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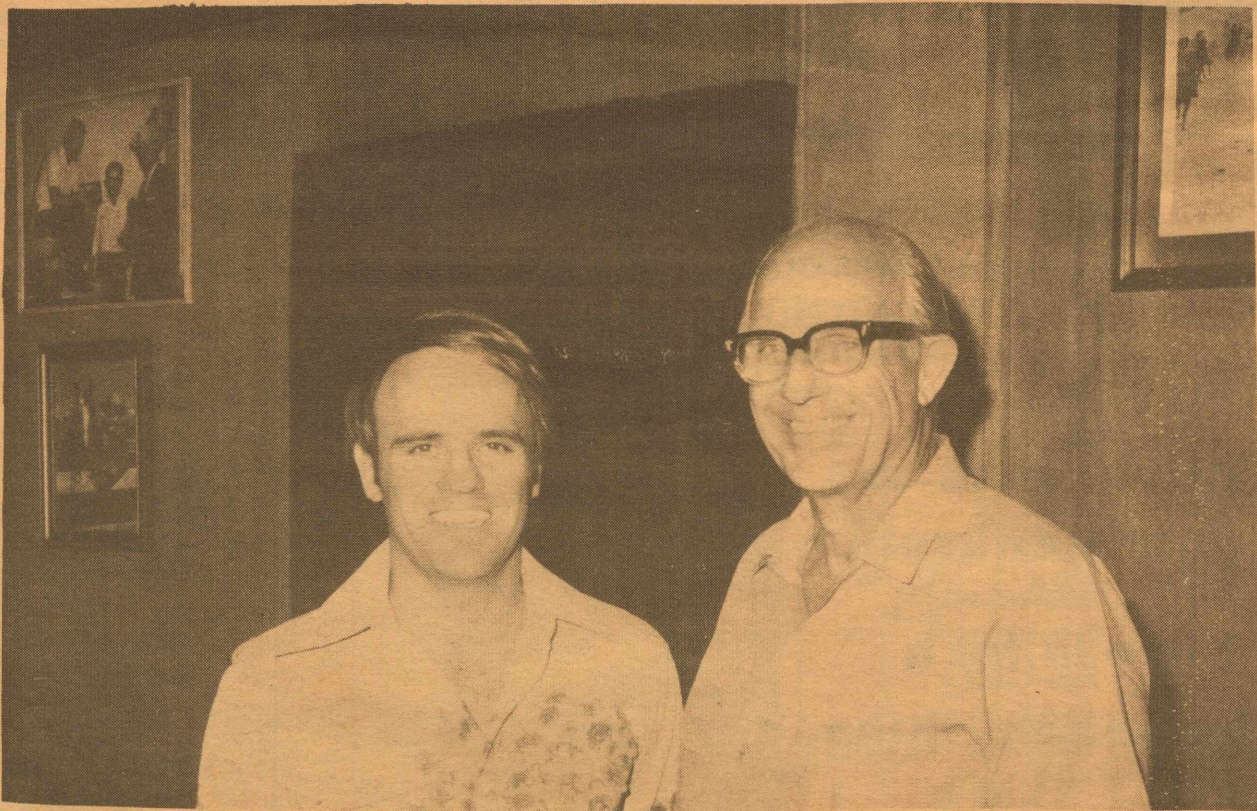
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"WHO NEEDS THE LIBRARY?"



THESE 44 STUDENTS OF THE FOURTH GRADE THAT'S WHO....Wednesday afternoon The CAVALRYMAN witnessed these fourth graders watching a nature movie that would have been unavailable to them without our Library! Volunteer workers and a volunteer projectionist presented the movie. These people don't cost the taxpayers a dime, BUT OUR LIBRARY STILL NEEDS FUNDS.....Contributions from individuals and businesses are starting to come in (See Page 4). I think the above picture shows the happiness and education it conveys to our future leaders. Someone made the statement to me this week, "Kinney County doesn't need a Library".....Look at this picture again and make your own decision.....

NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT



Out-going Rotary President, Tully Shahan, who is moving to Del Rio as the new District Attorney for this area, welcomes in the new Rotary President, Joe Townsend, at a "Going-Away Party" given by the local Rotary members for Mr. Shahan.

FORT CLARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEDULES IMPORTANT MEETING

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council urges all members of the Fort Clark Springs Association, (Whether they are residences or Fort Clark or not) to attend a very important meeting this Saturday, Sept. 20, at 10:00 a.m. at the members lounge.

Community Council Chairman "Chuck" Jackson, announced this may be the most important meeting the Council has ever had. "We will have a special guest that will be there primarily to answer questions that you have been unable to receive answers on before."

ELECTRIC CO-OP ELECTION PLANNED

The Rio Grande Electric Co-operative, Inc. will hold it's 30th Annual Membership Meeting in Brackettville, on Saturday, September 27th. The Meeting is scheduled at the Civic Center. Registration for the Members will begin at 9:00 A.M. with the business portion of the Meeting starting at 10:00 A.M. The business session of the Meeting will be followed by the annual barbecue.

President Bit Terry of the Co-operative will preside over the meeting which will consist of reports from the Officers and Manager plus the annual election of Directors any other business which might come before the Membership.

The election of five Directors will include Candidates for District II which are Tully Pratt and E.B. Templeton; District VII--H.J.Y.Mills and Felix Harrison; District VIII--Roger Rose; District X--Frank Fulk; and District XI--John Gentry and Gene Lutrick.

In addition to the door prizes which are donated by the Suppliers of the Cooperative the cooperative will also give several electric appliances.

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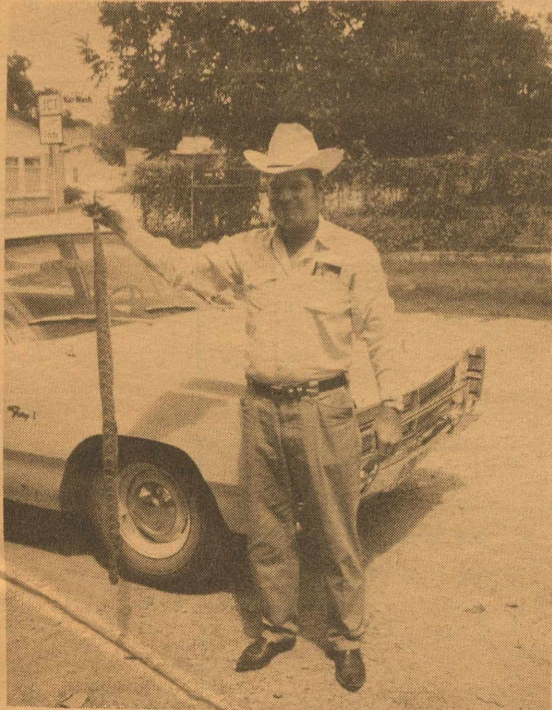


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MICKEY GOULLA displays the 50 inch rattlesnake he killed at his residence east of Brackettville, this week.

EDITORIAL

BY
GEORGE !

This week (with mixed emotions) we are running a reprint of Kinney County politics that was printed in the San Antonio Light. See page 7.

I say mixed emotions because it certainly is not Chamber of Commerce type of publicity that we need. HOWEVER, if some of the statements that were made by our local politios in this article are factual, they should run for cover instead of public office....

Albert Postell, (known by some as an Angio) worked his way up from a Clerk to our Bank President.

Chuy Munoz (known by some as a Mexican-American) started as a stock boy and is now one of our leading businessmen and civic workers.

Miss Charles Wilson, (known as a Black) baby sat, washed dishes to get her college degree and become one of Brackettville's outstanding teachers and civic leaders.

I have never heard any of these above people shout "discrimination" or "Foul Play".

They just went out and worked for their families and their community.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE NONE OF THE ABOVE KISSED ANYBODY'S WHAT-YA-CALL-IT OR SCREAMED TO THEIR ETHNIC GROUPS' ATTORNEYS TO GET WHERE THEY ARE. NOW

I have heard of two college graduates from two of the above categories (some people call them races) that are sitting on their butts and drawing welfare and unemployment.

I feel sure that in the past Anglos have promoted Mexican-Americans and Vice-versa, ect....ect....ect....

This should be a thing of the past.. And any politician that can't represent all the people of this county (or City) HAS NO BUSINESS IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

Any WRITTEN, RESPONSIBLE comments on the San Antonio Light article will be printed by the CAVALRYMAN.

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FRONTIER BAPTIST
CHURCH DINNER

The Frontier Baptist Church will have a special Sunday Dinner at the Church following the morning worship service Sunday. The guests of honor will be Mr. and Mrs. Tully Shahan and Daughter. The occasion is commendation of District Attorney Shahan on his recent appointment and an expression of Frontier Baptist Church wishing God speed to the Shahans as they move to Del Rio.

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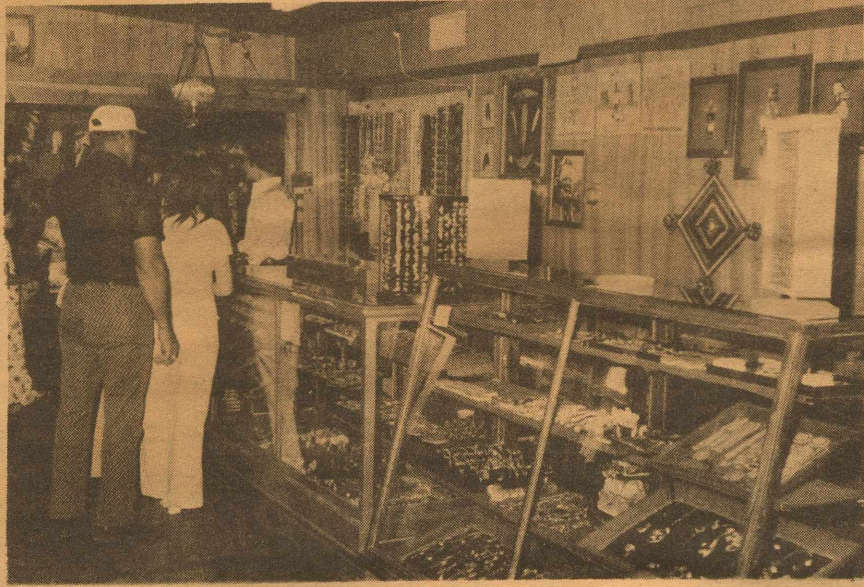
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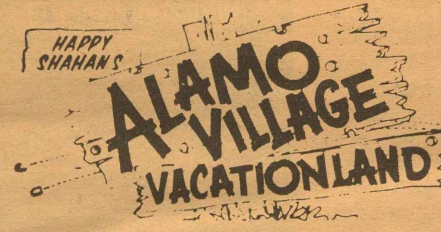
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BRACKETT HAPPENINGS

BY:
LILLIE MAE DIMERY

Mr. and Mrs. tommie Payne and John Marshall Payne of McCamey, Texas, are visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Kenneth Ward, Beverly Ward, Mrs. Cerilla Ward and Mrs. Abbie Nanley were in San Antonio, Last week.

Mr and Mrs. John July were in San Antonio a few days.

Seen around town over the week end:
Mr. George White, Mr and Mrs. Jimmy McClarty, Mrs. Beatrice Perry and son, Howard Perry, all of Del Rio. Mrs. Lucille Warrior and daughter, Debbie, of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels and children of Kerrville.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

There will be a "Pot-Luck Dinner" following the Morning Service on Sept. 21st.
Everyone is invited.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Gail Best Poindexter--Sept. 17th.
Mrs. A.R. Davis---Sept. 20th

new sales manager appointed



The opening of Town & Country Ford Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Del Rio has brought a new family as permanent residences to Del Rio and area.

Mr. Charles L. Solis, his wife, Rachel, daughter, Betty Jean, and son, Jerry Joesph.

Betty is a Sophomore at Incarnate Ward College in San Antonio, and is majoring in nursing.

Jerry is a Freshman at San Felipe and amember of the football team. Another daughter, Cynthis Ann Pena, who is married and is currently attending TExas University of Austin. Edmund Charles, another son, is in the Air Force and is presently stationed in Okinawa.

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ANOTHER ALAMO VILLAGE STAR

Shirley Jackson, born in Weatherford, Oklahoma. One of two daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Conder. Both father and step-father are deceased. Her mother, Mrs. Tom (Vera) Cavins, now resides in Uvalde, Texas. Shirley's only sister, Yvonne Kahn, died as the result of a car accident.

Shirley graduated from the Weatherford, Oklahoma, High School. Was active in sports; basketball; softball; volleyball and track. She was cheerleader and majorette. After graduation she entered the Navy for two years and was stationed in Brooklyn, N.Y. at the Naval Correspondence Course Center. She attended Southwest Texas Junoir College, Uvalde, Texas, majoring in Elementary Education and was in the Honor Sorority of Phi Theta Kappa. Shirley has been active in civic work and is an accredited "Medical Record Technician". She was on the staff at Uvalde Memorial Hospital for seven years.

Shirley began singing on the radio at the early age of nine in El Reno, Oklahoma. Dramatics, music and singing have always been an important influence in Shirley's life and has had the privilege of participating in social, school and church assemblies as vocal soloist. She has entered and won many talent contests. One, appearing on the Jimmy Dean Show, in Washington, D.C., for a year and working with such artists as Patsy Cline, George Hamilton, IV, Billy Grammer, and Roy Clark. She was employed by Western Union Telegraph in conjunction with singing on the Jimmy Dean Show.

It was in Washington, D.C. that Joaquin Jackson, (The Texas Ranger that introduced Johnny Rodriguez to Manager, Happy Shahan) first saw Shirley perform. Then, five years later, he met her in Lubbock, Texas, while performing for the V.F.W. New Year's Eve Dance. They were married in 1962. They lived in Littlefield, Texas, working for Fort Walters Army Base. They moved to Uvalde, Texas, when Joaquin was promoted to Ranger. Shirley and Joaquin have two sons, Don Joaquin and Lance Sterling.

In Uvalde and Laredo, Shirley has made guest appearances on Johnny Rodriguez's Show. She also performed on his shows in New Mexico and Arizona. Johnny Rodriguez suggested Shirley Jackson go to Nashville and cut a record. Laughingly said, "Joaquin Jackson got me out of jail,....I will help get you out of the kitchen."



Shirley went to Nashville, cut at Mercury Studio, where she was signed immediately. Her first hit being "EASY LIES".

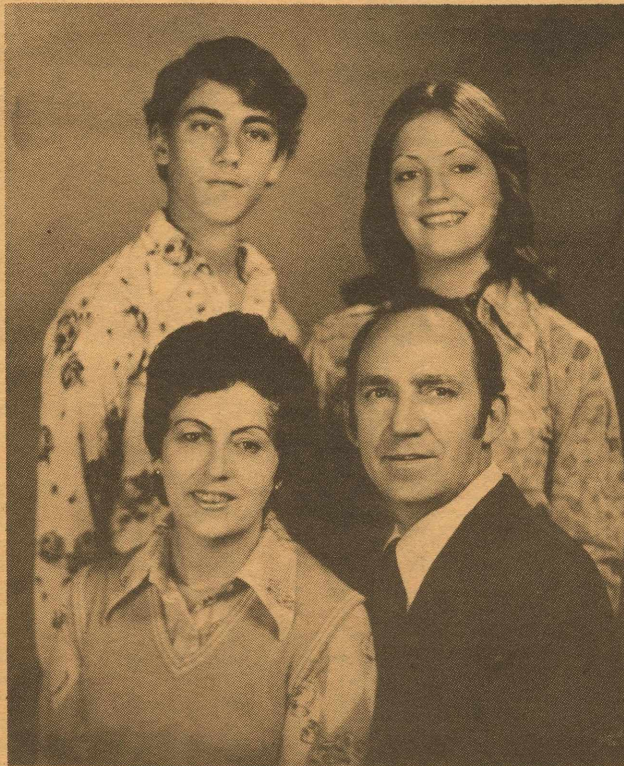
Press conference in Nashville, by the heads of National magazines, Billboard and Record World was held for Shirley Jackson native of Uvalde, for the signing of her record contract with Mercury Records.

Along with top brass in the entertainment business attending were Happy Shahan, Johnny Rodriguez, and Dottsy.

Jerry Kennedy, Mercury Records producer says, "Shirley's record EASY LIES is a hit and will be released in two weeks."

Johnny Rodriguez and the Music City Band, recently taped a TV show in Chicago, Illinois, called "Soundstage". Other guest to appear on the show are Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter. "Soundstage" will be shown nationwide on your public (educational) TV Channel. Watch your TV listings for airing date and time.

New Del Rio Ford Dealer



Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Landry, daughter, Rhonda and son, Kevin.

Mr. Landry has become the new Ford dealer in Del Rio and has taken up residence in the Buene Vista area.

Mr. Landry has been in the auto business 17 years and is familiar with all phases of the business.

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TC 023	1972 Skylark 4 door, loaded	\$2795	\$2495
TC 026	1974 Mustang II	\$3495	\$3295
TC 028	1972 Malibu, green, loaded	\$2995	\$2695
TC 029	1973 Torino, loaded	\$3395	\$2995
TC 15A	1969 Pontiac, 2 door, loaded	\$1295	\$ 895
TC 031	1970 Sport Fury, loaded	\$1795	\$1495
TC 032	1973 Mercury 2 door, loaded	\$3295	\$2795
TC 041	1972 Toyota, 4 speed, radio, heater	\$2495	\$1995
TC 045	1973 Cougar, loaded	\$3695	\$3195
TC	1971 Chevrolet C-10 Pickup	\$1995	\$1800
TC 063	1970 Chev. Sta. Wgn. Loaded	\$1795	\$1295
TC 053	1974 Chevrolet Super Sport Nova 4 speed, air conditioning, radio, heater	\$3695	\$3495
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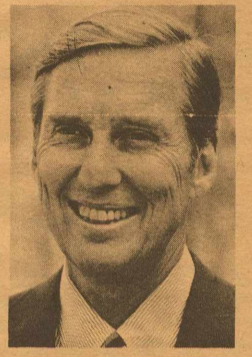
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Senator Lloyd Bentsen Watching Washington

Using solar power to heat homes and fuel industry is no longer just a dream for tomorrow.

Hundreds of Americans already use solar sources as a supplement to heat water and warm their homes. Scores of private industries are diligently working to perfect economical ways to lower their fuel bills by complementing petroleum-fired boilers with solar energy panels.

We have the technology. The supply is infinite. And if we tap it successfully, U.S. energy planners predict that the sun will be providing us with almost as much energy as the petroleum we now import by the end of the century.



For Texans, the implications of this are especially vital. Our state is blessed with a climate that virtually invites the broad application of solar energy. The sun shines frequently, and brightly. Cloudy days are the exception, and mild winters are the rule.

Each and every Texan stands to gain personally from any perfection of solar energy technology. And much as our state's industry enjoys the advantages of bountiful supplies of oil and gas, so can our continued prosperity be guaranteed by cultivating a similar advantage in energy obtained from the sun.

Because of this, I was deeply disturbed to learn that the Energy Research and Development Administration has assigned the development of solar energy an almost negligible priority.

According to a study I personally requested, the Library of Congress reported that less than 2 percent of ERDA's staff is working on the development of solar and geothermal energy. Of the over sixteen-hundred staff members headquartered here in Washington, only twenty-three were assigned to solar research and only six to geothermal research at the time the study was conducted this summer. This compares with more than four-hundred assigned to nuclear energy research and more than one-hundred to fossil energy research.

I followed this study with some inquiries of my own and found that, of the nineteen field offices ERDA maintains across the country, thirteen work exclusively with nuclear research and five with a mix of nuclear and non-nuclear research.

Where solar energy research fits into all this is anybody's guess.

I am not saying we should ignore research for other alternative energy sources. But I am saying that we simply cannot continue assigning solar energy the almost non-existent priority that ERDA apparently has. I am saying that, for Texans especially, the sun offers a limitless and feasible source of energy that we can ill-afford to ignore.

The ERDA appropriations bill is slated to come up for Senate consideration this week or next. Of the total \$4 billion budget, the Administration designated only \$70 million for solar research. The House has already doubled that amount.

And, before I vote, I am determined to learn exactly how much of a commitment ERDA is willing to make to a national effort to extract energy cheaply and efficiently from the sun.

I am convinced this is a dream whose time to become reality is now.

RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE TO BE OFFERED

TUESDAY SESSION AT CIVIC CENTER

An Advanced Red Cross First Aid Class will begin Tuesday, September 23rd, announced J.T. Royall, Red Cross Instructor for Kinney County.

There will be no cost to those persons wishing to enroll except for the training manual which makes an excellent Home Reference Guide, Royall stated.

Interested parties should contact J.T. (Jake) Royall at 563-2325 or Mrs. Rosemary Slubar at 563-2494.

around the campus...

Four new teachers joined the Brackett School faculty this year. Coming from Knigsville is Mr. Thomas Lester, a graduate of Texas A&I University. Mr. Lester teaches Freshman and Sophomore English.

He and His wife, Judy, live in Brackettville.

Mrs. Verna Howard comes to Brackett from Lubbock. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University and teaches Junior and Senior English.

The new Business teacher is Mrs. Darlene Sterzinger, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and her husband is a student pilot at Laughlin AFB.

Coming from Greenville, North Carolina, is the new special resources teacher, Mr. George Mastro.

A graduate of Texas Christian University, Mr. Mastro and his wife, Martha, live in Brackett.

Joining the coaching staff is Mr. Oscar Villasenor, in addition to his coaching duties, Mr. Villsenior, teaches physical education, health, and crafts.

Future Homemakers of America began their year's activities with an election of officers, Tuesday.

The Officers are as follows:

President: Josie Factor

Vice-Pres.: Velma Meyer

Sec-Treasurer: Traci Roselle

Reporter: Tammy Foust

Historians: Mary Guajardo

Alma Martinez

Parliamentarian: Martha Martinez

Chapter sponsor is Miss Patty Messer, substitute for Mrs. Clara Ricks.

Student Council activities are officially underway after the first meeting, Monday. Committees were assigned to work on various projects around the school. Projects this year promise a full school term.

Junior High students are fully informed of BHS activities, thanks to the new public announcement system, installed this past summer. The P.A. System was the parting gift of the 1974-75 Senior Class.

Representing BHS at a recent meeting of the Educational Services Center, District XX was Mr. Lee Schermerhorn and Mr. James Colette. Both brought cack many ideas on education is crime prevention and Drug Control.

Last week's pep rally was a great success, due to the hard work of the cheerleaders and class leaders. The "Spirit Stick" was awarded to the Sophomore Class after a spirited contest between the seniors and Sophomores The identity

The identity of the judges is kept a secret, for obvious reasons. Tonight the game is the first home game and the Brackett spirit will be in evidence. Every Class is planning special activities.

TIGER TALES

Coming back strong from a first game defeat, the Brackett Tigers defeated the Sanderson Eagles, 48-0. The varsity team, batting a cold wind, took quick advantage on five of the ten Eagle fumbles for the one-sided score. Quarterback Mark Tidwell connected early with end, Bill Pratt, for the first touchdown. Leading scorer, Raul Cervantez, followed quickly with the second score, crashing six yards through the Sanderson line.

In the second quarter, Tidwell executed a quarterback sneak and Cervantez went over with a two point conversion. In the second half, it was again Tidwell and Cervantez scoring the points. A strong defense, led by Ruben Cervantez, Charlie DeLaRosa, and Tony Samaniego, held the Eagles scoreless. Coaches Bobby Slaughter and Oscar Villasenor were pleased with the victory but added that the team would keep working.

Thursday night, Sept. 11th, the Tiger Junior Varsity and Junior High teams made a good first showing of the year, at Asherton. The Junior Varsity team, coached by Ernest Wueste battled the Asherton eleven to a 0-0 tie. Outstanding players included Quarterback-Arturo Terrazas, End-Lupe Flores and End- Armando Avila. The Junior High team brought home a 26-6 victory. Led by Coach George Burk and Coach Wueste, outstanding players included: Quarter back-Nelson Payne; Guard-Happy Cervantez and Halfback- Arturo Jaso.

COMMENTS from THE SAGEBRUSH



As summer flowers fade there comes the questions of what to do to add color through the drabness of winter.

In our area there are things to plant now to have flowers through the wintwer and into spring. Try pansies. There is now a great variety that measures to six inches in height and extremely large flowers of varying color. If you need a taller flower there is Calendula--there are two colors, yellow and orange. There are two heights, 8 to 10 inches and 12 to 18 inches. If you like old fashioned beauty try sweet peas. These vine on a fence trellis or the like or a dwarf and bushy to about 24-30 inches. There is also plilox-dwarf cluster beauty of many colors or tall rangey plants crowned with large bunches of beautiful color. In about six weeks it will be bulb planting time for spring bulbs. start now to get ready for these. There's is no need to have a drab, color less yard--even in the winter time.

Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER 30----- Tuesday

Annual Business Meeting of the Friends of the Library. Election of Officers to serve for two years.

Between Us

BY: JOE TOWNSEND

Behind the shop was an old house. Beside the house was our mobile home. the old house was removed and the land was scraped free of weeds and brush. We turned the mobile home around to take in the newly scraped land--months passed, spring came, weeds and grass began to claim the bare area. When it reached the point of becoming a wilderness area I hired a man to clean it off. While he was busy at this tack he came in one day and said he had found a tomato plant. I looked at it and told him to leave it and clean around it. Now it is unbelievable the amount of tomatoes we gather from that vine and two others nearby, all are "Volunteer" uncultivated, watered only by rain, fed only by the soil. They are two different types of tomatoes. One is a tomato such as I have not seen since I gathered them in our family garden 45 years ago. They are a kind I had tried to buy and could never find.

From whence the seed came--who can tell? All I know is I am enjoying tomatoes from vines growing from ground that had been scraped clean, where there is much more rock than soil and with no help from man. If a small tomato seed can accomplish this I wonder why so many people give up when problems come. Problems or no, the tomatoes are there. Problems or no, some people win in battles of life. What a tragedy that some see mole hills pictured as mountains, give up and become drones. I guess the difference must be God in life. Without God--no tomatoes, without God no victories over life's problems.

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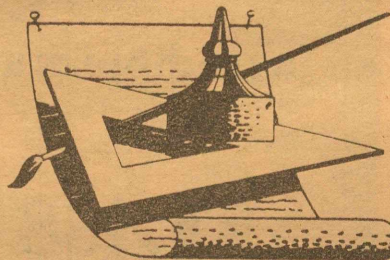
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THE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT

Stubborn, Brushy Kinney County

Voting Rights Probably Won't Change Things

Part Two

(Kinney County, 1,391 square miles of brush country and Democrats, is one of Texas' 'votingest' counties, and some political underdogs in the county seat of Brackettville think this distinction helps only those who are in power, the Anglo community.)

(In view of the controversy over the Voting Rights Act and its extension into Texas, Light staff writer Stryker McGuire went to Brackettville to talk to Kinney Countians in and out of power about the right to vote—or the lack of it. Today's article is the second in a series on Texas voting.)

By STRYKER MCGUIRE

Light Staff Writer

BRACKETTVILLE — "Everybody votes in Kinney County. Why, politics is just like major league baseball or football — except maybe more popular. Kinney County thoroughly enjoys its politics."

This assessment of major league politics just east of Del Rio comes from County-District Clerk Dolores Raney, flipping through a thick stack of election materials behind what just might be Kinney County's biggest flowering African violet.

Her judgment is borne out by some quick figuring. In last year's Democratic primary election (which is tantamount to election), 1,059 Kinney Countians went to the polls, pretty much an average turnout. Today there are 1,287 registered voters, and in this county of 2,500 persons, registration among those eligible to vote runs very high.

There were probably fewer registered voters a year and a half ago, so the voter turnout on May 4, 1974, was at least 82.3 per cent of the registration lists—easily double the statewide tabulation.

Boasting such figures, Kinney County hardly needs any federal intervention to get out the vote, in the opinion of Mrs. Raney.

Voting problems out here, she suggests, are as rare as Republicans.

But, according to some disenchanting Mexican-American politicians in and around the 65-year-old courthouse, something is rotten in Brackettville.

One of the critics is Ruben Fuentes, a Texas Department of Public Welfare employe who took a leave of absence in early 1974 to run against Mrs. Raney in the primary.

He lost by 10 votes to Mrs. Raney, who was acting county-district clerk in the wake of the resignation of Alvin Hall, her boss of 16 years.

He asked for a recount and emerged from it nine votes short of Mrs. Raney.

"I was going to contest the election," Fuentes, 35, said over coffee last week. "But I checked with a couple of attorneys in San Antonio and they said it would probably cost me about \$7,000 and would take a long time. Then I went to MALDEF (the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund), but everybody was booked. So I just kind of forgot about the whole thing."

Fuentes is frankly complacent about his unsuccessful foray into politics last year—and he counts himself fortunate even to have managed to get his name on the ballot: There was some argument about whether he could legally run for office even though his supervisors granted him a leave of absence (state employes cannot run for office), and

his name was printed on the ballot only after an elected official from elsewhere in Texas (who prefers to remain anonymous) interceded with the office of the Texas Secretary of State in Austin.

Fuentes was particularly concerned about absentee voting, which he lost, 135 to 113. He said his suspicion was aroused by the fact that the number of absentee votes for him was less than the number of voters his campaign workers personally accompanied to the courthouse.

"But," countered Mrs. Raney, perturbed by the charges and counter charges, "just because you take somebody to vote doesn't mean he has to vote for you."

Fuentes also said he was upset because Mrs. Raney was present during absentee voting, "helping people vote and everything." But, as Mrs. Raney pointed out, she is, as county clerk, charged under the Texas Election Code with supervising absentee balloting.

Fuentes' father-in-law, veteran Kinney County Commissioner G.C. Talamantes, said he, too, was suspicious about the absentee voting: "I believe we 'lost' some votes. After they counted the absentee votes, they found 20 blank ballots in the absentee box. They had nothing on 'em."

The closeness of the election was bound to spark questions, but the real answers could only come in a court decision—and Fuentes was unwilling to go that far.

If anything is clear about voting in Brackettville it is that election matters do not always conform 100 per cent to state law. Some examples:

• "One problem we do have here is that too many people are voting here who don't live here," said County Atty. James Tullis "Tully" Shahan II. "The deal is that people running for election solicit votes from people who, say, ranch here but live in Maryland." Shahan, who admits he doesn't like local politics because "it's too personal" and who is the only attorney in Kinney County ("I'm the Kinney County Bar Association," he jokes), was just appointed district attorney of the 63rd District by Gov. Briscoe.

• Talamantes, who has been a county commissioner for all but four years since the late 1940s, waved a sheet of paper on which Mrs. Raney had listed the names of 14 convicted felons to be sure that they did not vote in last year's primary, as prescribed by state law. "These guys have been voting all their lives," he said. "Why the big deal all of the sudden? I think it's because they would have voted for Ruben (Fuentes)."

• "Even before it was legal, we used to help illiterates vote," Mrs. Raney said, arguing that Kinney County has always encouraged its residents to vote. "They knew to come in and say they were blind."

Kinney County officials do not deny this sort of bending of the election code. The difference is that while some justify it by saying it enhances the right to vote among Kinney Countians, others, including Talamantes, say it is done only when it favors the Anglo establishment in Brackettville.

Whatever the case, there is little disagreement about extension of the Voting Rights Act into Texas: Nobody interviewed believes it would make much difference in Brackettville.

Mrs. Raney is satisfied there is no serious voting problem in Kinney County. Fuentes, who says he has "to

hustle to make a living" as it is, is disillusioned about politics in general. And Talamantes, who has devoted nearly one half his 68 years to elected office, doesn't think things have changed for the county's Mexican-American population.

"I just don't know if I'll run again or not," Talamantes said, fiddling absent-mindedly with some old, crumpled papers as he sat in his small house along a dusty street in Brackettville. "The Anglos have all the money, all the power. They pat you on the back. Then you turn around and they stab you. It seems to get better, and then you see that nothing has changed."

He and Fuentes also are critical of Mexican-Americans who, they feel, have been voting for the "wrong people," the Anglos.

Talamantes shrugged his shoulders: "Some people, you can't make 'em understand even to help themselves. I tell 'em, 'Hell, do it for your children. Do it for your grandchildren. Please do it so they can wear their hats proud.'"

Fuentes, bitter at some of the votes he believes he lost in the Mexican-American community (roughly equal in size to the Anglo population), expresses his opinion this way:

"You know that story about the crawdads? Well, there was this guy who had four cans filled with crawdads. He had the cans labeled: 'Mexican crawdads... German crawdads... English crawdads... French crawdads.' All the cans were covered with lids except for the one with the Mexican crawdads, so another guy came by and asked: 'Aren't you gonna lose some of those Mexican crawdads?'"

"The guy with the crawdads shook his head: 'No. If one of them tries to crawl out, one of his buddies will pull him back down.'"

It is not an easy joke for Ruben Fuentes to tell, but he feels it helps give an accurate picture of major league politics in Kinney County.

Ruben has an older brother, Manuel Fuentes, who is a Kinney County commissioner. This is no consolation, according to Talamantes, who said of Manuel: "He's just a puppet. He always ready to do what they say. He's just a puppet for the Anglos."

Soil Conservation

by: Howard Ragsdale

Soil Conservation Service employes are increasingly called upon to serve environmental education as school site planners and conservationists, and as resource people—furnishers of information about soil and water resources.

This is the gist of an editorial by SCS Administrator R.M. Davis which appeared in the agency's August issue of *Soil Conservation*, the official organ of the agency.

"SCS's nationwide conservation education program is leading the way in helping schools plan and use outdoor classrooms," Davis said. "Now, outdoor learning areas, providing such features as animal and plant identification, nature trails, and soil and aquatic studies, are established in almost every soil and water conservation district in the United States. Many are designed with SCS and district help."

"The typical citizen today is confronted with a bewildering lineup of controversies over the environment. He receives conflicting information on practically every resource issue, being assured one minute that all is well and the next told that doom is imminent. On the basis of all the divergent reports the citizen must make informed decisions about the future of our resources."

"We are learning that helping teachers gain an understanding of conservation is an efficient way of reaching a large audience of future leaders and decisionmakers," Davis said.

Facts relating to the environment and gained from years of actual conservation practice are also passed on by SCS district conservationists to women's clubs, service clubs, and scouts.

"Providing this kind of assistance is where districts and SCS can be of increasing service to all Americans. We cannot afford to shrink from our responsibilities in environmental education. There's too much at stake," Davis concluded.

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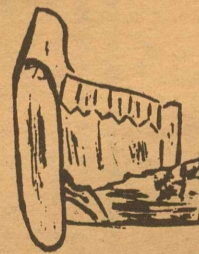


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