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Air Force Will Build Near Spofford

A long rumored new auxiliary runway for Laughlin Air Force Base will be built in Kinney County near Spofford, according to Bill Graham, Deputy Chief of Public Information for Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. "The closing is scheduled with the landowners this Friday, March 10," Mr. Graham said. "All the parties have agreed, the only thing they haven't done is sign the actual closing papers." Several representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers from Fort Worth will take care of purchasing the land, Graham said.

The new auxiliary airfield south of Spofford will replace the airstrip near Eagle Pass the Air Force currently

uses for "touch and go" landings. A lease contract with Maverick County Commissioners Court for use of the airstrip for 5 years, expires this summer. The Maverick County Commissioners are planning to expand and develop their industrial park, Graham said.

A team of Laughlin officials will meet with the Kinney County Commissioners on Monday, March 13, at 9:00 A.M. in the county courtroom. Mr. Graham said the team's civil engineer will have sketches of the airstrip plan at the meeting.

The contract for constructing the airstrip has not yet been awarded, Graham said. "The plans are to award the bid on the 21st (March)

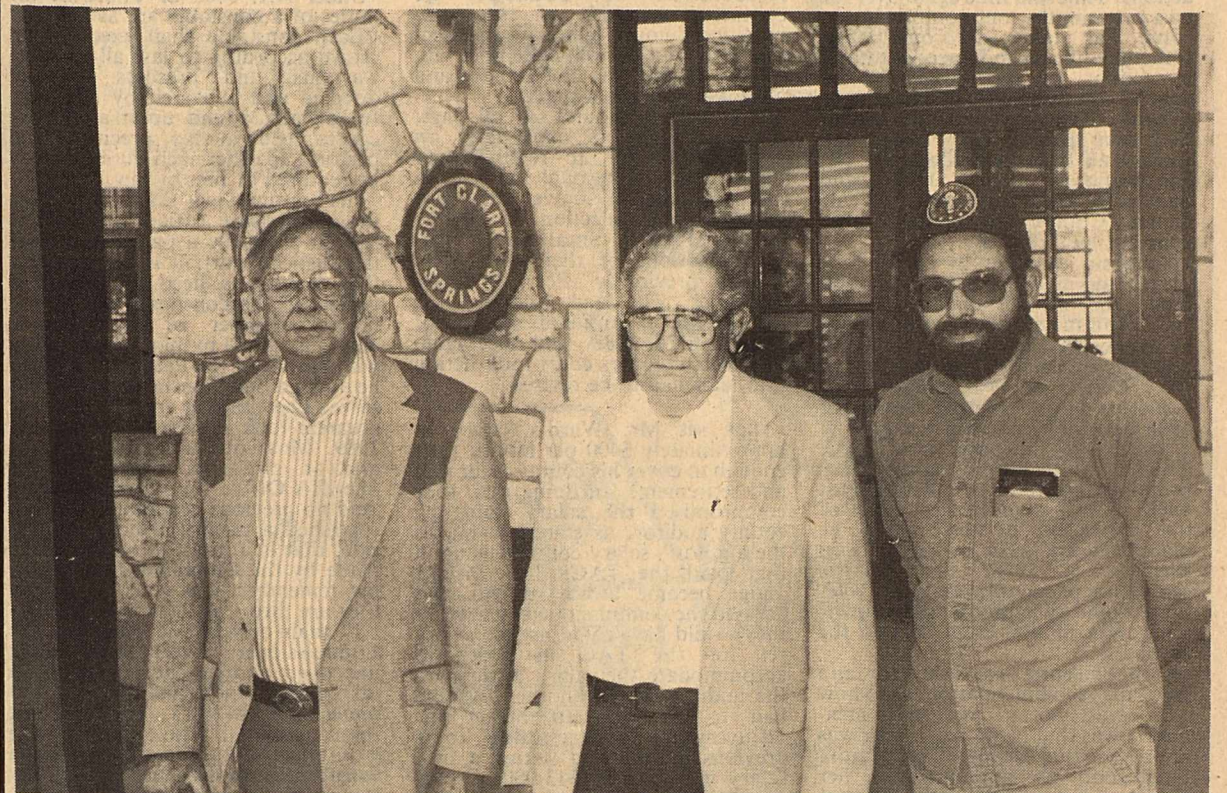
and issue the "Notice to proceed" on the 31st," he said. "The construction period is 300 days, so we're looking at February of next year before it's completed. Once it gets finished, there'll be constant action out there," he added. The auxiliary airstrip will be maintained by crews from Laughlin Air Force Base.

Three File For School Board Post

Beth Ann Smith, a two term member of the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees, was the first to file for re-election. Mrs. Smith's second three year term will expire in May. Zack Davis, a one term incumbent, was the second person to file for the May 6, 1989, Board election. Herb (Butch) Senne also filed for election on Friday, March 3, 1989. Mr. Senne is seeking his first term on the Brackett Board of Trustees.

Filing continues in the Brackett Independent School District Central Office through 5:00 P.M. on March 21, 1989, for the three "at large" seats that will be up for election on Saturday, May 6, 1989.

Business Consultants Look At Brackettville



Economic Development was the talk of the day March 7, as Mayor Vito La Gioia toured consultants Charles Trost (left) and Cecil Gutierrez, (right) whose son is Mayor of Del Rio. The Del Rio-based business development consultants have chosen Brackettville as a prime area for future light industry expansion. They will be working closely with Mayor La Gioia examining the possibility for new business, including a reverse type maquiladora program.

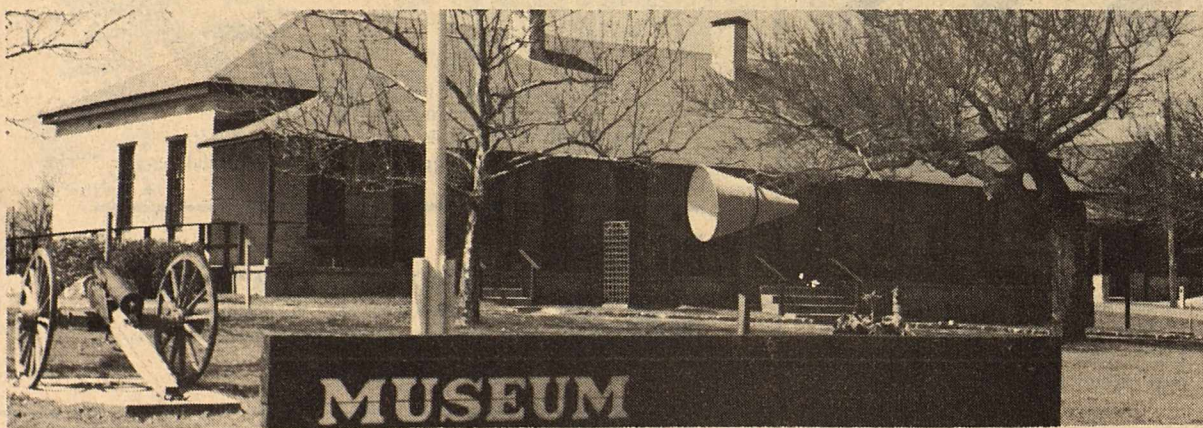
Busy Week For Brackett Students

Brackett Independent School District students will be busy with all sorts of activities during the week of March 13 - 18. University Interscholastic League Literary competition will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 1989, and Saturday, March 18, 1989. Brackett students from elementary and junior high school will travel to Natalia, and high school students will journey to Lytle. One Act Play competition will be held in Cotulla

this year. The finals will be Friday, March 17, 1989, during the afternoon and evening.

In addition to academic and literary contests, the Brackett Junior High Track Meet will be held on Friday, March 17, 1989, after school. The junior high tennis team will be in Del Rio for a tournament on March 17 - 18, and the high school track team will compete in Eagle Pass on Saturday, March 18, 1989.

Museum Officials Agree To Lend Bullis Blades



The swords would come to the Old Guardhouse Museum at Fort Clark Springs.

Drug Dogs Visit School

The unannounced search was planned by school administrators in an effort to "weed" out any unlawful possession of drugs on campus.

The Sheriff's department was called after the dogs were on campus. Sheriff Norman Hooten and ex-sheriff, Johnny Sheedy, followed the procession, "just in case".

The students came out clean as no drugs were found.

Jokingly, Superintendent, Bob McCall, stated, "Lee and I thought we'd break up a cocaine sniffing ring, but it was a Kool-aid sniffing ring."

On a more serious note he added, "We do know some kids that come to school are definitely on something, I guess they don't keep it on campus."

The dogs were contracted from a training academy out of San Antonio. Cindy Parks and Bob Barns led the dogs in a thorough search of the school grounds.

They proceeded down the halls of the Jr. High and High School buildings, through the welding shop, gymnasium, band hall and home economics cottage.

They also searched the parking lot and were said to have the ability to smell the scent of drugs in parked cars.

This breed of dogs is Belgian Malinwha, the same dogs used by the Border Patrol in Del Rio.

Bob McCall showed confidence in his statement, "We hired them, not because we have a lot of suspicion, but because we have a lot of faith."

In a complete reversal of their original stance, the San Antonio Museum Association this week began negotiations with the Fort Clark Springs association for a temporary display of the swords presented to famed fighter Lt. John Bullis in 1882 by the people of Western Texas and Kinney County. The Association requested the swords for display during the Ft. Clark Trooper's Reunion the weekend of April 21-23. The Museum people refused, as they had others seeking the swords at the Witte Museum.

"They're in a box somewhere," Nelson Allen, San Antonio Express News Reporter said during a telephone interview on March 7. "They don't know exactly where they are...They've got 'em, they just don't know where. Down in the basement somewhere."

Nelson Allen's San Antonio News-Express story about the Museum Association's refusal to lend the swords, was picked up by the Associated Press news wire service, and it ran in several large Texas newspapers. The effects of the March 1, story must have been felt immediately in the Museum Association's offices. Museums thrive on gifts of unique and historical items donated from patrons who want to know their items will be seen, not packed away in a box.

Someone is going to start searching the basement for the swords. They're wanted in Kinney County, and they'll be back.



Paul Hill and sister, J.L. Ballantyne, are some people that never gave up.

"Certainly we can work something out"

"Certainly we can work out something to put the swords on display at your museum," said Rick Casagrande, Keeper of the Collections for the San Antonio Museum Association. "There's a variety of things we can do." "I think they're going to

come along. They'll figure out something, just give them time," said Don Swanson, Curator of the Old Guardhouse Museum at Fort Clark.

The Fort Clark Springs Association is expecting a letter outlining suggested options for viewing the swords at the Old Guardhouse Museum. Time will be spent insuring maximum security for the display, according to Security Chief Curtis Smith. A crew of volunteers will also be ready to help man the vigil during the sabers stay at the cavalry post where their owner once roamed.

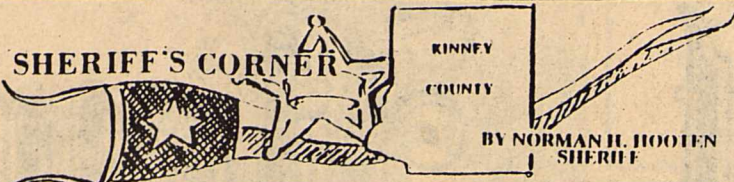
The minutely crafted sabers were presented by a West Texas popu-

lation saddened to hear of Lt. John Bullis' transfer to San Antonio, and away from the land where he brought peace. Not to be outdone, the Citizens of Kinney County, raised enough funds to buy Lt. John Bullis a bejeweled sword of like quality. It said: "Presented by the people of Kinney County as a token of their undying gratitude."

The gratitude and interest symbolized by the swords, hasn't died in Kinney County. Many of the same families that donated in those days are still here. And with the historians who have joined them, they have proved they won't let the legacy die.



Employees of Dog Training Academy, Cindy Parks and Bob Barns, lead the dogs in search of school grounds.



Elected and appointed public officials are servants of the people and are elected or appointed to represent the PEOPLE in their respective official capacities. This includes the members of county commissioners courts.

The time has come for our own commissioners court to re-evaluate their purposes for being in office and to familiarize themselves with state law as to their powers and authority. Commissioners courts ARE NOT designed or permitted by law to set up their own little political dictatorships, commissioners courts are supposed to work with other elected officials and department heads in setting up budgetary systems that allow a smooth working county government at an affordable cost to the taxpayers. Commissioners courts ARE NOT authorized to supervise and control other constitutional offices within the county government system and county commissioners courts are restricted, by law, as to what actions they can take and what methods may be used in taking those actions. Time and time again over the past few months, our commissioners court has taken improper, and sometimes illegal and unconstitutional actions in their eagerness to control county government in Kinney County. And time and time again, they have had to scurry about and rescind an improper, illegal or unconstitutional motion made and passed in their eagerness to rule Kinney County and control other constitutional offices.

A classic example of this is the illegal and unconstitutional motion made and passed unanimously by the commissioners court on December 28, 1988. This action came about as a result of the separation of the Sheriff & Tax Assessor - Collector's Offices at the November 1988 General Election, which created a vacancy in the position of TAC. The commissioners court had promised me, at a meeting in August 1988, when I requested the issue of the separation of the offices be placed on the ballot of the General Election of 1988, that if the separation occurred by majority vote, there would be a smooth transition of separation at no added cost to the taxpayers.

At that meeting I was asked for, and gave, my recommendations as to how this could occur. My recommendation was that if the separation was approved, that Deputy TAC Martha Smallwood be appointed at her current salary to serve until the next General Election, at which time the voters of Kinney County could elect a TAC of their choice to serve out the remainder of the term, as provided by law. At that meeting, and afterwards, the commissioners implied that they were in agreement with my recommendation.

Based on their implied promises, I and others, campaigned vigorously for approval of the separation by majority vote. This campaign was successful and the issue was approved by a substantial margin. It was then that the true colors of the commissioners court came shining through. They announced that applications would be accepted for the position of TAC and advised Ms. Smallwood that if she wished to be considered, she too, would have to submit an application.

Deputy TAC Martha Smallwood was the obvious choice for appointment as TAC based on her five years training, education, and experience in the duties and responsibilities of the TAC Office, but as it turned out, the commissioners court was not concerned with qualifications for the office, they were concerned with control and supervision of the office by the commissioners court, which is illegal and unconstitutional. At any rate, the date set for review of applications received and the applications was set for December 28, 1988.

On that date, the commissioners court went into closed session to review applications received for the position of TAC and came back into open session at 4:30 P.M. to announce the selection of Deputy TAC Martha Smallwood as TAC. Immediately thereafter, an illegal and unconstitutional motion was made and passed by the court. The motion was made by Bill Bizzell, Commissioner Pct. 4, seconded by Tim Ward, Commissioner Pct. 3, and passed unanimously by affirmative votes of Rosemary Slubar, Commissioner Pct. 2, Joe Garza, Commissioner Pct. 1, and County Judge Tommy Seargeant joined by Bizzell and Ward. What made the motion illegal and unconstitutional was the use of the word "hire", instead of "appoint" in the selection of Ms. Smallwood and the wording of the last paragraph which is as follows: "And the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office will be maintained under the supervision and control of the commissioners court, which of course, includes the county judge."

Commissioners courts DO NOT have authority to "hire" anyone in another constitutional office. They may approve positions and set salaries only. They do have the authority to "appoint" someone to fill a vacancy in an elected position in the event of death, resignation, or other lawful manner, such as removal. Commissioners courts are prohibited by state law and the constitution from having anything other than budgetary control over another constitutional office.

When I later advised one of the commissioners that the motion made and passed was illegal and unconstitutional, he became very angry and vowed that, "If we have to re-do this thing I can guarantee that Martha Smallwood will not be appointed." That, at least, is one promise kept by commissioners court!

County Attorney Tully Shahan had been out of town on December 28, and upon his return he was advised of the situation. After consulting with officials of the Attorney General's Office and the Texas Association of Counties, he contacted members of the commissioners court and advised them that the motion of December 28, 1988, would have to be rescinded and a legal appointment made.

After stalling around several days, the commissioners court met on January 4, 1989, to rescind their illegal, unconstitutional motion. In an unprecedented move, they also reversed their selection of Deputy TAC Martha Smallwood and appointed one of their own, Tim Ward, previously Pct. 3 Commissioner, who had seconded the illegal, unconstitutional motion of December 28, 1988. And once again the commissioners court took action that later had to be revised.

They set Mr. Ward's salary at approximately \$400 per month (just enough to cover his county insurance and retirement). In doing this, they compromised the salary paid the county auditor, as state law makes the auditor's salary contingent upon that paid the TAC. The District Judge became aware of this and advised the commissioners court that they would have to adjust the salary set for the TAC in order to accommodate the salary being paid the auditor. Well, another meeting had to be held to make this adjustment by rescinding their previous motion and setting a new salary in excess of \$13,000, at this meeting they also asked for a signed agreement from Mr. Ward stipulating that he would only receive the previous amount to cover his insurance and retirement.

The blundering, stumbling actions of the commissioners court, in it's handling of the appointment of a TAC, placed Kinney County in a precarious position for several weeks, subject to lawsuits and other legal action. A smooth transition at no added cost to the taxpayers as promised? Not hardly!

Why did the commissioners court drag out the process of appointing a TAC, a procedure that could have been completed in five minutes with no trauma and no added cost to the taxpayers? The answer is simple. The commissioners court wanted control of the TAC Office! They were not satisfied with acting in their legal, lawful, and constitutional authority, which is to set the budget for the office and leave the control, supervision, and operation up to the elected official in charge, or in this case appointed until the next General Election.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court once again stepped over the line of the intent of the law and their lawful, constitutional authority when on Monday, February 27, 1989, they awarded a vehicle, which had been seized by the Kinney County Sheriff's Department under Art. 4476-15 of the Controlled Substances Act, to Constable Gregorio Juarez. The action taken by the commissioners court in this matter is under investigation at the time of this writing.

The language and intent of Art. 4476-15 is that seized money, property, and vehicles seized and forfeited under this law, is that the seized and forfeited items taken from drug dealers are to be awarded to THE SEIZING AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT, which in this case is the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, NOT the Constable. Therefore, the motion made and passed by the Commissioners Court related to this matter was improper, if not illegal.

The Commissioners Court was well aware of our plans to sell the vehicle and place the net proceeds into a special drug enforcement fund.

These plans had been discussed with the District Attorney, the County Attorney, TAC Tim Ward, Constable Juarez, AND members of the Commissioners Court. This was no honest mistake. It was a deliberate attempt by the Commissioners Court to once again take away the fruits of labor of the Sheriff's Department and use them for their own political reasons.

If the Kinney County Commissioners Court, in all their wisdom, feel that they need to provide expensive vehicles and equipment to a part-time constable whose primary duties are to serve warrants and citations issued by the Justice of the Peace, then let them use funds from some other source to purchase them, not take the fruits of labor from a hardworking, full-time law enforcement agency, such as the Sheriff's Department. Especially those items we so desperately need in our drug enforcement efforts in Kinney County. And let them refrain from passing improper or illegal motions and resolutions in doing so.

Under Art. 6885 of V.A.C.S. the duties of a constable are as follows: "Each constable shall execute and return according to law all process, warrants, and precepts to him directed and delivered by any lawful officer, attend upon all justice courts held in his precinct, and perform all other such duties as may be required of him by law."

The bottom line is that a constable, though a peace officer under state law, is primarily a paper server for the Justice Court. It is questionable that there is a need to furnish a vehicle to the constable, due to the limited number of warrants or citations served by him. In checking with Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall, he advised that Constable Juarez has served two citations for him since he (Juarez) took office on January 1, 1989. Most out of town warrants and/or citations come to the Sheriff's Office for service anyway. And no previous constable has been furnished a county vehicle. At any rate, that is a decision that must be made by the Commissioners Court, but remember, it is your tax dollars they are throwing around so freely! My main objective is to prevent the Commissioners Court from taking improper and/or illegal action in taking away the fruits of our labor under Art. 4476-15. For the past three years I have asked the Commissioners Court for drug enforcement money to be put in my budget to be used in drug enforcement efforts in Kinney County, and for the past three years I have been refused. I then searched for and found another means of obtaining those much needed funds under Art. 4476-15 of the Controlled Substances Act, and now the Commissioners Court wants to take that away too. Makes me wonder if certain members of our Commissioners Court want drug enforcement in Kinney County!

All elected and appointed public officials are SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE, elected or appointed to represent the PEOPLE in their respective positions. The Kinney County Commissioners Court, has time and time again, committed serious improper, sometimes illegal and unconstitutional acts, in their eagerness to control county government in Kinney County. Their primary duties and responsibilities are to set the budgets of other constitutional offices and then let the duly elected officials and department heads perform their elective duties. They should be satisfied with that. Instead, the Commissioners Court has time and time again placed Kinney County in serious jeopardy of lawsuits and other legal action, in their eagerness to take actions that are often beyond their legal scope of authority. If the members of the Kinney County Commissioners Court cannot control their egos and their desire for control and power and operate within the legal limits of the law, then the time has come for them to be replaced by those who will. THINK ABOUT IT!

That's All!



This old building, located across the street from the B.I.S.D. School, is being torn to the ground. The building and lot are property of Happy Shahan.

Guest Speaker Sheds Light on Chemical Dependency

The main preventative of alcohol and drug abuse is parent-child communication, according to Mrs. Sonny Polich, a certified alcohol and drug counselor.

Mrs. Polich educated parents and students, Monday night, March 6, as to the use of drugs and alcohol and preventative measures.

According to Mrs. Polich, alcohol is a disease. It is inherited through genes and travels from grandparents to grandchildren, as it can miss a generation. Alcoholics can no more control their drinking, as a sugar diabetic is able to abstain completely from sugar. Alcoholism is an allergy. The body craves what it's allergic to. Alcohol and drug addicts both are commonly missing a fluid in the brain that is used to produce feelings of self-esteem. Some children that are alcoholics may begin the addiction at their first dentist visit, when ether is applied, as ether activates the brain fluid, causing the allergic reaction.

Alcoholism can also be self-inflicted. The more one drinks, the higher chances are of addiction, although 80% of the alcoholic cases are hereditary.

Some nationalities are more prone to alcoholism. The Chinese are very prone, as are the Indians and Irish.

Drug addiction is much higher with use. Mrs. Polich explained this by separating the audience, stating, "This half may drink alcohol and a few will become alcoholics, the other half however may use heroin and all will be addicted."

She also said that many cases of hyperactivity in children are directly related to parents that use marijuana. In her 20 years of counseling, Mrs. Polich said she'd never seen a case where the addicted person recovered without help, and that a fight begins with good parenting, correct parenting and by having your children trust you enough to confide in you.

Some guidelines were set down for parents to follow; (1.) Experience unqualified love and respect as a person. (2.) Learn self-expression. (3.) Be listened to and heard. (4.) Play a continuous role. (5.) Accept consequences of their own action.

Guidelines of a functional and dysfunctional family were presented.

Healthy Functional

Self-expression
Clear boundary lines
Consistent parenting
Family support
Communication
Discuss feelings
Accept consequences

Dysfunctional Families

Fear of self-expression
Inconsistent parenting
Loud talking & ridicule
Dictatorship
Blaming others
Harsh overtones

Verbal abuse allows no discussion. A good parent will model self-expression and be truthful. If your child is walking on a roof don't yell, "Get down from there, you'll break your neck." If your child gets down

without a broken neck, they may feel you cannot be trusted in what you say. Instead say, "I wish you'd get down from there, you're scaring me. My heart is beating fast and my hands are shaking because you are in a potentially dangerous situation."

By expressing yourself honestly and with facts, a child will learn to trust in your opinion. Everyone needs space. A home should have clear boundary lines that enables them to have their own space that no one else may enter without permission. Homes with boundary lines deter sexual abuse. Many children are taught that if you scream loud enough, you'll get your way. If you refuse to give in to screams and demands, the child will find other ways to communicate.

Be creative, share new ideas with your children. Ask their opinions and listen. Parent and child communication is the first step to an alcohol and drug free home.

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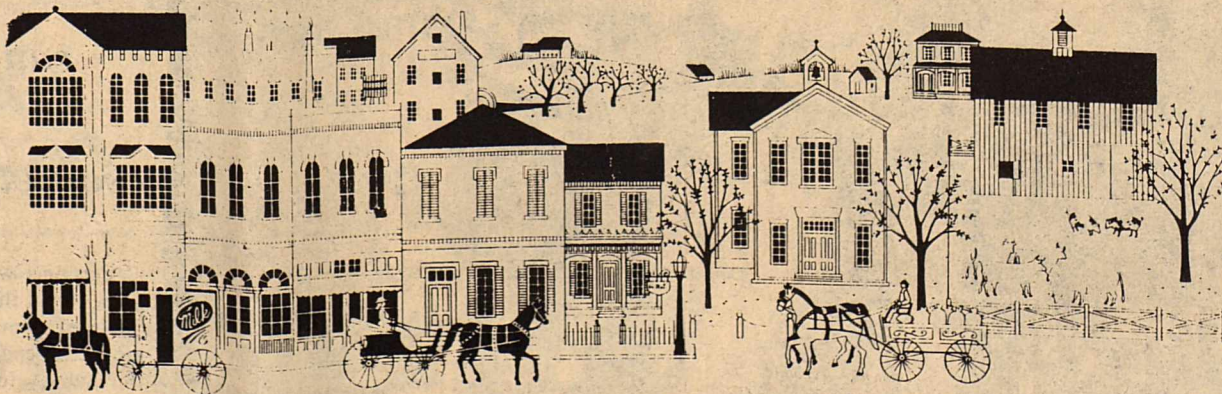
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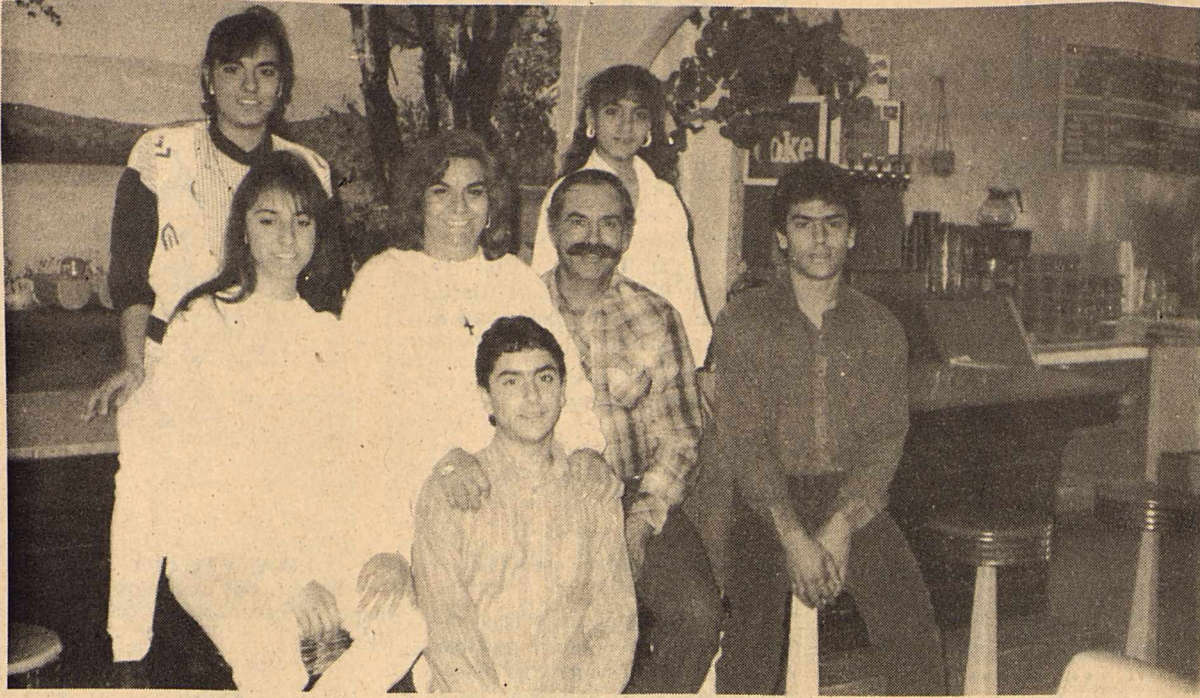
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Family Atmosphere



The Flores family: Left to Right; Yolanda II, Susanna, Yolanda, Gabriel, Manuel, Gabriela and Juan Manuel Jr.

The Gateway Hotel and Restaurant was built in the early 40's by Alex Schubach. The hotel is no longer occupied, but the restaurant still carries the aroma of some good home cooking, as Manuel and Yolanda Flores prepare the day's meals.

A cozy, family type atmosphere is offered at the Gateway. It's a place to share a cup of coffee with a friend or indulge yourself on some of the finest Mexican food this side of the border.

"Nothing is ready-made," stated Manuel, "we only use fresh products. Everything from our gravies - which include white gravy for chicken fried steaks, enchilada sauce, menudo and guisado - are homemade fresh that day. We also

re-fry our beans and offer homemade Spanish rice," added Manuel.

Tasty Mexican-style hot sauce is a family recipe. Try it with tostado chips, it's delicious.

"We also purchase the highest priced coffee, because I think people like a good cup of coffee," stated Manuel.

**It's a Place
to Share a
Cup of
Coffee With
a Friend**

Daily lunch specials are served, very reasonably priced, including free coffee and tea. "All you can drink," added Yolanda.

When asked what was the "favorite", Yolanda said, "Most people like the Mexican plate, and we do have tampiquena steak that comes with one enchilada, one taco, rice, beans and guacamole salad. The steak is prepared with a special sauce on it."

The restaurant opens at 5:30 A.M. and offers a full breakfast menu, including omelets, rancho eggs, sausage, bacon and egg tacos. So if you're up early, stop by. Read the morning paper and enjoy fresh brewed coffee with a very satisfying meal.

Manuel and Yolanda have five children and all of them help in the business. The oldest, Yolanda II is a student at S.W.T.J.C., Susanna is a Senior in High School, Juan Manuel Jr. is a Sophomore and the twins, Gabriel and Gabriela, are in 8th grade.

The restaurant closes at 8:00 or 9:00 P.M., depending on customer flow, and at 2:00 P.M. on Sundays.



Edwin and Nancy Franson

The Franson's Travel 2000 Miles Annually to Fort Clark

One cup of hard work; 3/4 cup of laughter, an ounce of spunk, and 2/3 cup of vitamins and exercise is the recipe the Fransons use to enjoy a life of prosperity and pleasure.

Edwin and Nancy travel from Canada to Fort Clark annually. This may not be such a feat to some, but Edwin, a peppy 83-year-old, and Nancy, a spunky 76, make the 2,000 mile trek in a mobile home.

Nancy modestly adds, "It's not just a straight drive. One year we stopped at 40 homes visiting family and friends. We take a different route each time. The trip may take anywhere from 2 weeks to one month."

The Fransons are used to staying busy, as before retirement they owned and operated a chick hatchery from 1933 - 1977.

Edwin's grandfather, a Swedish migrant and farmer, filed for a homestead in 1873. Edwin's father was also a farmer. Edwin said his father told him once, "You might as well try something else because there is nothing in farming now." So he began the chick hatchery.

"We also had a locker plant selling dry ice and fish tackle. We lived right out of our business," added Nancy.

Edwin and Nancy are both of Swedish descent and they both read and write Swedish. They have visited their mother country four times, once in 1955, then in 1961, 1966 and 1978.

Among other travels, they've explored Jamaica, Nasa, Bahamas, and Phoenix. In January 1989, they traveled to Freeport, Bahamas, and caught a beautiful Baracuda. They both enjoy fishing and they spent much of their time around a fishing pond when in Canada.

Why did the Fransons choose Fort Clark as their second home? "We came here in 1974 and camped for a week by the golf course - that's what sold us, the clean air, fresh water and security guard," stated Nancy.

Among other things, Nancy enjoys gardening and painting. She's been a member of the Voices choir since 1974. "I take some more Black Strap Molasses when I need an energy boost," replied Nancy.

Edwin stays busy on the Fort playing golf and he participates in a daily pool game each day at 2:30.

When asked what their secret was to staying fit, Edwin pulled out a container of vitamins and replied, "I take these three times a day." The secret may just be in the love they share. Nancy still has the twinkle in her eye when she looks at Edwin. Whatever the secret, it seems to work.

The Fransons have one son. He is an English teacher in Saskawn, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Fransons wish to add a special tribute to the Community Senior Citizens Nutrition Center and its staff of hard workers. "To the nurses who come to check our blood pressure. Also the Kinney County Memorial Clinic and its staff of workers and nurses and for our good Dr. Luz. For all the churches and their pastors and workers, and for President Bush for saying, 'We want to be a kinder Nation.'"

Lions 35th Anniversary Celebration

The Brackettville Lions Club is planning to celebrate its 35th Charter Night at Las Moras Inn, Fort Clark, Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M., March 16. Lion Herbert C. Petry, of Carrizo Springs, a past President of Lions International, is to be the guest speaker. Lion Petry is a well known attorney and served, for eighteen years and under five Governors, as member and chairman of the Texas Highway Commission. He has also served as a member of the Governor's Economy and Finance committee under Governor Allan Shivers and the Governor's Safety Committee under Governor Price Daniels. He conferred the Brackettville Club's Charter in 1954, and has graciously accepted the invitation to return for this memorable occasion.

The Del Rio Host Lions Club sponsored the Brackettville club into International Lionism. The Del Rio Club will be represented by their president Lion Mike O'Neal and other members of his club. The current District Governor Ernesto Tijerina, District Lieutenant Governor Manuel Zamora, Jr., immediate past District Governor Dick Alphin and many other dignitaries and representatives from other clubs will be in attendance.

Club President, Louis Sofaly says that all former Club members and their guests are cordially invited to attend, as are the members of the Clubs in District 2-A2. Reservations must be made by March 10, by calling 563-2043.



Tourism, a Source of Revenue

As a source of revenue, tourism has fulfilled its promise!

\$Hotel receipts are up 44 percent from 1987

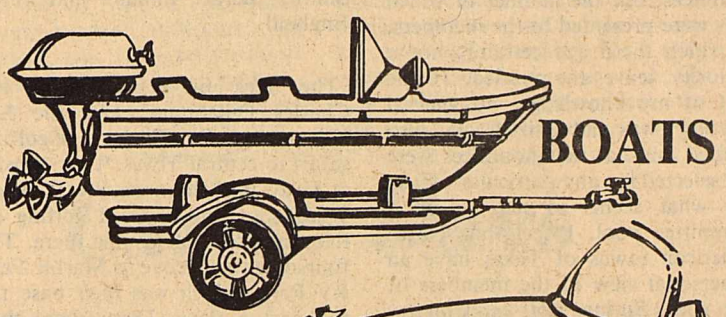
\$Bus tours have increased 11.3 percent

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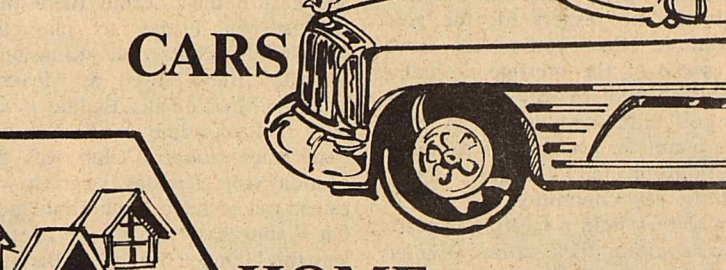
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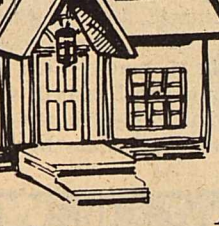
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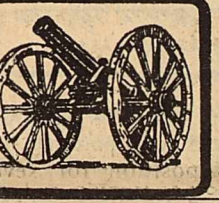
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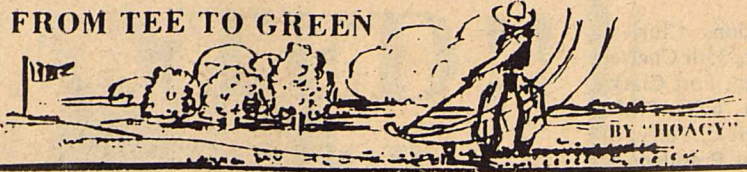
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FROM TEE TO GREEN



On a day only a penguin in long underwear could enjoy, the Fort Clark Springs Golf and Country Club Championship Golf Tournament was thankfully, to most, postponed until March 11 and 12. Play was suspended after a few holes had been attempted by many of us who had so many clothes on, it felt like wearing a suit of armor. Bob Derrickson had on six sweaters! Bill Bizzell had thrown so many clubs, he wouldn't have had enough left to finish the round anyway. Whatever game it was we were playing, the score might have ended; Penguins 309 F Golfers 09 F.

A golf committee meeting was held in the clubhouse Sunday, March 5, at 5:00 P.M. Several golf club members were also present. The main topic was the announcement of a new golf committee for the coming year. I have no objection to any of the nominees, but the manner in which they were presented to the members, of which there was certainly not a majority, leaves me puzzled. To the best of my knowledge, no general meeting was advertised. It also seemed unusual that nominees were not selected for any particular office, but what seems to me, to be a committee pool. I feel that North American towns of Texas have an impersonal view of the members of Fort Clark Springs Golf and Country Club and no respect for the golf committee. Past committees have lost some of the prestige normally associated with offices representing the golf club membership as they were unable to get answers to many questions directed to N.A.T.T. Let's wish the new committee well and as soon as they hold a meeting to elect officers within their group, I'll let you know who they are.

The members selected by the nominating committee are: Helen Miller, Barbara Miller, Eileen Voracek, Vicki Nichols, Les Roper, Bill Bizzell, Jerry Adams and Tom Faulkenberry.

The next golf committee meeting is scheduled for the last Wednesday of March.

The newly elected officers of the Fort Clark Springs Ladies Golf League are: Mae Roper, Chairwoman; Dorothy Wood, co-chairwoman; Eileen Voracek, secretary; Mary Lee Trollinger, treasurer and reporter; and Barbara Miller, Winter Texan Representative. The new officers will assume their duties on April 4, 1989.

Last Friday was a nice day and a large turnout played a four-person scramble in the Mixed Couples League. A tie for first place resulted in split prizes between Gordon and Lorraine Lundquist, Al and Mary Butler and Bob Miller, Pat Nelson, Lee and Eleanor Herron. They had identical 40.5 net scores. In second place with a score of 41.5, was the team of Vicki Nichols, Charlie Smith, Betty Inman and Fred England.

The week of February 22, the Charles Dillahuntys and the Lee Herrons left Ft. Clark on a golfing safari to central Texas. They arrived at Lady Bird Johnson RV Park on Wednesday and enjoyed golfing on the nine hole golf course there. The foursome then drove to Marble Falls RV Park, which was their base for the next 6 days. From there they traveled on Friday to play the Packsaddle course at Kingsland. Saturday they played at Meadow Lakes in Marble Falls. Sunday it was back to Packsaddle. Willie Nelson's Pedernales Country Club was the Monday stop. Tuesday the group was rained out at Lago Vista Highlands. On Wednesday, the course selected was the Flying L Ranch at Bandera and they returned to Ft. Clark Springs that night, after a good dinner at the Country Club in Uvalde. Eleanor and Elizabeth said some of the most enjoyable parts of the trip were the many times they got to eat out.

In the Golfers Want To Know department; now that warmer weather is just around the corner, an increasing number of golfers are enjoying walking the course. The question is, where are the benches? Larry Montgomery, golf course superintendent, informed me that there was not enough money left in his budget for benches and suggested that money be raised, possibly through donations for that purpose.

What I wrote jokingly last week about my work hours, was taken seriously by some. I am not employed at the golf course or by *The Brackett News*. I am doing this for fun and apologize for any misunderstanding.

Jan Chism has informed me that clubhouse hours are from 9:00 A.M. until dark year-round on those days that the golf course is open.

Questions regarding golf or the golf course may still be called in to *The Brackett News*, 563-2961.

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LIBRARY NOTES



BY CYNTHIA GUILFORD-FALCON

It's time again for our annual Book Fair. The dates are March 15 through the 17. Nothing over one dollar!!! There is an assortment of children and adult books and both fiction and non-fiction. Circle the dates on your calendar.

Dr. Pat Seawell's Enrich Plus class is set to begin this Thursday, March 9. There will be two classes: 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. If you still would like to sign up, it's not too late. Call Cyndy at 563-2884.

The Library has a beautiful display of porcelain earrings and statues. The porcelain products are being displayed by Evelyn and Harlan

Hunter of Ft. Clark Springs. Also being displayed with porcelain are Chinese-Brush paintings by Mr. Vieio Hand, a Vietnamese artist, who fled Vietnam and now lives in Australia. The pictures are watercolour on a silk background. I hope you'll stop by soon to see this marvelous display.

The videocassette "Hong Kong", the exciting city has been donated to the library by Mr. Walt Geeze. Thank you Walt.

I would like to say a special thanks to some young adult volunteers for all their help with displays and getting books ready for circulation. Thank you Danny, Lee, Michael and Robert.



SMOKE FROM NAKAI

BY NAKAI GREEN

How Readers; This sunrise I will tell you about basket weaving. Some tribes wove their baskets out of willow, some out of wild honeysuckle vine or grape vines, some out of river grass others of cattail. Some were made out of century plant, others of split river cane. Some of long pine needles, some were made of pine cones. All or most were made so tight to even carry

water. All the baskets were decorated with different patterns birds, flowers, geometric patterns and butterflies. Some baskets were sealed with tree pitch. I have a basket, a wee one that was made out of straw and one made out of sweet grass. I used to have one made out of birch bark but it (skip to my loo) took a walk.

Ahoe Nakai

Uranium Mining Regulated

Editor's Note: [This article was submitted for publication by C.A.R.E. representatives.]

AUSTIN (UPI) - A package of 11 bills was filed Friday in the Texas Senate to strengthen state regulation of controversial uranium mining operations in South Texas.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said the legislation is based on the recommendations of an 18-month-long study of the problem by the Senate subcommittee on health services that he chaired.

"These bills will forever end the common practice of allowing mining companies to operate under expired permits indefinitely," he said. "We found this to be one of the most prevalent abuses affecting the citizens of South Texas."

Chevron USA, which has a uranium mining operation near the tiny Karnes County community of Panna Maria, has been operating under a state license that expired in 1980, and has been under fire from a citizens group. Panna Maria Concerned Citizens has accused Chevron of operating illegally, contaminating groundwater

through its 150-acre dump site and exposing residents and farmland to excessive radiation.

The group has filed a formal complaint against Chevron with the state Health Department and has threatened to sue the company.

Chevron officials have responded that the company is operating within state guidelines and has blamed the Health Department for failing to expedite a licensing hearing.

Truan said no major uranium mill tailings dump in Texas has had its license renewed since the Texas Radiation Control Act passed in 1981.

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

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Troopers' Reunion

The annual Fort Clark Trooper's Reunion will be held April 21, 22 and 23, at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville. This popular event is a homecoming for cavalry troopers and their families who lived at Ft. Clark during its active military days. Troopers from across Texas and around the country, many from the 5th and 112th units, will return to Fort Clark Springs on April 21-23 for the reunion weekend.

A special addition to the reunion this year will be the dedication of the Commanding Officer's Quarters, the "Wainwright House", with an official Texas Historic Building Marker.

The house served the Fort's Commanding Officers, including Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie and Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright. Architectural features include a central entry, wood-frame porch, six-over-six windows, second-floor dormers, and four large chimneys with sculpted caps, the marker reads. The historical marker is the result of more than two years work by Peter Pohl, the residential manager, and Dr. James Moore of Baytown, owner of the home. John Wayne and his family also lived in the home during the filming of "THE ALAMO" in

1959.

The marker ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 22, 1989, in front of the impressive home near the end of Colony Row. A home tour of select residences in the historic district will follow the dedication ceremony.

Gen. Wainwright's son, Capt. Jonathan M. Wainwright, was contacted to speak at the dedication ceremony. "Thank you for thinking of me," he said in a March 5th letter from his home in Keystone Heights, Florida. "I appreciate the honor but regret I cannot accept the invitation due to my many commitments which I must try to curtail due to my "tender" years - 76!"

Although Capt. Wainwright won't be in attendance, plenty of troopers are expected to come for the reunion. Last year, 89 guests registered for the reunion. More are expected this year, according to Reunion Committee Chairman Ron Buckles, because the mailing list for invitations has almost doubled in the past year.

For more information about the reunion, please write to the Trooper's Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 1061, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

I Like



Jerry Clardy
"I like fishing, hunting, trapping, woodwork and good BBQ."



Vultures, Not Buzzards!

Kinney County Mrs. Bauguess said. Turkey Vultures are black, except for a "window" of white feathers underneath. Vultures are often called Buzzards, a misnomer originally applied to Buteo Hawks in the Old World. The Red-Tailed Hawk is a common Buteo Hawk found here.

An evening drive along Tour Road provides an eerie sight of big, black buzzards roosting in the moss-draped trees around the fishing area above the Red Bridge. "Those are vultures - Black Vultures - not buzzards!" corrected Mrs. Tina Bauguess. "Both Black Vultures and Turkey Vultures are permanent residents of

Unsung Heroes

by Joe Townsend

There is a man living at Ft. Clark Springs who is truly a concerned, caring and working individual. He has served on the Architectural Committee and planning committee. When work is to be done on any project, he gives a great deal of his time, expertise and hard work. On

repair of the commissary, fixing up the Old Quarry, working on the "Green areas", making more presentable the N.C.O. Club or just any project for the good of the whole, he's been found working. He is truly warm-hearted and a sweet spirit. He is never "bossy" and never seeks the lime-light. Hollis Graham certainly is one of our "Unsung Heroes".

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Women who work, whether in the house, store, office or factory, very rarely have the ability to stand the strain. The case of Miss Frankie Orser, of Boston, Mass., is interesting to all women, and adds further proof that woman's great friend in need is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"After two months I decided to try what a change would do for me, and as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was strongly recommended to me, I decided to try it. Within three days I felt better, my appetite returned, and I could sleep. In another week I was able to sit up part of the day, and in ten days more I was well. My strength had returned, I gained fourteen pounds, and felt better and stronger than I had for years. I gratefully acknowledge its merits. Very sincerely yours, Mrs. BEATRICE LENNOX, 120 East 4th St., Dixon, Ill."

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Floating Fire Engines.

Propulsion of boats by fire engines is not uncommon, the jet of water being thrown into the air and acting precisely as a punt pole pressed against the bottom of a shallow stream. Some floating fire engines were recently sent out from London to Alexandria, Egypt, for work on very shallow canals and these craft depended entirely upon the handling and maneuvering of the jets of water for their propulsion.

Eagles and Hoodie Crows.

In most localities of Scotland where the eagle has its home there will also be found the hoodie crow. The eagle will seldom if ever attack the hoodie, but whenever the king of birds ventures too near the former's nestlings the angry hoodies will immediately drive off the intruder. It is laughable to see the eagle flying for dear life before the fierce onslaughts of the enraged crows, which swoop and dash after him with shrill "craas" until he is far from their nesting site.

A man can work if he is one-sided or defective, but not so a woman. "It" says Clouston, "she is not more or less finished and happy at 25, who will never be."

RACE DONE?

Not a Bit of It.

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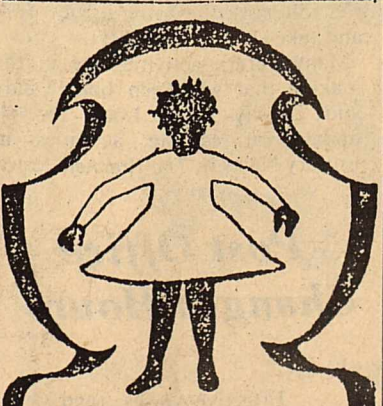
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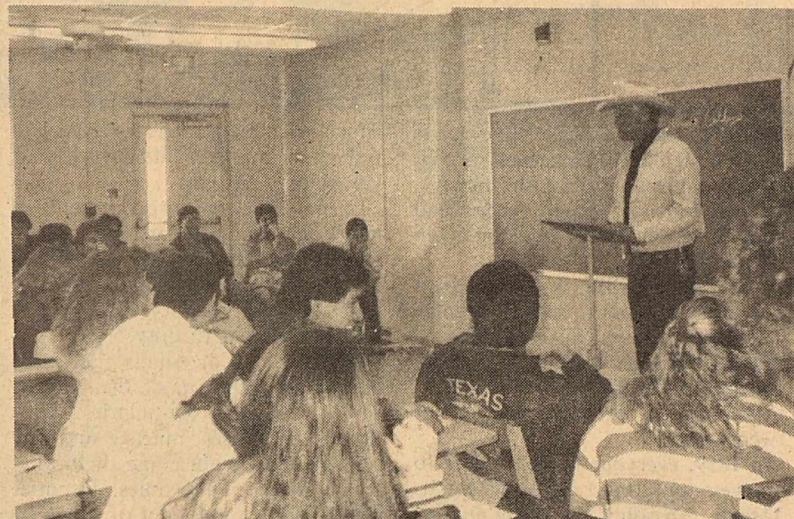
A single log of mahogany often brings as much as \$5,000 at a sale.

Seventeen persons in a hundred in the state of New York live to be over seventy years of age.

Except the sun and the moon, only Venus, Jupiter and some of the brightest fixed stars give a sensible shadow.

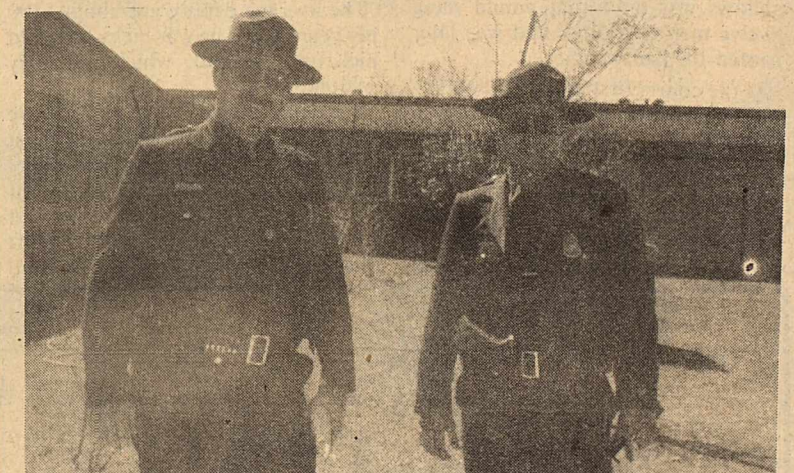


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Border Patrol men S.R. La Mascus and S.J. Pastor gave information pertaining to the in's and out's of their field of work.

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OBITUARY



LORENZA R. JASO

Lorenza R. Jaso, a resident of Brackettville, born on August 10, 1914, in Brackettville, passed away at the age of 74 in her residence on March 2, 1989.

P.M. with Father David Zumaya officiating. Arrangements were made by Rushing - Estes - Knowles - Mortuary. She is survived by her daughter; Rita Simms of Brackettville, sisters; Eloisa San Miguel of Earth, Texas, Olivia Lopez of San Jose, California and Petra Pena of Kentucky, brother; Emilio Rodriguez of San Antonio and numerous nieces and nephews.

BEYOND THE HORIZON



In 1875, Isaac Charles Parker came to the Fort Smith, Arkansas, bench. Parker came from English ancestry. He was born to Joseph Parker and Jane Shannon Parker in a log cabin in Ohio in 1838.

Isaac, in early life, wanted to be a lawyer, so he went to school, became a teacher and used his earnings as a school teacher to finance further education. Finally, he was admitted to the bar in Ohio, at the age of twenty-one.

In 1859, everyone had the fever to go west and Isaac did too. At St. Joseph, Missouri, he hung up his shingle. He married there, had two sons. After 14 years of law practice, he was elected Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit. He went to Congress where he was on the committee for territories, where he became a friend to the Indians.

In 1875, he was appointed judge of the Western District of Arkansas at \$3,500 per annum, which made him the youngest judge on the Federal bench at the age of 36. He was transferred to Ft. Smith in Arkansas to serve the government.

Indian Territory was infested by hunted outlaws and crime was rampant. Judge Parker soon became known as "the hanging judge". A gallows was built that would hang twelve men at a time, and was later roofed for bad weather.

At the courts first hanging, six men were convicted and hung together. More than 5,000 spectators packed the jail yard.

Back east letters were sent to Ft. Smith condemning the hanging. But the local people knew about the trouble with the frontier outlaws,

which were many. They preyed like wolves on the lives and property of law abiding citizens.

Judge Parker appointed two hundred deputy marshalls. They faced great danger, outlaw's friends and the distances they had to travel to police the territory. Many were killed in the line of duty.

The deputy marshalls got two dollars when they made their arrest. There were no fixed salaries. They depended on fees, mileage and any rewards that might come their way, which wasn't many times. Deputies got six cents a mile, out of which he paid his own transportation and board. If he got the receipts, which wasn't easy to get from the people he had to deal with, and if he got the prisoner to jail, he got ten cents a mile to pay for expenses for both him and the prisoner. To deliver subpoenas, he got six cents a mile one way, fifty cents for making contact with the first witness and thirty-seven cents for any additional witnesses. If he couldn't find the witnesses he collected nothing. To top that off, when the accounts were settled, the Marshall deducted thirty-five percent for his fees. Then when the bill was sent into Washington, sometimes he was paid and sometimes he wasn't.

The average deputy got about \$500 per year, and if he was lucky he could pick up a reward, which was very seldom.

Sixty-five deputy marshalls gave their lives under Judge Parker. Most of the seventy-nine outlaws were convicted and hanged for murder or rape and sometimes both. The last man hanged by Judge Parker's court was a man named Wilson, convicted

of murder and hanged July 30, 1896.

On Nov. 17, 1896, Parker died with dropsy after a long illness. At his funeral, Indians and citizens crowded into the cemetery and after twenty-one years of service, the criminal element finally having been controlled, said good-bye to Judge Isaac Parker, "the hanging judge".



Library Help

Dorothy Payne was named Assistant Librarian and began holding that position March 6.

Cynthia Guilford-Falcon, Librarian, stated, "I chose her because of a personal preference, she knew the library. Her name is probably on most of the books here."

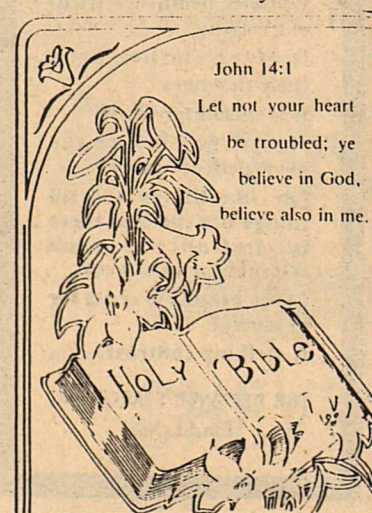
Dorothy accredits much of her background in volunteer work or management. She worked at the Nutrition Center for almost 8 years and at one time was a co-editor for a magazine. She is presently a columnist for the Kinney Co. Cavalryman and *The Brackett News*. Dorothy stated, "I've been wanting to work here because it's right down my alley, writing and all; I like the atmosphere here. The people are nice."

Among Dorothy's responsibilities, she will work the front service desk and take care of customers.

Many library activities are in the making that will keep both Cindy and Dorothy busy. Look for an update on coming activities in Library Notes in *The Brackett News*.

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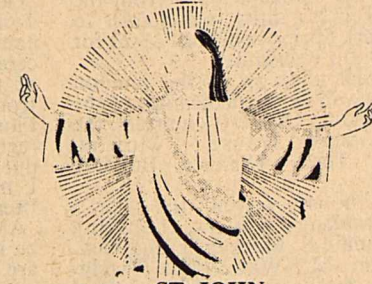
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B.I.S.D. Resolutions Set

WHEREAS, student achievement is enhanced by parental support for schools and high expectations for academic success, and

WHEREAS, public schools and students benefit from the participation of community groups and organizations in the local education system, and

WHEREAS, Texas must continue to support a strong educational system so that our children will have the opportunity to develop into the future leaders of the state and the

nation, and
WHEREAS, for more than 30 years the state annually has recognized Texas Public Schools Week, and

WHEREAS, this year's theme of Texas Public Schools Week urges the citizens of the state to visit classrooms to "See Us Shine", and

WHEREAS, during this special week, parents and taxpayers are invited to visit the public schools to recognize the tremendous importance that our educational system has for

our community. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education does hereby recognize March 6 - 10, 1989, as Texas Public Schools Week, and urges citizens to take an active interest in the school system by cooperating with their schoolboard, superintendent, principals and teachers, and visiting the schools to see their students shine in the classroom; furthermore, be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

Have you noticed the hawks this winter? I've never seen many over winter in our area. We always have some, especially of a few varieties such as the Harris Hawk, the Mexican Black Hawk, the Red Shouldered, and Red Tailed Hawk and another or two. But this year there has been an influx of many

kinds of hawks not seen in this area before, ranging from small to large hawks. Many are unidentifiable from ordinary "bird books". Indeed, many are seemingly totally unknown to this area. It's always a treat to see a new bird.

The presence of the hawks, as enjoyable as they are to see and

watch, carry with them a price tag. They are birds of prey and must eat. When there is little ground cover and brush and trees are leafless, it makes hunting much easier for the hawk. We were already on the low side as far as rabbits are concerned and the hawks will take a heavy toll on the cottontails. Quail were abundant going into winter, but the multitude of hawks will surely diminish the number. None of us will cry because the field mice and rats will feed the hawks. This will even help control the rattlesnakes who flourish when the rats are abundant.

On balance, it's difficult to evaluate the booming hawk population. We just want to point out, "There are no free lunches". For all the joy and good of the many hawks, there is a cost involved. Somebody or something always pays. Even when it is good, it is not without cost.

GREEN THUMB



BY JOE TOWNSEND

If you are thinking of planting trees, it is best to keep in mind where you live - not where you came from. If you want a Blue Spruce in your yard - move to Colorado. Very few pine trees last very long here. A & M and other experimental stations, from time to time come up with a new exotic tree that is highly touted and people, wanting something different, fall for the new; and before long find they've been taken for a ride. There is no tree in this area that does better than the pecan. If given plenty of water, it will grow almost as fast as any other tree.

It puts down a deep tap root and establishes itself for the many years ahead. If trimmed properly, it will make a shapely tree and after a few years will require almost no trimming. It is sometimes bothered by web and army worms, but no more often than some others, and not as much as many. In about the fourth or fifth year, when it begins to

bear, it should be fed a specialized food containing zinc. It provides shade, the depth of which is determined by the amount of water it gets.

The Ash is a good tree. It is subject to insects and fungus and sometimes demands a great deal of care, but it is one of the better trees for our area. The Mulberry, since it is native to the area, is a good long lasting tree. The Sycamore, if watered well for the first few years, will make a good shapely tree for many years. Of course, the Oak is a great tree for the area - if you want to wait twenty years to see a large tree. The native Hackberry grows well, but seldom makes a shapely tree. Just remember, "It's simpler and easier to adapt your taste to trees that grow well here, than to adapt trees to the area to suit your taste." My favorite tree is the Maple, but I plant Pecan and Ash trees - they will prosper here - the Maple won't.

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Tuesday 14,

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Wednesday 15,

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Fruit
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Taco Salad
Fruit
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Tuesday 14,

Deli Bar
Shaved Meat & Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday 15,

Soup
Peanutbutter Sandwich
Fruit
Crackers
Milk

Breakfast

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Cereal
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Juice
Milk

Friday 10,

French Toast
Fruit
Milk

Monday 13,

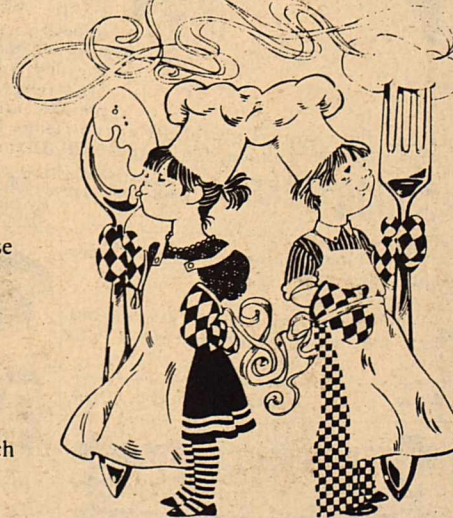
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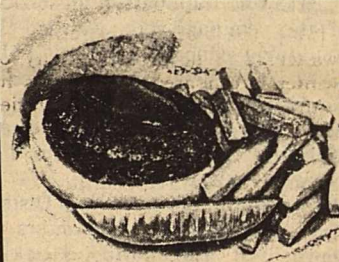
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Fort Clark Art

On March 17 and 18, Harold Kemper will hold a workshop. The charge is \$20 for the two days, and a \$10 deposit is required. At the request of members, he has agreed to

do a Western scene one of the days. Also, on March 25 and 26, there will be Open House and an Arts and Crafts show at the Art Center from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. All are welcome.

Who is a Senior Citizen?

Who is a senior citizen? A senior citizen is one who was here before the pill and the population explosion. We were here before television, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees. Before frozen food, nylon, dacron, Xerox, radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ballpoint pens. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not condos or computers. A chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hard wear, and software wasn't even a word. We were before pantyhose and drip dry clothes, before ice makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets. We got married first, and then lived together. How quaint can one be? We're from the age when bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were

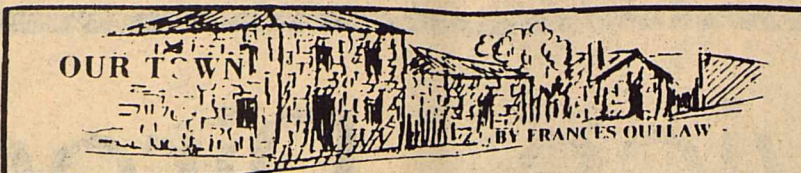
not Volkswagens. We were before Batman, Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer, and Snoopy. DDT, vitamin pills, disposable diapers, pizza, Cheerios, instant coffee, decaffeinated anything, and McDonald's were all unheard of. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing, Coke was a refreshing drink, and pot was something to cook in. If we'd been asked to explain CIA, MS, NATO, UFO, NFL, JFK, or ERA we'd have said alphabet soup. We're Senior Citizens — a hardy bunch when you think of how our world has changed and of the adjustments we've had to make!

[Author unknown, from the March 1988 Mt. Vernon Senior Center Newsletter; via the Anacortes u.c.c. newsletter; via the Johnson City Record-Courier.]

Public School Week

The week of March 6 - 10, 1989, is Public School Week in Texas. The District hosted an Open House Monday, March 6, 1989, from 6-7 P.M. which was followed by a Drug Awareness Program in the Auditorium. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria. Parents and patrons were invited to visit the school throughout the week and eat in the school cafeteria. Also, in conjunction with Public School

Week, seniors will have a Career Day on March 9, 1989. They will hear business leaders in the community and surrounding areas speak about their jobs and the training and education necessary to be successful. Superintendent Bob McCall noted, "We formally celebrate Public School Week in March each year, but we welcome the residents of Brackettville, and invite them to visit us any time."



The Ladies Luncheon met Wednesday, March 8, at Las Moras Inn. A style show, sponsored by Bradley's Square of Del Rio, featured their line of spring and summer wardrobe. Modeling the lovely garments were: Jonesie, Lois Hutton, Wilma Lewis, Betty Inman, Nickie Shattuck, Helen Peck, Fran Swanson, Mary Lee Trolinger, Barbara Miller and Molly Schroeder. Music was by Inez Hutcheson.

Hostesses for this month's luncheon were Jonesie, Lois Hutton, Mary Lee Trolinger, Maria Hessig, Marsha Clauson and Valora Frisby. The table decorations were also the creation of the hostesses. The staff at Las Moras Inn, as

usual, served a delicious lunch. Door prizes were won by Rachel Pittman and La Vohn Payne. Bridge and various card games followed the luncheon.

Warren Outlaw just returned from League City after visiting his son and family. Welcome back.

I saw Rose Mary Cervantez at the Ladies Luncheon Wednesday and am happy to see her back in circulation. Rose Mary has been under the weather this past week.



Preparation for the UIL One Act Play has been under way with Mrs. Merry Beth Mills directing it at Cotulla on Friday, March 17.

Open House, which was held Monday, March 6, 1989, at school, seemed to be a success.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) Literary District Meet will be held on Tuesday, March 14, and Saturday, March 18, in Lytle. Good Luck!

The Tiger Band is now practicing for their concert and sight-reading contest.

The Grapevine also heard that Cyndy Guilford-Falcon, the head librarian, will be leaving us for Hunt, Texas, on Friday, March 17, to enjoy the country life. Best wishes from The Brackett News!

For those who wanted to know how the Tigers and Tigerettes did at the Utopia relays, sorry! The track and field events were cancelled, due to bad weather.

Select members of the Future Farmers of America will attend a judging contest held at College Station this weekend, for 2 days - (Friday and Saturday). Good luck Future Farmers!

County Clerk Raney Attends Seminar

College station - County & District Clerk, Dolores Raney, of Kinney county joined about 550 other officials for the 17th Annual County and District Clerks' Seminar here February 27, 28, and March 1.

As an enrollee in the continuing education seminar, Dolores Raney participated in the three-day training effort which focused on the theme, "Yearning to Learn...Learning to Serve."

Dolores Raney said, "The responsibilities of our office are quite extensive, and this was reflected in the seminar program. Some 35 sessions involving about 50 speakers or panel members made up the seminar."

Separate sessions were held for district clerks and county clerks in a number of instances, with joint sessions following.

Major discussion subjects included a preview of the 71st regular legislative session, tips on making an effective budget presentation, registry of court and fees of court, fundamentals of legal research, management of personnel and administration, and open records in the clerk's office.

The seminar for clerks is an annual education program of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is conducted in cooperation with the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas.

Clerks who took part in all sessions of the seminar were awarded 1.2 continuing education units (CEU's) or 12 credit hours by the office of Continuing Education at Texas A&M. The clerks are required to earn 20 hours of continuing education every two years.

President of the County and District Clerks' Association is Raymond O. Dennis of Levelland, Hockley County Clerk; and John Dickson of Austin, district clerk in Travis County, is first vice-president. Doris Lange of Fredericksburg, Gillespie County clerk, is second vice-president, and Johnny Appelman of Beaumont, district clerk in Jefferson County, is secretary-treasurer.

Serving as the general chair for the seminar was John A. Gilmartin, while the program chair was Joe M. Rothe, Extension Service specialists with the V.G. Young Institute.

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