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Congratulations, Class of '89



Dedication, devotion and hard work have guided the Class of '89 to the achievement of High School Graduation.

The Future Is Yours

Graduation exercises were held for the Class of 1989 at the Tiger Football Stadium June 1, at 8:00 p.m. Many Seniors stood teary-eyed as they realized that this was the last and greatest moment for the Class of 1989. The exclusive and traditional graduation ceremony of the Brackett

school system is to honor loved ones of the Seniors. Individually, each Senior's honorary was announced and the Seniors took long stemmed red roses to their loved ones in appreciation. Kelly Hall, Valedictorian, spoke on behalf of her classmates and said the class stuck together through all

activities and she thought the class' unofficial motto should be "Let's vote on it." Hope Kelley, Salutatorian, spoke to her class and audience on the need to make environmental issues precedence in their lives. Hats were tossed and congratulations given. May all your dreams come true in time, Class of '89.

Librarian Hired

Commissioners Court met in emergency meeting June 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse. Below is the transcript from that meeting.

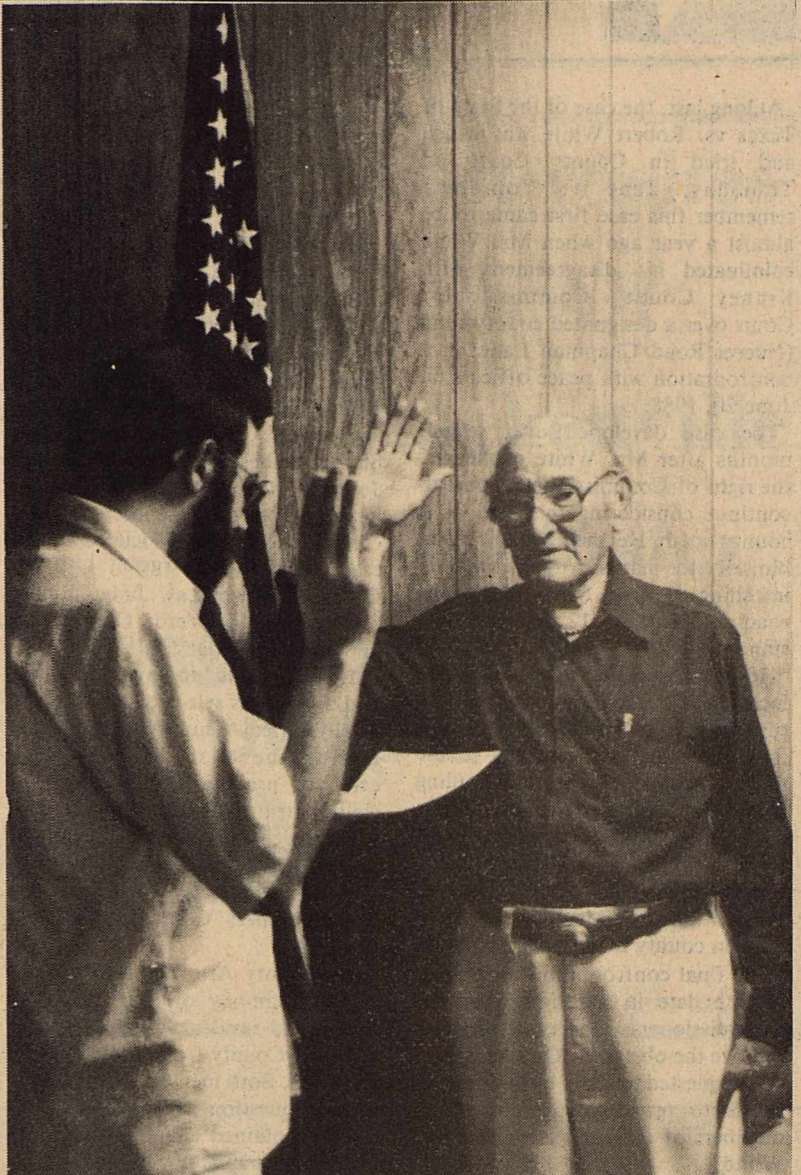
Library Director Resigns
Judy Kelley's resignation from the Kinney County Library was accepted. A letter of thanks is to be written to her on behalf of the Court. This motion was made by Commissioner Bizzell and seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Board Member Appointed
Vicky Ahren was appointed to the Library Board. Commissioner Bizzell motioned to accept her appointment as in accordance with the recommendation from the Library Board. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion.

Librarian Hired
Irma Perez was appointed to the position of Library Director. Commissioner Garza motioned that Mrs. Perez should be appointed according to the Library Board recommendation with a 6 month probation. He also motioned that she should receive a higher pay in salary than that that was previously offered. Salary was increased to \$850. Commissioner Bizzell seconded the motion.

Advancement Denied
Maria Sanchez was also recommended by the Library Board to the position of Assistant Librarian. Maria Sanchez is a part-time worker that assumed full time responsibilities of the library until a replacement librarian and further office help could be hired.

Commissioner Bizzell stated, "If you classify her as anything, she's going to be a County employee and we'll have to pay her, and we don't have the money to pay her." Maria has been receiving pay from the JTPA work program. Further grants on this program are expected. Therefore, Maria's advancement was denied.



Talamantez Sworn in

Raymond Talamantez was sworn in to the office of Municipal Judge, Friday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Judge Talamantez's past experience consists of 12 years of service as the Kinney County Justice of the Peace. Talamantez served as J.P. from 1975 - 1986, at which time, he resigned to run for County Judge.

When asked how he felt about his new appointment, Talamantez stated, "I feel pretty good. I think I can serve the people with honesty and equal fairness to all. I was J.P. for 12 years and I have learned to do my job with dignity and respect for all and I

have learned to be just and fair with all."

Mayor Vito La Gioia commented on Talamantez's recent appointment. He stated, "The City Council and I reviewed several potential candidates for the position. Talamantez's experience as a J.P. was a great factor in choosing him for the job. I think he'll work out good."

Raymond Talamantez owns and operates Ray's Grocery Store. He has been married for 58 years to Rita Talamantez. The couple have five children; 3 boys and 2 girls.

Rotarians Donate Fire Truck to Acuna



Local Rotarians who helped donate a firetruck to Acuna from left, Don Ralston, Bruce Clements, Hugh McKelvy with District 584 Governor Norman Paul and Dr. and Mrs. Rafael Gonzales Farias of Acuna.

by Penny Nixon
Local Rotarians from District 584 traveled to Del Rio in May to help present a 1962 Mack Pumper Fire-truck to the city of Acuna. The truck, from Great Lakes, New Jersey, was presented to the city by Rotarians from District 584 - the largest Rotary International district in Texas.

"As far as international service, we should start right here on the border," District Governor Norm Paul said. Ten Rotary Clubs currently have "sister" clubs in Mexico that they assist with equipment, information and funds. The firetruck, for example, will receive maintenance from Del Rio Firemen on a monthly basis.

Rotary International is a service club of local business people dedicated to the motto of "Service Above Self". Rotary's Polio Plus Foundation has helped stop the spread of polio in hundreds of countries around the globe.

For more information about Rotary International, call Brackettville President Hugh McKelvy at 563-9287.

Descent of Oscar Brackett Reveals some Interesting Facts

(Editor's Note: Below are some interesting facts presented by Gary W. Brackett, a proven descendant of Oscar Brackett, founder of Brackettville. Along with this information, Gary Brackett also sent proof of his heritage. It is available at The Brackett News office.)

Descendants of Anthony Brackett of Portsmouth, N.H. "The name of Brackett was originally Brockett. They came from Wales to England and Scotland." "English History tells us, among others who held a place in Cambridge College, as one of its professors was a man by the name of William Brackett, an enlightened instructor, and a Welshman who received the honor of Knighthood."

"Certain it is also, that the Bracketts were among the Crusaders, for they had their armorial bearings and amongst them the Stag and Cross were represented. It is equally further certain that to mark their out of doors property, the Bracketts have ever used the Sign and Cross."

Governor John Winthrop was born in Groton, County of Suffolk, England, January 12, 1588, was Justice of Peace at the age of 18, and on account of his excellent character, was in 1629, elected by the governor and company of Massachusetts Bay to govern their colony in New England, and April 7, 1630, sailed from Yarmouth, England with 1900 persons. (He died at Boston, March 1649.) Most of them came from the old city of Boston, England, and its vicinity. Many of them were high born, with graduates of Oxford and Cambridge Colleges. Among them were four brothers by the name of Brackett: Richard Brackett, who settled in Braintree, Mass., now Quincy, Peter Brackett, who settled in Connecticut, William and Anthony Brackett who went to Portsmouth, N.H., with Captain John Mason in 1631.

"Anthony Brackett first settled at Portsmouth, N.H. He was Select-

man. He gave land to church wardens for a parsonage in 1640. He died in 1696." In 1660, he received a grant of one hundred acres, and his son Anthony, Jr., thirteen acres, and his daughter, Eleanor, thirteen acres. This distribution was made to inhabitants, who had come there to dwell up to, or before 1657 and their children that were of age.

"His name appears in the history of New Hampshire, along with that of John Brackett, to a petition to Charles II, then King of England, for the removal of Governor Edward Cranfield, of that Province, in the year 1683. They were then called of Portsmouth. Greenland was not constituted a separate town until 1715."

"In December, 1688, his name is in a constablate for Greenland, and Sandy Beach, (Rye) and also John Brackett's name."

AMONG HIS CHILDREN WERE:
1. Anthony Brackett Jr., born about 1638; married first, Annie Mitton of Falmouth, Maine, married second, Susanna Drake.

2. Thomas Brackett, born about 1640, married Mary Mitton of Falmouth, Maine.

3. Eleanor Brackett, born about 1642, married Dec. 26, 1661, John Johnson.

4. John Brackett, born about 1645, married Martha Philbrook, daughter of John and Ann (Palmer) Philbrook of Hampton, N.H. She was born at Hampton, Sept. 26, 1651, settled in Greenland, N.H.

5. Jane Brackett, born in 1647, married first, Dec. 28, 1671, Matthias Haines, married second, April 19, 1697, Isaac Marston.

Anthony Brackett, son of Anthony of Portsmouth, N.H., came to Old Falmouth, Me., with his brother, (Thomas) prior to 1662. We first meet with Anthony's (No. 2) name in 1662, as witness to the delivery of the Branhall farm to Hope Allen, June 3, of that year. He married first Anne Mitton, and occupied the 100 acres granted her by her grandfather,

(George Cleeves) at Back Cove. He subsequently enlarged his farm to 400 acres.

FAMILY NO. 23
From Family No. 10. Descent: Anthony, Thomas, Joshua, Samuel, Ichabod Jr., Oscar B.

Oscar Bernhadotte Brackett was born March 22, 1812, in Salina, N.Y.; was the eldest of his father's family. He received a collegiate education, and through the early death of his parents he and his brothers respectively, came into the possession of a fortune, upon acquiring their majority.

In 1844, he removed to Texas and in 1845, to the city of San Antonio, where he continued to reside until his death. Though he had parted with the greater portion of his fortune, he had remaining ample means for his business enterprises, and they were extensive and hazardous.

He founded the town of Brackettville in Kinney County, Texas; this was in 1852, but a few years before his death. In 1852, the region in Texas west of San Antonio was little better than a wilderness, and San Antonio itself was then about the size of Brackettville in 1887, which, with Fort Clark, contained 1,500 inhabitants. As early as 1834, a settlement had been attempted at Dolores, in Kinney County but had been abandoned because of trouble with the Indians.

In 1852, on Las Moras Creek, Mr. Brackett erected a trading post for the accommodation of the few men of the region. During the same year, the construction of Fort Clark, by the government, was commenced on the creek opposite to the site of his post. Through the patronage of Mr. Brackett, good dwellings were erected and the town was founded, now the county seat of Kinney County.

He died December 2, 1857. Long after his death articles in praise of his social qualities and business activities and enterprises appeared from time to time in San Antonio.

Pulitzer Winning Play in Del Rio

The Upstagers will perform the Pulitzer prize winning play "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henly in the Paul Poag Theater in Del Rio.

Showtimes will be June 9 and 10, then June 16 and 17, at 8:00 p.m.

The play centers on three sisters and their relationships with each other. The Upstagers are the Texas State Champions for the American Association of community theaters. Martin Staats will be the director of "Crimes of the Heart."

4-H Officers Elected

by Wil Shahan
On May 23, 1989, the 4-H'ers for 1989 and 1990 elected their officers. The new County Agent, Mr. Alan McWilliams, was in charge of the meeting. The officers are as follows: President - Jennifer Shahan; Council Delegate - Michelle Brandt; Vice President - Stephanie Ahrens; Treasurer/Secretary - Kasey Hall; and Reporter - Wil Shahan.

Announcement

The City of Brackettville will be having a regular council meeting on Monday, June 12, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. The City of Brackettville will be holding a public hearing, in conjunction with regular meeting, on ordinance denying or accepting Central Power and Light rate increase. Central Power and Light Co. has filed its statement of intent with the City of Brackettville.

Brackett Students Win Medals at State Competition

On Saturday, June 3, Brackett High School was represented at State Solo and Ensemble contest on the University of Texas campus in Austin by five students. The students who participated were Wendy Hooton, playing a flute solo; Sara Morse, playing a French horn solo; Rosemary Rubino, performing a

twirling solo and Wendy Hooton, Allyson Potter and Jamie Shinout playing a flute trio. Sara Morse received a silver medal for an excellent performance on her French horn solo, and Rosemary Rubino was awarded a silver medal for an excellent performance on her twirling solo.

What Is Volksmarch?

See next week's paper for details



obstacles in and along the road by 10:00 a.m. that morning, it further stated that if he refused to do so the county road crew would proceed to do so.

At that point, Mr. White became extremely argumentative and pulled his pickup across the roadway blocking traffic. He refused my repeated orders to remove the vehicle and was arrested at the scene and transported to the Kinney County Jail where he was booked on charges of Obstructing a Public Roadway and Refusing to Obey a Lawful Order of Police Officer. Mr. White was released later that day on a \$500 PR bond.

After his arrest, the county road crew proceeded to remove the obstacles that had been placed in and along the roadway by Mr. White. The road has remained open to the public since that time.

After several months of delays caused by County Attorney Tully Shahan's desire to have County Judge Tommy Seargeant recuse himself from the case because of a conflict of interest associated to the case had Judge Seargeant heard it County Court-at-Law Judge Jimmy Simmons of Val Verde County was appointed as Judge in the case.

Mr. White opted to have a jury trial and a jury was selected and the case finally tried Thursday, June 1. During the trial, overwhelming evidence proving up the county's claim that the road is a county road was entered into the court records. Part of this proof was that the road was first dedicated and accepted by Commissioners Court in 1915, 74 years ago.

The County Attorney also entered sworn testimony of longtime landowner and resident Aciel Chapman and past County Commissioner J.B. Herndon. Both men testified that the road in question has been a county road maintained by the county and used by the public since as far back as they could remember. Mr. Chapman testified that he first started using the road in its present location as early as 1926. He further testified that he had observed county road crews working on the road with picks and shovels prior to the time that more modern roadworking equipment was put into use.

Ironically, Mr. White was not arrested and charged with offenses against the county and state laws for the obstructions he placed there in defiance of the county, he was arrested and charged for obstructing the public roadway with his pickup

and then refusing to remove it when instructed to do so by me as Sheriff.

The end result was that after several hours of testimony, evidence presentation, and cross-examination the jury took only approximately 15 minutes to return a verdict of guilty. Judge Simmons imposed a fine of \$500 plus costs of court on each count and allowed Mr. White 30 days in which to pay.

The Kinney County Grand Jury met Friday, June 2, and heard evidence in several criminal cases. The results were True Bills of Indictment handed down in four cases, No Bills in two cases, with three cases being passed until a later date.

Those indicted to stand trial later are as follows: (1) Freddy Martinez charged with Delivery of Marihuana, (2) Bertha Williams charged with Forgery, (3) William Allen Risinger charged with Felony Criminal Mischief, and (4) Roger Clayton Jones, also charged with Felony Criminal Mischief.

The Martinez case was handed down to County Court as a Class A Misdemeanor, the other three will be tried in District Court as felonies. Bertha Williams has not yet been located and a warrant of arrest has been issued for her.

The two No Bills were handed down in an auto theft case involving an illegal alien that was apprehended with a vehicle stolen out of San Antonio, and the 2nd No Bill returned on a Mexican National ranchworker charged with Felony Theft of property on a ranch south of Kinney County.

There were several criminal cases brought before District Court with one previously convicted felon, Victor Sandoval of Brackettville, receiving a 3 year sentence to TDC for Forgery. A juvenile case of Felony Criminal Mischief was scheduled for trial at a later date.

Hugh Wayne Martin, 29, a Spofford resident, was arrested by this writer and Chief of Police Johnny Fritter late Monday night, June 5, and charged with Public Intoxication. Martin pled guilty to the charges before Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall Tuesday morning, June 6, and was fined \$213.50. He has elected to serve out the fine and court costs in the County Jail.

JUST FOR YOUR INFO: We have generated \$144,424 income to the county through May of this fiscal year via the federal prisoner program at the county jail. If the current trend continues with this program, we will have brought in approximately \$216,000 by the close of this fiscal year on September 30, 1989. Ain't bad for a county jail!

THAT'S ALL!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the well written story. By this time you probably have received the documentary proof of my being related to Oscar B. Brackett, founder of Brackettville. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to obtain proof in a year - I started May 5, 1988.

Enclosed is a check for \$15 for a subscription to *The Brackett News*. P.S. When I learned (4:30 a.m. - 5/18/89) that I was related to Oscar, I felt that I was a "born again Brackett". I was released from prison after 63 years, figuratively, of course.

Warm regards,
Until we meet again,
Gary Watson Brackett

CORRECTION!

In the May 25 issue of *The Brackett News* page one in the Well Contamination story read:

"He also informed Mahefky that around the aquifer are some pockets of asphalt formations which are easily penetrated."

This statement was wrong. Mahefky was not informed of this by the Texas Health Department. *The Brackett News* was informed of this by the Texas Health Department. Mahefky's name was mistakenly printed in this paragraph.

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117 W MARTIN

At long last, the case of the State of Texas vs. Robert White was called and tried in County Court on Thursday, June 1. You may remember this case first came to be almost a year ago when Mr. White culminated his disagreement with Kinney County Commissioners Court over a designated county road (Nueces Road/Chapman Lane) in a confrontation with peace officers on June 20, 1988.

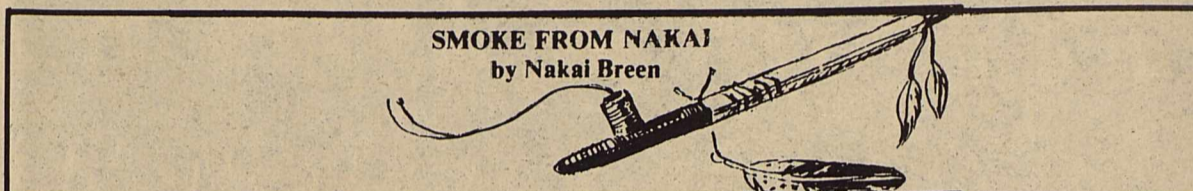
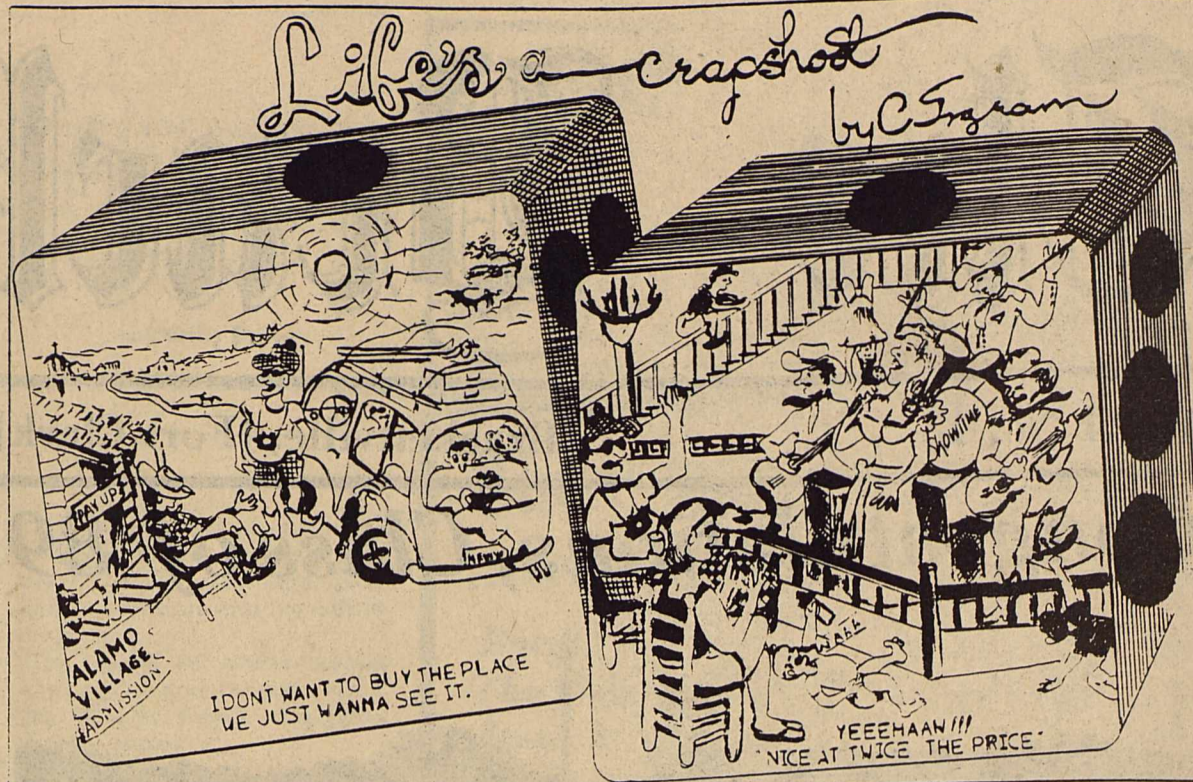
The case developed over several months after Mr. White challenged the right of Commissioners Court to continue considering the road as a county road. He then took it upon himself to narrow the road by installing a pipe fence along the roadway, cutting 12 feet off the standard width.

He also decided to change the location of the road, making a sharp turn in it that would have made it impossible for area ranchers to use the road with long livestock hauling trucks and trailers. Mr. White refused repeated requests of the Commissioners Court to remove the fence and to cease placing obstructions in and along the roadway on county maintained property.

The final confrontation took place on the date in question when the Commissioners Court decided to remove the obstacles. On that date, I was requested to stand by at the scene so as to prevent trouble between members of the road crew and Mr. White.

Upon arriving at the scene, accompanied by Chief of Police Johnny Fritter, it became apparent that Mr. White was determined to challenge the authority of both the Kinney County Commissioners Court and the Kinney County Sheriff's Department so I contacted Texas Ranger Johnny Allen who came to the scene with Chief Deputy David Luna.

Shortly thereafter, I read a letter to Mr. White from County Attorney Tully Shahan representing the Commissioners Court. That letter instructed Mr. White to remove the



Se Oh

This sunrise I will tell you the story of Mother wind and why she comes crying when a window or door have a crack on it.

It was said by the storyteller that there was a young mother that had two small children and every sunrise she used to take the children to the river to swim with her.

One day her husband went out with a hunting party to kill buffalo. The party split into different places because they couldn't see any buffalo in sight. With her husband were three other men. Alone they started to chase the buffalo. During the chase,

the husband's horse stumbled and he died instantly.

The wife grieved for her husband and in later moons she felt so lonely because she didn't have anybody to talk to. One sunrise she said, "I will offer my children to the water spirits and they can take care of them until I find me another man," and so she did.

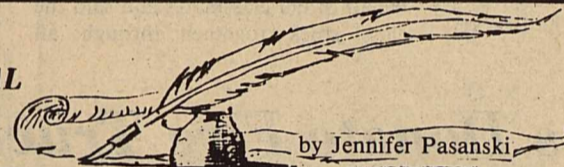
The children were taken to the bottom of the river by the river spirits. They never came back, so when the mother remarried she went to the river looking for her children and couldn't find them. She threw

herself onto a whirlpool and she, too, never came back.

So when she traveled to meet the Creator, he asked her, "Where are your children?" and she told him what she did. The Creator told her, "Until you find your children, you can't come back." She turned to Mother wind to help her find the children. So that is the reason she goes from house to house and river to river looking and crying for her children. That's why the wind sounds so sad and mournful.

Ahoo
Nakai

EDITORIAL



After viewing the conflict in China, I couldn't help, but feel a sense of gratitude that I live in America.

That shot of the young Chinese student, standing in front of a convoy of Army tanks, defying them to take his thoughts! He would have died for his beliefs! Later he was beaten for them.

Such courage. It made my problems seem so small. I have inherited my rights. I never had to put my life on

the line for them, yet, I have them and take them so for granted.

I admit I have complained about our government. But today, I am so proud of the way they reacted to the China conflict. To live in a country having a government that is so kind, so caring, really, really makes me proud.

Our country's motto says we are all important, the individual matters!

Whether you agree or disagree is besides the point. The point is, you have the right, you have the choice and you can express your opinion - popular or not.

Like this editorial, you may disagree with it, that's okay. You can write back and tell me so and your life will not be in jeopardy, as mine isn't for writing it.

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by Marj Love

We've been working on the two new plays - "Scandal at Backwoods Hollow" and "Clue of the Missing Guard Rail". Berkeley Garrett, Falba Evans, John Ward, Charlotte Cory, Jonsie, Jo Sponholtz, Heather Cory, Cary Cory, Jerry O'Brien, Wanda Schwandner, Mike and his brother (sorry fellows, I forgot to get your names, but you were terrific) and wonderful Jerry Garrett, criticizing. Can't forget Edwina Banta, Jon Banta and Lilly Crowder. We have our own props, and we welcome everyone to come join us in fun and laughter.

At this time, I would like to have as many young people available for the summer "Terrific Teens Theatre Group". Come on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fort Clark Springs Town Hall. Doing O'Henry's "Ransom of Red Chief". A very lively musical adapted by Pam Nagle and George Wingenter. Need the main characters, plus a lively chorus line. This is for the try-outs.

The show will be double nights, July 28 and 29, 1989, at the "Old Quarry Theatre". A wonderful outlet for you teens. Come have fun and bring a friend. Can't make it Thursdays? Then give me a call and I'll arrange a night for the majority who can make it another evening. See you there! Marjorie Love 563-9543 Town Hall F.C.S., Thursday evenings 7 - 9 p.m.

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Just For The Fun Of It!



Jewel Robinson

- Place born - New Iberia, Louisiana.
- Occupation - Jack of all trades, master of none!
- Favorite food - Shrimp & fish.
- What's the best movie you've ever seen? "Gone With The Wind".
- Best book you've read lately - "Plain Speaking" - the biography of Harry S. Truman.
- Hobbies you enjoy - Paint, fish and stay busy.
- Your friends say you're - "They'd probably say I'm hard-headed."
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Australia.
- Secretly you've always wanted to be - I have at least three books running around in my head. A writer.
- If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? I'd like to see the historical buildings restored.
- In one word describe yourself - The one word that describes me is Jewel.

Grandma's Kitchen



Hi!
Hasn't this been a beautiful hot week? This yankee I'm married to likes a cold house and I like it hot - just open the windows and let the fresh air come on through.

This past week I reached another milestone in my life. I went down and told them - yep - I'd take social security. Now I'm eligible and I'll take all I can get. Now, if any of you folks doubt the fact that uncle knows all about you, you can rest assured, he knows it all.

This guy punched my name in the computer and only a few lines came up for me. He said, "I guess you worked sparingly during your life," and I said, "Hey man, I did all my work at home raising kids and mothers." I thought for a minute that I'd have to be paying them.

It only took about an hour and yes, I have it all spent for the next 30 years at least. Well that's enough of that.

This morning was so pretty I decided I'd take a brisk walk. I went about a mile, met the ole boy on the golf course and finished walking 5 holes with him. My feet and legs sure did thank me for losing that 60 pounds. I found out I can whiz along

like a youngster. I keep telling Grandpa to "watch out".

I have such a good time wandering around in health food stores, checking out the new products and what's on sale and I love teas. I think I have a box of every kind that's made. Tea is so good for you and with all the varieties you could never get bored trying them all out. My favorite is the apple cinnamon.

Here are a few handy tips: Are you tired of buying milk and throwing half of it away? This really works and I do it every week. Put a carrot inside with the milk and guaranteed it will last 10 days to 2 weeks past the date on the carton. We learned this back during the war when milk was so hard to keep fresh for our fighting guys. Try this and see, it really works - one little carrot.

I'm sure you have some of these plastic berry baskets. Staple one or two inside the pantry wall or cabinet door and let them hold those small packages of sauce mixes, seasonings and drink mixes.

Your copper pots can be made shiny if rubbed with a lemon wedge dipped in salt. The lemon also could be dipped in a paste of salt and vinegar, or you could use silver polish.

Whichever method you use, always wash the copper well.

To remove lint and dirt from under the refrigerator or any similar narrow place, use a yardstick wrapped in an old nylon stocking.

I just read that if you're dining out, a Chinese Restaurant is a dieter's friend. They feature a never ending array of shrimp, beef, lobster, duck, chicken and pork. The Chinese have a tendency to have a rather heavy hand with cornstarch, so ask the waiter to leave it out of the saucer they make for you.

Leaving it out removes the heavy flavor and the removal adds a fresh light taste. Another bonus is that Chinese vegetables tend to be low in carbohydrates. As a matter of fact, it's hard to make a mistake eating in a Chinese Restaurant.

I don't have many Chinese recipes, so if any of you have one you'd like to share with me, I'd love to have it. Here's one I do have and it's delicious.

Chinese Beef & Celery
2 lbs beef flank steak 1 bunch celery
2 TBS corn oil 2 1/4 TBS cornstarch
1/2 cup scallions - chopped fine
1 clove garlic 1 can bean sprouts -
1 cup thinly sliced carrots drained

1/4 cup soy sauce 1 beef bouillon cube
1/2 cup boiling water 2 tsb sugar
1/2 tsp ground ginger

Place steak in freezer 30 minutes - it'll slice better. Thinly slice across grain on the diagonal - set aside. Trim tops from celery (save for soups or stews) thinly slice the stalk on the diagonal, makes about 6 cups - set aside. Heat oil in wok or skillet, add beef, a few pieces at a time. Brown on all sides.

Add scallions, garlic and celery. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Blend cornstarch with soy sauce - set aside. Dissolve bouillon cube in boiling water. Add to wok along with cornstarch mixture, bean sprouts, carrots, sugar and ginger.

Stir well. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until beef and vegetables are just cooked, about 7 minutes. Usually served over white fluffy rice.

My thought for the week - To be nobody, but yourself, in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight: I never stop fighting.

Big Hugs & Special Love
Grandma

Irma Perez Sees "a lot of work that needs to be done"



Maria Sanchez and Librarian, Mrs. Irma Perez

By Gus Garcia
At the Commissioners meeting last week, they announced the hiring of Mrs. Irma Perez as the new head librarian for the Kinney County Public Library. Mrs. Perez was born in Kingsville. She attended the University of Texas A & I, where she worked in the library department for four and a half years as a circulation clerk, in the catalog department and as Library Assistant 11.

Irma has been the wife of Mr. Paulino Perez for 14 years. They have no children of their own, but they do have two lovable dogs to keep them company. She recently was assistant librarian for the Brady Independent School District. She and her husband traveled to Brackettville's Fort Clark Springs, where she has met some of the residents there.

This job is her first job as a head librarian and she had this to say: "It's been a challenge. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. It's going to take some time to get organized, but I feel that everything will turn out all right. I'll try to do the best job that I can for the library."

Mrs. Perez will also head up the summer reading program, which will be held this summer. Volunteers are needed, so sign up quick!

Also at the Commissioners meeting, Maria Sanchez was denied the position of assistant librarian, but was kept on through the JTPA program due to lack of funds.

Maria is the daughter of Mr. Frank D. and Mrs. Alicia Sanchez. She is a 1988 graduate of Brackett High.

When asked how the library has helped her, she had this to say: "You learn things every day. When a person asks you a question that you don't know the answer to, you help that person find the right answer and accumulate knowledge as you go along."

Maria also would like to thank Mrs. E. Thurber for being there and helping her when Maria was left "stranded" for one week.



by Joe Townsend

Have you tried growing vegetables in pots? There are a goodly number of plants developed for growing in this manner. The Patio tomato is so designed and does well.

Any pepper plant responds well to this culture. There are also cucumbers and squash that can be thus grown. If you'd like to try, you will need a container of about five gallon capacity. Use a good loose potting soil.

Fertilize occasionally. Water about every second day and water well. Remember, these plants have the demands of other vegetables in everything except space. They grow best in full sun, but can produce when in shade part of the day.

It's fascinating to watch them grow and produce. It's easier to control insects while growing in this manner.

If you like the flavor of home grown, sun ripened, vegetables, try this. You might like it.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

Too many times we are prone to overlook people who day after day just do their jobs and do them well. We have a man here who came to Brackettville more years ago than most of us can remember.

He went into business, has bought a home and has served the community for many many years. He has been active in his church through the years. He has maintained his business in the same spot for many years. He is a quiet, friendly, warm-hearted man.

The kind of man any community could use a great many of. Bill McDaniel is truly an "Unsung Hero."



It's interesting to watch politicians. Not long ago Sen. Zaffirini took a stand against NORM deposits in this area. She was honest enough to say it was because of loud protests from here.

Now she has led to passage of legislation to study the issue and determine what agency should permit and supervise such actions. Certainly any person with much integrity would have awaited such findings before taking a stand.

One of the big problems today is politicians bowing to lobbying pressure from special interest groups. One thing I don't understand is, findings on the study will not be presented until 1991 when the legislature meets again. There needs to be little need for time consuming

study. As evidenced by letters and protestation, we have an abundant supply of expert knowledge. With authorities such as Ms. Mendelsohn, Glen Seavers, Don Parks and the outside agitator and their echoing followers, there seems to be little reason to take two years to complete the study.

With such authoritative statements as these have made, they seem to want to at least convey the idea they know all the answers. Maybe they are geologists, engineers, radio activity analysts, true authorities in the matter or again, they may be just tooting a horn they know little about.

It'll be interesting to see the plot unfold and see these instant authorities discredited by facts.

Water Well Contamination Update

John Cradit, from the Texas Water Commission, was contacted about the contaminated well of Lennie Mahefky.

An update on the situation informs that the case is in Austin awaiting approval for funding from the Austin Water Commission.

John Cradit stated that he has around 50 cases he is presently working on.

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Information For Community Calendar.

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Please leave event schedules at *The Brackett News* office (507 S. Ann St.) so we can publish a calendar.

Little League Update

by Martha Smallwood

RAMS 11, ASTROS 2

On Tuesday, June 6, the first game of a doubleheader was between the RAMS and the ASTROS. The ASTROS were outscored by the RAMS 11 - 2.

Making the runs for the RAMS were as follows: Patrick Munoz - 3, Michael Munoz - 1, Jason Sciba - 3, Jo Lee Jones - 1, Damien Martinez - 1, Jose Luis Gonzales - 1, and Tim Hale - 1. Hale's run was made on his infield homerun.

The ASTROS only two runs were made by Demitrus Williams and Jorge Rodriguez with one run each. Jorge Rodriguez and Sean Burks shared the pitching duties for the

ASTROS. Michael Munoz pitched for the winning RAMS.

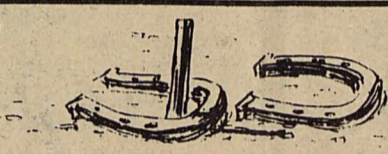
COWBOYS 8, LIONS 2

A game between the COWBOYS and the LIONS immediately followed the first game. The LIONS were defeated by the COWBOYS 8 - 2.

The LIONS two runs were made by relief pitcher Ramon De Leon. Leading the COWBOYS with two runs each were Moses Hernandez, Wil Shahan and Anthony Rubino. Also scoring were David Melancon and Kelley Henrich with one run each.

Pitching for the LIONS were Chris Mulligan and Ramon De Leon, while Wil Shahan pitched for the COWBOYS.

SPORTS



by J.J. Guidry

Gregg Nowlin, women's head basketball coach, announced teams for the upcoming league. The league consists of high school players (Big Cat League) and Jr. High and elementary combined (Little Cat League). Here's a look at the teams: (*represent captains)

Big Cat League (Boys)
 TEAM A - *Steve Clementz, Chris Kelley, Peter Perez, Tommy Foster & Lenny Wardlaw. TEAM B - *Tevin Senne, J.J. Guidry, Lynn Floyd, Victor Sanchez & Brian Gonzales. TEAM C - *Lesly Floyd, J.J. Sandoval, Angel Jaso, Michael Gonzales & Albert Coronado. (Girls)
 TEAM A - *Stephanie Ahrens,

Theresa Terrazas, Selina Ramon & Barbara Matull. TEAM B - *Bonnie Salmon, Nina Gonzales, Wendy McDaniel & Michelle Brandt. TEAM C - *Dorothy Ward, Dee Ann Frerich, Regina Rubino & Myrna Gonzales.

Little Cat League teams were unavailable at press time. Action will begin on Monday, June 12, at the gym. Here's the Big Cat League schedule for Monday (the Little Cat League will play in the morning. For more information contact Coach Nowlin or J.J. Guidry.)
 Game 1 1:00 Boys team A vs B
 Game 2 2:00 Girls team A vs B
 Game 3 3:00 Boys team A vs C
 Game 4 4:00 Girls team A vs C

Conserve Your Water This Summer!

In some parts of Texas, the drought of 1988 shows signs of continuing into 1989. That should remind all Texans of the importance of not wasting water during the hot summer months when the demand for water peaks and fall rains seem like a mirage, still months away.

When water is scarce, city dwellers are lucky compared to drought-prone farmers. Summer heat and low rainfall sometimes combine to devastate whole fields and ruin farmer's finances. Drought conditions in town cause problems, but they rarely threaten livelihoods.

With water conservation a summertime fact of life in Texas, city dwellers can do their part by watering lawns and shrubbery more efficiently.

hourly application rate. Do this once, and from then on you'll know exactly how long you need to run your sprinkler to put the right amount of water - no more, no less - on your lawn.

Consider timing and runoff. Remember to water early in the morning or in the evening to lessen water loss through evaporation. During the heat of the day water loss is 60 percent higher than during cooler hours. But don't water too late in the evening, either. Watering after 10 p.m. may keep your grass from drying out overnight. That much moisture can lead to fungus problems.

The slope of your landscape also needs to be taken into account.

Sloping ground can send large amounts of water running down the curbline and into the storm sewer. To avoid this waste, place sprinklers near the top of the slope and apply water slowly for five to 15 minutes. Then turn the water off for another five to 15 minutes to let the soil absorb the moisture completely. Repeat this process until you've applied the correct amount of water.

Use the right tools. The type of sprinkler you use determines how much water actually reaches your lawn. Sprinklers with fine mists or high, arcing sprays waste water through evaporation. The most efficient sprinklers make big droplets and keep their sprays close to the ground.

As Texas farmers know only too well, water is a limited resource. The responsibility for conserving it must be assumed by everyone who maintains a landscape. By putting basic water conserving ideas into practice, individual homeowners as well as apartment and office-complex grounds crews can save millions of gallons of water on any hot summer day in any city in Texas.

The Texas Water Development Board has more information about how to save water outside the home. Address inquiries to P.O. Box 13231, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

Don't take water for granted. In summer, an estimated 50 to 80 percent of all household water is used outdoors.

Much of that outdoor water is wasted. According to the Texas Water Development Board, a typical lawn, on average, receives twice the water it actually needs. Here's how to tell if your lawn is soaking up too many gallons and dollars.

Know how much to apply. The key to water-wise lawn care is knowing when and how much to water. State water experts say you should water only when the grass really needs it. You won't hurt your lawn by waiting to water until it starts to turn dull green or until footprints leave lasting impressions in the grass.

Most lawns need anywhere from ¼ inch to 1½ inches of water every five to 10 days, depending on the type of grass and where in Texas it's growing. To find out your lawn's exact requirements, contact your local county Agricultural Extension agent.

Once you know your lawn's needs, find out how much water your sprinkler delivers each hour. The Texas Water Development Board recommends this simple procedure.

- Put out three to five empty cans at different distances from the sprinkler. Make sure one is near the edge of the spray.
- Run the sprinkler for 30 minutes.
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LIONS	VS	ASTROS	TUESDAY	JUNE 13 7:30 P.M.
RAMS	VS	LIONS	FRIDAY	JUNE 16 5:30 P.M.
COWBOYS	VS	CUBS	FRIDAY	JUNE 16 7:30 P.M.
TOP GUNS	VS	CARDINALS	SATURDAY	JUNE 17 9:00 A.M.
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Brackett Independent School District is accepting bids for the repair of the gymnasium floor. Bids will include material and labor. All repair must be completed during the first two weeks of July.

The project includes, the spot replacement of split boards and re-nailing of loose boards. The gym flooring material is Number 1 Oak.

The gym floor can be inspected during regular working hours (8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Deadline for receiving bids will be 3:30 p.m. on June 23, 1989. Bids may be hand carried or mailed to:

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9. Rain Man Tom Cruise
10. Say Anything John Cusack

Pilots Invited to EAA Meeting

By Marj Love

For the "Airplane Enthusiast", Chapter 903 of Experimental Aircraft Association will be having their monthly meeting in Uvalde, at the Uvalde Airport Hangar #4. We meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, this June 10, 1989 - Dutch lunch at "Jerry's" in Uvalde. Come join us. Flying? then fly in. Give us a call so we can pick you up. Call Baxter Bennett - (512) 278-8031 or Earl Love 563-9543.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town Hall

Thursday, June 8 - 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

Thursday, June 8 - 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Saturday, June 10 - 10:00 a.m.
Experimental Aircraft Association meeting - Uvalde Airport Tower Building

Saturday, June 10 - 10:00 a.m.
Fort Clark Springs Community Council Meeting
Fort Clark Springs Town Hall

Sunday, June 11 - 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church
First Baptist Church

Monday, June 12 - 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners Court
Kinney County Courthouse

Monday, June 12 - 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting
City Hall

Monday, June 12 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
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Monday, June 12 - 8:00 p.m.
A-A
Slator Hall, James St.

Monday, June 12 - 8:00 p.m.
Al-Anon
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Lodge - Lodge Building

Tuesday, June 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Thursday, June 15 - 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, June 15 - 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, June 15 - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town hall

Thursday, June 15 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.)
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Friday, June 16 - 9a.m. - 4p.m.
Driver's license renewal
Kinney County Courthouse - upstairs

Saturday, June 17 - 9:00 a.m.
Juneteenth Celebration
Carver School Grounds
(See ad page 4.)

Saturday, June 17 - 12:00 noon
Juneteenth Bar-B-Que
Carver School Grounds

Saturday, June 17 - 10:00 a.m.
Juneteenth Parade
Southwestern Communications office to Carver School parking lot
(See ad page 4.)

Saturday, June 17 - 9:00 p.m.
Juneteenth Disco Dance
Ft. Clark Town Hall

Sunday, June 18 - 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Tuesday, June 27 - 6:30 p.m.
Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn

Wednesday, June 28 - 7:00 p.m.
VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs
NCO Club - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE

There will be no duplicate bridge game on Sunday, June 11, 1989.

Thank You

Many thanks to Dennis Slubar for stopping to help me when I had car trouble.

Birdie

Gideon Speaker at First Baptist Church

The local First Baptist Church has the privilege of hearing a well-known Gideon speaker this coming Sunday at 1:00 o'clock.

Colonel Frank Eckenroth (USAF Retired) has served with the Gideon's International Bible organization for a number of years. His talk on this coming June 11 will be one that should interest everyone.

The members of First Baptist Church invite all who are not attending Church in another place to be in the special service this next Sunday.

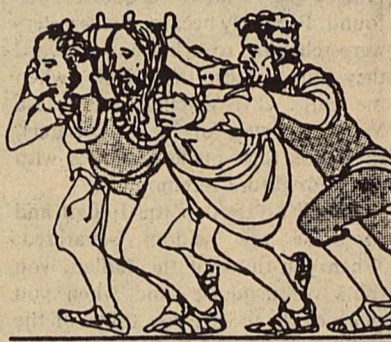
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"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."

—John 8:34

It is very easy to fall into waywardness and sin. It is not something we may do intentionally, yet once the sin has been committed, we continue our mistakes again and again. Greed, temptations of the flesh, a lack of concern for others are not inherent but acquired weaknesses. And each succeeding error in our ways provides an assurance that we can get away with the same misdeed as often as we like. Therein lies the fallacy in the minds of evildoers. There is no sin without retribution. If in time we allow ourselves to become yoked to the evil we do, we will be sought out, judged and punished. Man's law can be harsh, our consciences even more intimidating, but the wrath of God has no parallel for those who break His commandments.



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by Frances Outlaw

Miss Charles Wilson, Elsa Sauer, Jean and Charles G. Downing attended the Southwestern Texas Genealogical Society's quarterly meeting at Hermann Son Restaurant in Hondo, Saturday, June 3.

Accompanied by "Eli the Wonder Dog" Penny Nixon traveled to Cummings, Georgia, to visit friends and participate in a trail ride. The highlight of the trip was a crawfish boil on the last night.

Iola (Jonsey) Jones celebrated her birthday June 3, with son Richard and daughter-in-law Linda in San Antonio and stayed over for their fourth anniversary June 4. They took in all the sights at San Antonio plus a side trip to Wimberley and New Braunfels.

Returning from an eight day visit to Chicago, James and Frances Taubner reports the average temperature was 60° to 70° and it rained four out of the eight days. Beats our dry 100° here. James and Frances visited with their daughter Rita, son Sam and numerous other friends and relatives in the Chicago area.

The John D. Morris family, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be visiting the R.C. Hirschs at Fort Clark Springs during the week of June 5. Mrs. Morris, formerly Nancy Hirsch, daughter of R.C., graduated from the University of Texas Medical School for certification as a

Physician's Assistant, the position she now fills at a clinic in Cedar Rapids.

John, also a graduate of the University of Texas, with a major in handicap therapy, is now the Director of Discovery Living, Inc. which provides residential environments for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled adults in Cedar Rapids.

Their two children, daughter Claire, and son Reid, expect to enjoy many activities with their grandparents, chiefly, swimming in the huge spring-fed pool on the Fort, as well as a day of fishing and camping at Lake Amistad.

The family will continue their visit to Texas by spending a few days on Galveston Island for a visit with friends and more family.

Mary's Outreach Manor opened June 1. Mary saw the need for this type of business in the area and expects to have an interesting shop for you.

Only clean, saleable items in good condition will be accepted. Art work, crafts, gadgets, furniture and clothes will be offered.

"Just about anything, if it is in good condition, will be re-sold. Bring in your goodies now," says Mary.

Mary's Outreach will also help the needy. Store hours are from 9 - 6, Wednesday - Saturday.



by Dorothy Payne



The primitive people of the Southwestern Indians believed that every natural object in the whole wide world had a personal life and soul.

Mythology dealt with mythical events anywhere at any time. Each tribe had its own gods and spirits. Sometimes their spirits were alike.

Ceremonials and rituals for these gods were held, which influenced the way the people acted. These laws were very serious, legends and the history of the tribes were passed down to the children.

In all the rituals and ceremonies turquoise was, and still is, of the utmost importance. Because it sometimes faded and changed color was even more important. Every use of anything made of turquoise had a place in every part of the tribal life and religion.

All tribes accepted the use of this stone as important to their well being and sometimes to their very lives. When the Spaniards came, they found over two hundred turquoise mines being operated by the various tribes.

Lipan Apache stories are full of many myths centered around the turquoise. Franciscan Fathers have recorded many of these stories.

In Pima folklore, turquoise figured long before the Spaniards came.

Their culture reached its heights before most other tribes. Pima women, in the earlier days, could wear turquoise bracelets but only on the left arm.

The Indians on Acoma believed when anyone wore the magic stone, they attracted friends or anything else they wanted.

The Zia tribe had a kiva named for the stone, and also a shrine. They ground the stone together with corn and shells to make a sacred potion, which was also used for medicine.

The Santa Domingo Pueblo had a shrine to the magic stone also. In some of the digs at various ruins, the Indians who were hired by the archeologists to help dig would secrete the stones when they found them.

At Mesa Verde, as late as in the 1950's, very little turquoise was found. Probably because the workers were reluctant to bring any forward they found. More than likely, when the early cliff dwellers left Mesa Verde (because of lack of water), they took their precious stones with them for future ceremonials.

It's still a fact that the Indian and turquoise are seldom separated. When you think of the Indian, you think of turquoise, and when you think of turquoise, you think of the Indian.

Sonora Wool & Mohair Show Set

SONORA, Texas - The 52nd annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show will be here June 13-15.

The show features an open show for all wool and mohair producers in the United States, an all-Texas judging contest for 4-H clubs and Future Farmer of America chapters, and the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

The event is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club, in cooperation with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co., Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

All entries of wool and mohair must be in the warehouse of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co., by 5 p.m. June 13.

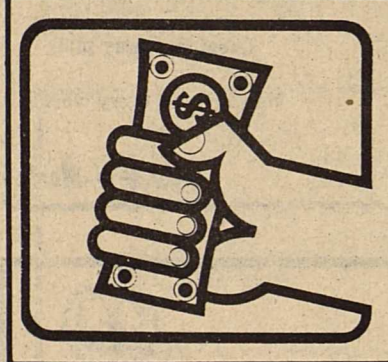
4-H and FFA members will register

at 7 a.m. June 14 for their contest that day. This contest includes junior wool, mohair, range sheep and goat judging.

The National 4-H Wool Judging Contest will begin at 8 a.m. June 15. The luncheon and auction of the junior open show champions will begin after that contest is completed and results tabulated.

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