



CARE members in front of the First State Bank where the Chamber of Commerce meeting was being held.

CARE and Chamber of Commerce Clash

The Chamber of Commerce banquet has been canceled due to lack of a guest speaker, according to Chamber President, Wanda Schwandner. The guest speaker that was cancelled was Charles Duke, astronaut and retired USAF Brig. Gen. and TexCor investor.

A group of CARE representatives met in front of the First State Bank building Thursday evening, March 30, asking admittance into the Chamber of Commerce special meeting that was taking place. President Wanda Schwandner told the crowd that they would not be allowed in. "They were so loud and noisy outside and banging on the door that I didn't go out and take a poll on who was Chamber member," stated Wanda. "I did tell them I would call Norman if they didn't go away." Wanda allowed the admittance of Chamber members and CARE representatives Stan Conoly and Jimmy Ballew.

Stan and Jimmy informed the board of directors on their disapproval of having a TexCor representative as guest speaker at the banquet and offered to help the Chamber find a more suitable guest speaker.

Wanda informed them that the astronaut Charles Duke was one of the few men that had walked on the moon and that it was on that topic that he was to speak. She also added that he had said during his speech he would not comment on TexCor or CARE if he were so approached.

After Conoly and Ballew left the meeting, the Chamber Board of

Directors voted to cancel the banquet altogether.

CARE member and Chamber member Debbie Trant stated, "We're not happy that the banquet was canceled, we'd just like to see them direct their energy towards the State Park development or the growth of the Fort."

Another CARE member and Chamber member expressed her disappointment in not being allowed in the meeting and that she was never contacted about the meeting by the Chamber as is her right according to the by-laws.

CARE member and Chamber member that did attend the meeting was concerned that if Charles Duke was allowed to speak at the meeting, it may be construed as community support when TexCor goes to the State Lobbist.

Don Parks, CARE representative stated, "If they had anyone else, someone with no affiliation with TexCor or CARE that would be fine we'd even help. I have no personal interest in this matter. If TexCor comes here or not, I'll die before the pollution starts and I don't plan on selling my house if TexCor does move here. I do feel that we are our brother's keepers. I'm involved with CARE in the interest of the safety of the future generations."

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a ceremony honoring the Citizen of the Year and to present a student from BISD with a scholarship.

Don't Mess With Texas



Members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary pose beneath the sign designating the strip of highway they adopted. **Front Row Left To Right** are: Commander Saxton Sides, Cliff Lewis, President of Ladies Auxiliary Dot Fithian, Berkeley Garrett, Joe Sandoval and Jack Brewster. **Back Row Left To Right** are: Darryl Earwood, Jean Faulkenberry, Carl Burrough from California, Gerald Gallion, Lee Cremer, Tom Faulkenberry, Cindy Glass, Maxine Schoolfield and Agapita Saenz.

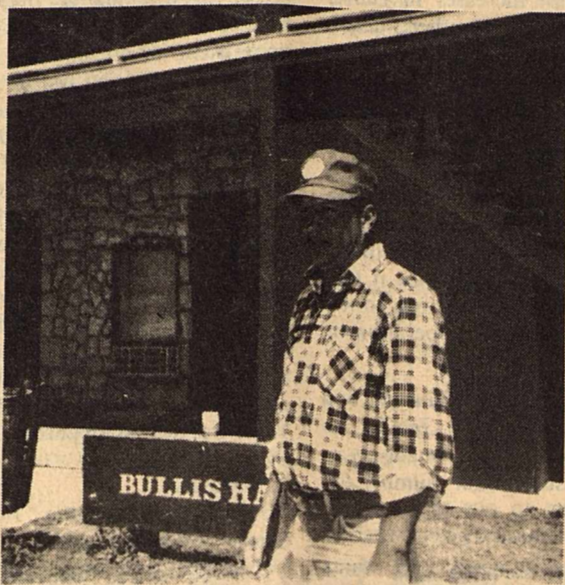
The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post 8360, celebrated the State Wide Trash Off Day April 1, with trash bags in hand as they headed down the highway picking up trash. The highway they adopted is a two-mile stretch on Hwy 90 east towards Uvalde. A sign is displayed on the highway, designating the area adopted by them.

Sixteen members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary showed up to participate as highway workers. They were: Commander Saxton Sides, Agapita Saenz, Joe Sandoval, Berkeley Garrett, Cliff Lewis, Lee Cremer, Tom Faulkenberry, Gerald Gallion, Jack Brewster, Darryl

Earwood, Dist. Jr. Vice Commander Walt Fithian, President Ladies Auxiliary Dot Fithian, Maxine Schoolfield, Jean Faulkenberry, Cindy Glass and Carl Burroughs.

Back at the Fort, the Food Committee was busy preparing the hungry clean up crew a tasty refreshing meal. Members of the Food Committee were: Food Chairman Edith Finch, Wilma Lewis, Hazel Earwood, Catherine Gallion, Enemencia Starzel, Beau Kauffman, Marge Geeze, Lydia Creamer, Jesse Le Count, Mary Sandoval, Eva Ashley, Marice Lancelle, Lee Finch, Mary Parry and Carolyn Hendrick.

Local Hero Saves Youngsters Life



Ramon Falcon the man that saved a young boys life

by Penny Nixon

Ramon Falcon, of Bizzell Construction Company, saved the life of 4-year-old Steven Dodge on Tuesday, April 4, when he grabbed the boy as he was about to fall headfirst beneath the wheels of a runaway van.

"To my knowledge, he pulled the car out of gear," Ramon said of the service van Grandfather Larry Dodge uses to stock the motel rooms at Fort Clark Springs. Ramon was working on a window at the newly remodeled

Bullis Hall Motel when he saw the van rolling down the street, across Ft. Clark Road, towards a parked vehicle with young Steven dangling out the door with a slippery grip. "I ran out and pulled him out from between the door and the car," Ramon said. "I grabbed him by the arm, and tried to stop the car." Fellow workers Gilbert Gallegos and Joe Guerra came to the rescue and stopped the runaway van before it smashed the boy or another car.

The Swords Will Return For a Visit

by Penny Nixon

The controversial swords of frontier legend John Lapham Bullis will be on display for one day at Fort Clark's Old Guardhouse Museum after a surprise offer by the San Antonio Museum Association last Friday. The ornate ceremonial swords will be on display for one day only on Saturday, April 22, during the Ft. Clark Cavalry Trooper's Reunion and Wainwright House dedication ceremony scheduled the same day. The Museum Association's offer to bring the swords, came after weeks of negotiations following an Associate Press Wire Service story stating the Museum Association had refused to lend the swords, even though they were in a storage box in the basement of the Witte Museum.

After the publicity, the Museum Association quickly retracted their resistance to a loan, promising "to work something out." Their next offer came in a March 15, letter to Fort Clark Springs Public Relations Officer Penny Nixon for a 24-48 hour display at a cost of over \$850 for security guards, expenses, transportation and standard loan fees. "Naturally, all of these arrangements would once again need to be approved by our Acquisitions Committee, the Collections Committee of the Board, and at the full Board of Trustees meeting in April," Keeper of Collections, Richard Casagrande said in the letter.

"That's why the call offering the swords for display on April 22, came as such a surprise," Nixon said. "I'm impressed at how fast they worked through their own bureaucracy to help make this special display possible." Area rancher, businessman and philanthropist, Mr. Sterling C. Evans of Castroville, has expressed an interest in helping defray the cost of the exhibit, estimated at \$574, Nixon added.

The swords will be on display in the Ft. Clark Old Guardhouse Museum from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 22, under the watchful eye of two Museum Association security guards. Mr. Arthur Cavazos, Director of Public Relations for the Museum Association, will address the cavalry trooper's luncheon with a program on the Bullis swords and upcoming exhibits planned for the Witte and other museums in San Antonio.

The swords, one gold and one silver, were presented to Bullis by the citizens of western Texas and Kinney County. The first sword came about by the editorial efforts of newspapers in Bandera, Uvalde, Castroville and Fort Clark, urging citizens to present Bullis a lasting token of their appreciation upon hearing of his transfer to Indian Territory, Arizona. Not to be outdone, the citizens of Kinney County raised enough money to buy Bullis an additional sword, "of scarcely less beauty" as a token of their gratitude.

After spending the greater part of his military career in Indian skirmishes in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico, Bullis returned to Fort Sam Houston, where he served as paymaster. He was made a Brigadier General by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904, solely on his military record, the only time in history that a Major has been appointed to a Brigadier-Generality on merit alone. Bullis retired later that year and lived in San Antonio until his death in 1911. His daughters donated the swords, valued at \$100,000 each, to the Witte Museum, where they are currently stored.

"To my knowledge, those swords haven't been out of the box for at least the past 15 years," Nixon said. "I hope this is the beginning of an effort to find a permanent display home for the swords of the man widely credited with bringing peace to the Texas frontier."

The P.T.O. met at a regular meeting Monday night, April 3. New officers were elected for the 1989-1990 school year. They are: President - Mrs. Elena Luna, Vice President - Mary Valenzuela and Secretary/Treasurer - Diane Ward.

The P.T.O. members discussed the \$500 scholarship fund that will be awarded to a high school student. They also discussed the idea of conjuncting the Book Fair with Public School Week, instead of having it earlier in March.

Officers that will step out of office when the term expires are: President: Mrs. Bonner, Vice President: Pam Melancon and Secretary/Treasurer - Regina Marshall. These officers had

Full Term College Education is Offered by MRGDC

A full-term college education with a \$2 an hour paycheck and many other work programs will be available to Kinney County low income families. Judge Tommy Seargeant, Chamber of Commerce President Wanda Schwandner, School Superintendent Bob McCall and Mayor Vito La Gioia met with Middle Rio Grande Council Development personnel; Armando Herrera, Enrique Castillon and Paul Edwards to discuss all of the benefits that will be available to citizens of Brackettville. The programs being offered are: on-job-training - this program will pay 50% of employees salary for a prescribed time, affording employers an incentive to hire job training



Warren Outlaw

"The Brackett News" Welcomes Warren Outlaw

The Brackett News is proud to welcome to our staff Darkroom Technician Warren Outlaw. Warren has been a valuable and dependable asset to The Brackett News. We simply drop off the film and let Warren work his magic.

Warren first visited Fort Clark and Brackettville in July of 1978 and made a decision then to retire here. In 1979, he purchased the building at 202-204 North St. and began restoring them. They presently house Frontier Guns and Frontier Gallery businesses owned and operated by the Outlaws.

In January of 1983, Warren retired from Kroger Co. after 31 years of service and moved to Fort Clark with his wife Frances and dog Brandy. In August of 1983, he opened the Frontier Gun Shop.

Warren is a member of the following organization; the Old Quarry Society for the performing arts, Kinney Co. Historical Society, Kinney County Hospital Board, Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444, Reserve Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Norman Hooten. Busy Warren is also in the process of restoring an old home at 305 El Paso Street.

Welcome New Columnist "Grandma"

The Brackett News welcomes new columnist "Grandma". Grandma stopped by the office the other day and asked if we'd like some good ole fashioned news and some kitchen talk with recipes.

Grandma sure is wise for her years and she gave some beautiful advise we couldn't help but print. She said everyone would be after her if they knew her true identity, so no one is going to know who she is. So far, not even her husband knows. All you Grandpas out there, watch out! Your Grandma may be "The Grandma". You better watch your step. She may write about you!

Anyway, welcome "Grandma". We're looking forward to more of your delicious recipes and some good ole fashioned advise.

P.T.O. Officers Elected

A membership drive is in the making. Anyone wishing to support the P.T.O. or join the organization may contact any of the officers.

A very busy year and provided many assets to the school. P.T.O. members voted to purchase Elementary P.E. equipment at the cost of \$1,100. They purchased numerous types of balls, bats, jump ropes, bean bag sets, hoops, cones, poles and records. This shipment is expected soon. P.T.O. members also bought igloo water coolers for each elementary room and they purchased a mobile dictionary library that can be moved from room to room at students convenience.

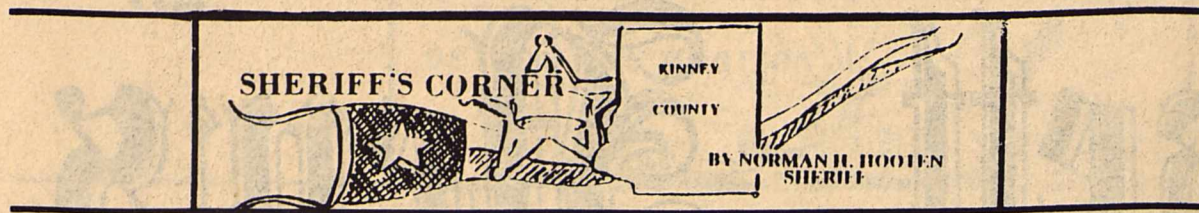
hopefuls. 13 people will be able to take advantage of this.

Try-out employee is directed at a local High School student. This program offers a Business the advantage of hiring a student with 250 hours of time being paid entirely by MRGDC (plus workman's comp). This is provided in hope that the business will eventually hire the student on a full-time basis. One student may qualify for this.

Work experience is being offered to 3 students. This provides for 2 hours a day on-the-job training. Work experience for out of school people from the age of 16 and up. This provides benefits for two people in

on-the-job training. Pre-employment skills is offered for in school youth in the age group of 15-21 years old. This helps students prepare and instructs on how to get a job and keep it.

Educational programs offered one G.E.D. courses and test paying \$2 an hour with 6 parts available and youth basic skills enlightenment with 12 parts being available. Altogether MRGDC will help 38 low income people in job training and job location. For further information contact Mrs. Harrison at the Kinney County Courthouse. This program will be in effect beginning July 1989 thru June 30, 1990.



Due to recent information related to me concerning certain county officials and others using my name indicating that I am in support of the proposed radiation dumpsite near Spofford, the time has come for me to take a public stand on the issue. I do so primarily to make known to the public that I speak for myself on issues of this type. I am not trying to persuade anyone to be in agreement with me, though I do feel that the citizens of this community need to stand together on issues affecting the health and welfare of all of us who live and work in this area.

Several months ago I was contacted by Mr. Salsman, the chief representative of TexCor, Inc., asking to visit with me so as to brief me on the proposed natural radiation dumpsite near Spofford. This was the first I had heard of the proposal and therefore, I had no pre-conceived thoughts on the matter. I listened to his presentation, asking several questions so as to better understand just exactly what was being proposed for our county. One of the major points stressed by Mr. Salsman at this first meeting with me was his assurance that if there was a sizeable objection by a substantial number of Kinney County citizens to the proposal that he and TexCor would "fold up their tents and go elsewhere."

Sometime later I was invited by Pct. 4 County Commissioner Bill Bizzell to attend a meeting at Ft. Clark to hear a presentation by a representative of the State Health Dept. concerning the type material that would be acceptable by the state for the type of license that was planned for the project. I left the meeting with far more questions in my mind about the issue than I had going in. It was at this time that I began to develop serious objections to the proposal.

There were just too many vague answers and entirely too much emphasis being placed on a GUARANTEE that NO health problem would exist now or in the

future. However, when pressed on the issue NO such guarantees exist, only assurances that every effort would be made to "clean up the area" if an accident or spill occurred. When pressed for guarantees that no other type material would be allowable at the site referrals were made to the type license being issued. I have attended other meetings concerning this issue and have left each with a growing concern about what might be happening in our county that could affect our lives and the lives of our children and citizens of Kinney County forever more.

I, as others have, have tried hard to listen to all aspects of this proposed project with an open mind, actually looking for justification for accepting a project of this type in our county and community, I can find none.

I firmly believe that the primary driving force behind this project is the all mighty dollar, and lots of them, NOT for a large group of our citizens needing good paying jobs, but for a SMALL group of investors, landowners, and contractors who will skim the cream off the top and leave very little in the way of an economic boost to our county. By their own admission TexCor has stated that only about 25 jobs would be generated by the project at its completion, the bulk of these would be generated by the project at its completion, the bulk of these would be menial labor.

The high paying jobs would be held by experts in the field imported (and necessarily so) from other areas. Sure, a couple of local contractors, if awarded a construction contract, might be well paid for their services and their laborers would be working at the site until completion, but there would be NO large labor force needed after completion.

But even this is not my major objection to the project. The primary force behind my objections to the project is the fact that there are just TOO MANY unknowns related to the project and even highly educated

scientists admit that they do not know all the answers related to radioactivity. Too much trust would have to be placed in TexCor officials and the state and federal governments. The track record of both the state and federal governments in relation to overlooking violations of restrictions to projects of this type is less than admirable.

TexCor officials have stated that the life span for placing radioactive material in the dumpsite is twenty years, after that they will be gone, but the material will be there forever. Forever is a long, long time and locations throughout the U.S. are feeling the effects of the deterioration of containers at radioactive dumpsites with increases in cancer victims and many other health problems.

We don't want that for our community or county and all the vague assurances by company officials or state governmental representatives fails to convince me that there is not a very real danger to the health and welfare of our citizens now and generations to come if this unwanted project is allowed to be completed and put into operation in Kinney County.

I now call upon Mr. Salsman and others associated with TexCor to honor the promises they made to us that "if a substantial number of citizens object to our proposal we will fold our tents and go elsewhere."

Kinney County needs and wants economic growth, but NOT at the risk, however slight, to the health and welfare of our citizens and generations to come. We don't have a problem now, so let us not take the chance of creating one.

The opinions contained in this column are, as always, my own. I am not attempting by any means to make this a political issue, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens should not now or ever be a political issue. It is and should be a community issue in the best interest of ALL of us.

THAT'S ALL!



George and Teresa Barber and 3-week-old daughter Sara Marie from Uvalde were in Brackettville, Saturday, April 1, visiting friends. George, a talented young artist has just completed a 4x8 feet mural for a church in Uvalde. George has had numerous paintings on display at the Frontier Gallery in Brackettville.

Holly Graham from Devine, Texas, granddaughter of A.L. and Kee Bacon of Brackettville, has been named to the State's first team in basketball. Holly will be going to Oklahoma City for try-outs for the Olympics in volleyball. Good luck Holly!

Viola Peel from Lubbock, Texas (and Ft. Clark). As a prize, each table will have a bag of pecans with pecan-pie recipes attached. They are from Viola's backyard in Lubbock. Speaker will be Viola, with stories about the towns around Lubbock.

Many customers and friends have enjoyed Karene Fisher back at the First State Bank of Brackettville while husband Terry has been on a tour of duty. Karene has been commuting from Uvalde the past month while working at the Bank. Karene's last day at the bank was April 3. She will spend the next two weeks with her mother, Carolyn Stein in Uvalde and then join Terry in Panama.

Warren Outlaw returned from a brief visit with his son, Warren, Jr., wife, Janet, and grandchildren, Warren III and Heather Lee. Warren, Jr. was installed as a Master Mason, Monday, April 3.

Mary Whipkey has returned from a month visit with her son, Chief Petty Officer, Don Heady and wife Michiyo from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Don has been stationed in Hawaii for the past 4 years, but for the past year has been on the U.S.S. Williametta. While there, Mary's granddaughter, Theresa Heady, who is stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, California, arrived with her son, Russell, 15-months-old. This was Mary's first introduction to her great-grandson, who has bright red hair.

Connie Rodriguez and children Jamie, Patricia and Lupe visited her father-in-law, Arnulfo Rodriguez in Rosales, Coahuila, Mexico. Family and friends enjoyed the day with a picnic at a small lake at the Palmetta Hacienda.

Bud and Annetta Bailey from Agua Dulce, Texas, were here visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Ben Pingnot at Ft. Clark Springs this past week. Annetta is a retired school teacher and Bud a retired Principal from the Agua Dulce School District. They have visited here many times and always look forward to returning.

Berkley and Jeri Garrett had as their guests this past week Jeri's mother, Bo, and step-dad, Carl Burroughs from Felton, California. This was their first visit to the Fort, but assured the Garretts it would not be their last. A "Patio Party" was given for the Burroughs before they left Monday for California.

The Birthday Club will meet, Wednesday, April 5, at Las Moras Inn for lunch followed by card games. Hostess for this month will be

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Notice:

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 The following letter is neither dictated by, nor the established opinion of; my employers, friends or relatives.

The topic I wish to address is the manner in which individuals and organizations of this community have addressed the TexCor proposal. I have and remain an outside observer of the progress of this project and do not discuss the specifics with either side. I, therefore, state no official opinion on the project itself, but recent events encourage me strongly to address the methods utilized to mold community opinion. The statement "a little knowledge is a very dangerous thing" applies directly to this topic.

Politics usually becomes a major factor in any matter only when knowledge is either lacking or nonexistent. Unfortunately, politics is essential to our system. Public opinion is vital but no organization should be established to form public opinion unless it is devoted to the study and finding of facts utilizing personally who are strictly and reputedly educated, trained and practicing in fields directly related to the topic of study. I would offer as a suggestion that an organization addressing this project specifically request a study from some of the following professional fields:

1. Environmental Engineer (Certified by a State Board)
 2. Geologist
 3. Specialists in the fields of Science/Radioactivity
- These personnel would not have to conduct an all-encompassing design project but could be hired to establish facts about the materials to be stored, methods that are applicable as well as information on site selection factors. The professional fields mentioned above require a minimum of 4 years of intense study in these specific fields and some require a minimum of an additional 4 years apprenticeship under those with previous registration by the state. It is foolish to believe that this type of knowledge can be gained through personal study in a time frame that is not at least as encompassing as mentioned above.

- A few priorities that should be addressed in any project are:
1. Safety
 2. Aesthetics
 3. Economics

These priorities would surely be addressed by the personnel above.

Your next question would be in reference to cost. I would be surprised if anyone in this community has even ventured to obtain any information as to the cost of a study utilizing any one of these professionals. Universities might be willing to assist you at a more reasonable cost than others and would offer a variety of personnel from many fields. It is possible that TexCor might even assist in some of the financial obligations although I am making no commitment for them nor am I suggesting that this is an obligation they should fulfill. As I stated earlier, this would merely require that these people study the aspects of this specific project.

Many of the opinions I have seen stated in the papers are based upon innuendo and misrepresentation. Statements inferring that TexCor cares nothing about the community or that they are going to kill babies in the future are not only libelous but inflammatory and highly unethical. Many opinions are based on press stories of occurrences at other locations that may or may not be in any way similar to this project. One of the basic rules of any study, scientific or otherwise, is that a proper frame of reference must be set so that findings are not corrupted by facts that are totally irrelevant.

I realize that you probably feel that I am very long-winded but I now wish to address the occurrence that brought me to write this letter. I wish to directly address these three entities. CARE, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and Don Parks. I recently became aware that a speaker of renowned stature and obviously performing a great favor to such a small community as Brackettville was scheduled and later cancelled due to pressure on the

Chamber by a person or persons of the CARE organization.

I greatly resent the fact that such an organization or person of any kind would refuse me or any other person of this community the chance to learn from this speaker no matter the topic, his personal convictions or what his investments might encumber. There is no greater method of destruction than to refuse a community the right to gain knowledge; hardly indicative of CARing. The Chamber shows that the only aspect that matches their immensity of cowardice is their great void of leadership.

Mr. Parks should pick up an issue of last week's Kinney Cavalryman and re-read his letter. Obviously this community is not committed to hearing both sides of the topic. Mr. Parks, I also would like to address your statement "Our intellectual position is based on research and analysis." I do not doubt that your "intellectual position" is based on your research and analysis but the lack of facts, findings and credentials from you or any other person of CARE leads me to question not only your research but your "astoundingly immense intellectual position".

Sincerely
 Thomas G. Kerr

Letter to the Editor

"Nothing can go wrong. We'll take every precaution, and we will protect the environment. It's perfectly safe, and everyone will make a lot of money." Oil companies in Alaska, 1974.

"Nothing can go wrong. We'll use state-of-the-art technology. There is really no danger. We'll bring jobs and money to Kinney County." TexCor, Kinney County, 1988-89.

Does the Exxon oil spill disaster remind you of anything much closer to home? The people of Alaska were assured, fifteen years ago, that nothing like this could ever happen. The latest technology would be used. Foolproof emergency plans would be prepared to cope with any possible accidents. Most important of all, there would be a lot of money for the local people and governments. Even federal agencies said it was absolutely safe for all concerned. It all sounded wonderful.

Now, Alaska is confronted with an oil slick as big as Rhode Island. The fishing industry in Prince William Sound is effectively destroyed for no one knows how long. Untold numbers of wild birds, aquatic animals and fish are dead or dying. Inhabitants of the area are watching as a traditional way of life, and their

livelihood, disappear along with the wildlife.

Exxon and the other oil companies made many promises. A big sales job was carried on and the industry won, in spite of reasoned protest by many Alaskans. Now Exxon says "We're sorry!" Neither Exxon nor anyone else knows how to clean up the mess. They can't put Humpty Dumpty together again. In 1974, the people of Alaska accepted a pig in a poke, to their present sorrow. The bonanza has turned into a monstrous tragedy.

We, in Kinney County, are urged to accept a proposition filled with many identified perils and others as yet unknown. CARE says we should reject this proposal. The people of this region cannot afford the risks. To gain purely temporary cash advantage for a very few, we certainly should not place the future of all in jeopardy for thousands of years.

We don't want TexCor or BFI or the Texas Department of Health or anyone else to have to say "We're sorry!" at some future time, after catastrophe strikes. We don't need or want a radioactive waste dump in Kinney County.

Don Parks

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Place born - Longdale, Oklahoma.
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 Best movie you've seen lately - Old Fooler - with Henry Fonda & Glen Ford.
 Best book you've read lately - Texas Motor Vehicle laws and Lonesome Dove.
 Hobbies you enjoy - Entertaining grandchildren Working with Livestock
 Your friends say you're - Probably hard-headed
 If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Alaska
 Secretly you've always wanted to be - Musician
 If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? Provide industry so people could have jobs
 In one word describe yourself - Workaholic

Resolution set in Eagle Pass

WHEREAS, the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the socio-economic growth of the City of Eagle Pass, Maverick County and that of our region which includes Kinney County; and

WHEREAS, the future growth and prosperity of the City of Eagle Pass, Maverick County and that of our region which includes Kinney County is directly linked to the current overall regional attractiveness; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the well being of this area's inhabitants, both human and other, that any possible cause and effect upon the fragile ecological or socio-economic base be seriously considered; and

WHEREAS, inhabitants of this region are against any and all efforts to secure a location within this region for the purpose of disposal or any form of storage of TOXIC and/or RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL regardless of strength or radioactive level; and

WHEREAS, any benefit, economic or otherwise, no matter how great or influential, will shrink when compared to the potential health hazards and economic backlash

associated with TOXIC OR RADIOACTIVE DISPOSAL SITES OR PROCESSING FACILITIES; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce is unanimously in opposition to any present or future planned development, in any form, of disposal or storage sites or facilities of TOXIC OR RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL within our region which includes KINNEY COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce requests any action or activity by any private, public, or governmental entity promoting the disposal or storage of TOXIC OR RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL, cease immediately.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce, in meeting assembled, on this 8th day of March, 1989.

Arthur L. Pine Michael Miller
Executive Director President

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.)
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
Call George Fear at 278-8192 for info

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday-6:30 p.m.
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Every 2nd & 4th Thurs. - 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Saturday, April 8, 1989 - 10:00 a.m.
Community Council Meeting
Madge Belcher Keys, Speaker
FCS Town Hall
All FCSA members welcome

Every Sunday - 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Every Sunday thru April 23 - 7:00 p.m.
Survey of Revelation (last book of Bible)

First Baptist Church

Monday, April 10, 1989 - 7:30 p.m.
The Voices of Fort Clark
Spring Concert titled "Give My Regards to Broadway"
Town Hall

Every Monday - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop
Ft. Clark Town Hall

Every 2nd Monday - 9:00 a.m.
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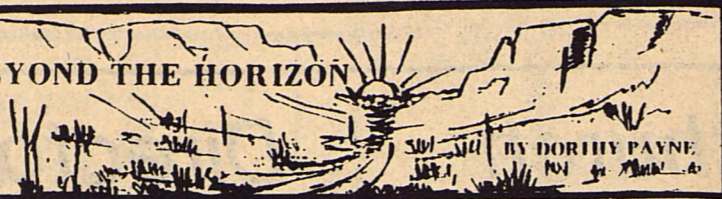
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BEYOND THE HORIZON



BY DOROTHY PAYNE

The jewels of flashing colors are back. These jewels are the tiniest birds that God has made. They are like feathered moments, darting here and there doing unbelievable things in flight.

These most remarkable birds in America are found only in the Western Hemisphere. Only one of the 17 or 18 species of the Hummingbird are found east of the Mississippi River, so they are mainly western birds. They have sifted into our region from the tropics, coming up through Mexico.

The ornithologists tell us there are about 500 different species of hummers, most of which live in Central and South America. They all act alike, the only difference being in their size and markings.

You'll see a hummer is near when you see him jet close to you, only his propellers are on his sides, and going so fast they don't even look like wings. He is like a bee because he hums. He may weigh no more than an ounce. He looks like a butterfly because of his colors. Sometimes he can be yellow, green, red, blue, or gold, always gleaming and changing in the sun. His feathers are different than other birds because they retract the rays of light like the peacock.

The male is conceited and always preening. A hummer can't walk around because his feet are only made for perching. Hummers can learn to drink sugar water while you hold the spoon in your hand.

Most birds drink by dipping in their bill, lifting their head and swallowing. Some birds snatch a drink by skimming over a pond, but not the hummer. He has a long tongue that curls over to the middle forming two tubes side by side. These are no bigger than the point of a pin, but that serves the purpose because he can only get a drop or two of sweet from a blossom or feeder at a time. Unlike the bee, he doesn't store the nectar, he guzzles it right down.

This bird carries pollen from plant to plant like bees and wasps. Nectar is not all these tiny birds eat. They catch gnats, flies, spiders, bees, beetles and other small insects.

When hummers mate, the male becomes a proud loafer, and lets his wife do all the nest building and raising the young. Her nest is about as big as a dolls teacup, no more than an inch deep. She lays two white eggs about as big as peas. Sometimes she lays her eggs in an unfinished nest and finishes it while her babies are hatched, going back and forth with building supplies. After two weeks, the babies are hatched. They look like ugly insects, naked and black, but in less than a month they are beautiful.

The mother feeds her babies digested food for about three weeks until the baby birds fly about and start to suck nectar entirely on their own. Some scientists say that the papa bird sometimes actually helps the mother feed their young. The

papa bird protects the young while they are in the nest. He isn't afraid of anything and will attack another bird fifty times his size. They also fight when courting.

The hummer is not a singer, just a squeak. He is made to show the world his beautiful colors.

In Texas there is an old legend about the hummingbird. It goes like this: The hummingbird once had a

beautiful song, but he became greedy and choked his voice out to make room for more nectar. Now he is constantly flitting from flower to flower looking for his lost voice.

So fill up your hummingbird feeder with sugar water and make friends with these tiny birds. See if you can teach one to eat from a spoon while holding it in your hand.

Voices to perform at Spring Concert

The Voices of Fort Clark are presenting their Spring Concert titled "Give My regards to Broadway" at Town Hall, Monday night, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. We're in for a surprise

with numbers by the "Troopettes" and the "Troops".

Bring a friend and come and enjoy the program.

BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

How big is your God? How big is Jesus Christ to you? Do you feel that you must defend either by killing anyone who says something that casts reflection on your God or your religion? It really is an absurd question, isn't it!

This is the crux of the situation with the author of Satanic Verses. The teaching of Mohammed encourages the "faithful" to kill all who are not Moslems. He taught that the more "heretics" a Muslim killed, the better chance he would have to spend eternity basking in the lushness of a beautiful oasis attended by beautiful dancing girls.

The proclamation of the Khomeni is totally within the teaching of Mohammed. If one reads the Korau, he can better understand the present attitude of Iran and its leadership. It is as the "Book" says it should be.

Think what would happen if every person who says something derogatory about God or Jesus Christ were to be killed. If everyone who takes the name of God in vain were killed, much of the world would be almost depopulated. Does this mean Christians and those who give allegiance to God love Him less than the Muslim bigot? Does this mean our God expects us to stand in His defense even to killing those who question or criticize His son Jesus? Certainly not!

Mohammed was a belligerent bigot who taught violence and murder. Jesus taught love and "turn the other cheek." It's unconscionable to think Jesus ever would expect his followers to kill all who oppose Him. In fact, He Himself refused to do harm to his enemies, even to allowing them to crucify Him.

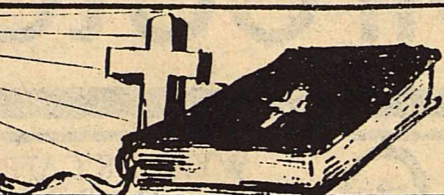
What's the difference? God and Jesus need no defense. They stand

and untouchable against any who would attack. Having to take in hand the defense of one's God or Book of Faith gives moot testimony to the humanizing of so-called eternal and spiritual verities.

Maybe if Mohammed had been crucified and had risen from the dead, He would hold a higher place in the entire realm of human relationships. I don't want a God or a book or a prophet I feel compelled to defend. Thanks! I'll stay with my God, my Bible, my Jesus Christ, and let the basis of my faith defend me and handle enemies of the faith in keeping with the teachings of the Bible.

After all, if "the gates of hell shall not prevail against" His church as it grows and expands, the puny pronouncements of any one man deserves no recognition. To have to kill to defend any part of faith in our God be means God far more than any "Satanic Verses" could do.

OBITUARY



Jorge H. Perez

Jorge H. Perez, long time Brackettville resident, passed away March 28, 1989 at Val Verde Memorial Hospital, Del Rio, Texas. Perez, age 62, was ranch foreman at the Corazon Ranch, Kinney County for over 30 years. He was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, April 23, 1926.

Funeral Services were held at Templo Elim Church, Brackettville, at 2:00 p.m., March 30, 1989, Rev. Armando Pinales officiating. Burial followed in Brackettville under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels, Del Rio, Texas.

Jorge H. Perez is survived by his wife Sara G. Perez of Brackettville. Surviving sons are: Jose Luis Perez, Jesus Perez and Jorge Perez, Jr., all of Brackettville; Eloy Perez and

Aurelio Perez of Big Lake, Texas. Surviving daughters are: Rosa Perez of San Antonio, Maria Perez Campbell of Sand Point, Idaho, and Elva Perez of Brackettville.

Surviving grandchildren are: Evaristo Perez, Eloy Perez, Jr., Jose Luis Perez, Jr., Josue Perez, Aurelio Perez, Jr., Erica Vanessa Perez, Amy Perez, and Sara Melissa Perez. Surviving brothers and sisters are: Edmundo Rodolfo and Genaro Perez; Oliva Olgin, Rosenda Olveria and Casimira Saucedo. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Out of town family and friends attending services came from Idaho, San Antonio, Waco, Beaumont, Big Lake, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Villa Acuna and Zacatecas, Mexico.

Jorge H. Perez

Jorge H. Perez, residente de Brackettville de muchos años expiro el dia 28 de Marzo, 1989 en el Val Verde Memorial Hospital. Perez, 62 años, capataz de el rancho Corazon, en Kinney County mas de 30 años. Nacido en Zacatecas, Mexico el dia 23 de Abril, 1926.

Servicios del funeral en la Iglesia Templo Elim, Brackettville, a las 2:00 p.m. dia 30 de Marzo, 1989 con el ministro, Armando Pinales. El entierro, conducido en Brackettville, bajo la direccion de Don's Funeral Chapels de Del Rio, Texas.

Sobrevivientes: su esposa Sara G. Perez; hijos e hijas: Jose Luis Perez, Jesus Perez y Jorge Perez, Jr., de

Brackettville. Eloy Perez y Aurelio Perez de Big Lake, Texas. Rosa Perez de San Antonio, Maria Perez Campbell de Sand Point, Idaho y Elva Perez de Brackettville. Nietos y nietas: Evaristo Perez, Eloy Perez, Jr., Jose Luis Perez, Jr., Josue Perez, Aurelio Perez, Jr., Erica Vanessa Perez, Amy Perez y Sara Melissa Perez.

Hermanos y hermanas: Edmundo Rodolfo y Genaro Perez, Oliva Olgin, Rosenda Olveria y Casimira Saucedo. Varios sobrinos y sobrinas.

Muchos familiares y amistades de fuera del pueblo vinieron de Idaho, San Antonio, Waco, Beaumont, Big Lake, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Acuna y Zacatecas, Mexico.

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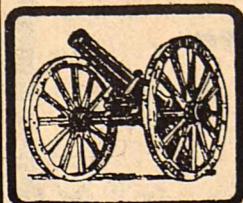
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