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CITY QUESTIONS CABLE COMPANY

CITY HALL

Mayor Chris Gomez called the regular meeting of the Brackettville City Council to order on Monday night to cover several important issues. Those Councilmen attending: Dale Borden, Joe Garza, Don Nance, and Lupe Pena, Mayor Chris Gomez presiding. Absent: Richard Garcia.

The first issue covered was a new radar unit for the City Police, a purchase for \$43.78 per month for three years, total \$1,500.00 plus interest.

Mayor Chris Gomez stated a growing number of complaints have been received from Brackett citizens on poor service being supplied by the Brackettville Cable TV Company. It was noted that the Brackettville Cable TV Company rates are higher than surrounding communities even though adjacent communities receive more channel coverage. Plus it was felt that Brackettville Cable TV Company was not providing adequate service per their contract with the city.

The Council voted to file a formal complaint with the owners of Brackettville Cable TV Company.

Also the City Police Chief informed the Council of the problem with use of the two wrecker services in Brackett. To date the City has been rotating the use of the two services, of which on certain occasions disputes have arisen on who had the right to carry out certain type jobs.

Bailey said he recommended that the council set up guidelines in order to eliminate the problems. The Council decided to wait on their decision until meeting and discussing the problems with all parties concerned.

Chester Young, Delinquent Tax Attorney from Austin, was renewed for a two-year contract also Charles Koch was reappointed Brackett's Fire Marshal.

City Manager, Tim Ward, reported that no blinker lights will be place on highway 90 that runs through the City by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Instead Ward stated that the department is considering increasing the size of the speed limit signs along the route. They will be notified at a later date.

Police Chief Bailey reported to the Council that he had issued 13 traffic tickets in the month of December. Also there had been two driving while intoxicated arrests and two traffic accidents.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Kinney County Commissioners' Court met on Monday at their regular meeting with Del Rio Attorney Quinton Etzel and Graves And Associates attending. The major project on their hands is the Kinney County Library project.

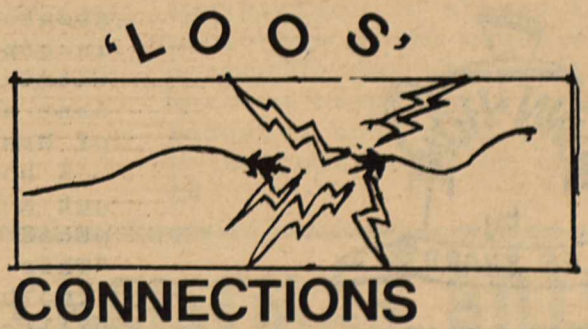
Commissioners' Court is trying to determine what Kinney County's financial responsibilities are.

The Court has terminated the contract with Myers Construction Company, when the company failed to comply to its terms and duties in the contract. The original contract with Myers Construction was for \$143,277 out of which they were paid \$59,919, completion situation 55 percent.

The Del Rio Attorney, Etzel, said since no valid bond had been drawn up by County Commissioners' Court, Kinney County was responsible to the sub-contractors hired for the job. With the amount of \$32,237.84 due to the sub-contractors.

Further discussion of the project will be as soon as more time could be taken and more information could be obtained.

The Court also reappointed Chester Young, a tax attorney from Austin, as the delinquent tax attorney for the county.



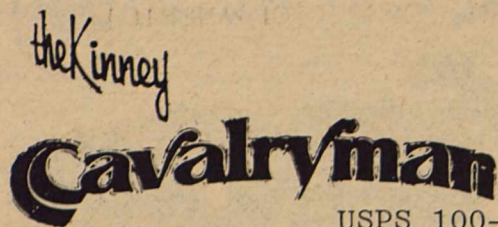
Well this week I am going to bite off a real "good Chew", and bring up some things that the public should know about! This won't make me the most popular person on our planet, but you the people of Kinney County need to know what is going on.....IT COULD BE....that you already have or are about to be "fleeced out of your everlovin' longjohns!"

CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT

It looks like good ole "ready Kilowatt" is about to give us the "juice" again...a few years ago, this community and this newspaper put up a fight to convince CP&L to keep their office in this community. Brackettville had experienced the false promises from "Ma Bell" that "removing the local office would not effect local service." (We are still suffering from the booboo.)

Oh Boy! They really put on a good show! The only removed one employee...bought a piece of property for an office...(complete with tin shed) ...and acted like they were really going to support our growing community.

THEN CAME THE SNEAKY POO--When Mrs. Gladys Fritter retired, good ole CP&L said that they



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LOOSISM-LOOSISM-LOOSISM-LOOSISM

BEGIN AT ONCE TO LIVE,
AND COUNT EACH DAY AS
A SEPARATE LIFE.....



FLUFFY CHEESE OMELET

- 4 eggs separated
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 tablespoon butter
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups creamed cottage cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1 1/4 cups canned cream of Vegetable soup

Beat egg whites, with egg beater
until stiff but not dry. Beat
yolks with same beater until thick
and lemon colored. Add salt and pep-
per and 1 cup cottage cheese.
continue beating until smooth and
blended. Fold egg whites in gently
Heat butter slowly in 9" skillet
until moderately warm. Add egg mix-
ture and cook slowly until puffed
up and lightly browned on bottom.
Bake at 350 degrees for about 15
minutes. Cut about halfway down
across the center. Slip a spatula
under one half and loosen omelet.
And fold in half without breaking
Spread with the rest of the cot-
tage cheese before folding. Serve
at once with sauce made by heating
soup mixture with sour cream.
(takes 35 minutes)

"LOOS CONNECTIONS"

were going co-op offices with Brackettville Cable TV Company and
bills would still be payable at this location and SOMEONE WOULD
BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS!

HO! HO! HO! NOW PLEASE SEND YOUR REMITS TO DEL RIO!!

GO find our sole CP&L representative on your nearest power pole
if you have a problem...

This situation has certainly not been in good faith with the
promises of not to long ago. It is not serving a community that
has allowed you to increase your rates many fold in the past few
years! While you cut the number of employees and our services!

If Central Power and Light does not re-establish proper service
to this community, I wouldn't be surprised if this community would-
not petition the State Utilities commision to revoke their contract.
WITH THE WHOLEHEARTED BACKING OF THIS NEWSPAPER.

I DOUBT IF THERE IS ANOTHER COMPANY OPERATING IN KINNEY COUNTY
WITH THIS MUCH INCOME WITH ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE ON THE PAYROLL IN
THE COUNTY!!

Our Favorite People

DON AND CATRINA CROWDER
"Father and Daughter Team"

Hi there! I'll bet you're
expecting this to be the first
installemt in my library series
huh? Bet you just can't wait to
read this nifty column, huh? Well,
I blew it, but I can explain.

Anyone wanting to compile a
collection of data, for use as
source material in writing an
article, about the library
would be compelled, as I was,
to interview the one person who,
since she has been involved from
the beginning, would know the
most about the history of that
self-same library. I refer, in
particular, to the ever charming
Mrs. (with-held by request) who
told me (with-held by request)
and amny other interesting things
about (with-held by request) and
in conclusion, I would say that
Catrina and I spent a very plea-
sant afternoon in the company
of Mrs. (With-held by request).

I hope you are beginning to
get a picture of what has hap-
pened to my library series.
"This Reporter" is however not
(too badly) discouraged and
will certainly (in all prob-
ability) be able to find some
other topic to write about.
People, after all, are fun.
People are interesting. I like
talking to people, and I like
writing about people, BUT, and
this is a big but, I'm having
an increasingly more difficult
time persuading people to talk
back. Not-to-worry though, I
have a plan. The title and for-
mat of this column will be dif-
ferent in the next edition. I
cannot tell you the new title,
since I don't know what it will
be, and I cannot tell you the
things I will write about, since
I don't know, but you may be
assured that I will write some-
thing, it will have a title,
and my daughter's name will be
attached to it as always. She
hasn't learned to write yet, I
admit, but she does help, she
contributes energy and inspir-
ation, and she is a memeber of
the Texas Press Association.
(So there!)

Getting back to the library
we do have a nice one. They
have some 10,000 books or so,

they are open to the public, and
if you want a book that they
don't have, they can probably
get it for you. Drop in and
look them over one of these days
you won't regret it.

Our library staff consists
of Mrs. (With-held upon request)
Ms. (Golden Else) Sauer, and
Mrs. "Charley" Corey.
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Present Day
Myths

by: JOE TOWNSEND

The Continuing flap over the
despicable treatment of Taiwan
is showing more and more the
ignorance and naivete of the
President. We were told an agree-
ment had been reached whereby
Communist China would pursue
only peachful means in uniting
Formosa to Mainland China. Now
MR. Teng says they will use for-
ce unless Taiwan capitulates in
less than 10 years. We were told
the U.S. would continue to supply
arms to Taiwans. We were told
the same thing about arms to the
Chinese Nationalists but some-
how the arms never reached the
Nationalists. The same pro-com-
munist thinking led to the U.S.
delivering China into the
Communist camp that now wants
to deliver Taiwan into the

Communist fold. Now Mr. Teng
says Taiwan can maintain their
antonomy, their cultural and
economic ties and even their
armed forces. Then pray tell
why is Mr. Teng so adamant that
Taiwan capitulate? It's all a
matter of "face." Taiwan is a
successful democratic country.
Communist China is a miserable
failure. It would feed the ego
of the Communists to see a strong
successful "free" democracy come
crawling and "kow-tow"ing to
communist pressure. I might be
able to accept more readily the
Chinese Communists' overtures
if I did not so clearly remember
the torture and butchering of
some of my friends by the same
Godless Community Mr. Carter
wants to exalt and how before.

Soil Conservation

by: Howard Ragsdale

EROSION A REAL PROBLEM

If you can see signs of erosion on cultivated land, you are probably losing soil at the rate of more than 15 tons per acre per year.

A loss this high shows that land is inadequately protected. Losses much higher than this occur when rain or wind strike the bare land.

It is not particularly important that the farmer is able to tell how many tons of soil is lost. The important thing is that if erosion can be seen, something needs to be done fast.

A common misconception is to blame all visible water erosion on running water or runoff. Runoff does cut ditches and rills, but generally is a sign of advanced problems, which actually start with raindrops striking bare soil.

There are several things that can be done about erosion. First, and most important, is to keep a protection cover on the land. This can be done by growing protective crops as well as managing crop residues following harvest.

Crop residue left on the soil causes the soil to absorb water more rapidly, reducing total runoff, thus reducing erosion. It also adds organic matter to the soil improving the soil's physical condition and fertility.

Minimum tillage is a new conservation practice rapidly becoming popular in the United States. This tillage systems provide a residue cover on the ground year round.

Mechanical practices such as contouring, terracing and land leveling also aids in the prevention of erosion but these practices alone will not prevent or hold erosion to a safe level.

Up to date conservation methods are the farmers best bet for full production and income over the long term with the smallest loss of his basic soil resource.



EROSION RATES ARE HIGH AND PRODUCTION IS LOW FROM POORLY MANAGED CROPLAND.

BETWEEN US

By: JOE TOWNSEND

It is more encouraging to see some much needed improvement being carried out regarding bridges over Los Moras Creek. Especially the walk ways on the bridges are long over due and a tremendous improvement. Signs of a bridge or at least better crossing of the creek on the road to the old city dump is also encouraging. The new City Council and the new City Manager are continuing to make some needful and important progress to meet the needs of our city. Such actions merit the support of all the people and a word of appreciation to the Manager, the Mayor, and the Council.

MOHAIR COUNCIL OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 18

The Annual Membership meeting of the Mohair Council of America will be held in San Angelo on January 18. The meeting will be held in the Riverside Convention Center in the Holidome, Holiday Inn.

A number of rooms have been set aside for visitors who wish to stay overnight. These can be obtained by contacting the Mohair Council office at (915) 655-3161 or the Holiday Inn at (915) 655-8151.

Highlight of the meeting will be the documentary film on Angora goats made by the Italian group who visited here this past August. Germano Fileppo, President of Filatura di Crosa of Biella, Italy, headed up the group this summer and will be at the meeting, along with one or both of the photographers who were here. The film was seen in Biella in its rough draft form in November by the Mohair Council of America market development team, and they were highly complimentary of it.

Bob Childress of Ozona, President of the Mohair Council, will preside. Other officers are Herman Moore, Brownwood, Vice-President; and Robert Pfluger, San Angelo, Secretary-Treasurer. Reports will be given on major activities of the MCA this past year, as well as plans for activities coming up in 1979.

Another highlight will be the election of officers for the coming year.

President Childress extends to all producers of mohair an invitation to attend the meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for growers to learn what is happening in the mohair industry and to have a voice in the operation of the Council. ##

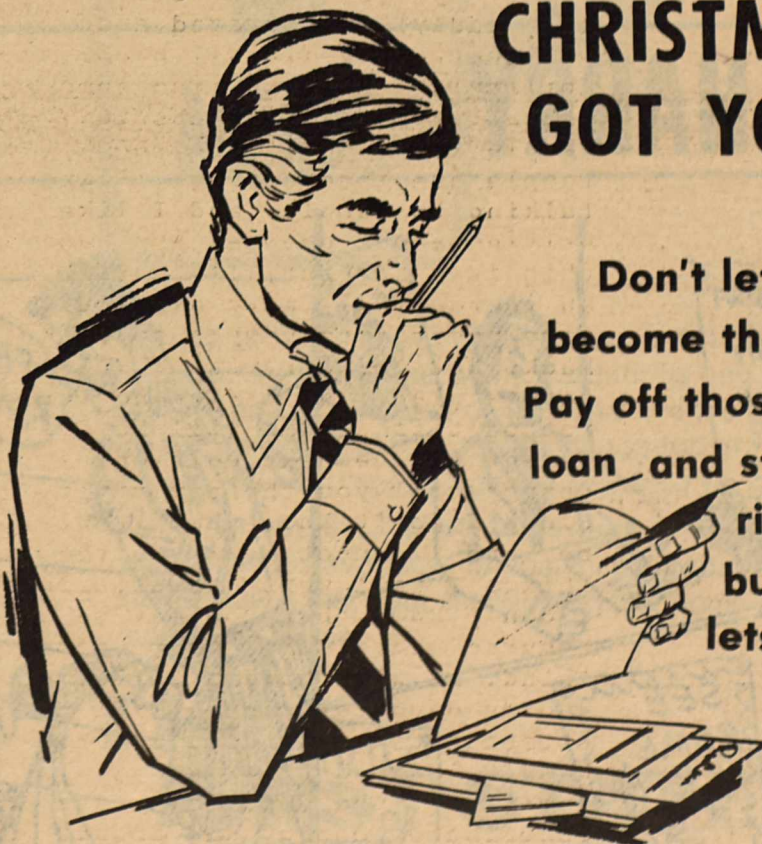


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SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS NEWS

Don't let those carcasses lie there! The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association is again asking producers to collect and save carcasses of lambs and kids killed by predators.

Operation dead lamb is going again, and the industry desperately needs the information that those carcasses can reveal about predation. Specifically, the Association is seeking carcasses of lambs and kids killed by eagles, but any suspected predator kill is welcomed.

WE are asking that carcasses be bagged, frozen and delivered to any of the collection centers listed below, where they will be held for necropsy.

last year's Dead Lamb project was a most definite success, and we're hoping to have even more collected and autopsied this year. (this is not to suggest that we wish anyone to suffer more predation, heaven forbid, just that we expect samples from a greater percentage of the predation that's going to occur anyway.)

For those who may have missed last year's results--a quick run-down:

Of 80 carcasses examined through July 26, 1978, more than half were confirmed predator kills and another 21 were suspected predator kills. In the latter case, predation usually could

not be confirmed because not enough of the carcasses remained after mutilation to satisfy the stringent criteria requirements employed.

Of the 80 carcasses, fully 24 were determined by critical autopsy to have been killed by eagles. Another 21 were suspected eagle kills but again were so

severely mutilated that too little evidence remained to offer positive proof.

Of the 35 remaining carcasses, 18 were mammal kills and 17 died of miscellaneous causes, usually disease or severe weather exposure.

What does it all mean? Well, for one thing, it means that there are a heck of a lot more lambs and kids killed by eagles than the eagles' staunch friends and protectors would have the public believe. In this limited number of cases alone, well over half the samples were either confirmed or strongly suspected eagle kill--and this based on extremely stringent criteria.

Eagle excusers may argue that the results were weighted in favor of eagle kills because that's what the collectors (the ranchers themselves) were looking for, and that they doubtless passed over other carcasses that, if collected, would have raised the percentage of non-eagle kills. Those same excusers however, constantly maintain that ranchers were too ignorant to tell predator kills from disease losses, much less eagle kills from mammal kills.

They can't have it both ways ---either ranchers are ignorant and this is a good random sampling, or ranchers were selective in their collections, proving they've known exactly what they were talking about all along.

The point is, it proves something--and such proof is what the industry must have it is going to protect itself against continually escalating interference from possibly well-meaning but grossly misinformed non-producers. The government won't help with the solution because the government is most of the problem. To be part of the solution, take suspected kills to:

Flavil's Grocery & Market, 1705 N. Milam, Uvalde; D & W Proces-

sing, Menard; Del Rio Locker Plant, 515 Pecan, Del Rio, Kountry Korner Food Stores, Hwy 90 and FM 163, Comstock; Branding Iron Smoke House, Sonora; Priour-Varga Wool Warehouse, Rocksprings; Bernhard's INgram Locker, Ingram; Ray Siegmund, District Extension Agent, 1710 N. Front St., Fort Stockton; Drs. Dale Wade & Charles Livingston, San Angelo Research & Extension Center, Rt. 1, Box 950, Hwy 87 North, San Angelo.

Each carcass will be tagged upon receipt at the collection point, listing date, location of find, predator suspected, lamb/kid owner, etc. This information is needed for accuracy or the final report..
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COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

AUSTIN--Comptroller Bob Bullock announced that a representative from the San Antonio-NW office will be in Brackettville, Thursday, January 18, 1979, to answer questions from taxpayers and provide assistance in filing tax returns.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer, Byron Hahn will be at the Brackettville, Kinney County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 12 NOON.

"I hope local merchants will take this opportunity to get any questions they have about the sales or franchise taxes answered," said Bullock. "A little straight information can save us both headaches."

The San Antonio, Northwest office, headed by Larry Garza serves Bandera, Medina, Kendall, Uvalde, Real, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Gillespie and Bexar Counties.

HARD LUCK HARRY

By: TEX HILL



TSCRA

FORT WORTH-Jan. 3, 1979-- Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association severely criticized a Department of Agriculture proposal eliminating brush control from federal cost-sharing on a national basis recently in two letters that emphasized the close relation between brush control and soil and water conservation.

John Matthews, chairman of TSCRA's Soil and Water Resources Committee, told the acting director of the Conservation and Environmental Protection Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA, the "if the gentlemen in your department were familiar with the problems created by brush and the beneficial results obtained by brush control, there

Matthews, an abilene, Texas, rancher, is also chairman of the Texas Brush Control and Range Improvement Associaton.

Texas has approximately 100 million acres of privately-owned rangeland, of which 92 million acres are estimated to have woody species. Approximately 40 percent of Texas rangelands have a brush canopy that inhibits herbaceous plant production, says USDA's Soil Conservation Service.

Under the proposed regulations the 1979 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) differs from the past in that brush control practices (spraying, root-plowing, chaining, etc) are not specifically eligible for federal cost-sharing on a national basis. Provisions are made for the approval of additional practices on a county-by-county basis, but the process would be long and very difficult.

"The USDA contends that brush control has only minimal soil and water conservation benefits, but let's look at the facts," says John B. Armstrong, TSCRA president from Kingsville, Texas. "Woody plants like mesquite use three to four times the amount of water used by the natural potential plant community. In drouth, this situation intensifies, and without grass cover, active erosion occurs."

Armstrong also noted that woody plants in Texas use an estimated 38 per cent of the state's total annual rainfall--nearly 20 times the amount used by all our citites, industries and irrigated farms.

Mesquite, one of the worst water abusers, has roots that can penetrate as deep as 125 feet to intercept water flowing to recharge aquifers.

Matthews emphasized that grass was "the greatest saver

of rainfall that we have," and it was "also the best control against erosion."

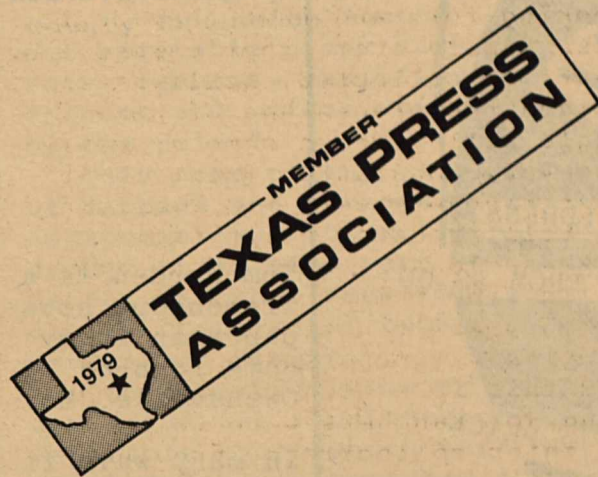
"The primary benefit of brush control is the conservation of soil and water," Armstrong added, "and the written objective of the 1979 agricultural conservation program is to help ensure asequate supplies of food and fiber through the conservation of soil and water resources used in agriculture. Without question then, brush control goes hand-in-hand with this program and deserves irs financial support."

IN his appeal for a reversal by USDA, Matthews offered a free round-trip airline ticket to the three stringest advocates of anit-brush control to show them firsthand where they are wrong.

GMI

NASHVILLE, TENN.---DOTTSY, was at the office of RCA in Nashville, listening to material for her up-coming recording session with producer Roy Dea, when WAYLON JENNINGS dropped by. Waylon heard them discussing the material, and told them that he had a song that was a "woman's song", and he thought it would be a good one for Dottsyt. Waylon sat down with a guitar in Roy's office and sang it for them. They both liked the song so much, that Waylon brought a demo tape back to RCA, and they went into the studio and cut "Tryin' to Satisfy You" that same day. Waylon offered to "pick" on the session, and can be heard playing lead guitar and singing with Dottsyt on the record.

It is quite a coincidnece that Dottsyt's very first single "Storms Never Last" was written by Waylon's wife, Jessi Colter. This new record, whihc was shipped on December 22, is a departure from Dottsyt's previous records in that it has a more "driving" feel, and it is only 2 minutes and 13 seconds long. "Tryin To Satisfy You" promises to be Dottsyt's strongest effort to date, and should be a favorite of the drive-time D.J.'s.



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**A newspaperman's
New
Year's
resolution**

by Tom Warden

Tom Warden is a tremendous newspaperman in my home town of Owensville, Mo.

In many ways it tells the story of what really goes on behind the scenes and things that most people never know..... IT IS NOT AN EASY JOB!

Judy

New Year's resolutions, by and large, are something of a standing joke around this time of the year. We resolve abstinence from tobacco, bottled spirits and over-eating . . . usually in the full knowledge and expectation that the resolutions will soon be violated.

But for newspapermen, who must give solemn consideration to the possibility that the pen is mightier than the sword—and then quake at the responsibilities therein—the occasion should be used to seek a few resolutions-kept from the editor-in-chief of that great newspaper in the sky.

I have a few requests, Sir. Let me rely on truth as the sole defense for whatever these thumbly paws may hunt-and-peck from a typewriter.

Let me be fair. Luck and circumstance have placed in these fingers—which in younger years should have been learning to type instead of operating a Linotype machine—a measure of authority which I may never fully comprehend. Let me use it humbly.

Let me seek out the facts, and give me the inquisitiveness to check and re-check them. Guide me past the valley of the shadow of doubt . . . when I need a lead story for Wednesday's edition.

Grant me, as the poet intoned, the courage to change the things I can change; the serenity to accept those I cannot change; and the wisdom to know the difference.

Those 26 tools we call our alphabet form a two-edged sword that can be used for good or for bad. They can build, or they can tear down. Let me use them for good. Let me build. And let me know what must be destroyed, whether it be ignorance, deceit, selfishness, bias or downright malfeasance.

Let me write straight off the shoulder, on the square . . . and let me remember that the printed word is a leveler of men, that the rich and poor alike read newspapers. Let me assume that all those who read my words are more intelligent than I.

Whatever news comes my way, let me see to it that the facts are told quickly without embellishment, simply without flowery prose, accurately without half-truths.

Let me not forget the smell of newsprint, nor wash out the unsightly printers ink that stains the fingernails and grows into the crevasses of my hands . . . for it reminds me that—despite fancy titles—I am still a printer by trade.

Let me not lose sight of the fact that a broom can still fit my grip with the same ease that an editor's pen must fit.

And let me accept the fact that I will make mistakes, and protect the innocent from me when my aim is off-target. Give me the grace to laugh at myself when the mistake is on me. Forbid that I should use the easy, convenient excuse that the computer made an error.

Let me use my senses to report what I see and hear, but close my eyes and deafen me to the easy way out that gossip and rumor offer.

When a letter to the editor, signed or unsigned, accuses me of being a bum and incompetent, let me earnestly consider the possibility that the letter writer is right . . . and let me try to improve myself.

Let me see and report the humor in life, that it may assuage the grief that is part and parcel of everyday living.

Let me have tolerance for the young and give hope to the aged. Today's youths are tomorrow's subscribers, and the good businessman looks ahead. But those who have subscribed to the newspaper down through the years have helped sustain me: Without them, I wouldn't be here now.

Shield me from the temptation to close my office door to those who want to complain, or discuss, or simply pass the time of day . . . for a newspaper necessarily is of, about and for people. They are my daily bread.

Above all, let me be fair, that this might be chief motivation whenever I must grab up a typewriter and pound out a news story, an editorial or a weekly column.

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OVERCAST, WET WEATHER CAN SPELL GRASS TETANY

UVALDE---A livestock specialist here says cold, cloudy, overcast days such as those dominating Southwest Texas now make conditions prime for a cattle disease called grass tetany.

Dr. LeRoy Hoermann, an area livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says grass tetany is a disease which can strike cattle at their most productive time of life.

"This disease is caused by a magnesium deficiency in the diet, and usually affects the most productive cattle in the herd, which are either in late gestation or early lactation," Dr. Hoerman said. "It usually shows up in animals age four or older which are in the most productive stages of their life."

Dr. Hoerman said that for some reason, in the winter, the disease strikes animals which are turned on to relatively lush growing winter pastures of oats or wheat.

"This apparently happens because these plants during cold cloudy overcast winter days do not pick up the magnesium from the soil," Dr. Hoerman said.

The livestock specialist said disease symptoms include nervousness or belligerent behavior, heavy breathing, tremors and finally death. He said the animals are affected very rapidly. One problem is that the cattle are often gone or dead before the farmer or rancher notices it," he said.

The Texas A&M University specialist said the condition can be treated in some cases. He said successful treatment depends entirely on how soon the disease is detected.

The condition can be prevented by magnesium supplementation which should normally be started prior to cattle losses," Dr. Hoermann said.

He said there are commercial mineral mixtures available with high magnesium oxide content, or producers can mix their own magnesium oxide supplements. One mixture included 40 per cent salt, 40 per cent bone meal and 20 per cent magnesium oxide.

"We recommend that cattle intake of magnesium oxide should be about two ounces per day," the livestock specialist said. "Producers should be certain that their animals are consuming enough of the supplement to meet their requirements."

Dr. Hoermann said the disease incidence in Southwest Texas has been spotty. He said certain soil types are suspected since some areas, like one north of the farming community of Knippa, have greater problems than other areas. "We suspect that since all the producers in this one area since have had problems with the disease the soil type may be a contributing factor," he said.

The specialist said the weather conditions have been right and producers, especially those with prior incidence of grass tetany, should be on the lookout

for the disease. If symptoms are observed, the producer should consult a veterinarian immediately to possibly avert a cattle loss.

Waiting on a Thaw!

VEGETABLE CROPS DAMAGED BY COLD, BUT JUST HOW MUCH??

UVALDE--Temperature dipping toward zero last week took a heavy toll on Southwest Texas winter crops, but farmers are waiting for a good thaw to accurately assess the damage.

Similar freezing conditions in the Florida vegetable producing region spelled potentially high demand, short supply situation which will create good prices for producers who can deliver vegetables.

"We can't determine the full extent of the damage yet," said Darrell Smith, Uvalde

County Extension Agent, but vegetable crops such as carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, spinach and onions were damaged by the cold."

Only some of the older crops of cabbage and carrots may have escaped serious injury. Similar damage tolls also were being reported in other vegetable producing counties of Bexar, Medina Zavala and Dimmit.

"This record-breaking freeze destroyed the remainder of the vegetable crops which were not destroyed by the December 18 freeze" said Bexar County Extension Agent Thurman Kennedy. "Only our parsley and carrots are left."

Citrus crops in Dimmit County were completely wiped out with some damage to trees reported also.

Small grain crops such as wheat, oats and flax also suffered heavily under the freezing temperatures. In Atascosa County, Extension Agent Hollis Ducke reports that 50 percent of the county's flax crop was frozen back.

Available browse for cattle and wildlife on the range was knocked back by the unusually low temperatures. Foggy, drizzly conditions also are taking a toll in deteriorating much of the available dry forage on the range.

Lambing is beginning on schedule in many Hill Country countries where the record cold added some death losses in lambs and kids. Spanish Goats were particularly hard hit in the zero temperatures.

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Entomologist Warns

WOODPILE CAN BE HAZARDOUS ALSO

UVALDE--The hazards of a fireplace to the careless have been well advertised but those of the woodpile are not so well known.

Nevertheless, they do exist, said Dr. J. W. Stewart, as area entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For the benefit of the uninformed or those turned off by imposing titles, an entomologist is a student of insects, usually concerned with how best to com-

bat the undesirable and best use the beneficial.

"Your woodpile may harbor any number of pests, ranging from those which will wound or frighten you personally to others which can cause severe structural damage to your home," the entomologist said.

If the homeowners doesn't proceed with caution, he could be in for a surprise when cool weather sends him happily to the woodpile in anticipation of the pungent odor and cherry sound of burning logs in the living room.

Critters of various kinds and sizes from tiny spider mites to large black-snakes may use the stack as cover during the winter months, just when the unwary homeowner will likely want those same logs for a different purpose," Dr. Stewart explained.

Rodents, skunks and rabbits also find the woodpile a fine place to nest, he continued, "as well as insects, spiders, scorpions and other unwanted guests."

Sawdust around the wood is a good sign of boring insects, which may be carried into the house with the logs.

"If the wood is tacked on the ground, termites usually infest those logs closest to the soil. Ants--especially fire ants--many other insects and 'creepy crawlers' find a home

around the wood and serve as a food source for spiders and scorpions."

Wasps, looking for a place to spend the winter, may seek refuge in the teeming woodpile, Dr. Stewart said.

Both termites and boring insects will usually be consumed by the fire and likely will not infest the home unless the wood is left on the premises for some length of time. Termites can easily infest wood structure if firewood is stacked nearby.

Logs held over from one season to another should be placed well away from any building "and certainly never in the house," he admonished.

"Bites or stings from insects overwintering in the logs is an ever-present problem," Dr. Stewart emphasized. "If they are brought into the house with the wood and it isn't burned immediately, these pests may warm up and become active."

To lessen that chance, Dr. Stewart advised storing the day's supply outside near the most accessible door to the fireplace inspecting each piece as it is brought inside, while wearing gloves and long-sleeve clothing for protection.

Plastic placed underneath firewood stored on the ground will help reduce termite infestations, he noted.

A final caution: Never apply insecticide to firewood, whether it is to be used in a fireplace or for cooking outdoors. Some insecticides are harmless, some toxic and some merely unpleasant. None are designed to add to the pleasure of a fireplace or barbecue.

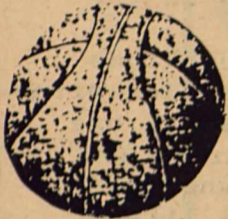
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BRACKETT HIGH TIGER TAILS

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Roundball Scoreboard

DISTRICT BASKETBALL OPENER

By: Adrian Reyes

Brackett played their first district basketball game here January 5 with Sabinal. Although the Tigers fought till the end, the Yellowjackets outshot the Tigers 44-39.

Brackett fans stayed on their feet for the better part of the game. The lead see-sawed throughout the evening.

HIGH SCORERS

Arthur Goodloe	13
Kenneth Sweet	9
Walter Goodloe	8

The second district game is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9 in Dilley.

TIGERETTES

By: Elva Garcia

The Brackett Tigerettes began their district play after a long schedule of pre-district games. Their first district game was last Friday against the Sabinal Yellowjackets. They were defeated by the Jackets 56-11.

The Tigerettes were understandably disappointed with their performance in the game. They hope to do better in future games.

DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Nueces Canyon	There	Jan. 12
Natalia	There	Jan. 16
Lytile	Here	Jan. 19
Sabinal	There	Jan. 23
Dilly	Here	Jan. 26
Nueces Canyon	Here	Jan. 30
Natalia	Here	Feb. 2
Lytile	There	Feb. 6

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By: Armando Avila

The Brackett Junior High school will sponsor a boys and girls basketball tournament Saturday, January 13. Four teams will participate in the tournament, Brackettville, Comstock, La Pryor, and Sacred Heart of Del Rio.

Tip-off for the first game is 8 am. The Brackett Cubs will play the Sacred Heart team.

Trophies will be awarded the the first, second, and third place winners. All Tourney trophies will be given to individuals who play excellent ball throughout the tournament.

Everyone is invited to attend the tournament and to support the Cubs and Cubettes.

SOIL CONSERVATION ESSAY CONTEST UNDERWAY

By: James Hester

The Texas Conservation Awards Program is sponsoring an essay contest. Junior and senior high school students are busy writing essays on the subject "Conservation Districts' Role in Tomorrow's Water".

Essays will be judged in the district and each district champion's essay will be sent to Temple for the regional contest. Three trophies will be given for regional winners in each of the five state regions.

Entry deadline is January 15. The essays can be turned into the Conservation District Office in the court house.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSED TO BEGIN SOON

By: Lucy Lucas

Adult education classes are being organized for people wishing to prepare for the General Education Development Exam (GED). Classes will begin when at least 15 people sign up for the course.

Members of the class will work at their own pace. For additional information, call Lee Schermerhorn at the high school.

STOCKSHOW NEWS

LAMB JUDGING

By: Joe Cruz

Brackett High school FFA and 4H members will show their lambs during the January livestock show. Students will be judged for their showmanship and their lambs will be judged for body conformation. (Body shape and weight distribution)

Everyone who shows places. The best two lambs from the two classes are selected and awarded either the Grand Champion or the Reserved Champion of their class.

CATTLE JUDGING

By: Anna Martinez

Four Brackett students raising show cattle have worked hard getting ready for the annual Kinney County 4H-FFA Livestock Show. On the morning of January 20 all this work will begin to pay off as the judges select the best cattle.

The four students raising show cattle this year are Brenda Foust, Arnulfo Pinales, Brujido Rivas, and Troy Sheedy.

The auction will start about 2 pm. Lambs will be auctioned off first, then the swine, then the cattle.

Brenda Foust won first place in last year's show and Adrian Reyes won second place.

SWINE JUDGING

BY: Joe Martinez

Students entering animals in the swine division work extremely hard for a few months every year getting their hogs ready for the FFA-4H livestock show. Students start feeding their swine in September for the January show.

Swine are judged by their height, length, and weight and the waste of the jawl. Straightness of the feet is also important.

AIR FORCE BAND

COMING TO BHS

Elsa Aguirre

Music fans, here's your opportunity to hear a fine concert! The Air Force Band of the West will perform on January 18 in the high school auditorium. The concert will begin at 2 pm.



4-H PROJECT SHOW

By: Martha Gomez

Foods...clothing...educational exhibits...arts and crafts...metal work...plants...photography, exhibits in all of these different divisions will be presented at the 4H Project show. The show will be held Friday, January 19 in the Civic Center.

All exhibits, except foods, can be brought to the Civic Center on Thursday afternoon from 1-4 pm. Those waiting to bring exhibits on Friday need to arrive before 9:30 am. All exhibits will remain on display until Friday afternoon.

Anyone living in Kinney County is eligible to enter items in the project show.

PROJECT SHOW AGE DIVISIONS

- Pee-Wee.....5-7
- Pre Teen.....8-10
- Junior.....11-13
- Senior.....14-19
- Adult.....20+

PROJECT SHOW EXHIBIT CLASSES

Foods : cookies, breads, cakes, candies, canned goods, pies, yeast products

Clothing : blouses, skirts, duits, dresses, jackets, coats, pants suits, children's clothing and vests.

Educational Exhibits : posters, displays, charts, schientific exhibits, essays, short stories and original essays.

Arts and Crafts : Wood crafts, leather crafts, paintings, drawings, macrame, embroidery, crewel, needlepoint, quilting, crochet, knitting and needlepoint.

Plants : Bloomin and foliage

Photography: Color -landscape, animals, action. Black and White- landscape, animals, still life.

Metal work all one class.

First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded to the exhibitors for all their entries.

UIL LITERARY EVENTS PLANNED

By: Benita Villarreal

Brackett High students are getting ready to participate in the several Universtiy Interscholastic League literary events. These events include: spelling and plain writing, poetry interpretation, informative speaking, prose reading, persuasive speaking, and One Act Play.

Spelling and plain writing student students are required to spell words correctly and to write plainly. Mrs. Simmonds sponsors these students.

Poetry Interpretation students select three poems by poets on the UIL approved lists. Students read their poems and are judged on their delivery and poise.

Informative speaking requires the student to be well read on current national and world events. Specific topics are given to the contestants. After writing notes for an hour, the students then give a speech on their assigned topic. They are then judged on how well they organized their thoughts and on their speaking ability.

Prose Reading involves the reading of a cut from a short story or novel. Rules are similar to the poetry reading contest.

Persuasive speaking contestants must take a current topic and extemporaneously persuade the audience to agree with his point of view.

The One Act Play will be directed by Martha Bunsen and Blaine Bennett. This year's play is entitled "Make Mine Vanilla".

Journalism students may enter any of four contests: newswriting, editorial writing, feature writing and headline writing.

"MAKE MINE VANILLA"

By: Marina Cruz

The high school speech class is getting ready for the UIL One Act Play Contest. Play sponsors are Martha Bunsen and Blaine Bennett. They selected the play "Make Mine Vanilla" by playwright Ruth Angell Purkey.

Tryouts will be held the first of February.

CLASSES RESUME AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK

Classes met again last Wednesday January 3. Some students, like Grace Cruz, were getting back to the books. Others, like Ray Pena tried to prolong the holidays a bit. The next school vacation is January 19, the day of the livestock show.

BAND STUDENTS PRFPARF FOR SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

By: Angelica Hernandez

Members of the Brackett High Tiger Band will participate in a Solo-Ensemble contest. The contest will take place at Pearsall, Texas on February 3, 1979.

Solo Performers:

- Mario Esparza-Eb Alto Sax
- Ruben Esparza-Eb Alto Sax
- Virginia Esparza- Tenor Sax
- Manuel Garcia- Drum
- Mary Hidalgo- Flute
- Vicky Jaso- Cornet
- Lisa Pearson- Cornet
- Johnny Sheedy- Tuba

Ensemble Performers:

- Grace Cruz- Clarinet
- Ana Esparza- Bass Clarinet
- Ruben Esparza- Alto Sax
- Virginia Esparza- Tenor Sax
- Ben Fuentes- Sax
- Mary Hidalgo- Flute
- Vicky Jaso- Cornet
- Lisa Pearson- Cornet
- Oscar Pena- Clarinet
- Anabel Reyes- Clarinet
- Bertha Reyes- Clarinet
- Lisa Shafer- Clarinet
- Margaret Starzel- Clarinet
- Martina Valdez- Clarinet
- Cathy Wills- Clarinet

Band members participating and according to how well they play will receive medals.

SAN ANTONIO RODEO TRIP

By: Darnett Goodloe

From funny faces to friendly faces; from big rides to little rides, and from the worlds smallest people to the worlds largest people--yes.. It's rodeo time again. For nearly 20 years the Brackett FFA and FHA members have gone to San Antonio for the Live-Stock Show and Rodeo. The members are scheulded o leave early Feburary 10

Some of the FFA will be going to San Antonio to exhibit their livestock. Students will be attending the rodeo, going for rides on the midway, eating and having a good time.

The kindest word in the world is the unkind word, unsaid.

Official Crossword Puzzles





The teacher, played by Lashaw Wardlaw, lectures her class.

JR. HIGH PLAY

"A NEW BOY IN SCHOOL"

Reading 8 entertained the Junior High students fifth period Monday with the play "New Boy in School". Henry Brown (Brad Gwartney) is having problems making friends in a new school. His parents (Warren Voss and Rosa Garcia) are quite concerned. His classmates- Rosicler Gonzalez, Chris Herman, America Martinez, Mariano Hernandez, Mary Castillo, Bonnie Resendez, BeBe Sweet, and Erasmo Garcia-make fun of him. His math teacher, Miss Tucci played by Lashawn Wardlaw, tells the other students to emulate him. It takes a roaring fire, during which he heroically saves them all, to make them appreciate him.

Seth Kaplan narrated, Conrad Veltmann directed, Terry Malinovsky was prop director, and Oscar Soliz manipulate the curtain. Scenes were shifted madly by the entire cast, and Mrs Huebner furnished the smoke.

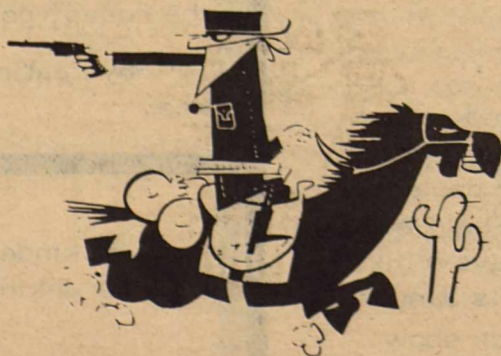
Members of the eighth grade reading class on stage during their production of "A New Boy in Class".

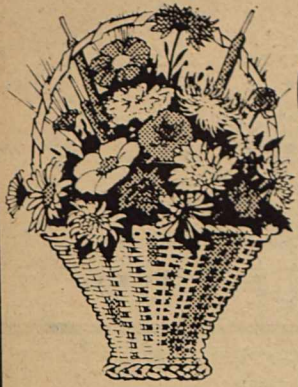


Oscar Pena and Ruben Esparza have a verbal battle in the speech class 's presentation of "A Christmas Corral"



- Monday: Jr. High Basketball with Canyon here at 5:30
- Tuesday: High School Basketball with Natalia There 6:30
- J.V. Girls 5pm
- Thursday: Jr. High Basketball Del Rio Sacred Heart here 4:30
- Assembly by the air force Band
- Friday: Stockshow Holidays High School Basketball with Lytle Here 6:30
- J.V. Girls 5 pm Area Band Try Outs





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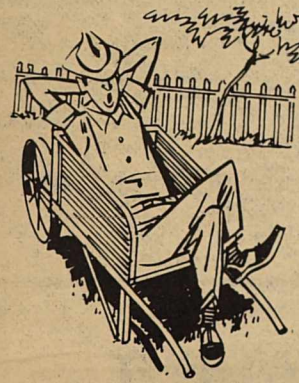


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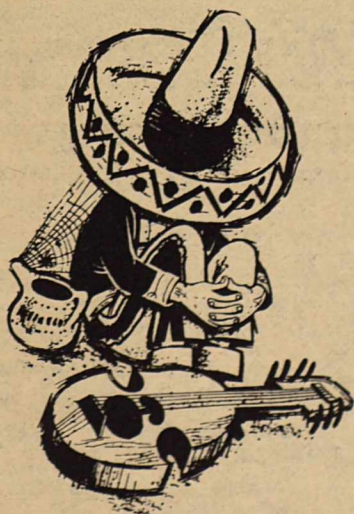
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GREEN
THUMBS

By: JOE TOWNSEND

So some of your plants have frozen. That's bad. But it is good to have some cold weather. It has been cold enough that it has had a wholesome effect on the ground. Enough hours of cold will improve the growth of many plants and trees in the spring. It will help fruit trees to bear more fruit. It will bring forth more blooms on many shrubs and plants. Whatever is frozen and dead should be trimmed off. This will help the plant or shrub. Continue to water! We've had very little rain and the moisture goes fast. Don't starve your trees, lawn and ornamentals for water. Proper care now will show tremendous improvement when warm weather comes and it will come--sooner than you think. Don't throw away anything frozen unless you are certain it is dead. It could come back.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS ☐
COUNTY OF KINNEY ☐

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
DATED JANUARY 8, 1979.

and issued pursuant to a judgement decree of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit, No. 2077 styled The State of Texas vs. Emil Schafer, et al., and to me delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 8th day of January, 1979, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday of February, 1979, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Brackettville, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day proceed to sell for cash, through my authorized agent, CHESTER E. YOUNG, suite 1444, American Bank Tower, Austin, Texas, 78701, (Area Code 512) 476-6166, to the highest registered bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney, and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Lots 1 thru 6, 12 and 13, Block 3, Lorange Addition; Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block 4, Lorange Addition; Lots 15 and 20, Block 26, Original Town of Brackett; Lots 6 and 7, Block 73, Original Town of Brackett; and Lots 1 and 2, Block N, Original Town of Brackett all of the foregoing property being situated in the City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas;

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgement interest, penalties, and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgement rendered in the above numbered and entitled cause, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Brackettville, Texas, this the 8th day of January, 1979.

/s/J.A.SHEEDY
Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas
BY /s/ Goldie Fritter
Deputy

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