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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

C of C HONORS MISS WILSON, TULLY PRATT



Long-time Brackettville elementary teacher, Miss Charles Wilson, was named Woman of the year. Shown above with Mr. Charles Koch, Jones Elementary principal, Miss Wilson is treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.



Honored as Man of the Year was Tully Pratt, local businessman and rancher. He is pictured above with Mrs. Jean Seargeant.

C of C Banquet

Looking proudly at a past year of accomplishments and resolving to cope with tomorrow's problems, the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet last Friday night. A special highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Chamber's Man and Woman of the Year Awards. Miss Charles Wilson was presented her award by Charles Koch while Mrs. Jean Seargeant presented Mr. Tully Pratt with his award.

A business meeting was followed by the speech of H. C. Petry. Travis Wilson is president of the Chamber and Jimmy Bader is vice president. Miss Wilson serves as secretary-treasurer.



Mr. H. C. Petry, guest speaker, is pictured with Mr. Happy Shahan and Chamber president, Travis Wilson.

EDITORIAL

BY

Speaking of
Dogs, Cats, Employment,
and Rabies...

GEORGE!

Dogs, Cats, and Rabies

This week County Agent, Carl Esser, informed the Cavalryman that there had been two rabie bite victims in Kinney County.

Both of these cases were confirmed from fox bites, being treated by our local physician. On March 9th, there will be a Vaccination Clinic held at the Kinney County Wool & Mohair Warehouse.

As a boy, like all boys, I had a dog. I still love dogs but for the life of me I cannot comprehend someone that owns a dog and supposedly loves this dog, allow them to be susceptible of this terrible agony--- if you aren't worried about your dog, what about your feelings to inflicting this horrible disease on your fellow man in the community. Rabies also includes the stray cats who roam our area and are just as dangerous.

People have called me and said, "Respect our rights to have cats and dogs."

Respect our rights not to have rabies. If you don't think enough of your dog or cat to spend a couple of bucks to protect him and your community, then your cat or dog or you, as a human being, have no right in the human race.

To protect the citizens of this community, I propose that any dog or cat found within the city limits without his tag, be exterminated.

This may sound rather strong, but I also feel rather strongly about my fellow human beings in Brackettville.

RABIES ISN'T FUN!

SEE PAGE 4, COLUMN 3

New Employment Service Offered by Cavalryman

In order to change the concept that Kinney County is a "welfare state," as of this week under employment wanted, all classified ads under this heading will be run free of charge. I hope some of the new graduates of the Migrate School will take advantage of this offer. Call 563-2696 if we can assist you in employment. We will be glad to help.

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a secret it goes in one
ear and in another.

BHS STUDENT WINS HIGH HONOR

A big first for Brackettville occurred last Saturday at the area FHA meeting in San Antonio. Martha Munoz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Munoz, was selected to the state chorus. The state chorus will perform at the state meeting in April. This is the first time a Brackettville student has been chosen for a state-wide honor.

Voting delegates for the Brackett FHA chapter are Martha Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Martinez, and Martha Pena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pena.

The Brackett FHA is sponsored by Mrs. Clara Ricks. The chapter president is Josie Factor.



Pictured above are Martha Martinez and Martha Munoz, FHA delegates to the state meeting. Not pictured is Martha Pena, also a voting delegate.

Bentsen Opposes Rural Shutdown

Washington, D.C.---Senator Lloyd Bentsen Friday said he will vigorously oppose plans by the U.S. Postal Service which could shut down hundreds of rural post offices in Texas.

Bentsen said he has agreed to co-sponsor legislation which would force the Postal Service to consider what the loss of a Post Office would mean to the residents of the rural area it serves.

"The General Accounting Office recommended last year that the Postal Service close all of its 4th-Class and half of its 3rd-Class Post Offices, and I have received reports that this is exactly what the Postal Service is proceeding to do," Senator Bentsen said.

"Just this week I have been informed that four more post offices may soon be closed in Congressman Jake Pickle's district. More than 600 other Texas post offices are in danger of meeting the same fate."

"Ours is a widespread state, with great expanses of rural areas and countless small farm communities. For many of the residents of these areas, their local post office is

the only way to get necessary postal services without having to travel miles to the nearest big city."

"I cannot accept closing such rural post offices unless I am convinced the people it serves will not be hurt."

Bentsen's bill would require the Postal Service to consider the number of families served by a Post Office before closing it, its nearness to other post offices, and the amount of travel required to reach them.

"If closing a post office will have a negative impact on the rural community it serves, it should remain open," Bentsen said.

"Where closing a post office will mean that citizens will suffer from a decline in postal services; where it will have a detrimental effect on a small community's attempts to attract new businesses; where it will hurt an area economically; we should keep it open."

"The Postal Service will just have to figure out another way to cut corners other than depriving our rural people of the services they are entitled to," Senator Bentsen said.

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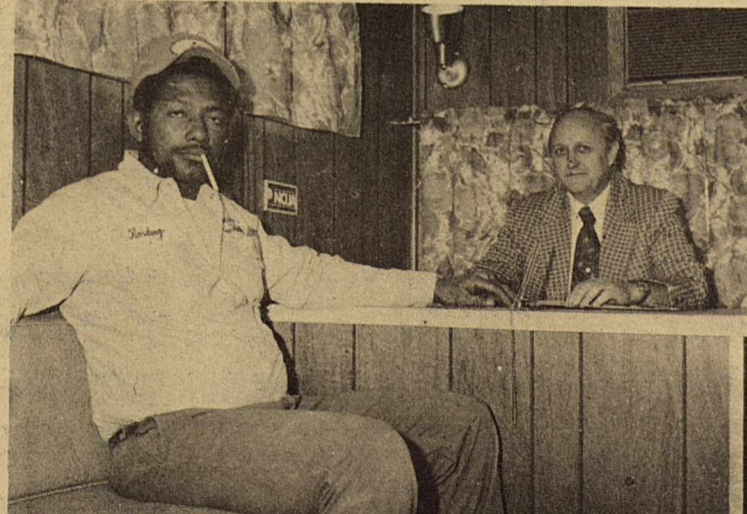
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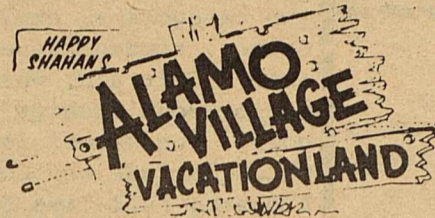
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BRACKETT HAPPENINGS

BY:
LILLIE MAE DIMERY

Mrs. Clara July is home after spending a few weeks in Kerrville with her children.

Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Arrant and children of San Antonio, visited relatives and friends.

Those seen at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dimery, Mr. and Mrs. Willie "Dub" Warrior of Del Rio, Mr. and Mrs. James Pondixter, Michelle and Scotty of San Antonio, Mrs. Hannah Daniels, Mrs. Della Watson, Miss Lucy Wilson, Miss Gee Gee Goodloe, Mr. Ricky Goodloe, Mr. Sheldon Best, Mrs. Evelyn Best, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dimery of Brackettville.

Ruby Ann Warrior spent two weeks visiting her Grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Mae Fair. She has returned to Houston with her dad, Spc. Ronnie Warrior.

COMMENTS from THE SAGEBRUSH

BY JOE TOWNSEND



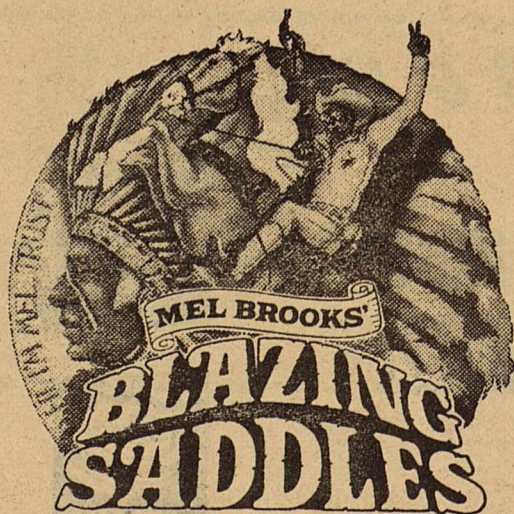
It is almost time to begin work on flower beds in earnest. Indeed it is time. It will soon be time to plant seeds and set out bedding plants. There is a wide variety of beautiful flowers that bloom and do well in this area. It is best to stay within this range. Many flowers we like just simply do not do well here. Because they are a favorite we are prone to try again to see if we can't grow them and again we are disappointed and blame the seed, the plants, ourselves and in reality, the fault is in the fact that they just are not oriented to this area. Among plants that do the best are Marigolds. There is a wide variety of colors, sizes and heights of these hardy summer plants. Vincas (Periwinkles) are another and they too, come in varying colors and

heights. Ageratum does well when cared for. Caladiums are a must for any yard but should be grown in semi shade or shade. Moss rose, balsam, salvia, cocks comb, zinnias and dahlias do exceedingly well here. Gladiolas do well with a little care. Impatiens (sultana) do well but must grow in shade. Shrimp plant, shasta daisies, chrysanthemums are plants that stay with you year after year. For the careful gardner who loves to do the extra-ordinary, geraniums, hydrangeas and azaleas offer a challenge that pays off in extraordinary beauty. As you begin working on the beds, don't forget to pray for rain so the browse and weeds will come out to feed the deer to keep them away from your plants.

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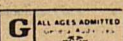


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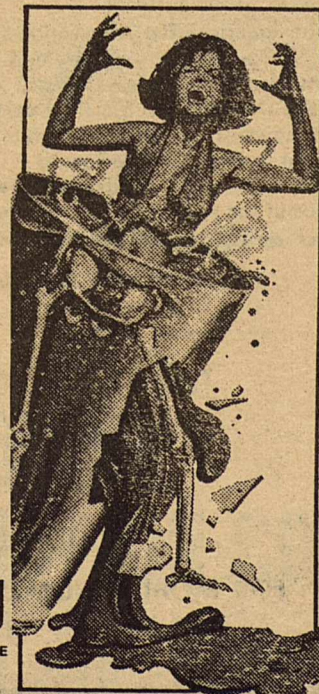
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ELECTION

Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. marked the last chance for entering on the ballots for April 3rd election.

Roland Williams, City Secretary, announced the following as candidates for Mayor; Will Mendeke incumbent with J. George Loos, Jr. opposing. Councilmen incumbents filing were Chris Gomez, Don Nance and Lupe Pena and Joe N. Garza opposing.

Election polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., April 3rd.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen

Watching Washington

At its annual meeting this year, the American Bar Association endorsed legislation I proposed that would insulate the Department of Justice from dangerous political pressures.

By its action the ABA reflects the doubts of an increasing number of Americans who are beginning to wonder if the Department of Justice is more a political instrument, than an instrument of justice. These doubts have been intensified by events of the past few years.



Three of our more recent presidents—Richard Nixon, John Kennedy and Harry Truman—named their campaign managers to head the U.S. Department of Justice. And, the practice has been working its way into our political system for some time, as far back as Woodrow Wilson.

With few exceptions, these attorneys general have all been highly respected representatives of the legal profession. And, once appointed, most of them have carried out their duties as head of the nation's legal system capably and often with distinction.

But, regardless of the personal integrity of the individual, serious questions arise when the President appoints the manager of his political campaign to the sensitive post of Attorney General. And these questions intensify when politics is involved in the appointments of U.S. Attorneys and Federal Marshals and other lesser posts within the Justice Department.

It is time to reassure the American people that the Justice Department stands ready to enforce the law of the land fully and fairly. It is time to reassure them that law enforcement decisions will not be determined by partisan politics, whether Republican or Democratic.

My bill would do this by first prohibiting the President from appointing top campaign aides as Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Solicitor General or Assistant Attorney General. With all the highly competent members of the legal profession to pick from, we shouldn't have to look to the ranks of a presidential campaign staff to fill positions in the Justice Department.

Under my proposed system, the Attorney General instead of the President would appoint all U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals. And I would bring all Assistant U.S. Attorneys and their legal staffs under the same merit system that governs promotions throughout the rest of the Department.

Finally, my bill would amend the Hatch Act to prohibit partisan political activity by everyone within the Department of Justice, including the Attorney General and all U.S. Attorneys.

The American Bar Association already sees the wisdom of these steps. In light of this, and in light of the concern of many Americans over evidence of misconduct by former Justice Department officials, I am hopeful Congress will give swift approval to this legislation to insulate our nation's legal system from political influence.

It is a first order of business, if we are to restore the confidence of the people in their government.

SCHOOL ADMISSION

AUSTIN, TEXAS----Persons seeking financial aid to attend the University of Texas at Austin have been urged to meet application deadlines and file the required Family Financial Statement.

The deadline for summer of 1976 financial aid is Feb. 15 and, for the 1975-76 academic year, it is March 1.

Awards made through the UT Office of Student Financial Aid fall into two categories, explained Susan K. Groves, student development specialists. Gift aid, which includes grants and/or scholarships is the first category. The second is self-help funds which include the College Work-Study Program, Full-Time Summer Employment and long-term loans.

The amount offered as a financial aid award, plus the student's resources and, if dependent, those of his or her parents, cannot exceed the educational budget determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Gift-aid Funds and College Work-Study funds are of a limited nature and priority on these funds goes to students who apply on or before the application deadline," said Ms. Groves.

She explained that persons who do not meet application priority deadlines for the 1976 summer session and the 1976-77 academic year may still apply for financial aid, provided adequate time exists for the Financial Aid Office to process the financial aid application. Aid awarded to late applications will be within the limitation of available funds, she added.

Community Calendar

- March 6----- (Saturday)
Fall of the Alamo
- March 6----- (Saturday)
Uvalde Tennis Meet
- March 6----- (Saturday)
Devine Track Meet
- March 9----- (Tuesday)
Rabies Vaccination Clinic
1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Kinney County Wool & Mohair Warehouse
- March 9 - 12- (Tuesday - Friday)
San Angelo Stock Show
- March 18, 19, 20-----
(Thursday, Friday, & Saturday)
Beta Sigma Phi Annual Benefit Flower Sale-proceeds to go to the Kinney County Library
AT: Sagebrush Shoppe
HOURS: 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- March 26----- (Friday)
UIL Band Contest
- March 29----- (Monday)
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Between Us

by:

JOE TOWNSEND

I just now saw a humming bird come to my feeder. The first came a week ago and now the second one—maybe the same one. They are full late this year. There should normally have been many of them here by now. They are hard to fool weatherwise. Whether God speaks to them through their instincts or maybe He just gave them a congenital instinct that guides. At any rate, they seem to know when cold weather is gone. Their presence does not mean there will be no more cold weather nor even that there won't be another freeze, but it does mean the big part of the cold has gone for this year.

You kinda wonder where all the rest of the darlings of the bird world are. I suppose like human beings they have to have leaders, pioneers and scouts. We must admire these "early birds" who scout out the way. There is no way to overestimate the value of the "Daniel Boones"—the "Rogers & Clarks" and other men who lived with nature in the raw to scout out the new land of the "free and home of the brave." Indeed our schools, politicians and news media have done our land a great disservice by complacently allowing to almost die, the thrill to the heart at the memory of the early scouts in a land of harsh and rugged nature dotted only here and there by few peoples with no maps and little real knowledge of the great new world. The pioneers who followed make a mocking of the beaurocrats and politicians weeping and wailing about poverty and poor people. Rich are our poorest compared to the way the pioneers worked and lived.

Because of the great work done by the scouts and pioneers there followed the multitudes of evergetic, hard working peoples who builded a nation second to none which lets the "Naders" the "Madeline O'Hares", the professional "do gooders" do their nit picking and shin kicking. Even as man destroys himself beating against the Ten Commandments, so will these "fly by night" insects of society fade into oblivion while America grows and becomes even greater.

Soon great numbers of humming birds will follow these scouts and we shall be again fascinated by them for several months.

TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISER'S ASSOCIATION

For the first time in many years there is a good possibility that Congress will revise the antiquated Federal Estate Tax laws, according to Joe M. Mertz of San Angelo, vice chairman of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Tax Committee.

In a recent report to the directors of the TS&GRA in Sonora, Mertz further reported that President Ford in his State of the Union message emphasized the need for revision of the old laws. Further support of the tax revision is indicated in S. 2875, introduced by Senator George McGovern of South Dakota. The proposed legislation would give much-needed relief to farm and ranch families when they are faced with the burden of settling an estate. With inflated land prices and the antiquated tax laws, many farms and ranches are being liquidated in order to satisfy the inequities of the present Federal Estate Tax laws.

Under the McGovern Bill, an executor of a stockman's estate could elect to have real property used in the deceased's farming or ranching operation valued for Federal Estate Taxes based upon its productivity. This would be accomplished by dividing the average gross cash rental (less state and local real estate taxes) for comparable land for the 3 years immediately preceding death by the average interest rate of all new Federal Land Bank loans for this same 3-year period. To qualify for this election, substantially all of the real property would have to have been devoted to farming or ranching for 60 months preceding the stockman's death. If the real property were disposed of (other than by involuntary transfers) within

5 years after the stockman's death, then a recapture would be imposed which would be the difference between the Federal Estate Tax based upon fair market value and the value determined by reference to its productivity.

Additionally, the McGovern Bill would, for all estates, increase the Federal Tax exemption from \$60,000 to \$200,000 and amend the marital deduction provision to provide a minimum deduction of \$100,000 on property passing to a surviving spouse.

In closing Mertz stated that the directors of the TS&GRA voted unanimously to support the principles of the McGovern Bill. He further urged each farmer and rancher to immediately write or personally contact their Senators and Congressmen and ask them to support S. 2875. In this election year and with President Ford's recognition of the problem, now is the time to act in order for the industry to obtain needed remedial legislation.

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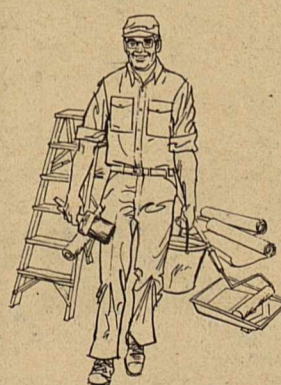
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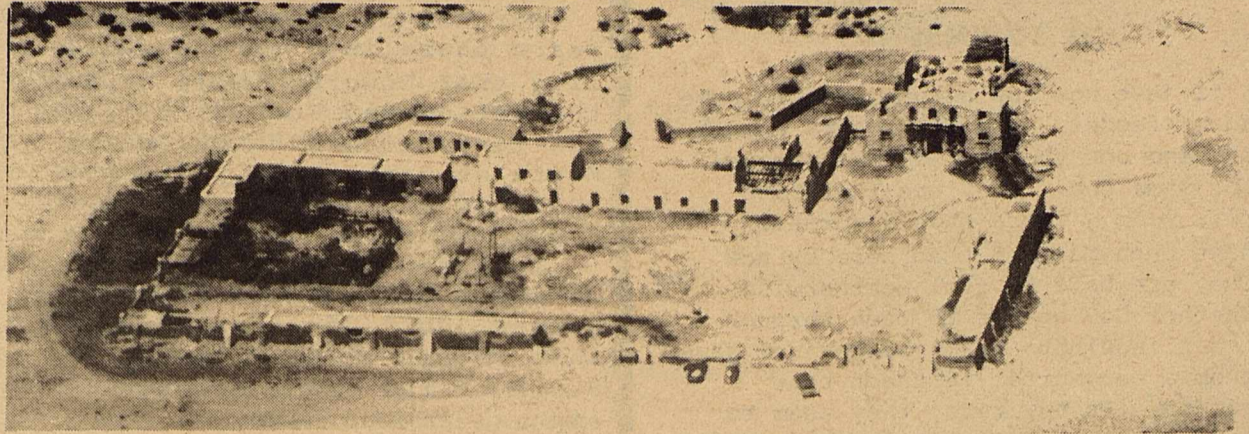
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BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



AS IT MIGHT HAVE LOOKED THEN... THE ALAMO

Commanding General, Carroll A. Lewis, Jr., a force of 150 soldiers, (Mexican and Texan), his Colonels, plus women and children will take part in the Bicentennial re-enactment of the "FALL OF THE ALAMO", Saturday, March 6, 1976, 3:00 P.M., Alamo Village, Brackettville, Texas. (On the grounds of the exact replica of the Alamo that was built for John Wayne's movie epic, "THE ALAMO". GATE OPENS at 9:00 a.m.: WINTER RATES: Children under 6 free; under 12, \$1.25; ADULTS \$2.00.

When the smoke clears and the last notes of the bugle fade away after the re-enactment of the Battle of the Alamo on March 6th, it doesn't mean that all of the action is over. The reenactment sponsored by the National Reenactment Society and the Texas Army at Happy Shahans Alamo Village at Brackettville will be followed by an artillery grudge match on March 7th.

Two groups, the Dallas Light Artillery, led by Ken Richardson of Mesquite, and the Pelican Battery, captained by C.J. Johnson of Pineville, La., will decide which state has the best artillery shots. Both units will depict Mexican Artillery during the Battle on the 6th, and both use authentic replicas on 19th century muzzleloading cannon.

Seeking to uphold the honor of their respective states, the crews will train their guns, loaded with cement filled beer cans, at targets 300 yards distant. Neither side will admit that the other can outshoot them, and the outcome



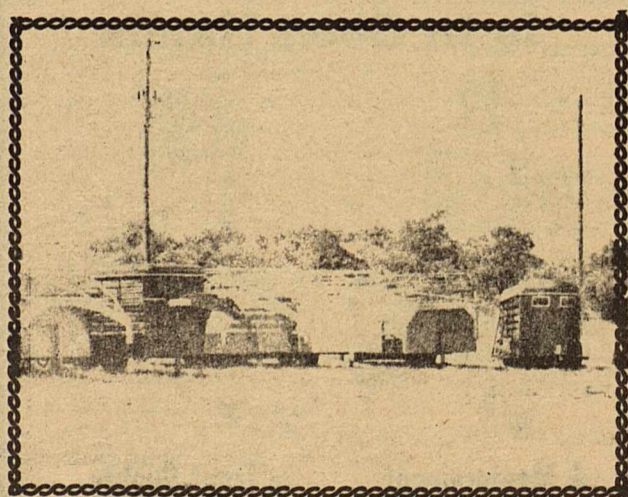
Backwoods Volunteers, will be playing favorite country bluegrass music, live at Alamo Village, Saturday, March 6, 1976, in conjunction with the Bicentennial Salute to America. At 3:00 p.m., "The Fall of the Alamo" will be re-enacted by members of the National re-enactment Society, Austin re-enactment Society and the Texas Army. Village, opens at 9:00 a.m.


should determine the superiority of Texas or Louisiana artillerymanship -- until the next rematch.

The reenactment of the battle of the Alamo is an official bicentennial event and will draw nearly 200 re-

enactors from all over the U.S., all costumed in 1836 uniforms Brackettville is 120 miles west of San Antonio.

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4-H - Kaye York, Candy Smallwood, Georgeanna Crain, Tammy Foust, Jim Lindeman, Mark Baxter, and Alan Fre- rich are gallivanting around the super city of Houston this week at that city's stock show.

Tennis - Coach Kathy Bader has taken the tennis team on several practice meets in preparation for district. The tennis team includes Mark Veltmann, Tony Koch, Sammy Munoz, Mario Fuentes, Ray Pena, Steve Pena, Richard Garcia, Tammy Foust, Kimberly Trant, Kathy Dyer, Lou Ann Lindeman, Candy Smallwood, Dawn Slubar, and Venita Gum. The group won most of their matches at the practice in Nueces Canyon. The Uvalde meet is this weekend.

Track - Tomorrow, the track team, coached by Bobby Slaughter, will travel to Devine for a practice meet. Team members include Joe Hidalgo, Ruben Cervantez, John Jones, Buck Smallwood, Bill Pratt, Lee Salmon, Charlie De la Rosa, Donnie Nance, Steve Kral, Mark Tidwell, Armando Aulla, Arturo Terrazas, Travis Meyers, and Tony Samaniego.

The feminine sprinters, led by Coach Wueste, went to Eagle Pass today for a practice meet. The girl's team is composed of Blasa Flores, Traci Roselle, Monica Benites, Betty Meyer, Maxine Meyer, Brenda Dodson, Sylvia Guterrez, and Martha Pena. The first official meet will be March 12 in Lytle.

Student Council - is selling T-shirts decorated with appropriate Tiger insignias. The cost is \$3.00 and may be ordered from any Student Council member. The Council is sponsored by Jim Collett.

Band - had a successful campaign selling posters. The proceeds will be used to finance a trip to San Antonio for the Flambeau Parade.

FFA - is busy making plans for their annual banquet, April 9th.

At any rate, it ought to be a great summer, if we survive the spring.

KAZEN IN WASHINGTON

Major re-examinations of our tax laws are being continued by our House Ways and Means committee, and I hope that action can be taken soon on federal estate taxes. We're now using a law that dates back to 1943. I am convinced its operation is inequitable to property owners and also threatens the common welfare, so I have introduced proposed amendments which would apply to all estates. The bill is H.R. 11905.

Under the present law, the heirs to a property owner are liable for taxes on all assets over \$60,000, and the Internal Revenue Service uses the "fair market value" of the property in determining the tax liability. In recent years, real property values have soared, so that many farmers and small ranchers become "paper rich." Their land has climbed in value, while they have struggled to keep pace with the rising costs of operating their farms.

"LIVE POOR, DIE RICH"

It's been well said that many farmers live poor but die rich. In many cases, it's the man of a family who dies first, and I have been deeply moved by constituent mail telling of widows forced to sell their farms to meet taxes and then facing uncertainty about their future support. I therefore have joined several other colleagues in proposing that the legal exemption be raised to \$200,000.

I also advocate a change in the method of evaluating all estates. Sometimes the "fair market value" now used by the IRS has soared because urban areas near a property have made it attractive residential area. Sub-dividers may be buying nearby, and the assessors therefore have to calculate market values based on such influences. I think we need to protect the family farms rather than threaten its loss because of tax pressures.

FARM DECLINE SEEN

I've read economic studies that suggest our nation may see 200,000 to 400,000 family farms go out of business each year for the next 20 years if we don't protect them. Such a decline would affect every consumer in the country, because these farms make essential contributions to our supplies of food and fiber.

The importance of the tax threat is evident in figures provided by W. Fred Woods, an economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He found that the average value of assets per farm totalled \$51,440 in 1960, but by 1974 the value had mounted to \$169,744. The cost of being a farmer is rising so steadily that we're already having trouble attracting young people to this essential occupation, and we should not add additional discouragement by an out-moded tax law.

PRESIDENT PROPOSED DELAY

The President has taken another approach to the problem. He has suggested that no taxes be due for five years after the death of the owner. Thereafter, on the first \$300,000 of an estate, the heirs could choose to schedule tax payments over 20 years, paying 4 per cent interest on the debt. The present law allows a 10-year payment plan, at 7 per cent interest.

I fail to see how this meets the basic need. As one constituent has said "If my estate can't raise the money in the first place, how can anyone say a time-payment plan makes the job any easier?"

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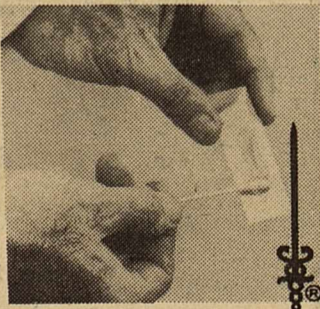
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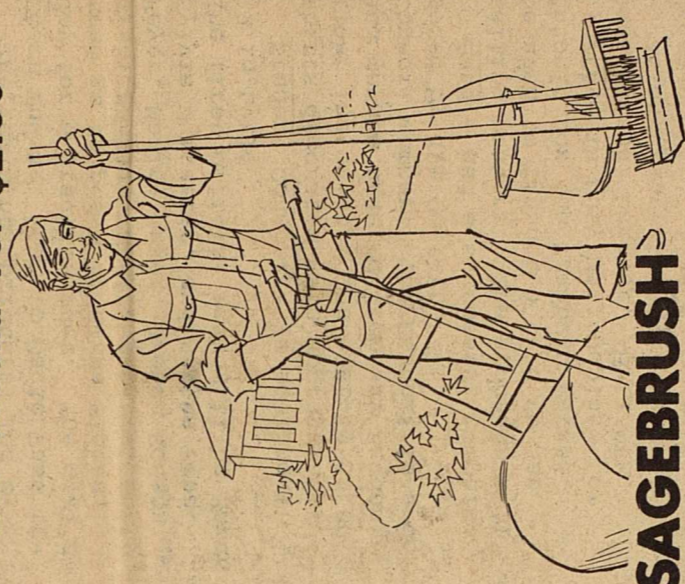
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