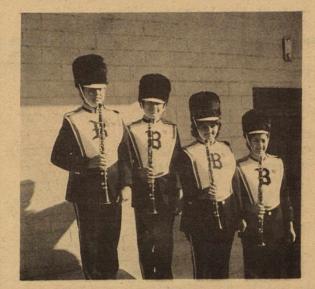


BIG TOP COMES TO TOWN

Band Places High in Contest







The Al G. Clark & Dailey Bros. Circus is coming to Brackettville!

The 3-ring show, complete with a big top and wild animal menagerie will be in town on Tuesday, February 17 under the auspices of Brackettville Chamber of Commerce. Shows are scheduled for 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Rodeo Grounds.

This year's show offers a full 90 minutes of continuous, ever-changing entertainment in all three rings. Featured are educated chimpanzees, tight-rope walkers, jugglers along with trained dogs, horses and ponies.

The circus menagerie boasts a collection of rare and exotic beasts, including savage jungle cats, apes, camels and llamas.

This will be the last chance area residents will have to see an old-fashioned tent circus at an old-fashioned price. Circus owner Al G. Clark has already announced that next year he will be forced to double or triple the current advance ticket price of \$1.50 to meet rising costs. Tickets at the special \$1.50 advance price are available at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber Director.

The show's colorful 20-vehicle caravan will arrive in town at dawn on circus day. Show personnel will then begin the formidable task of errecting the giant canvas city housing the circus.

The circus plays in 7 different towns each week, and the show's appearence here will be one of over 300 to be made by circus in 1975.

At the Region XI Solo and Ensemble Contest, last Saturday at Hondo, members of the BHS Fighting Tiger Band did the best job yet, according to Mr. Leo Lugo, band director. The placements are as follows:

Cornet Trio-Place 1: Blasa Flores,
Joe Henry Jaso and Traci Roselle.

Clarinet Quartet-Place 1: Julia
Esparza, Juanita Jaso, Oscar Pena and Margaret Starzel.

Saxaphone Quartet-Place 1: Ruben

Esparza, Kim Leverett, Tiger Sheedy and Mary Watson.

Place Two awards went to:

Clarinet Quartet: Josie Gomez, Sherry

Jefferson, Pat O'Rourke and Annabel Reyes.

Drum Sextet: Bernie Cervantez, Luis Flores, Ralph Longoria, Ray Pena, Salina Sorrells and Kenneth Sweet.

Brass Quintet: Walter Goodloe, Venita Gum, Mike Hidalgo, Arnulfo Pinales

Clarinet Quartet: Sherry Jefferson, Pat O'Rourke, Lisa Schaefer and Kathy Wills.

Clarinet Quartet: Brenda Dodson, Juanita Jaso, Connie Pearson and Lisa Schafer.

and Mike Schwandner.

<u>Clarinet</u> <u>Trio</u>: Tino Gomez, Lou Ann Lindeman and Oscar Pena.

NEW BUILDING SET FOR CHURCH



Ground breaking ceremonies were held by Frontier Baptist Church, Brackettville.

The building site is in the heart of Brackettville on Ann Street, the main traffic artery of the city.

Construction will begin immediately on the permanent building for the church. There will be an auditorium and an educational wing and fellow-

ship hall. The building will be masonry construction on the pattern of frontier missions and churches in the southwest.

The building site will contain ample parking space and recreational area. Joe R. Townsend is pastor and Happy Shahan is Chairman of Deacons of the church.





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"LOOSISM"

There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything, or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking.

to the editor



Box 426 Brackettville, Texas 78832 February 4, 1976

Dear Project Show Committee Member:

We would like to express our appreciation for all your time and effort to make the 1976 Kinney County Project Show a success.

Even though the project show was not as large this year, the exhibits did offer more quality and variety. Most of the growing pains of last year were eliminated.

There were 144 participants entering a total of 211 exhibits. Following is a breakdown of entries by division:

Arts and Crafts 83

Educational 25 Metal Works 10 Photography 2 Clothing

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation and leadership.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carl Esser County Extension Agent

(Miss) Rebecca Rogers Assistant County Extension Agent-at-Large P.O. Box 426 Brackettville, Texas 78832 February 4, 1976

Dear Friend:

The Kinney County 4-H clubs and Brackettville FFA Chapter would like to express their thanks for your help at the Livestock Show. It's friends like you who make our show a success.

Again on behalf of the 4-H and FFA clubs, we wish to say Thank You.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Esser County Extension Agent Kinney County, Texas 78832

February 2, 1976

Dear Mr. Loos:

Thank you very kindly for the copies of your paper of November 7, 1975, in which the undersigned was pictured with a short writeup on my 82nd Birthday visit to Old Fort Clark.

Below is a supposed true story told to me by an old retired Cavalry Colonel years ago when I was just a young 2nd lieutenant trying to learn the ways of old, well experienced enlisted soldiers. You are welcome to publish this in your paper is you so desire, there just might be a few old soldiers around Brackettville that could appreciate the story.

Back in the early days, prior to World War I when the old time Cavalry was still active, Buck Sergeants only received \$15.00 per month.

They would often hit their commanding officers in the middle of the mouth for a loan of a dollar or two to buy their chewing tobacco, as their small pay all went pretty fast right after pay day.

One old Irish sergeant approached his Colonel and asked him for a loan of \$2.00. The Colonel said, "I just paid you your monthly salary two days ago, what did you do with your money?" The sergeant replied, "Well sir, I sent me mother \$5.00 and then I met me girl down town and we had a drink or two and some dinner, and that cost about \$5.00. Then we decided to go to the hotel and get a room for the night. That and our breakfast the next morning cost about another \$5.00. The Colonel handed him \$2.00 and said, "Well Sergeant, just what did you do with the rest of your money?" Sergeant, "Well sir, I guess I just must have spent it foolishly."

This is not a particular funny story, but it is typical and just could have happened to most any old soldier, both Officer and Sergeant, because in those days a great many of the old soldiers could not read or write their names and had no conception of what they did with their

All good wishes to you for your happiness and future success on your interesting publication. Please pardon all my mistakes, because I am getting to be about as bad as the old soldiers I write about with misspelling and numerous errors. Again thanks for your courtesy.

Hardy Smith Major U.S. Army Retired

Voices of Fort Clark

The Voices of Fort Clark will present: "A Salute to Valentines Day," Friday, February 13, 1976 at Town Hall, 8:00 p.m. All members and guests of members are cordially invited, announced Leroy Hughey,



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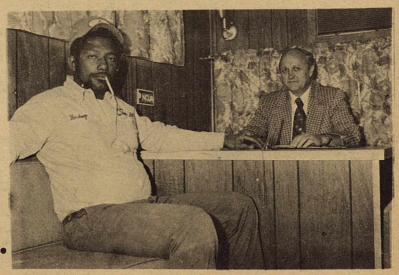
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COMMENTS from

SAGEBRUSH



BY JOE TOWNSEND

It is time to begin planting your garden. There is no good substitute for fresh food from your own garden. The ground should be well worked with fertilizer added as the ground is being worked. Follow the planting directions on the seed packet. Be sure to plant at the suggested depth. Watering should be done with a fine spray from the hose or between rows in ditches. The ground should be kept moist until the plants are up. Particularly this year the seedlings and small plants should be protected from the birds and deer.

You should be able to plant lettuce, onions, any of the cabbage family, cauliflower, brocolli, brussell sprouts, carrots, spinsch, swiss chard, and beets. If you grow more than you can use, you'll have a neighbor somewhere that will be glad to take care of your surplus.

CITY HALL

BY: ROLAND WILLIAMS

CITY ELECTION

At the Regular Meeting of the Council, February 9, 1976 an election for City Officials was called for April 3, 1976. Offices to be filled this year include the Mayor and three Councilmen. The deadline for filinf for office will be March 11, 1976.

STREETS

So far the City crew has paved 5.65 miles of city streets, far exceeding all hopes. This has been done at a cost of \$75,077.85 leaving a balance to be spent on paving of \$24,922.15.

CITY TAXES

The City tax collection for 1975 amounted to \$20,859, 29 or 78%. The tax roll amounted to \$27,436.97 with a discount amount of \$491.68 left a deliquent of \$6,086.08.

BOTTLENECK

By paving Cook Alley (Post Office), a real problem has come up on parking. The Council, Monday, passed a resolution to limit parking on the north side of the alley to 15 minutes, hoping to prevent some sort of a fender bender.

PHASE II DRAINAGE

City Officials will make a trip to Austin, Friday to complete arrangements for the Drainage Ditch of the East Side of the City. This Grant has been approved for sometime, but was delayed by Easement problems. All items are now in order and we hope to start work on the project by March 1, 1976.

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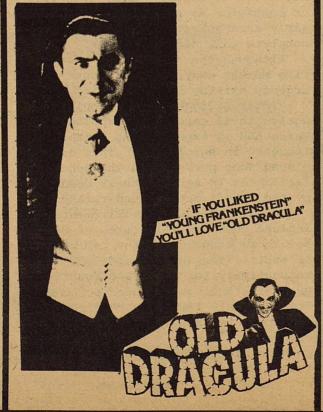
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around the campus...

Many congratulations to the BHS band on a job well done in Hondo last Saturday. They brought several awards home. More on this in another story.

It's been a little lonesome and quiet around the halls this week. Alan Frerich, Buck Smallwood, and

Bill Baxter were in San Antonio for the stock show. Gone for three days were Georgeanna Crain, Tammy Foust, Kimberly Trant, Joe Hidalgo, and Mark Baxter. Kevin Kaplan, Kaye York, and Candy Smallwood were gone today. Saturday is Rural Youth Day and many BHS students will go in to view the livestock and rodeo.

For a good change of pace, there will be a paid assembly Monday. The entertainer is Grover Ruwe with Louie and Sunshine. It is a ventriloquist act and promises to be entertaining.

Next Thursday, February 19, the Brackett FFA will hold a "greenhand" ceremony for thirteen new comers to the FFA program. Preceding the program will be a regular business meeting. Plans to be discussed include the upcoming rodeo and parentmember banquet. The San Antonio Stock Show will also be discussed. The time for the meeting is 6:30 p.m. in the Ag shop. The public is invited and there will be refreshments afterwards.

From the looks of things, it's time to break open the old piggy bank. Various groups are beginning to have fund-raising campaigns. The Student Council is selling T-shirts and the band will soon be selling posters and T-shirts.

The Quill and Scroll Society elected officers Tuesday night. President is Peggy Postell. Marion Johnson will serve as vice-president. Secretary-Treasurer is Traci Roselle. Perhaps the most important duty went to Tino Gomez, elected to Keeper of the Flame.

Remember to get your tickets to the Athletic Banquet and show our athletes our support for their efforts. See you around the campus.



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There will be a very important Booster Club meeting Monday, February 16, at 7:30 P.M. at the County Court House. Plans are being made for another work day at the new athletic complex, a Bar-B-Que to feed the visiting firemen at the pumper races in March, and a fund raising project with proceeds going to the new track and football stadium.

We would like to have as many booster club members and interested persons to be present for this

Alpha Epsilon Psi

On February 2nd, the Alpha Epsilon Psi Chapter met in the home of Genell Hobbs with Mrs. C. B. Ballantyne as guest speaker. The girls were real pleased to have Mrs. Ballantyne as a guest and enjoyed her program on the history of Brackettville and Fort Clark. Mrs. Ballantyne had several books and pictures to emphasize different historical

Mrs. Ballantyne, Jlee, as she is known to most Brackett residents, is well known as an active member of the community for many years. She taught school for 25 years, was President of the Study Club, active in the Baptist Church. She has one daughter, Susie, and her husband was a partner and operated the Shaker Feed & Lumber Company.

A meeting discussion followed with the Salad luncheon for Thrusday noon, for the Chapter members

The hostess, Genell, then served brownies, coffee, and mixed nuts.

A&M ADMISSION

Senior students with an interest in studying agriculture at Texas A&M University are reminded by County Extension Agent Carl Esser they must complete entrance tests and applications for admission before

One of the major obstacles to gaining early admission, Esser said, has been the lack of SAT scores. Because there is usually a delay of six weeks between taking the tests and receiving the results students are urged to contact their principal or counselor as soon as possible so early arrangements can be made to complete this necessary task.

Although the deadline is nearly five months away, a fair amount of urgency exists, Esser explains.

"Interest among young people in agricultural careers is growing and Texas A&M is experiencing a rapid increase in enrollment. This has placed some pressure on the school's facilities to service their needs by the cutoff date, I understand."

He said admission requirements include combined SAT scores of 800 for those students in the top half of their class and 900 and 1000 respectively for third and fourthquarter standings. Students who do not meet full admission requirements may apply for summer school on the campus.

Necessary information and entrance forms may be acquired by writing Office of Admissions, Texas A&M University, College Station 77843.

COUNTY AGENT REPORTS BY CARL ESSER

This is a question I am asked almost every day. I will answer and state a few facts so maybe by all working together we can have a better screwworm program in 1976.

In early 1976, if all ranchmen would treat all wounds such as castration, dehorning, docking and shearing, and report all cases as soon as possible, we may be able to get sterile flies in that area immediately. We also need to spray all animals whenever possible before screwworm flies become active.

Try to complete all necessary marking and branding early. In the past (years), screwworm cases begin to build up around April 1. In spite of this generally known fact, this past year some ranchmen continued dehorning, branding and castrating without bothering to spray or treat the wounds even after the April 1 build up date.

This is a program for everyone. The screwworms not only attack domestic livestock and household pets, but wildlife, and even in some instances, human beings. This is a program that we must have in order for our livestock and wildlife to survive.

Let us get together early and do all we can to prevent the spread of the screwworm flies. A few working for the program cannot make it work, but a few working against it by not doing what they should, can certainly ruin it.



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For the lack of something better to call ourselves we became the "T" troupers and our aim is to elect a member to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors, one who will best represent the members of the Association. Our next meeting will be held in the town hall at Fort Clark Springs, Saturday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m.

We would like all members of the Fort Clark Springs present. Please come and join us in this mutual endeavor.

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Between Us

by:

JOE TOWNSEND

It was great this morning to awaken to the beautiful songs of a cardinal in a nearby tree. It was before daylight and cloudy, but to the brilliant red bird, it was a good day and a good time to begin the day.

How different the bird is from so many people. He was out and about in time to see the sun come up. No wasting time sleeping late. He could do this easily because he had not wasted time staying up late last night watching the boob-tube or some other ungainly occupation of good sleeping time. No dismal, draggy beginning of the day for this crowned beauty. His song was the more outstanding against the dark and cloudy morn. It made me think spring had arrived. Though I'm sure we

will yet have some bad and cold weather, it was still a harbinger of spring which means a new beginning for all of nature. Soon the humming birds will be coming in—they're a mite late already. Soon leaves will be seen on the ash, mesquite and mulberry trees. Soon everything will turn from drab to glowing green.

The cardinal simply reminded me that regardless how harsh and rugged the experiences of life, their's a brighter tomorrow. Just as the man of God told the Israelites amid trying experiences in the wilderness, "In the morning ye shall see the Glory of the Lord."

Senator Lloyd Bentsen

This year, more than one hundred million Americans will pay the taxes that support our Social Security system.

The number of people on the receiving end is just as enormous. Most of our older citizens are either getting benefits now, or will as soon as they retire. Nearly every mother

and child in the nation is protected by the life insurance provisions of Social Security. And four out of every five American workers depend on this system for protection against disability.

Essentially, then, Social Security is basic insurance for countless citizens; a guarantee that if income is lost because of retirement, disability or death, there will still be something to

fall back on that they have rightfully earned.

This means that when the Social Security structure becomes shaky, so does the security of virtually every man, woman and child in this country. And it means also that each of us has a stake in keeping that structure both workable and financially sound.

Unfortunately, that soundness is now in jeopardy. Social Security is in trouble. Benefit payments are outpacing revenues, and projections show a large deficit is in the making. There is no certainty that the Social Security system—as it now operates—will not simply collapse from lack of money sometime during the next half century, unless some changes are made.

This is why I've introduced legislation that would cut the projected long-term deficit of the Social Security system in half. Along with keeping the system fiscally strong, my bill would end the wild discrepancies between how much a person makes before he retires, and how much he will eventually receive in Social Security benefits.

Because of a flaw in the 1972 amendments to the Social Security Act, a person's benefits could rise as high as 115 percent of his average monthly earnings before he retired. And, even worse, they could also sink as low as 30 percent.

My bill makes this relationship stable, and makes sure that the Social Security system pays back a fixed proportion of what a person once earned. This stability has the additional advantage of making the trust funds that prop up the entire system stronger financially.

The Bentsen legislation also corrects inequities that now occur because of the way benefits are computed. Today many people are being penalized because they earned their Social Security coverage during a period of low inflation. The benefits they receive now are based on these relatively low earnings, and they simply can't make ends meet at today's prices.

I would update a person's earnings to reflect the rate of inflation when he retires, rather than the rate of inflation when he was earning his coverage. I would also make sure no one receives lower benefits than they're now getting because of the changes I have made.

Those who count on Social Security to provide them with basic income—for food, for a home, for medical expenses—must be reassured that their system is working, that it is financially strong, and that it will offer them the protection they will need in the years to come.

And those one hundred million taxpayers, whose dollars go to support a system that must someday be adequate enough to support them, are entitled to similar reassurance.

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4-H NEWS

Eleven youth from the Kinney County 4-H club will represent the county in the District 13 4-H Food Show on April 10 in San Antonio. Andrea Garcia, Brenda Foust, Debbie Sproul, and Warren Voss will compete in the preteen division (9-10 year olds); Lisa Slaughter, Kimberly Baxter, Joel Voss, and Brenda Arias, the junior division (11-13 year olds); and Kaye York, Kimberly Trant, and Candy Smallwood will be entered in the senior division (14-19 year olds). These eleven were chosen sinners in the Kinney County 4-H Food Show held Saturday, February 7, at the Civic Center in Brackettville.

"Following the food show theme 'Heritage Foods,' the Civic Center was decorated in red, blue and white with a town cryer hollering "Here Yea! Here Yea! It's 11:30 and all is well. Come see the 4-H foods. They are swell."

"Serving as judges were Mrs. Sharon Abbey and Roy Jay Harris of Del Rio, and Mrs. Alma Smart, Linda Connell and Marianne Deitert of Rocksprings. They interviewed each participant to determine their knowledge of nutrition, understanding of the management principles concerning the dish prepared, and personal growth and development attained from participating in the 4-H Foods and Nutrition Project," Miss Becky Rogers, Assistant County Extension Agent-at-Large, explained. "Quality, texture, taste, temperature, color, flavor, aroma, and appearance were criteria for judging along with the appropriate and attractive serving of the dish."

At the awards program, Joel
Voss extended a welcome to 35 parents, relatives and friends, Kimberly Baxter gave the 4-H Motto and Pledge, Lisa Slaughter recognized the project leaders, Staci Sorrells recognized the judges and the Agentat-Large presented ribbons and medals to the participants.



Blue ribbon award winners in the preteen division were Brenda Foust, Debbie Sproul, and Warren Voss. Andrea Garcia and Seth Kaplan received red ribbons.

In the junior division, Lisa Slaughter, Kimberly Baxter, Cindy Miears, Staci Sorrells, and Joel Voss received blue ribbons and red ribbons were awarded to Mary Jane Garcia and Brenda Arias.

Blue ribbon winner in the senior division was Kaye York, with Kimberly Trant receiving a red ribbon and Candy Smallwood receiving a white ribbon.

Each of the eleven county winners received a medal provided by the Morrison Milling Company, sponsor of the food show in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A drawing for door prizes was held

among the Food Show participants.
Winners were Kaye York, Kimberly
Trant, Candy Smallwood, Debbie
Sproul, Seth Kaplan and Andrea Garcia.
They each won a 5 lb. bag of White
Wings Flour donated by Pioneer Flour
Mills of San Antonio.

Following the awards program a Tasting Tea was held at which recipe books were sold.

Serving as 4-H Foods and Nutrition Project leaders this year were Mrs. Barbara Voss, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Genell Hobbs, Mrs. Wanda Jennings,

Mrs. Dora Ruiz, Mrs. Rachel Daniels, Ms. Audry Shields, Ms. Glenda Smith, Ms. Kaye York, Ms. Kimberly Trant and Mrs. Judy Burks, who also served as organizational leader for this 4-H Foods and Nutrition project.

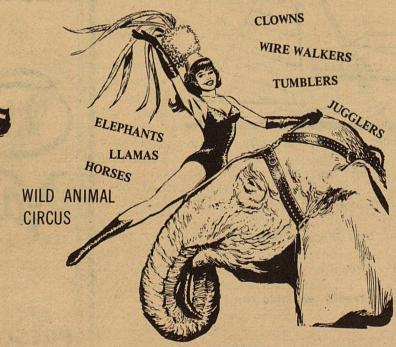
Because they play the lead role in conducting the 4-H project, the Agent commended them on their fine cooperation and help.

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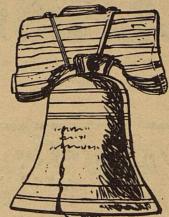
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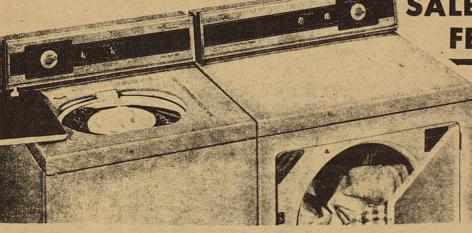
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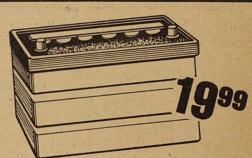


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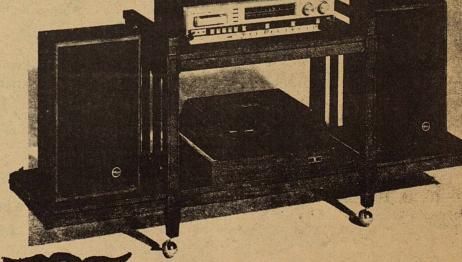


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