

Emergency medical group now organized

In a meeting of the Schleicher Co. Emergency Medical Service Thursday night in the Meador-Peters Building there were a number of things discussed. Dale Lipssett, coordinator, presided over the meeting.

In his opening remarks he stated some of the purposes of the TAEMT. Some of them were: knowledge, be able to communicate, avoid incompetence, encourage emergency care, improve public awareness of emergency care.

He mentioned that the County Commissioners are behind the

organization to help in any way they can.

The Texas Department of Health EMS Ambulance Activity reports were given to each one to help them learn how to fill in a report. Each item was carefully explained and it was stressed how important the forms are to get the correct information on each person who is being transported.

Consensus of the group was that there was a need for organization of a local Chapter of TAEMT. This one will be called Schleicher Co. Medical Service of Texas. The following

officers were elected: President, Dale Lipssett; First Vice President, Ray L. Ballew; Second Vice President, Clive Johnston; Secretary, Susie Richters; Treasurer, Bud Arendt; Equipment Coordinator, T.J. Roach; Chaplain, Rusty Kwast; Public Relations Director, Rene Calcote.

The purpose of this organization is to save lives. Dale reported that a Kendrick Extraction Device has been ordered and should be here soon. This was donated by the Hospital Auxiliary. Uniforms will be ordered soon.

The Saeger Traction Splint was demonstrated by Dale Lipssett with a member acting as patient. It may be used on patients with broken legs or hips.

The second Thursday of each month was decided on as meeting time with a demonstration or a learning process used each time.

It was reported by Ray L. Ballew that the Schleicher County Rodeo Association voted to donate \$1,000.00 to the Emergency Medical Service.

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Task force to meet

The "A Team" Eldorado's own Task Force for Texas War on Drugs is having a meeting Sunday, March 18th at 8:15 p.m. at the Memorial Bldg. The guest speakers will be Joyce and Garland Young of Ozona. They have been the supervisors for the past 14 years of the Ozona Youth Center. This meeting will be questions and answers on how a Youth Center could work for the youth of Eldorado.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend this meeting.

For further information call Carolyn Whitten, 853-2879.



This 5'4" rattler dwarfs this ax. He was killed last week on the Mertz Ranch. He sported 11 1/2 buttons and measured 8 1/2 inches in diameter.

County buys pick-up

County commissioners accepted the bid submitted by Jim Bass Ford on a new pick-up for the county road department, Monday morning. The nod went to Bass for an approximate price of \$9400.00 plus the trade-in of several used Sheriff department vehicles.

The court heard Jack Mann request that a water line under a county road be replaced by the county. The court rejected his request to bury the line but, agreed to cover the line with caliche.

Sheriff Orval Edmiston met with the court and gave them an update on the jail concerning some federal prisoners he is currently holding.

The court unanimously voted to

place a public road across the Richard Jones property. Mr. Jones has agreed to provide an easement for this road which will be to the access to six families.\$

Architect Donaldson reported to the Court that his remodeling plans for the Memorial Bldg. were almost finished and he would submit them to the court at the end of March.

The court voted to advertise for bids on a lawn mower for the courthouse. The bids will be opened April 9th.

Last meetings' minutes were read and approved and monthly bills were approved for payment.

With no further business the board adjourned.

Board looks at computer housing

The Schleicher County Independent School District's Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night where they renewed the contracts of all present teachers and teachers aids.

The first order of business was to adjourn to executive session to discuss student discipline.

The trustees approved the Text-book Committees rendering for 1984-85.

They voted on the Board of Directors Education Service Center Region XV.

In other business they discussed the possibilities of any strains on the present facilities to set up computer labs. They discussed the possibility of leasing or renting space if needed for these facilities. No action was taken but the situation will be re-evaluated after the school's facility consultant has reported to them after April 1st.

Superintendent Guy Whitaker reported to the board on routine maintenance of the facilities such as damage repair from the freeze, painting lines on the track, repair to the tennis courts. He also reported to the board on the results of the UIL meet and the track meets. The school calender was also discussed by the board.

The board then paid all monthly bills and adjourned the meeting.

Girl Scout Week

March 11-17 is National Girl Scout Week and is an appropriate time to cite all the positive aspects of scouting.

Besides giving these young ladies a strong foundation in developing their own potentials it given them a sense of pride to help them reach for excellence in all they do.

Almost daily the headlines proclaim how women have achieved "Firsts" in many different fields. Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman Supreme Court justice, Elizabeth Dole, member of the President's Cabinet and Barbara Walter, ABC news woman were all Girl Scouts. So were three of the first six women astronauts. These women have all cited their scouting years for having helped develop their sense of determination, self-trust and sense of possibility that has enabled them to develop to their great potential.

Eagles soar at Relays

The Eldorado Eagles strutted their stuff last Saturday by taking first place honors at the Annual Plateau Relays. The Eldorado team hosted the meet for teams from: Wall, Brady, Regan Co., Mason, Ballinger, Sonora, Miles, McCamey, Ozona and Junction. The Eagles outscored their opponents on: 1600 Relay with a time of 3:31.20 (Brame, Cathey, Gutierrez and Ussery); 400 Relay - 45.51 (Robledo, Cathey, Ussery, and Woodward); Long Jump - 21 ft. Gutierrez. The Eagles placed 2nd in the high jump with Rickey Cathey's 6 ft. effort. Cathey also placed 4th in the 400 Dash with a time of 53.33.

Ussery came in 4th in the 800 Dash with a time of 2:06.93 and Belman took 5th place in the 300-Int. Hurdles with 44.65. Woodward placed 3rd in the High Jump with his 5'10" effort.

The Eaglettes didn't fare as well as their male counterparts but they did put in an impressive showing. Kara Garltiz took 2nd place honors in the Shot Put with her efforts. Gina Patton took home 2nd place honors in the High Jump. Simmons took 3rd place in the 100 meter Hurdles. Sixth place in the 100 meter Dash was taken by Renetta Robinson. Jennifer Patton came in 3rd place in the 200 Dash with a time of 28.66. The 400 Relay saw the Eaglettes taking 4th place and 5th place in the 800 Relay.

The Junior Varsity Boys took a first place in the 400 Relay with the team of O'Harrow, Daniels, Turbeville, and Dacy by posting a new record of 47.08. The team of Guana, Daniels, O'Harrow and Turbeville took 1st place in the 1600 Relay with a time of 3:50.20.

Mike Moore placed 2nd place with his 111'8" Discus Throw. Fourth place was taken by Dacy in the Pole Vault. Espinosa took 5th place with a time of 12.27 in the 100 Meter Dash. Troy Daniels took 5th place in the 400 Dash with a time of 58.58. Dacy took a third place with a time of 46.18 in the 300 Intermediate Hurdles.

Eldorado really showed off in the 200 Meter Dash with O'Harrow taking 2nd place with 25.25, Espinosa placing 3rd with 25.36 and Turbeville taking 4th place with 25.88. Bradley took 4th place with a 5:17.79 in the 1600 Run.

The Junior High Track Meet held Friday afternoon hosted several area teams and when the dust cleared the Eighth Grade girls took 2nd place behind Ballinger.

The Seventh Grade girls took 2nd

and 3rd place in the long Jump by Aguilar and Martinez respectively. Gonzales took 3rd in Triple Jump. Martinez took 3rd in High Jump and Gonzales came in 6th. Gonzales also took 6th in the 600 Meter Dash.

The Seventh Grade boys took 1st and 2nd places in the High Jump through the efforts of Montalvo and Robles respectively. Another first place finish for the boys came for Preston in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 13.32. Roubinson came in 6th. Sanchez took 2nd place in the Discus.

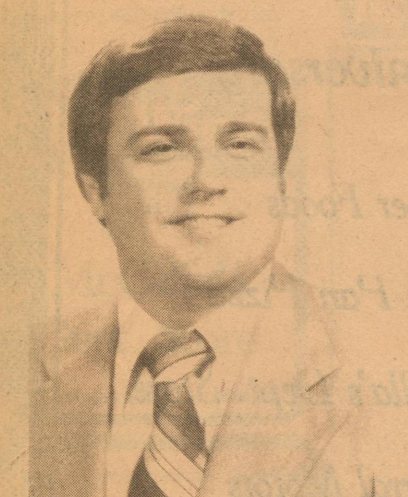
Preston came in 2nd in the 100 meter Hurdles. Second place in the 210 L. Hurdles belonged to Montalvo. Preston showed his form with a 3rd place showing in the Long Jump. The Eagles team came in 3rd in the 400

Relay with a time of 53.28 and took 4th place in the 1200 Meter Relay.

The Eighth Grade girls came in 1st place with Dean in the Triple Jump; Montalvo in the Shot Put and 400 Relay. The 800 Meter Relay saw the girls come in 2nd place. Dean took 3rd place honors in the Long Jump. Montalvo and Hale took 3rd and 4th places respectively in the High Jump. Montalvo came in 3rd in the Discus and 4th in the 600 Meter Dash. Third place in the 100 Meter Dash was taken by Field.

The Eight Grade boys didn't place in that many events but they did turn in a valiant effort. Rodgers placed 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles and Espinosa came in at 6th in the Pole Vault.

Baptists to hold Spiritual Seminar



A seminar on Spiritual Awakening will be conducted next week March 18 through March 21 at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Gene Stark, former

pastor of the church, will conduct the services.

Dr. Stark is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Crowley, Texas and was pastor at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado from 1974-1979. He is married to the former Susan Callison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Callison. They have two sons Steven and John.

There will be two services Sunday, one at 11:00 am with a covered dish luncheon and the evening service at 7:00 p.m.

Services will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. Noon services will also be held each day with a covered dish luncheon and a short devotional by Dr. Stark.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Six file for board

The election for the vacated seats on the hospital board is finally drawing some participants. The latest candidates to throw their hats into the ring are: Janee Finley, Jim Hardy, Vivian Sanchez and Floyd Butler. They join incumbents E.C. (Pete) Peters and Mike Moore who have also filed for another term on the board. Filing deadline was March 13th.

Reward offered

A \$100 reward has been offered to anyone having information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the deaths of two dogs in recent weeks.

In both incidents the dogs were inside their own yards when they were apparently poisoned. This constitutes the crime of cruelty to animals, a Class A misdemeanor and also the charge of criminal mischief, a felony.

Anyone having knowledge of these cases are urged to contact the Sheriff's Office here in Eldorado.

Youths fare well at Angelo

Eldorado's FFA and 4-H'ers came home winners from last week's San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.

Six area youths had impressive placings during the show, they are: Sonny Dean - 7th place hog in Premium Sale.

Amy Turner - two 4th places in Angus Heifers.

Jeffery Hausenfluck - 3rd and 4th place Angus Heifers.

Marty Wells - 4th place in yearling Angora Goats; 8th place in Angora Billy Kids and 7th place in Angora Nanny Kids.

Jay O'Harrow - 10th place Angora Nanny Kids.

Ericka Schooley - 3rd place in Yearling Rambouillet Lambs in the Open Show.

Gabe Schooley - 6th and 8th places in Rambouillet Ewe Lambs in the Junior Show.

In the Food Division of the show, Ashley Johnson brought home a blue ribbon for her entry in candy. She also was awarded a red ribbon for her yeast rolls. Sheila (Hanusch) Pardue took home 3rd place with her cucumber sweet pickles and her cucumber dill pickles and she also took 2nd place for her rum cake.

Angie McGregor was awarded a blue ribbon for her entry in the clothing division and she also took first place in the Art and Craft Division.

EHS students win practice meet

The Eldorado UIL Practice Meet was held last Friday and Saturday. Eldorado won the meet with a total of 121 points followed by Llano with 66; Mason with 60 and Sonora with 50 points.

Su Scott, director, says the school plans to make the event an annual happening.

Eighteen schools participated in this first annual meet. The results are as follows:

- DEBATE 1st Clark and Turner, 3rd Bradley and Ramos.
- ORAL READING 1st Robles.
- PROSE 3rd Turner.
- FEATURE WRITING 2nd Mobley.
- EDITORIAL WRITING 2nd Marsh.
- HEADLINE WRITING 3rd Marsh.
- NEWSWRITING 2nd Dean.
- SCIENCE 2nd M.Mittel.
- TYPING 1st R.Mittel, 3rd Robinson.



Casebeer weds Barron

Donna Gay Casebeer, formerly of Eldorado and now of Lubbock, and Ted Gray Barron of Lubbock exchanged wedding vows March 10, in the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Lubbock. Davis Price, pastor, was the officiant.

The church was decorated with two large candelabra with blue and yellow bows on pews.

Carol McGarvey of San Angelo was matron of honor and Terri Rieken, of Lubbock was maid of honor. Laura Burnett, of Dallas, Cathy Barron, sister in law of the groom, of Lubbock, and Lea Barron, sister of the groom, of Lubbock were bridesmaids. Michelle McGarvey was flower girl.

Mark Barron, brother of the groom, of Lubbock was best man. Jack Mathieson of Lubbock, David Stoneking of Houston, Brett Barron of Lubbock and Doug Pappas of Houston were groomsmen. ushers were Craig Pletenik, Bill Hayes and Jeff Davis, all of Lubbock.

There was a harpist and organist who presented pre-nuptial music. Mr. Kyung Wook Shin, soloist, sang Sunrise, Sunset.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Casbeer of Eldorado. She is a graduate of Eldorado High School, graduate of Texas Woman's University with a BS Degree. She is currently Job Analyst in Texas Tech Personnel Dept.

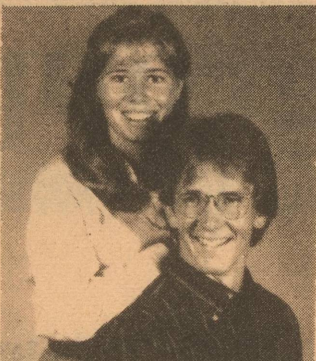
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Barron

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fatheree wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Toni Jeanne to Troy Dale Williamson of Rifle, Colorado.

Miss Fatheree is a 1980 graduate of Eldorado High School and is currently a Senior at Abilene Christian University. She is an all level physical education major and is a member of the ACU tennis team.

Mr. Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williamson of Rifle, Colorado, is a 1978 graduate of Rifle High School and a 1982 graduate



of Abilene Christian University with a BBA in accounting. Williamson is currently enrolled in graduate work at ACU and is employed as an accountant for Southwest Drywall Systems in Abilene. The couple is planning a May 19th wedding.

Baskin & Montgomery recite vows

Ann Baskin and Troy Montgomery were united in marriage on March 3, in Canton, Ohio. Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Baskin, and the granddaughter of Mr. and

Mrs. E.N. Edmiston. Miss Amy Baskin served as maid of honor for her sister. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Spigarelli of Eldorado attended the wedding. They reported a beautiful wedding and much snow.

Services held for Green

The clock of time is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the clock will stop, at late or early hours. On March 8, God called from our midst Rollie Lee Green. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Green, born Feb. 4, 1919, in Gonzalez County. He attended school in Gonzalez County, and married Ollie Mae Gregg, August 28, 1939 in Fayette County. He later moved to Schleicher County, where he remained until God chose him.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Mrs. Ollie Mae Green; four brothers: Ellis Green, Oliver Green, and Lloyd Price, all of San Antonio, and Nathaniel Green, of Eldorado; 3 sisters: Mrs. A.D. Silas of Muldoon, Texas, Mrs. Zola

Mae Green of Houston; and Bulah Mae Calvert of Los Angeles, California; five sons: Rolly Lee Green, Jr., Ollie Lee Green, Carl Green, Johnnie R. Green, all of San Angelo; four daughters: Vernia J. Green, and Katha Norris of Eldorado, Meredith Ussery of San Angelo, Margie Black of El Paso; 25 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one sister, Novella Moore.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado officiating, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Community News

By Evelyn Stigler

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones who had been in Mesa, Arizona since Christmas came by Eldorado to spend a few days with Evelyn Stigler. They were on their way back to Morris, Illinois, their home. They told of how beautiful the flowers in Arizona are this time of year. Fruit and vegetables grow abundantly. The town of Mesa is growing rapidly. Many retired people are spending the winter there as the climate is so nice there in the winter.

Mrs. Viola Guthrie, from Hico, had spent a month out there with them so they were taking her home to Hico before going on to Illinois. The women are sisters.

Bill, Eva and Michelle Williams from San Antonio, were also in the home of Evelyn Stigler over the week end. Mrs. Williams is Mrs. Stigler's daughter.

Kindergarten Round - Up

There will be a Kindergarten Round-Up April 4, at 1:00 p.m.

The children will go to Kindergarten Rooms and parents will go to the Multi-Purpose Room for a conference with Mr. Moore, Elementary Principal.

Parents should call the Elementary School at 853-2770 to register their children any time before April 4. The children must be five years of age before September 1, 1984.

When the children come that day they must bring their birth certificate and immunization records.

One Act-Play

The One Act Play will go to McCamey Monday March 19 to try out for District. Eldorado's play is Enter A Queen, an all girl play directed by Marce Willis.

Ladies Day at the Mertzton St. Church of Christ will be March 17 beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a Good Morning Coffee, then a luncheon at noon.

Mrs. Glenn Mathews, Winnie, who lived here several years ago, will be one of the speakers. Some of you will remember Glenn Mathews as our band director and Winnie taught third grade.

She will be the morning speaker and there will be two other speakers that afternoon. Anyone who is interested in hearing these speakers are welcome to attend.

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April 21st at 2:00 p.m.

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Senior Division (15 yrs. and older)

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Eldorado

Notice of Rate Change Request

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in accordance with the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates in Texas, effective March 28, 1984.

The proposed changes in rates will affect all the Company's 829,291 Texas customers who represent all customer classes, and are designed to increase the Company's gross intrastate revenues by \$84,777,000, or approximately 13.34 percent annually.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223, (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

A complete set of revised rate schedules has been filed with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for public inspection in each of the Company's Business Offices in the State of Texas. A summary of the Company's rate filing has also been sent to the Mayor's office of each affected Municipality.

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Girl Scouting

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Girl Scout Week

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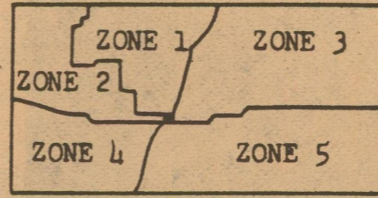
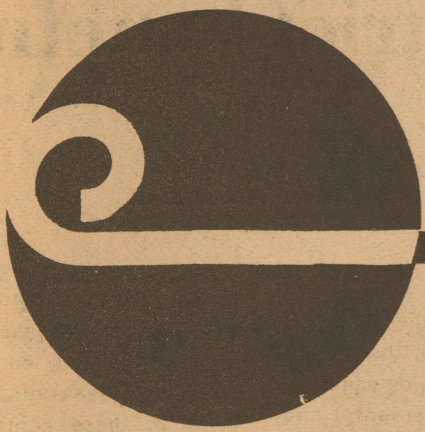
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Schleicher County Soil Conservation Newsletter



Zone 1 Ross Whitten Zone 2 David Lloyd Zone 3 Charles Ray Pfluger Zone 4 De Lux Zone 5 Johnny Griffin

Annual Awards Banquet

Griffin re-elected

Johnny Griffin was re-elected to serve as district director, representing Zone 5 of the county. Johnny has been serving on the district board for 5 years. He served as board chairman in 1983. The following officers were elected to serve in 1984. Chairman, Charles Ray Pfluger; Vice-Chairman, David Lloyd; Secretary-Treasurer De Lux. The board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 am in the Southwest Texas Electric Coop building. Co-operators and others interested in promoting conservation are welcome at all meetings.

Chairman Charles Ray Pfluger, Vice-Chairman David Lloyd; Secretary Treasurer De Lux.

Eldorado's Mort Mertz was named as Conservation Rancher in the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District during the Annual Awards Banquet held February 16th at the Houston Harte Ballroom at Angelo State University.

Elton McGinnes, on behalf of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative was also given an award for special support in the Eldorado-Divide District.

Kelly Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Griffin for his entry in the Conservation Essay contest. Laura Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Johnson, won first place honors for her entry in the Conservation Poster Contest.

A special award was presented to Dr. R.Q. "Jake" Landers, extension range specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and

Extension Center in San Angelo.

The award was presented for Landers' outstanding contribution to all districts in conducting range contests, conservation education of school children and prescribed burning.

James Hohensee was named conservation farmer, and Sam Schueber was conservation rancher in Tom Green County.

J. Katherine Pelzel was honored as the conservation essay winner and Shaun Bishop as the conservation poster winner in the Tom Green County S&WCD.

Elton Mims and Paul Coulter were named conservationists of the year in the Coke County S&WCD, headquartered in Robert Lee.

Mark and Joseph Busenlehner Jr. were named as conservationists of

the year, and Mrs. Ramone Akins won conservation teacher in the Runnels County S&WCD, Ballinger. Janya Jackson is the conservation essay winner and Joe Villarreal conservation poster winner in that district.

Elaine Williams was the conservation teacher in the Middle Concho S&WCD, headquartered in Big Lake.

The McClure family, who ranch near Sterling City, were named as conservation ranchers in the North Concho River S&WCD, headquartered in Eden, the award winners were Bobby and Karen Eggemeyer, conservation farmers; Joe Bob and Nancy Green, conservation ranchers; Kathy Cline, conservation essay winner; and Shelly McIntyre, conservation poster winner. Deanna Lehr was honored as homemaker of the year.



1984 Soil Conservation Directors: (l to r) De Lux, Ross Whitten, David Lloyd, Charles Pfluger and Johnny Griffin

Past and present

Mort Mertz and his wife Madolyn Powell Mertz have been ranching in Schleicher County since 1964. His grandfather came to Schleicher Co. in 1870 and the Mertz family has been involved in the ranching business in West Texas ever since. He and his wife have one daughter, Susan, and three sons, Lynn, Mort and Michael.

While ranching in Reagan County Mertz became a director of the Big Lake Underground Water Supply District and after returning to Schleicher County he helped to form the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District.

He has served as a director for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers and was president in 1973-74. Among his other honors he has served as a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association serving on its Natural Resource Committee and Animal Health Committee. He has also served on the Texas Animal Health Commission from 1977 to 1983. Mertz was also a trustee for nine years with the Schleicher County Independent School District.

When Mertz took over operation of his land in 1961 the carrying capacity was approximately 20 animal units per section but, as a result of improvements he has made the carrying capacity is now about 40 animals

units per section.

Mertz has improved utilization of forage by improving grazing management and water distribution by the removal of bitterweed. He has cleaned most of the land he operates of bitterweed and has accomplished this by applying tordon pellets to large infested areas and handpicking small areas.

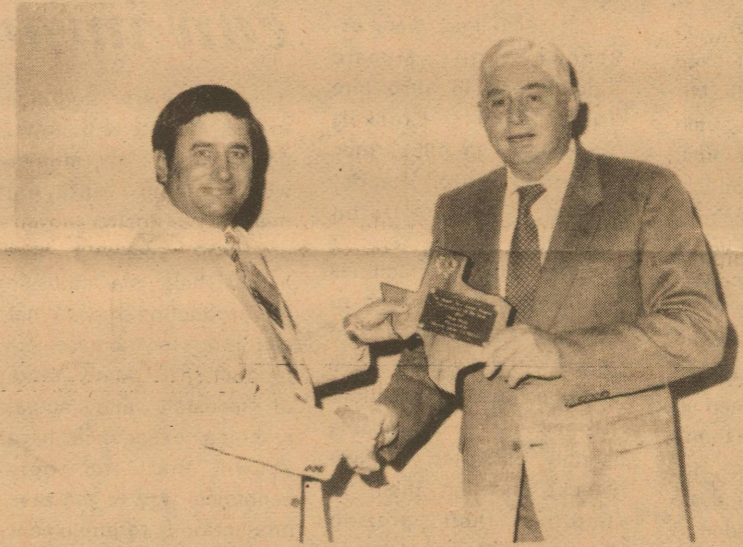
Mesquite and prickly pear have been chemically treated on 13,063 acres. He has tried various methods of control but the one that works best for him is spraying followed by chaining. With his efforts, mesquite has not produced seed in the last 10 years.

Good grazing management has helped Mertz maintain a good cover of grass and a healthy plant community even through the dry years such as 1983.

He is also interested in protecting and improving all of his natural resources. Oak motts and other desirable brush along draws and hillsides have been left to maintain necessary food and cover for wildlife. There can be found an abundance of deer, turkey, and quail on his land.

Mertz believes that it is well worth his time and money to improve his land. The better condition he leaves his land will help the next generation of ranchers to have a better start.

Mort Mertz Conservation Rancher of the Year



Poster contest winners

The recent Awards Banquet held in San Angelo saw 180 second through sixth grade students participating in the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District annual poster contest.

Winners for the 2nd grade were: Lindsay Johnson, 1st; Roberto Sanchez, 2nd; Julian Martinez, 3rd.

Awards given in the 3rd grade class were Shelly Chrisman, 1st; Charles Fitts, 2nd; Hope Martinez, 3rd.

Fourth grade winners were Jason Blackmon, 1st; Matt Lloyd, 2nd; Whitney Fuessel, 3rd.

Melissa Betancur won 1st in the 5th grade division. While Teresa Lux came in 2nd with Dena Lloyd in 3rd.

Awards were given to Laura Johnson, 1st; Jennifer Reeves, 2nd; and Daniel Esquivel, 3rd; in the sixth grade.

Overall Winners were Laura Johnson, 1st; Melissa Betancur, 2nd; and Teresa Lux, 2nd.



Poster winner recipients: (l to r) Melissa Betancur, Laura Johnson and Teresa Lux.

Purposes of the District

1. Assist the land managers of the Eldorado Divide District prevent and control soil erosion which ruins our land and causes the loss of our ability to grow red meat and fiber.

2. Protect the general welfare of the people of Schleicher County by conserving our soil and water resources.

3. Provide technical assistance to land managers and interested persons from authorized local, state, and federal agencies for installing and maintaining conservation practices.

4. Encourage all residents of Schleicher

County to be faithful stewards of the natural resources we rely on and enjoy.

Leader does it

The Eldorado-Divide SWCD is pleased to inform you that we have agreed to work with the Schleicher County Leader in publishing the district newsletter. We are looking forward to providing you with a good quality newsletter that will keep you up to date with district happenings and events. We ask for your continued support in our efforts to conserve the natural resources in Schleicher County.



Prescribed How the District benefits Schleicher County

The District assisted Clyde Thackerson in conducting a prescribed burn on 90 acres of rangeland. The pasture was heavily infested with prickly pear, much of it mixed with dense stands of old Tobaso grass of low grazing value. Conditions were good and a good burn was achieved on all except the very shallow soil areas where the fuel load was not heavy enough. A significant reduction in pear and improved grazing should result from this burn.

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District provides technical assistance for conservation related work that is available to every rancher and farmer in Schleicher County.

The primary agency the District uses is the Soil Conservation Service. It is only by the request of the District that the SCS mans an office in Schleicher

County.

Through the SCS and other sources, the District is able to provide engineering, management, and maintenance know-how to ranchers and farmers in Schleicher County completely free of charge.

We encourage the use of and help install practices such as livestock water wells, pipelines, storage tanks, cross fences, grazing systems, brush control and range seeding on ranches. No less important is the management assistance to help figure carrying capacities, deferment programs, and other forage growing problems.

Terraces, irrigation pipelines and systems design, waterways, diversion, cropping management programs, and conservation tillage assistance is provided to farmers.

Wildlife management assistance is also available. The district has entered into a co-operative agreement with 227 individuals, operating land, of a total 324, to work together to conserve soil and water resources.

The District currently administers 11 Great Plains Conservation Program contracts through the SCS.

Financial and technical assistance is provided to put conservation on the ground by these contracts. Many of these contracts provide \$25,000 dollars for cost-sharing to the land managers.

We work to control the erosion that cost the county thousands of dollars each year. By helping land managers understand conservation problems, we decrease the road washing, culvert plugging, and silting in of waterways in the county.

We work to control the erosion that is causing more rocks to grow on our hillsides each year. This soil loss is reducing the ability of Schleicher County's land to produce red meat and fiber.

Progress in the work is slow. Our assistance is entirely voluntary and we fight to maintain the rights of private landowners. Each year we make some progress and get more acres of conservation on the ground where it belongs.

Some engineering assistance is provided to units of government and urban individuals. We avoid the appearance of doing work that private engineering firms could do.

District salutes Co-op

In the late 1930's, a couple of attempts were made by the County Agent to organize an electric cooperative in Schleicher County, but to no avail. In 1939, the Eldorado Lions Club became interested in this and a committee was appointed consisting of E.C. Hill, W.R. Bearce, P.K. McIntosh, and F.B. Gunn to look into the possibilities of forming a cooperative and obtaining a loan for R.E.A. to serve Schleicher County and surrounding areas.

In October 1940, an official with R.E.A. looked the project over with Mr. Hill, occasionally climbing windmills to view the area.

The first loan application was denied because there would not be two (2) meters per mile of line and R.E.A. suggested the proposed cooperative in Schleicher County merge with one being formed in Kimble County. This didn't work either, so Mr. Hill made another application to R.E.A. and proceeded to organize a cooperative. On June 10, 1941, Mr. F.B. Gunn and Don McCormick drove to Austin and got the charter for Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

Pearl Harbor and World War II stopped all loans for a while and when the program started again, R.E.A. still had doubts about the feasibility of a loan in this sparsely settled area, but they finally were persuaded to give it a try so a loan in the amount of \$150,000 was approved and the first lines staked in late 1944.

The contract for the first section was let in January 1945 and an office on Main Street opened February 1, 1945, with Euel Ferguson as Manager and Margaret Tinning as bookkeeper and clerk.

The first line construction began in May of 1945, but the shortage of poles and wire made progress

very slow. Mr. Ferguson left and on June 23, 1945, Mr. Johnny Dennison came on the job as Manager. He left August 1, 1945, and on October 1, 1945, Don McCormick was hired as Manager. He served from October 1, 1945, to October 1, 1968.

The first lines were energized on January 5, 1946, at 2:05 p.m.

Extensions into Sutton County began in the fall of 1948 and by 1950 they reached into Val Verde County.

In 1949 lines were extended into Menard County and in 1950 into Irion and Crockett Counties. In 1951, they extended into Pecos, Regan, and Upton Counties.

Many of these facilities include service to farm or ranch headquarters and to waterwells which have provided ranchers additional and more dependable supply of water for livestock, enabling them to improve their grazing management programs. Irrigated cropland increased as a result of an available energy source for pumping water. The Coop. is aware of problems that can arise from their construction of right-of-ways. As a practice to prevent erosion on steep slopes, diversions are built to slow down runoff. All equipment is washed to prevent spreading bitterweed and other noxious plants. Right-of-ways are inspected to check on the spread of noxious plants and erosion problems.

The Coop. also assists in promotion of conservation and educational activities, such as assisting with publishing of two districts' quarterly newsletters. They have provided a meeting place for the district board since 1958. A special "thank you" is certainly merited by the Coop. for its contribution to this area of West Texas.



Schleicher County ranchers can improve income

Ranchers continue to ask themselves "Am I going to get my monies worth from spraying mesquite or dozing cedar?" or "Will spending this money help me increase my production?" or "What can I do to increase my production?" Many Years of research and actual ranching experience have shown that the only economical way to increase production is to implement a good grazing management program.

Regardless of the type of brush control that is selected or any other ranch improvement that is installed, none will be economical or continually increase production until a good grazing management program is begun.

History indicates that for thousands of years this land was predominantly grassland, yet in less than one hundred years or since the livestock industry began in this part of the world, it has changed to predominantly brush. In order to turn this around, we will have to live with this problem for a while and manage to improve our more desirable plants.

Ranching in Schleicher County is a challenge, due to the unpredictable weather and rainfall. We either have too little rain or gully washers where most of the rain runs off the

land. Most successful ranchers have learned that it is best to stock their ranches on the lower end of the rainfall chart. This eliminates a lot of extra livestock adjustments and reduces the feed bills. They have found that fewer numbers of livestock on good range can produce as much or more than a greater numbers on poor range.

A Schleicher County rancher said "Year in and year out moderate stocking will make money and you hae less headaches than stocking heavy in good years and reducing numbers for dry years."

Successful ranchers have learned that a good turf of grass does not mean that their range is in good condition. A large percent of the grasses occurring on our rangeland is of low nutritional value to livestock. Learning which plants are the best for livestock and how to manage to maintain and improve them is very important to successful ranching.

A rancher has to know as much about his grass as his livestock. What happens when livestock do not have enough to eat? Their body begins to deteriorate and they die. The same thing happens to a grass plant. Approxi-

mately 95 percent of its food is produced in the leaves. If over 50 percent of this food factory is removed, the plant deteriorates. As this continues the plant dies. As desirable plants die, less desirable plants take their place, such as brush.

It is a fact that the more desirable plants you produce, the more livestock products you can produce. There is no ranch in Schleicher County that is at its potential as far as net production. Net income from livestock in Schleicher County could probably be increased 50 to 100 percent as a result of improving grass production on our ranches.

In order to improve net production of our ranches as well as range condition, we need to continually evaluate the amount of available grazing we have. If dry weather occurs, good range condition will carry us further than poor range condition. We should be in position that we are flexible to make needed livestock adjustments if dry weather continues.

If we don't improve the management of our rangelands, our children will have the same problems we have now and we will not have contributed anything to better the ranching industry.

Eldorado saw four entries submitted for the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District annual essay contest. Kelly Griffin received a 1st place. Second place honors were given to Mitzi Mittel. The 3rd place award was given to Chris Woodward.

The district's display at the recent county project show.



Advantages of reduced tillage

Conservation tillage is becoming more widespread each year. Experts predict that nearly all farming in the near future will incorporate some form of conservation tillage.

According to Bruce Deere, Soil Conservation Service Range Conservationist, reasons why tillage is changing include; sky rocketing fuel and machinery costs, larger farms with reduced labor pools to work them, improved equipment design for more consistent and predictable conservation tillage results, and development of better pesticides and herbicides for pest and weed control. Deere lists some of the important benefits of reduced tillage.

1. Erosion Control. Conservation tillage and no-till practices can reduce

erosion up to 90 percent - almost twice as effective as other methods.

2. Fuel Savings. Conservation tillage means fewer trips across the field and less fuel used.

3. Moisture Conservation. Crop residue not tilled under captures moisture, reduces soil temperature, and slows evaporation. Up to 33 percent more moisture can be absorbed into the soil.

4. Reduced Soil Compaction. Yield losses of up to 25 percent have been reported when excessive traffic - tillage was used.

5. Time Savings. Conservation tillage requires less time, the amount saved depends on the conseration tillage system used.

6. Reduced Wear and Tear on Equipment. Reduction in use can mean

a valuable extension of equipment life and fewer trips can save on repair bills.

Conservation tillage or no-till production systems place a greater importance on herbicide use. Weed seeds may accumulate near the soil surface in the moist germination zone provided by residue cover. Proper choice and management of herbicides is very important in obtaining maximum weed control at minimum cost in conservation tillage systems.

More information and assistance in planning conservation tillage practices are available through the Eldorado Divide Soil and Water Conservation District. Producers may contact their District Directors or the Soil Conservation Service field office at 127 S. Main, Telephone 853-2720.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 7th day of April, 1984, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: 3 Aldermen, Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city: In Election Precinct, at City Hall Building;

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 13th day of February, 1984.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 7th de Abril de 1984, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: 3 Concejales, Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad: El Precinto Electoral en el Edificio City Hall;

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se

mantendran abiertos en el mencionado die de elecciones de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la eleccion arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada dia de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo a dia festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anteriores a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se mantendra abierto de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. Fechado esta dia 13th de February de 1984.)

Bob Lester Mayor (aloadle)

11,12-c
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES)

The Schleicher County Independent School Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 7, 1984, for the purpose of Electing 3 Trustees for a full 3 year term.

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el die 7 de Abril de 1984 con el proposito de Electar 3 requentes por un termino de 3 anos.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday March 19, 1984, and continue through Tuesday, April 3, 1984, from 9 am to 5 pm on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el Lunes 19 de Marzo, de 1984 y continuara hasta el Abril 3 de Abril de 1984 desde las 9 am hasta las 5 pm en todos los dias que sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estales.)

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted

at Schleicher County Courthouse (Clerk Office)

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Helen Bebee, County Clerk, Schleicher County. (Votando por ausencia personal va ser conducido acerca de en la casa de corte de Schleicher County. Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben da vuelta por correo al Helen Bebee, County Clerk, Schleicher County.)

The POLLING PLACE(S) designated below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abrian desde las 7:00 am to 7:00 pm el dia de la eleccion.)

Pct. No. (Num de precinct) Location (Colocacion) ONE LOCATION Schleicher County I.S.D. Administration Building, 205 Fields 10.11-c

Information For Prospective Bidders

City of Eldorado, Texas Wastewater System Improvements - Christian Addition Bid date: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 1984

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What Exemptions Are Available?

School districts offer a residence homestead exemption to all homeowners and additional exemptions to persons who are disabled or over 65.

Counties offer homestead exemptions on their farm-to-market or flood control tax rate, and may offer optional exemptions to the disabled and elderly.

Cities and other taxing districts may offer optional exemptions for the disabled and elderly.

All taxing units offer an exemption for certain disabled veterans on one designated property.

Additionally, some taxing units offer a local option, percentage homestead exemption to resident homeowners.

How Do I Apply?

If you received a residence homestead exemption on your present homestead in 1983, it will not be necessary for you to make a new application for 1984 in this appraisal district.

If you were 65 or disabled on January 1 and have not previously filed for the over-65 or disability homestead exemption, you will need to make application this year.

Or, if you have never received a homestead exemption on your present home, an original application should be filed in 1984.


Applications for all exemptions should be made to the county appraisal district at the address shown below. Forms are available from the appraisal office.

Is There a Deadline?

For 1984, applications should be filed before May 1. While late applications for exemptions may be accepted in certain instances, you can fully protect your rights by applying before May 1.

The State Property Tax Board has a pamphlet, *Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities*, to help you understand your local property taxes. Get a free copy at the appraisal district office or contact the State Property Tax Board in Austin.

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