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Abilene officials consider criminal charges against undercover agent

ABILENE--The Taylor County District Attorney's Office announced Friday that it would be dismissing 25 drug cases made in Abilene in 1990.

Officials with the district attorney's office and the Abilene Police Department were surprised and disappointed to learn that the testimony of a key informant in these cases appears to be questionable.

The work of Lonnie Hood, who participated in an Abilene undercover operation from May to July 1990, has been brought into question, and local officials feel that they cannot trust the information given by the informant.

After Hood left Abilene and went to work for other agencies, officials found that a pattern emerged from the chemical analyses run on the drugs that he turned in as evidence. Most of the samples that the informant provided had cocaine in them, but a cloud of suspicion arose when lab tests confirmed that aspirin was present in most samples submitted by these different agencies.

Law enforcement officials believe that drugs were purchased and that good cases were made during the undercover operation. But the consistent use of aspirin casts doubt on the validity of the samples, and consequently, local officials believe that, rather than cause a possible miscarriage of justice, they should dismiss all the cases in which Hood was involved.

Before agreeing to work with the informant, Abilene authorities checked his background through official channels. No history of impropriety was found. Hood worked in Abilene for a three-month period in which he provided information that resulted in charges being filed on 50 individuals. At this time, 25 indictments remain pending.

The city paid \$12,360 for the entire operation. Hood was paid \$1,500 a month during his time with the city, and \$10 a day for expenses. About \$5,350 was spent on narcotics.

All the money was drawn from the city's regular finance channels, of which an audit is done every year. Throughout the entire operation, Hood was closely supervised by the Abilene Police Department.

Chemists with the Department of Public Safety now say that they noticed aspirin in Hood's samples and did not think it was significant at the time.

Over the last week, samples have been retested to confirm the use of aspirin. Abilene and Taylor County officials waited until now to bring forth this information so that they could get confirmation about the aspirin additive from the local Department of Public Safety Lab. At this time, the samples are undergoing further testing, regarding additives.

Some time after leaving Abilene,

Hood went to Sweetwater and made 71 cases there before moving on to New Mexico. Officials are now making efforts to dismiss those cases.

Approximately 15 people from Taylor County are incarcerated as a result of entering guilty pleas to the charges made by Hood. The District Attorney has announced that in these cases he will not oppose motions for a new trial or grounds of review by post conviction writ. This process could undo convictions already obtained. One case tried before a jury is before the appellate court. The District Attorney's Office has

already initiated proceedings to have this conviction set aside.

At this time, the investigation is on-going, and officials are still looking into the possibility of filing criminal charges against Hood.

Officials are very disappointed about the situation, because they are making every effort to fight the war on drugs. However, to maintain the integrity of law enforcement, this war must be fought with legitimate investigations based on credible informants.

Testing may not be possible on drugs taken in March '89 arrests

Undercover narcotics agent Lonnie Hood was hired by Sutton County in the fall of 1988 to assist the Sheriff's office in an undercover drug operation.

Fifteen arrests were made in March 1989 with Hood as the key witness. The arrests resulted in 28 drug cases being filed in the 112th District Court.

Recently Abilene officials announced that they would be dismissing 25 drug cases made in 1990 following a report stating that aspirin had been used as an additive in the drugs confiscated there. Hood was the undercover officer assisting Abilene officials in those arrests.

According to 112th Assistant District Attorney, Albert Valadez, the lab never checks for additives,

they only check to see if the substance contains the drug.

Valadez also said the DPS lab usually disposes of the substance after the case has been tried, so there might not be a possibility of checking for additives in the drugs at a later date. Valadez went on to say that he and 112th District Attorney J.W. Johnson will probably discuss the situation concerning Hood and decide what they will do with the remaining cases here.

Currently five of the fifteen arrested were sentenced, one is out on appeal, and one case resulted in a hung jury.

As of press time, District Attorney J.W. Johnson was not available for comment



Julie Carpenter gave an outstanding performance Friday at the CWDT. Despite the heavy rains the crowd moved to the Caverns porch and enjoyed the rest of the evening.

Commissioners discuss budget

A redistricting plan was approved by Commissioners during Monday's meeting. The county is required to revise their districts every ten years, following the census.

With the exception of one change, the plan was approved on a motion by Mike Villeneuve and seconded by Bill Keel with Bill Wade voting for and Ernest Barrera voting against. The redistricting plan chosen has a 3.87% deviation.

There were several citizens on hand to see the outcome of the proposed increase in salary for the county commissioners and county workers. When the item came up on the agenda, Commissioner Bill Keel stated, "I don't know about the rest of you but I'm willing to change that back," referring to the commissioners salary increase. The salary increase would have raised the commissioners pay from \$466 per month to over \$800 dollars per month. The commissioners are currently also receiving hospitalization insurance from the county.

Commissioner Bill Wade seconded the motion by Bill Keel to drop the salary increase but it was agreed that the county employees would still get a 5% pay increase.

Margaret Cascadden said, "Three of the commissioners were willing to double their salaries. I think we need to remember that they were willing to do it in the first place."

Several local citizens disagreed with the pay increase straight across the board for county employees. Billy Green stated, "If you don't have the money do you spend it anyway?"

Due to concern of the county spending money unnecessarily, Bill Keel explained that 80% of the budget is mandatory. The county has to fund the offices, such as the clerk's office, and if anything was taken out of the budget now, it would take away services for the citizens.

Water District Board member, Clay Hicks, took the floor and stated, "Why should you all draw a salary? We spend as much time in meetings as you do." He went on to say that if the county wants to cut somewhere the commissioners should consider cutting their salaries altogether.

"Personally, I think you all do a good job. Whatever you do you're not going to make everybody happy. This is not a job. People run for the job and aren't doing it for the good of the community."

In other business, the commissioners discussed the tax rate for the upcoming year. With the increase in property value, the tax rate has decreased. This basically has no effect on the dollar amount average homeowners will have to pay this year in taxes. There will be no increase in taxes this coming year.

CWDT completes 5th Season with a record-breaking crowd

The fifth season of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater has come to a close. Despite threatening weather conditions Friday evening, many tourists as well as Sonora residents came to hear the tales of Chet Halley and the beautiful music of San Angelo's 13 year old wonder, Julie Carpenter. Even though the rain struck midway through the show, the crowd moved up to the Caverns porch for the remainder of the evening as Julie and her fiddle created a little sunshine in each and every heart.

Saturday, the final evening of the season, a crowd of over 300 came to bid the season farewell.

The evening was full of fun and laughter as Clay Lindley ("The Cowboy Nerd") followed by cowboy poet, Dennis Gaines, started off the show.

Camille Cauthorn, of Radio Station KHOS, then introduced the Sutton County Queen Contestants.

Throughout the evening, local models, including the Queen Contestants, modeled the latest fashions from area stores. During the modeling event, the Back Alley Express, with Margaret Cascadden, Clara James, Bob Mayo and John Zimmerman, created some beautiful background music.

The final act of the evening was the "Jose Brothers", with Clay Lindley and Gil Prather. The "Wild Bunch" was also present both nights of the final weekend, and they certainly kept things moving along.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater wishes to thank everyone who has been so supportive during this 5th Season. The Sutton County Steakhouse has been there every weekend, rain or shine, with their delicious meals and the volunteers have been wonderful as they devote their precious time to see that the show goes on.

A special thanks to the Caverns

of Sonora for all their support and for the use of their grounds. A special thank you also goes to all the businesses who supported the CWDT by advertising in the CWDT brochure, selling tickets, donating for the "Glad You're Here Bag", and putting up posters in their stores.

And most of all we thank the patrons for coming out each and every weekend to show their unflinching support.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater, a non-profit organization, strives to maintain the heritage of our area, while also promoting tourism. These tourists spend thousands of dollars each year with our local merchants and this in turn helps our entire community. The businesses and individuals who have supported the CWDT should be commended for their support. Without them, none of it would be possible.

The CWDT thanks you all for making this a terrific year and together we can make next year even better!

**Absentee
Voting
for the
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District
election will
run from
August 14-29**



Emergency personnel work on an accident victim Saturday evening.

Local man suffers minor injuries

A Sonora man suffered minor injuries shortly after 11:00 p.m. Saturday in a one vehicle accident on Crockett Ave.

Fifty-two year old Feliberto Carrero of 204 Calle Useues, was driving south on Crockett Street when he ran into a ditch and traveled approximately 80 feet before striking a drainage pipe. Due to the strong smell of gasoline, Officers Tim Jarratt and Mike Routh of the Sonora Police Department called in the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department as a precautionary measure.

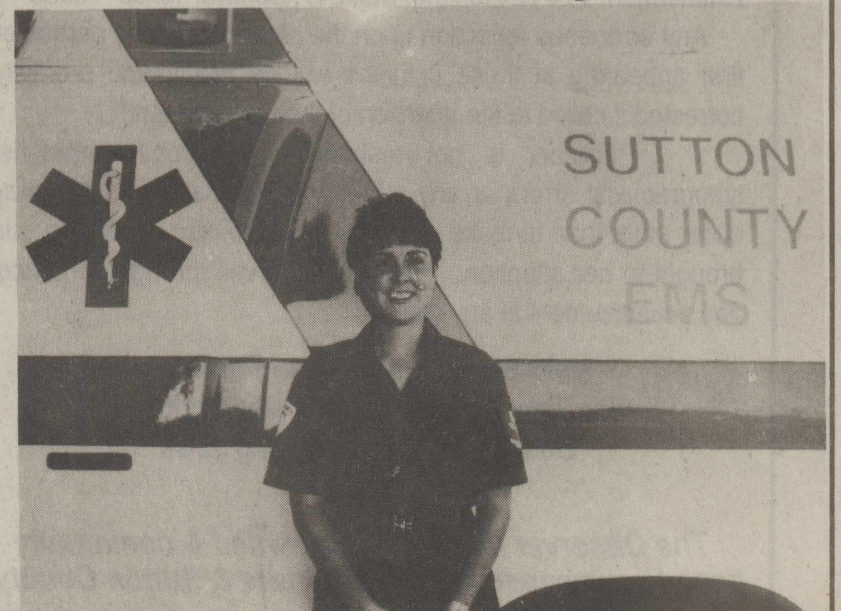
Sutton County EMS personnel removed Carrero from the vehicle and transported him to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and admitted for observation.

According to the police report, alcohol is believed to have been a factor.

Spotlight on Sutton County EMS

Rosie Butler

Rosie Butler, EMT, resides in Christoval and joined the Sutton County EMS in May, 1987. She works on her family ranch in Sutton County, and in her home at Christoval. She takes various call time on weekdays when the crew is short of staff, and some weekends. Rosie is married to Keith Butler, and has a two year old daughter, Emily.



EMS

Heroes never die

by R. Clay Hall

To many, he seemed like a fake. With an accent as thick as Mississippi mud, my "ole buddy Dizz" and his partner, "Pee Wee Reese could destroy centuries of the King's English in one Saturday afternoon of baseball on television. "He done sluit into thurd. That boy was out by a country mile." My English teacher, Francis Yeldell, would cringe each Monday when the boys would come in talking like Dizz and Pee Wee.

He was Dizzy Dean, Hall of Fame pitcher and announcer on the CBS game of the week. Some people thought that the accent and the man must be a fake. But one October afternoon in 1967, I found out how "genuine" the accent and man were.

My friend, Bob Guess, and I wanted to attend a special pro-celebrity golf tournament being held in our town. What we did not know is how we would get in. The tickets were five bucks each, a small fortune to us. So we did what any other small town boys would do - we sneaked in.

We tried to be inconspicuous, if you can be inconspicuous at a country club wearing blue jeans, sweat shirts and sneakers. Maybe the security guards did not notice. Maybe they did not care.

We were hoping to see some great golfers like Sam Snead or maybe even Arnold Palmer. Neither of us knew the celebrities would include baseball players.

Bob and I decided it would be best if we split up. If one of us got caught the other still might get to see the tournament. When Mickey Mantle came through, we flipped. I lost. Bob went off to follow Number 7.

I hoped I would be as lucky. Then it happened! "The members of the next foursome in this year's Music City Pro-Am classic are, Madison Smith, Roy Atkins, and Mr. Dizzy Dean. The professional golfer in this group is Mr. Lionel Herbert," said the announcer.

Dizzy Dean! Dizzy was my hero. It was Dizzy that made TV baseball fun.

He sang "The Great Speckled Bird" and "The Wabash Cannonball" between innings. And he was one of the first announcers to point out an umpire's mistake.

I had learned about his career by reading books. There had even been a movie called the "Dizzy Dean Story". I saw it four times. But now, there he stood....

The day was bright and warm as I followed the group. How did Dizz get stuck in a foursome with a Fiat Dealer, a funeral director and a pro golfer, I had never heard of? He should have been with the real celebrities, like Jack Nicklaus or Chet Atkins or the governor. After all Dizz was my hero. He deserved better.

For the first three holes, I hung back. you don't ask questions of your hero lightly. But, a chance to talk to Dizz, well, I couldn't restrain myself any longer.

"Mr. Dean - who was the toughest batter you ever faced?" Dumb question. But it did not seem to bother Dizz. He had answered dumb questions before. "I'll tell you boy it was probably ole Jimmy Stixx of the Chicago Cubs. I let that tater get a little close to his head one day and I'll be damned, boy, sorry 'bout the French, he done took that stick and he tried to whomp me on the head with it." Dumb question - great answer.

For the next fifteen holes, I grilled Dizz. I was oblivious to the others around me. It was just me and Dizzy Dean for three wonderful hours.

He liked playing in the World Series. He said his brother was better pitcher than he. Winning 30 games was his greatest thrill. He

thought that Casey Stingle was "a little silly." And he asked me to apologize to Miss Yeldell about messin' up the way the boys talked in English class.

Dumb questions, but Dizz answered each one with patience. His accent was as pronounced as it was on television, but his voice was softer. He said that I reminded him of his grandson... I am close to my own grandfather, so that made my day.

I don't remember how our day ended, I'm not sure that it ever ended for me.

It was a time for heroes. Men or women greater than life - achievers who set goals and tread paths that my friends and I wanted to follow.

My heroes were always baseball players. They could hit the ball further and throw the ball faster than I could ever dream of.

Baseball is more complex than it seems. So are its heroes. Dizzy Dean was bright and intelligent. He was more than a frustrated country singer. He was a very real person.

My hero cared about the example he set for youngsters. He told us to respect our elders. He wanted us to be honest and for us to try our best. When he said that going to church was important he meant it. He did not use cocaine or steroids. My father said Dizz's only sin was selling Falstaff beer.

Two weeks after our day on the golf course Dizz sent me a book, a letter, and an autographed picture. I don't know how he got my name, much less my address. Heroes do things like that.

I cried when Dizz died. I was 17 and growing out of my other heroes. Life was moving faster each day.

Baseball had been replaced by girls as the passion in my life. But no matter how my life changed I still loved Dizz. He was my hero. Nothing could change that.

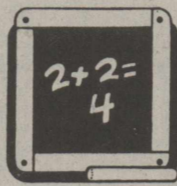
I remember being embarrassed about crying. But the least a hero deserves are a few tears when he dies.

The world could use more heroes like Dizz, even if they talk funny.

Intermediate School Supply List

Third grade

- 4 tablets (#2179 2nd grade Nifty Manuscript tablet)
- 1 bottle glue
- 1 pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 pkg. construction paper (ass'd)
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 ruler (centimeter/inches)
- 1 folder
- 1 small spiral notebook
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 box map colors*
- 1 box Crayons*
- 5 #2 pencils*
- *Put child's name on each crayon/pencil



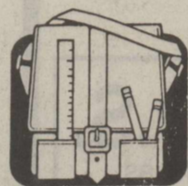
Fourth grade

- Notebook paper
- 1 box map colors
- #2 pencils
- medium size scissors
- ruler - metric/inches
- 2 red pencils
- Assignment notebook
- Water colors w/brush
- 1-3 subject spiral notebook
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- glue
- assorted construction paper
- 1 Trapper keeper (w/metal rings if possible) with folders



Fifth grade

- 1 large, metal ring looseleaf notebook
- notebook paper
- 1 plastic notebook organizer
- 2 packages dividers
- #2 pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- 1 ruler - 12" - inches/metric
- 2 red pencils
- 1 box crayons (box of 8)
- 1 box map colors
- 1 eraser (no artgum)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex



Niagara Falls is simply a vast unnecessary amount of water going the wrong way and then falling over unnecessary rocks.

OSCAR WILDE

Sale to benefit renovation of old Sutton County Jail & Miers Home Museum

A Western art exhibit and sale will be held Monday, August 19th through Saturday August 24th, at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Sonora Depot).

The public is invited to the opening sale and reception Monday, August 19th from 5-7p.m.

Featured artist will be Raul Ruiz of San Angelo. Barbara Earwood of Sonora who has won numerous awards and is recognized throughout the United States will also participate. Lorenzo Castenada of San Angelo will have several oil

paintings for sale, and Sonorans Ron Nicholas, Dr. Patti Strauch, Elvie Turney, Mary Lou Gilley, and Pauline Ringgold will be showing their work.

Other participants in the exhibit include Melinda Powers of Will Carver Outlaw representing artisans from Santa Fe, NM, Lee Friend Bits & Spurs of San Angelo, Lee Bloodworth of Lee Silver Co, Sonora, Tommy McKissack Knives of Sonora, and sculpturer Danny Becknell of Water Valley.

Jake Kimbrel receives scholarship

The 1991 Bryan Hunt Memorial Scholarship goes to Jake Kimbrel of Sonora, son of Becky Kimbrel and the late Jim Kimbrel.

Jake is a student at Sul Ross State University, studying agriculture. He was raised on the Agricultural Experiment Station outside of Sonora, and he attended Sonora schools. He served as an officer in the Sonora FAA, and his agriculture teacher said that during his time in his class it never became necessary to remind him to

stay on task or to discontinue unproductive behavior.

His counselor said this of Jake, "Jake Kimbrel is probably the hardest worker, with the best work ethic, I have ever known. He is good and kind. He knows agriculture, and he will be an asset to the industry. The late Bryan Hunt was known for helping many deserving young people further their education. Jake Kimbrel is the kind of young man who would have made Bryan Hunt proud."

If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed. If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed. If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it, he has gloriously succeeded, and won a satisfaction and a triumph few men ever know.

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Health News

by Dr. Rico J. Forlano

Many people today are drinking bottled water because they are afraid of the chemicals that are added and they think that it is healthier, but it carries no guarantee of quality according to researchers at the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory. The study included an analysis of 39 samples of bottled water sold for drinking purpose in supermarkets throughout Iowa and found that their quality was neither much better nor much worse than

water from the tap. Some of the samples contained some of the same chemicals and byproducts found in tap water. Researchers also found in some of the samples significant levels of bacteria, a problem due to either the sample or with shelf storage. Bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, not the Safe Drinking Act which has different standards for testing the water.

Pre-Kinder & Kinder orientation

Primary Principal Clay Cade has scheduled an orientation session for parents and children who will be entering Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten for the first time. The session will be at 9 A.M. on Friday, August 23 at the Primary Cafetorium. Please bring your kindergarten student with you.

For further information about registration, call the Primary School at 387-2414.

Pupils who will be new to Sonora Primary (grades Pre-K through 2) need to register for the

coming school year any day prior to August 26 from 9 A.M. until 12 noon and from 1 P.M. until 4 P.M.

Those students who were in the Sonora system last year and those who pre-registered last spring for Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten need not register again.

Pupils registering for Kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, or Grade 1 for the first time must present a birth certificate and immunization record prior to the first day of school Monday, August 26.

Blood drive to be held August 21

Sonora's next blood drive will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday August 21, 1991 at the First National Bank.

Goal for the drive is 30 donations. Jody Luttrell, the community's blood drive coordinator, hopes to see you there. "Generally most healthy people who are over the age of 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds may donate," said Paula Kennemer, Community relations director at United Blood Services. "There are

quite a few people who do not realize they are qualified to donate. People who are taking vitamins, hormones, B C pills, diet pills, high blood pressure medications or antibiotics for acne MAY donate. We also suggest that donors eat a meal before donating."

The blood drive will be sponsored by the Sonora Jaycees. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment to donate may contact Jody Luttrell at 387-5071.

Eastern Star to hold meeting

Sonora Chapter, No. 575, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold their regular meeting, Tuesday, August 20, 1991, at the Masonic Lodge in Sonora.

Following the business meeting, Charlotte Wilson, Wayford Tyler, Virgil Polocsek will present a program honoring Rob Morris founder of the Order.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting by Brenda Valliant and Jennie Swyter.



"Sheepshearing Artist" Raul Ruiz

"Sheepshearing" Artist coming to Western Exhibit

The "Sheepshearing Artist" is the name that Raul Ruiz of San Angelo has earned. Ruiz, who will be the featured artist during Sonora's Western Art Exhibit and Sale, pencils out ranch scenes during breaks from his sheepshearing job.

Ruiz has had exhibitions around West Texas and one in Phoenix, Arizona, at the American Sheep Industry Association Convention.

Ruiz hopes to be able to work at his art full-time someday, but for now he is content with being the "Sheepshearing Artist".

Don't forget, you can see some of Raul's work firsthand at the Western Art Exhibit & Sale, August 19th - 24th.

EMS personnel take Basic Trauma Life Support Course

A Basic Trauma Life Support Course was given in Sutton County on the weekend of August 10 and 11, 1991. The course is an intense, two-day presentation of lectures and skill stations, and was conducted from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on both dates.

The Texas Department of Health sponsored a grant for this course, in order for some of the Texas EMS Services to have the opportunity to upgrade their personnel to advance basic trauma certification.

A major focus of the course is the identification of severe trauma conditions that require immediate transport in order to save the patient. In order to be certified, the

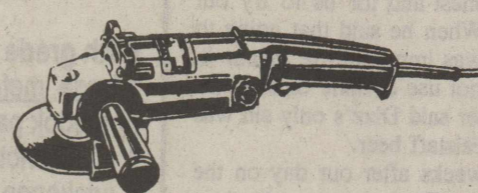
students must be taught by instructors in the International Basic Trauma Life Support Organization. The group of instructors working with the Sutton County group were from Kileen, A & M, and Anson. The training requires that a written and field test be passed.

Those completing the course were: Susan Burnham, Keith Butler, Rosie Butler, Carla Garner, Tate Fincher, Donna Keese, George Keese, Eddie McReynolds, Treva McReynolds, Ben Pool, Lenora Pool, Mona Simpler, Barbara Stroud, Leslie Thorp, Gilbert Velez, and James Webb.

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Bread
Brownies

Thursday:

Oven Fried Chicken
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Man pedals message about homeless Wool promotion referendum set

Thirty-nine year old Robert "Mac" MacDonald is literally pedaling 2500 miles around America with a strong message to the country. He is attempting to make people aware that the United States is facing a serious problem concerning the homeless people.

Mac is a former plumber from Las Vegas, Nevada, and last year pedaled from Los Angeles to Philadelphia to find out what being homeless was like. He travels with his bible open to Matthew 7:7, believing faithfully that he is on a mission. "Last year, when I got to Philadelphia, I started working in a homeless shelter," said MacDonald. "I came to realize how important the homeless shelters, rescue missions, and Salvation

Army's work was."

He carries no money, "its to easy an out." He usually camps out, sleeps in fields or occasionally stays in a homeless shelter. He trusts in the Lord at all times and knows that he will be provided what he needs. One example of his faith happened just before he got to Sonora.

"A guy stopped me on the road because he had seen me in Lake Charles earlier this year. He was on his way home to California and invited me to stay with him when I got there. Then he handed me \$9 and went on his way. That was exactly what I needed to get a new wheel for my bike."

He spoke of other things but insisted that the most important

message he had to deliver concerned the homeless. As he came into Sonora his "radar" kicked in and he wound up at First Baptist Church where he was treated to a shower. He says that he can always find a church in any town without looking. His "radar" kicks in and he is there.

As we stood on the side of I-10 talking, the traffic whizzed by. "It can be pretty terrorizing but I always trust and have been well cared for," said MacDonald. He stresses not to give money to the homeless, but to the shelters that help them. If you would like more information you can write: Robert MacDonald- C/O Hope for Humanity - 645 Earp St. - Philadelphia, PA.

WASHINGTON, July 22--The U.S. Department of Agriculture has scheduled a referendum August 19-30 for wool producers to decide whether to continue a market promotion and improvement program.

Keith Bjerka, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Service, said the proposed program, similar to one approved in 1986, would continue to authorize deductions from producer price support payments.

If the referendum is approved by a majority of either the producers voting or the producers who own a majority of the sheep represented in the referendum, deductions from wool price support payments would be established at a rate not to exceed seven cents per pound of wool marketed and not to exceed 35 cents per hundredweight of unshorn lambs for calendar year 1991.

For calendar years 1992 through 1995, the deductions may increase up to an additional five cents per hundredweight of unshorn lambs, per year.

The amounts deducted will be used by the American Sheep Industry Association to finance advertising and sales promotion programs for wool in domestic and

foreign markets, and for information programs for producers on production management and market development and improvement.

ASCS county offices will distribute ballots in early August. Completed ballots must be returned in person to the county office or postmarked by the August 30 deadline.

To be eligible to vote, a person must have owned sheep or lambs six months old or older for at least 30 consecutive days in 1990. A cooperative may vote on behalf of its members but, if it does so, its members are then ineligible to vote in their own capacity.

In the 1986 referendum, producers owning 67.8 percent of the sheep approved the program.

Wool & Mohair Support Levels Announced

Jerry Harris, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee, said the federal support price for 1991 shorn wool marketings is \$1.88 per pound, 6 cents per pound more than the 1990 level. Mohair marketings will be supported at \$4,448 per pound, about 8.4 cents per pound less than the 1990 rate.

Harris said price support payments are computed as a percentage of each producer's returns from grease basis sales. "The percentage is the amount required to raise the national average

price for 1991 wool up to the \$1.88-per-pound support price."

He said that mohair will be supported at 85 percent of the percentage of parity at which shorn wool is supported. The payment rate will be determined in a manner similar to shorn wool.

The ASCS official said pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the price support level for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs.

Angora Goat Raisers Approve Mohair Promotion Program

Washington, July 19--In a June 17-28 referendum, mohair producers voted to continue deductions from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation mohair incentive payments to finance promotion of mohair.

Preliminary returns show approval by 2,533 to 385, with 86.8 percent of the producers approving continuation of advertising and other market development under a proposed agreement between USDA and the Mohair Council of America. These 2,533 producers owned 89.8 percent of the goats owned by producers voting in the referendum. This agreement provides for

domestic and foreign advertising, and sales promotion programs.

The proposed agreement authorizes deductions of up to 4-1/2 cents per pound from payments made under the National Wool Act

on mohair marketed from 1991 through 1995.

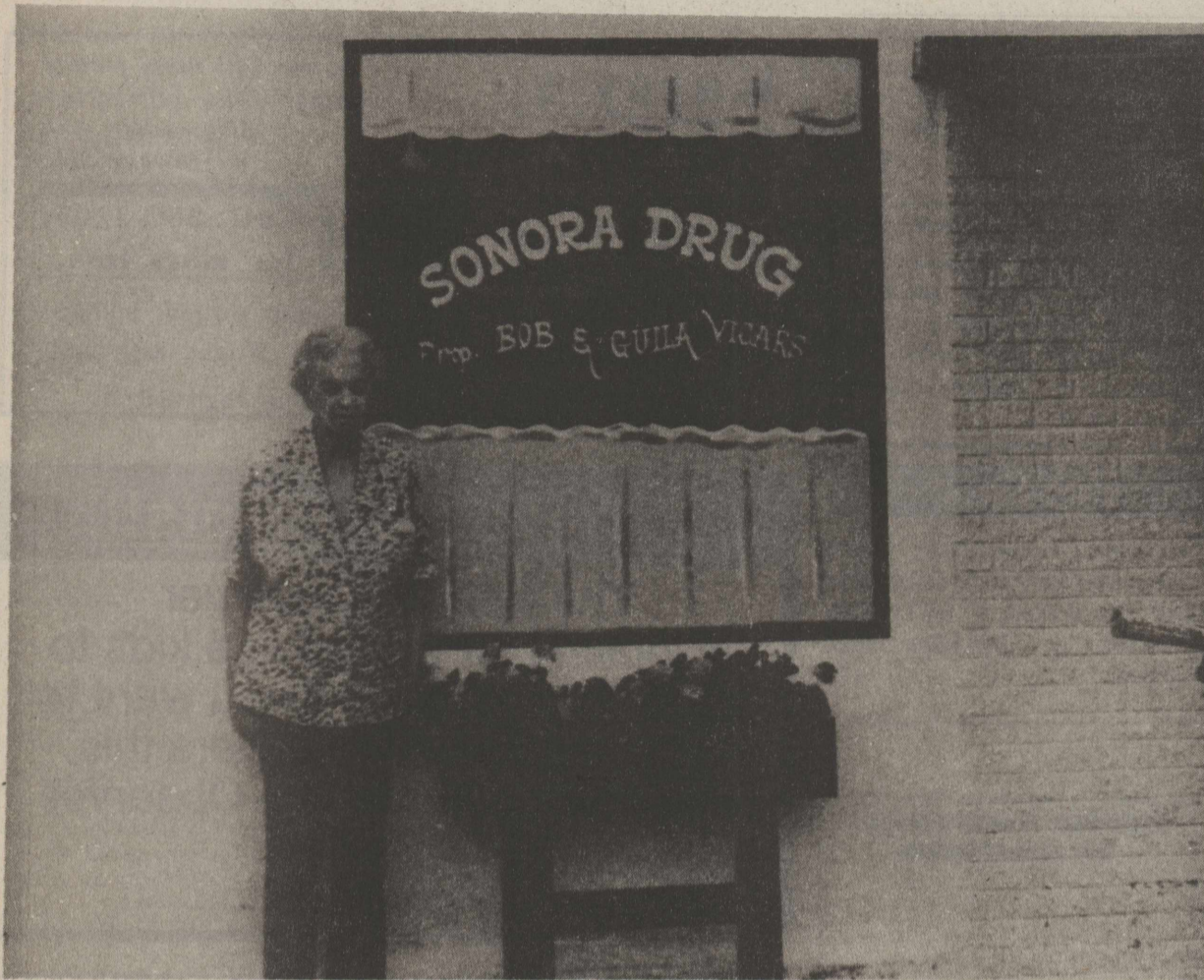
Although there were no mohair price support payments made to producers from 1972 through 1980, funds generated under a 1971 agreement were not exhausted until 1978. From 1978 through mid-1983, MCA's activities were funded by the Texas Mohair Producers Board as authorized by Texas producers in a 1976 Texas mohair referendum.

Pool Company makes changes

Erasmio Lumbreras has been promoted to operations manager over the Sonora area. Erasmio has been associated with Pool Company for 17 years and during this time he has worked his way up from crew worker to crew chief and has been in management since 1981.

Albert Fowler will be responsible for six workover rigs and Papo Sanchez will be responsible for trucks and frac tanks. Both will report to Erasmio.

Former manager, Todd Churchill, has been transferred to Midland/Odessa and will be responsible for the Odessa and Kermit yards.



With the preparations for Sutton County Days, several local businesses downtown had signs painted on their windows depicting the businesses that once were. Gulla Vicars stands next to the window of The Bright Spot, where the window has been painted to read "Sonora Drug" which was once owned by Mrs. Vicars and her husband.

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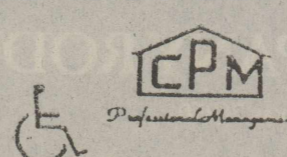
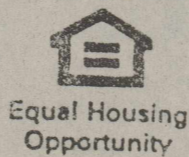
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