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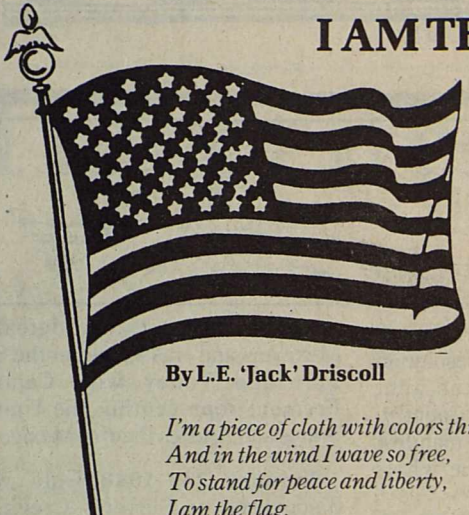
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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight"

I AM THE FLAG



By L.E. 'Jack' Driscoll

I'm a piece of cloth with colors three,
And in the wind I wave so free,
To stand for peace and liberty,
I am the flag.

I've seen the mountains and the glen,
At Valley Forge the freezing men,
And the Bunker Hill where it began,
I am the flag.

And on the deck while burning bright,
I heard, "I've just begun to fight,"
While cannon crashed throughout the night,
I am the flag.

When the brothers shed their brother's blood,
The nation split but there I stood,
To ease the pain as best I could,
I am the flag.

To many lands I've had to go,
I've seen the bodies in the snow,
And touched those you will never know,
I am the flag.

I've waved from ships and tents and trees,
In the hurricane and gentle breeze,
And lain gently folded on a widow's knees,
I am the flag.

Despite the wars in which I've flown,
And the victories that my history's shown,
I stand quiet o'er one whose name's unknown,
I am the flag.

I never protest where I'm sent,
I try to always represent,
The spirit of my government,
I am the flag.

I've been cast aground and set on fire,
Been spat upon in times of ire,
But I've always hoisted that much higher,
I am the flag.

For God and country here I stand,
For peace among my fellow men,
I may fall but I will rise again,
I am the flag.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sheriff Driscoll has graciously allowed us, The Brackett News, to share his copyrighted poem with our readers.

Commissioners Open With Prayer For New Year

By LES ROPER
Brackett News Editor

COURTHOUSE--The Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the county courtroom.

County Judge, Tim Ward, requested that everyone stand while he led them in the pledge of allegiance. Tully Shahan, county attorney, led the court and the visitors in prayer.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established with the presence of Commissioners Joe Garza, Plunker Sheedy, Ruben Fuentes, and Alvin McClure.

County clerk, Dolores Raney, read the minutes from the last regular session and the special called meetings. When Judge Ward asked for an approval, Commissioner Sheedy asked for a clarification on the names of the low water crossings that were being repaired by the county. County attorney Shahan asked the clerk to please make note that the action taken by the commissioners court during the December 31 meeting when they appointed Bill Bizzell to the unexpired term of county constable was wrong. Shahan was very adamant when he told the court that the vacated commissioners position should have been filled before the court appointed a replacement for the constable's job.

The clerk noted the additions and the minutes were approved.

Judge Ward called for reports or comments from the various county offices starting with his office. A report from the County Clerk, Sheriff, Attorney, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Assessor-Collector, Justice of the Peace, Road Supervisor, and Ambulance Administrator was made. Newly appointed constable, Bill Bizzell, was not present nor was the county librarian.

Sheriff Norman Hooten cautioned the court to prepare for a request for additional personnel for his office. After an inspection by the state he feels as though it is going to be mandatory for him to separate the duties of his jailers and his dispatchers. One person will no longer be able to do both jobs. Kay Smith, ambulance

administrator, brought a very interesting report to the commissioners in regards to the ambulance service that is provided by the county.

A holiday schedule was established by the court for county employees starting with January 21, Martin Luther King day; February 18, President's Day; March 2, Texas Independence Day; March 29, Good Friday; May 27, Memorial Day; June 19, Emancipation Day; July 4, Independence Day; September 2, Labor Day; October 14, Columbus Day; November 5, Election day(Maybe); November 11, Veteran's Day; November 28 & 29, Thanksgiving; December 24, Christmas Eve; December 25, Christmas; December 26, Christmas; and January 1, 1992, New Years Day.

The Court chose the First State Bank of Brackettville to handle their banking needs and services.

A salary grievance committee was selected and all county officials were placed on a salary basis.

The names of the Historical Commission were read by Judge Ward and Mrs. Agnes Vondy was selected by the commissioners to serve on the committee.

David Esparza, city manager, met with the court and a presentation of the new swimming pool was made. It was explained that the grant acquired by the city would not cover the entire expense of the new facility and a plea to the county to cooperate was made.

It was decided to pursue the project further and take a look at the financial aspect after it had progressed a little further. A discussion on the landfill was opened and Esparza reminded

the court that the present dump could not last more than one to one and a half years more. The feasibility of a joint venture will be discussed at a later date.

The Judge and his court all agreed that they would attend the 33rd Annual Conference that would be held in College Station. It was noted that they would receive credit for attending this convention.

The budget was amended for the Sheriff's line items.

Lee Lawson presented a progress report on the low water crossings across the Nueces. He told the court

that Earl Baker was getting ready to pour concrete on the crossing he is now working on. Commissioner Sheedy expressed a concern over the amount of concrete being used on the project.

Commissioner Alvin McClure reported to the court that he had investigated the work that was necessary on the old front end loader and the estimate he received was \$1000 which would cover the cost of a cooling system. He reported that the cooling system was the only thing wrong with the old machine.

Commissioner McClure told the court that the roads in Spofford were in dire need of attention and he would like for the county to relieve this condition. Attorney Shahan reported that it is perfectly legal for county equipment to be used for city work. The commissioners voted to work the roads.

The bills on labor, materials, equipment rental that has been paid out of county funds and grant money on the Nutrition Center were reviewed by the court. The contracts let by the county were also reviewed. Bids on the remaining work on the Nutrition Center will be advertised again.

Commissioner Sheedy reported that he had inspected the back part of the building that is now serving as the J.P.'s office and it is in need of some minor work. After describing the work needed the commissioners voted to proceed with the improvements.

A resolution to prohibit hazardous and radioactive waste in the county was re-ratified.

Judge Ward explained to the court that a need for a dump that would serve 8 or 9 counties was becoming a necessity and possibly a reality in the near future. He continued by explaining the way it would function under the control of an Anti-Dump Commission that would monitor everything that was dumped. It was a very interesting presentation and it attracted the attention of the commissioners.

The use of the Civic Center two days a month by the State Health Department with Mrs. Dodson overseeing the project was approved. These two days would be devoted to free testing, shots, etc.

The court agreed to allow the

commissioners use of a telephone and the services of a secretary through the county Judge's office.

The work load on the Janitor was reviewed. It was noted that he had a heavy schedule.

A discussion on the inventory list of County property that is now in the possession of the Department of Public Safety was entered into. Sheriff Norman Hooten indicated a need for the radar equipment that was not being used by the D.P.S. It was agreed that the Judge would investigate the county owned equipment and work a deal with the D.P.S. to have it transferred to the Sheriff's department.

Kay Smith, ambulance supervisor, was questioned on the reports and the billing of patients she transported to and from the hospital. She carefully explained the laws of picking up sick patients and transferring them. She explained to the court that she turned in a weekly report and notified the Judge's office of the charges.

Commissioner McClure presented a list dating back to 1985 of delinquent charges for ambulance service. He felt as though an attempt should be made to collect them.

Attorney Shahan suggested to the court that a more sophisticated billing system should be instigated. He feels as though it has been the fault of the county in not collecting these bills. Shahan continued by stating that regardless of the reason for not collecting a better system should help. It was agreed a special effort would be made to correct this problem.

The final item on the agenda pertained to the installation of the storm warning system on Fort Clark Springs and Spofford. Judge Ward explained to the court that the system had been approved by the old commissioners but they had neglected to include it in their budget. Judge Ward and Shahan met with the Fort Clark Board of Directors and are now in the process of proceeding with the project. The legal obstacles and the research on the efficiency of the sirens is now being pursued and a solution to the lack of communication on the venture should be forth coming in the near future.

City Council Accepts Swimming Pool Plans

Martin Luther King Day Observed By City

By LES ROPER
Brackett News Editor

CITY HALL--Mayor Larry Moore called the monthly meeting to order Monday night as the city council convened in regular session.

With Dave Broderick, Julie Fuentes, and Richard Terrazas present a quorum was determined.

The Mayor extended a welcome to the visitors at the meeting and then called for the minutes.

The minutes were reviewed by the council members present and approved as read.

A review of the city utility department financial and operational reports was made and they were accepted.

Mr. Ron Barbutti, Director of Architecture for Groves and Associates, Inc. presented the plans and blueprints on the new swimming pool that is now being planned. Mr. Barbutti's presentation was explicit and well presented. He established good contact with the council as he led them through the construction of the pool and what to expect upon its

completion.

David Esparza, city manager, reported to the council that he had contacted the County Commissioners and after talking to them he felt comfortable they would assist the city in the event help is needed. He told the council that the Commissioners wanted a little more detail in regards to the dollars needed.

A motion was made to accept the plans for the swimming pool and after a second it passed.

A second motion was made to immediately post bids in the local newspaper for construction work on the pool. It was agreed to leave the bids in the paper and let them run for 15 days before a decision is made.

Richard Schafer and Tom Faulkenberry attended the meeting as representatives of the local Masonic Lodge. The city voted unanimously to declare the local Masonic Lodge building tax exempt.

The inter-local agreement with M.U.D. and the city over the sewer plant worked satisfactorily last year and according to David Tillery, it should work equally as well this year.

A motion was made to continue the agreement and it passed.

Mr. Louis Dimery, council member, requested the observaton of Martin Luther King as a city holiday on the agenda and it passed unanimously.

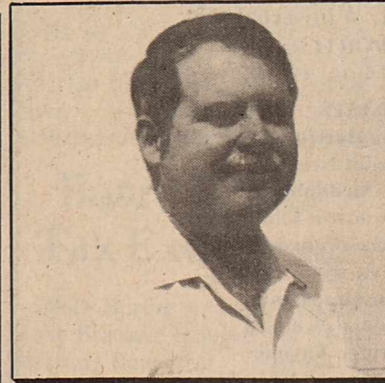
The city manager notified the council that Blue Cross/Blue Shield would accept the employees of the city and give them the coverage they have been seeking. It was noted that the coverage would not be a group policy but individual policies. The Blue Cross representative told Mr. Esparza that individual coverage would work better for the employees. If one employee used his policy excessively it would not create a blanket increase for all of the holders. Mayor Moore cautioned Mr. Esparza on the importance of notifying all employees that only one insurance company would provide them coverage and that would be Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The Mayor called for a ten minute break and then notified the visitors that the council would be going into executive session when it reconvened.

Six Fort Clark Members Enter Race For Seat On Board Of Directors



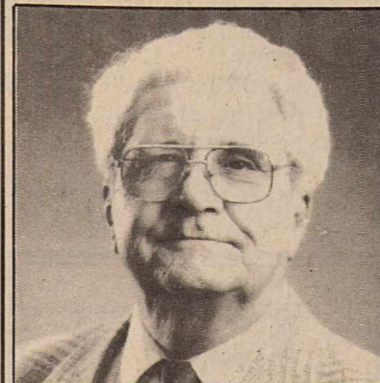
Jessie Herndon



Rod Smith



Billy Joe Walker



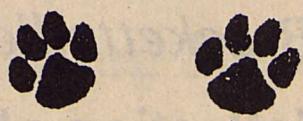
Ray Kurtz



Marge Love



Andy Anderson



Scoring Machine Shut Down

Brackett News Reporter

TIGER GYM--Coach Ken Campbell's Tigers looked as if they had spent the day in a walk-in freezer after taking the floor against the Lackland Eagles in a 29-AA district basketball game. The boys from Brackett, who have made a name for themselves with their run and shoot offense, went completely flat this past Friday night and their cold shooting fit right in to their opponents' game plan as they fell to the Eagles 72-53.

The Tigers hit the floor running with the taller Eagles and matched them shot for shot while scoring 14 points. The Lackland boys edged ahead by 4 as the first quarter ended 18-14. From there on the icicles started forming and the Tigers couldn't find the basket. The Eagles held them to just 11 points while they hit from all over the court for a total of 21 points, with 6 of their points coming on 3 point plays. The half ended with the Tigers trailing the big boys from San Antonio by the score of 39-25.

Brackett outscored the Eagles by 1 point in the third quarter but it did not help close the gap. It was obvious the Tiger scoring machine had been shut down by the end of the third quarter as their two big point makers, Tevin Senne and Clay Hunt, had just scored 6 points each. W.T. Hunt, the other half of the Hunt scoring machine, found the range and hit for 21 points but his solo effort just wasn't enough. The Eagles, led by Scott Beaudry with 21 points, and followed by Jeremy Gatewood with 12 and Thomas

Gardner with 11 proved to be too much for the Tigers. The Eagles defense held Brackett's top scorers, Tevin Senne, Lesly Floyd, and Clay Hunt to single figures. The Tigers had been galloping through the season shooting 55% from the four line and 40% from the field. Tonight they hit 22% from the field and 33% from the line as they were held to a slow trot. The Lackland team did not bring their Junior Varsity team with them so that game had to be cancelled.

Tigerettes Snare Lady Wolves

Brackett News Sports

DILLEY--Tiny Tigerette, Theresa Terrazas, led her teammates to victory Tuesday night against the Lady Wolves of Dilley with a dazzling display of basketball wizardry seldom seen at the high school level. The petite little sophomore scored 10 field goals with five of them 3 pointers for a total of 25 points as she led her team to victory 51-34. Wendy McDaniel continued rebounding at a record pace and contributed 12 points of her own toward the

Tigerette victory. The Brackett girls' fast break and superior ball handling was just too much for the Dilley Ladies. The first quarter of play had all of the earmarks of a blowout by the Lady Wolves. They outscored the Tigerettes 14 to 6. Coach Greg Nowlin's "Frisky Females" overcame their complacency and scored 7 points in the second quarter while holding their opponents to 2 points. The half ended with the Lady Wolves leading 16-13.

The second half started out pretty much the same as the two teams traded shots, with the Dilley girls holding the edge. After three quarters of play the game was tied 25-25. Coach Nowlin huddled his girls together and, though no one heard what he said, it must have been a "doozie." You would think he offered to buy each of his wards a new red Jaguar convertible if they played the last quarter well. Play well, they did!! The Tigerettes brought the crowd

to their feet as they hit the floor running and shooting. They forced the game throughout the fourth quarter causing the wheels to come off the Dilley scoring machine. Theresa, gaining confidence with every basket, hit for 20 of her points in the final quarter and when the whistle blew marking the end of the game it appeared as if the little "Mitey Mite" was just getting warmed up. The game ended with the Tigerettes claiming their 4th district game and moving to 4-1 in district play.



Terrazas Ties Record

Brackett News Sports

DILLEY--There is an old adage that says records are made to be broken. Tuesday night in Dilley, as the Tigerettes engaged the Lady Wolves in a highschool basketball game, Theresa Terrazas didn't quite break a scoring record for 3 point plays but she did tie one that had been established by Sheri White a few years back. She scored 15 points via the 3 point route to tie the record and etch her name in the Brackett Sports history book for all time.

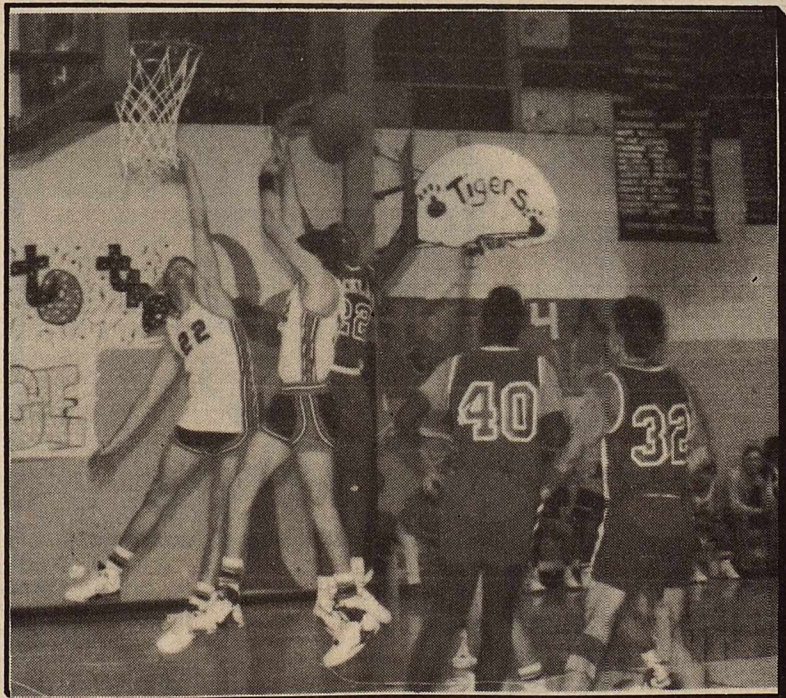
The little point guard scored only one field goal in the second quarter of play and a 3 point field goal in the third quarter. Her scoring acrobatics took place in the final quarter as she dropped the ball in the basket for four 3 point plays and four 2 point field goals, scoring a total of 25 points for the night. Theresa is a sophomore with two more years of eligibility and at the pace she is now setting she is a sure bet for all-district honors before her career in high school sports is over. Maybe, higher...who knows?

First District Win

Brackett News Sports

DILLEY--When the Brackett Tigers travel to Dilley and play the Wolves, whether it be football, basketball, track, baseball, or whatever, fans can be assured of a knockem-sockem good contest. The faithful supporters who made the trip to the Wolves' gym Tuesday were certainly not disappointed as the Tigers captured their first district win of the season 47-44. Just two Tiger players, Tevin Senne and W.T. Hunt, scored in double figures but the defensive game was good enough to shut the big guns from Lytle down. Clay Hunt, the Tiger play maker who is known for his shooting accuracy, was held to 4 points. The Wolves racked up 16 points in the first quarter to the Tigers 10. It

was an uncharacteristic slow start for the young Tigers as they are usually known for their runaway tactics early in a game. With the second quarter equally slow the half ended with the Wolves leading the Tigers 25-21. The half got underway with the Tigers playing a much better game of ball control. They held the bigger Wolves to just 6 points in the third quarter while cranking up for 12 big points as they began to find the range on the basket. The Tigers surged ahead by the end of the third quarter and began to show the grit and determination that has won the hearts of their supporters. The fourth quarter was a scoring contest between both teams with the Brackett boys winning the battle and the game by a score of 47-44. The boys are now 12-6 overall and 1-3 in district play.



Tevin Senne and W.T. Hunt go high for rebound against taller Lackland team.



Tevin Senne outnumbered by Lackland Players--Eagles dominated board to defeat Tigers.

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BISD News

Brackett News Contributing Writer

Voluntary Drug Testing

BISD--The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees gave tentative approval for a Drug Testing Program to be implemented at the Brackett Independent School District for the 1991-92 school year. Administration was given instructions to develop specific guidelines for the voluntary program and present it to the Board at a later date.

School Board Meeting

BISD--The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees agreed to meet Monday, January 21, 1991, during a special meeting to discuss plans for additional classrooms. It was brought to the Board's attention by Mr. McCall and Mr. Mills about possible classroom needs for the 1991-92 school year. Projections for the 1991-92 school year for Jones Elementary include three sections of grades Kindergarten through second grade.

Board Grants Tax Exemption

BISD--During the regular meeting of the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees on Monday, January 14, 1991, Mr. Bruce Clements addressed the Board on behalf of the Las Moras Masonic Lodge. It was explained to the Board that extensive research had been completed by the Masons which

showed the building currently owned by the organization originally built in 1879 as the first courthouse of Kinney County. The site was recently recognized by the State of Texas as a historical site. The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to exempt the Las Moras Masonic Lodge from school property taxes. The exemption was approved due to two circumstances: 1) the building is designated as a Texas Historical Site, and 2) the Las Moras Masonic Lodge functions as a eleemosynary institution that donates all proceeds to charitable works.

Concern over lack of discipline...

BISD SCHOOL BOARD--Several school board members expressed concern over student discipline in the secondary grades. Mr. Sims, high school principal, explained the discipline management plan to board members. The concern of the board was that the dress code and hair policy needed to be enforced. Also, student tardies needed to be eliminated. Mr. Sims will present proposed changes in the discipline management plan at the January 21, 1991 special board meeting. It was noted during the discussion by Bob McCall, superintendent, "We are fortunate to have the kind of students and school where we can afford to worry about hair length and tardies. Ideally, we want students to dress as if they were going to work. Tardies and absences are a concern because employees won't tolerate absenteeism in the work place." McCall also noted that the persistent problems remained with a very small percentage of students.

Teachers Are Served

Brackett News Contributing Writer

BISD--The Brackett I.S.D. administrators cooked breakfast for all the Brackett I.S.D. teachers and staff Thursday, January 17. Thursday was work day on the school calendar where students were not in attendance. Teachers were in

attendance all Thursday to complete semester work.

The administrators furnished and cooked ham and pancakes for the staff. It was served in the school cafeteria. The breakfast was a way of saying "thank you" to the teachers and staff for a job well done.

School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Dry Cereal - Toast
Fruit - Juice - Milk

TUESDAY
Muffins - Juice
Fruit - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Peanut Butter Toast
Fruit - Juice - Milk

THURSDAY
Pancakes
Honey/Syrup
Fruit - Juice

FRIDAY
Sweet Rolls - Juice
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY
Salisbury Steak
Whipped Potatoes
Seasoned Veg. - Roll - Milk

TUESDAY
Corn Dog - Vegetarian Beans
Fruit - Peanut butter cookie - milk

WEDNESDAY
Hamburgers - Burger Salad
French Fries - Pudding - Milk

THURSDAY
Tacos - Taco Salad
Spanish Rice - Pinto beans
Milk

FRIDAY
Rotini W/meat
Seasoned Veg. - Fruit - Roll - Milk

