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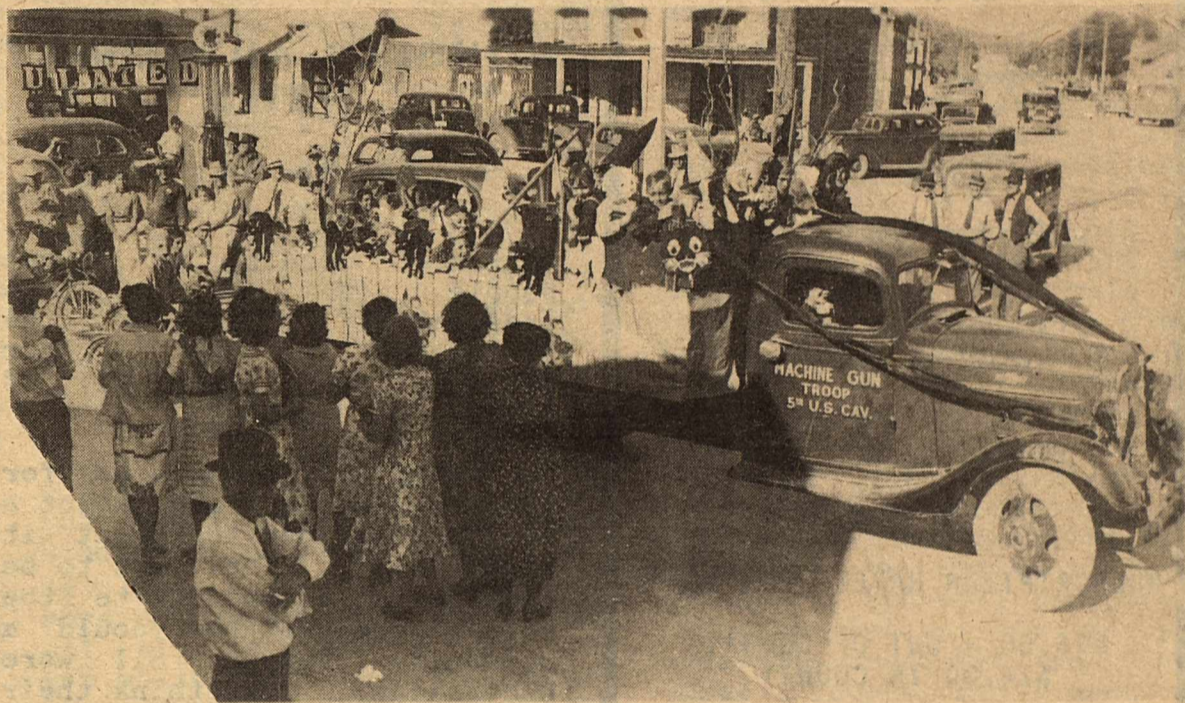
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

## BRACKETTVILLE HISTORY REMEMBERED

Remember the town in which Jimmie Stewart lived in the movie "It's A Wonderful Life"? Brackettville forty years ago was much the same.

With a population of just over one thousand people, everyone enjoyed spending their time visiting, drinking lemonade on front porches, and entertaining themselves with the simple things in life. Does it sound like a story-line from an early Hollywood movie?

Brackettville in the early 1940's offered many exciting and enjoyable activities. In addition to the swimming pool at Fort Clark, teens spent their time at the local skating rink, portable bowling alley, movie theatre, and hamburger joint which charged



### IDA BADER HAS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Ida "Mom" Bader was honored by her children, James Bader of Brackettville; Lillian Costello of Spokane, Washington; Ida Mary Buffington of Canton, Mississippi; and Janie Wheeler of San Antonio, Texas, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday with a buffet-reception held on Saturday, November 15th, at the Los Moras Inn at Fort Clark Springs.

Five of "Mom's" eleven grandchildren, seven of her twelve great-grandchildren, many out-of-town relatives and numerous friends joined in the celebration.

"Mom" Bader was lovely in a burgundy suit, white crepe blouse, and a matching corsage of pink sweetheart roses and

anywhere from .5 cents to .10 cents for a burger.

Donkey rides through the center of town were a favorite activity as was a hay ride to Robinson's Hollow (the red bridge on Fort Clark) followed by a weenie roast. Unpaved city streets flooded during rainy weather and many children and teenagers gathered to swim up and down the main streets. Children would also run and change into their bathing suits everytime the water tower overflowed to grab a quick shower and play in the water.

Gasoline during this period was around .25 cents per gallon, and although rationed, many young people would pool their money on Saturday night, gathering up to \$10.00, and buy supper, dance the night away, and then eat breakfast at a local cafe. A drive to Spofford to watch the comings

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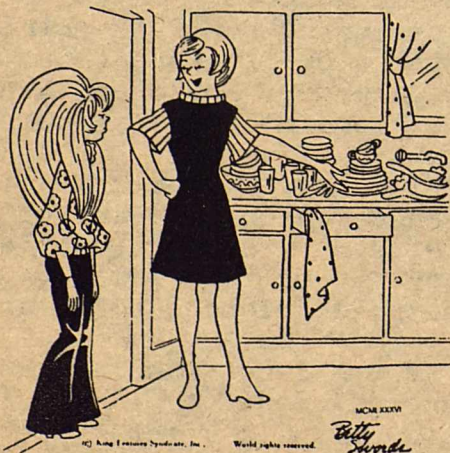
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**FORT  
CLARK  
SPRINGS**

The Fort Clark Historical Society will meet November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Members Lounge. A program on "Ancient Texas Pictographs" will be given by naturalist, Emory Lehnert of the National Park Service in Del Rio. Everyone is invited, but the Art Club is especially invited to attend. We will be giving door prizes again.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY  
NEWS**

BY RALPH GONZALEZ

"Strange, isn't it, that people are not more reasonable? They do the strangest things. Their feelings get in the way of their good judgment."

For example, residents ask for the impossible, and expect a housing manager to grant it right away. They want to be considered exceptions to the rules, and yet how could a community run if all were exceptions? They think their own problems are the most important and take hours of one's time with no apologies. When notified about a regulation they are breaking, they consider the reminder an insult. They quarrel with their own children, yet defend what they have done against all outsiders. They tell the truth if it is convenient but veer from it if it is "necessary."

Yes, people are funny. But there are good reasons. A human being is not made up of (a) a logical mind, (b) a mechanical body which carries out the logic. Rather, he is basically an emotional creature. He has desires, feelings and personal needs.

The housing staff member will only arouse his own prejudices and temper if he expects residents to behave "logically," "legally," and

"rationally." To understand how they really act and why, he must take time out to regard what human nature is like.

People are not so funny if one understands their make-up. Once upon a time, all of them were children. Children are dependent. They cannot live without the comfort and support of adults. Even though most persons grow up, they never lose that need entirely. At times of crisis, everyone wants sympathy and support; he needs to be indulged and his shortcomings tolerated. Some people who are less grown up have such needs much of the time. One cannot indulge them in all of their whims, but at least he can understand why they are that way. The letter of the rule can be interpreted in a friendly manner instead of issued as a mimeographed sheet.

From their early years, people vie with each other for attention in the family, for success on the job, for recognition in the neighborhood. This desire is not only the basis of ambition, but it is also the basis of jealousy, gossip, self-pity and many other "irrational" items of behavior.

In any community there is too little recognition; there are too many people "left out" psychologically. The moral of a group is greatly increased if every member is recognized for this contribution, even though it may be almost too small to mention - yet it counts him in. When more people are able to say this is "our neighborhood", "our program", "our fun night", "our choral society", "our forum series", the spirit of the whole group improves.

Oddly, when recognition is spread among more people, no one is injured, not even those who had the limelight before. The more people who are not always function well. A person who is dead tired has a shorter temper, is more easily relaxed and enjoy living where they are, the greater the total of good will.

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**SHERIFF'S CORNER**

**NORMAN HOOTEN**  
SHERIFF

Local peace officers were kept busy this past week-end responding to crime reports, family disturbance calls, and other incidents requiring the presence of peace officers. I don't know if the full moon really had anything to do with the sudden increase in criminal activity but crime reports and disturbances always seem to increase during the time of the full moon each month.

An assault on a local man at a Brackettville lounge led to the arrest of Frank James Morgan, 36, of Brackettville on charges of Assault Causing Bodily Injury and Resisting Arrest. The resisting arrest charges were the result of Morgan fighting with arresting officers at the scene. Morgan remained in jail over the week-end and was magisterated before County Judge Albert Postell on Monday who set bond at \$1,500.00 on each charge. Morgan was released after surety bonds were posted in his behalf by a relative.

Assault Causing Bodily Injury and Resisting Arrest are both Class A Misdemeanor charges that provide maximum sentences upon conviction of a \$2,000.00 fine and/or up to a year in the county jail.

Another assault on Sunday night has led to charges of Assault Causing Bodily Injury being filed on Rosa Barragan of Brackettville. Liberada Pena, also of Brackettville, reported that she was attacked by the Barragan woman after an argument between the two during a party at a local residence. Mrs. Pena suffered severe fingernail scratches and lacerations on her face and an injured finger as a result of the attack. She was treated for her injuries at the Kinney County Clinic on Monday.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the Barragan woman though she has not been arrested at the time of this writing. This case is also a Class A Misdemeanor that will be tried in County Court.

I feel that this would be a good time to inject some personal feelings as to the trend these days and times of

criminal offenders using peace officers as punching bags and live targets for their assaults and physical attacks directed against peace officers attempting to perform their sworn duties.

Assaults on peace officers, many of them fatal, have increased over the past few years, and there are reasons for the increase. Public apathy and the fact that the courts seem to have given all the rights to criminal violators is the main reason. Very few rights have been reserved for crime victims and peace officers. We hear more and more about veteran peace officers being tried for violating the "civil rights" of some thug. The public and the courts seem to have forgotten that peace officers have civil rights too and they also bear the extra burden of departmental policies, and state and federal laws on their backs while trying to make the arrest of a violent, often dangerous, criminal offender. These arrest attempts often come while the officer is alone, in the dark, while being violently attacked by the thug they are trying to arrest. It seems that the public and the courts expect the peace officer to be some kind of superman who can calmly accept a violent physical attack while checking off all the elements of law and policy that have been made in a brightly lighted office by men in white, starched shirts and ties, drinking coffee and cracking jokes, surrounded by fellow workers whose most serious danger of physical injury is getting their toes stepped on in the elevator during the 5:00 o'clock rush to exit the office building where they have been working.

There have been 42 peace officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United States since January 1, 1986 (I am sure that more have died violent deaths since that report was tabulated a month ago). Over half of those officers slain were in the southern states, including Texas. 40 of the officers killed were victims of gunshot wounds and 2 were purposely run down with automobiles.

Those of us in law enforcement, work long hours and are on call 24 hours a

day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our families are neglected and the divorce rate is high. Seldom do we get to spend a full day at home on holidays because those are the times that activity is highest and we must serve and protect the public. We face possible injury or death every working day of our life and are often on the receiving end of verbal abuse, crank calls, vicious rumors, and other degrading actions of the public we are sworn to serve and protect. We do all this for pay that in most cases averages out to less per hour than the minimum wage paid to common laborers. Then why do we serve? We often ask ourselves the same question!

Well, I think it is time that a strong message be sent out to those who believe that they can get away with assaults on peace officers that injure and kill the officer trying to do his or her sworn duty. I want to make it plain and simple to the local "toughs" who might have it in their minds to assault local peace officers, as long as I am Sheriff of this county, those actions will not be tolerated and those guilty of assaulting ANY officer in this county will be arrested, by whatever force necessary, and will be charged with the most serious offense available under the law. The local "toughs" might want to consider the fact that Resisting Arrest is just one click below a 3rd Degree Felony, and, depending upon the force used to resist an officer, they could be sent, upon conviction, to do time in the state prison system.

Assaults on local peace officers WILL NOT be tolerated and those foolish enough to try will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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# JUST BETWEEN YOU & ME



BY WANDA SCHWANDNER

I am on vacation from the bank this week and next. So far, I haven't done anything wildly exciting. I did go horseback riding Sunday. I really enjoyed that, but I walk sorta like a bow-legged cowboy.

If I were you ladies, I would be careful about drinking the water while visiting the Rio Grande Electric Co. They have an epidemic going on there. According to latest reports, the patter of little feet will be heard around the homes of quite a few of their employees. Some of the expectants were quite surprised, or so I hear.

I talked to two Lions selling pecans in front of Kinney County Land Co. Saturday morning. We are fortunate here in Kinney County to have such nice gentle men (gentlemen) in our community. Do you ever just stop and visit with some of our senior citizens and listen to what they have to say? What interesting lives they have had and do have. Last week I talked of canning teenagers' energy. It's too bad we cannot preserve all the wisdom we attain in a lifetime and pass it on to our children.

Molly Ardrey and Bob Harris visited in Lubbock last weekend. Molly's son, Seth, attends college there. Saturday night on their way to dinner with Seth and date, they happened to catch La Shawn Wardlaw and Shawn Ralston with dates on their way to a party. The bright array of passing lovelies all decked out in formal wear reminded me of arrivals at the academy awards.

I am going to Kansas to visit with my dad for Thanksgiving. My three sons, Mike, Marc, and Henry will accompany me on our 670 mile trip. Of course ole Jason and Jeremy, my grandsons, along with pretty mama Barbara and friend Robin Moore will go too. I must say though I am beginning to feel like a

Texan. What is it they say? Okie by birth, Texan by choice.

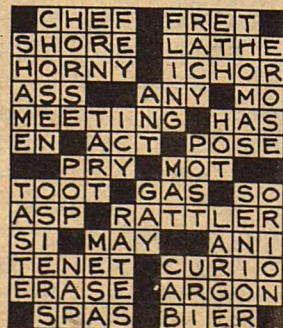
I purchased a book while in San Antonio. The title is "Dare To Discipline" by Dr. James Dodson. A wonderful book that certainly draws the line on permissive parenting. The last chapter addresses the drug problem we are experiencing in America and throughout the world. I would like to quote the last few paragraphs of his book.

He says: "Perhaps the most fitting conclusion to this narcotics summary is the following 'Psalm of Heroin Addiction.' written by a twenty-year-old addict:

### PSALM OF HEROIN ADDICTION

King heroin is my shepard, I shall always want.  
He maketh me to lie down in the gutters;  
He leadeth me beside the troubled waters;  
He destroyeth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness for the effort's sake.  
Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear all evil,  
For thou, heroin, art with me.  
Thy needle and capsule try to comfort me;  
Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family;  
Thou robbest my head of reason.  
My cup of sorrow runneth over.  
Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the damned forever.

This typewritten "psalm" was found in a telephone booth by Officer Bill Hepler, Long Beach Police Department. On the back of the card on which it was typed was the following, written in longhand:



"Truly this is my psalm. I am a young woman, twenty years of age, and for the past year and one-half I have been wandering down the night-mare alley of the junkies. I want to quit taking dope and I try but I can't. Jail didn't cure me. Nor did hospitalization help me for long.

"The doctor told my family it would have been better and indeed kinder if the person who first got me hooked on dope had taken a gun and blown my brains out, and I wish to God she had. My God, how I do wish it."

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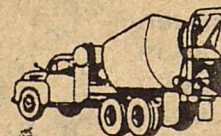
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and goings of the trains was an experience as were the occasional trips to San Antonio, Del Rio, and Mexico.

A Nিকেলেodeon provided enjoyment for those at the Nipper Drug Store and Pavilion. Cokes cost .5 cents and grilled cheese sandwiches commanded a large .15 cents each, but much of the time there, was spent dancing. The 112th Cavalry Band, consisting of members from several Big Bands of the time, played at weekly dances on Fort Clark. And the Hilltop, a local dance hall and bar, entertained young people by providing a place for them to dance at the rear of the building.

Although the Brackettville schools were in the same general area as they are today, changes have, of course, been made. The grammar school was a two-story red brick building, and secondary education was completed after the 11th year. During this period of the 1940's, Fort Clark was still a military base, and a normal sight each day was to see the

Fort Clark school bus, a covered wagon drawn by horses, bringing the children to school.

Brackettville was flourishing at this time. School supplies and snacks were bought at Mrs. Wickham's store across the street from the school. Two drug stores, a five-and-ten cent store, a newspaper, two dress shops and a watch repair shop helped to create the downtown area. A blacksmith's shop, variety store, ice house, fruit stands, a dairy, two car dealerships and a number of bars were also in the area.

The two-story Brackettville phone company was located on the grounds of Tully Shahan's law office and Peterson's Hardware occupied the old Rio Grande Electric building. In place of Rice's Funeral home and Frontier Guns, meat markets and a grocery store stood. Rebecca's Cafe once stood where the Sheriff's Office is now and a two-story hotel was on the grounds of Ora's Drive In.

Stray goats, sheep, chickens, pigs, ducks, and dogs were gathered up and placed in the City Pound which was located in the area by the Dental Clinic. A fee of

twenty-five cents was needed in order to have an animal released.

The life of a small country town in the early 1940's seems picture perfect. There were no video games, television, or computers. Times weren't great—there was a war going on—but fun was made from scratch and out of necessity.

Betty Miller Ward, who grew up in Brackettville during this time, enjoyed her childhood immensely. "We had to make our own fun", she remembers. "But we had a lot of it. The 1940's were really the Best Times!"

Photos for this story  
Courtesy of Rory Woodson

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees met on November 10, 1986 for the regular monthly meeting. The Board took action on several items.

Bids on paving and renovation were rejected by the Board. A decision was made to re-advertise the projects after drawing up on a complete set of specifications. The Board did approve a bid of \$3,892.00 for new metal halide lighting for the gymnasium. The bid was awarded to T&D Service Company of Devine. The fixtures will be installed during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The Board also reviewed forms used for the appraisal of the superintendent, administrative personnel, and non-contract personnel. Board members will evaluate the superintendent at the next regular meeting. In an open forum, a portion of the agenda, the Board heard a request from Mrs. Darlene Shahan for an expanded junior high curriculum. Mr. Schermerhorn was given the task of researching the feasibility of allowing junior high students to take certain high school level courses.

After emerging from executive session, the Board approved hiring Mr. Nelda Gabriel as school nurse. They also approved the hiring of a part-time bus driver, if one could be found.



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Too many customers do not realize that the sooner we receive mail, the sooner it will be delivered.

You can help us avoid getting a trickle of mail one day and an avalanche the next by putting out the word that except for window service and most delivery, it's business as usual on holidays and Sundays. And no one knows that better than Division Operations Director Ruben Sanchez.

"We currently process more than three million pieces of mail each day," explains Sanchez. "You can imagine the volume if all customers saved their mail and we received two days' volume on the day after a holiday. The extra cost of the overtime necessary to handle the increased volume would be staggering.

"And when we have large volume increases like that, mail delivery may be slowed, too. People depend on getting their mail at a certain time

every day and when it is several hours late, they don't like it. And when that happens you know who gets the blame--the Postal Service."

Major mailers are aware that the Postal Service operates around the clock, seven days a week, but some of our customers may not realize that that commitment covers holidays also.

Our services are not just limited to mail processing as anyone who has seen a postal vehicle making a holiday or Sunday delivery knows. Express Mail and Special Delivery articles are delivered every day of the year. Sometimes it's hard, but it's the deliveries on those days that impress customers the most.

### Opening Movies

by Ronn Fredrickson

"Trick Or Treat" — All the rockers turn out for this horror film, and that's



exactly how one will rate it — horrible! The film features the likes of Gene Simmons, Marc Price and Ozzy Osbourne. This flick is definitely for the bubble-gum set. (\*)

"Rate It X" — This film pokes some fun at sex in America. This is not a good flick for the intellectual set. (\*1/2)

"Soul Man" — Funny flick in which a young white kid literally paints himself black in order to win a scholarship into Harvard Law School. It's an interesting twist and an interesting movie. The cast includes James Earl Jones, Rae Dawn Chong and C. Thomas Howell. (\*\*1/2)

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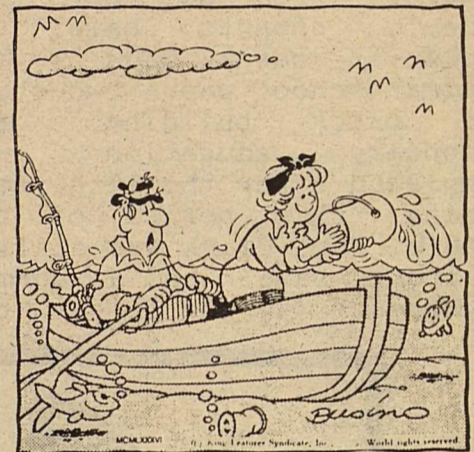
cymbidium orchids.

The centerpieces on the buffet tables were pink carnations, burgundy roses, white and pink gladiolas, and white spider mums, sprinkled with babys-breath and flanked by candelabra with pink tapers.

Mrs. Bader, a life-long resident of Brackettville, is well known as "Mom" Bader to both young and old, always ready to go fishing, dove hunting, play cards, or lend a helping hand.

We wish her many more Happy Birthdays.

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Case No. 5-86-00791-A-7

Debtors\*

## DISCHARGE OF DEBTORS

It appearing that the persons named above have filed a petition commencing a joint case under title 11, United States Code on the 28th day of May, 1986, that an order for relief was entered under chapter 7 and that no complaint objecting to the discharge of the debtors was filed within the time fixed by the court, it is ordered that

1. The above-named debtors be and they hereby are released from all dischargeable debts.
2. Any judgment heretofore or hereafter obtained in any court other than this court be and it hereby is null and void as a determination of the personal liability of the debtors with respect to any of the following:
  - (a) debts dischargeable under 11 U.S.C. §523;
  - (b) unless heretofore or hereafter determined by order of this court to be nondischargeable, debts alleged to be excepted from the discharge under clauses (2), 4) and (6) of 11 U.S.C. §523 (a);
  - (c) debts determined by this court to be discharged under 11 U.S.C. §523.
3. All creditors whose debts are discharged by this order and all creditors whose judgments are declared null and void by paragraph 2 above be and they hereby are enjoined from commencing, continuing or employing any action, process or act to collect, recover or offset any such debt as a personal liability of the debtor, or from property of the debtors, whether or not discharge of such debt is waived.

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While proving that "you are what you eat" may be difficult, 4-H members in the food-nutrition program have certainly gained a better understanding of how nutritious foods can contribute to healthful living, says Sylvia Baker, Extension Agent Home Economist for Kinney County.

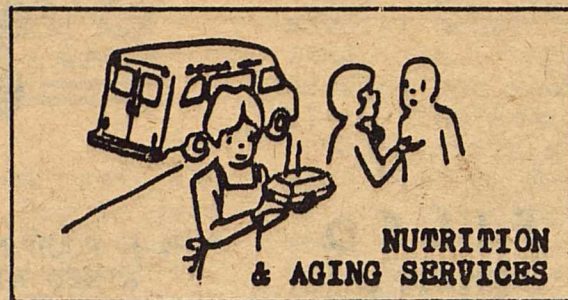
Specific objectives of the 4-H food-nutrition program are these:

- Learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups.
- Understanding the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness and appearance.
- Learn about the wide variety of foods which may be included in the diet.
- Understand the scientific principles of nutrition.
- Acquire and demonstrate skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks.

Over 30 Kinney County 4-H'ers completing the Food and Nutrition project will participate in the Kinney County 4-H Food Show, Saturday, November 22. The Food Show judging will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, the Awards will be presented immediately following at 7:00 p.m.

4-H'ers participating in the Food Show will be judged on their ability to plan menus, knowledge of nutrition principles and the quality of a dish they prepare for the show. First place winners at the County Food Show will advance to the District 4-H Food Show to be held December 13 in Hondo.





BY TENCHA

KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
NON-BUDGETED FUNDS  
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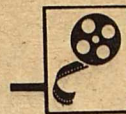
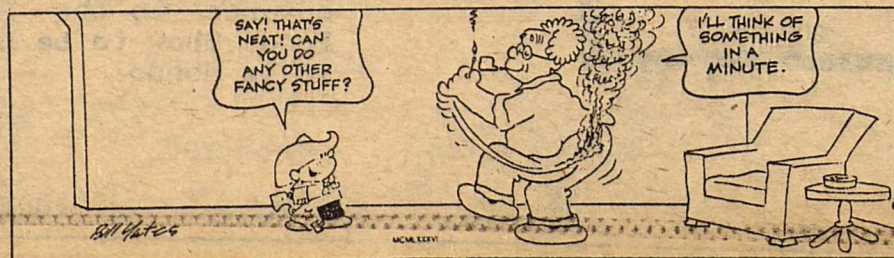
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<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
M.R.G.D.C.	\$ 29,927.17	\$ 7,725.78	\$ 2,790.30	\$ 40,443.25
General Fund	8,000.00	-0-	-0-	8,000.00
Contributions	3,279.00	-0-	-0-	3,279.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 41,206.17</b>	<b>\$ 7,725.78</b>	<b>\$ 2,790.30</b>	<b>\$ 51,722.25</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Food Purchases	\$ 2,159.93	\$ 7,725.78	\$ 1,030.08	\$ 10,915.79
Van Expense	1,864.32	-0-	717.90	2,582.22
Utility and Telephone	2,094.96	-0-	-0-	2,094.96
Salaries	27,421.00	-0-	848.00	28,269.00
Payroll Taxes	1,797.23	-0-	194.32	1,991.55
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General Fund	500.00	-0-	-0-	500.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 39,706.80</b>	<b>\$ 7,725.78</b>	<b>\$ 2,790.30</b>	<b>\$ 50,222.88</b>
<b>EXCESS</b>				<b>\$ 1,499.37</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE, OCTOBER 1, 1985</b>				<b>12.21</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1986</b>				<b>\$ 1,511.58</b>

Our audit report has been finalized by Coleman, Schuler and Elly, certified public accountants, for the fiscal year which began October 1985 and ended September 1986.

If there are any interested parties who wish to verify this audit or have any questions or comments pertaining to the program, you may come by the center located at 110 Spring St. (across from Library), all documents can be found at this address. You may also contact County Judge Albert Postell or any of the County Commissioners.

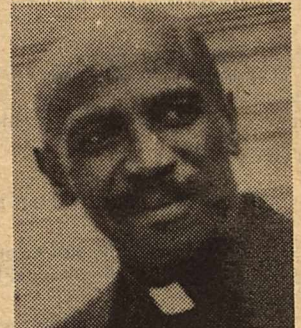
This information has been made public so that you are aware of the progress and proceedings of this program. Look for us next week, until then keep a good thought for us.

Professor Phumble

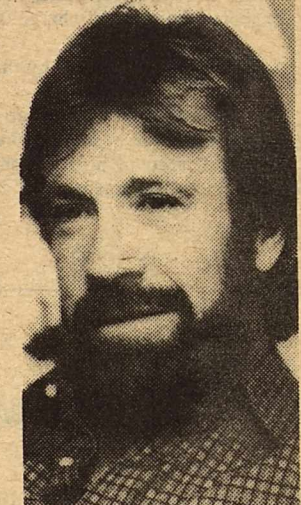


Flick Picks  
by Ronn Fredrickson

But, can they read "Nahuatl?" — Melody Anderson, who starred opposite Nicholas Cage in "The Boy In Blue," and most recently viewed in ABC-TV's movie, "Beverly Hills Madam" with Faye Dunaway, is currently starring and filming in Cannon's "Firewalker"



with Lou Gossett, Jr. and Chuck Norris. The film, a



"Romancing the Stone"-type adventure, is the first time Gossett and Norris have worked together. It centers around two down-and-out soldiers of fortune who happen upon Anderson's gorgeous character, Patricia Goodwin. She holds the map to a secret Aztec treasure ... and, the three depart on a journey that turns into a comedy of errors. Throughout the trio's trek, they are trailed by a merciless Aztec warrior who naturally wants the treasure. "Firewalker" was shot almost entirely on location in Mexico and is expected to be released next week.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### VAN BIDS ACCEPTED

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. is requesting bids on 3 standard production vans with a minimum of 15 passenger capacity. To be equipped with the following: Auxillary heater & sliding passenger door. Interested bidders please contact Jorge Botello, Director of Social Services or Jose Rene Martinez, Social Service Coordinator, at 429 W. Main St., Uvalde, Texas 78801 or call 512/278-6268.

Bids for Insurance for the Brackettville Housing Authority are being taken.

Applications for part-time maintenance are being taken at the Brackettville Housing Authority Office.

### STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin by its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates,

conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at or participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

Any person who believes himself or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration Washington D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations.

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by Madeline Pilgrim

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You may think you have the same ailment as you had previously, but that may not be the case. Only your physician can determine that. When people try to treat themselves, as I've stated in previous columns, the results can often be harmful. Do yourself a favor and go see your doctor. Chances are you may need an entirely different medication.

### ATTENTION HUNTERS & TRAPPERS

Fur Buyer Bill Wallace will be in Brackettville at Stop-N-Shop (back parking lot) each Friday from 6:45 p.m. till 7:15 p.m.

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LIBRARY NOTES BY FRANCES HERNANDEZ

As promised last week I will continue the series on the type of services rendered at Kinney County Public Library. This week I will talk about Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Interlibrary Loan is also a grant funded service provided through San Antonio Area Library System.

But, WHAT EXACTLY IS INTERLIBRARY LOAN? Interlibrary Loan is the privilege of borrowing almost any type of material when the information or reading needs of the library patron are not met locally.

Types of Materials Available Through ILL

General-The Interlibrary Loan referral center will attempt to fill requests for any type of material by requesting it from other libraries throughout Texas and the United States. At present, all but a few types of materials are available for loan.

Books-In general, any book title, in or out-of-print irregardless of publication date, may be requested.

Books: Special Collections-Such as: Large Print and Foreign Language.

Government Documents-Many government documents are available through ILL.

Periodicals-Photocopies of articles from virtually any periodical may be requested. Copyright regulations must be observed. There are rarely charges for photocopies.

Subject Requests-The

Interlibrary Loan staff will select books or articles which appear to answer informational needs when the patron does not have specific titles to request. Subject requests are an excellent way to obtain materials for a patron who wants general information on a well-defined subject. Extensive research, however, cannot be performed by the ILL staff due to time and staffing restrictions, so please give as much known information when placing a subject request.

Reference-Questions that can be answered QUICKLY and easily may be requested. Examples: a name, address, and phone number; statistical data; dates; definitions; material copied from reference books; biographical information, etc.

Loan Period on Interlibrary

Books-Loan periods on ILL books will be determined by the lending library. We ask you to return the ILL book(s) 3 days before the due date to allow postal delivery. If you wish to renew the material, you must notify the library at least 5 days before the due date, renewal period will also be determined by the lending library.

If material is needed in less than two weeks the request cannot be referred because referrals can take up to six weeks to fill. If the material is available at the San Antonio Public Library, it will usually be received within 5-10 days, if not being used or in demand.

Materials Not Available Through ILL-New Books, Popular Books such as Best Sellers,

Paperback Books in print and Audio Visual Materials.

The final step on the Interlibrary Loan Request is taken by the library staff. We call in the request(s) to the referral center and when material(s) arrive or if materials are not available for whatever reason, the patron is notified.

Important A new ILL Policy was recently adopted by the Library Board. (Policy posted at the Library on the circulation desk and the microfiche reader)

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

Selecting a present for those on our Christmas gift lists is a perennial problem! What do they want? What size will fit? The Brackettville Ministerial Alliance and the South Texas Regional Blood Bank have a solution for many: Give the Gift of Life for Christmas!

A need for an average of 250 units of blood exists each and every day of the year in the 54 hospitals of the 35-county South Texas area; requirements during the Holiday Season, particularly, raise that figure considerably. On Saturday, December 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., a community-wide blood drive will be conducted in the First United Methodist Church's

Slator Hall on James Street (across from the Medical Clinic). All prospective blood donors, ages 17 through 66, are encouraged to give the gift only they can give.

The Brackettville Ministerial Alliance reminds everyone that in this period of Thanksgiving and the Christmas season of giving, it is an appropriate time to give one of the most meaningful and welcome gifts that anyone could provide to someone having a real and genuine need: Give blood on December 13th!

There will be a Thanksgiving Dance on November 29, 1986, at the Civic Center. For more information call: 563-2596

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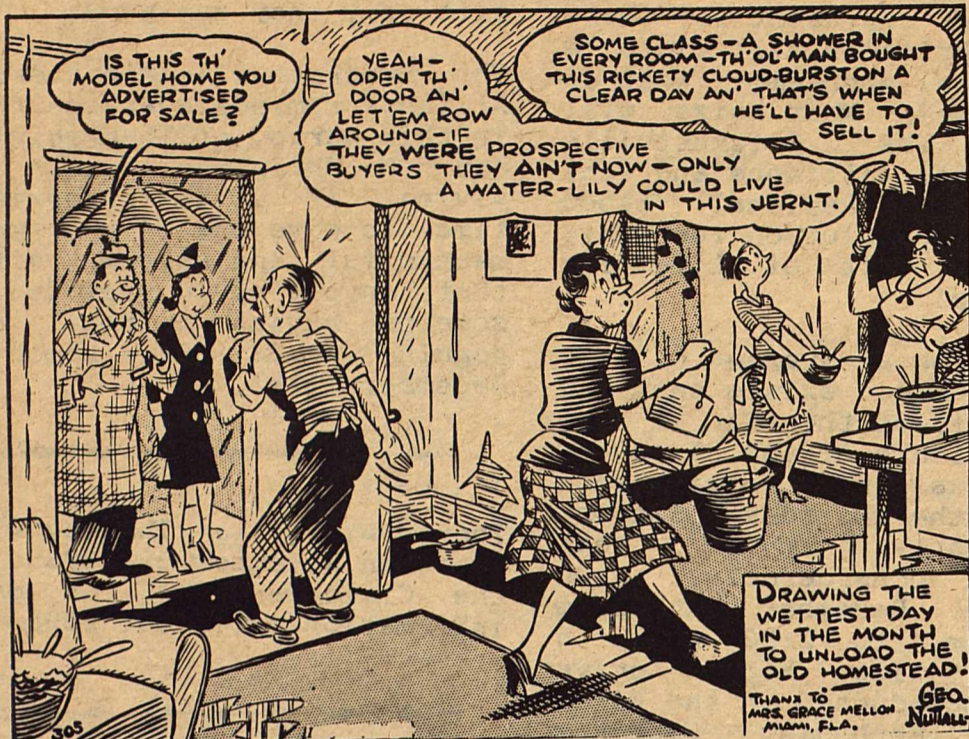
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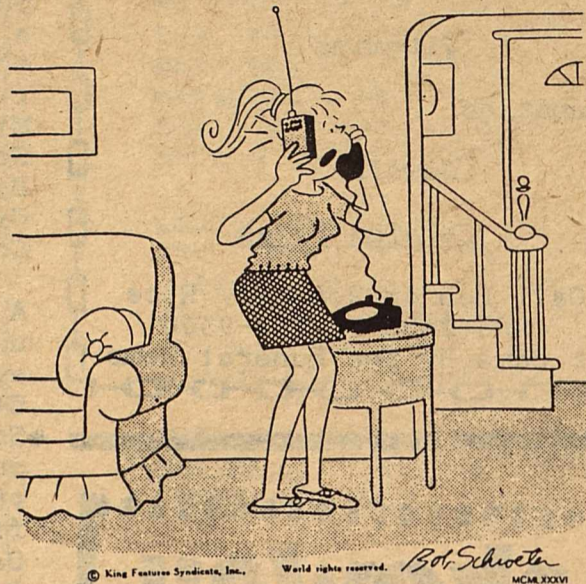


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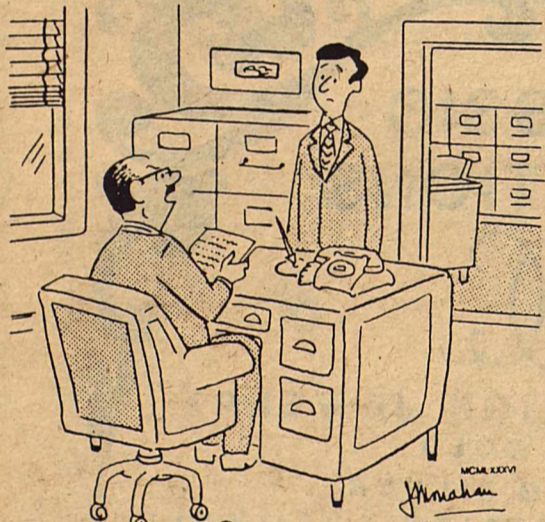


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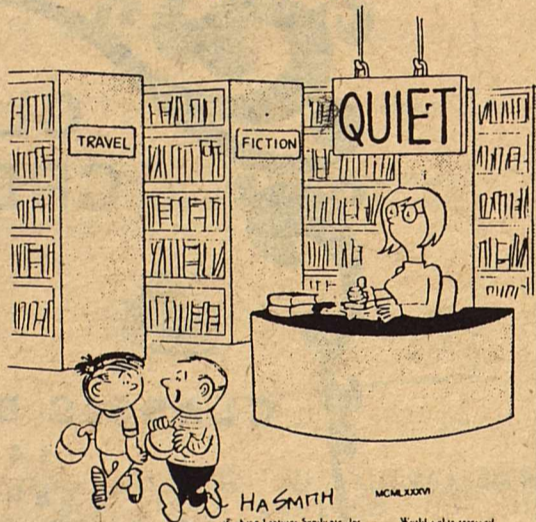
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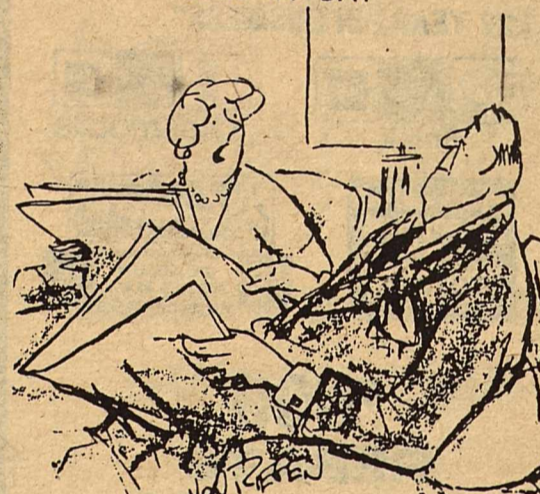
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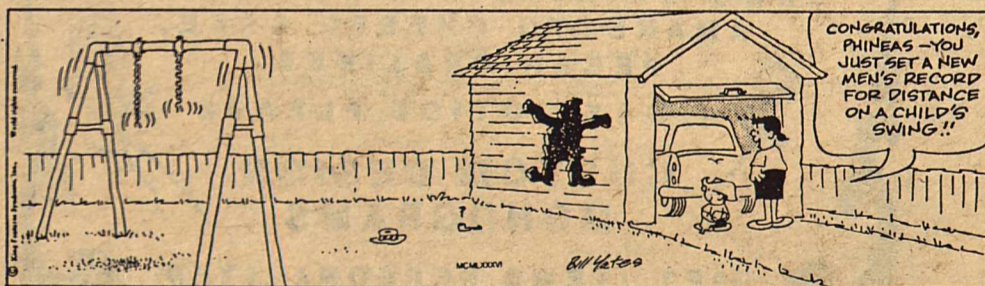
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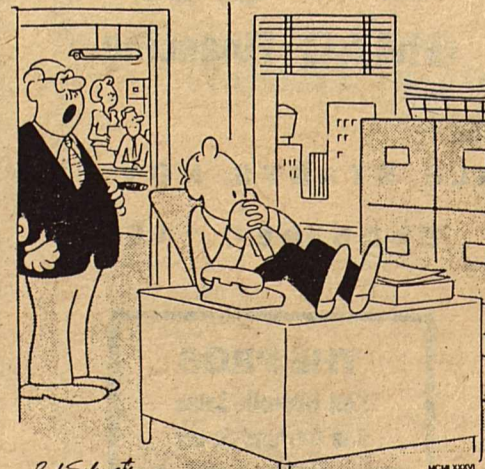
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**SAFETY BELT LAW OBEYED**

AUSTIN--The first year under the mandatory safety belt law brought Texas through a very busy tourist season with 10% fewer fatalities in the seating positions covered by the law.

"We have good reason to be thankful this November," said George Gustafson, president of the Texas Safety Association and spokesperson for the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts. He reminded motorists to buckle up during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend as they head for dinner with family and friends.

Preliminary figures for September 1, 1985 through August 31, 1986, just released by the Department of Public Safety, show 2,005 drivers and front-seat passengers killed on Texas highways, as compared to 2,234 during the 12 months before the law went into effect. Incapacitating injuries were down about 3%, from 16,454 to 15,919. Non-incapacitating injuries dropped by more than 15%.

"The law has made a difference. These figures prove it," said Gustafson.

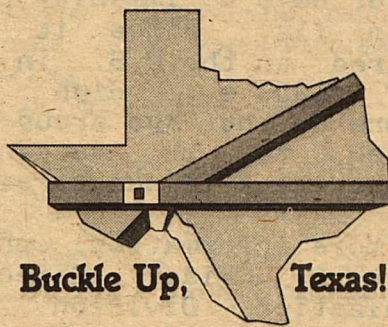
Texans are buckling up at unprecedented rates. On September 30, Texas Safety Association and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation completed a three-year Traffic Safety Awareness Project focusing on state employees. The final report, released this week, put safety belt usage at 81% in Austin's capitol area complex. A separate study of 14 cities, done by the Texas Transportation Institute in the first six months of 1986, showed usage rates ranging from 57% to 77%.

In 1984, only 10% to 15% of the state's motorists used safety belts, Gustafson noted.

The anniversary of the belt law came at the end of the summer of 1986, when low fuel prices and special Sesquicentennial events led state residents and visitors to hit the road in record numbers. By the end of July, according to SDHPT estimates, 88 billion vehicle miles had

been logged on Texas highways--a 6% increase over the previous high recorded in 1985.

"With more vehicles traveling greater distances, the risk was unusually high," said Gustafson. "Our citizens rose to the challenge, obeyed the law and reduced fatalities by more than 200."



**Buckle Up, Texas!**

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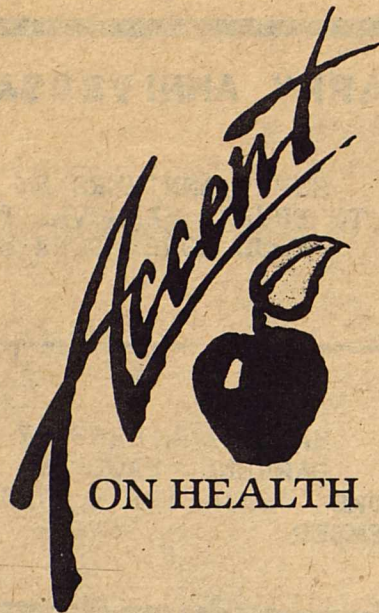
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### FLU SEASON COMES WITH WINTER

Influenza--the flu--is an inevitable part of the winter months for many. Its very name derives from a Latin phrase meaning "the influence of the cold." From December through April in a normal year, flu virus may infect 20 percent of the population. Some cases may occur even in warmer months.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the number of flu cases in Texas may be high this year, unless more people are vaccinated. In October alone, Texas physicians reported some 3,130 cases of influenza or flu-like illnesses.

Flu causes upper respiratory distress, fever, headache, and body aches, and it may be complicated by stomach upset, diarrhea, and general malaise. Severe cases may lead to pneumonia or may be fatal to persons with weakened conditions.

Robert D. Crider, director of the TDH Immunization Division, said, "High risk individuals should be immunized every year. By high risk, we mean persons 65 or older, and persons with chronic respiratory and cardiovascular problems. Even children can be at high risk because of weakened health".

"A personal physician is still the best source of advice on the types of vaccine you need, as well as how to treat the symptoms if you should catch the flu," Crider said. In general, flu lasts for five to seven days, and physicians usually recommend bed rest, fluids and sometimes prescribe drugs.

"Parents should always use caution in giving children under 16 aspirin, because the ingredients in aspirin have been linked to the development of Reye syndrome," Crider said. Reye syndrome is a neurologic disorder which can develop in young persons during recovery from flu or chicken pox.

An added flu threat this year is the A-Taiwan influenza strain. Most persons 35 and younger have no immunity to A-Taiwan flu, since it last appeared in the U.S. in the early 1950's. High risk persons in that age group are advised to be vaccinated against the A-Taiwan strain.

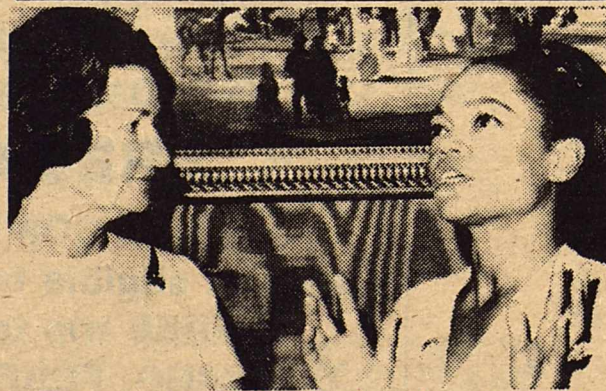
(For more information, contact Robert D. Crider, Director, Immunization Division, at 512/458-7284 or Margaret Wilson, Public Information Coordinator, Public Health Promotion Division, at 512/458-7405)

### NOTICE TO BID

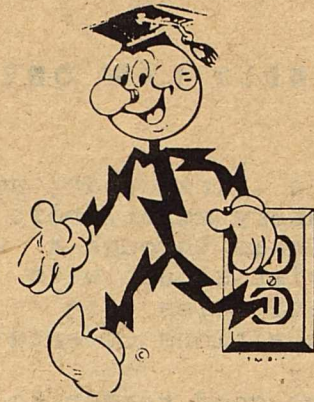
Bids are being accepted through December 17, 1986, 10:00 a.m., for brush work to be done on the Silver Lake Ranch in Kinney County, Texas. Contact the Soil & Water Conservation District at (512) 563-2414.



### Back in Time



The outspoken Eartha Kitt shouted angrily at Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at a White House luncheon that the nation's youth are rebelling because they are "snatched off to be shot in Vietnam." Miss Kitt's outburst visibly shocked Mrs. Johnson. The well-publicized event occurred on January 18, 1968.



### ENERGY PROFIT OPPORTUNITIES

Businesses in Texas, small and large, are cutting costs through energy awareness. Lower utility bills can make a difference in business overhead, and can be a critical factor in economic survival. Some energy efficiency measures may require capital investment, but there are a number of low cost/no cost ways in which a business can reduce its energy costs.

The best energy-saving adjustment is still at the thermostat. Every degree a home or business is heated above outdoor winter temperatures adds to the fuel bill. A 10 degree set-back can achieve a 10-25% savings. Caulking and weatherstripping around doors and windows to reduce infiltration of cold air can save 20-40% on winter utility bills.

The Energy Efficiency Division of the Public Utility Commission has prepared a resource guide to start businesses on an energy management program. The 45 page guide, titled "Energy Profit Opportunities", offers step by step instructions for establishing a sound energy management program. Forms are provided for conducting a building survey to identify energy efficient procedures and retrofits that will offer savings on today's bills and contribute to tomorrow's profit as well.

Increasing profits through energy awareness is good business. To obtain the Public Utility Commission resource guide, call the toll-free ENERGY HOTLINE 1-800-643-SAVE and ask for the publication, "Energy Profit Opportunities."



*Mom's Kitchen*



The spirit of Thanksgiving is a wonderfully warm one as people give thanks for their bounty during the year which is passing...a bounty which included not just material property, but the love we all share for one another.

Remember the family Thanksgiving dinners of your childhood? The long ride to Grandmothers'? The excitement of seeing relatives you hadn't seen since last Thanksgiving? The quiet joy of the church service followed by the riotous excitement of a local football game? Yes, these things are all part of our Thanksgiving heritage.

If you really want to say "Happy Thanksgiving" in an extra special way, send invitations to your dinner a week or so in advance. They establish the party atmosphere immediately. And do say "Greetings and Happy Holidays" with decorations around your front door. Try piling up golden pumpkins, or tying Indian corn to your door knocker.

Continue the harvest holiday theme with your table decorations. The most time honored of all. Thanksgiving decorations are the horn of plenty—or cornucopia overflowing with the richness of the harvest. Pile it full of fruits, vegetables, and nuts, and let them spill out onto the table.

Let the children participate in the holiday fun and excitement by making place cards for the big dinner. Children feel so proud when they are given a part in holiday festivities and their

occupation will give grown-ups time to visit and catch up on the years' news.

When the feast has ended, make things as easy as possible on yourself. Enlist helpers from the younger guests and let them clean up tables and wash and dry the dishes. Perhaps you'll plan an autumn walk in the crisp afternoon air...a quiet afternoon of television viewing.

Supper? Plan a meal of leftover turkey and vegetables served on paper plates. No cooking, no fuss and best of all no dishes to wash.

You may want to couple the following recipes with some of your family's traditional Thanksgiving fare, or begin one of your own traditions.

**\* APPLE CRANBERRY CRISP**

- 4 medium cooking apples
- 1-1 lb. can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup uncooked quick rolled oats
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup dark brown sugar (firmly packed)
- 1/2 cup butter

Peel apples and slice thin. Arrange in square baking dish about 10" X 6". Sprinkle with cinnamon. Spoon cranberry sauce over this. Stir oatmeal, sugar and flour together, cut in butter until evenly mixed and crumbly. Sprinkle this mixture over cranberry layer. Bake at 350 degrees until apples are cooked through and top is lightly browned, about 40 minutes. May be served with whipped cream or ice cream. Serve warm.

**\* CRANBERRY RELISH**

- 1 pound fresh cranberries
- 1 large navel orange
- 1 cup nuts
- 2 cups sugar

Wash and pick cranberries. Peel and section orange. Put cranberries, orange sections, orange peel, and nuts through food processor. Add sugar. Mix thoroughly and let stand 30-40 minutes. Pour into jars and cover, or store in covered dish in refrigerator several days before serving. Keep well. This is an excellent substitute for cranberry sauce. Very good with pork.

**IDA BADER HONORED**

Champagne Brunch Held For Mrs. James E. (Ida) Bader

A Champagne Brunch was held Sunday morning, November 16th, 1986, at 11:00 o'clock, at the Los Moras Inn at Ft. Clark Springs, honoring Mrs. Ida Bader on her 90th Birthday.

Mrs. Bader was attired in a lovely black and white, silk print dress with matching accessories.

After the Brunch, "Happy Birthday" was sung to "Mom" followed by opening of her gifts.

In attendance were all of "Mom's" children, most of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and relatives who were in Brackettville for her 90th Birthday celebration, as well as Else Sauer, a life-long friend.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.



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**SPORTS**  
BY KEN MULLIGAN



**TIGER CAGE SEASON OPENS**

The Brackett Tigers will open their 1986-87 basketball season on Tuesday Nov. 18 with a road game against the Rocksprings Angoras. The Tigerettes will begin play at 6:30 and the Tigers game will follow after a brief warm up period.

The Tigers return 3 starters from last years 6-16 team: Steve Boutwell and Robert Estrada at guard positions, and Charles Baker at center. Dutch Wardlaw is the only other returning letterman. Up from last years jv squad are Frank Morgan, and Placido Samaniego. New commers this year will be senior Hector Pena, sophmores Able Esparza, and Wesley Risinger, and Freshman Mitch Frerich. Head coach Pete Van Maren feels "... Our biggest goal this year is to improve on last years record. We are going to continue to run the fast break at any given opportunity and will probably play more man to man defense. We would like to invite everyone out to watch the Tigers for what we think is going to bring the winning tradition back to Brackett."

**TIGERS WIN OPENER**

Rocksprings- The Brackett Tigers opened their basketball season with a big bang Tuesday night by thumping the Angoras 37-22. Obviously a defensive struggle, the outstanding Tiger defense was led by Robert Estrada "But," says coach Van Maren, "all the boys played great defensely. We looked good but we still need to work on a few things before we can compete with the larger schools. Offensively I was not extremely pleased with the way we worked the ball, but I think we will get there soon."

Floor general Eloy Garcia did a fine job of setting up the offense and starting the fast break whenever possible. Point wise, the Tigers were led by Charlie Baker with 12 pts. and Hector Pena with 8. Baker and Pena also led the rebounding catagory grabbing 6 boards apiece.

Coach Van Maren would like to say thanks to all those who made the trip. Your support was greatly appreciated.

The next game will be here Nov. 21 vs. Rocksprings, jv boys at 5:00, varsity girls at 6:00, and varsity boys at 7:30. See you there!

**King Crossword**

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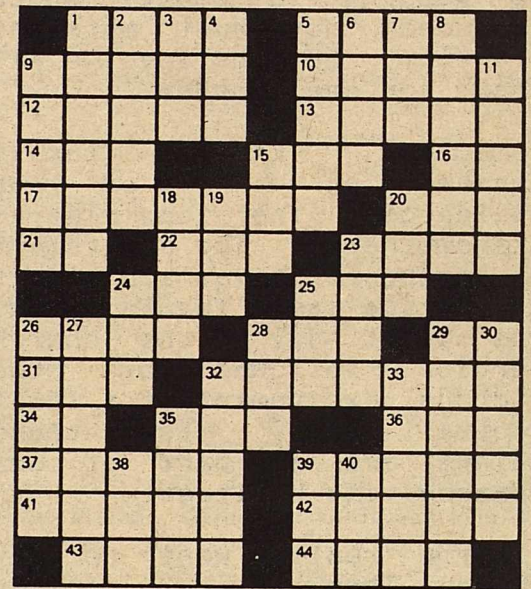
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- 28. Fuel
- 29. Therefore

**DOWN**

- 31. Viper
- 32. Snake
- 34. River (Chin.)
- 35. Spring month
- 36. Cuckoo
- 37. Doctrine
- 39. Article of virtue
- 41. Rub out
- 42. Gaseous elements
- 43. Resorts
- 44. Coffin
- 1. Japanese name for Korea
- 2. A quadruped
- 3. Sea eagle
- 4. Visionary
- 5. Hurl
- 6. Spicy
- 7. Anglo-Saxon letter
- 8. One of the

**Apostles**

- 9. Mortify
- 11. Appearing as if eaten
- 15. Emmet
- 18. Sour
- 19. Frigid
- 20. Torrid
- 23. A pillar
- 24. Small explosion
- 25. Cushion
- 26. One of the senses
- 27. Willows
- 28. Merry
- 29. Elder
- 30. Constellation
- 32. Values
- 33. Immense
- 35. Flat-topped hill
- 38. Short sleep
- 39. Part of a locomotive
- 40. Swiss canton



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# Let's talk.

Information about your changing telephone service from Johnny Caballero, Customer Services Supervisor

## A look at phone services of the future

It may be hard to believe but 1987 is a little more than a month away. I don't know about you, but every year about this time, I start to think about the future. It's as if the passage from one year to the next is a window, and every November I get the urge to step up to that window to look at the images on the other side of the glass.

As an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone, I am naturally inclined to think about the changes that will be taking place in the telecommunications industry. Certainly, this industry has had more than its share of changes in the last few years. However, when I look to the future, I see technological advancements that will literally change — no, revolutionize — our way of life.

*Business Week* recently published an excellent article on the future of the telecommunications industry, titled, "The Rewiring of America." It told of how current research is working toward forming one compatible coast-to-coast network, called the Integrated Services Digital Network or ISDN. This system would simultaneously carry voice and data messages over one line, acting as a sort of telecommunications super-highway.

Before ISDN can become a reality, however, new types of equipment must be installed nationwide. Especially critical to ISDN is the digital switch, which Southwestern Bell Telephone is installing at an aggressive pace in its central offices across the state. This year alone it is estimated that we will spend \$253 million on this project.

As part owner of Bellcore, the research wing of the seven regional Bell operating companies, Southwestern Bell Telephone is participating in experiments relating to the ISDN. The developments initiated in the coming years will not only improve the quality of your call transmission, but will expand the ways in which you use your phone.

## Technology permits new uses for your phone

For example, your phone line will be able to serve as a home security system, mail carrier and, with the help of your personal computer, a video newspaper. You will also be able to use your phone to check the status of your bank account in another city.

The new technology will make your phone even more reliable than it is now. Among the service-related developments on the horizon is a computer system that will detect trouble on your line — even before you do — and automatically make the necessary repairs.

What's more, you will have a wide choice of phone features — far beyond what you may have ever imagined. For example, our network will know the originating location of an incoming call. Then, as the phone is ringing, a computer-generated voice will announce the caller's name so you can decide if you would like to answer it or not.

Farfetched? Not at all. Austin customers have been trialing early versions of similar services for nearly two years. One of the most popular, Automatic Recall, addresses a frustration we have all experienced. Inevitably, when you rush to answer a ringing telephone, it stops just as you pick it up. With this phone feature, you can call that number back by simply dialing a two digit code.

Another feature being tested allows you to block certain numbers from ringing through to your phone. Another still, enables you to forward only certain calls to a third number. And perhaps one feature that could have the greatest impact of all, will allow you to trace annoyance calls.

The ultimate winner in this technological explosion will be you, the phone customer. You will have advanced telecommunication systems at your fingertips. And if you prefer only to use your phone for that most basic of reasons — to make a call — you will have faster, more dependable phone service than ever before.

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## TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY

AUSTIN--Texans aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent property taxes on their homesteads by taking advantage of a tax option called over-65 deferral. The elderly homeowner simply signs a deferral affidavit at the Kinney County Appraisal District Office.

This special form of tax relief can also halt a lawsuit already filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's homestead, according to Marcus Tidwell, chief appraiser of the Kinney County Appraisal District. To stop a delinquent tax suit, Tidwell said, the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending.

"This law means that, if the proper affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Tidwell said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can initiate or pursue a suit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives at that homestead.

Tidwell stressed, though, that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the homestead; it does not cancel them. During the deferral period, taxes and delinquent penalties and interest continue to add up, he said. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, those accrued amounts become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred tax, penalty and interest."

Forms for filing a tax deferral affidavit are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," he said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Kinney County Appraisal District, 512/563-2323, Brackettville.

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By Dorothy Payne

It was two o'clock in the afternoon on a blustry day in 1912, February 15, to be exact. Two men rode up to the hitching rack in front of the Seminole National Bank. No one seemed to notice them, which was unusual because one wore a mask and one wore a false beard. A sand storm raging at the time might explain the poor visibility of the local citizens.

One man, however, was very much aware of the visitors. He was John Haney, the cashier and the only man in the bank that afternoon. Ordinarily Haney would not have been alone, but the only other bank employee was sick at home.

The cashier was ordered to turn around, and further urged to do so by the prodding of two six-shooters. Haney got a bare glimpse of the bandits faces, as one held his gun at the cashiers back and the other scooped up 3500 dollars before locking the bank cashier in the now moneyless vault.

Haney lay on the floor and struggled to make use of what little amount of air that was coming through a crack under the door. So far the robbery was a success from the robber's point of view. They walked calmly out of the bank, mounted their horses and loped west.

Here they ran into their first problem: They met a cowboy on the trail that was driving a bull. The cowboy was Cleve Cobb, who later became a famous West Texas lawman as a special officer for the Sante Fe Railroad. Later he served as a deputy sheriff for Lubbock County Texas.

Cobb had a small ranch at the time about ten miles south of Seminole, Texas and was bringing home a stray bull. He stated later he didn't get much of a look at the two men because they turned and rode away before he could see them clearly. Later in the week he returned to town and learned about the robbery, and remembered seeing the two

reluctant strangers on the trail.

Meanwhile back at the bank, Haney had been locked up in the vault thirty minutes or so, it probably seemed more like thirty days. The imprisoned man heard a customer come into the bank and started banging on the vault door. The customer, a Mr. White, ran for the Sheriff and the cashier was sprung.

It didn't take long for the Sheriff, Frank Lord, to get up a posse, which soon took the trail, hot on the heels of the bandits. One time the Sheriff and posse came within sight of the robbers, but due to the jaded condition of their horses, failed to overtake them. The robbers either had a partner who had staked out fresh horses or knew where they could get some.

The bank roobers at the time were pretty hep at the time at that, having cut the telephone lines all around the town. However, in all their planning, they overlooked one line to Lamesa, and all the surrounding towns and New Mexico was altered.

It was said the pair were seen going by the post office in Hobbs, New Mexico about nine o'clock mountain time on the night of the robbery and were also seen passing a ranch house north of Monument, New

Mexico about eleven o'clock that night.

As the crow flies it's about thirty miles from Seminole, Texas to Hobbs, New Mexico, and in that length of time would have to be a pretty fast horse to make that much mileage especially in a howling sandstorm. This was another reason it was believed the robbers had a silent partner. He was silent alright, and so were the two who were seen, because they weren't caught that night. Weeks later a body was found near Monument which was identified as a man named Faquay who was a noted Oklahoma outlaw. He was drilled between the eyes and his clothes partially burned off. They were getting smart and identified him by his dentures.

It was surmised the other bandits killed him over the division of the bank loot. Faquay had been seen in the company of a cowboy named Humphreys while they both

worked for a rancher named Clay McGonigle, who later became a noted championship roper.

The Banker's Association hired a detective Boyd who started a long search for Bert Humphreys, going all the way to Mexico via the Big Bend country. He was finally able to catch up with his man in the summer of 1913. Boyd was disguised as a prospector and wandered into a Southern Pacific workman's camp where he struck up an acquaintance with him, even sleeping in the same shack.

Boyd made the arrest and brought the bandit back to Seminole for trial.

A venue change caused the trial to be held in Lubbock on December 14, 1913. But the trial was further delayed until the fall of 1914. When the trial finally came about, Haney, the bank cashier wasn't sure of the identification on the grounds that he had just gotten a glimpse of the mens faces before he was to turn around at gunpoint.

For lack of positive identification, Humphreys was acquitted right fast. He was freed and drifted out of the country and never heard of again. And neither was the five thousand ever recovered.

If it is true that Faquay was killed in a quarrel over the loot, the five thousand might still be found. In the vicinity of Monument and Jal, New Mexico there is nothing but mesquite, sand, oil, jackrabbits, remote ranches, etc. Maybe some day the shifting sands will uncover the money and someone will stumble onto the loot cached in the sand, maybe me.

A few years ago I made the acquaintance of a local rancher who stated he was one of the party who buried the bank robber Faquay. He said two cowboys came upon a body of a man between Monument and Jal about a month after the bank robbers in Seminole. They notified the Coroner and Justice of the Peace, who with a friend went back to identify the body. The rancher further stated that due to the over-powering stench they dug a hasty grave and scooped up the remains on a blanket and drug the blanket and all into the grave, covering it finally with rocks.



## HOUSING . . . . .

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stimulating ideas and opportunities for leadership.

People are not so funny when we realize that their minds are housed in bodies which do hurt, and has a greater tendency to argue with his wife and neighbors! Fatigue is a physical matter but it shows up in social relations.

The person who is suffering from chronic tiredness (work, weather, worry and poor health are common causes, and sometimes all of them hit a person at once) should be "treated gently."

One should remember that a person suffering from fatigue is looking for something to irritate him still more. A curt reply or order from a project manager will do the trick. However, if the manager senses that the person is a bit off balance emotionally that day, the chances are good that both will calm down, cool off, relax and agree.

Why must staff members of a housing project consider these personal attitudes and problems of their residents? Is not housing a business relationship which should be conducted across the counter in a business-like way?

The answer is partly "yes" but mostly "no". Housing is a business, but home life is not. Within the closely-crowded apartments of any projects are families who have every conceivable human problem and frailty. While at work they must keep much of their personal affairs to themselves. Not only must they do this, but in turn, many of their jobs bring them little personal satisfaction. When they do come home, they have a right to let down, blow off, and in other ways reveal their basic needs.

Their home neighborhood should be a friendly place where people are tolerant of each other's shortcomings and quick to recognize merit in another. It follows that the business office should also be a

friendly place. It cannot be operated like the punch clock of a factory. It is part of a man's home relationship. Therefore, it must be more friendly, more understanding and more personal.

Above all else, the neighborhood and the business office should "accentuate the positive" in human relations. Providing the residents' children with attractive opportunities for play is more effective than trying to "curb delinquency." Recognizing the housewife for her new ideas in cooking and in home management is better than criticizing her for violating rules. Giving a resident a chance to suggest improvements, even in business management, is better than for staff members to take all the credit themselves. Giving the neighborhood a chance to be proud of itself is also important. Prominent guests, whose presence is in itself a subtle form of recognition, should visit the community frequently.

Yes, people are funny, but there are reasons for it. Also there are ways of satisfying the individual's emotional needs so that he will be less funny—more reasonable.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS REQUIRES MORE THAN A "LEDGER MENTALITY." IT REQUIRES STAFF MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTAND HUMAN BEINGS AND WHO, THEMSELVES, ENJOY LIVING AND WORKING WITH OTHERS."

Evictions. Evictions are one of the disagreeable facts of life in the activities of a housing manager, in the private or public sector. It may be said that a situation requiring evictions is a failure. It represents a failure on the part of the tenant to abide by the terms of the lease. A Public Housing Manager must always answer the question, "Did I do all that I could do to avoid this terminal action?" The eviction of a poverty-level family is stomach-wrenching at best and adverse publicity can be expected. The lease must be enforced in fairness to all other tenants. Sound documentation of the factors involved in the decision to evict is paramount. A

detailed discussion of the subject of eviction is found in Appendix 10.

## Maintenance—

General: Maintenance costs in the authority's budget will be the largest single item, next to utilities, and will comprise a significant portion of the budget, varying.

The responsiveness of the maintenance system is another important aspect of the maintenance plan. Additions to the maintenance workload will be coming from the daily project walk through, regular scheduled inspection of dwelling units, move-outs, resident education that encourages tenants to keep management informed of problems, unmet needs that cause resident dissatisfaction, and emergencies. Whatever the source of the maintenance request, the system should respond within 24 hours. This does not necessarily mean completed action in 24 hours, because there will naturally be delays due to weather, availability of man-power, and availability of supplies and parts. The important issue is that the maintenance system responds quickly, and everyone knows that the work will be done in a reasonable time.

In the final analysis, the goal of a good maintenance program goes hand in hand with the overall objective of Public Housing to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing in a pleasant environment. The resident families have a large stake in the maintenance program and should be made an integral part of it, understanding the objectives of the authority, taking reasonable care of the property while in residence, and promptly reporting maintenance needs before they turn into major problems. Pre-occupancy counseling on care of the dwelling unit and immediate grounds will be time well spent.



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