$147-million over similar expenditures in 1976.

Environmentalism in recent years has become an emotionally-charged political, social, and economic issue. But, the outlay of private capital by oil and gas producers and processors to protect the environment has been going on for a long time. Environmental protection expenditures by the U.S. petroleum industry during the 1968-76 decade totaled some \$13.4-billion.

However, despite these expenditures, bureaucracies armed with an ever-increasing array of environmental regulations continue to confront the industry. Producers and processors now must respond to numerous federal statutes with particularly far-reaching effects. These include the Clean Air Act and its 1977 amendments and the Water Pollution Control Act and its 1972 amendments. Many of the regulations coming from these laws are unnecessary, particularly here in Texas. They amount to regulatory overkill.

Example: The Environmental Protection Agency has issued regulations that threaten injection operations in which water and other fluids are pumped underground to increase petroleum recovery. These regulations are unneeded in producing states, such as Texas, which have long histories of successful regulation of such operations.

Example: The EPA also has proposed that vapor controls be placed on storage tanks with a capacity of 952 barrels or more. The industry operating in Texas already is installing such controls on large tanks in populous areas. But, such a requirement on nearly all tanks in all locations, however remote, is going to cost more than it is worth.

Example: The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department wants oils and greases discharged with produced brine into the state's waters limited to a level that industry spokesmen are convinced cannot be achieved. Oilmen ask instead for regulations adequate to protect marine life in onshore and offshore waters, yet not so restrictive as to hamstring the production of oil and gas.

This country needs legislation that will provide for reasonable environmental conservation and protection, yet not put an end to business activity—including energy development.

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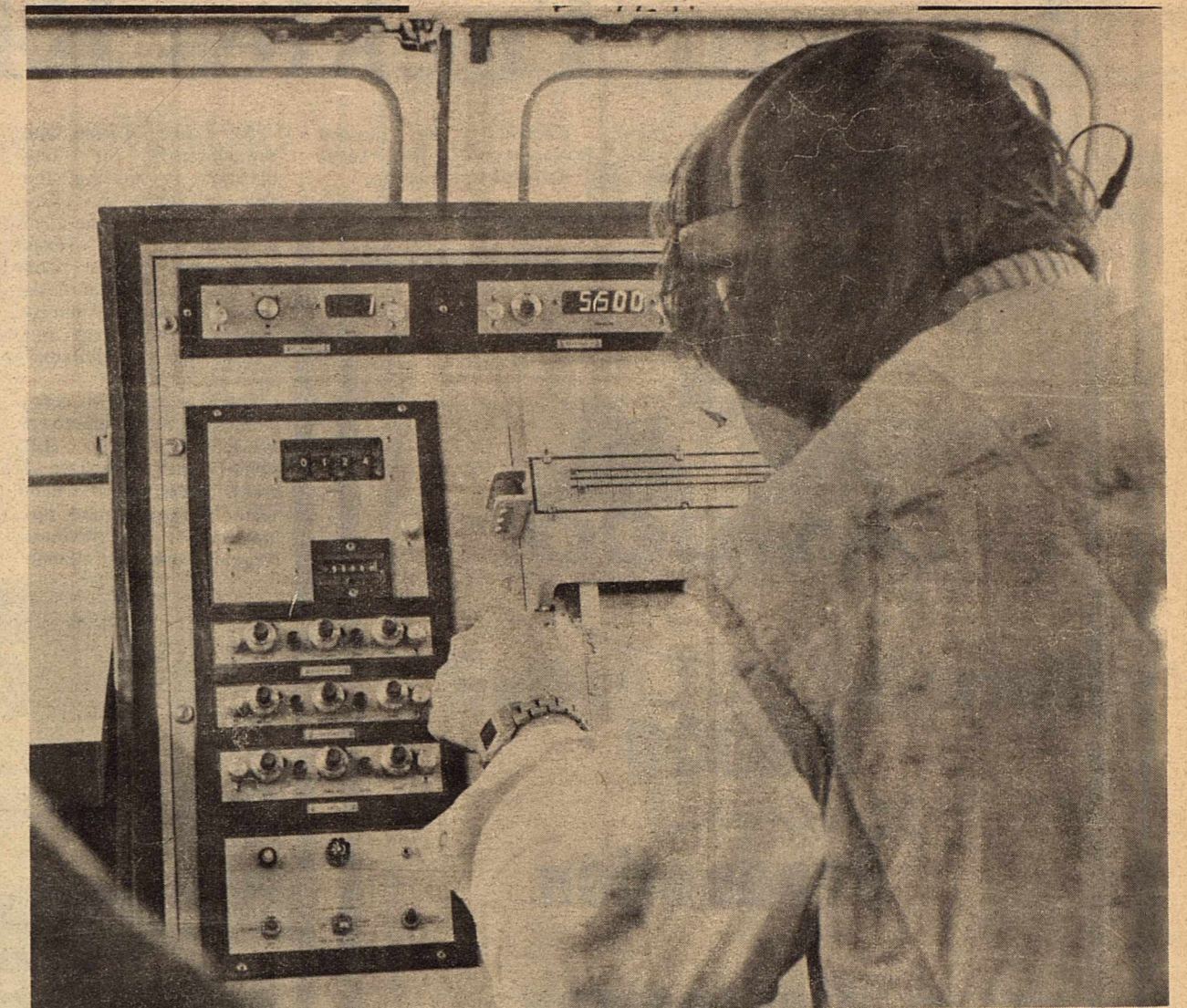
"Cogeneration is certainly not a new technology," PUC Chairman George Cowden said. "As recently as 1950, cogeneration accounted for about 15 percent of the nation's electrical power. By 1973, this percentage had declined to less than five

percent. While part of the decline is attributable to the abundance of cheap fuels during this period, a return to cogeneration is not keeping pace with the rapid escalation in fuel costs we've seen in recent years. One reason is that state regulatory policy is unclear on cogeneration arrangements between utilities and industries. Reluctance to become involved in a regulated enterprise—and possibly be declared and treated as a public utility—has caused many industries to steer clear of cogeneration ventures.

"The PUC is not out to regulate non-utility industry," Cowden said. "We feel a healthy environment for industrial cogeneration will benefit all Texas consumers.

Texas had always lead the nation in conservation as well as production of energy. I know we get ribbed by other states on our claims that everything's bigger in Texas,

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Cardinal treasurer Bill Friend Jr. monitors pumping pressure and rates during a frac job.

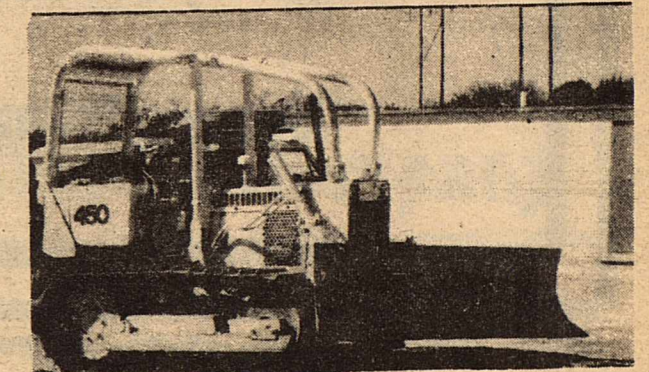
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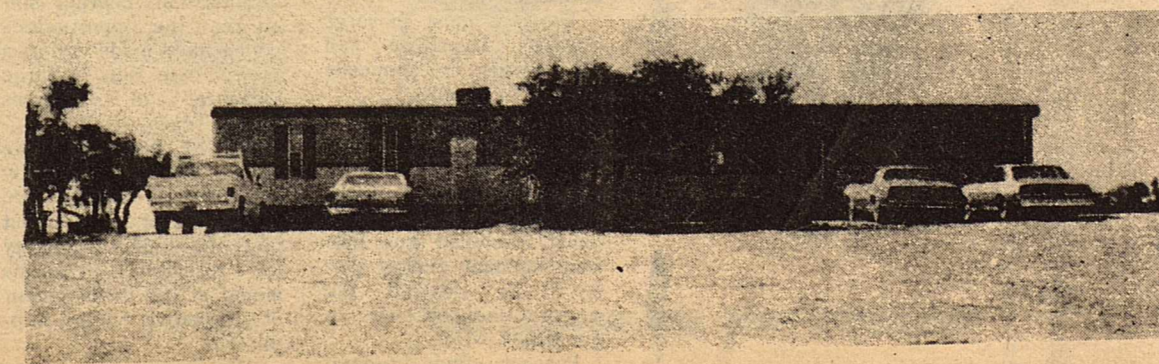
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Tom Loeffler Named To Commerce Committee

Texas Congressman Tom Loeffler has been assigned to the prestigious and powerful Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

The committee has exceptionally broad jurisdiction over a number of areas, including energy, consumer protection, health, communications and transportation.

"Certainly, there is no larger problem facing the people of Texas and the nation than energy," said Loeffler, "and no other committee will have a greater impact in helping find ways to solve the energy needs of America. "The recent gas shortage in Menard and the accelerating cost of transportation of coal for electric generation in San Antonio are two examples which point out the critical nature of these problems," he said, "and there is no other committee assignment which would have given me the ability to address these problems so directly."

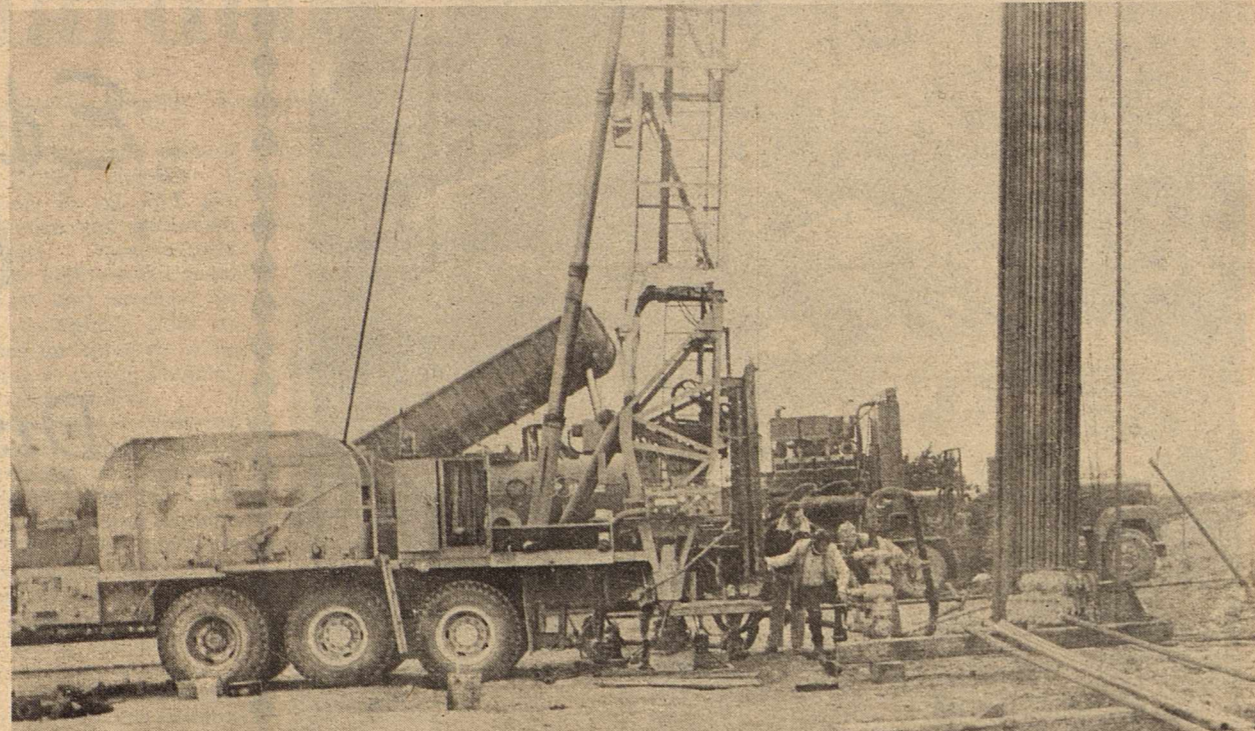
"My background in the

energy field should serve me well," noted Loeffler, who previously served as Deputy for Congressional Liaison at the Federal Energy Administration and as Senator John Tower's staff specialist on energy affairs.

In discussing the scope of jurisdiction of the committee, Loeffler said, "The oversight capabilities in the area of social and human concerns -- consumer protection, health and the

environment -- speak for the almost total involvement of this committee in the lives of all Americans. It will be a privilege and an honor to commit myself to the important work of this committee.

Loeffler was the single freshman Republican congressman to serve on the Executive Committee on Committees which has responsibility for assigning all committee seats for the GOP members.



Service Crews Tighten a well head.

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ed. "This is the most such costs can reach if farmers are to make any profit at all."

Also, he continued, "Drastic reductions in income and production can be expected if the cost of fuel forces farmers to withdraw land from culti-

vation or to switch to dryland production.

Sutton is one of the hundred or so counties that are significant contributors to the farm/ranch and petroleum output of the states, the Commission Chairman notes.

Final results of oil and

gas activity in 1978 are now being compiled at the Austin headquarters of the Commission, the energy and transportation regulatory agency of Texas.

However, early compilations indicate Sutton and other energy producing counties have logged an-

other stout year. Sutton appears to have been the site for the drilling of 116 wells...87 gas, two oil and 27 dry.

In the early weeks of the new year, four to six drilling rigs have been in Sutton County. More than 30 locations for new gas or oil tests had been staked by mid-January. Also five discovery wells had been reported.

There are more than 60 oil and or gas fields in Sutton County, an area of nearly 1,800 square miles with a population of less than 4,000.

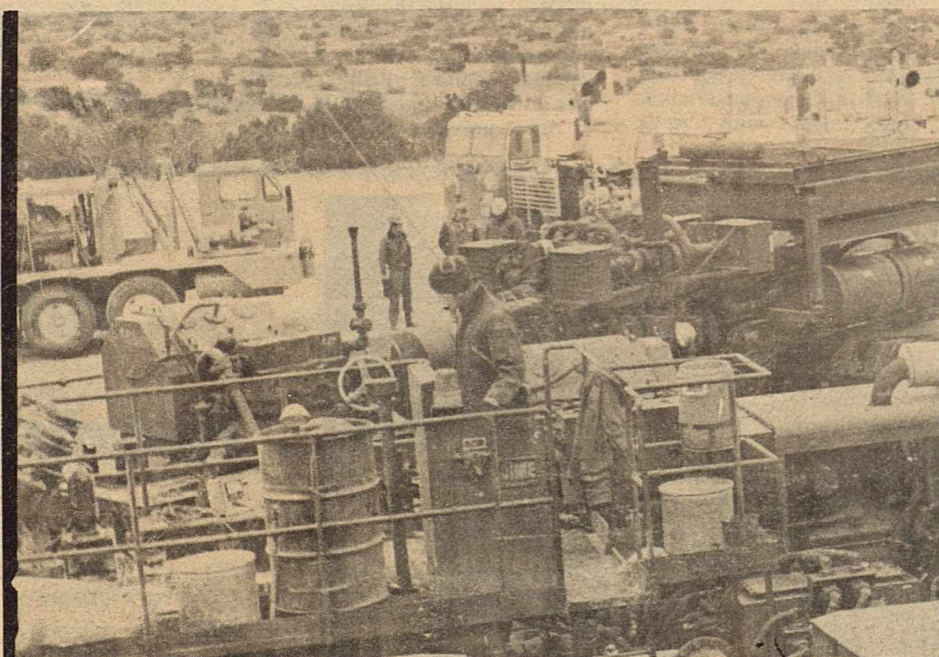
Its contribution to the Texas energy and economic scene, however, has been substantial.

In 1977, for instance, Sutton produced more than 220,000 barrels of oil and nearly 66 billion cubic feet of natural gas. These produced minerals carried a value in excess of \$61 million. Oil and gas output added more than \$4.5 million in tax revenues to coffers of the State of Texas. Some 600 oil industry workers in the county drew pay checks totalling more than \$9 million.

While he is optimistic about future Texas energy resources and their availability, Commissioner Poener maintains Texans should lead the way in developing new energy policies and expanding the state's resources base.

"The time has come for us to inventory our needs for the future and resist exploitation by the federal government for the benefit of the rest of the nation," he urged this month in a talk before the annual meeting of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Pointing to production records, Poener explained that since the start of the oil and gas industry in the state, Texas had provided the rest of the nation with



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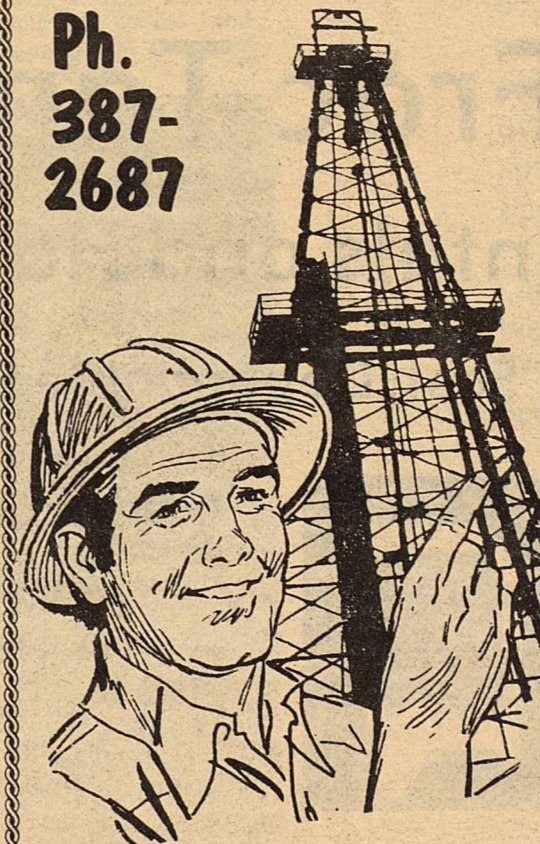
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McBee: Energy Outlook Bright

By Susan Gurley McBee
State Representative
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As the 66th Legislature gets underway in Austin, the outlook for the state's energy industry appears bright.

Thus, though the Texas oil and gas industry at this writing appears to be in good shape politically, the situation could change dramatically in the other direction before the session is gavelled to a close on May 28.

One of the first actions we can anticipate the Legislature to take in regard to the oil and gas industry is an emergency appropriation of approximately half a million dollars to the Railroad Commission to start assaying wells in the state as to pricing alternative. As is happening more and more these days, this action is being taken by the state to prevent the federal government from steeping in and doing it. Although I

think we all agree the less government intervention the better, we'll also have to agree that if governmental intervention in private industry is inevitable, it's better to have it at state level than the federal.


This and other similar actions to be taken later in the year will be the state's response to the National Energy Act. In fact, most of the legislation that will be considered affecting the oil and gas industry will as a result of our state's reaction to the National Energy Act.

As much as we might oppose the National Energy Act, we are fortunate, I feel, in having state officials in charge on implementation of the act who have impeccable West Texas credentials. Our two newest Railroad Commissioners, John Poerner and Jim Nugent, I'm sure will continue to reflect the views of our area of the state on the energy situation. Also, the Chairman of the House Energy Committee, Joe Hanna of Breckenridge has demonstrated time and time again his interest in and understanding of the oil and gas industry in the state.

There are several other subjects of interest to those in the energy business that will come up during the legislative session.

As usual, an unitization bill will probably be introduced in the House; and as usual, it probably won't get anywhere. Also, you can expect a refinery tax of some kind to be introduced. Although there is some impetus to substitute a refinery tax for the increasingly unpopular property tax to finance public school, it seems

very doubtful that it will come to pass this session. A dedication of part of the sales tax to replace a part of the property tax seems a much more feasible approach at this time. Nuclear waste disposal is also an area that will receive some attention in Austin. The House Energy Committee is in the process of studying the situation now. No matter what the ultimate analysis is, Texas wants to be sure to have at least some input on any site selection that the federal government makes for such disposal.



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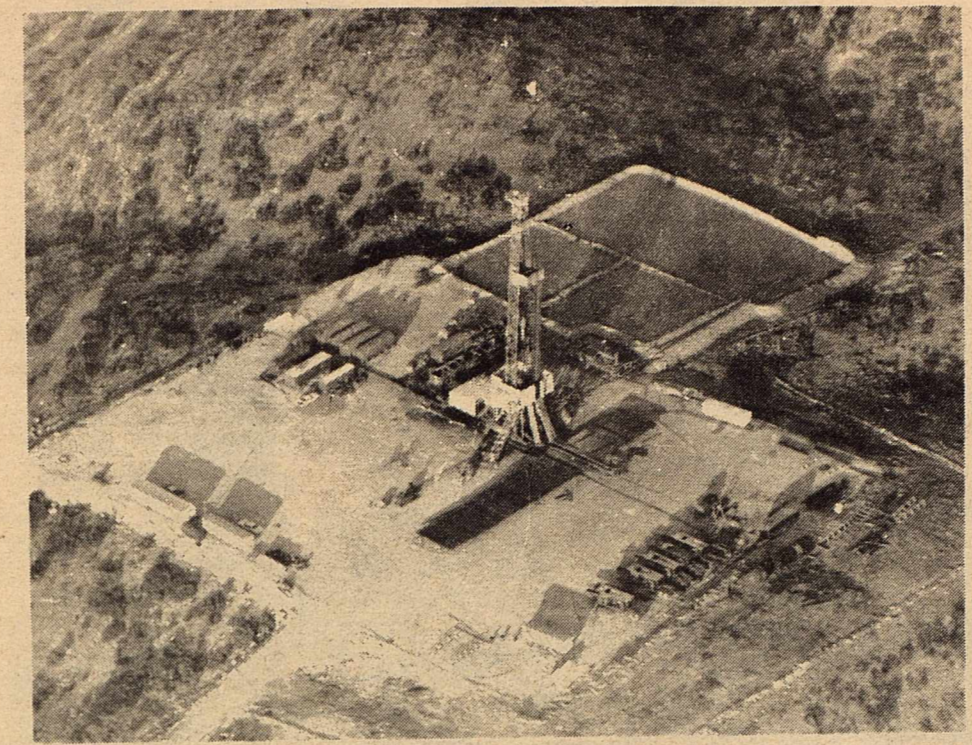
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RRC Classifies Wells

The Railroad Commission has approved the first application for well category determination under the federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. Chairman John H. Poerner and Commissioners Mack Wallace and James E. (Jim) Nugent gave their nod to classifications of 42 wells in four categories. The 42 applications were the survivors of a screening of 231 requests by the staff of the Oil and Gas Division and the Office of Special Counsel.

Today's action may be the first in the nation under the well determination section of the gas policy act. The Commission was the first state agency to establish required procedures. Senior Legal Examiner Roger P. Schultz, in submitting the applications for Commission action, reported operators have filed nearly 1,200 applications for well determination since the gas policy act was implemented two months ago.

Of the applications acted upon today, 37 involve new onshore production wells in known reservoirs, three deal with wells which found new onshore reservoirs and one each covers wells in the deep, high-cost new gas or stripper well category. Wells in the three categories other than stripper class have been drilled on or since Feb. 17, 1977. Under the federal gas policy act, the Railroad Commission is required to determine the categories for gas wells. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reviews the Commission's determination and assigns a well to a category under FERC's gas price-ceiling schedule or reject previous action.

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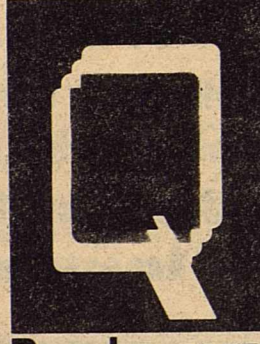


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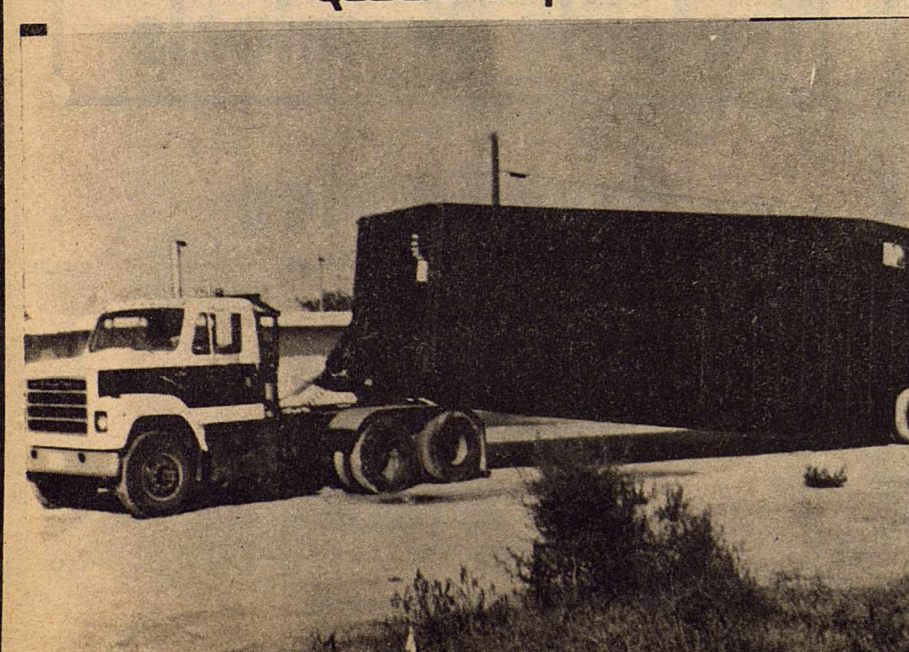
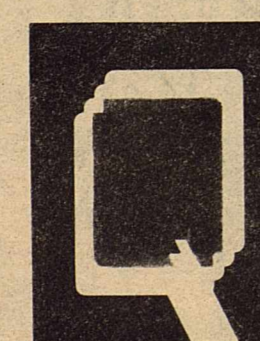
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Poerner Guardedly Optimistic

Railroad Commissioner Chairman John H. Poerner is "guardedly optimistic" over the outlook for Texas energy-producing opera-

tions and sufficiency of energy supplies to meet fuel needs of Sutton County farmers and ranchers and others engaged in

agricultural activities across the state.

Poerner recently pointed to Texas' Number 1 position in oil and gas production and petroleum products manufactured and the high priority given farmers and ranchers in fuel contingency plans as causes for optimism when looking at energy availability in agriculture.

Following a year-end year-start across-the-state pulsetaking of the energy sully situation, the Commission chairman reported

"We can be guardedly optimistic at this point. Texas oil and gas producers doubt that their farm and ranch customers will encounter any shortages of fuel to maintain their operations in the foreseeable future."

He found natural gas liquids...propane and butane that fuel some 135,000 of Texas' 200,000 farms and ranches...to be especially abundant.

There is, however, a shadow on the farmer, rancher silo: the price of natural gas, the raw material in about 95 percent of the nitrogen fertilizer used by U.S. agriculturists.

Poerner noted in an early January talk before an agricultural group that in recent years the price of natural gas has increased

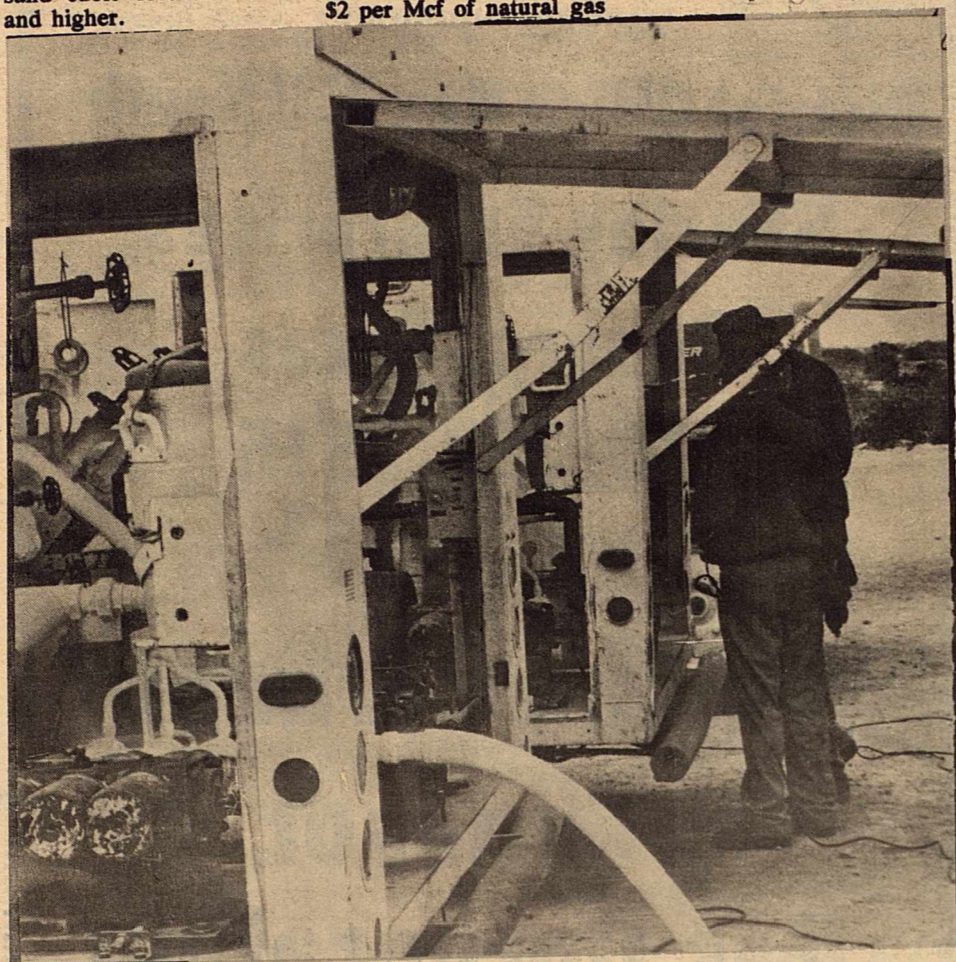
from 40 cents per thousand cubic feet to \$1.85 and higher.

"Some farmers in West Texas are currently paying \$2 per Mcf of natural gas for irrigation," he reported.

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John Poerner



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Pool Handles DDE Experimental Job

Pool Well Servicing Company has been doing business from an office and yard located on Highway 277 in the Shurley Enterprises Complex since 1974.

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Eight of the rigs are 300 hp mobile units with 8V71 engines and 215,000 lb. hook load capacity, capable of drilling to 3,000 feet with 4 1/2 inch pipe, or the 5,000 feet with 3 1/2 inch pipe. They can workover wells to 12,000 feet and provide well searching to 15,000 feet.

Rig 162 is participating in an experimental fracturing job near Sonora, for the DOF's Petroleum Technology Corporation.

If successful and economic, the new technique may unlock production from certain tight Canyon formation sands which underlie this five county area, and thus spark a substantial drilling play. These particular sands have not responded to conventional fracturing.

Location is a farm out from Union Oil Company of California.

Initial test began in late November. It involved pumping 240 barrels of diesel into the formation to determine the porosity. Results indicated that only one barrel per minute could be pumped into the formation at 3800 psi.

Next, a timing device of detonator was run inside aluminum pipe and a special fiberglass tubing. At this point a problem developed and the fiberglass tubing parted, because the large square drill collars got hung up on the well head. A decision was made to drill out the fiberglass tubing and all was out of the hole the week before Christmas.

Rig 162 was then assigned to another job, while the Petroleum Technology Group went home for the holidays. At the customer's request, the same rig and crew returned to the location January 8 to resume work.

The fracturing technique involves pumping two stable chemicals downhole-one after the other. As soon as they combine, they become unstable, causing an explosion. If, for some reason detonation fails to take place, the preset 14-hr. delay detonator downhole will actuate fracturing.

The experiment has been attempted twice before, unsuccessfully. In a test in the Texas Panhandle, casing was blown out of the hole and six people lost their lives. During a second test in South Texas, the timer went off too soon, failing to fracture the selected formation.

Mark Thomas is Union's company man assigned to the test well.

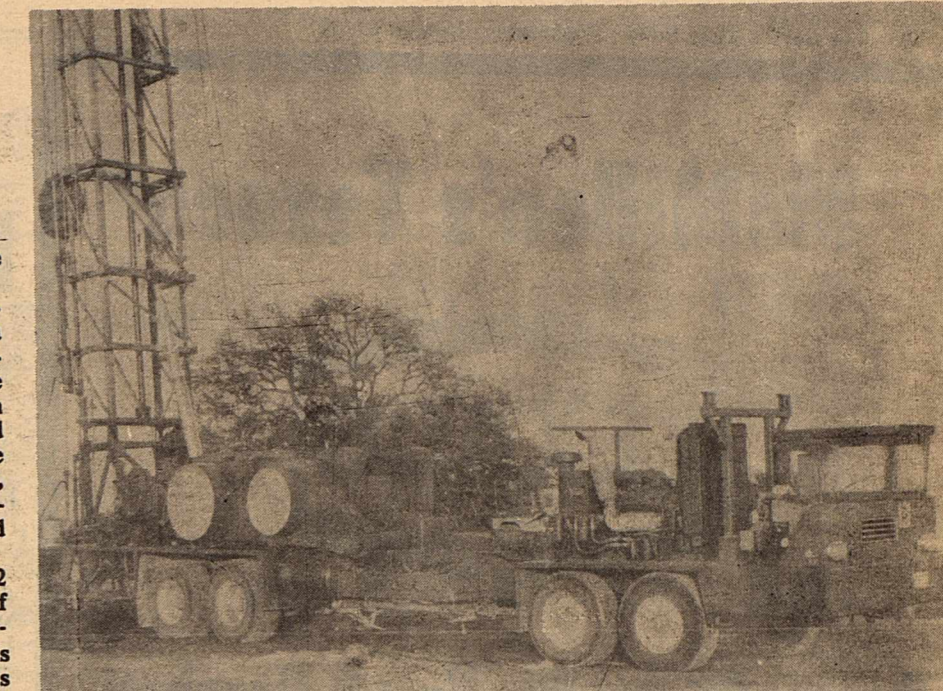
The Petroleum Technology Corporation group from Washington, D.C., utilizes a large van with testing and special handling equipment at rig site. A mechanic and 10

technicians make up the group.

The only special requirement for the rig was a Union of California specification that four guywire clamps be used on each line. Rig will be moved from the location before fracturing is attempted, according to Sonora District Manager Todd Churchill.

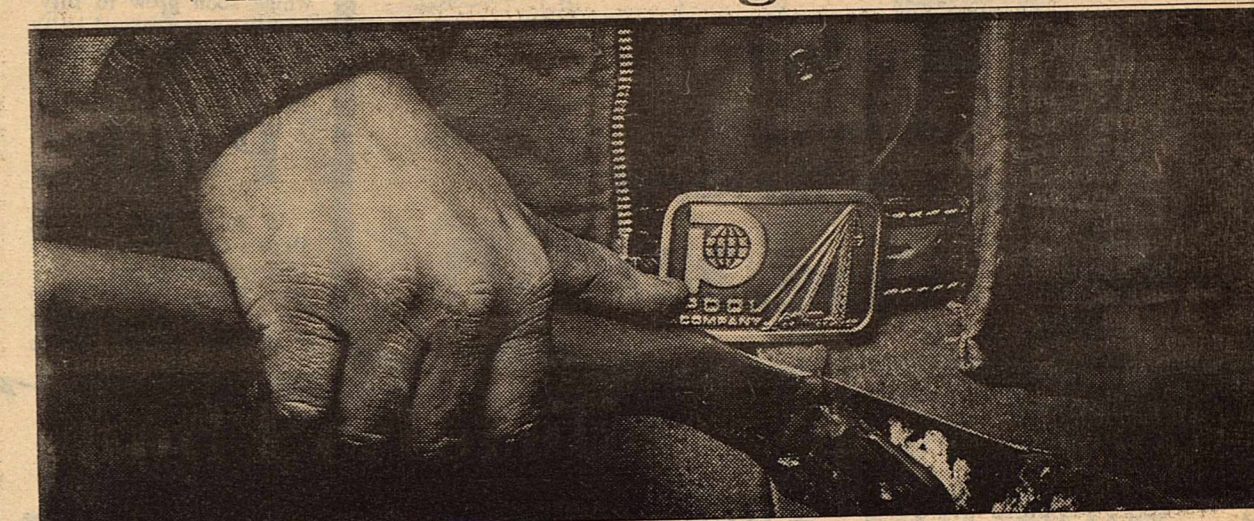
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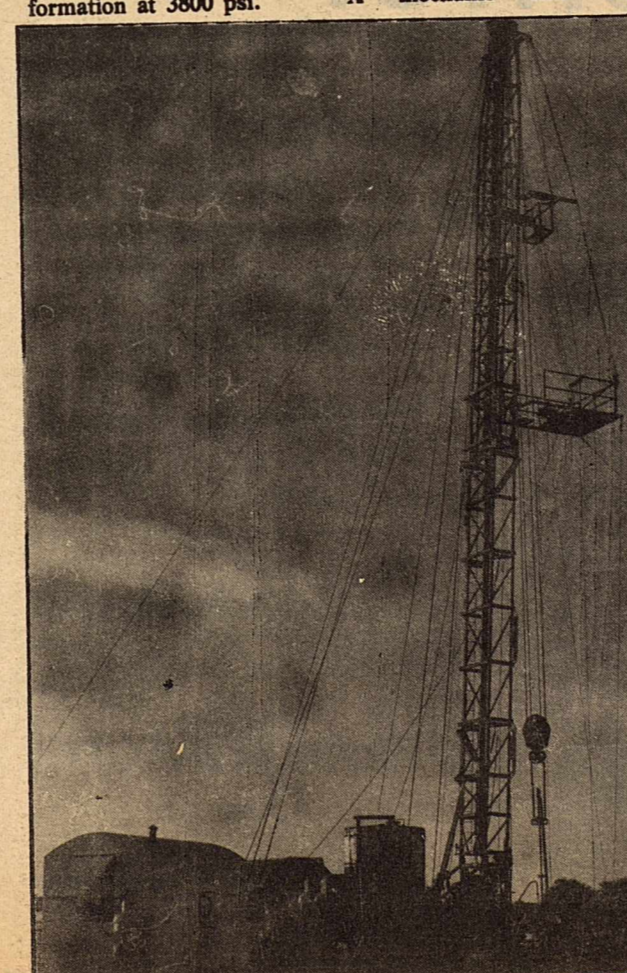


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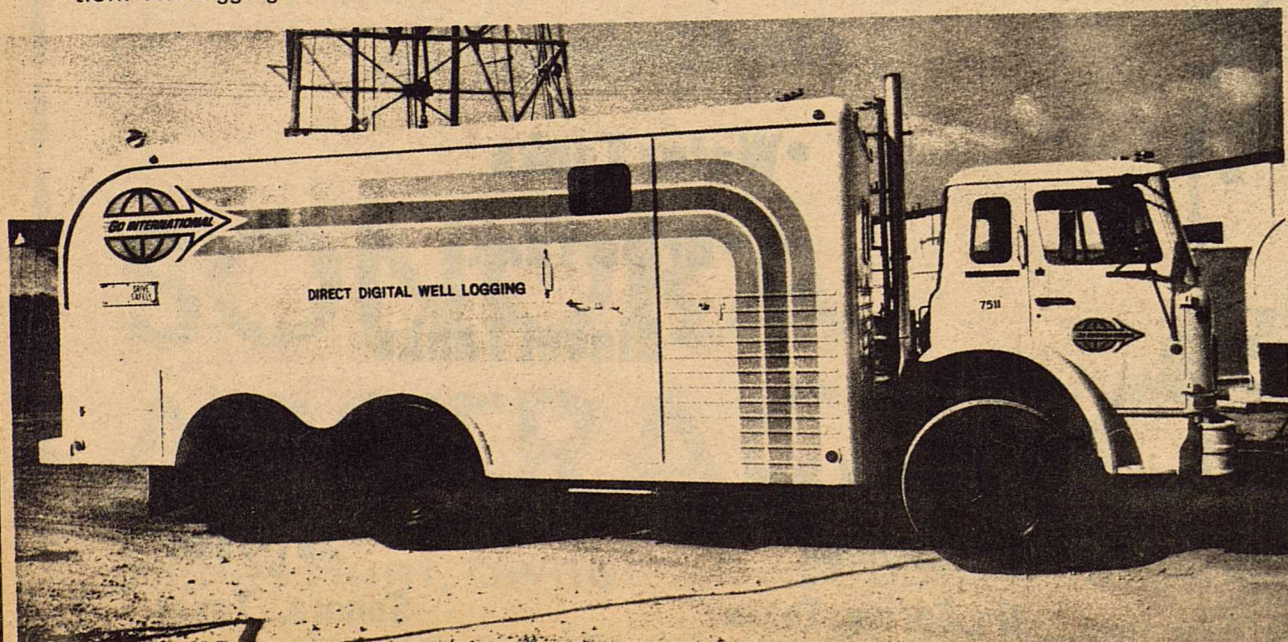
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J.V. Helps Ease Housing Shortage

by J.T. Simpler
In 1974, due to the expected growth in the gas and related industries, there could be seen a great need for additional housing in Sonora.

Realizing the land for a mobile home park development was not available in the city, J.T. Simpler approached Nancy and L.P. Bloodworth, who owned the land adjoining the Hurry-up which was then ranch land. After some negotiating a lease was made available to Mr. Simpler and construction was begun on approximately fifteen acres, which was annexed into the City of Sonora.

The original park was to include thirty four units, which soon grew to fifty. Mobiles were moved in as fast as utilities were ready and fences were installed

around them. Then in late 1976 it was apparent there would be even more drilling and expansion in the gas field and related petroleum industries, which would require more housing in Sonora.

After consultation with the Bloodworths' they agreed to lease more land to Mr. Simpler, making a total of approximately twenty-five acres in the J&V Mobile Home Park.

With additional help needed, Mr. Simpler offered the second park to his son Lynn Simpler, who decided to move to Sonora from San Diego, California and build the J&V Mobile Home Park #2. With his help the parks now include one hundred five units.

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providing the needed material for land fill, making unusable land suitable for mobile home spaces.

Construction on Park #2 began in May 1977, with the first mobile home moving into the park in August, before all lots were completed, and again the fences were added as quickly as possible.

The owners of the J&V Mobile Home Parks wish to take this opportunity to thank the OIL-GAS and RELATED INDUSTRIES for their support and the selection of their personnel.

We know these Families are a good and constructive addition to The City of Sonora and the Community.

At this time even more living facilities are needed and are in the planning stage.

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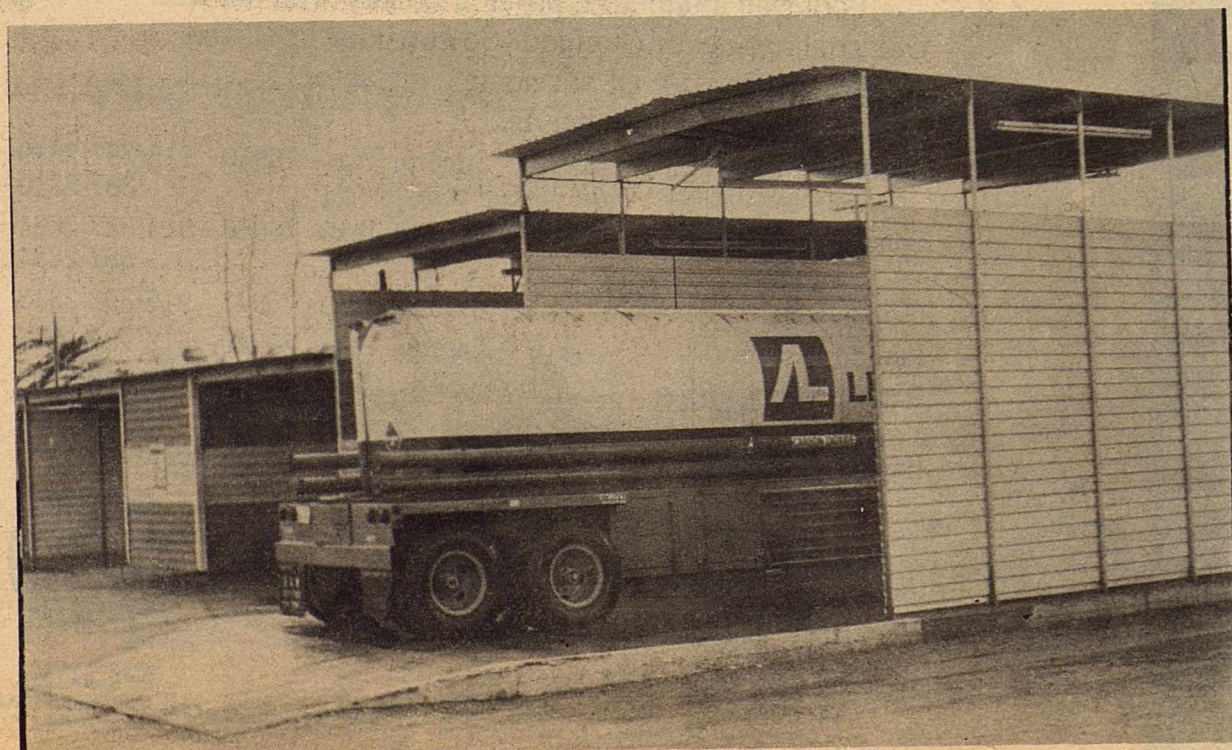
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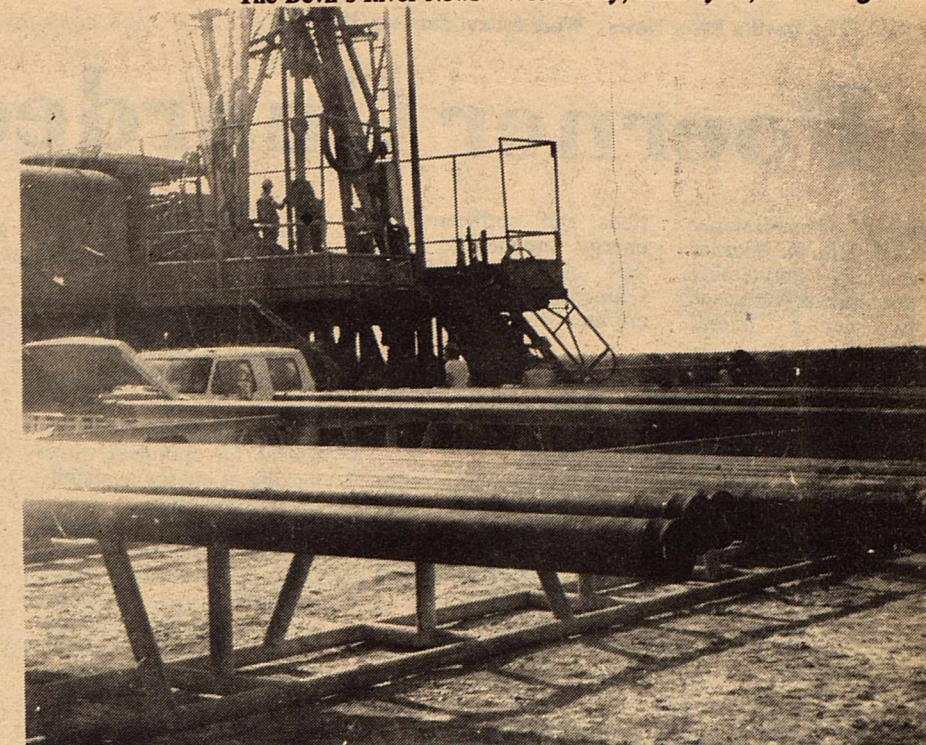
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ducts Co. for 15 years and by Sid Richardson Gasoline Co. of Kermit for five years before founding his own company. A graduate of Texas A&M University, Reid had experience in the research & development of Dow Chemical before moving to West Texas.

Secretary and treasurer is Bess Peavy, also a former employee in the measurement and account-

ing department of El Paso Products and Phillips Petroleum Co.

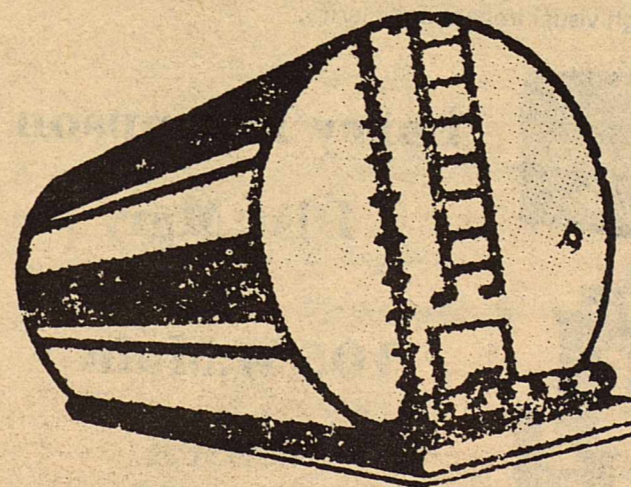
Anna Hubnik and Debbie Termin are in charge of the clerical office; David Ellison, a graduate of Texas A&M University who is in charge of the analytical chemical analysis section of the laboratory; also working in the analytical section is Linda Harvey;

Steve Meadows, who attended New Mexico State University, is the head of the chromatograph department of Mobile Labs; Becky Stanford, UTPB graduate, who works in the x-ray department; and Stephen Reid is vice president.

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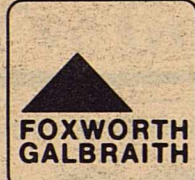
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ples such as scale samples from the North Sea or checking a lubricating oil for contamination such as is needed by engine repair service. Even a new product offered by a competitor can be checked through by Mobile Labs.

A monthly sample analysis is also offered on a mail-order basis for companies that range from San Antonio to Wyoming and Montana.

Personnel of Mobile Labs includes Waler Reid, president who was employed by El Paso Pro-

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Pool employees donated their time to pump out water at the hospital during last summer's hail storm.

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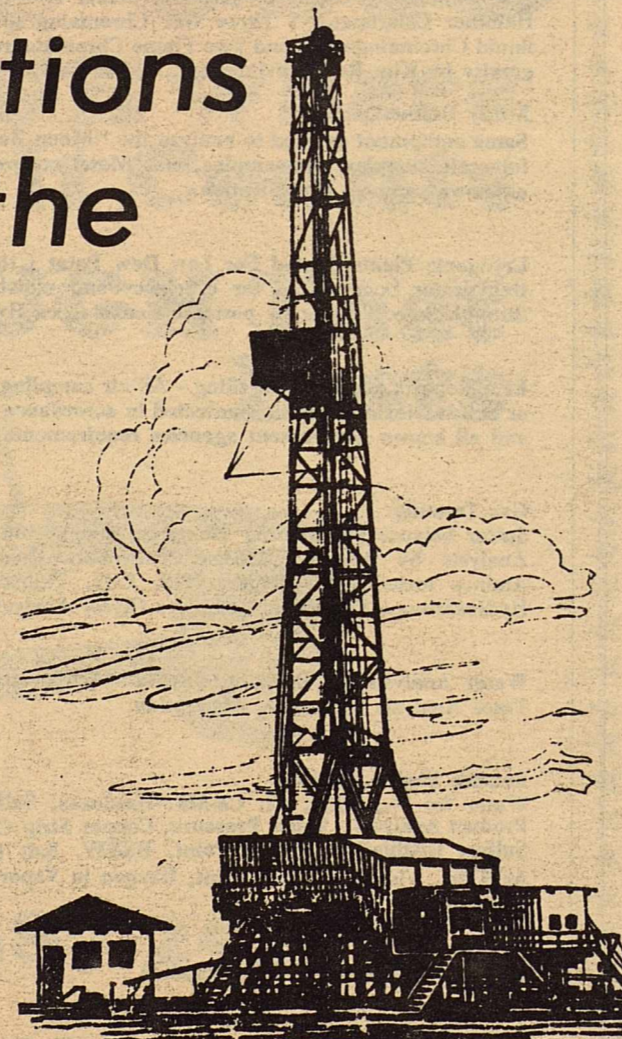
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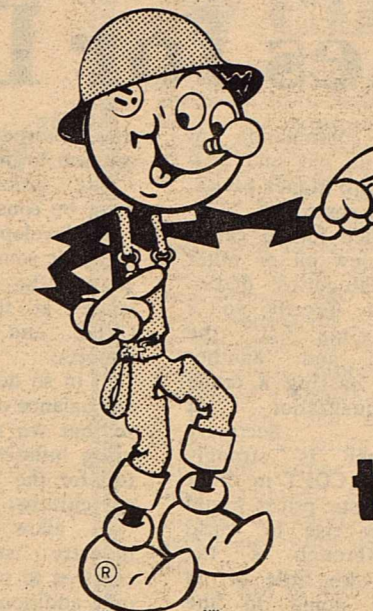
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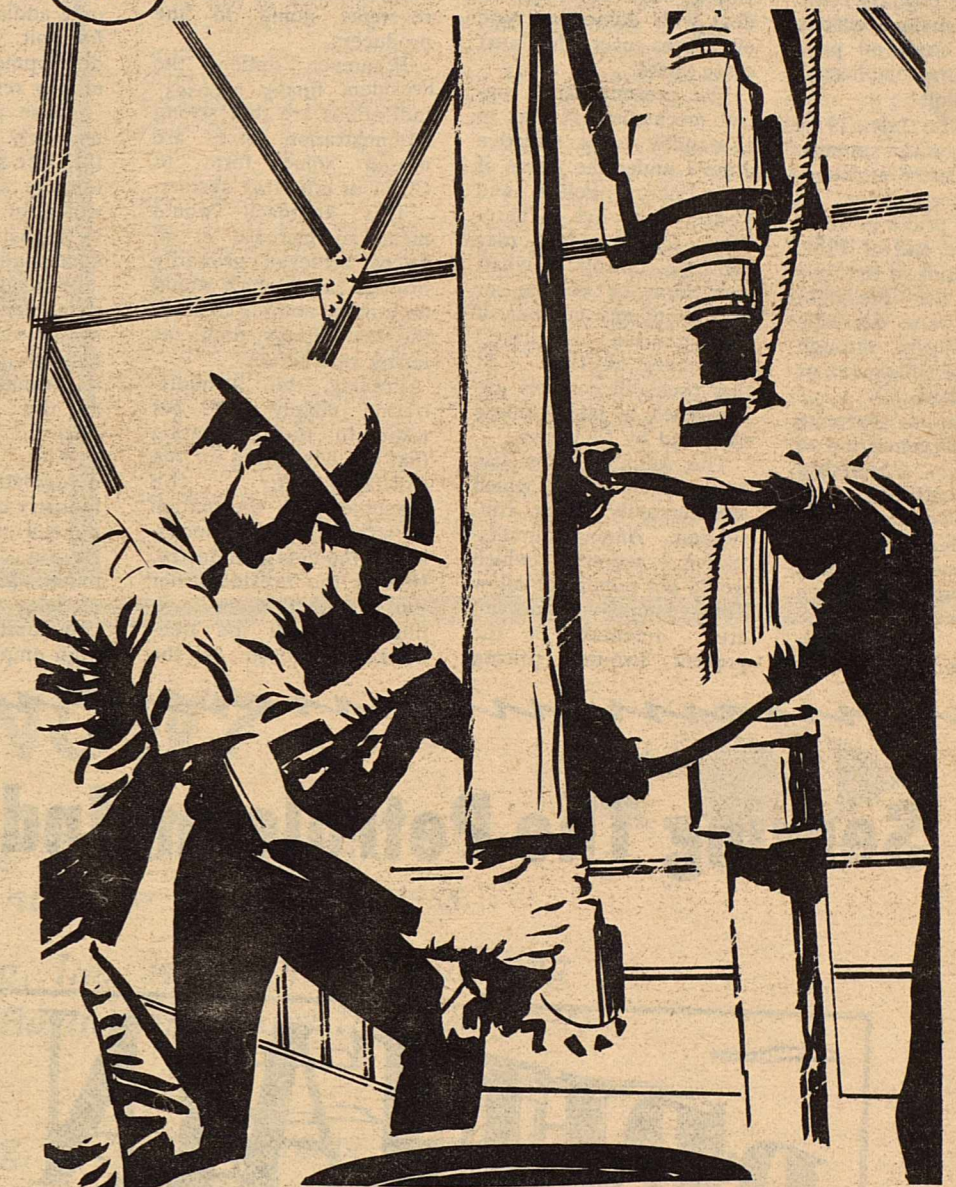
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Loeffler Pushes for Deregulation

By Congressman Tom Loeffler

The 96th Congress promises to be a very active and important one for the energy industry. Considering the growing focus on energy affairs, I am particularly pleased to have received assignment to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee which has broad jurisdiction in this area, among others.

One of the first major issues Congress will face will be oil pricing. Several factors have recently come into play to make decisions concerning crude oil pricing even more complicated and conflicting.

First, at the July, 1978, Bonn economic summit, President Carter announced his "determination" to raise US oil prices to world level by the end of 1981. The implication at the time was that the President planned to raise domestic prices artificially through some type of add-on tax or similar method.

Next, in a surprise move, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announced a major price hike—14.49% for 1979, clearly a move which could fuel inflationary pressures in this country if the present or similar high import rates continues.

The turmoil in Iran further complicated problems here and abroad. Aside from the dramatic international repercussions of the world-wide shut-off of Iranian oil, it appears we may have lost (perhaps permanently) 10% of our imported oil resources. This could certainly lead to gasoline shortages and a return to long lines at service station pumps once again.

An now the President is considering "Option Papers" from his White House staff on ways to deal with domestic crude oil prices over the next three years.

The present price control mechanism reverts to a standby basis effective June 1 under the terms of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. Thereafter, the President may continue controls in whatever form he desires, or implement any number of decontrols, until September of 1981. At that time, all controls are scheduled to lapse unless extended by Congress.

The Administration has a number of options which are currently being considered. Among administrative actions (which would not require or allow Congressional approval) are: retention of the present two-tier pricing

system; continuation of controls on old and new oil, but with higher prices, either controlled or decontrolled for so called "New" new oil or other special categories; decontrol tied directly to a Federal tax at the wellhead; and, another drive at passing a crude oil equalization tax (COET). Secretary Schlesinger is strongly pushing a COET in order that domestic prices would ultimately rise to world levels through a tax system with little or no revenues going to the producers.

Whatever option the President finally chooses, indications are that strong administration forces are urging some form of COET or other tax system.

This approach would mean an increase in oil prices achieved primarily through taxes which would do little or nothing to solve the real energy problems facing this nation.

Frankly, this Administration simply will not come to the realization that the best thing for the industry...for the consumer...for the nation is straightforward decontrol of the energy industry.

Neither the President nor the Congress seems willing to accept the free-market approach as the

time-honored, proven solution to our problems.

The priorities which must be considered are:

1) developing sufficient domestic sources of energy so that the country is no longer at the mercy of OPEC and others for imports;

2) in so doing, decrease our balance of trade deficit so that we may begin to bring inflation under control for the benefit of all our citizens; and,

3) allow the energy industry sufficient incentives to reinvest in not only additional exploration for oil and gas, but development of alternative energy resources, as well.

These priorities will be met only with a return to the free-market, free enterprise system, and that will only be accomplished by industry decontrol and deregulation.

With decontrol and deregulation, our consumer needs will be met through increased domestic availabilities of energy at the lowest possible price.

With decontrol and deregulation, our energy industry can once again be a major economic contributor to Texas and the nation, providing a wealth of jobs and the positive community benefits of high employment.

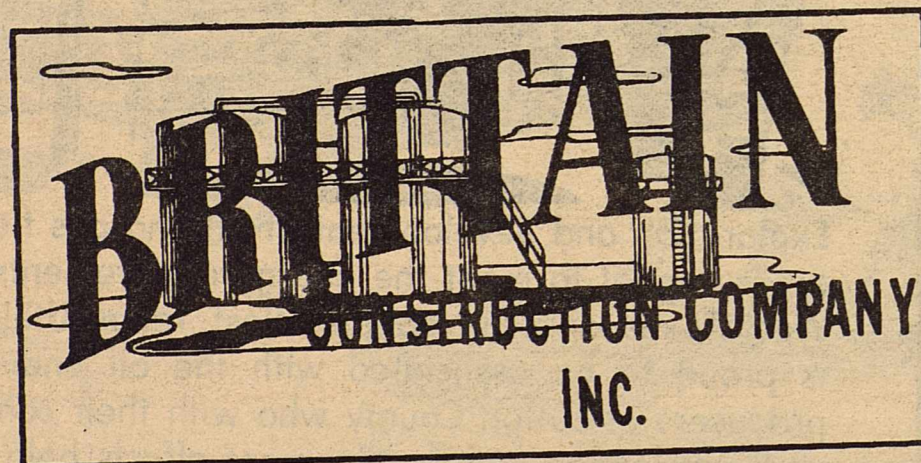
With decontrol and deregulation, we will finally achieve our goal of being energy independent once again, which will be the most positive single step we can take to reduce our international balance of trade deficit and eventually reducing inflation here at home.

It will be our challenge to make the Administration and the Congress accept this as the best and most responsible approach for the good of the country.



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One unit that is a valuable tool is the x-ray spectrometer which was used to test "moon rocks." This instrument identifies and analyzes unknown material found in exploration and in production of oil and gas. Also useful in the analysis of corrosion and scale in pipe and tubing, the x-ray spectrometer unit is able to analyze and control the quality of bearing materials used in large engines and compressors used to pump gas through pipelines.

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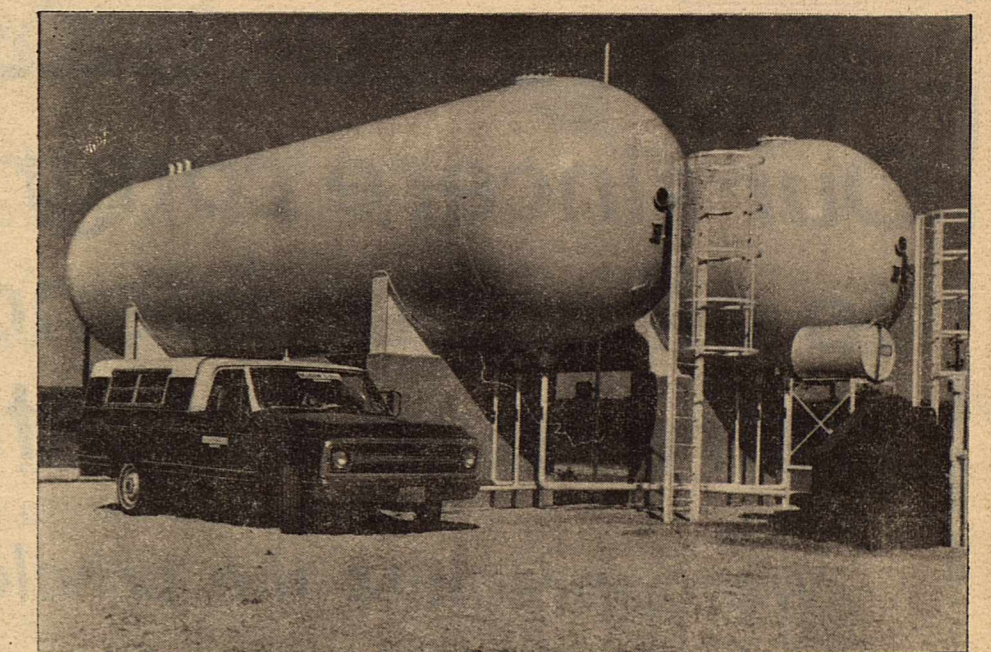
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Texas Drilling Applications Down

Applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests in Texas totaled 19,964 in the 12 months of 1978, compared with 24,128 in the same period of 1977.

Applications to drill, deepen, plug back and for service wells in the 1978 period amounted to 23,366 against 27,952 in the year-earlier period.

The report also showed 778 applications to drill new oil and gas tests were filed from Dec. 16 through 31, 1978. Applications to drill oil and gas totaled 1,148 in the year-earlier period.

The report also showed 15 oil discoveries and 28 gas discoveries were completed in Texas in the Dec. 16-31 period.

Oil discoveries included three each in the West Central Texas, Refugio and deep South Texas sectors, two each in the San Angelo and North Texas areas, and one each

in the East, Central Texas and Midland areas.

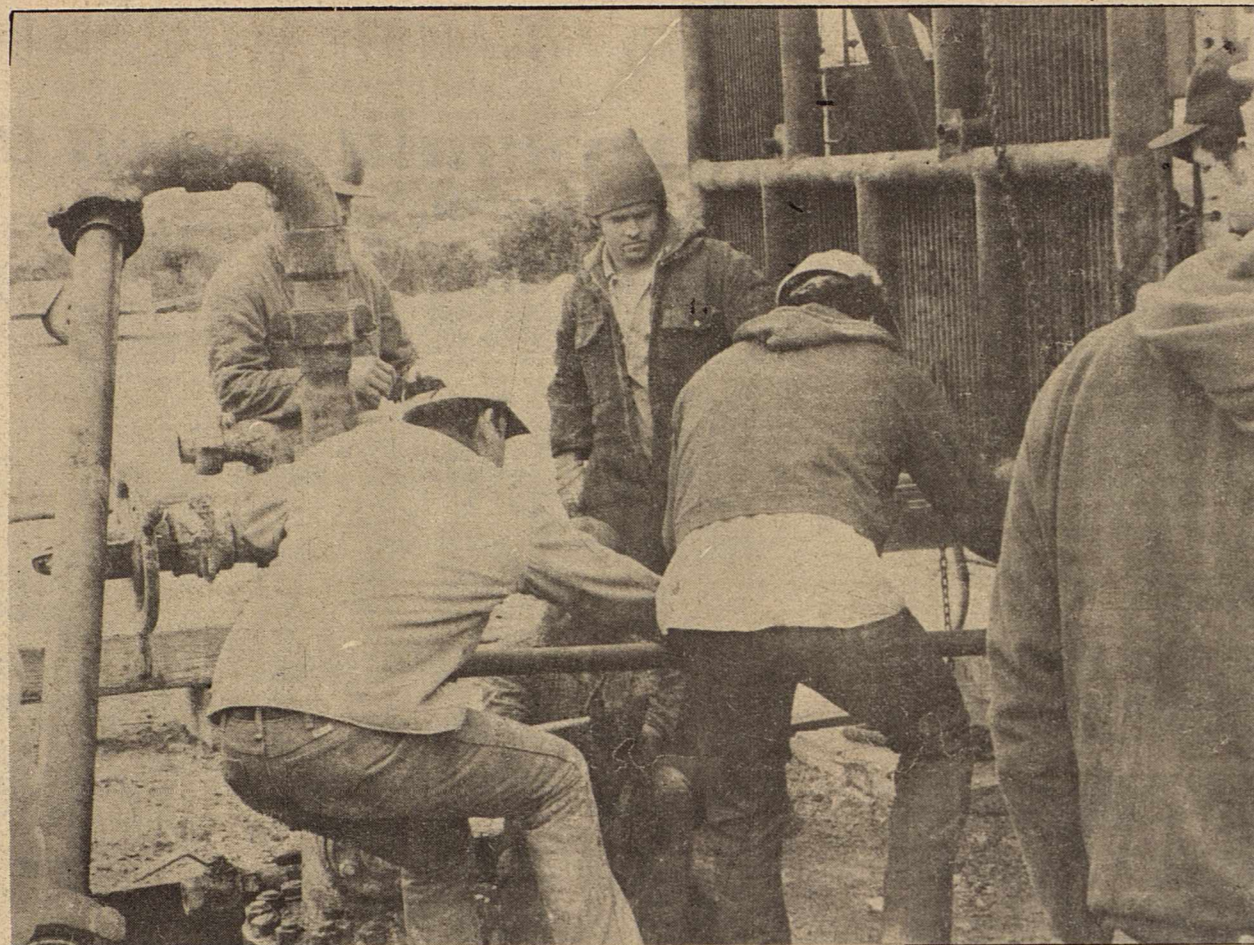
Gas discoveries included 14 in the Refugio area, six in West Central Texas, four in the San Antonio area, and two each in Southeast Texas and the San Angelo area.

The Oil and Gas Division listed 13,968 oil, gas and service well completions in the 12 months of 1978, up from 13,142 a year ago. There were 279 oil completions in the second half of December 1978 against 291 in the same period last year. There were 117 gas completions in the 1978 period against 178 in the year-ago period.

Of the 8,132 oil completions last year, 464 were discovery wells. In 1977 there were 8,121 oil completions with 572 listed as discovery wells.

Gas completions in 1978 totaled 5,383 of which 1,059 were discovery

wells. In 1977, Texas recorded 4,399 gas well completions of which 781 were discovery wells. In the Dec. 16-31 period, 95 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

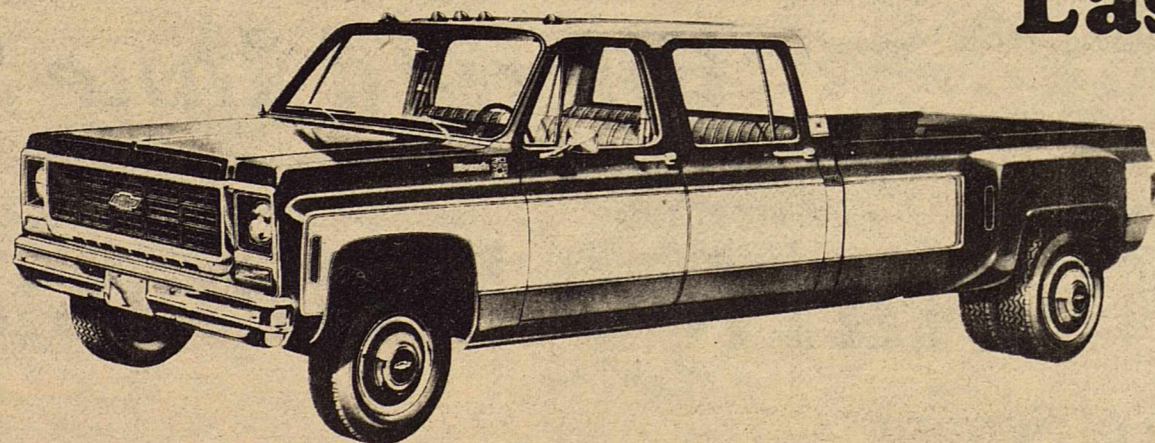
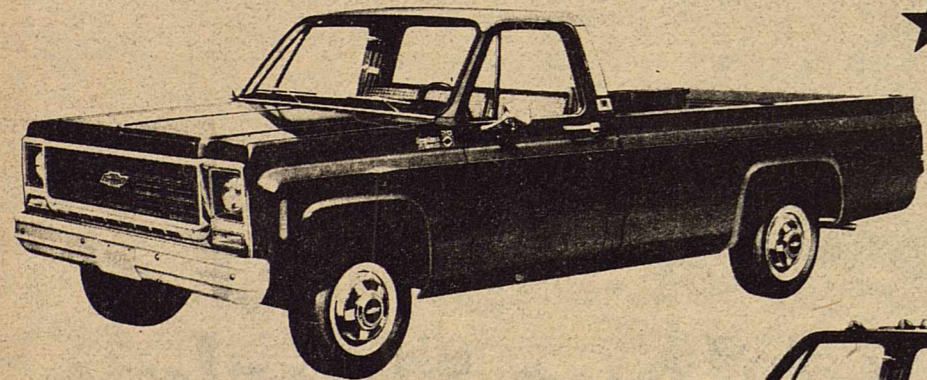


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"Shooting" was the term used for the first method of stimulation. As far back as the 1860's it was learned that "shooting", setting off a charge of dynamite in the pay zone, could improve the output of a declining well.

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 to 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 tests after the treatment indicated some increase in production, but at the time, it

was not considered commercially successful.

Later modifications in job 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 sometimes 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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Shurley Enterprises Hub of Industry

By Shirley Hill
Shurley Enterprises, located 1.7 miles south on Highway 277, is probably one of Sonora's most visible effects the petroleum industry is having on Sutton County.

The complex houses twenty petroleum related facilities. There are also fifteen families living in the confines of the industrial park...these are families of those working for companies required to be on 24 hour call.

Bill and Jane Shurley of Marfa are responsible for making room to house these facilities.

Shurley says that in May of 1974, right in the middle of the oil and gas boom, a large company executive came to him asking for assistance in finding space for an office and yard for his company's business.

After this inquiry Shurley was inspired. He then went to different companies who had moved or were planning to move into Sonora, asking them if they were interested in space for their facilities. The answer for the most part was yes.

Frank Pool of Pool Company was one of the first contacted by Shurley. Pool was a family friend

and Shurley knew he was interested in moving his company to Sonora.

Pool became the first of many to build in the industrial park. This did not however come about until Shurley had engaged an engineering firm in San Angelo as well as an architect, to design the park with what space he had to offer.

The park is unique in many ways but the main characteristic is the mobility of company facilities. Although sites were designed with different sizes in mind, depending on the amount of space needed by each company, all buildings on the site are completely mobile. Not many mobile homes are being used as offices, but mostly metal buildings that can be moved if the company need arises.

This need has not arisen. In fact Shurley's original design has long since overgrown its original survey. 40 acres have been added and the water and electrical systems have been enlarged four different times.

The park is supplied by a water supply from two permanent wells that were designed to compliment each other. The water is chemically treated and

meets all standards of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Water is also made available to those companies in the complex that need it for commercial use. Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative provides electrical power and Shurley could not compliment them enough for

the work they did in getting power to the park.

Following the moving in of Pool Company in 1975, Amoco started their move to the industrial park. This set the trend. Although Amoco was interested in a larger portion of land than had been originally planned, this proved no problem since the park was

designed to allow leasees all the land needed.

Amoco's move opened up the need for many other facilities in the area. Most companies in the park are associated in some way with Amoco.

Property in the confines of the park is leased on a monthly basis or by permanent lease. If a company does move, the

land goes back to the Shurley family.

Also located in the park is 48 mini storage units. Two sizes are available for anyone desiring additional storage space...either for business or family use.

Shurley and his wife, Jane, also have a residence in the park along with office space. The building containing the office and residence sits in the middle of the park and was designed by Jane.

The attractive living quarters are complete with fireplace and all the conveniences of home, even to the white wicker furniture that compliments the living room and den area. Both Bill and Jane are eager to make one feel at ease. The coffee pot is always one.

The office, which is managed by Treanna Thomas, is the hub of the Shurley business. In addition to all the industrial park business being centralized here, the ranching industry has also been consolidated into this office.

Bill and Jane call Marfa home. They have lived there since marriage. They recently purchased an adjacent ranch, which is operated as a family unit. One of the Shurley daughters and her husband live there and oversee the operation.

The Shurleys spend roughly ten working days of the month in Sonora and the rest they spend at their ranch home in Marfa.

The Shurley's son, Michael, lives in Santa Cruz Bolivia, where he works for Imco, a subsidiary of Halliburton. His job covers five countries in South America.

One daughter, Patricia, is single and lives in Dallas where she manages a show room at the World Trade Center.

Rachael, the younger daughter, is married to Gene Nixon, formerly of Eldorado. The couple lives on the family ranch in Marfa.

Shurley is a native of Sonora, a graduate of Sonora High School and attended Texas A&M. He was attending the university when he joined the Air Force during the war.

Following his discharge from the Air Force he married the former Jane Bryant of San Angelo.

The Sutton County ranch which contains six sections, is operated by Bill's mother, Ruth Shurley. The 120 acres that make up the industrial park is located on the northeast end of the ranch.

Shurley gives credit to many persons for making the park what it is today...a place for the petroleum industry to make its mark in Sonora and Sutton County history.



Treanna Thomas is secretary at Shurley Enterprises. Bill and Jane Shurley say if anything is wrong they never know about it until it's solved.



Bill and Jane Shurley are responsible for making the industrial park what it is today... a home for the petroleum industry.

We are proud to be a part of the Oil and Gas industry in Sutton County and the surrounding area and wish for it every success.



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