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Commissioners Rescind Motion

Motion on Vehicle Placement Rescinded

The motion passed at the Feb. 27, meeting allowing Constable Juarez the use of a 1983 GMC car had to be rescinded.

Sheriff Hooten brought to the attention of Commissioners Court that -legally- the car was property of his department and that his department was allowed all rights to use the vehicle or auction it off.

It was then brought to the attention of commissioners and citizens present, by Judge Tommy Seargeant, that a letter received from District Attorney Tom Lee stating when Kinney County pays off the loan to GMC, this would mean, "Kinney County would be lean holder of this vehicle and be entitled to clear title of this vehicle. When you have clear title of this vehicle, you may either put the GMC 4x4 to service or sell it at a public auction at the direction of the Sheriff." Betty Deason, County Auditor added that Tom Lee had called and said that he had written the letter in error.

Commissioner Bill Bizzell stated that he wanted a letter from Tom Lee in addition to the phone call stating that this was an error on his part instructing the court on this illegal action.

Sheriff Norman Hooten stated that Tom Lee, as Commissioner Bill Bizzell and County Attorney Tully Shahan, all knew of his plans to use the money from the sale of this vehicle towards the drug enforcement fund, (which of year to date is \$586.00).

At the February 27 meeting, Shahan and Bizzell were both absent, leaving the court with only Tom Lee's letter to act upon.

Bizzell did state that the motion would have had to be rescinded anyway due to a previous motion made by him to auction off the vehicle.

Karnes County Resolution

Judge Tommy Seargeant read a letter from the officials of Karnes County asking that the Court pass a resolution in favor of the County obtaining a maximum security prison.

All agreed to pass the resolution and did so in a letter-form, all signed the resolution to be mailed back.

"Lights Added"

It was discussed and passed that two outdoor lights would be added. One on the south side parking lot and one on the parking lot in front of the jail.

Discussed was also stronger enforcement of employee parking in designated areas allowing more parking space by courthouse for taxpaying citizens.

School Board Filing Date

The deadline for filing for a position on the May 6, 1989, School Trustee ballot is Wednesday, March 22, 1989, at 5:00 p.m. The date mistakenly reported as the deadline was Tuesday, March 21, 1989. Interested parties may file at the Brackett Independent School District Central Office.

Drawings for ballot position will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 1989, in the Brackett Independent School District Board Room.

Historical Day for Veterans

Yesterday, March 15, was a historic day for our nation's 27 million veterans. It marked the transition of their agency, the Veterans Administration, to the Department of Veterans Affairs and elevated VA to the President's Cabinet.

In making this change, Congress and the President recognized what we in VA have long known: military veterans (who, with their families, constitute a third of our population) deserve representation at our highest level of government. Their contribution to our way of life and their

Cemetery Water Bill

A new bill was presented to the Court to be split three ways between the County, Masonic and Catholic Cemetery. The Court agreed that the county needed their own meter, thus insuring the county pays their actual usage. Commissioner Slubar said, "Let's do it." Commissioner Bizzell said he had asked the REA to go down and dig up the ditch and they said they would and that there was some 2 inch pipe up at the Fort and that they'd get to work on it.

Fire Department Gets Uniforms

Representatives from the VFD, Adrian Reyes, Jr. and Chester Puda, approached the court asking for two complete protective gear uniforms needed in fighting fires. The uniforms they have now were bought second hand and are no longer functional. Two uniforms totaling \$450 each were awarded and the budget amended for \$1,000.

The VFD was also allowed the use of the Civic Center for April 29 & 30, at the cost of \$25 (as motioned by Commissioner Slubar) for the use of a fund raiser with proceeds going towards more uniforms, as 10 are needed.

Shared Secretary Help for JP Office

It was passed unanimously that the secretarial position at the JP Office would be changed from 6 hours per day to 8 hours per day.

Museums' Focus on Preservation of Military Items

The Museums Association of South Texas (MAST) held the March Quarterly meeting at Fort Clark Springs' Members Lounge Saturday, March 11. The members who arrived at Fort Clark Springs on Friday, March 10, were entertained by the Fort Clark Historical Society at an Open House party held at the Don Swanson's residence.

The Museums Association of South Texas represents thirty-one museums in forty South Texas counties. The organization consists of committed museum volunteers and professionals from the member institutions which exist to provide a means of networking, sharing information and resources, offering educational seminars, and jointly promoting member institutions.

This session was devoted to conservation, preservation and display of military items in the collections. Larry Bowles, President of MAST, conducted an extensive seminar on weapons and leather items which invited a healthy exchange of ideas from attending members. Buffet Luncheon was served at Las Moras Restaurant and a business meeting of MAST was held.

Afternoon activities of meeting consisted of historic tour of Fort Clark by Ron Buckles, tour of Commanding Officers' Quarters (Wainwright House), tour of the Old Guardhouse Museum and an escorted tour of Alamo Village, courtesy of J.T. "Happy" Shahan.

The following are the members who were in attendance and the institutions they represented:

Fern Dillard, The Alamo Museum, San Antonio

Spofford Jail

It was decided by the Court that the Spofford jail would remain County property. Historical significance of the jail is being looked into. Commissioners wish to keep the jail to insure that it is maintained.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Clause

In 1986, Commissioners Court adopted a policy that would allow 4-year (or longer) employees to remain on health and life insurance after they were unemployed, as long as they paid their premiums.

Ex-Judge Albert Postell, now deceased, had paid premiums on this policy up until the time of his death. His family, in trying to collect, was informed of a clause in the contract that excluded unemployed County workers.

County Treasurer, Carlotta De La Rosa, informed the Court of this misunderstanding and asked to submit the motion passed in 1986 - by the Court at that time - with their signatures to Blue Cross Blue Shield representatives stating what the intent of the Court was at that time in adopting that policy.

Water Grant for Spofford

Not enough information was available on this issue.

Tabled for Monday, March 27

A. Remodeling County Courtroom.
B. Discuss and authorize fees and charges on ambulance service and change by-laws for services. Provide and purchase uniforms and radios for crew and emergency amend budget for cost.

C. Approve and appoint inspector for septic tanks.

D. Provide office space for M.R.G.D.C. employee.

Auxiliary Air Force in Spofford

Air Force representatives met with County Commissioners informing them of their intent to build an uncontrolled air field in Spofford.

The airstrip would be used as a training field. Projected flights would range from 100 to 150 daily during sun-up to sundown. Flights would be mainly touch and go.

The final papers had not yet been signed, but were expected to be finalized Friday, March 17, and bids on contracts would be opened. The air field would have no radar and a fire station.

Sheriff Norman Hooten asked how high the fence would be, showing concern for drug traffic and said it would be another area that would need patrolling. The fences would be 6 feet tall he was told. Officials said they would relate the Sheriff's concern at their next meeting.

Volunteer for DPS Troopers

Roberta King, secretary of County Attorney volunteered to help out with extra work needed by the DPS troopers.

Swim Park

The grant to repair the County Swim Park was denied. Another grant application was re-submitted.

Discussed was the possibility of fixing the pool ourselves and is being looked into. The Court hopes to get the pool fixed in time for summer swimmers.

Addition for JP Office and New Building for JP and DPS

Discussed was an addition for the JP office and a new building for JP and DPS across from the jail on county property (now a parking lot). No action was taken on this. It is still under consideration.

Travel Allowance for Constable Awarded

The Constable was awarded \$100 per month travel allowance.

Pre-Registration Set

Brackett Independent School District Elementary Principal, Steve Mills, has announced that pre-registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten children will be held April 17-21, 1989, at Jones Elementary School Office from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Program is open to all five-year-old children whose birthdays fall before September 1,

1989, and whose immunization records are current. In order to register your child for this program, you will need to present the following information:

1. Proof of birthdate (birth certificate or passport)
2. Copy of the immunization record.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

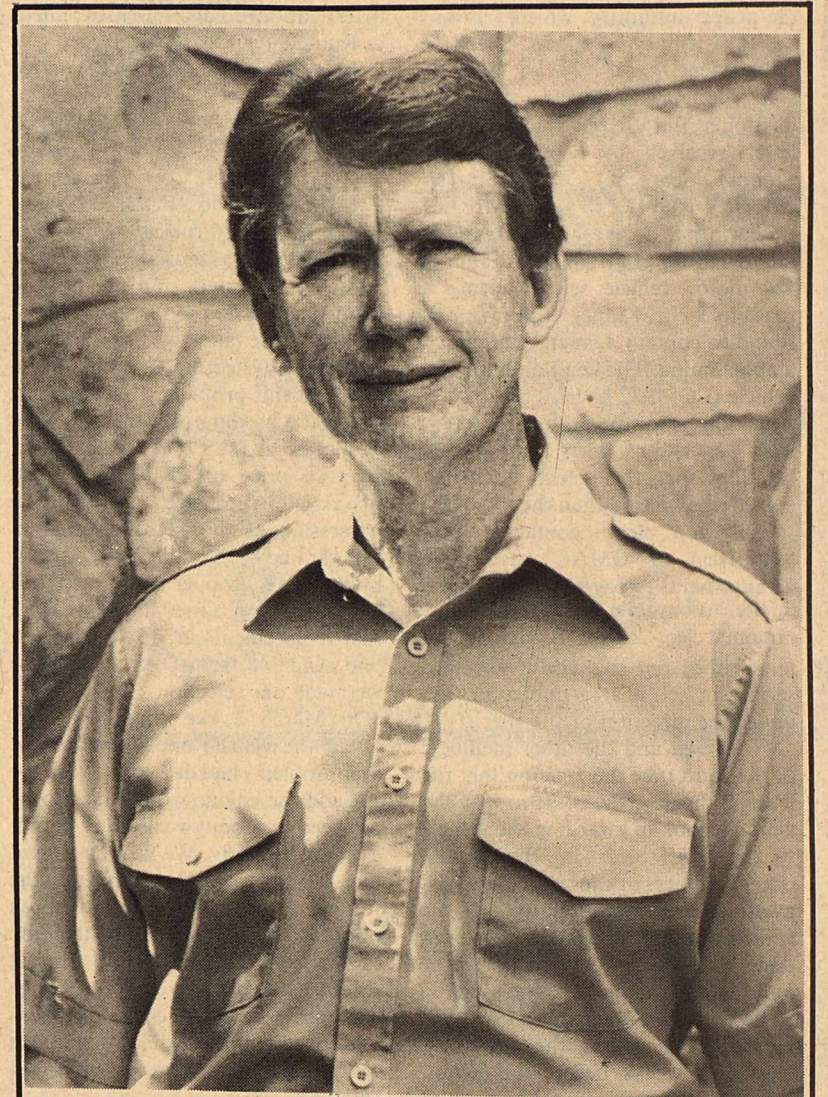
The Pre-Kindergarten Program is limited to four-year-old children who meet the following guidelines:

1. Birthdays fall before September 1, 1989
2. Immunization records are current
3. Child is limited in the English language or from family who qualify for free and reduced lunch

In order to register your child for this program, you will need to present the following information:

1. Proof of birthdate (birth certificate or passport)
2. Copy of the immunization record
3. Proof of limited English language or proof of family income

For more information concerning Pre-registration, please call Jones Elementary at 563-2492.



Ben Pingenot

"Biographies in Progress"

by Frances Outlaw

Fort Clark Springs residents Ben and Rozetta Pingenot recently returned from Lubbock, Texas, where they attended the ninety-third annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. Ben is an antiquarian bookseller who specializes in Texana and Western Americana, and was among several rare book dealers and publishers exhibiting at the Lubbock meeting. Ben has been actively engaged in the rare book business since August, 1987. For three years prior to that he managed Western and Latin Americana for a large rare book company in Austin.

His love of and knowledge about rare books has been derived from more than thirty-five years as both a collector and dealer. Last month he spent a week in San Francisco where he attended a book fair sponsored by the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, better known as the A.B.A.A. Ben looks forward to such events as buying opportunities and chances to meet new customers.

Ben and Rozetta have been involved with the Texas State Historical Association for over twenty-five years. Founded in 1897 and headquartered on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, the T.S.H.A. is the oldest learned society in Texas. Its members consist of both academic and free-lance historians, patrons who financially support historical endeavors, and a goodly number of just plain history buffs. Ben served as the association's president in 1980-81.

In addition to his business as a rare book dealer, Ben also wears the hat of a historian. He has written two books of narrative history, contributed entries to the *Handbook of Texas*, and articles and book reviews for magazines and scholarly journals. At this year's annual meeting he participated with three other historians in a session entitled

"Biographies in Progress". The other speakers were Al Lowman, Institute of Texan Cultures, who is writing a biography of the late Texas printer Carl Hertzog, Austin rare bookseller John H. Jenkins, whose subject was Edward Burleson, and Dr. Thomas Cutrer, of the Texas State Historical Association, who spoke on Ben McCulloch. Ben Pingenot's paper "On the Trail of Charlie Siringo" detailed highlights of his twenty year research on this colorful Texas-born Western figure.

Of the four panelists, Ben was the only one whose biography has been completed and will soon be released. His book, *Siringo*, is being published by Texas A&M University Press and will be ready in June. Ben's first book, *Paso del Aguilas, A Chronicle of Frontier days on the Texas Border*, was published by William Wittliff's Encino Press in 1969. Wittliff is now a screen play writer, most recently noted for his television adaptation of Larry McMurtry's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Lonesome Dove*.

On alternate years the Texas State Historical Association holds its annual meeting in Austin. In between, the meetings are held in different Texas cities with tours and events of special interest featured in the host city. Highlights of the Lubbock meeting were the reception for the incoming president held at the Teysha Cellars Winery and a bus tour of Palo Duro Canyon.

A regular and popular part of each annual meeting is the book auction where consigned and donated rare books, documents, and maps are sold to the highest bidder. The auction this year fetched a whopping \$82,000 of which more than half that amount benefited the association. Both Ben and Rozetta enjoy these annual and historical get-togethers and visiting with their many friends they have made through the years.

City Council Notes

At the regular meeting of City Council held Monday, March 13, at 4:30, it was brought to the attention of Council members; George Burks, Manuel Fuentez, Agapito Saenz, Oscar McClure, Lewis Dimery and Mayor Vito La Gioia that the maintainer could be repaired at the

cost of \$2,500. Mayor Vito La Gioia recommended to council members that they get out of the heavy equipment business due to costs overriding income.

An electric generator was awarded to the Volunteer Fire Department at the cost of \$469.99.

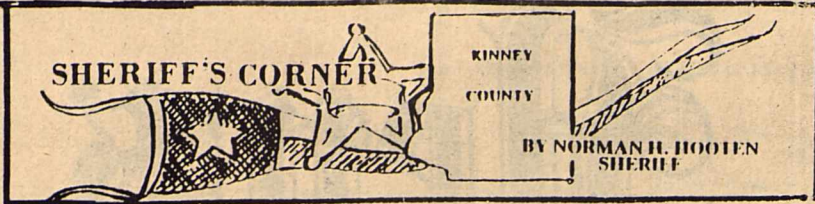
Brazilian Speaker

Jess and Wilma Kidd have spent more than 60 years in missionary service in Brazil. Wilma Kidd claims Nebraska as her home state. Jess Kidd was born in Illinois and grew up in Arkansas.

At 10:00 a.m. on this coming Sunday, Wilma Kidd will speak at

the local First Baptist Church. Her husband will speak at the 11:00 o'clock service. First Baptist Church invites you to hear the veteran missionaries this coming Sunday.

"We welcome you anytime," the church people say.



The issue of the Commissioners Court improperly assigning a vehicle seized under the provisions of Art. 4476-15 of the Controlled Substances Act to the Constable, was resolved at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court held on Monday, March 13. After lengthy discussion of the matter and denials of the court that they had acted improperly in their previous action, the previous resolution passed by the court was rescinded and the vehicle returned to the proper authority, which was and is, the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

At the meeting, Pct. 4 Commissioner Bill Bizzell referred to a letter received by County Judge Tommy Seargeant from District Attorney Tom Lee in which Mr. Lee stated in part, "We have completed the forfeiture of a 1983 GMC Jimmy 4x4 motor vehicle seized during a roadblock in Kinney County and found to contain a small quantity of amphetamine. The lien holder on the vehicle is GMAC and the payoff on their note as of December 14, 1988, was \$2,533.54. It is my understanding that the vehicle is worth considerably more than the payoff."

"Will you please contact (representatives) of GMAC and make arrangements to pay for their interest in the automobile. When you have obtained clear title on the vehicle you may either put the GMC 4x4 into service or sell it at a public auction under the direction of the sheriff."

Mr. Bizzell and the other members of the court take the position that the letter authorized the court to take the action it took in awarding the vehicle to the constable. Mr. Bizzell and other members of the court were well aware of our intentions to sell the vehicle at public auction as had been done with two prior vehicles seized and forfeited under the same law.

The constable had approached me regarding his getting the vehicle at least two weeks before the action taken by the court in assigning him the vehicle. He came to me on orders of the Commissioners Court, attempting to obtain the vehicle and other equipment from the Sheriff's Department, and was told at that time that the vehicle was going to be sold in order to raise much needed drug enforcement money.

I'm sure he reported my reply to the Commissioners Court, or at least to the county judge. Commissioner Bizzell was well aware of our plans to sell the vehicle and had discussed this sale with the local banker and others in our attempts to determine the value of the vehicle before the lien was paid off. Both the District Attorney and the County Attorney were aware of our plans to sell the vehicle. Everyone involved in the controversy was aware of these plans, everyone, including the Commissioners Court, was aware of the intent of the law in this matter, and everyone was aware of how two previous vehicles had been disposed of under this law.

What all this boils down to is the Commissioners Court attempting to justify their actions by looking for, and finding, a loophole with which to justify their actions. If they acted properly, then why did the rescind their resolution? There is an old proverb that fits this situation; "Excuses satisfy only those who make them."

My position, in relation to the actions of Commissioners Court, is this; Peace officers and all other public officials must make sure that the actions they take are lawful and legal, using every means possible to make sure they are right before proceeding.

There was no rush to assign a vehicle to the constable, why didn't the court wait and consult with the county attorney before taking their action? Or, at the very least, why didn't the court consult with the District Attorney to verify his intentions in the letter? The members of the court were aware of what they were doing and why. So am I.

During the controversy over the 1983 GMC Jimmy, we received the title to another car seized and forfeited under Art. 4476-15. In this case, the lien was paid off by the District Attorney's Office and the title assigned directly to the Sheriff's Department. District Attorney Tom Lee has assured me that in the future all vehicles seized and forfeited under Art. 4476-15 will be assigned directly to the Sheriff's Department if we are

the seizing agency. This action will be taken so as to circumvent the possibility of another controversy such as the one involving the GMC and is in compliance with the language and intent of the law. This vehicle will also be sold at public auction and after the District Attorney's Office has been reimbursed, the balance of the proceeds will be placed in a special fund, administered by the Sheriff's Department, and used in criminal investigations and drug enforcement in Kinney County.

The purchase of a used DPS patrol car by the Sheriff's Department to replace the Chief Deputy's car which was recommended and approved by the Commissioners Court, has turned into a nightmare. Chief Deputy David Luna's patrol car, which was also purchased as a used patrol car in 1986, developed major engine problems and had to be taken out of service in the latter part of January.

When I advised the Commissioners Court of this problem, I was advised to select a used patrol car from those available at DPS in Austin. We did so at a price of \$5,000 and were promised that we could take possession of the car on March 2. The car had 82,000 miles logged on it by the DPS Trooper it was assigned to before being turned in by him for a new replacement car. It was the best one available from DPS at the time we made our selection.

On March 2, we contacted DPS about the vehicle and were advised that problems had developed with the car and the engine would have to be replaced and bodywork done before it would be ready. We were promised that we could pick up the car the following week. Well, we have been put off ever since, and as of the date of this writing, the car is still not ready. I asked if we could exchange the vehicle for another one and was told this was not possible. Looks like we're stuck with what we ain't got yet!

Since Deputy Luna's car bit the dust, we have been using one car and this has compromised our effectiveness somewhat though as yet no major complications have developed and we are keeping our fingers crossed that none will. So much for buying used up, worn out equipment from other law enforcement agencies. If the equipment isn't good enough for them, why should it be good enough for us?

In my opinion, the ideal plan would be to purchase a new car every two years. As we use two cars the two year old car would be passed on to the chief deputy who in turn would drive it two more years until another one was purchased. Based on current mileage records, we would get four years service out of each vehicle and approximately 120,000 miles, which is plenty for a patrol car. This way we would have dependable, basically trouble-free cars to use in our work. A working peace officer spends 8 to 12 hours a day in his car, he must sometimes jump up in the middle of the night to respond to an emergency call.

An officer's car is his most important law enforcement tool and his home away from home. Therefore, it should also be his most reliable and dependable tool. Used up, worn out patrol cars cripple the effectiveness of patrol and other law enforcement duties and who suffers the most from this problem! The tax paying and law abiding citizens!

The expense/income report for the Sheriff's Department and County Jail for the month of February, 1989, is as follows:

February expenditures:	
General Fund	\$13,955.09
Salaries	\$ 8,683.36
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,086.60
	Total \$24,725.05

February Income:	
US Marshall's Service	\$ 280.00
Bureau of Prisons	\$14,840.00
	Total \$15,120.00

Year to Date Expenditures:	Total \$105,967.27
Year to Date Income:	Total \$ 88,676.00
	Net Variance \$ 17,291.27

Average Monthly Cost Total Law Enforcement Operations:	\$3,458.25
By Kinney County Sheriff's Department	

THAT'S ALL!

Unsung Heroes

by Joe Townsend

There is a man at Fort Clark Springs who was one of the very early members. He has been devoted to Fort Clark Springs from the beginning.

He supported the Pecan Project and almost every project for the development of the area. He has participated in many city and county projects such as the Frontier Fair and

Sesquicentennial. He is eloquent in delivering the eulogy in a memorial service or speaking on some fact of history. He is a willing participant and worker without demanding the lime-light.

In many cases he has made vital impact on the development of Fort Clark Springs. Truly Ron Buckles is an "Unsung Hero".

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Checked your water bill lately? 47,000 gal. or 4700 gal.

Is your water or gas bill logical and consistent for your household? Have you really looked at the number of gallons used or the cubic feet of gas you consume? It is listed in the middle column of your bill stub.

Recently, a Brackettville senior citizen discovered she was being charged for 47,000 gallons of water per month. She is a widow, living alone and has no appliances (dishwasher, washing machine, etc.) using water and does not water her lawn; nor does she have any large leaks. The meter seems to be functioning properly. She has consistently been charged, over the past years, with 33,000 to 47,000 gallons of water per month.

In April 1983, she was charged with 41,000+ gallons. The Brackettville swimming pool contains only 22,000 gallons. The average bill for a household of 2 with dishwasher, washing machine (used frequently) and some outdoor watering is 3,000 to 4,500 gallons per month. Three thousand is your minimum usage.

If your bill exceeds 5,000 gallons of water per month, you should start taking your readings for a week (7 days), at approximately the same time each day. You will then be able to see what your daily use is and project your monthly usage by multiplying by 30.

If, as stated by the city water company, our senior citizen had a large leak under the house, she would be living in the middle of a large lake. It is difficult to conceive 47,000

gallons of water. It is the equivalent of 2 city swimming pools, the usage of the clinic or 10 households of 3 adults each.

Is the city water company padding the bills of the senior citizens of Brackettville or any households? In my investigation of several households, some are receiving large, inconsistent readings.

If your bill is large, and you are told you probably have a leak, check your meter - if it is continuously running, you probably do. If not, I suggest you do it yourself.

At the same time, you might do well to take daily readings of your gas meter for a week. You will then have an approximation of your monthly bill.

If you do not have your '88-'89 billing stubs, all you have to do is request a copy of your '88-'89 readings and the utility company can supply it quickly. It is recorded in the current desk file. If you find you have been grossly over-charged, you can request the records for the previous five years.

Luanna Davis

Wise

Ben Franklin

Benjamin Franklin once said, "If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed."

Open Letter

I have read and re-read the Sheriff's Corner as it appeared in the March 9, 1989, paper with different emotions and have started to answer it several times.

My first emotion was being very mad, and the letter I started to write was to be critical of the Sheriff in his official life. Let's all face it Norman, you are not perfect. You also make mistakes and are wrong some of the time. The reason for not going into detail and writing that type of letter is I have too much respect for the citizens of Kinney County to subject them to this kind of writing and I also have too much respect for myself and my office to lower either to that level.

After other emotions, I finally settled on one of hurt. Yes, my feelings are hurt. Yes, I lost a friend. Yes, I will and do feel strained when I have to conduct county business with the Sheriff's office. I will always have the shadow hanging over me that if I say "no" or "yes", whichever the case may be, if my answer is not the one that Sheriff Hooten wants to hear, then I will get blistered in a local newspaper. Not a real pleasant thing to look forward to. Whatever decision for county business that I will have to be a part of, I want Kinney County and all concerned to know that I will make it to the best of my ability and with a clear conscience that I am doing the right thing. That shadow will have no effect at all, this you can believe...

I could single out several things in the Sheriff's article that I could contradict, and prove to you they were not correct, also add some

things that pertain to what is being written, but was left out. But again, it just really isn't worth it...

The one thing that I am going to take exception to and be very emphatic about - I am not a blunderer or a stumbler - I am a businessman and my life style will attest to that... We all have egos, some large and some small. My ego is large; for I know that in my own mind, I am good at what I do. I am a good commissioner and I do have the best interest of Kinney County at heart. What more can I give? What more can you ask for?

If, when the time comes, and if I decide to run for public office again and there is someone out there that has more to offer - vote for them - but when you do, warn them that if they make a decision that someone does not like, their name is liable to appear in lights...

I really do hope that this is all...

Bill Bizzell
Commissioner, PCT. 4
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Community View

How do you feel about the Air Force building an auxiliary landing strip in Spofford?

P.M. Moore

"Just off the top of my head, I think that would be good for the community - anything that progressive, and may offer a job or two. I'm for it."

Carlotta De La Rosa

"I think it's great. We get planes over us anyway. I don't think it would hurt. We don't live that close to it anyway. Maybe we'll hear the noise too. We'll probably get used to the noise anyway."

Jackie Truesdell

[Spofford Resident]

"Great! Okay, Spofford needs it. If it benefits us."

Ester Cruz

[Spofford Resident]

"I think it's fine."

Air Force to Build on Newman Land

by Penny Nixon

Laughlin Air Force Base will have a new 6,000 foot airstrip about four miles southwest of Spofford on land recently sold by B.P. Newman of Laredo, according to Lt. Mike Young of Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. Kinney County Appraiser Marcus Tidwell said his office has received a deed for 401 acres. Another 200 acres are under long-term lease contract negotiations for a total of 600 acres for the Laughlin auxiliary airstrip.

The acres sold, represent only "a fraction part" of Newman's total acreage in the area, Tidwell said. "It was a tremendous amount of money for ranch land. They paid him a good price so he would sell, I guess," Tidwell said.

Although the land will now be government owned and tax exempt, Tidwell said the loss to Kinney County should only be about \$160 per year from property tax collections. "We'll only be losing a small amount from the tax rolls because it's currently being taxed at production value for ranch land, which is \$26 per acre," the Chief appraiser said.

"Salado Creek runs near the northwest corner of the property, Imperialist Creek near the east boundary, and the south boundary is only about a quarter of a mile from the Maverick County line," Lt. Young said. "We're committed now to move in there," Young said.

"We're glad to be there. We're optimistic we'll be flying out there by early next spring."

The project is expected to take 300 days to complete. "There is an apparent low bidder, but there is a review process to make sure everything is correct with the contractor's proposal. We expect to award the contract in about a week," Lt. Young said.

The airstrip will serve as a training field for pilots flying the twin-engine, two-seat T37 "The Tweet" jets manufactured by Cessna. "This is exclusively for T37 procedures training," Lt. Young said of the 6,000 foot runway, which will have 1,000 foot overrun areas at each end for a total of almost 1.5 miles of asphalt. The Air Force currently uses the Maverick County Industrial Park airstrip located in northern Maverick County, on a lease agreement with County officials. The five-year lease expires this summer, and by mutual agreement, the Air Force decided to build the new airstrip, instead of renewing the lease.

Laughlin Air Force Base graduates 330 pilots a year, according to Lt. Young. "We do a million takeoffs, patterns and landings a year," he said. "We're one of the busiest airfields in the U.S."

Air tower controllers and emergency landing personnel will be assigned to shifts at the new airstrip, but they will travel back and forth to Laughlin Air Force Base on a daily basis.

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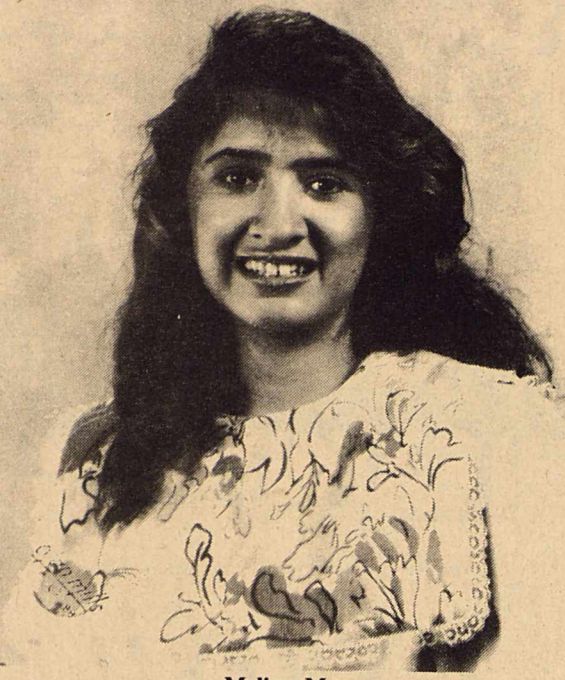
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Selected Pageant Finalist

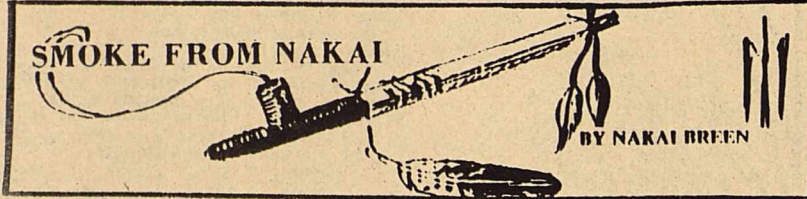
Miss Melissa Meyer, daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Meyer of Brackettville, has been selected finalist for Texas' Ninth Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 8 and 9, at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Marriott in Irving. She is the Brackett High School Homecoming Queen.

Texas' Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to compete with queens from the other states for

America's Homecoming Queen in July in Honolulu, Hawaii.

America's Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid educational trip to Europe. America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education and education travel for High School Homecoming Queens in all fifty states.

For further information: Ms. Meyer 563-2381.



Se Oh Readers,

This sunrise I will tell you about the Indian way of making dolls. Every tribe used various materials to make dolls. Some used buckskins, others grass, some carved them out of wood. In later years, when cloth material came along, then they made rag dolls. All the dolls were dressed in their tribe type of clothing. The Northern Indians used rabbit or squirrel skins. The Plains Indians used buckskin and the Woodland

Indians used the corn husk and cloth dress when the cloth came to be. The dolls, male and female, were dressed from head to toe. Traditionally some had a lot of bead work, others just earrings and necklaces. The ancient dolls never had a face painted so the child could imagine who she wanted the doll to look like. All the dolls had hair and it came from buffalo tail or wolf or bear.

With good graces,
Nakai

First Birthday Celebration

Regina Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie C. Pena of Bay City, was honored with a birthday party on February 12, at the Russell Rhodes Park, Pavillion #1, in San Antonio, Texas.

The guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican luncheon, and a valentine theme was used for the decorations.

Out of town guests included her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Richard Pena, her aunt Martha P. Smallwood, with Beau and Matthew

of Brackettville. Also, her aunt Rebecca P. Moore with Ricky and Martha Marlana, and her great-grandmother Mrs. Serapio T. Cardenas with Raquel and Yesenia of Del Rio.

Lalo,
Happy Anniversary on the 19th and
Happy Birthday on the 22nd.
Love, Rosa



We all seem to spend a lot of time cussing and discussing the employees and the condition of the course.

We play golf on the only 18 hole golf course between San Antonio and El Paso. It is maintained by fewer people than a lot of the 9 hole courses in this area.

It is operated on a limited budget. The course is relatively young, approximately 7 years old. It was cheaply constructed. Much of the budget has had to be spent on the watering system, adding lines to water dry areas, repairing and replacing broken lines and valves. The cost of labor is a major part of the budget, so manpower for other projects is sometimes limited.

All of us members, must like playing our golf course or we would seemingly be somewhere else playing. It is not a plush country club course, but it is affordable to most of us, and we have some very enjoyable times on the course and during the social gatherings at the clubhouse. In order for us to continue to be able to enjoy our "affordable" golf, we are going to have to be more conservation conscious.

I am guilty, along with many others, of disregarding requests and directives such as the 90 degree directive; the request for us to stay off of certain areas, and the verbal requests, aimed at preserving the course. As I stated earlier, labor is a great expense. If we continue to drive on old cart paths or over the ropes designed to protect the course, not only will we have barren fairways, blowing dust and bad bounces in ruts as the result of driving golf carts in soft ground, we will make less money available for new projects. Somebody is going to have to fix the broken ropes, reseed the barren areas and repair the damage we have done, that requires needless and expensive

labor. Maybe our carelessness is because we saw someone else commit a "no no". This only compounds the problem.

We have a few handicapped members, whom I greatly admire for their courage and ability in their pursuit of a difficult sport and are deserving of rights that others of us abuse.

I think we ought to police our own actions, stop pointing our fingers at the other person and unite in our efforts to help the course management in maintaining the course and this will free up more money for improvements.

Credit is due to those few people, who in spite of our best efforts to destroy the course, have made great improvements on the greens in particular and the rest of the golf course.

Ladies day, Tuesday, March 7
A "Poker Hand" (best five holes added together) game of golf was played with the following winners: Odette Mills, first; Chick Cruse, second; and Pat Nelson, third.

The following ladies traveled to Laughlin Air Force Base to play in a Tri City (Del Rio, Laughlin and Ft. Clark Springs) golf meet: Marty Isenberg, Willie Null, Helen Miller, Luella Johnson, Vicki Nichols, Mae Roper, Carol Benfield, Elizabeth Dillahunt, Pat Barnett, Darlene Horning and Jan Chism.

Coming home winners in this group were: Helen Miller, Championship Flight, second place; Carol Benfield, Championship Flight, Low Gross; Darlene Horning, Championship Flight, first place; Luella Johnson, Second Flight, Low Net; and Mae Roper, Overall Low Net.



Carol Mathews just returned from a 4-day trip to Weslaco where she visited with her sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Jim Kellogg. They are from Des Moines, Iowa and wintering there in Weslaco.

It's been a year ago (Feb. '88) that the Kellogg's were in a terrible accident a few miles out of Hondo, which left Jim in critical condition for 6 weeks in a San Antonio hospital, then he was moved to Des Moines. I'm happy to report that Jim is still recuperating and doing fine.

Bob and Marguerite Nelson are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Kris and six-month-old granddaughter, Khari. They call Camarillo, California - home. Kris is married to Simon Cornelius, Jr. Kris planned her vacation to be here to help celebrate her mom's birthday, which is Monday, March 13. (Happy Birthday Marguerite). Prior to Kris' marriage she taught here in Brackettville at Jones Elementary. She taught Special Education classes, sign language to adults as a volunteer and she also taught Graduate classes in Education and Sociology at Sul Ross, also in Del Rio.

The Chili Supper sponsored by the Methodist Church Thursday, March 9, was a terrific success. The chili, salad and cakes were delicious.

Thanks to the volunteers; Cubie Kurtz and Hazel Earwood for the chili & beans.

Martha Eaton - cakes, Betty Jean Logan and Cathie Conrey - drinks, Lorena Buckles - tickets, Danny Potter - just being handy, Eleanor & Lee Herron - clean-up crew.

Thanks folks for a great job!

Charles & Jean Downing were in San Antonio on Wednesday, March 8, at which time Charles was initiated into the Int. Order of Sojourners. To be a member of the Sojourners, Master Masons had to be an officer in any branch of the service or currently on active duty. The meeting was held at Ft. Sam Houston Officers Club, with General Moore, Commanding Officer of BAMC as guest speaker. A seated dinner preceded the meeting. The meetings are held once a month. The

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Pena announce the birth of their daughter, Renae Marie, on February 17, 1989, in Hermann Hospital, Houston. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Welcoming Renae Marie is her

Downings returned home on Thursday.

Helen Lynch is in Austin, Texas, undergoing medical tests. She expects to return to Ft. Clark soon. Hope everything checks out O.K., Helen - good luck!

OUR NEIGHBORS FROM THE NORTH: Ed & Isabel Boyko from Saskatchewan have been coming to Ft. Clark for the last 5 years and staying approximately 3 months each year. Ed is retired from the Railroad in Canada, both are avid Bingo players and Golfers. They have made many friends here and we, of course, look forward to their visits. In winter they enjoy sunny Texas and in summer they enjoy the cooler climate of home. However, Mother Nature has fooled them a couple of winters here at Ft. Clark, a freeze and unexpected snow. They will be leaving March 28, and will stop and visit friends in Mesa, Arizona, then a stop in Las Vegas before heading home. Have a safe trip and look forward to seeing you next year!!!

Doris Cahill and her sister Peggy Peck have just returned from a six month stay in Costa Rica, Central America. They both agree that most of the country is beautiful, completely surrounded by mountains and active volcanoes. They were somewhat disappointed with San Jose, which is a large city with all the big-city problems; pollution, crowded and bus service was not the best. A 7-hour bus trip will take you from the Atlantic Ocean to the other side of the country on the Pacific coast. Doris and Peggy had a villa in Monte Verde Village - a suburb of San Jose. Monte Verde is in Escazu (translation "Place of the Witches"). Walking in San Jose is a problem due to the sidewalk's broken and moss growing in the cracks, caused from too many tremors from the volcano and the very wet weather. The beaches were very clean and beautiful and the people very friendly and courteous. The sisters are very happy to be back in Brackettville and as they say: "There's no place like home."

It's a Girl!

maternal grandmother, Beatrice Sarzoza of Sabinal, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Richard Pena of Brackettville. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Serapio T. Cardenas of Del Rio and Mrs. Atanacio Pena of Brackettville.

Happy Birthday Norman!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Thursday, March 16, 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club meeting - Las Moras Inn
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Friday, March 17, 8:00 a.m.
Frontier Fair - Brackettville Civic Center
See schedule of events this page

Saturday, March 18, 8:00 a.m.
Frontier Fair - Brackettville Civic Center
See schedule of events this page

Sunday, March 19, 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Sunday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist church

Survey of Revelation (last book of Bible)
See display ad this page.

Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - Ft. Clark Town Hall

Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.
Water Color Demonstration for the Del Rio Art League - Del Rio National Bank

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Thursday, March 23, 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square-dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

FRONTIER FAIR

March 17 & 18 Brackettville Civic Center

Schedule of Events

Friday 17, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Check in Arts & Crafts. Set up booths.

6:00 p.m.
Check in contestants for Little Mr. & Miss Kinney County.

6:30 p.m.
Little Mr. & Miss Contest

8:00 p.m.
Talent Show (All ages) Please try to have entry in by 6:00 p.m. Friday.

Saturday 18, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Judging of Arts & Crafts

10:00 a.m.
Parade - Call Wanda Schwandner to enter Float. Check in by South-western Communications.

12:00 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sahawe Indian Dancers - Civic Center

2:00 p.m.
Fire-On-The-Mountain Cloggers

There will be a Horseshoe tournament by the Library - Sack races and various games for the kids (young at heart or otherwise) - All kinds of food - Fun for all -

Saturday 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.
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SWTJC

St. Mary's University O'Connor Professor of Spanish Colonial History of Texas and the Southwest Dr. Oakah L. Jones Jr., will speak at Southwest Texas Junior College on March 14, as part of Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Week activities.

Eta Beta, SWTJC's chapter of PTK, a national academic honors fraternity, is sponsoring PTK Honors Week March 13-17 to study the Honors Study Topic: "The Character and Climate of Leadership: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers."

Jones' lecture, "The Nueces River: Frontier of Northern Mexico", will be at 11 a.m. in the Tate Auditorium and is open to the public.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and the University of Oklahoma, Jones has twenty-five years of university level teaching experience.

A nationally known scholar, Jones has taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Colorado, Florida State University, Canal Zone College (Panama), and Purdue University. He is an expert on the Spanish borderlands and the northern frontier of Mexico. Known as a frontier historian, Jones is bilingual, and has a special interest in Mexico having travelled extensively throughout that country.

The author of several books, two of Jones' most notable are Los Paisanos: Spanish Settlers on the Northern Frontier of Spain and Nueva Vizcaya: Heartland of the Spanish Frontier. He has also published 11 articles and chapters; 90 book reviews; and delivered 10 invited lectures.

Cited in Directory of American Scholars, National Directory of Latin Americanists, Historians of Latin America in the United States,

Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in American Education, Jones was the major professor and M.A. advisor for one candidate at Purdue University; a member of four Ph.D. committees and five M.A. committees.

A native of Rhode Island, Jones was born in Providence in 1930, reared in Oklahoma and graduated from Tulsa Central High School. Jones has 23 years of active military service in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a Lt. Colonel in Vietnam and Panama and Chief of Plans and Programs and Vice-Commandant of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy in Panama.

Married and the father of three children, Jones' avocations are tennis, baseball, Hispanic folklore and folkart and Amerindian cultures.

In addition to the lecture by Jones, Honors Week includes a free movie, Stand and Deliver March 14 and 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the conference rooms of the Matthews Student Center.

St. Mary Magdalene Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY March 19,
8:00 a.m. Santa Misa
10:30 a.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance to Jerusalem
Procession
Blessing of the Palms
Mass

EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY March 23,
6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Washing of Feet
Transfer of the Holy Eucharist
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by Parish and from

7:30 p.m. Altar Society
Spanish Choir

8:30 p.m. Altar Boys
C.C.D. Teachers

9:30 p.m. Prayer Group
Knights of Columbus

GOOD FRIDAY March 24,
10:00 a.m. Via Crucis (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Liturgy of the Word
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion

EASTER VIGIL

March 25,
11:00 p.m. The service of the Light
Blessing of the fire and lightning the Pascal Candle
Procession
Easter Proclamation
Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of Baptism
Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER DAY

March 26,
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Fort Clark

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Mass at Spofford

Theatre Workshop

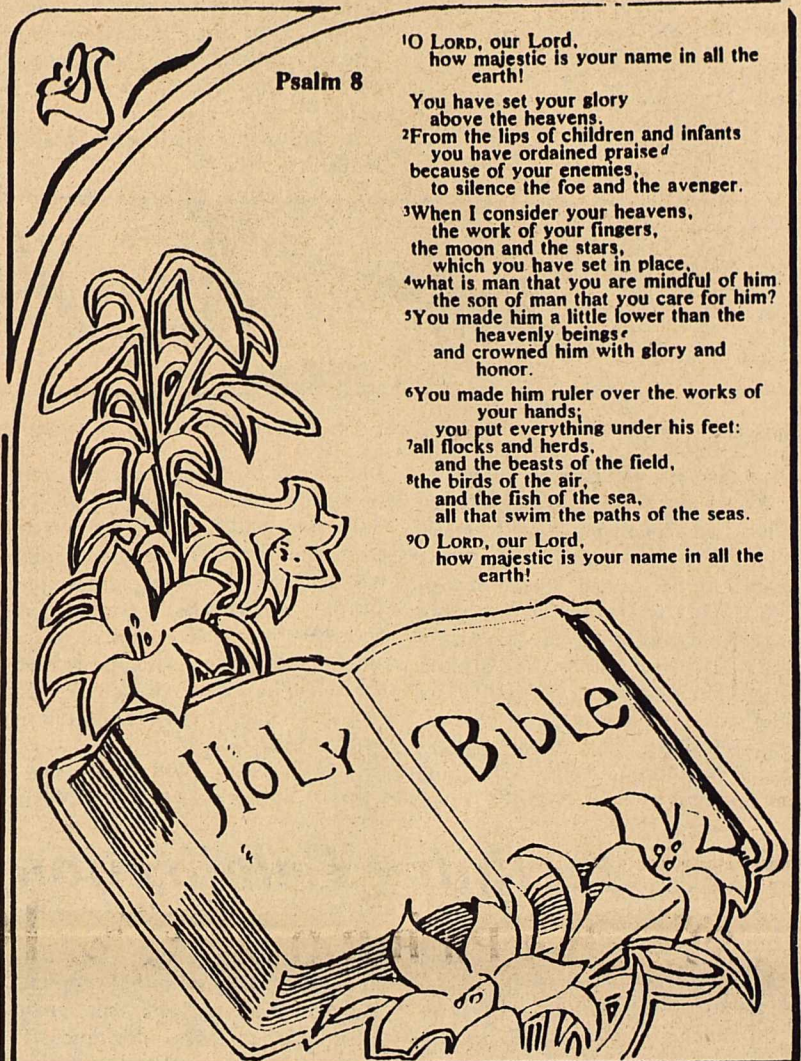
A show doesn't just happen, says Marjorie Love of Fort Clark springs. "Let us entertain you", is the theme goal for the new Theatre Workshop being held on Monday evening, March 20, from 7 - 9 p.m.

So come one come all, ya' hear? Do you love the theater? Can you act, sing or dance? Would you like to learn how it's done? Perhaps you've always wanted to learn directing, prompting or how to stage manage or design? Love to create costumes, or do make-up. Lighting and audio plays a very important part in a good production.

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Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
2 You have set your glory above the heavens.
3 From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
5 what is man that you are mindful of him the son of man that you care for him?
6 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
7 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:
8 all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,
9 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
10 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

St. Andrews Holy Week

Holy Week services at Brackettville's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church have been announced by the Rev. Bill Koons, vicar.

A Rite I Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 19. On Maundy Thursday, March 23, there will be a 7:00 p.m. celebration of the Rite II Holy Eucharist, followed by

"Stripping of the Altar," a brief ceremony symbolic of the sealing of Jesus' tomb when all vessels and hangings are removed from the sanctuary and the altar rail tied shut with the priest's cincture. A one-hour Good Friday Liturgy with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament will begin at 12 noon Friday, March 24.

"Veterans, 'TEN-HUT!!'"

Editor's Note:
[Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.]

Q - Will the change on March 15, 1989, making the Veterans Administration the Department of Veterans Affairs affect my VA benefits?

A - No. The law making the VA cabinet department only involves changing its name and making a few organizational changes. The new Department of Veterans Affairs will assume responsibility for all existing laws and regulations currently administered by the VA that provide benefits and services to veterans.

Q - My husband passed away and I filed a claim for his VA life insurance proceeds. Before the claim was received by the VA Insurance Center, his monthly premium was deducted from his compensation check. Will his premium be refunded.

A - Yes. Any premium payments made subsequent to the death of the insured will be refunded.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES 1989-90 HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Veterans Administration is announcing that \$8 million is available in scholarships to nursing and physical therapy students for the 1989-90 school year.

Awards are for third- and fourth-

year students in baccalaureate nursing and physical therapy degree programs, as well as master's degree programs in certain specialties.

Recipients receive tuition, educational expenses and a monthly stipend of \$621. In exchange, participants agree to serve as a full-time registered nurse or physical therapist in a VA medical center for a period of one year for each year of scholarship support. The maximum length of a scholarship award is two years.

Requests for applications may be made to the Chief of Nursing Service or the Chief of Rehabilitation Medicine at any VA medical center. Applications also may be requested from the Dean of Nursing, Director of Physical Therapy, or the Financial Aid Administrator at schools with accredited baccalaureate and master's programs.

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 29, 1989. Additional information is available by writing to the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program, Office of Academic Affairs (14N), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, or calling 1-800-368-5896.

GI BILL

The most widely used GI Bill of all time is in its final year and the Veterans Administration is alerting thousands of Vietnam Era veterans that their eligibility period is about to end.

On Dec. 31, 1989, education benefits will expire for some 750,000 veterans the VA estimates are still potentially eligible, some of whom

are enrolled in schools and receiving assistance.

Under the law, the VA will stop sending GI Bill payments to veterans attending school or in training programs resulting from qualifying active-duty service between Jan. 31, 1955, and Jan. 1, 1977.

Some 60,000 currently enrolled veterans will receive periodic reminders of the December 31, deadline with their VA educational checks this year.

The VA encourages veterans to take advantage of their remaining eligibility by enrolling in classes before the end of the year. However, all VA assistance will end on December 31, the VA cautions.

Not affected by the expiration date are veterans enrolled in the VA's other current education programs, including those enrolled in the Veterans' Educational Assistance Program and the Montgomery GI Bill for active duty, reserve and national guard members who served after June 30, 1985.

Veterans in doubt about their eligibility for education benefits should contact the nearest VA Regional Office.

The Vietnam Era GI Bill has so far provided benefits to some 8.1 million veterans, which exceeds the 7.8 million using the original World War II bill benefits. Korean Conflict veterans who participated in the GI Bill totaled 2.8 million.

Since 1944, the VA has delivered \$69.7 billion in educational and training assistance to more than 20 million veterans, dependents, active duty members and reservists.

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Texas during the period of 1865 and 1866, petitions for aid to the citizens who were asking for help from the marauding Indians.

Finally, in the spring of 1867, the Quartermaster General of the U.S. Army was ordered to put the frontier military posts in order so troops could be sent in.

Captain E.J. Strong, the Com-

manding Officer, passed through Fort Chadborne, which was forty-five miles north of San Angelo. Because of the bad water and its distance from the routes of travel, he recommended Fort Chadborne be moved to a better location.

In November of 1867, Captain George C. Hunt, Commanding Officer of the Fort, left with an escort of eighteen men, joined Colonel John P. Hatch; Colonel John S. Mason; and others to pick a permanent location for the new Fort.

At the junction of the North, South and middle Concho Rivers they found plenty of clear spring water and it was located in the center of the activity.

So Captain Hunt transferred his command from Fort Chadborne to the new site on December 4, 1867, and named it Camp Hatch. It was garrisoned with sixteen commissioned officers, and three hundred and seventy-two enlisted men. Colonel Hatch objected to the Past being named in his honor and it was named Camp Kelly for an Officer who had died with malaria while at Fort Chadborne. On Feb. 6, 1868, the name was changed again to Fort Concho after the three rivers that came together beside the Fort.

Later a village sprung up beside the Fort and was called San Angelo. In 1868, the foundation of the first building was laid and construction continued until 1879, on the various buildings. They were made of sand stone, quarried on the site. The rafters were made of pecan wood and shingles were of wood, like the

beams. Some buildings were two stories high.

Some of the men serving at Fort Concho in its active days were, General Ranald Sillid; (Bad Hand) McKensie, Colonel of the 4th Cavalry; Colonel Benjamin H. Grierson with the 10th Cavalry, who were known as "Greirson's Brunettes"; General Rufus Shafter, who later commanded the American Troops during the Spanish American War; Lt. John L. Bullis, Commander of the famous Seminole Scouts; Captain Robert G. Carter, well known historian and Indian fighter; Dr. Wm. M. Notson, Post Doctor, and many others.

When the War Department saw there was no further need of protection from the Indians in the area, the Fort was abandoned.

In June 1889, the garrison flag was hauled down and the Federal Troops marched away, while their band played, "The Girl I Left Behind Me".

Fort Clark Meeting

BRACKETTVILLE - The annual meeting for all Fort Clark Springs members will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, in Town Hall at Fort Clark Springs. All members are encouraged to attend. General Manager Alonzo "Gene" Britton will present a report, with slides, on developments at the Fort over the past year.

The results of the General Election for two openings on the Board of Directors will be announced during the meeting. The new directors will be sworn in at the meeting to begin their 3-year terms on the association's governing board.

The "Member of the Year" will be named, and presented a plaque for

outstanding volunteer service at the Fort.

Members are invited to gather at 9:00 a.m. for free coffee and donuts in Town Hall before the 10:00 a.m. meeting. All Fort Clark Springs members are invited to enjoy a fine barbecue lunch at the new picnic area near the front of the property immediately following the meeting.

Please make plans to join fellow members and friends at the annual General Membership Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 25, at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville.

For more information call Penny Nixon, Public Relations, (512) 563-2493.

BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

The American people are being treated to a classic case of unmitigated partisan politics in the Oliver North case. Because the Executive Branch refused to bow in spirit (it did in letter) to the stupid act of Congress to refuse to allow aid to the Contras, the Democratic controlled Congress decided to feud and prosecute a scapegoat.

Say what they will about North "lying to Congress" he proved himself a capable and loyal American. The fact that soon after passage of the Boland Act, Congress reversed itself and negated the law, shows the unthinking action of a partisan Congress. The Democrats caused to be selected a "Special Prosecutor", gave him a blank check for many millions of taxpayers dollars to try to find some flimsy excuse to prove North guilty of something wrong.

North is forced to raise several millions of dollars for his defense, while the prosecution simply taps the till of the taxpayer. There has been no such farce perpetrated on the American public in the history of the Republic.

The flood of refugees from Nicaragua crossing into Texas testifies to the validity of the cause North espoused. Anyone who seeks to support the Sandinistas, or any Communist government, shows his or her inability to recognize truth and right.

I was in China when the Communists had the support of George Marshall, Vinegar Joe Stillwell, Dean Acheson and Franklin Roosevelt and later Harry Truman; and the world saw China delivered to the Communists. We refused to give full support to Vietnam and Korea and saw them taken over by Communism and people slaughtered by the millions.

John Kennedy guaranteed the stability of Castro and Communism spread wherever he could export it. Partisan politics blinded the eyes of the men we sent to Washington and again Communism blooms and flourishes almost to our southern borders.

Now comes a president and men such as North who want to say "Far enough" and partisan politics said "Congress will control foreign policy." Despite the Constitution stipulating that foreign policy is the prerogative of the president and that the president was elected by a tremendous landslide by all the people of America, shallow-minded politicians negate the best interests of America. They seek to prove their greatness by prosecuting a Marine Colonel. History will record the idiocracy of the matter, and in the meantime, the American taxpayer continues to be bled by the greed for power of petty, partisan politicians.

LIBRARY NOTES



BY CYNTHIA GUILFORD-FALCON

The last day of the Kinney County Library Book sale will be Friday, March 17. Drop by for bargains galore!!!

Four new adult fiction titles have been added. They are: "Jade Woman" by Jonathan Gash. "The Fortune" by Michael Korda. "Firebird" by James Carroll. "The Shell Seekers" by Roseanne Pilscher. Two new adult non-fiction books have been added. They are: "Guns of the American West" by Joseph Rosa. "The Consumer Reports 1989 Buying Guide."

The new video packet is in. There are twenty-nine titles for your viewing pleasure.

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French Lieutenant's Woman

The Front
Inherit the Wind
The Man Who Would Be King
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BIDS WANTED

The Leona Ranch is soliciting bids to resurface the black top entrance road from FM 674 for approximately three miles. Call 563-2961 for further information.

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GREEN THUMB



BY JOE TOWNSEND

If you are planning on flowers in your yard, it's time to get the soil ready. It should be loosened to a depth of ten to twelve inches. Fertilizer should be worked into the soil. Any good all-purpose fertilizer will suffice. You will want to choose wisely the flowers you use.

For summer flowers, the Marigold is an old and reliable stand-by. There are many types. There are tall, large yellow and orange ones. There are short yellow and deep red-yellow plants. Any of them, if well planted and watered, will bloom well until killed by frost.

Balsam is a showy plant but does not last long. Shasta daisies are a perennial and once established will last for years.

It is too late for most bulb flowers. Anemone, daffodil, tulip, amaryllis, narcissus and such plants should be planted in early December as with sweet peas. If you want flowers to last through the winter try Dianthus or snapdragons.

A good summer plant is the vinca (periwinkle). Another good winter flower is the Calendula, which comes in dwarf and tall, yellow or orange. It

cannot stand hot weather but will bloom through the winter.

Good plants for ground cover in full sun are Moss Rose and Purslane. These make fine baskets. It is tedious and generally difficult to grow flowers from seed, except Marigold and Zinnia, so generally you do better to buy plants.

The best plants to buy are those grown in peat pots. Crush the pots or remove entirely for best results. Buy strong healthy plants, not simply the cheapest you can find. The best ones available in this area are those grown by Petersen & Sons in San Antonio.

The biggest problem is keeping the plants watered. Some people sprinkle with the hose and when the ground looks wet just stop. Soil must be soaked to the depth of the roots. With well prepared soil, proper feeding, sufficient water and well chosen plants, beautiful flowers can grace your yard the year round.

One source of color is Caladiums. Buy large or jumbo bulbs. Wait until the soil is 70° and 80° for planting. Plant where there will be shade or in large pots. These provide summer long color.

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

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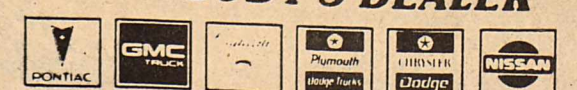
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