



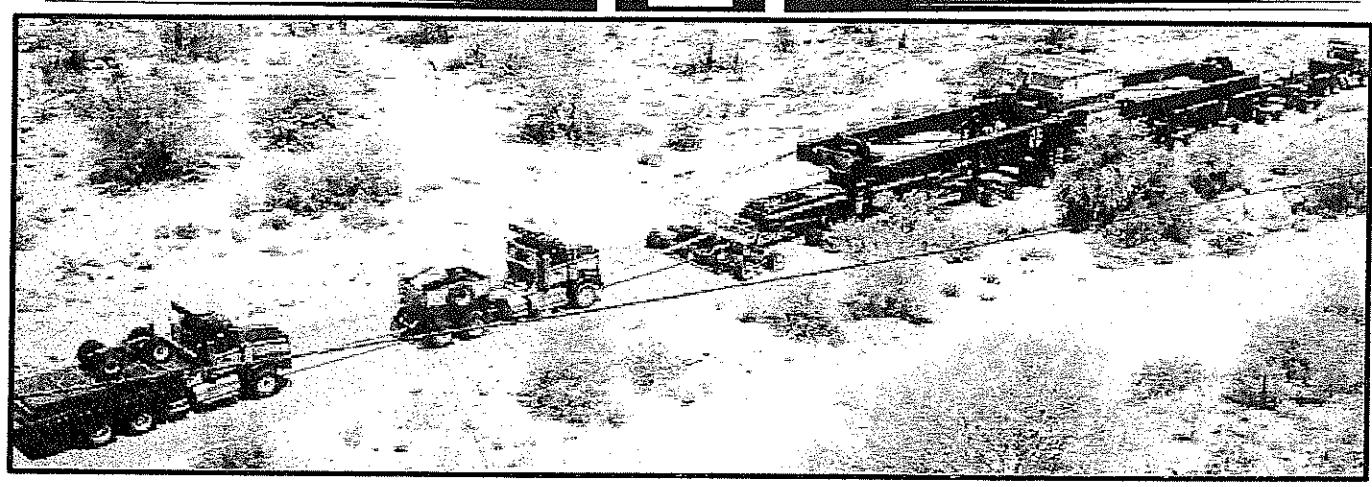
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SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE
MCMULLEN VALLEY AREA



APS TRANSFORMER COMES THRU TOWN

A parade atmosphere prevailed July 29, when it was reported that the transformer was coming up through Granite Wash Pass, west of Salome about five miles. People lined the streets of Salome and Wenden with cameras, waiting for the long line of support cars and motorhomes that were accompanying the transport trucks. It was a very impressive sight. I would like to thank the many people who supplied pictures to the Ribbitt News. The above picture was our winner for publication. It was taken by Cory Wolfe from atop a hill in Granite Wash Pass. Thank you, Cory.

I talked with Mike Poppe, president of Precision Heavy Haul and he explained to me the logistics and mechanics of this equipment. The trucks and trailer totaled over 280 feet long and weighed more than 380,000 pounds. He stated there were 25 axles, with 158 tires, supporting the load. One truck was pulling, with two pushing, all had their own drivers. There were a total of eleven pivot points, which were controlled by three "tillerman", who were constantly steering and adjusting axles.

Precision Heavy Haul utilizes their specially designed hydraulic axles, which when traveling on straight and level surfaces are spaced at a 13 foot outside width. When the load has to negotiate a turn or as it crosses a bridge, the axles can be hydraulically widened to 20 feet, thus spreading the weight over a larger area.

For more information on this renown company visit their website at www.precisionheavyhaul.com. Here you will find the history of the company and some photos of equipment that they have moved. It is an interesting site, that I'm sure you will enjoy.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

Don't forget to cast your vote on September 7. There are a number of offices that have more than one candidate running, so your vote will count.

Polling places and times are:

For Wenden ~ Wenden Bible Church - 6 AM to 7 PM

For Salome ~ First Baptist Church - 6 AM to 7 PM

Please come out and cast your ballot. Remember, if you haven't voted, you don't have the right to complain about how things are being run!!