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restoration reveals history

**MILTON 'PETE'
SCHILLER**

Odds
and Ends



roof). Back in the early 1950's when "My Place" took a place in my life, I never saw a skylight in the building, the paint on the walls of the compartment appear to be a one time painting.

An interesting feature was revealed on the inner brick wall. Wood bricks, yes, wood bricks!

Wood bricks were placed every so often about 12 inches from floor level. They were placed in the walls to nail the base boards to the wall.

They were also used to nail the door facing to the wall. The wood bricks were mortared in with the clay bricks.

Milton and DeeDee promised me a "My Place" brick. The brick will be treasured being it was part of a structure that played such a big chapter in Sealy and my life.

One step further into the history of the building was the floor plate on the front entrance on Fowlkes Street. No name is on the plate, but the outer ends have two raised stars.



Workers chip away at the old facade of My Place, a long-time landmark in downtown Sealy. Milton and DeeDee Beckendorf, who own the building, are restoring it and will open Country Antiques there.

Stars were used on products made by Beaumier Iron Works of Brenham. The name most likely was there, but with millions of steps on the raised letters, the plate was worn smooth.

The restored building in 2000 will have a new awning and will be an antique shop.

Goodbye, My Place. Hello, Country Antiques.



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Main Street Sealy turned into a movie location last weekend when cars carrying crew people, stars, directors, producers, and trucks with lights and equipment, wardrobes, dressing rooms, etc., necessary for filming

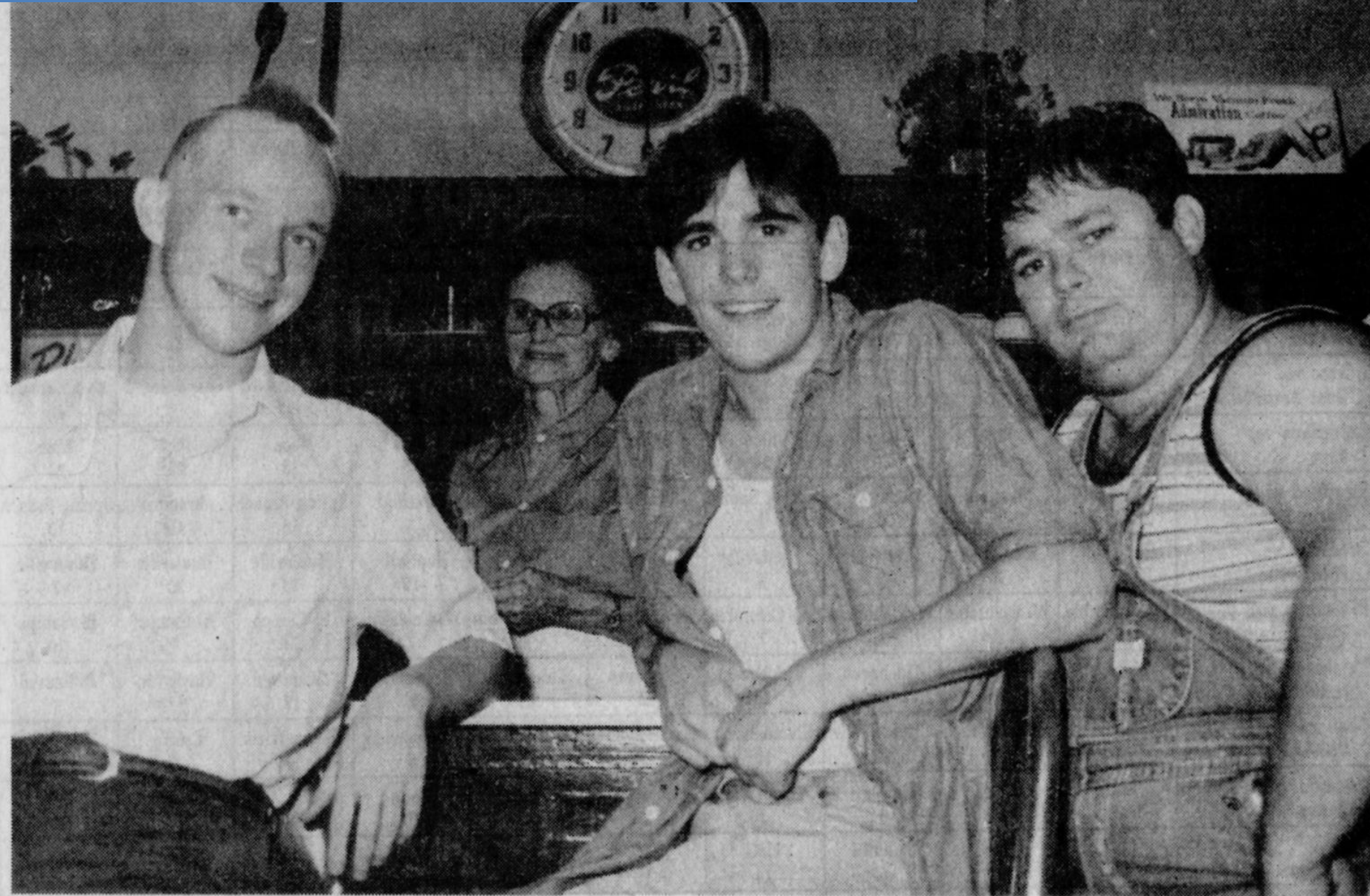
a motion picture moved in to begin shooting for "Liar's Moon" Friday. Onlookers were many in number as they felt the excitement of movie making in this small city.

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Mrs. Effie Findeisen is cast as an extra in her City Cafe during the filming of "Liar's Moon," a Bill Hanna Production, being made here. At the counter are Mark

Williams, Matt Dillon and Jim Greenleaf, stars of the movie, in which Matt has the leading male role.

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STAR'S FRIEND



Tonya Walker stars as the best friend of Cindy Fisher in "Liar's Moon" which is filmed in part in Sealy. She plays the role of Karen Covucci, a match-maker. Tonya holds the current title of Miss Maryland USA and was a finalist in the Miss U. S. A. pageant. This is her first film. She is from Maryland but lives in Hollywood.

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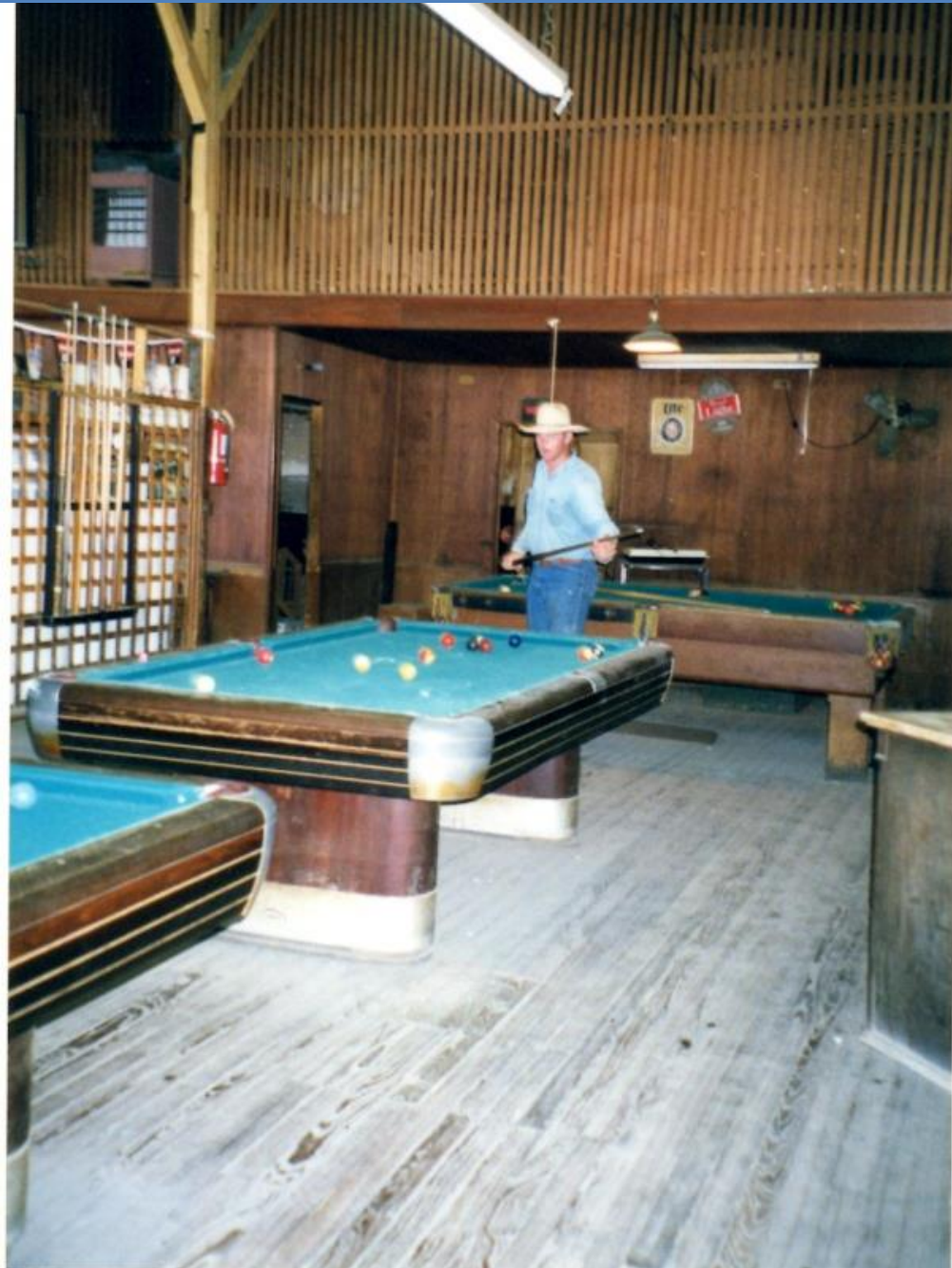
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Budweiser add taken at My Place, Sealy, TX. Published in "The Independent On Sunday" newspaper in England July 22, 1990. Byron Lueck, Adolph Kvasovic at table.



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A blast from the past



(Clockwise from left) More than 100 old pool balls and cues will be sold on Sunday; the saloon's building is being sold to local business owner Didi Beckendorff; Minnie Pyka ran the country saloon until she died in August of last year. "My Place" made \$9,800 during its last year of operation; "My Place" was the watering hole and domino haven for Sealy residents for decades; Six slate domino tables will be auctioned; and The national president of Dr. Pepper is coming to look at the galvanized ice cooler made by Atlas in the 1930s.

Some photos courtesy of Didi and Milton Beckendorff



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