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County officials warn of water District problems

Last Monday's, Feb. 13, motion made by Commissioners to join with the Edwards-Real Underground Water District has brought up some startling new information.

According to County Attorney Tully Shahan, the Edwards-Real Conservation and Reclamation District is not recognized by the State of Texas as having underground water responsibilities.

This statement was also verified by Soil and Water Conservation member, James Crumbley, he stated, "I've seen the publication by the Water Commission and Edwards and Real Counties weren't even mentioned."

County Attorney Tully Shahan also added, "We are afforded no protection by joining. I think we need to do something and I've talked to some water districts, we need to have a special meeting and see where we stand and what options are available to us."

Tommy Seargeant is looking into the matter, his concern is that we need to do something. "We're taking a good look at it," Tommy stated. "We hope the Legislature approves their reclamation and adds us to it. It would be ideal to form our own water district and this may be feasible. We need to do something soon, as of the 10th of March, or wait two more years," according to Edwards County Judge, Neville Smart. "I would say that we are a legal water district, that conservation and reclamation was created by State Legislature in 1959. I have never been told that we were not listed as a Water District, I can find out. Presently our State Representative and Senator are submitting a Bill that would include both Real and

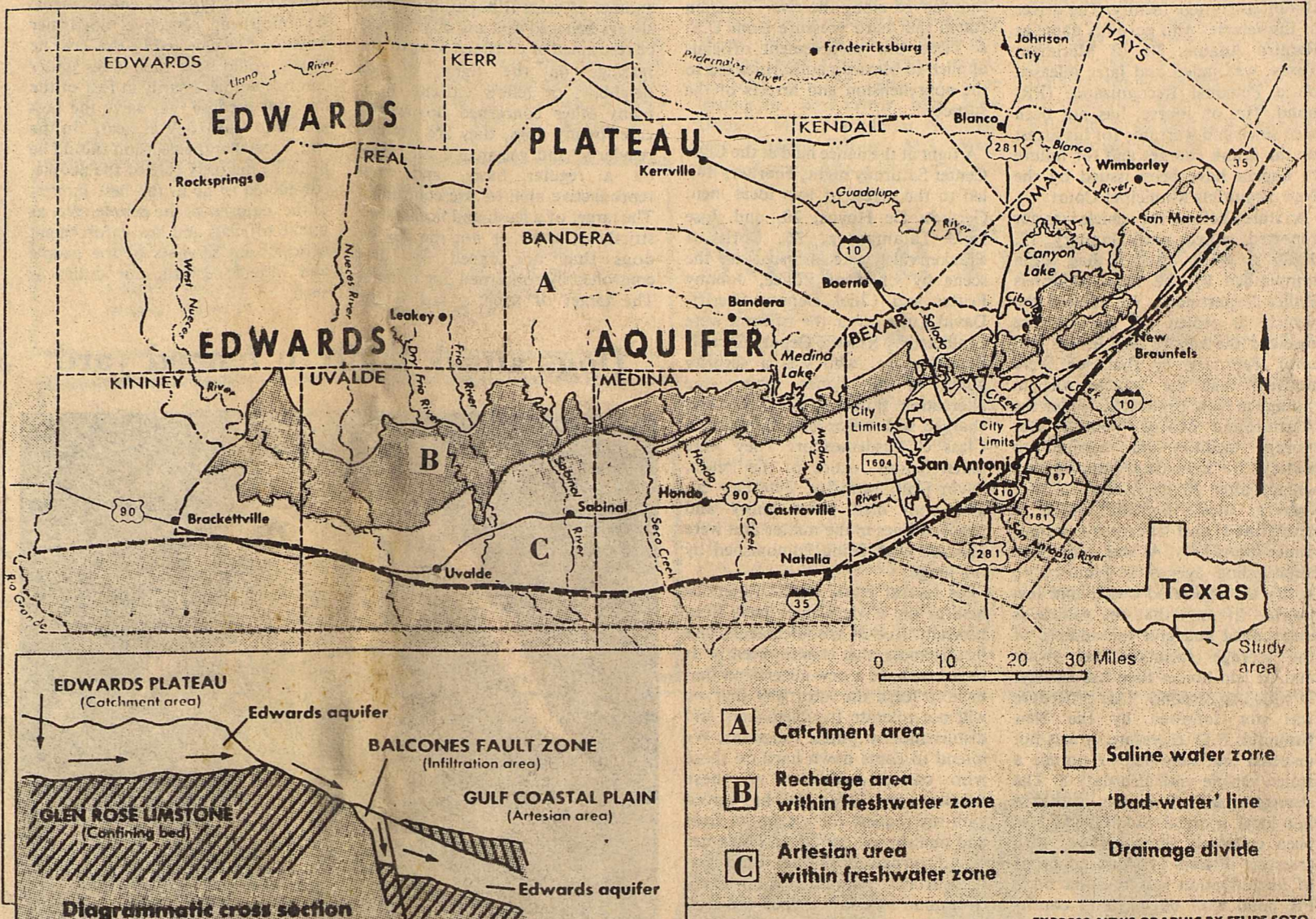
Edwards in the district. Our Conservation and Reclamation is partially in Real and partially in Edwards. By submitting this Bill, we may get a little protection from the Edwards Underground Water District, at least for a couple of years."

"Representative Bill Sims is introducing a Bill that would allow both, Sutton County and Crockett County, to form their own Water District. I have heard that there is a Bill pending legislative action to prohibit counties from forming single Water Districts, I have not seen this Bill and guess that resources are accurate." Judge Neville Smart also added, "I have no objection to Kinney County joining with our Water District, there may be a few problems."

Local resident W. A. "Doc" Belcher and area resident for 61 years stated, "I'd rather see us join with Edwards and Real Counties, as long as they do prove they do have underground water responsibilities, because in their area you're talking ranches, they raise sheep, goats and cattle and have an abundance of wildlife and they're a small town like Brackettville."

The Chairman of the Edwards-Real Water District said that never in history have they collected taxes. "We could also join Uvalde and Medina Counties, yet they have more irrigation and may need more taxes. The main thing is to escape San Antonio telling us how much water we can use and how much we should pay for it."

As of this date, no further information on the existent responsibilities of the Edwards-Real Water District is available.



•Studies of the Edwards aquifer began with the measurement of the discharge of Comal Springs in 1895 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

•Monitoring of water levels in the Edwards aquifer began in 1910 when a well was measured in San Antonio.

Continuous recording of water levels began in 1934.

•Water-quality data have been collected from springs and streams, and from wells since 1930. Currently, about 100 wells and three springs are included in the water-quality monitoring network.

•The first well was dug into the aquifer in 1865.

•About 85 percent of the precipitation that falls on the Edwards aquifer and catchment area is lost back to the atmosphere by evapotranspiration (water withdrawn from a land area by evaporation from

water surfaces and moist soil, and plant transpiration).

•The Nueces River basin, the Frio-Sabinal basin and the Seco-Hondo-Medina basin collectively supply about 70 percent of the total recharge to the aquifer.

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Band wins medals

On Saturday, February 18, the Brackett Tiger Band was well represented at the Jr. High Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Crystal City. There were a total of 11 medals the following all medal winners:

Trumpet Quartet: Ida Aguilar, Micheal Munoz, Patrick Conlow, Matthew Foster.
Clarinet Trio: Raquel Franklin, Patrick Melancon, Jeffery Potter.
Saxophone Quartet: Myrna Gonzales, Hannah Reschman, Theresa Perez, Daniel Garza.
Other participants were:
Flute Quartet: Mary Falcon,

Pamela Potter, Jennifer Terrazas, Maria Terrazas - received a rating of II

Clarinet Trio: Raquel Franklin, Yesenia Rodriguez, Sandra Solis - received a III

Trombone Trio: Sean Burks, Damien Martinez, Chris Mulligan - received a III

Clarinet Solo: Yesenia Rodriguez - received a II

Alto Saxophone Solo: Myrna Gonzales - received a II; Hannah Reschman - received a II

Snare Drum Solo: Chris Hale - received a III

Radiation Tragedy

Citizens of Karnes County made the KSAT 12 news report five nights in a row. Their tragedy was covered by news reporter, Hollis Grizzard.

Uranium mills in the area dumped untold amounts of radiation into the water and environment. An overabundance of cancer, ranging from the liver to lungs, plague the citizens.

This report by Hollis Grizzard, along with other reports, has been made available to the citizens of Kinney County by the organization

C.A.R.E. and may be viewed on the hour every hour at the City Hall upstairs meeting room, beginning at 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., February 23.

C.A.R.E met with over 40 involved citizens in attendance, displaying concern for the citizens of Karnes County, discussed how that incident may relate directly to Kinney County. Be sure to view the VCR tapes February 23, and find out how.

School Board Election

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees set the date for the School Board Election for May 5, 1989. There are three trustees whose terms are expiring. Incumbents are Zack Davis, Beth Ann Smith, and Tony Frerich. They have not announced whether they intend to seek another three year term.

Persons wishing to register for a place on the ballot should come by

the central school office for an application. Qualifications for a Trustee Candidate are:

1. Qualified voter in the district.
2. A resident of the district during the six months before the filing deadline.
3. A resident of the state twelve months before the deadline.

Trustees must retain all of these qualifications while in office.

by Penny Nixon

At age 36, Vito La Gioia is a very lucky man. He's married to a dazzling beauty, and they have two healthy kids. His independent plumbing and electrical contracting business is booming. And, he's the Mayor of our town.

He should be relaxed and contented, right?

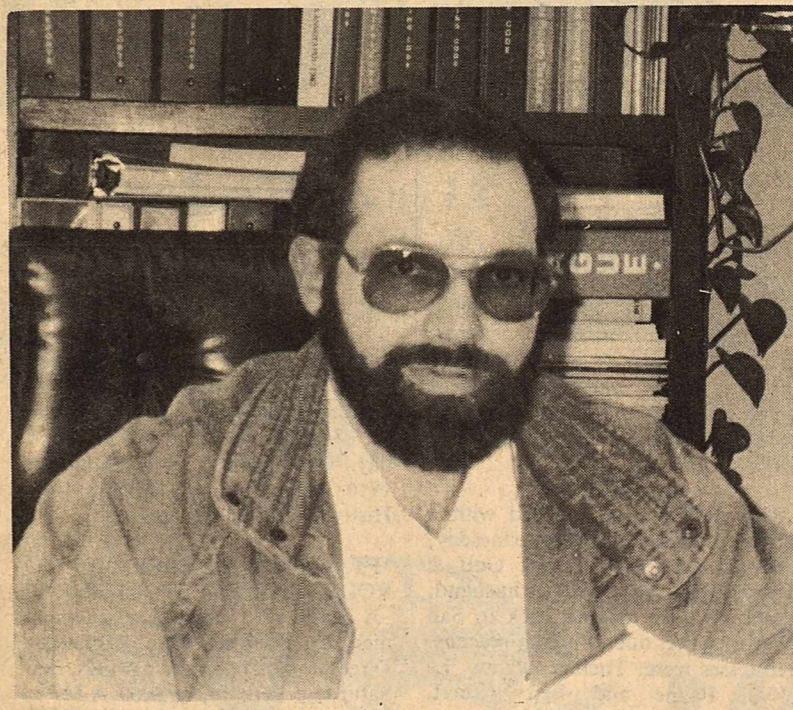
But he's Italian - born in Chicago to boot. He needs to know what is going on in his town. That's rough business in Brackettville. We have politics with very big fish in this little pond. And Vito's making some waves.

With Vito, as with most Italians, you know where you stand. He'll tell you. The issues of public life can get this man riled up to the point of "over pontification". He sticks his foot in his mouth sometimes, but he speaks out for what he believes is right. Isn't that what an elected man is supposed to do?

Many people know Vito La Gioia as the versatile, fix-all man who likes to get the job done right. He's earned a good reputation since he and Mary Helen brought William and Angela to visit grandparents G. C. and Elena Talamantez eight years ago and decided to make this their home. Vito moved to Brackettville because he wanted to make a good life for his wife and kids.

As a businessman and active community member, Vito saw the time and need arise to make some changes. So he did. He ran for Mayor, and brought a new brand of leadership to town.

What kind of impact has the absence of a City Manager had on City employees



Mayor Vito La Gioia

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM A 2/19/89 INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR VITO LA GIOIA:

"I love Brackettville. This is my home, and I'll do whatever I can to make it the number one place to live or visit," he said.

Does he enjoy being Mayor? "It's very gratifying to know that all your time and effort is time well spent. Every day we put into it, Brackett gets better."

"What are some of the 'better things'?" "We are getting city lots, drains, and the creek cleaned. I think people know the doors to City Hall are open to everyone. I feel good about our new Animal Control Officer, Joe Bravo. And, the streets are being repaired, slowly but surely."

Some of the toughest things Vito has faced since taking command last May? "Trying to get money, and businesses and grants that will create jobs for Brackettville citizens. And that means meetings. And meetings, and meetings at different places at the same time, and more meetings," he said, shaking his head. "And getting people who owe money to Brackettville to understand that they must pay for these city services."

What happened with Police Chief Johnny Fritter? "He took a leave of absence without pay to straighten out some personal affairs. He was put back on a six month probation with a letter of reprimand. He was not suspended. He took a leave of absence without pay at his own request."

At a recent County Commissioners Court meeting, why did Pct. 1 Commissioner Joe Garza make a motion questioning your contract with the County for Civic Center ceiling work? "I don't know why Joe did it. It was a political thing. Both Joe Garza and myself have learned a lesson in politics."

"And Vito's making some waves"

How much time does the Brackettville Mayor spend in Kinney County Court meetings? "As much as I have to to fully understand, and make sure the County and City are trying to move in the same direction. I want to make sure our lines of communication are open."

Why did the last city manager, Frank Sanchez, leave? "When I got there, they had two city managers, co-city managers; Frank Sanchez and Ginger Dodson. And I said, 'hey, it's got to be one of you,' so it was Frank. But things didn't work out, and he was asked to leave. It was in the best interest of Brackettville to relieve Frank Sanchez of his duties. We couldn't afford him anymore."

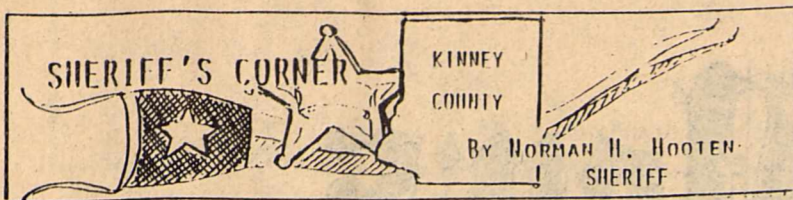
What kind of impact has the absence of a City Manager had on the Mayor and city employees? "I'm proud of my department heads because they've all proved they can operate in a professional manner. We now have records on all of our vehicles, materials, gas consumption, phones and stuff. We have a good file system, and a computer system for billing. City Hall is being run like a business is run: to serve people where everybody is treated fair."

How about that City Manager's job? "We are still taking applications for the position at this time, but there is no deadline."

What are you looking for in city development during the coming year? "We've been given top priority for an economic development planning grant study on our water, sewer and drainage systems, and for housing. We'll be going for any grant and job program our area qualifies for," the Mayor said.

Overall, what has he learned? "That Brackettville needs to hang tough. It's not going to be easy - but together we can make it work."

Mayor La Gioia said two of the important issues facing the citizens of Brackettville are the proposed Central Power and Light rate increase, and possible adaption of Southwestern Bell Telephone's "Texas First" Plan. The next City Council Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13, at City Hall on Spring St. All citizens, the press and other interested parties are invited to be in attendance.



Fight at Dance leads to arrest

A vehicle, which was reported stolen on January 17, 1989, from a hunting camp in east Kinney County, has been located and returned to its rightful owners. This case is peculiar in that the vehicle was actually stolen on or about January 10, 1989, and the driver of the stolen vehicle was arrested by a New Braunfels police officer and charged with Public Intoxication the evening of January 11, 1989. The vehicle, though stolen, had not yet been reported and therefore, was not entered in the TCIC/NCIC computer and was transported and stored at a New Braunfels storage facility. The driver of the vehicle, who gave his name as Ramiro Adame, 30, of Meridian, Texas, was jailed and later released on a Personal Recognizance (PR) bond. He, of course, has not been seen since and warrants for his arrest on the drunk charges and for failure to appear have been issued by the New Braunfels Municipal Court.

As stated before, the vehicle was not reported stolen until January 17, 1989, a week after it had been impounded by the New Braunfels Police Department. We entered the vehicle as stolen on the day we received the report and it was not until February 8, that we were notified that the vehicle was in storage in New Braunfels. Under the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act storage facilities are required to notify the arresting/impounding agency after 10 days, and no later than 11 days, that the vehicle is unclaimed and therefore comes under the AMVA. At that point, the impounding agency is required to notify the registered owner and lien holders (if any) that the vehicle is impounded and give the address of the storage facility. The owner and/or lien holder then has 20 days in which to respond. This procedure was not followed by the New Braunfels P.D. therefore, it was not detected that they had in storage a stolen vehicle until February 8. The strangest part of all this is that a non-local criminal violator who had been extremely uncooperative with arresting officers and had no proof of identification was released on a PR bond with no accurate confirmation that he was who he said he was or lived at the address in another city where he claimed to live. At any rate, the rightful owners finally regained possession of their vehicle after some difficulty. Another strange development in this case, is the fact that on February 16, I received two warrants on the suspected violator and car thief from the New Braunfels Municipal Court, the address given by the suspect was in Meridian, Texas, not Brackettville! WHEW! Does all this make sense to you? Me either!

Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson stopped by for a visit the afternoon of February 14. He was on his way to Hondo to testify in a trial there the following day. We talked over old times and discussed drug enforcement problems along the Texas-Mexico border. Joaquin is currently headquartered at Alpine, Texas, and seems to enjoy working the wild, western country of Brewster County,

which accounts for about half of the Big Bend of Texas. Joaquin was one of the primary investigators of the tragic murder case involving two tourists, a man and his wife, who were fired upon while taking a raft ride down the Rio Grande recently. The woman was injured and her husband killed by shots fired from the Mexico side of the river. Investigators from both sides of the river finally tracked down the killers, they turned out to be four Mexican National teenagers drunk on liquor and high on pot who were just taking random shots at anything that moved along the river. Joaquin stated that hard pressure from U.S. & Texas law enforcement officials applied to Mexican authorities led to the apprehension and arrests of the suspects.

A fight at the dance held at the Civic Center Saturday night, February 18, led to the arrest of two local men. Gerardo De Hoyos, 20, and Jose Luis Talamantez, 26, both of Brackettville were arrested at the scene by Chief of Police, Johnny Fritter and Chief Deputy Sheriff, David Luna, after the officers were contacted by Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Ben Vasquez, who was a security guard at the dance, about the altercation. Both men were jailed and charged with Disorderly Conduct, a Class C Misdemeanor. They were taken before Justice of the Peace, Alvin Hall, Monday, February 20, and both men plead guilty and received fines in the matter and were released after being admonished by the judge.

For several years, public functions held at the Civic Center have been basically free of troublemakers and disturbances, that is until recently. It seems we have a new generation that have to learn the hard way that we will not tolerate troublemakers and disturbances at public functions. We intend to come down hard on those who cause problems at these functions and Judge Hall has agreed with my request for maximum fines and punishment for those who enter into disturbances and altercations at these affairs. So those of you who are of a mind to exercise your expertise at causing trouble at public functions should be advised to be prepared to pay the price. Class C Misdemeanors are punishable by a fine of up to \$200 plus court costs of \$13.50. More serious misdemeanors can lead to heavier fines plus county jail time and we will make room for troublemakers, fighters and wild bull riders if necessary.

In last week's column, I discussed the stray dog problem and outlined a basic plan for the control of stray dogs with a strictly enforced licensing and leash law. I received a prompt response from Brackettville Vito La Gioia who has informed me that the City of Brackettville has been attempting to enforce existing leash laws in the Brackettville City Limits over the past few months. They have an animal warden and he reports that they have made some progress in the stray dog problem. We discussed several items of concern pertaining to this problem, not the least of which is

sometimes adverse public reaction to the enforcement of leash and licensing laws. This highlights the age old dilemma of law enforcement, which is, everybody wants the law enforced, but not on them.

Mayor La Gioia has expressed a strong desire to work with other public officials in reaching a workable solution to our problem in this area and he feels, as I do, that this is a community problem and we need to work together to solve it. No one loves dogs more than I do, I have bred and raised dogs for over 25 years and will continue to do so for another 25 years (I hope). But I have always believed that my dogs should be restrained or confined so as to not infringe on the rights of my neighbors or fellow citizens. I, as many other concerned dogowners, care for my dogs, they are wormed regularly, and vaccinated for rabies on a regular basis, and their reproductive abilities are controlled. The target of a leash and license law, strictly enforced, is not the dog or dogs that are cared for and controlled by concerned dog owners. The target of such a law is the

unclaimed dog, or the dog which is not controlled by its owner. We have other laws within our society which control our actions for the safety and well-being of our society. Laws that govern licenses to drive a vehicle on public roadways, the licensing and safety inspections of those vehicles that are to be operated on a public roadway, and even mandatory laws concerning liability insurance on those vehicles. Why should anyone object to the enforcement of laws concerning our dogs or other pets? I do not believe that any CONCERNED dogowner would object to this type law enforcement. A concerned, objective dogowner would not be affected by this law, he or she would have their dogs under control, not necessarily in fear of the law, but because they have the best interest of their dog at heart. In the end, I feel that the decision should be made by majority rule of the people, considered to be in the best interest of the majority of the people. We, as public officials and law enforcement officers, are servants of the people and should perform our duties as such.

Dogs attack lamb in fenced yard



A picture is worth a thousand words

Write to your area representatives at the following addresses on issues that concern you:

The Honorable Representative
Dudley Harrison
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Tx. 78769

The Honorable Senator
Judith Zaffirini
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Tx. 78711

Rodeo Bound

spent the night in Alpine, and on Feb. 11, went on to Ft. Davis, toured Ft. Davis Museum and then back to Ft. Clark arriving at 2:30 P.M. same day. Thompson is researching the 1916 period (Pancho Villa days) for a History book on that period.

FT. CLARK MEMBERS GO TO RODEO AND FAT STOCK SHOW: A group of 37 members accompanied by Sondra Meil, Recreation Director of Ft. Clark Springs, left Saturday, Feb. 18, at 9:00 A.M. to attend the Rodeo and Fat Stock Show in San Antonio. They departed from the N.C.O. Club after having enjoyed coffee and doughnuts. The group stopped in Hondo also, for refreshments. Upon arriving at the Rodeo, they were joined by two other Ft. Clark Members. The group was divided into several small groups, then they all got together at their Reserved Section for the Rodeo, and enjoyed the concert by the Judds. On their return trip, the group was treated to a candlelight dinner and music at the Alsatian Inn in Castroville. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole group.

The very charming and congenial couple, Wally and Margaret Cooper came in Thursday night to spend a few days visiting their many friends. Their itinerary included: Friday night dinner with the Gallions, Saturday night dinner and dancing in Del Rio with the Outlaws, Sunday they treated Anita Kielberg to lunch, had coffee and cake with the Cervantes in the evening, and also attended evening services at the Frontier Baptist Church and Monday night dinner with the Loves. On Tuesday morning they were off to home in Richardson, Texas. We're always happy to see them, so hurry back!!!



Fire on the Hill

A fire broke out on The Hill, land owned by Plunker Sheedy, across from the R.E.A. building, Wednesday, Feb. 23.

According to David Martinez, City employee and Volunteer fireman, the fire resulted after a pick-up truck back fired causing the dry grass underneath to ignite. The fire burnt the tail end of the pick-up then

traveled to the porch of an abandoned building on the site. Firemen arrived in time to extinguish the flames before they could cause damage. The fire was under control in less than 15 minutes.

Volunteer Firemen on the scene were; Rudy Luna, Richard Jaso, David Martinez, Gilbert Sanchez and City employee Joe Bravo.

EDITORIAL

By Jennifer Pasanski

Oops, oops and oops is one way to describe last weeks paper. The Las Moras Inn really isn't charging \$400 per meal and the Brackett Service Center isn't giving away free grease jobs period. They do offer free grease jobs with an oil and filter change. And Tully Shahan is our County Attorney, not District. Bud and Nakai Breen's son, Nocona, is a first class Petty officer in the Coast Guard not a pay officer in the Marines. Our apologies to all of you!

We do have excuses! Those wonderful antidotes that get you out of a pickle (or jam if you'd like).

And here they are! We received our fancy equipment on Monday and Tuesday began setting copy. Tuesday evening a gremlin crept into the office and everything that could malfunction did, even our hand waxer.

We arrived at the News-Herald Thursday at 3:00 P.M. (two hours late) with headlines and advertising still needing to be set. They very kindly offered us the use of their

copywriter, but the gremlins must have followed us because the copywriter began messing up and pumped out garbage. Then we were informed that the press men would soon be off duty and we needed to get the paper back to them or wait until morning to print. Needless to say, we put on the gas. As the paper came off the press, Jewel and I started picking up on all the errors. I laid my head on her shoulder and said something like, (well, a word that fit). She replied, "Remember that prayer you were talking about earlier. The one about changing the things you can and accepting the things you can't, I think it applies here."

Some of you may be familiar with that prayer, for those of you who are not, here it is;

God grant me the serenity,
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things
I can,
And the wisdom to know
the difference.

OUR TOWN



The Methodist Church had its monthly luncheon for the ladies at Slaton Hall, Wednesday, February 15. The theme was "President's Day" and color scheme was red, white & blue with silhouettes of President Lincoln and Washington. The hostesses were Jean Downing and Alice Seargeant. The color scheme was uniquely carried out in the food served on the buffet table, catered by Hazel Earwood and as always - delicious.

Guest speaker was Birdie Ward from The Brackett News. She explained the need for a second newspaper and what the newspaper would provide, she also gave the ladies an opportunity to express what they would like to read in a newspaper.

Betty Inman has been invited to sing with a choir sponsored by the First Baptist Church of San Angelo. This group is known as the "Glory Choir" and is composed of 170 senior citizens. They have been invited to sing at the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn. Seventy singers will be going March 10, and will perform March 12, through March 16. They will be staying at the Baptist Retreat in Nashville.

Clifford and Wilma Lewis recently had as their guest their son, Jerry and wife Eileen from Centennial, Wyoming, when they left their hometown, the temperature was 27 below zero and when they arrived at Ft. Clark it was a warm 60 degrees. This was their first trip to Ft. Clark and were so impressed with the Fort that they plan to spend more time here after he retires.

Jerry is Flight Service Chief for the F.F.A. in Laramie, Wyo. Jerry and Eileen became grandparents on Nov.

21, 1988, which is also Clifford's birthday. That makes the Lewis' great grandparents. The baby was named Tory Taft Lewis. Congratulations to all.

Betty Wilkin was honored with a Bridge Luncheon held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Ft. Clark Golf & Tennis Club. Betty and her husband, Lester, will be moving back to San Diego, Calif., due to health reasons. Hostesses were: Thelma Adams, La Vohn Payne and Betty Ebert. Farewell and the best of luck!

The Ft. Clark Springs ARTS held their monthly meeting, Monday, Feb. 20, at 1:00 P.M. Following the meeting, Helen Peck from Wisconsin (Winter Texan) gave a very informative talk on the life and history of Norway and how the art-form of Rosemaling came about. Rosemaling is Norwegian Folk-Art and is always done on wood and with oil paints, each piece always has scrolls, flowers and tears. Helen has spent 13 years studying this Norwegian Folk-Art. Some of her works were on display at the meeting and she gave an explanation on certain pieces.

Richard A. Thompson, the author of "CROSSING THE BORDER WITH THE 4TH CAVALRY" and Charles G. Downing left Ft. Clark on Feb. 10, at 6:00 A.M. for a trip to Big Bend National Park. They arrived some 4 hours later and went to the lower part of the park to "Glen Springs", the site of the 1916 Mexican Bandit raid on that site. They spent several hours there going over the existing ruins, taking pictures and measuring the site, etc. They then drove on all unpaved roads to Old San Vicente and the present San Vicente site, then on to Castolon on the paved road. They



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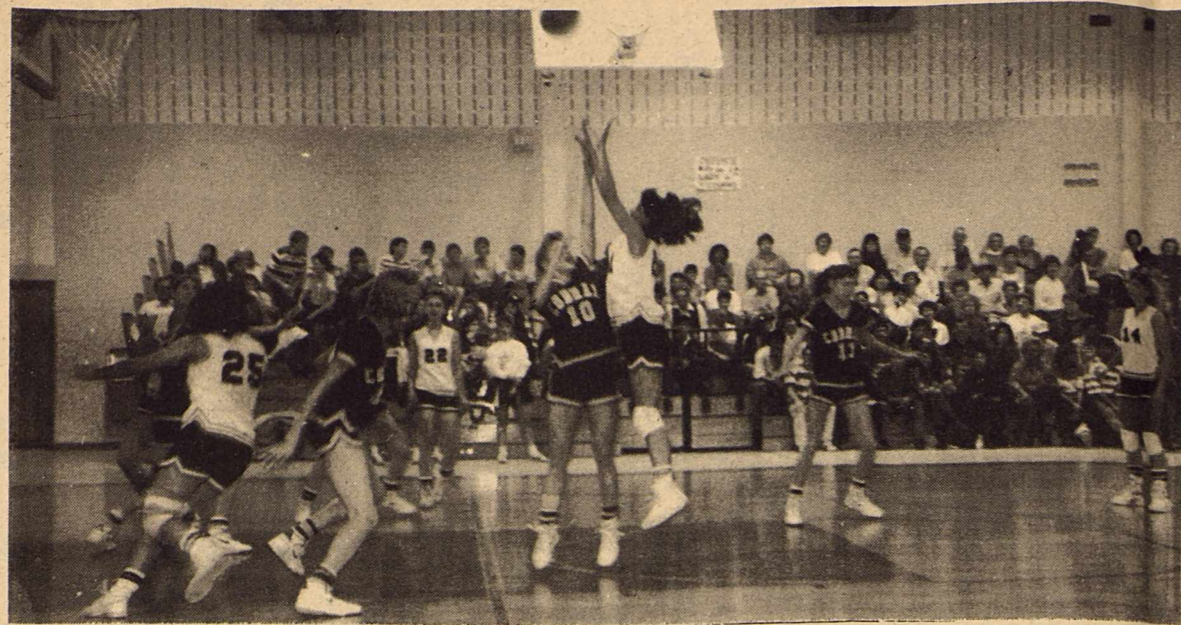
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Brackett Girls Hang Tough

by Lee Floyd & Gus Garcia

The Lady Cobras of Industrial High School defeated the Tigerettes in the Area Championship, 73 - 42. The Tigerettes hosted the game at Somerset High School, where a cheering crowd pushed the Tigerettes to play their best. A few stolen balls, missed shots, and rebounds made the game more exciting. It was a fast-paced game, that ended in a few tears, but heads held high, proud of the fact that the Tigerettes succeeded in District and Bi-District.

Sheri White, a senior Tigerette stated: "I would like to thank Coach Nowlin for all his help and wish him and the Tigerettes good luck!" The Tigerettes finished their District season, 12 - 0, and 1 - 1 in post-season play.

The Tigerettes traveled to Cotulla last Thursday night to open playoff competition for another consecutive year, taking on the Eagles of

Benividas.

The Tigerettes defeated the Eagles 71 - 63 to become Bi-District Champions for the third time in the 1980's.

The game began with the nerves of both teams a little on ice. The two teams exchanged baskets throughout the first quarter, it ended with a 14-14 tie. But in the second, the Tigerettes put their jitters on the shelf and showed the Eagles what made them tops in the District.

Consecutive 3 pointers by Melissa Meyer and Sheri White put the spark into a Tigerette run. Thanks to defensive play by Pilar Lozano, Melissa and Melinda Meyer and the versatile offense of Sheri White, Stephanie Ahrens and Yvonne Luna, the Tigerettes outscored the Eagles 28 - 17 taking a 42 - 31 half-time lead.

In the third period, the Eagles battled back to come within 3 points. But the Tigerette defense prevailed once more, opening things up for

their explosive fast break and high scoring offense.

The Tigerettes combined for a total of 21 steals and 41 rebounds.

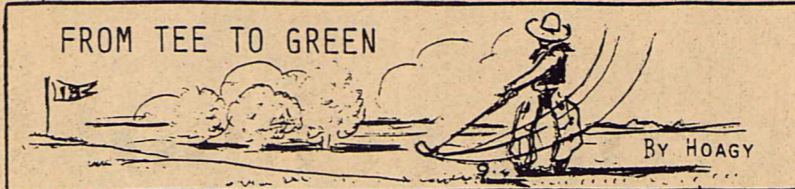
The Tigerettes were led by Yvonne Luna with 30 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals. Sheri White had 18 points, 11 rebounds and 3 steals. While Stephanie Ahrens added 16 points, 9 rebounds and 5 steals. Also adding to the Tigerette punch were Melissa Meyer who scored 5 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals, Pilar Lozano had 2 points, 9 rebounds and 4 steals. Melinda Meyer had 2 rebounds and 2 steals.

The Tigerettes add this Championship to their District Championship officially won two weeks ago. The Tigerettes were the first team in 10 years to go undefeated in district play 12-0. They were 22-2 overall.



Family Pride

Congratulations Richard Slubar, on your graduation from Department of Public Safety school on February 22, 1989. Trooper Slubar, 26, is pictured here with his older brother Dusty, 29.



A group of eight of us left Fort Clark for a few days of golf at Lajitas, west of Big Bend National Park. In our group were Barb and Bob Miller, Betty and Gordon Matheson, Luella Johnson and Carl Spray and Pat and myself. The day we arrived, the weather was warm and we looked forward to some golfing fun the next day. We probably should have paid some attention to the incoming weather. That night, when we ate fried chicken and potato salad outside, we had to weigh down our paper plates with rocks to keep them from blowing out on to the golf course.

The next morning was sunny, but as the day progressed the clouds gathered and the wind came up pretty strong. In between light rain showers and cooling temperatures, we did manage 36 holes of golf. The next day was something else, though. The wind blew and it rained off and on all day. Our golf game turned into a domino tournament and Luella's chili did wonders to ward off the cool weather.

Some of the bad luck seems to follow some of us out on to the golf course. A couple of my least favorite

golf shots the morning after an extended happy hour at the Las Moras lounge are:

The sand Blast: In the morning sand is usually wet from overnight watering, so it's decision time. With a somewhat foggy head it's hard to decide whether to blast down through the sand just behind the ball or to pick it cleanly off the sand and pitch it right up next to the hole for a gimmie. Well Charlie Rose solved one like that the other day from a sand trap on fourteen. He took a mighty back swing, bladed the ball, yelled fore to his fellow golfers who all dove for cover as the ball zinged over their heads, slammed into a tree on the far side of the green, bounced back on to the green three feet from the pin where Charlie calmly stroked it in for another "Ho Hum Par".

The Knee Knocker Putt: Picture yourself looking through bloodshot eyes with a throbbing headache and an upset stomach at a four foot putt. You are one down on the eighteenth green with a chance to tie the hole which your partner pressed on the tee. Your stone hands have started the putter back smoothly, when suddenly it sounds like someone

Bad Luck Trip

behind a jet boat on water skis has just rounded the bend by the clubhouse on Las Moras Creek. Well, naturally, you have to look at this phenomenon, but you've forgotten to discontinue the putt which you promptly smash across the green, the road and right into some stranger's shin over on No. 10 tee.

Four guys were putting on an elevated green when a ball came rolling up which didn't belong to their group. One of the four said, "Let's have some fun," and rolled the ball into the cup. Moments later when a stranger came up and apologized, one of the four said, "wow, what a great shot, it just bounced once and went right in". The rest of the foursome all agreed as to how great the shot really was. The stranger walked over, picked the ball out of the hole and yelled back down the hill, "Nice shot Danny, you got a 13 on this one."

So when we play golf, the bad shots and tough bounces seem to outnumber the good ones, but making a long tee shot or nice approach on the last hole will always bring us back. Someone once said, "the easiest shot in golf is the fourth putt."

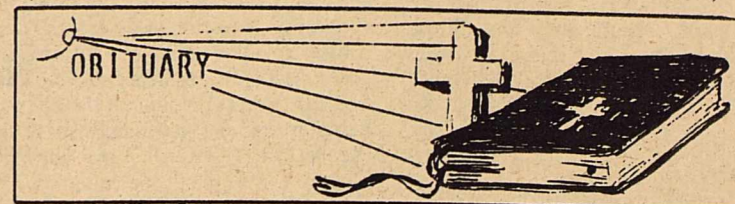
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School Board Hours

Below is a listing of total hours for Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees. Twenty hours of Board Training are required during the first year of service. An additional six hours of Board Training are required by each member for each year served thereafter.

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Board Members	Total Completed Hours
Jimmy Bader	50.25
Tony Frerich	24.0
Beth Ann Smith	33.5
Lingo Sandoval	26.5
Diane Bravo	30.25
Zack Davis	19.0
Eloy Garcia (New Member)	10.25



EVAN VERNON MIDDLETON

Evan Vernon Middleton, 72, of Fort Clark Springs passed away Tuesday morning, Feb. 21, 1989, at his home on 448 Chandler Avenue. He was born on July 13, 1916, in St. Louis, Miss.

He served in the U.S. Armed Forces and later was self-employed in the shoe store business.

He is survived by his wife: Marie Donnelly Middleton of Fort Clark Springs; three daughters and one son.

At this time, no services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home.

JUAN RESCHMAN

Juan Reschman, 65-year-old native of Brackettville, died Monday, Feb. 20, at 100 Herrman Drive in Del Rio.

The body was in state Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 5:00 P.M. in Chapel B of Don's Funeral Chapels.

Reschman was a W.W. II veteran and full military honors will be paid at graveside by the San Felipe Del Rio Honor Guard.

The Rosary was recited at 7:00 P.M. that night in that chapel and Requiem Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, the Rev. David Zumaya, O.M.I., officiating at 3:00 P.M. Thursday. Burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Don's.

Survivors include his sons: Rogelio and Johnny Joe Reschman; daughter: Diane Reschman; brothers: Paul and Jesus Reschman, all of Brackettville; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

Notice

Brackettville City utility bills will be late, due to computer breakdown and it being a short month.

I Like



Joy Jones

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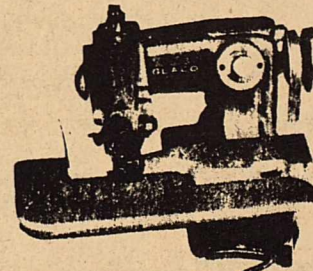
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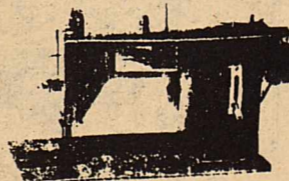


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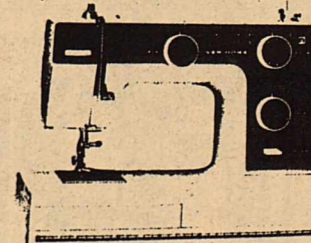


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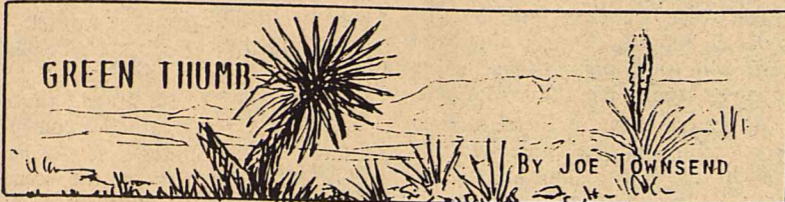
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Roses are far and above the favorite flower of the American people. Most people would like to have roses in their yard. There are some things one must keep in mind. Roses demand a great deal of care. To have good roses, you must start with good roses. This does not mean patented roses, though some are very good ones. A patented rose simply means someone has developed a color or petaled rose that has been patented and the patent holder gets a part of the price you pay for the plant.

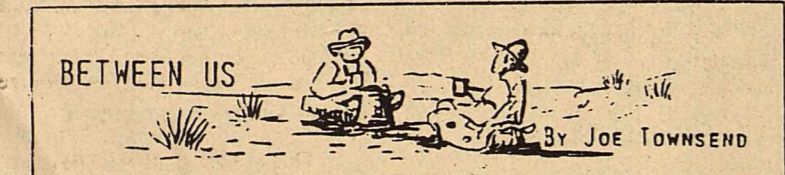
There are several basic types of roses. The most popular is the Hybrid Tea Rose. A good Hybrid Tea Rose will bloom periodically all summer. The Floribunda varieties produce masses of blooms in clusters. Climbing roses generally bloom once profusely and they are through for the season. Among these are the Blaze and Lady Bianca. All roses require iron to do well.

Generally, "Rose Food's" should be used because these products

universally have the needed foods. It is good to choose one containing a systematic insecticide. Roses are subject to many insects. A systematic insecticide permeates the plant and kills insects feeding on the plant. Roses are subject to fungus also. The cheapest and best way to control fungus is to dust the plant with powdered wettable sulfur when fungus first appears.

Now is the time to trim your roses. A rule of thumb is for tea roses to be trimmed back to 18 to 24 inches above the ground. Some climbers bloom from the old stems, trim these only to suit need.

Roses need to be in loose soil that drains well. They do not do well with wet feet. They should be allowed to dry well on the surface than be well soaked. If you want to have beautiful roses, plan to take some time to care for them where they will have at least nine hours a day of full sun.



It's interesting to see the price of integrity set by some people. The vast majority of the American people opposed the outrageous raise almost given to some government employees. Many of us feel those included in the package are already overpaid. This was proved accurate by the reaction of some of the people involved. Almost universally, people laughed at the claims of Henry B. Gonzales that he "deserved" the raise.

The most interesting reaction came from a Federal Judge back east. She bragged about how many cases she heard and how wonderful a judge she had been. She then said since the raise had been denied, she would no longer be a "good" judge. She

planned to cut drastically the number of cases. She would now evaluate her work at \$100 per hour and hear only as many cases as would so measure. She in effect was saying her oath of office meant little. She did not intend to do her best. She would no longer be a "good" judge.

Seeing the miserable record of some judges, like William Wayne Justice, we are made to wonder about the Federal judiciary. Such revelations as this lady made, we wonder about the integrity. We the people have the right to expect Federal officials to have integrity and integrity has no financial price tag. There are no shades of honesty. One is either honest or dishonest - regardless of salary or raise in salary.



Readers, This sunrise I will tell you a story of how the Cherokees got their fire and light.

The story teller said that when the Creator created Mother Earth and put every living thing on her face he gave us air, water, meat, herbs and corn except that he gave light only to one side of the mountain. The Indians that live on the lighted side could see even at night when Grandmother Moon was out, but when she didnt come out they had a fire and with that they used torches to light their tepees. So it was said that one sunrise, Brother Possum came over to visit Camp and he told the people, "I will climb the tallest tree and get a piece of the sun and then you can have fire and light," so it was said that he did. But Brother Sun burnt him and that is the reason the possum is always grimacing and has no hair on his tail. So Brother Buzzard came over to see if Brother

Possum had brought the fire and light to the people, but he found out that the Camp was still dark, so he said, "I will bring the fire and light to you all. I will fly and get a piece of the sun." He flew so high that the sun burnt his head. That is the reason the buzzard's head and neck are naked and his feathers black. So Grandmother Spider, from her web said, "Let me spin a long thread to the sun and I will bring back a piece of Brother Sun, but I will have to make a bowl out of the river bank's clay," and so she did. She spun a long thread of silk up to Brother Sun and she brought back a piece of Brother Sun and that is how the Cherokee got its fire and light. So Grandmother Spider taught the women how to use clay for pottery and how to weave and she taught woman how to weave gossip and may Our Great Mystery above have mercy on the man that gets tangled on a woman's web.

Unsung Heroes

By Joe Townsend

One of the most appreciated and loved persons in our community is given little credit outside her chosen realm. For almost 13 years, she has served to direct a program for a small segment of the area. Her concern and care for the elderly is outstanding. She constantly plans and promotes programs and activities for

the "aging", in addition to engineering a noon meal for an average of about 75 people, five days a week. "Tencha", as she is lovingly called, is truly a hero in our community. She has proved herself a real trooper when faced with traumatic problems in her family. She keeps a sweet spirit and serves her responsibilities well. "Tencha" Pena is truly one of our Unsung Heroes.

'I remember when...'

Lorene Buckles

The Fort Clark Historical Society will present another program of interest to area residents on February 25, at 10:00 A.M. at the Member's Lounge, Fort Clark Springs. Early residents of the area, J. Lee Ballantyne, Bess Fritter, Mrs. John Dooley, Mrs. Marguerite Neuman, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. Mary Helen Kreiger, Mrs. Lloyd Davis and

Mr. Paul Hill will compose a panel recalling the early days of our community. Memories of the lively social life, prominent local residents, locations and ownership of the bars, the street down which no nice lady would walk, and many frontier incidents will be recalled starting with "I remember when". Everyone is welcome - bring your tape recorder - No admission charge.

Maybe Tomorrow

By Shelly Harris

National Procrastination Week, "to promote the benefits of relaxing by putting off until tomorrow everything that needn't be done today" is scheduled for the first week of March, but will be delayed until March 5 - 11.

I was going to write about this very special week last year, but I never quite got around to it.

It is sponsored by the Procrastinators' Club of America. A great group of people who I feel a real kinship with. The first time I heard of it I knew that was the type of organization I wanted to be affiliated with.

I haven't actually joined yet, but intend to very soon.

The "acting" president is Les Waas, who has been in office ever since the organization was founded in 1956. As soon as a time can be arranged, the group will meet and a new president will be elected.

They plan all kinds of interesting activities; trips, conventions, benefits. Things people would love to go to. I'm sure that as soon as the committees are named and the events finalized well be hearing from them.

In the meantime I'll find out the exact procedure for joining and will finish this when

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The last Indian battle the Texas Rangers took part in was during the end of the year of 1880 and the beginning of 1881.

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General Terrazas finally cornered the war party and killed Victorio and sixty warriors and took sixty-eight prisoners. Eighteen women were also killed in the battle. Twelve warriors, four women and four children escaped.

Captain James B. Gillet led the Rangers during the campaign against Chief Victorio. After capturing Victorio, the Rangers of that period was disbanded. But on July 8, 1901, a new Ranger force was set up under four captains and a quarter master. The captains were J. A. Brooks, J. H. Rogers, John R. Hughes and W. J. McDonald with L. P. Sieker as quarter master.

Bill McDonald said, "one riot, one ranger", but his fellow rangers didn't think so.

One captain, Will L. Wright,

looked like Teddy Roosevelt, and won many gunfights. Once he sent a telegram back to headquarters which read, "Mean as hell, had to kill him", meaning a prisoner he had captured.

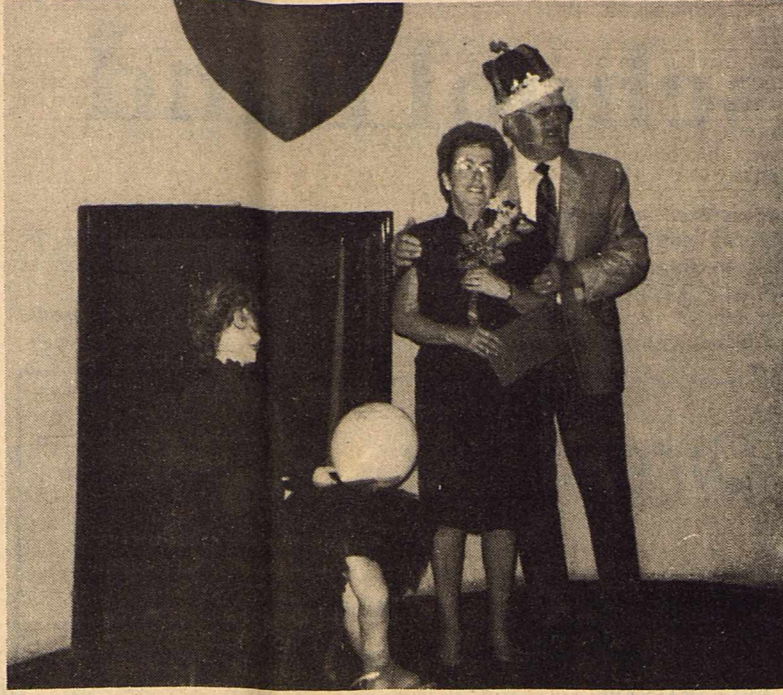
Finally, in 1919, the Rangers were reorganized and performed mainly police work.

At Marshall, Texas, a man wearing a Santa Claus suit robbed the Cisco Bank of Marshall, escaping with \$30,000. Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzauilas borrowed a plane and pilot and caught Santa Claus and three of his buddies. This was the first recorded use of the air by Rangers.

The Rangers mistakenly backed the wrong candidate in the race for governor. Ma Ferguson won the election and fired all forty-four rangers, which were in service, and put in her own men.

Today the Rangers are a branch of the State Police and lead a less hectic life.

Modern Rangers carry a .357 magnum revolver, 12 gauge shotgun 30-06 semi-automatic rifle, cars equipped with radios, jeeps and helicopters. Resulting in some of the romance of the Texas Ranger being lost in the shuffle.



Gordon & Jean Petaja of Lewistown, Montana, with Queenie, the Queen of Hearts.

Montana Sweethearts

by Penny Nixon

BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS - Gordon and Jean Petaja of Lewistown were voted "Sweetheart Couple of the Year" during the Valentine Sweetheart Ball at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville, Texas, on Feb. 11, 1989.

As the members choice for Sweetheart Couple, the Petajas will receive a free candlelight dinner at the Las Moras Inn restaurant in the original Officers' Club at the historic cavalry post. Fort Clark was established on the banks of the spring-fed Las Moras (The Mulberries) Creek in 1852. It served as an active military post until 1946, and is now a 2,700-acre membership resort community located 110 miles west of San Antonio on US HWY 90.

The Petajas are an active and well-known couple in the Fort Clark Springs community, but winning the

vote for Sweetheart Couple came as a surprise. "I about fell off my chair!"

The Petajas aren't the only Lewistown couple who enjoy the "Winter Texan" lifestyle of Fort Clark Springs. Lee and Eleanor Herron, and Clarke and Darlene Horning also spend the winter months enjoying the warm weather, 18-hole golf course and friendly atmosphere of Fort Clark Springs. For more information, write Fort Clark Springs, P.O. Box 345, Brackettville, Texas 78832, or call (512)563-2494.

Jean said, "We both love to dance, so we go to all the dances, and we both play golf, so we get out quite often. But the reason we love it here so much is all of our dear friends...and the weather!" she added. The average daily high temperature in February at Fort Clark Springs is 65.5 degrees, according to the Del Rio National Weather Service.

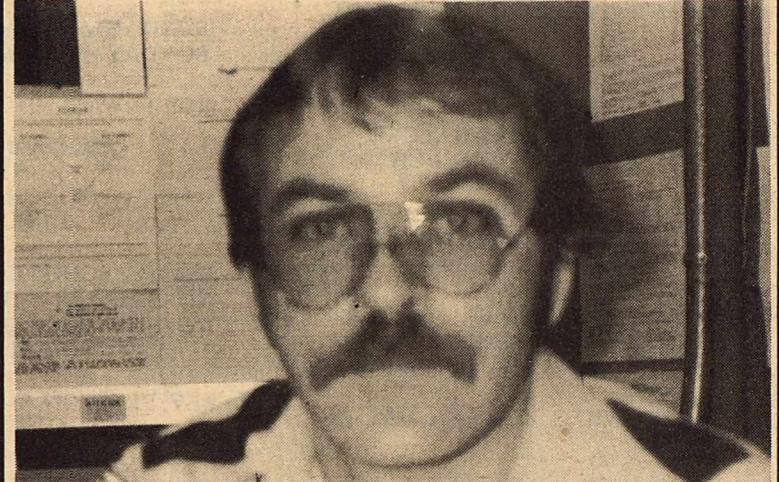
Community View

How do you feel about Kinney Co. being on the Bill to be incorporated into the Edwards underground Water Conservation District?



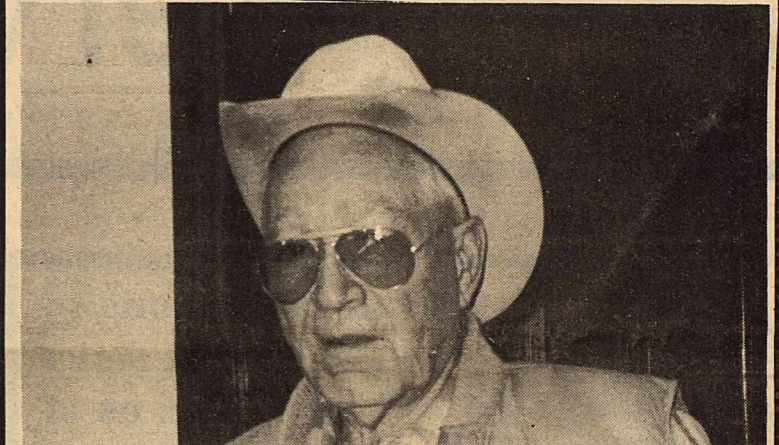
Molly Ardrey

"The thought of being regulated by the State and not our district bothers me. I'd rather see us form our own water district or join other small areas. We should have a choice in this issue."



Bobby Guidry

"I am totally against it. Two years ago I drilled my own well, I don't take that much water out of it now, but if I do, that should be my business."



W.A. "Doc" Belcher

"San Antonio is after the bucks. I've been here for 61 years and I'm concerned for my children and grandchildren. Our water is pure here and it's one of our assets. I wouldn't want to see anyone regulate and tap what is ours."

Spring vegetable gardening program

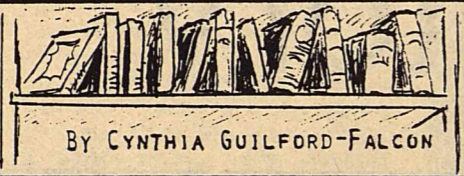
The Val Verde County Horticulture Subcommittee announces, Jerry Parsons, Extension Vegetable Specialist from San Antonio, will be in Del Rio on Thursday, March 2, for the Spring Vegetable Gardening Program. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the Dink Wardlaw Agriculture Complex. All people interested may attend. Dr. Parsons has been here many times before, and has many friends in Del Rio. Be sure

and put this date on your calendar, and plan on attending the meeting.

Roger Blackmon
County Extension Agent-Ag

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

LIBRARY NOTES



By CYNTHIA GUILFORD-FALCON

BOOK COLLECTIONS

Adult fiction and Non-fiction, Young adult fiction and non-fiction, Texana and reference.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Almost any book not owned by the Kinney county Public Library can be borrowed free of charge through interlibrary loan.

RESERVES

Books that are owned by the library but are currently checked out, may be reserved. You will be notified when the book is available.

FILMS AND VIDEOCASSETTES

Educational and recreational films for home and the classroom are

available. Once a month we receive on circuit 17, 16mm films, and 29 videocassettes. These items may be checked out on a first come first served basis. Other films and videocassettes may be ordered through the San Antonio Library System Special Request Catalogs, which are available at the library. There is a charge for postage. Check with the librarian on how to order these films and videos.

EQUIPMENT

A 16mm projector and screen, filmstrip projector, tape recorder and slide projector are available for check out.

School Trustees must train

The State Board of Education requires that each School Trustee be trained after their election. Failure to complete the required training may threaten the District's accreditation with the Texas Education Agency.

The current rule requires that a new board member complete a four hour orientation workshop with the school superintendent within sixty days after the election. Board members are required to complete twenty hours of inservice training during their first year and six hours each successive

year. Brackett Independent School District offers board training locally through the TI-IN Satellite service. Bob McCall, school superintendent, noted, "This requirement places a real burden on board members who work full time. The initial twenty hours are the worst. After the initial twenty hours, the six hours of yearly training may normally be done in two or three night time sessions, either over TI-IN or at workshops held in Uvalde or San Antonio."

Help your child succeed in school

The next series of ENRICH-PLUS classes for the parents of Brackett I.S.D. children will be starting at the Kinney County Library on Thursday, March 9, 1989. The classes will meet once per week for six weeks for approximately forty-five minutes, and participants may attend either the 9:00 A.M. or the 6:00 P.M. class. Dr. Pat Seawell teaches the classes.

This series of classes will be especially for parents of children who are one or two years old, but anyone who is interested in young children is welcome to attend.

Parents are a child's first and most important teachers, and the ENRICH-PLUS classes give suggestions for easy and enjoyable things to do at home that help children become successful at school. If you are interested in attending this session, please call Cindy Guilford at the Kinney County Library (563-2884) and sign up. There is no

charge for the classes. They are made possible through a grant from the Meadows Foundation.

Approximately \$3000 of the Meadows grant money has been used to purchase new children's books and book/cassette sets for the Kinney County Library. These books are for you and your children to read and enjoy, and are the "textbooks" for the ENRICH-PLUS parent program.

The ENRICH-PLUS classes follow the B.I.S.D. six-week schedule. This session the classes will meet March 9, 16, & 23 (out for Spring Break March 30); April 6, 13, & 20. L. Jacobs once wrote "...literature does not just happen in a child's life. It is in his days because an adult who cares about children and books gets them together." The ENRICH-PLUS parent program invites you to be that caring adult in a child's life. Please come.

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