



Pictured from left to right is Archbishop Patrick Flores and Father David Zumaya.

ARCHBISHOP FLORES VISITS BRACKETTVILLE

Archbishop Patrick Flores visited Brackettville, June 24, 1987, to honor Father David Zumaya on his tenth anniversary in the Priesthood. St. Mary Magdalene Church also celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

Several Parishes were represented. Del Rio had an estimated 50 individuals including members of the Randy Cote Assembly Knights of Columbus in full regalia as an honor guard for the Archbishop.

An exhibit was displayed during the day in the church featuring books and writings with illustrations on the Franciscans, and ceramics and artifacts were on display.

The celebration ended with a reception and dinner in the Brackett Civic Center with over 400 people attending.

Police Chief David Bohmfalk had the honor of providing Archbishop Flores and Father Zumaya police escort during the Archbishop's visit.



Proud winners are from left to right: Jack Taunt, Bruce Clements, James Haga, Lenny Mahefky, and John Clasen.

FORT CLARK SCOOTERS 2ND PLACE WINNERS AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

On the morning of Saturday, June 20th, Marge and Jack Taunt, Marcia and John Clasen, Lenny Mahefky, Dorothea and I, having loaded our scooters the day before, departed for Las Vegas, Nevada to join about 40,000 other Shriners in the Imperial International Shrine Competition.

With all the rains we have had, the countryside was beautiful. Everything was so green. We had a good uneventful trip on the way out arriving in Las Vegas Monday afternoon. Then the unexpected happened. Upon our arrival at the Circus-Circus Hotel, we were anxious to get checked in so we could see the sights, only to be informed we had no reservations and there were no rooms available. We told the desk clerk our reservations were made in March. Back to the computer she went and after a time she found my name, but said it had been cancelled for not paying the deposit. I told her that was not so, that I paid the deposit when I made the reservation through the travel agency. She said I would have to go through the travel agency to get my money back. I then produced the cancelled check made out to Circus-Circus and endorsed by them, with a date on it confirming my reservations. She went back to the computer and immediately four rooms became available. It seems the computer had made

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LIBRARY NOTES

BOOKS

BY:
FRANCES HERNANDEZ

The Summer Reading Program came to an end Friday, June 26th, at least 50 attended the last days activities which included: Dandy the Bloodhound Dog presented by Carl Kumple, Trainer.

In age group 3-5, Angie Fernandez group head, awarded certificates of participation and perfect attendance to: Kayla Ann Cruz, Kelley Daniels, Nela A. Gomez, Steve Hagler, Sonni Jones, Guillermo A. Monilar, Martina Payne, Samantha Payne, Stephanie Samaniego, Brandi Wilson, Asa York, and Jessica York and a Library Service Award to her assistant volunteer, Pilar Lozano.

Cyndy Falcon group head of the 6-8 year olds and her assistant volunteer, Gus Garcia awarded certificates of participation and perfect attendance to: Anna Gomez, Jo Lee Jones, Patty Lopez, Mary Alice Martinez, Jessica Payne, Samantha Perez, Beau Smallwood, Gracey Terrazas, Nicky Ridlehuber, Windy Goodloe and Sandra Negrette. Volunteer Gus Garcia was awarded a Library Service award, and was also awarded a certificate for outstanding service for volunteering 44 hours and 45 minutes to the Library.

In the age group 9-12, Librarian, Frances Hernandez and assistant volunteer, Hope Kelley awarded certificates of participation and perfect attendance to: Vicky Abrigo, Monica Ann Cruz, Christina Flores, Flor Blanca Flores and Valerie Jimenez. The following were awarded certificates for reaching their goal: Vicky Abrigo, Monica Ann Cruz, Christina Flores, Flor Blanca Flores, Valerie Jimenez, Sarah Kelley, Anna P. Sanchez, and Maria Terrazas. Christina and Flor B. Flores were tied for "The Most Books Read Certificate". Hope Kelley received a Library Service Award for volunteering at the Library.

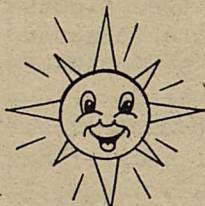
Other Library Service Awards went to: Angie Fernandez for volunteering 2 hours to the program. Mary Hernandez and Cyndy Falcon for judging the 9-12 year olds stuffed "Animal Fair".

The animals were judged on originality, cutest and

showmanship. The originality award went to Valerie Jimenez's snoopy, cutest went to Vicky Abrigo's monkey and a showmanship to Christina Flores.

A draw for a T-shirt iron on from the National Geographic World was won by Jessica York.

Recognition awards went to: C&L Minimax, Rays Grocery and The Kinney Cavalryman for their donations and contributions to the program.



GREEN TIPS

BY KATHY BADER

Right now is the time to begin planning and preparing for your fall garden. In this part of Texas our fall gardens are much more productive than our Spring garden, especially this year after our very wet early Spring. For those of us who had our tomatoes ruined, we may be able to have a nice crop this fall.

Aim for July 15th to begin putting in those crops that need to be harvested by the first frost. Before you plant, till, fertilize, and treat the soil for pests such as nematodes. Clean out all the older plants that have stopped producing and weed the area throwing away all the trash so that bugs don't lay eggs in it. (grass especially since it's about to seed).

After you have cleaned up and prepared the beds, begin planting eggplant, peppers, and tomatoes. By the 15th begin putting in cabbage, pumpkins, and squash. Beans, beets, and carrots can be planted now if care is taken to give plenty of water. Broccoli and cauliflower do well here too. I begin with a few plants now and the rest around the first of September.

For flowers, now is the time for spider lillies, crocus, portulaca, lantanna, cannas, periwinkle, copper plants, and many others that will bloom up until first frost. Consider purslane dianthis, and collus, too.

Separate Iris, clip back new canes on the berry bushes to encourage growth. Be very careful to watch trees and shrubs to make sure they don't hurt for deep waterings even though we are getting little showers, especially the pecans to promote good nut growth.

Well, this ought to keep you busy till next time!

UNITED MEDICAL CENTERS

WASHINGTON--United Medical Centers, serving Maverick, Kinney and Val Verde counties, has been awarded \$1.9 million under the Rural Health Initiative program, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas has announced.

The funding will be provided by the U.S. Public Health Service, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, said the senator.

The grant will be used to continue the delivery of primary health care to residents of the three-county area.

United Medical Centers operates clinics in Eagle Pass, Brackettville and Del Rio. It provides health care services to approximately 27,000 Texans.

The Rural Health Initiative was created within the Health and Human Services Department to assure adequate delivery of health care in underserved areas.

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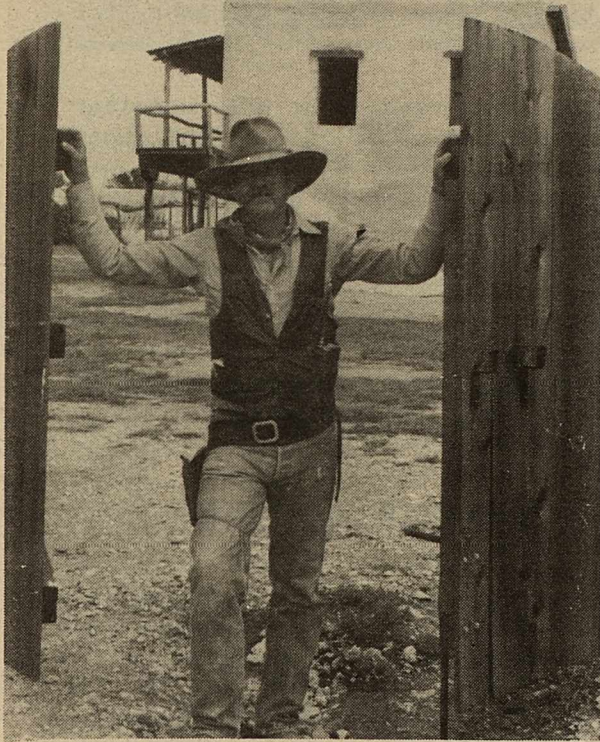
TRYOUTS

How many people do you know who can talk in "Coyote" or ride a fish? Come to the Old Quarry Amphitheater at Fort Clark Springs on July 10th at 7:30 p.m. or July 11th at 9:00 a.m. and find out. Tryouts for 14 speaking roles and one guitar playing role will be held for the performance of Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue Meet the Dirty Dan Gang. Invite your children, or grandchildren, from ages 13 to 20 to try out for this August 1st production.



Tiger birds of South America can imitate a tiger's voice.

ALAMO ENTRANCE



MEL GREEN

Mel Green lives in the Alamo. Not the one guarded under lock and key by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in San Antonio, but the living Alamo built by John Wayne and visited by thousands of tourists each year at Alamo Village

in Brackettville, Texas.

Originally from Independence, Mo., Mel was working in Houston when he went to see the famous Texas shrine in San Antonio. When he returned to Houston and proudly told a friend he had seen the Alamo, she replied "which one?"

"That's when I heard about John Wayne's Alamo Village, and I just had to see it," Mel said. It was love at first sight. He spent hours that first day, soaking up the nostalgia of the movie set haunted by John Wayne, walking the streets where Jimmy Stewart and Richard Widmark met in "Two Rode Together," and loitering in the jail where Dean Martin and George Kennedy discussed their fate in "Bandolero." He saw the set where Willie Nelson worked on "Barbarosa," and read the long list of commercials, documentaries and television shows that were filmed at Alamo Village. Mel was hooked.

"So I kept pestering Mr. Shahan to hire me, and he did," Mel said. The famous village and Alamo set are located on James T. "Happy" Shahan's sprawling 20,000 acre Longhorn cattle ranch, seven miles north of Brackettville, which is 120 miles southwest of San Antonio on U.S. 90. "When they told me I had to live in the Alamo, I was thrilled," Mel said with a smile. "There aren't too many boys from Missouri that can say they lived in the Alamo.

"I never knew what that line in the song that goes, "The stars at night, they shine so bright, deep in the heart of Texas" meant until I moved into the Alamo," he said, pausing from a stone sidewalk project to stare with piercing blue eyes. "You can dang near see into the next galaxy."

"When the moon shines down on the walls inside the Alamo, it looks like a ghost town," Mel said softly. "If you listen closely, you can almost hear the defenders, sitting around the fires, talking about the seige."

But man cannot live on history alone. Living in the Alamo has its trying times. "The time the skunk got in my room and dit its' thing has to be the low point of my existance in the Alamo," he said. And romance is a little tough to carry on in an Alamo apartment. "Sure, it's a little bit lonely, that's one drawback to living in the Alamo," Mel said with a sigh.

Mel spent a year away from Alamo Village working in construction, then as a maintenance man on a dude ranch, and later as a security guard. When economic woes forced layoffs at San Antonio security

firm he worked for, Mel quit the Citylife and returned to the Alamo. "My life just seems to be in order when I'm here," he said of the Alamo and the shops and buildings of Alamo Village he helps to maintain.

Although Mel's sebatical from Alamo Village came at a time last year when NBC's "The Alamo - Thirteen Days to Glory" was being filmed, he returned to the famous movie location several times during shooting to watch such stars as James Arness, Brian Keith and Lorne Greene work among the mayham of a major-league production. Me. will be on hand this summer when filming begins on "The Alamo...The Price of Freedom." This new documentary of the epic battle is unique because it marks the first time the mammoth screened IMAX filming technique will be used soley for a dramatic production. the 65 by 85 foot screens have been primarily used to portray scenic subjects like the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls or outer space. "The Price of Freedom" will be directed by Acadamy Award winning director Keith Merrill. It will be shown several times a day in a new theater at the River Center Mall across the street from the Alamo in San Antonio where 3.2 million people visted last year, according to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas who oversee the historical monument.

Mel will keep his quarters when the movie defenders move into the Alamo compound in July. He's not sure what part he will take in the movie, either constructing the Alamo or being allowed to die on film for it, but he's excited to see his beloved Alamo being restored to the perimeters built by his hero, John Wayne.

Wayne started construction on the Alamo, and the town of old San Antonio on Shahan's ranch in September of 1957, and began filming in August of 1959. More than a million locally-made adobe bricks were used in the project, as well as 12 miles of water pipe, 30,000 feet of imported spanis roofing tile and a million square feet of concrete flooring. the

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 - A. Securing necessary permits
 - B. Excavation of tank hole
 - C. Furnish and install one 10,000 gallon underground steel tank with fiberglass exterior coating
 - D. One new 1/3 HP submersible pump, fiberglass discharge fill and vent line
 - E. Vapor recovery line
 - F. Sand backfill around tanks and lines
 - G. Electrical conduit to submersible pump and fuel dispenser
 - H. Pull and test equipment for proper operation

Options for the above bid will include the following:

- A. Installation of an additional 6,000 gallon tank and accessories as listed above.
- B. Install and pour one 4' x 12' x 9' steel island form with bumperguards.
- C. Install two new GILBARCO Model 625-300 Commercial Dispensers with automatic nozzles.

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All bids must be received by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 1987. At this time, the bids will be opened in the Brackett Independent School District Board Room. Bids received after this date will not be considered.

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Brackett Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer.

THANK YOU

The Kinney County Public Library would like to express their sincere appreciation to those who contributed to the summer reading program. Special thanks to The Kinney Cavalryman, C&L's Minimax and Ray's Grocery.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is accepting applications for the position of Education Coordinator for the Head Start Program.

Qualification: B.A. degree preferred, but will consider candidates with equivalent combination of Early Childhood work experience and College training.

All interested applicants must submit their applications to Rodrigo T. Martinez, Executive Director, Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., P.O. Drawer 1709, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1709.

Resumes or applications will be accepted until July 7, 5:00 p.m.

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The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is accepting applications for the position for Head Teacher for the Brackettville Head Start Center, in Kinney County.

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Gov. Bill Clements pauses as he signs HB 173, the omnibus inhalant abuse bill into law.

CLEMENTS SIGNS ANTI- INHALANT ABUSE BILL

Legislators and representatives from a variety of anti-substance abuse organizations watched Tuesday as Gov. Bill Clements signed HB 173, the omnibus inhalant abuse bill, into law.



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HB 173, sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) in the Senate and by Rep. Bill Blackwood (R-Mesquite) in the House, makes several major changes in inhalant abuse laws and institutes a new permit system.

"This bill is aimed at bootleggers who sell common household items such as abusable glues and spray paint to minors for abusive purposes," Zaffirini explained. "Inhalant abuse is an insidious problem that is destroying our young people, and it must be stopped."

One of the major provisions of the bill is the deletion of the unwieldy "lock-up" provision which required businesses to display the abusable glues and spray paints in a manner in which the products were not accessible without assistance from store personnel. That attempt to prevent access by abusers did not work as well as expected in practice and was eliminated in favor of a new permit process which will raise money for a special inhalant abuse education program to be administered by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The Texas Department of Health will issue the \$25 annual permit. All businesses must have the permits, beginning in January, 1988, to legally sell abusable glues and aerosol paints.

HB 173 also included criminal provisions for selling such items without a permit: selling to someone under 18 without a valid

permit would be a third-degree felony, but selling to someone under 18 without a valid permit by someone who has a valid sales tax permit would be a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense. Store owners, as well as individuals, who have a valid permit but sell the specified abusable glues and aerosol paints to someone under 18 would be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor instead of the current Class C misdemeanor.

Another important provision of HB 173 is the requirement that retailers exhibit warning signs--in English and Spanish--spelling out the dangers and penalties for inhalant abuse.

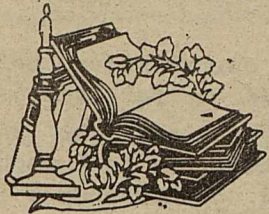
In addition, the bill broadens the definition of a culpable mental state for selling or delivering a "volatile chemical" to include "recklessly" and raises the minimum age for sale or delivery of such chemicals to under 18 years of age instead on the current 17. Volatile chemicals are found in abusable glues and spray paints, and their sale and delivery is strictly regulated by law.

The Zaffirini and Blackwood bill also establishes a special Inhalant Abuse Committee which will consist of three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and three persons appointed by the Speaker of the House. The committee will monitor and evaluate the effect of this Act in curbing the pervasive problem of inhalant abuse.

On hand for the signing of the bill were Zaffirini; Blackwood; Senators Frank Tejada (D-San Antonio) and Cyndi Krier (R-San Antonio); Rep. Roman Martinez; Ricardo Jasso, executive director of NOSOTROS, a San Antonio anti-inhalant abuse organization; Jose Marquez, of the Texas War on Drugs; Mike Ezzell of the Texas Department of Health; Robb Southerland, chair of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and representatives from the Lumbermen's Association, the Texas Retailers Association and various hardware stores.

The bill represents a great deal of effort and negotiation on the part of store owners and anti-substance groups, Zaffirini noted.

"If we are to secure a bright future for us all, we must work to make our next generation drug-free," she added. "We who worked long hours to make this bill a reality believe it can be done--with time, patience and unity. Our children are well worth the effort."



OBITUARIES

BEULAH M. SNYDER

Beulah M. Snyder, 90, entered into rest Monday, June 29, 1987. A former Brackettville resident she resided in Lorena, Texas since 1978. She was the widow of Russell L. Snyder who preceded her death on November 18, 1951. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include daughters Lola McClure, Pauline Benson and Louise Malinovsky all of Brackettville, and Joan Batty of Houston; Sons William Snyder of Hondo, Russell Snyder of San Antonio, and Ed Snyder of Waco. Twenty-four (24) Grandchildren, numerous Great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the Frontier Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating. Interment at Kinney County Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Grandsons and Great-grandsons. Arrangements by Rice funeral Chapel.



ROSARIO LUNA

Rosario Luna is entering her fourth summer working in the Alamo Village Cantina. "I like working here," she said. "It's fun." The flow of movie people and tourists keeps her job interesting, the daughter of Jose and Petra Perez said.

"You get to meet everybody who comes through here. They're pretty nice!" she said. Things get exciting at Alamo Village when a movie company moves in, so naturally Rosario is looking forward to the filming of "The Alamo...The Price of Freedom" this summer.

Rosario enjoys reading, playing baseball, camping and fishing with her son, Jeffery, and her husband, Rudy, during weekends. She works five days a week, year round at the Village.

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MEL GREEN

Alamo cost over \$12 million, which set a Hollywood record for the most money spent on a film at the time.

"In a way I envy the real defenders of the Alamo," Mel said Philosophically. "When we come into this world, we don't have much choice of how we go out of it. the Bible says, "No greater love hath a man than to lay down his life for a friend." The defenders laid down their lives for a whole Republic of friends. I guess living here at the Alamo, I feel closer to those men, to that kind of man," he said. "Living here is the closest thing to going back in history. It's where I belong."

"Old age is a good advertisement."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



ROBERT PAUL HARGUS

Robert Paul Hargus, Sr., 39, entered into heavenly rest on June 26, 1987 in the Val Verde Memorial Hospital in Del Rio. He was a Brackettville resident for two (2) years, and the former owner of Brackettville's Exxon Station. Survivors include his wife Bea Hargus of Ft. Clark; Sons Robert Paul Hargus, Jr. and Stephen Kyle Hargus; Parents Lora and Steve M. Hargus of Abilene; Grandmother Lillie McKennon of Baird, Texas; Brother Steve Mr. Hargus, Jr. of North Carolina; Several Aunts and Uncles. His remains were forwarded to Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene where services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday. Interment was in the Midway Cemetery in Hodges, Texas. Local arrangements were by Rice Funeral Chapel.



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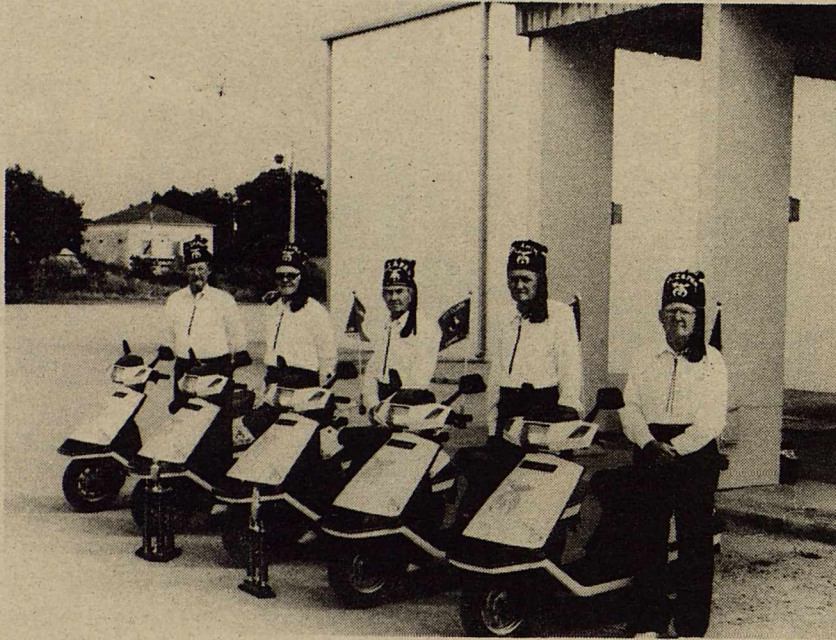
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another error on the number of rooms filled. Upon getting checked in, I then called the Alzafar Headquarters reporting in, and was told the Tuesday parade would begin at 9:30 a.m., but the Alzafar Temple would not ride until 2:00 p.m. The parade was to be held in the Convention Center.

Tuesday morning we unloaded, washed and polished our scooters and at 1:00 p.m. arrived at the Convention Center, only to be told the parade was being cancelled. To try to find out why, Lenny and I rode to the starting point and decided to join and ride on through. After riding through we hurried back and told Jack and John and we all went through it as a unit. Our Potentate, Terry McGuire, was at the reviewing stand and told us later he was happy to see us representing the Alzafar Temple. After the parade we went to the Alzafar Pool Party at the Holiday Casino. When we arrived we found that the Potentate was telling everyone that the Alzafar Temple was represented by the Ft. Clark S.C. Scooters. We were the only Alzafar Unit to ride the parade. We were asked how we got in and I told them we had our scooters in high gear upon approaching the entrance and the guard was afraid to try to stop us. After all, we had come over 1,200 miles for this. Later we were told the Fire Department stopped it because of the carbon dioxide build up.

Jack contacted the Imperial Headquarters about our competition riding, and was told because we did not arrive in time for the Monday meeting we would be the last in our group to ride the competition. This was O.K. with us since we had not ridden together in over six weeks, so we went to the Circus-Circus parking lot and practiced for about an hour, then went to the Convention Center where the competition was being held. We told the other units competing against us we might not take home a trophy but they would sure know we had been there. When our turn came to compete, we entered the arena and rode like pros, as if we had been riding together for years, instead of just hours. During the competition you have from 6 to 8 minutes to do your maneuvers. You are penalized if you are under 6 minutes or over 8. There are four judges. One on each side of the arena and they judge you on coordination, leadership, riding & execution, precision, timing, dress, interval distances, and showmanship. Upon completion of the maneuvers, as we were leaving the arena, the on-lookers cheered and yelled and we knew we had made a good ride. This may sound like I

am bragging...well I am.

It was then over the the obstacle course where only two men from each unit were allowed to participate. Jack and I decided to try it since Lenny and John had not ridden in so long. Lenny had hurt his back about six weeks ago and if he should fall on this course it could cause a serious injury. I had never ridden an obstacle course in competition and Jack had not ridden in the last 12 years. However, before the ride we were allowed to walk through the course and look at the difficult spots. Then came the test. Each person rides individually and it is a timed event. You are penalized one second for each time your feet touch the ground or each pylon you touch or knock over. After looking it over we told the judge we were ready to ride. Again we rode like pros and went through the course with flying colors, not receiving any penalties. We still didn't think we had placed, but knew we were good enough not to be ashamed of our ride. No one would know the out-come of the rides until the award presentation on Thursday.

On Thursday when they were announcing the winners and called the Alzafar Scooters as Second Place, Jack was so stunned that he had to be told twice to go up and receive the trophy. In the competition a perfect ride is 100 points. The unit winning first place beat us by 2.14 points. However, we couldn't have been happier if we had taken First Place. Then came the obstacle awards and it was a repeat of the competition. We again took Second Place. This time being beat by two seconds. No one believed we had not ridden before. We were so happy to have placed in our first competition that we set the trophies up in the Pink Pony Room at the Circus-Circus and held a victory celebration.

Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. the downtown, Fremont St., night parade began. It was the longest parade ever held in the history of Las Vegas. All participants were Shriners, (I think all 40,000 of them were there) in every type vehicle you could think of or marching in one of the hundreds of bands. One group, instead of riding a bicycle built for two, rode a bicycle built for 28. The way the peddles were arranged it looked like a large worm inching its way down the street. Both the front and rear men maneuvered it. The parade lasted until after 10:00 p.m.

It was then back to the hotel to take one last look around at the sights and get ready to leave for home Friday morning. Friday morning dawned hot and clear and after saying good-bye to friends and nobles we departed for Ft. Clark. On the way home we took inventory and to our surprise we found we still had a little money left, so we decided to take a side trip via Tombstone, Arizona. After a visit there we went on to Bisbee to view an old abandoned copper mine, then came on home, arriving here about 9:00 p.m. Sunday night. We all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next June when the Imperial Shrine will be held in New Orleans.

Now that we are back home, we will again turn our thoughts to the real purpose of Shrinedom. That is helping Crippled Children walk. "WE RIDE SO THEY CAN WALK."

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Bruce Clements

SOUTHWEST TEXAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society is sponsoring a membership drive Monday through Friday in its eight emphasized counties.

According to SWTGS Charter and Patron Member Grace Rose, Kinney County native, "This is the Society's first membership drive in all eight counties the Society covers. Interested individuals in Kinney County need to know that there are three types of annual memberships available: regular members for \$15., sponsors for \$25.-\$99, and patrons for \$100."

Kinney County SWTGS members Mr. Charles Downing, Mr. Charles Ward, Miss Charles Wilson and Mrs. Gloria Benacci will spearhead the drive Monday through Friday at various businesses and at Fort Clark Springs. Membership blanks and other information about the Society will be available at the Kinney County Library for persons interested in family history.

Organized in 1985, the SWTGS has five purposes:

1. To encourage family research, with particular emphasis on the Southwest Texas counties of Dimmitt, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Medina, Real, Uvalde, and Zavala;
2. To promote the exchange of genealogical skills and information among members;
3. To raise the standards of genealogical research in the Southwest Texas area through educational programs, workshops, and the publication of genealogical data;
4. To promote the collection and preservation of the early records of Southwest Texas; and
5. To constitute a helpful group for the libraries in the emphasized counties, assisting those libraries in building their genealogical collections.

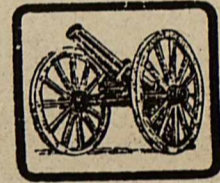
Of the eight quarterly meetings sponsored by the Society, two have been at Fort Clark Springs. The main speaker at the first one was Mr. Charles Downing, Fort Clark Springs' history buff and rare book collector; and Miss Charles Wilson, retired Brackettville teacher and 'First Lady of The Seminoles,' was the main speaker at the last one held June 7 of this year.

Chaney concluded by stating, "In our own small way, the eight quarterly meetings and numerous workshops and seminars over a two year period have helped the depressed economy of Brackettville and area communities. The present 171 members of the Society hope that individuals and businesses repay that favor by joining and by helping the Society to be financially stable for the new group of officers who will assume duties during the September meeting at the Holiday Inn in Uvalde."

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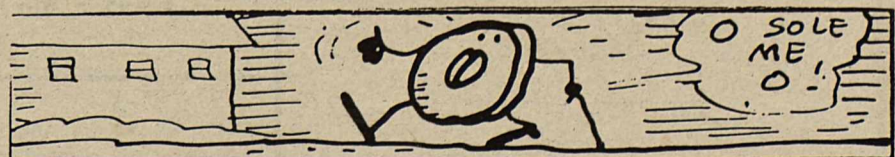
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