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

Cart Path Completed

Brackett News Contributing Writer

After 6655.3 yards, 3.8 miles, and untold sore muscles and aching backs, the long overdue golf course cart paths have been completed. The herculean task was completed by a volunteer work crew of an average of 20 men per day in 10.5 working days. A total of 1260 man-hours were volunteered at a calculated value of \$10,080.00. This figure does not include an estimated savings of 32% for workmen's compensation and insurance. Crushed limestone in the amount of 1300 tons was hauled, dumped, shoveled, spread, watered down and rolled by men whose average age was well over 65 years. Most important of all, the job was completed using several pieces of heavy equipment without a serious injury to anyone.

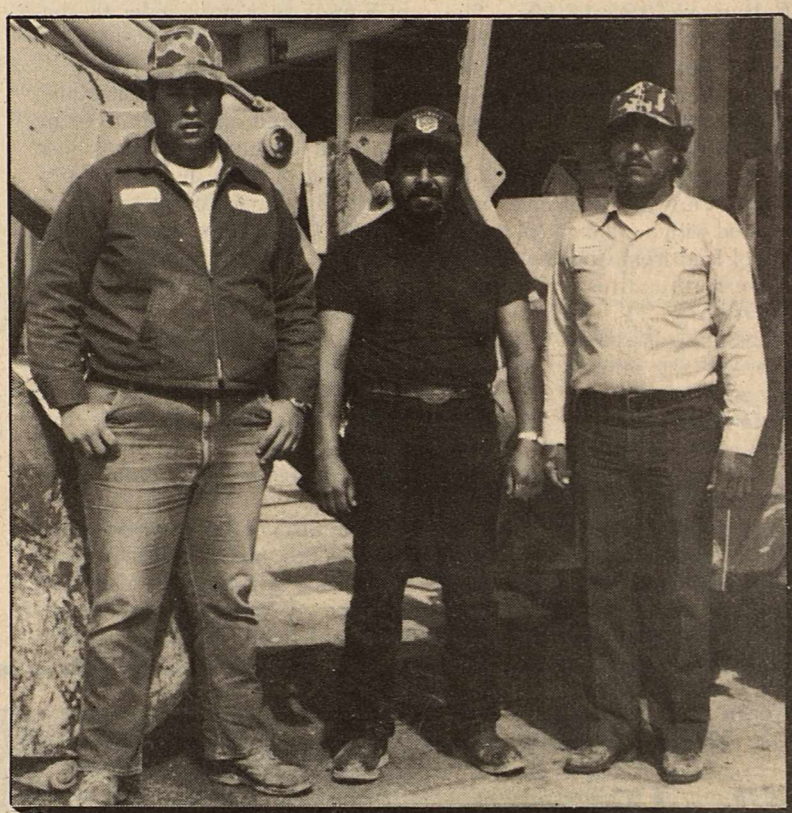
The old saying "Behind every successful man there is a woman," was evident in this project as delicious lunches were provided every full workday by 15 volunteer ladies to satisfy the hearty appetites of the workers.

The light contrasting color of the cart path surface adds to the appearance of the golf course. The paths are raised an average of two inches to provide golfers an opportunity to avoid mud holes and dust bowls. Use of the new paths will allow grass to grow in several of the places which are bare because of "follow the leader" type traffic.

We can all show our appreciation and take pride in our golf course by helping preserve the playing surface and encouraging others to do the same.

A beautification committee was formed to continue work on the course. The committee elected

1260 Manhours Were Volunteered



Fred Garza - back hoe operator, Joe Martinez - water truck, Joe Serrano - dump truck.

Hoagy Nelson Chairman, Frank Eckenroth Vice-Chairman, and Helen Miller Treasurer. Jack Legg, the Course Manager, and Gordon Lundquist are committee members. Volunteers to help on the projects and people with helpful ideas are encouraged to contact committee members. Monetary help

is also gratefully accepted. The 18 hole golf course is the most used recreational facility on the Fort. All Fort Clark Springs members should be encouraged by the continued beautification of the course. This will result in increased membership and higher property values in general.



Front row: Helen Miller, Lorraine Lundquist, Eliz Dillahunty, Mary Lee Trollinger, Irene Mullin, May Roper, Ruth Wilkes, Eleanor Herron, Odette Mills and Betty Mathison. Top row: Ann Bramble, Vickie Nichols, Barbara Miller, Pat Nelson and Avis Anderson.



Kneeling front: Frank Eckenroth and Jim Bussey. Second row: Jack Legg, Ralph Viestenz, Jack Bramble, Lee Herron, Gordon Mathison, Jim Swinney, Clark Horning, Don Herron, Howard Peck and Hoagy Nelson. Top row: Pat Grant, Gordon Bieber and Bob Miller.

Bond Election Process Continues For Bonds Totaling \$1,000,000

The special election to seek voter approval of one million dollars of school building bonds for Brackett Independent School District will be on Saturday, March 23, 1991. Superintendent McCall noted that the election could have been held as early as Tuesday, March 19, 1991, but that the board felt that voter participation would be greater if the election were held on Saturday.

The bond election is for the purpose of allowing the District to issue one million dollars in school building bonds. The money received from the sale of the bonds will be used for a variety of projects:

1. Construction of an eight classroom middle school to house 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
2. Remodeling Jones Elementary to include rewiring and re-roofing as well as carpeting, installation of new

ceiling tiles and replumbing the structure.

3. Construction of a new Vocational building to include a shop and classroom space.

4. Reconverting the old gym back into a gym/recreation building and construction of a new cafeteria and dining area.

Other uses for the bond money are in the planning stages and the

Board is in the process of appointing a building committee to consider building needs of the District.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 4, 1991, and continue through Tuesday, March 19, 1991. Absentee voting will be in the high school office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each week-day.

BISD News

Public Meeting

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees has set Tuesday, March 19, 1991, as a date for a public meeting on the Bond Election to be held on Saturday, March 23, 1991. All interested voters and community members are invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. The community will

have an opportunity to give input into the building plans of the District. The architect, Mr. Don Legge, will be on hand to answer questions. Mr. Floyd Westerman, the district financial advisor, will offer information on the repayment of the bonds and the taxing effort needed. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. Bob McCall, Superintendent of Brackett Schools.

Commissioners Call Special Meeting

Brackett News Reporter

COURTHOUSE--The Commissioners Court, in a special called meeting, will convene Friday afternoon at two o'clock in the County Court Room.

Topping the agenda will be the Resolution supporting the creation of a Solid Waste District for the nine (9) County Middle Rio Grande Region.

This resolution should play a major role in the progress and the

future of our county. Our neighboring counties, along with us, are going to be faced with serious problems in the very near future with the disposal of solid waste. This proposed project will certainly alleviate the problems with this rapidly approaching problem that is facing many other counties and areas throughout Texas.

County Judge, Tim Ward, is encouraging interested citizens to take the time and learn more about this project. He feels very strongly that concerned citizens should be more

aware of the problem confronting our area and they should take the time to listen and learn about it.

Middle Rio Grande Development Council has appointed a task force to organize a 9 county committee that will oversee the planning of a centralized area that can receive the solid wastes that are created in this area. Tentative plans show it to be a very sophisticated and scientifically researched program created to solve the problem that is growing larger from day to day. The location for the

project has not been indicated as of yet. However, several areas are under discussion and before any action could be taken on an exact spot a vote would have to be taken by the nine county task force. There have been no figures released as to the cost per household mainly because these figures cannot be drawn up as of yet.

Judge Tim Ward has attended several of the meetings and has remained on top of the program. Concerned citizens with questions could contact the Judge's office.

Trustee Election

The school trustees set the date for the School Trustee Election for May 4, 1991. This is the first Saturday in May and is a standard election day.

There will be two places up for reelection. The terms of Diane Bravo and the late Eloy Garcia are expiring. All places on the board are elected at large with the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes being elected. The trustees serve three year terms.

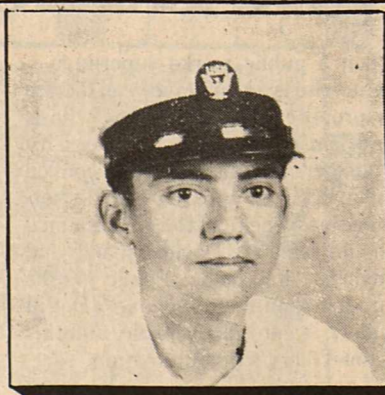
Persons interested in becoming a

candidate may sign up for a place on the ballot at the central school office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily from February 19, 1991 through March 20, 1991. Drawing for positions on the ballot will be conducted on March 21, 1991 in the central office at 8:00 a.m.

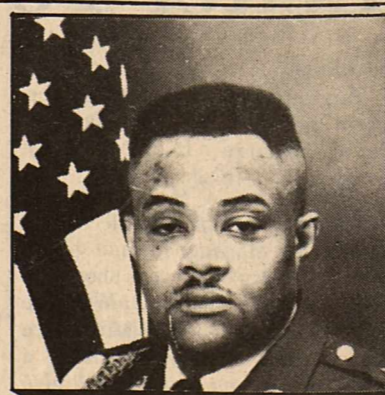
Absentee balloting for the May election will begin on April 15, 1991 and continue through April 30, 1991. Absentee voting will be conducted in the high school office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each week-day.

We Pay Tribute To Our Armed Forces

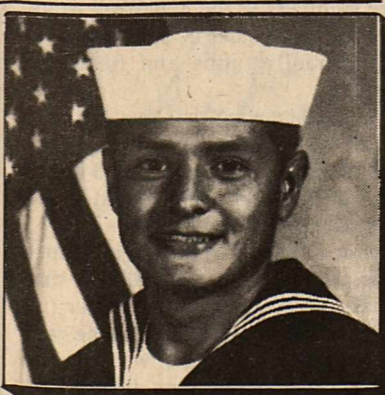
From week to week, The Brackett News will be recognizing the members of the armed forces who have been deployed to the Persian Gulf and are now striving to restore peace to that part of the world. We, here at The News, will consider it a honor to recognize our young people who are involved in the desert conflict by printing their picture in our paper when one is available.



Leo Pinales



Wallace Dimery, Jr.



Leonardo Garcia

All District Honors

Brackett News Sports

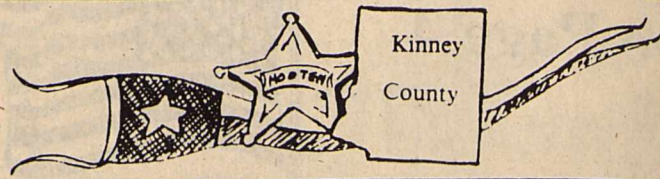
SAN ANTONIO--Brackett Tigrette, Theresa Terrazas, was a unanimous choice for the 29-AA all district girls' basketball team. Also, garnering all-district honors was Wendy McDaniel. Coach Greg Nowlin was all smiles when he reported on the selection of his two super stars. The other coaches who voted on the finalist recognized that the two

Brackett girls were the only sophomores on the very prestigious first team.

Another one of Nowlin's sophomores, Tanya Frerich, made the second team. Honorable Mention honors went to Michelle Brandt, Dee Ann Frerich, and Dorothy Ward. It was noted that Ward just played 4 district games, and still caught the other coach's eye well enough to place on this team.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A routine stop of an eastbound vehicle by Border Patrol Agents at the Border Patrol checkpoint on Hwy. 90 in east Kinney County the afternoon of Sunday, February 17, 1991 led to the arrests of two Rockwall, Texas residents on Class B Misdemeanor charges of Possession of Marijuana.

David Karl Yeoman, 32, and Barbara Louise Legan, 30, along with a male passenger, all of Rockwall, were stopped at the checkpoint for a routine determination of their citizenship status by Border Patrol Agents Ruben Martinez, Enrique Cruz, and Mike Hubbard. During the routine questioning the agents noticed a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle occupied by the three. Further investigation led to the discovery of 2 plastic bags in the possession of Yeoman and Legan, each containing a usable amount of marijuana of less than 2 ounces, each a Class B Misdemeanor.

Chief Deputy Sheriff David Luna responded to the call from the checkpoint and went to the scene to take custody of the drug violators, transporting them to the county jail where they were magisterated by Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall who set bonds on the two at \$1,500.00 each. Both suspects posted bond and were released. The passenger in the car was not charged. The trials of the two suspects will be in County

Court though no trial date has been set as of the time of these writings.

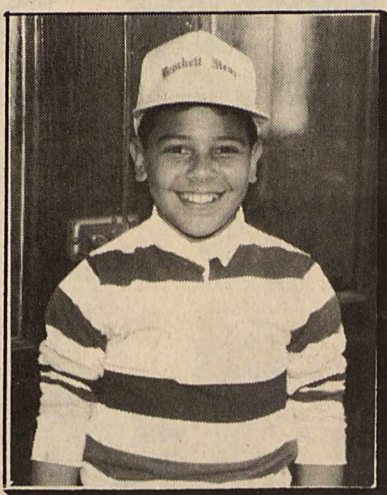
A stolen gun from Kinney County was recently recovered by the San Angelo Police Department at a pawn shop in that city. The weapon, a 5 shot Smith & Wesson Chief Special had been reported stolen by a Spoford resident back in August of 1989. It was located and recovered by the San Angelo P.D. on February 11, 1991. Further investigation into the matter led to the discovery that a family member had taken the gun without permission and unknown by the owner. It was hocked at the pawn shop in January. After further discussion with the owner it was decided that no charges would be filed, case closed.

The Los Angeles, California Police Department has advised that a 33 year old female police officer with that department was shot and killed in the line of duty at approximately 12:20 a.m. on February 11, 1991. The officer and her partner observed two males drinking on the street in Sun Valley. As the officers drove their patrol car up to the suspects, one male drew a weapon and shot the victim officer in the face. Her partner returned fire, killing the gunman. The other suspect was taken into custody. The victim officer had less than one year of law enforcement service.

Two county jail inmates were transported to the state prison in

Huntsville Texas on Thursday, February 21, 1991 to begin serving respective 5 year prison terms. Faustino Alejandro Lopez-Garcia and Francisco Dominguez-Rodriguez both illegal aliens from Mexico were recently convicted on 1st Degree Felony charges of Burglary of a Habitation resulting from a crime spree committed by the two on July 4, 1990 in which they entered at least three local residences to commit burglary and theft. The two were transported to TDC by a Val Verde County Transport Officer in an agreement worked out between myself and Sheriff Koog of Val Verde County. This agreement not only serves to save us a few tax dollars but does not tie up two deputies for two days that would be needed to transport the prisoners.

THAT'S ALL



Miguel Aguirre Winner

The "Name the Picture" contest was won this week by Miguel Aguirre, son of Ignacio Aguirre, last week's winner.

Miguel came by and correctly identified the picture as being the tin roof over the dugout at the baseball field behind the Trading Post. He picked up a cap the same color that his Dad picked out the week before. When asked if he would get it mixed up with his Dad's he said, "No, because I'm going to write my name in my cap."

Letter to the Editor

To whom it may concern:
I would like to address all of the citizens of Kinney County, more especially the parents of children of Kinney County, Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

As a full time resident of Fort Clark Springs and Chief of Security of the same, I receive complaints and comments almost on a day to day basis. Some of the suggestions deal with the young adults of Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs. Some I could put in print and some I could not for obvious reasons.

When Fort Clark Springs was first thought of by Nat Mendelsohn and the Founders it was to be a private retirement community with no access by the general public. But as time went on, because of financial pressure due to economical reasons, the association was forced to take a more reasonable policy of allowing the general public limited access to the amenities of the Fort.

Along with this, personal realty property owned by absent members are used by some as rental property in order to maintain the membership that otherwise might be lost or sold.

With this we have grown into a small town or village with all apparent problems of the same, but with some noticeable differences. We do have controlled access to the grounds, we do have good Security department and personnel. We have the cooperation of local law enforcement departments and courts.

We also have the cooperation of most of the parents of Kinney County.

This brings me to the point as a general rule the children and young adults of the area are well mannered and polite to their elders. Most that we see are active in school projects, are members of the honor roll, stars in their area of sports, some work after school at jobs and for their family.

I am not saying that they are perfect, we do have some driving too fast at times, and playing loud music at times, but when we find it we correct the problem.

But if you will put this in proper perspective, with the problem that larger cities are having all over the nation I think most everyone will have to agree with me, we have the best young adults any where and they should have the support of everyone in Kinney County.

Karl Chism
Chief of Security



Days Past

by Dorothy Payne

February 28, 1849 - The "California" docked in San Francisco Bay with the first load of gold hunters. Thousands more were on the way, from as far as Australia, to seek their fortunes.

February 10, 1850 - The Illinois Central Railroad was chartered with a grant of 2.7 million acres of land from Cairo to Galena, by Governor Augustus C. French.

February 21, 1853 - The Coinage Act, passed by Congress, authorized the minting of three-dollar gold pieces.

February 11, 1856 - President Pierce issued a proclamation warning both the Free State men and the "border ruffians", in Kansas to cease and desist their disruptive activities.

February 2, 1858 - President Buchanan recommended to Congress admission of the territory

of Kansas as a state under the unpopular Lecompton Constitution.

February 25, 1858 - Philadelphia lawyer Thomas Kane, self-appointed ambassador to the Mormon Saints from President Buchanan, arrived in Utah to persuade Brigham Young to accept Alfred Cummings as territorial governor. Young agreed, providing the U.S. Army does not enter the territory.

February 14, 1859 - Oregon was admitted to the Union as the thirty-third state, the eighteenth non-slave state. This state had 50,000 inhabitants and elected as its first governor Democrat John Whitaker.

February 13-14, 1861 - The nation's first Medal of Honor action took place at Apache Pass in New Mexico Territory (present-day Arizona), when Colonel Bernard

John Dowling Irwin, an assistant surgeon, voluntarily took command of troops and attacked and defeated the hostile Indians (Chiricahua) he met on the way. (The action occurred before the medal was authorized by Congress on July 12, 1862). The medal was finally officially awarded on January 21, 1894.

February 23, 1861 - A referendum in Texas formally ratified the ordinance of secession adopted by a state convention on February, 1861, and Texas left the Union. The day before, President-elect Abraham Lincoln had been warned of a plot on his life.

February 24, 1863 - Congress created the Territory of Arizona from the western section of New Mexico Territory. This action was taken mainly to reward local Union support.

Big Mama Sez!

He that can have patience can have what he will.

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The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and content. Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of this newspaper. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You

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Open Letter

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF KINNEY COUNTY

Although we are relative "newcomers" to Kinney County, recently during a period of great trial and tribulation, we experienced such an outpouring of assistance and concern for our family that we were greatly touched.

While we can never repay all those who were so generous with their time and resources, we wish to take this opportunity to express our most genuine appreciation.

You of Kinney County are truly blessed to have so many generous thoughtful individuals.

We now feel we are bonafied "natives."

Very sincerely,
 The Bill Mitchell Family

Letter To The Editor

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOP

At the December 90 Board Meeting, I made a motion that Rio Grande Electric Coop pass a resolution opposing Texcor's attempt to place a NORM waste site in Kinney County. An overwhelming majority of our members are against such a facility.

The motion was accepted, but amended, to require a poll of members before any further action would be taken.

Since then, I attended the NRECA National Convention (for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association), as a voting delegate for Rio Grande Electric. The NRECA is an oversight organization working with Coop's nationwide, providing training for employees, directors, insurance, safety programs, and research.

One of the resolutions passed at that meeting was No. 1-3, which encourages coop's to take a more active role in supporting their members on environmental issues. This supports and validates my belief that we should have loyalty and support for our members, even on non-electric matters.

The strength of a coop lies in its members support, but this should be a two way street; it works both ways--coops should also support the members on their concerns.

George E. Foster
 FCS, Brackettville, TX

ROTARY BASKETBALL ROTARY VS. FACULTY

Thursday, Feb. 21, 1991 at 6:30 PM

Participants must be 23 years of age or older, unless they are members of either the Brackettville Rotary or the BISD Faculty or a spouse of one of the above. ADMISSION: \$1.00

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regard to the recent termination of City Manager David Esparza. I do strongly disagree about this firing.

The City of Brackettville should have a City Manager form of government. All city employees should be under only one manager. With the recent firing of David Esparza there are no admitted plans on hiring a new city manager and this will give all city employees no direct management again. This, in fact, is wrong.

It is a sad day in local government when a public works superintendent, who is an employee can dictate or propose an ultimatum on who is and isn't going to be the City Manager. I applaud the two council members who opposed David's termination. I believe the City Council should reinstate David Esparza and advertise for a new Public Works superintendent because David Tillery is not indispensable, and this is not Tillery's first ultimatum.

Looking back, many employees of the city were not used to having a full time employer and/or city manager during the term of Mayor LaGioia due to his private business and not being able to supervise full time. Now, Mayor Larry Moore should have a city manager reinstated to incur on the city employees discipline and proper city management to its fullest.

The public outcry should be so great among local citizens that they should demand the City Council to reverse their decision. Citizens should also look at the Council members who are willing to get bullied around by one replaceable employee.

Sincerely,
 David Green Jr.

Grandma's Kitchen

By Grandma



I've noticed lots of mistletoe around here and I even told my neighbor he should take it out of his trees near the house. It'll certainly kill those beautiful trees. This is the time of year to pull it out of the trees and burn it.

This white-berried mistletoe has a Jekyll and Hyde existence, it inspires Christmas kisses and fond embraces among mankind, but living as a parasite killer in the hardwood trees that play host to it. The National Wildlife Federation says, humans have long been fascinated by attractive clumps of mistletoe and because ancient societies could not explain how it grew, legends developed around it.

Peasants in England and Japan believed barren women could conceive after eating mistletoe. The Walos of Africa attached its leaves to their bodies to protect them from evil. Medical history shows it was used to cure illness: French physicians prescribed it as an antidote for poisons, and one 17th century British doctor observed the plant is "good for the grief of itch, sores, toothache, and the biting of mad dogs and venomous beasts."

Mistletoe has always had its darker side, the federation said. It flourishes in clumps on the trunks and branches of hardwood trees,

robbing their host of water and nutrients and killing it eventually. The wildlife federation said today's custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas stems from two legends: Druids, the woody priests of the ancient Celts, believed the plant was a refuge for woodland spirits during cold weather, so they gathered the plant and hung it in their homes: An ancient Norse mythology: Mistletoe was dedicated to the goddess of love.

Regardless of all these beliefs, it's time to rid your trees you care about of this deadly little parasite. Be careful though, it's down in today's records as one of our deadly poisonous plants.

Here's a cute tale I just heard, thought you'd like it as much as I did: A little country boy hid a cap pistol in his pocket on Sunday before starting for church with his parents. When the sermon was well underway, he whipped out the pistol, pulled the trigger, and a loud report rang out. The horrified father grabbed his son by the arm and hustled him up the aisle. Nearing the door an old lady who was sitting in one of the back pews stopped them. "Don't take that child out," she said, "He scared the Hell out of more people today than that preacher has during

the entire ten years he's been here." February has always been the month for the earth to hibernate and sleep, to get the rest it needs for the coming spring when it'll need all its stored energy.

Well, that's how lots of us feel in February, too.

Here's a couple cold weather recipes I've collected.

CHILI DUMPLING STEW
2 cans red kidney beans
2 tea salt - 1/2 tea pepper
4 cups cubed raw potatoes
4 cups water
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 tea chili powder
1lb ground beef
1/2 tea salt
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 cup sour cream

Combine undrained kidney beans with potatoes, salt (2 tea) pepper, and water in a big pan. Bring to a boil. While mixture boils, brown hamburger and onion until meat changes color. Drain excess fat, add chili powder and salt. Add meat and undiluted soup to boiling mixture. Stir well and simmer awhile. Mix dumplings and add while boiling:

2 cups plain flour
4 tea baking powder
1/2 tea salt - 1 egg
3/4 cup milk

Beat egg and milk together and stir into flour mixture. Drop spoonfuls on top of boiling stew. Cover tightly: steam without lifting lid 12 to 15 minutes. Add one cup of sour cream just before serving. Now you need a quick and easy dessert. Here's one I call:

CHEW BREAD

1 stick margarine - 3 eggs
1-1lb box brown sugar
2 cups self rising flour
1 tea vanilla
3/4 cup chopped nuts
1 cup raisins

Mix all ingredients together and turn mixture into a greased pan 8"x12"x3" deep. This puffs up quite a bit as it bakes. After puffing up, it settles down to make a thin chewy layer. This one sure does smell good. Bake in 300 degree oven for 40 minutes. Cool - cut into squares.

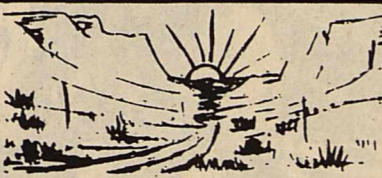
To substitute plain flour for self-rising, add 1 tea baking powder and 1/2 tea salt for each cup plain flour.

My thought for the week: Teddy Roosevelt said, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight."

Big Hugs and Special Love
Grandma

Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



Because his government was not recognized by the United States, Pancho Villa decided to attack Columbus, New Mexico in retaliation. He attacked several ranches on the way to Columbus even killing two Americans and capturing one of their wives and a child. Later, the child was given to a Mexican woman at the ranch. The woman later escaped unharmed at the Columbus raid.

Because she was present at most of Villa's raids she could take the information to the authorities after she was rescued.

Villa thought, because some of his prisoners had escaped some of his raids, the element of surprise would be lost when he planned to raid Columbus. He sent two of his men into Columbus to see what the situation might be. They reported back that Columbus seemed quiet and natural. Villa decided to go ahead and late that afternoon he broke camp and started to Columbus.

Many of the soldiers at Fort Furlough in Columbus had been to El Paso to play a polo game with Fort Bliss, and got back to Columbus at midnight. They were awakened at 4:15 A.M. by the sounds of horses and gunfire.

Villa's men were attacking from three different directions on the little Village. Most of the senior officers lived in the country outside of town and they stayed in their homes to protect their families. The entire fight was led by junior officers, Lucas and Castleman in particular. The fighting became a free-for-all that added to the confusion. When the battle was over there were eighteen Americans dead and eight wounded. The Mexicans listed over one hundred dead and twenty-three wounded.

The American soldiers pursued the Mexicans into Mexico. The army was not really ready for war. The troops were spread over a large territory. A Punitive Expedition under the leadership of "Black Jack" Pershing was equipped with supplies and sent into Mexico to find Pancho Villa and his men. One of Pershing's Lieutenants was George S. Patton who would become one of the United States Army's great commanders. The first Aero Squadron was assigned to the expedition. These airplanes were useful for sending orders and would later prove to be an important link in the Army's Communications system. But they never caught up with Villa.

Library Notes



We want to thank all of those who came to our book sale last week. For those of you who didn't make it, we have a few volumes left and you are welcome to browse through them (books remaining are reduced still further, so bargains are even greater). We will soon be weeding our shelves in preparation for the next book sale to be held this summer, tentatively set for the month of July. We wish to thank the following volunteers who manned the pay out table during the book sale: Mary Seaver, Earlene Thurber, Mary Beatty, Dena Scott, Marge Batchelor, and Ralph Gonzales. The monies generated by our book sale will be used to buy new books for our library.

With spring weather comes the desire to get outside. We would suggest you stop by the library and get a book on gardening to properly prepare for those delicious home grown vegetables you'll harvest this summer, or perhaps pick up a good novel to take with you to read while you sit outside to soak up some glorious sunshine. Also, many of the migratory birds are returning to our area and we have several books to assist you in identifying the ones you see. Too, the western author, Baxter Black, has donated a copy of his latest book of poetry "The Buckskin

Mare". For those of you who are interested in best sellers, we currently have: The Plains of Passage, Dazzle, Jurassic Park, The Witching Hour, Four Past Midnight and The Burden of Proof. By the time you read this we should have received: Cold Fire, The Secret Pilgrim, The Fourth K, Vital Signs and Magic Hour. You may call us and have your name placed on the waiting list of any book. However, for many of these there is no waiting list, so come in and get your choice of the best sellers now!!! Not on the best seller list but excellent reading: Wet Work by Christopher Buckley, author of the best seller The White House Mess; Lovesick, The Marilyn Syndrome by Elizabeth Macavoy, PH.D. & Susan Israelson; and The Raven's Bride by Elizabeth Crook, a novel of Eliza, Sam Houston's first wife. We also recommend Friday Night Lights by Bessinger and The Secret of Mojo by Mccally. These books will give you the pro and the con of high school football in Texas, highlighting the repeated state champions of Odessa, Texas.

As always, we invite you to visit the warmest (or coolest when needed), friendliest little library in Kinney County!

Kinney County
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Bits And Pieces

by Sweet Jar - Donuts & Coffee Me & The Doctor

Clyde Justice will have back surgery this week at Brooks Hospital in San Antonio. Our prayers are with you.

Norman Luna will be traveling the road to Uvalde to attend college. Brackettville is well represented at South West Texas Junior College this year.

Many Birthday wishes to all the Melancon's who share all their family's February Birthdays together.

New mobile home on Gove street. A former resident moved back. Welcome back to Brackett Ruby Rutledge.

A drive down Gove street keeps your eyes always looking around. How many of us see the t.v. satellite and think of George Loos or see an R.E.A. truck and think of Eloy Garcia or the little blue truck of William Mendeke. It's funny how sometimes we give more thoughts to those who are no longer with us. Let's visit our relatives and friends, smile and say hello before we have regrets.

Have you seen the wishing wells around town in several yards. This is another way our community along with the builder Frank Garza is ex-

pressing our wishes for peace.

Last year's seniors: Gustavo is living in Del Rio and going to school. Rumors have it he comes home on the weekends to bring the laundry. We miss seeing you around.

Jeanette Avila is attending classes in Del Rio faithfully as well.

Keeping the road busy to the Uvalde College is Leanne Carle, Joanna Smith, and Mike Cervantes.

Much appreciation goes out to Mrs. Eddie Sharp for teaching a group of students about keeping Texas clean. She rewarded several students with donuts and milk and a little cash, but they left full of sweets and a good lesson on respect for nature. After they picked up lots of trash on a lot across from the school.

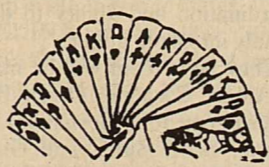
Steve Wilson was home for a visit but has returned to Fort Briggs.

As we travel around town we see many houses and cars without yellow ribbons, let's all get with it and support our troops by wearing yellow ribbons.

Clyde and Sally Justice are enjoying being grandparents to their new grandson Thomas Edward born on Christmas Day.

Bridge Anyone

By Dot Burrow



On February 10, five tables were involved in Fort Clark's Sabre Room, playing Duplicate using Mitchell movement. There was a tie at both positions. At North-South the tie involved Carl and Queenie Mumma, and the team of Andy and Sandy Barnaby of Rock Springs. At East-West Anita Korbel and Norma Gould tied with Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford.

On Tuesday, February 12, there were 7 1/2 tables playing, using Mitchell. First place at North-South was won by La Monte and Marie Mc-

Candles. Second place went to Betty Inman and Carmalita Blackmon.

East-West first place was won by Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield, with Alice Seargeant and Dot Burrow coming in second.

On Sunday, February 17, the group consisted of five tables playing at the NCO clubhouse. The McCandles won high at North-South, followed by Carl and Queenie Mumma. Anita Korbel and Norma Gould were high at East West. Fred Clayton and Ann Hibler took second place.

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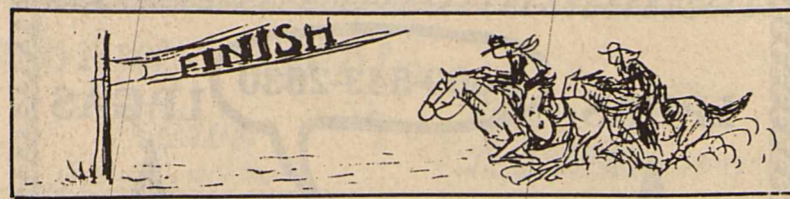
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Sports



Tiger Baseball

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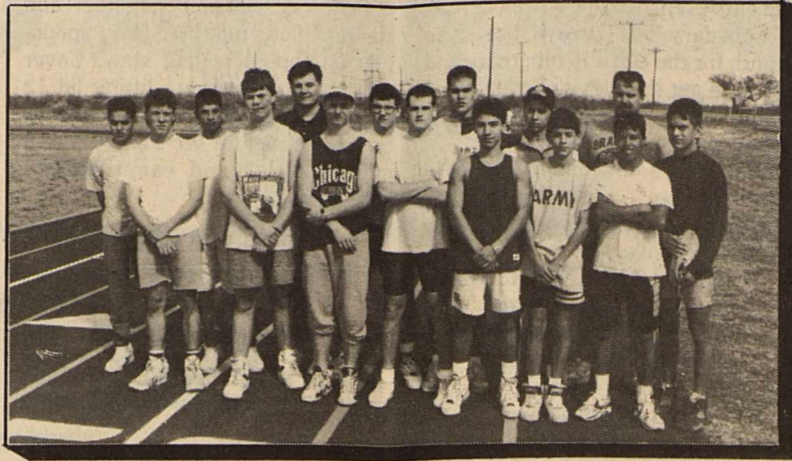
TIGER DIAMOND--Baseball, hot dog, apple pie, and Chevrolet... the Tigers are cranking up for what they hope to be, a winning baseball season. Coaches Greg Nowlin and Darren Schneider were impressed with what they saw on the opening day of baseball practice when 18 truculent Tigers hit the field ready to play.

Many of the boys who signed up to play were no stranger to Coach Nowlin who had the boys on his squad last year. He is pleasantly pleased with their maturity and eagerness to get play under way.

The schedule is not available as yet but the kids are looking forward to practice games to sharpen their talents.

Lesly and Lynn Floyd are back this year with Lynn laying claim to the catcher's position. Lynn will possibly see action at 3rd base while Steve Clementz covers short stop. A good group of freshmen and sophomores are on the practice field and the boosters will be hearing more about them in the future.

The boys are working out every afternoon at four o'clock and the public is invited to come out and watch them as they prepare for their first game.



Tiger Track

Brackett News Sports

TIGER TRACK--After a long football season that led the Tigers to the play-offs and a two game per week plus weekend tournaments, basketball season, Coach Steve Kolb and Coach James Day were mildly surprised to see such a good group of kids turn out for the first day of track season.

Approximately 15 boys showed up ready to work out. Many of these young athletes are undecided as to the event that will best suit their ability. Under the expert guidance and leadership of Coach Kolb and Day these problems will be short

lived. Some of the boys who caught the coach's eye were Adrian Pena and Billy LaGioia, while Scott Sims looked good throwing the shot put.

Lynn Floyd cleared an impressive 8 foot in the pole vault and that "ain't bad" for his first try. J.J. Sandoval will be working out in the high jumping pit while the rest of the team will be getting in shape for the sprint relay.

At least one meet will be held this year in Brackettville and the coaches and the boys are hoping for the same support from the local boosters they have received in the past in football and basketball.

Tigerrette Track

Brackett News Sports

TIGER TRACK--The girls' track team is beginning to go together and track coach, Rebecca Hubbard, is excited over the quality of girls who have reported in this year. The talent and athletic ability, according to Hubbard, is certainly heads and shoulders above the teams of the past few years.

The 400m and the 800m relay could be one of the strongest areas this year with Barbara Matull, Theresa Terrazas, Lisa Wardlaw, and Regina Rubino competing. The mile relay is still up for grabs.

Theresa Terrazas and Lisa Wardlaw will be competing in the 100 meter. Regina Rubino, Barbara Matull, and Jessica Taylor will be entering the 200 meter. In the hur-

dles we should see Wendy McDaniel in the 100 meter, Nicki Garza in the 300 meter, and Jessica Taylor and Jenifer Shahan in the 400 meters.

The distance races appear to be short in entries but long in talent as Nina Gonzales will run in the 800 meter and Debra Buanello in the 1600 meter. Theresa Terrazas and Nicki Garza will compete in the triple jump while Jessica Taylor and Dee Ann Frerich enter the high jump. In the field events, Michelle Brandt could do very well in the discus and shot put.

Five ladies are currently signed up for the long jump but the top three have not been chosen as yet.

Coach Hubbard will be bringing her girls along slowly in an attempt to uncover some young ladies hidden specialty that has yet to surface.



BISD Golf Team



Brackett News Sports

FORT CLARK--Shades of Jack Nicholas, Arnold Palmer, Ben Crenshaw, and Lee Trevino... The Tiger Golf team is getting ready to tee off on the 1990-91 season. Working with the kids this year and encouraging them to keep their left arms stiff on their back swing, keep their eyes on the ball, follow through, and the other 2,000 things you have to think about when you play golf is Coach David Burton. He has been appointed boys and girls golf coach and he knows his work is cut out for him.

Golf isn't quite like other sports since you don't have to be able to run fast, or jump high, or bench press 300 pounds. It is a game of concentration and Coach Burton fully realizes the importance of teaching his young family of golfers this rule.

Tuesday, the boys and the girls were working out and practicing on the nine hole course at Fort Clark Springs where there was no shortage of enthusiasm and excitement.

The girls who showed up with a full set of clubs and plenty of balls were Nicole Garza, Jenifer Shahan, Theresa Terrazas, and Jessica Taylor. These little gals have the coordination and ability to develop rapidly into a top golfer.

They boys' team will be made up of Albert Cornado, Owen Brandt, Peter Perez, John Hernandez, Tevin Senne, Scott Sims, and Giovanni Wardlaw.

Fort Clark golf pro, Jack Legg, has promised to work with the boys and the coach any time. He will set up certain guidelines for the team to go by and then be on hand to help them any way he can.

Brackett High Tennis Team



Brackett News Sports

FORT CLARK--With the return of most of last year's tennis team and some very good freshmen prospects moving up Coach Frank Taylor was all smiles Tuesday afternoon as he watched his young players warm up. With the return of Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne the boys' tennis team should have the muscle and the talent to make a superior showing this year.

Senne and Hunt won the district doubles title last year and advanced to regional before being stopped. There is a chance that both of these young athletes will be entering singles only this year.

Rounding out the boys' tennis

team will be J.J. Guidry, W.T. Hunt, Michael Munoz, John Hernandez, Peter Perez, Joaquin Davis, Marty Schermerhorn, and Jessie Terrazas. Guidry has looked especially good as his game is beginning to compliment the booming serves that have become his trademark.

The girls' team should gain strength with the return of Shelley McDaniel, who had an excellent season last year. Joining McDaniel will be Vivian Luna, Kasey Hall, Amanda Davis, Ida Aguilera, Debra Buanello, and Wendy McDaniel.

Coach Taylor reports that his kids will be working out on Fort Clark, either at the Golf Club, or in the corner of Officer's Row.



The End of Another Season

Brackett News Sports

TIGER GYM--The gun sounded Friday night, marking the end of the 1990-91 basketball season, as the Tigers entertained the Lytle Pirates. Entertaining it was, for the Pirates since they were the happiest of the two teams at the conclusion of play as they soundly trounced the Brackett boys 51-40.

The Tigers played a good game but not one of their best. They left the best play somewhere between game number one and game number 25 as they finished the season with a 14-11 record. When the kids from Brackett played the kind of basketball they were capable of playing

they were unstoppable. There is little consolation to the close games they nearly won since close does not count in the win column.

The Tigers knew they were in trouble against Lytle from the opening tip-off. The Pirates surged into the lead and never trailed. They led 15-8 after the first quarter of play and lengthened this lead to 26-22 at halftime.

After the halftime intermission the Tigers matched the Pirates point for point but could not close the gap. The last quarter saw Lytle outscore the kids from Brackett 14-7 and claim the win 51-40.

Tevin Senne, in his quest for a position on the all-district team, con-

tinued to lead the Tiger attack with 15 points. Clay Hunt, who had been red hot three nights earlier against Natalia with 22 points, was held to just 7 points and this made the difference.

The Brackett Tigers ended their season with 4-8 district record and a next to last place in the district standings.

The final district standings were:
Lackland.....10-2
Lytle.....8-4
Dilley.....6-6
La Pryor.....6-6
Asherton.....6-6
Brackett.....4-8
Natalia.....2-10

When Should We Start The Ground War?



Rogelio Herrera: I do think President Bush should get the ground war started. The sooner we get Iraq out of Kuwait the sooner we can bring our troops home.



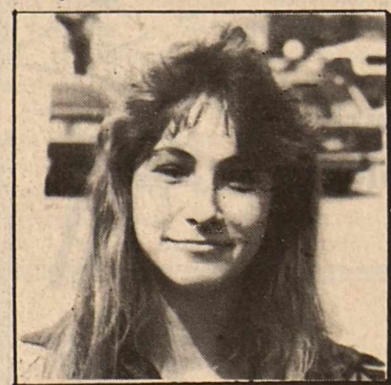
Mary Alice Dimery: I think the president should put the ground war off. I think we can win without the war on the ground.



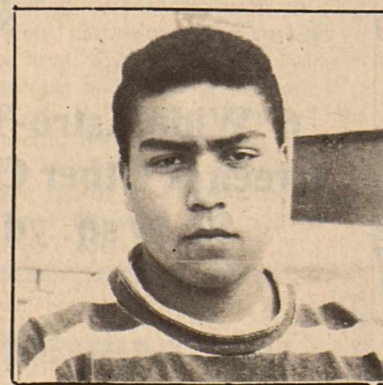
Esmaralda Talamantes: I definitely think President Bush should put the ground war off. Too many people will get killed that way.



Theresa Terrazas: I am in favor of putting the ground war off. I don't think our boys are ready for it yet. I think they need more time.



Barbara Matull: The air war is doing a pretty good job. I think the President should keep going the way we are going now and postpone the ground war.



John Hernandez: Yes, the president should go ahead and declare a ground war. He started out with a plan and it is working so I think he should continue with it.



Vallarie Talamantez: I really want to see the President start the ground war. We need to hurry up and get it over with.



Lynn Floyd: I think the President should wait before he starts a ground war. Iraq might change their mind about fighting if we wait awhile longer.

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County Agent News

by Allan L. McWilliam



Many of us have horses in this area. Horses are a joy to own and also useful in every day ranching operations. Often, we feed our horses without much thought as to how the quality of feeds affects the horses' over all nutrition.

Quality roughage serves as the foundation for a safe and effective horse feeding program. Roughage helps to maintain the integrity of the digestive tract and serves to help minimize certain vices such as wood chewing or cribbing. Good quality hay can also meet a majority of the nutrients required for mature, idle horses and dry pregnant mares in the early stages of pregnancy.

Hay selection is critical to insure maximum nutrient supply per dollars spent. Careful selection will allow the horseowner to avoid purchasing inferior quality hay that could potentially contribute to digestive disorders such as colic. Horse owners who intend to purchase large amounts of hay at a time will benefit from retrieving a core sample of hay that can be analyzed for nutrient content.

Hay should always be selected on important visual criteria. Characteristics of good quality may include (1) a high leaf to stem ratio, (2) a fresh smell and appearance, (3) cleanliness (free of weeds, trash, dirt) and (4) to some extent the color of they hay. Hay that is stemy has been cut at a more mature stage of growth and will be significantly lower in nutrient supply and digestibility. The presence of weeds in the hay affects total quality and some weeds may be highly toxic to horses.

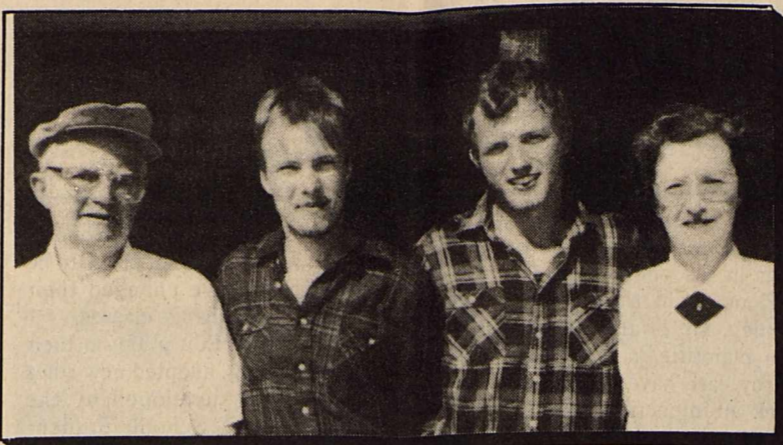
Hay that smells the least bit musty or moldy should be avoided.

In some hays, a white, floury, powder-like appearance and dust are also indicators of mold. Horses that are not overly hungry will often refuse to eat moldy hay if given a choice. However, hungry individuals will readily consume moldy hay when no other alternative is available. Round bales are sometimes used in horse feeding programs and can be very effective in providing a source of nutrients for horses. Even with round bales, emphasis should be placed on quality. The outer layer of weathered and/or spoiled hay may need to be removed to let horses access the high quality roughage in the bale. Horseowners are wise to consider the economics, while keeping in mind that some hay wastage is essentially inevitable when round bales are used.

Unfortunately, many of the decisions that horseowners make in choosing a particular type of hay are based on tradition. In reality, horsemen can have an equally effective feeding and conditioning program with either legume or grass hay serving as the roughage sources. The type of hay dictates the concentration of nutrients that will be needed in the grain mix or concentrate for a particular class of horse.

Purchasing and providing top quality roughage for horses is a challenging and continuing effort. But, it is well worth the time in being able to effectively manage and enjoy horses, regardless of what they are used for.

If you would like more information about nutrition of your horses, call or come by the county extension office located on the second floor of the Kinney County Courthouse.



Left to right: Harold Miller, Ben Setz, Hans Blum and Mrs. Miller.

The Travelers

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Staff Writer

Ben Setz from Schotz and Hans Blum from Almstal, Switzerland, live near the Lucerne area in Switzerland. Ben is a carpenter and Hans is a mechanic, and a few weeks ago they decided to visit the United States.

They stopped in Val Finch's "Burger and Shake" where they met the Rev. Preston Taylor and the Harold Millers. The two travelers could communicate with them because Mrs. Miller knew some German and the boys knew some English.

They went home with Rev. Taylor and the next day the Millers showed them around town, the Alamo Village, and to lunch at the country club on Ft. Clark. Somewhere along there, I interviewed them with the Millers' help.

Ben and Hans left Switzerland on a plane to Miami, where they rented

a car and started on their three month tour of the United States. They visited among other cities, Key West, the Everglades, Cape Canaveral, Houston, Galveston, New Orleans (where they spent four days), Laredo and San Antonio where they took in the rodeo, then our fair city of Brackettville.

They plan to visit Big Bend, parts of Mexico and on to Los Angeles, San Francisco and the rest of the way across the Northern United States. They will complete the tour in New York City where they will board a plane for home on April 3rd.

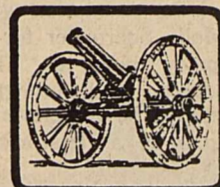
When asked what they liked best about their tour so far, they said they liked the country music and the Rodeo. They have a favorite entertainer in Switzerland whose name is Freddie Quinn and is called the "Willie Nelson" of Switzerland.

These two young men were very presentable and if they are an example of the citizens of Switzerland, their country must be a little bit of alright.



We Congratulate The Scouts...

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The Upstagers

Brackett News Contributing Writer

If you are tired of the dull and boring, The Upstagers are supplying the perfect alternative. Opening March 1, 2, 3 and closing March 8, 9 and 10 is a delightful musical-comedy entitled "Nunsense".

The play is a rare glimpse at the humorous side of life for five dedicated nuns.

"Nunsense" was written by Dan Goggin and in a note from the script there is this statement: "I spent a great deal of my life around nuns. And most of my experiences left wonderful memories. I wrote "Nunsense" because I wanted to share what I knew to be "the humor of the Nun." Though it may be hard to believe after you read this script, each of the Little Sisters of Hoboken is based on a real-life nun."

From the quick-witted, outrageous

us Reverend Mother to Sister Mary Amnesia (who has lost her memory) to Sister Mary Lou who wants to be a professional ballerina, you will find all the characters in "Nunsense" enchanting and thoroughly entertaining. To compliment the play's intimate atmosphere The Upstagers will present it in the Little Theater of Del Rio High School (Parking available in Teachers' Lot on Wildcat Dr.)

Show time for March 1, 2, 8, and 9 is 8 p.m. Sunday mat: March 3 and 10th at 2 p.m. Tickets available through Brockwells Jewelers or at the door.

One fact stands abundantly clear "Nunsense" is a musical comedy for everyone - everywhere.

Season Tickets for all The Upstagers productions are now available. The Upstagers are celebrating their 15th Anniversary of quality theatre.

Art Workshop

Evelyn Hunter will give a 3-day Workshop in Del Rio (location to be decided on later depending on number), from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Evelyn teaches both oil and watercolor workshops. She has studied extensively with many nationally known artists: namely, Lee K. Parkinon, Finis Collins, George Pinca, Charles Reid, Robert Wood (watercolorist), Ed Whitney, Frank Webb, Clay McGaughey, and Judy Gard.

She also studied Chinese Brush painting while in Vietnam and with two artists while in Saudi Arabia - one Pakistani and one Indian artist.

She has won many awards and her paintings hang in the office of Henry B. Gonzales, the American-Arabian Oil Company (ARAMCO), the Bechtel Company, in the palace of Prince

Bandar (now the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the U.S.), and many Air Force Generals who have retired. She displays annually at the Western Art Show in San Antonio during the rodeo, Thrasher Gallery, Plano, Texas, Frontier Gallery in Odessa, Texas and the Bud Breen Gallery in Brackettville.

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HAPPY PAINTING

4-H Meeting

By J. WAYNE BALLEW
Brackett News Contributing Writer

The 4-H Shooting Sports members held an organizational meeting at the Civic Center Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Don Ralston and Mr. Pete Marshall are the adult leaders in charge of this project.

The first order of business was to elect officers for this project year. The following members were elected: President--Patrick Melancon; Vice-President--David Melancon; Secretary--J. Wayne Ballew. Other mem-

bers present were Andres Garley, Marcus Garley, Lindy Lamasus, Amy Bader, Joe Daniel Samaniego, Courtney Harrison, Michelle Melancon, Lisa Marshall, and Mark Gase.

Some of the activities at this meeting were a discussion on rifle safety, discussion of the air rifles to be used, sighting the rifle, and each member had a chance to shoot at a target. All members enjoyed the meeting and the interesting and safe way in which it was conducted. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Just For The Fun Of It

Eric McMasters

Where were you born: Belfast, Northern Ireland
What is your favorite food: Grilled fish or chicken
Your favorite book: Current favorite is Joshua by Joseph Girzone
Favorite Movie: Chariots of Fire
Your friends say you're: Optimistic
Describe yourself: I have a need to learn
If you could be anything what would you be: A better person.
If you could change Brackettville what would you change? I like the friendliness of the community and I am opposed to undue discord.
If you could go anywhere where would it be: British Isles

Community Calendar

- AA-Mondays 8:00 p.m. at First UMC Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St.
- AIAnon-Every Monday at 8:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church Parish Hall at Hudson and 4th Street. Call 563-2007.
- Altar Society-Meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club-2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Brackett High Band Hall.
- Bass Club-Every last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce-Every 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- Commissioners Court-Every 2nd Monday at 9:00 a.m.
- FCS Community Council-10:00 a.m. at the NCO Club on March 9. Election of officers. Barbecue at 12 noon.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club-Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 12:00--Laughlin AFB officer's club must make reservations.
- Drivers License--9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and last Thursday of the month.
- Duplicate Bridge-1:30 p.m. every Sunday and Tuesday.
- Kinney County Historical Preservation Society-7:00 p.m. on every 4th Thursday of each month at the Kinney County Courthouse.
- Kinney County Kickers-7:30 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thursday.
- Lions Club-6:30 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Thursday.
- Masonic Lodge-7:00 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday.
- Order of the Eastern Star #204-7:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio, TX.
- Rotary Club-Every Thursday at 12:00 p.m.
- Shriners-6:30 p.m. every 4th Tuesday.
- VFW and Ladies'Aux. (Ft. Clark)-7:00 p.m. every 4th Wednesday.

Valentine Sweetheart

Brackett News Contributing Writer

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored their Valentine Sweetheart "Orlean Riley" on Monday Night with a dinner at Las Moras Springs.

The centerpiece was a valentine arrangement that was presented to Orlean as a gift along with her crown and sweetheart pin. Place cards decorated with hearts and heart shaped balloons carried out the theme.

Orlean is a charter member of Beta's. She has held all offices of the Chapter and has served as President numerous times. She has served on the City Council for Beta's in Del Rio. Orlean recently retired as Postmaster in Del Rio.

The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was founded in 1931. It has grown to be an international organization. It was created for women in search of culture and social activities and it gives it's members an intimate touch with many lives and minds.

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Nueces Canyon News



Canyon Chamber Meets

By JAMES GREER
Brackett News Staff Writer

Rev. Homer Stephens, pastor of the First Baptist church in Barksdale conducted his first Chamber of Commerce meeting since he was elected President in January. The meeting was held on February 13, 1991 for their regular monthly meeting in the Banquet Room of the Old Timer Restaurant in Camp Wood.

At the Directors meeting held at 11:00 a.m. before the Luncheon/meeting the Board of Directors voted to join the Hill Country Tourism Association with the membership to this organization they also voted to go along with the Frio Canyon Chamber on the \$500 ad to be put on the Hill country tourism brochure. This cost will be split among the two Chambers so each will be paying \$250 each.

It is time to pay your Chamber of Commerce dues for the 1991 year. The dues are \$6.00 for individuals and \$12.50 per business.

During the Directors meeting James Greer was elected to the reporting and advertising committee. Muriel Mills was put back on to head the Nueces Canyon Beautification committee. The Gift Horse Flower shop is in charge of the decorating of the tables which were beautifully done in a Valentine motif. Since Sheryl New is the Chambers new secretary the Chamber office will be moved from the D&M Land Company office over to the Gift Horse which is located on the corner next to the American Legion Hall in down town Camp Wood.

Among other things discussed was to revive the Business Chapter of the Chamber of Commerce. This time it will be known as the Industrial Chapter whose main object is to try and introduce new business to move to our canyon.

Bill Dillard who is with the First State Bank of Uvalde gave a talk on the 22nd World Soaring Championships '91 to be held at Garner Field Municipal Airport July 19 through August 11, 1991, and how the Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce could tie in to this event with the Old Settlers Reunion which is

held each year on the first Saturday in August. This would draw more people to our celebration.

It was voted to have our directors meetings and luncheon on Tuesdays at noon the day before our regular Chamber meetings on Wednesday.

Dealing Dozen Bridge Club Met

Frieda Rogers hosted the Dealing Dozen Bridge Club at her home in Montell on February 8, 1991. The members present were; Muriel Mills, Lue Gibbens, Joyce Bates, Wanda Pope, Belva Witherspoon, Hesta Harrison, Hope Anderson, Edith Engelking, Carol Elgin, Vena Northcutt and Dorothy Doebbler were guests.

A business meeting preceded the bridge, at which time Lue Gibbens, the previous president, nominated Hope Anderson for our new president. A vote was taken and Hope was elected.

Frieda, as always, set a beautiful table, and since we all have a predilection for salad, she provided a magnificent selection.

A momento from Frieda's trip to Cologne, Germany was presented to each one of us, which just happened to be a bottle of cognac.

Hope Anderson stepped out ahead with high score with Dorothy Doebbler in Second. Edith Engelking took off with the traveling prize.

The next meeting will be bridge brunch on March 8, 1991, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Hope Anderson in Camp Wood. Please notify Hope if you cannot attend.

Canyon 74 Club Meets

The Canyon 74 Club met February 2, 1991, for their regular monthly meeting in Mary B. Powers Hall in Barksdale. Hostesses for the meeting were Katie Jenkins, Besse Mae Lockhart and Muriel Mills.

The hall was beautifully decorated for Valentines. After prayer by S.A. Williams, a delicious supper was served. Then all played 74 at 4 tables.

Members present were Edith Engelking, Bill Wall, S.A. Williams, Doran Welch, Gladys Shackelford,

Buck and LaNell Stevens, Hallie Clarke, Tommy and Elanor Ferrell, Jessie and Bessie Mae Lockhart, I.W. and Dot Wells, Carrol and Corene Stewart, Katie Jenkins, and Muriel Mills. Guests present were Irene Williams, Virginia Fowler and Vida Sweeten.

We were glad to have Mars Ferrell with us and happy that Quinn Jessup could come for Supper.

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

A group of 46 Senior Citizens gathered at the Senior Citizen building in Camp Wood for their monthly Luncheon-meeting. Besides a lot of visiting among friends and neighbors, there was a lot of good food, and plenty of desserts to be had. That is one thing the Senior Citizens of our canyon like is plenty of good food, and if you don't attend these meetings you don't know what you are missing.

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to those that had birthdays during the month of February. Those sitting at the birthday table were Pearl Mumma, Fern (Flunkie) Ring McDonald and Ethel Garret.

Other visitors for the Luncheon-meeting were Lucille Henderson of Uvalde, Pearl Mumma, Eleanor and Joe Tetrault of Camp Wood.

It was announced that the Real County Historical group would meet on Saturday, February 16th at the Senior Citizens building here in Camp Wood. It was also announced that the Senior Citizens would have all kinds of games and snacks Saturday night at the Senior Citizens building.

It was announced that we need to try and get more of the Canyon seniors citizens to come out to the luncheon-meetings.

The Senior Citizens still have a few of the birthday calendars left at \$2.50 each and also some of the cook books at \$6.00 each.

James Coleman entertained on the key board.

Doris Seale

Word was received here this past week of the death of D.A. Doris Seale of Goldweight, Texas who passed away on February 10, 1991.

Seale was a former resident of the Nueces Canyon and still has a num-

ber of relatives in our area. Our sympathy goes out to this family and other relatives.

Student Summer Jobs

If any students in the Nueces Canyon that are interested in getting a summer job, the summer jobs applications for the JTPA program are now being accepted from qualifying students ages 14-21. You may see Lavenda Wells at the Real County Nutrition Center in Camp Wood Wednesday only after 3:30 p.m. The deadline for the jobs is May 1st.

Pleasant Weather Prevails

Spring, and summer like weather prevailed over the Nueces Canyon this past week, although we did have some cloudy mornings with a drop or two of rain now and then.

We have partly cloudy conditions with light winds and most temperatures 5 to 10 degrees above normal. We had a day or two with summer like weather when it went up to the 70's and almost to the 80 degree mark. The nights have been cool with lows down into the 40's and 50's.

A weak cool front moved across the canyon Monday night, but it didn't change our temperatures much.

Edith George Pedron

We were sorry to hear of the death of Edith George Pedron who passed away recently in a Nashville, Arkansas hospital.

Edith and her husband Frank had been living in Dayton, Texas, but had lived here in the canyon several years. They had the Lyn Jones place near Montell.

The Pedron's lived in Alaska for a number of years where Frank worked in the oil fields, and Edith operated a beauty shop. While in Alaska they adopted three children, one being an Eskimo child.

Edith donated her body to science, so there was no funeral service. Edith was a first cousin to Dorothy George Nelson, and a double cousin to Ethel Shockley Hubbard.

Our sympathy goes out to the Pedron family and other relatives.

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Camp Wood Calendar

Nueces Canyon Band Boosters: First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce: Meets at noon every second Wednesday of each month at the Old Timer Restaurant in Camp Wood.
Camp Wood Convalescent Center Boosters Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Old Timer Restaurant in Camp Wood.
Camp Wood City Council: Meets second Monday of each month at City Hall.

EMS Bingo: Held at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night at the American Legion Hall in Camp Wood.

Nueces Canyon School Board: Meets third Tuesday each month at the High School Library in Barksdale.

Nueces Canyon Civic League: Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Elementary School Cafeteria.
Real & Edwards County Water Conservation & Reclamation District: Meets second Thursday each month, County House in Camp Wood.

Senior Citizens: Meet at noon the third Friday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center.

Women of the Canyon: Meets the first Thursday of each month.

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NC Jr. Stockshow Committee Elects New Officers for 1991

By LES ROPER
Brackett News Editor

CAMP WOOD--A very enthusiastic crowd turned out Monday night for the first meeting of the Nueces County Livestock Show committee in the Elementary School cafeteria. This was their first meeting since the 1991 Livestock show with the election of new officers for the coming year topping the agenda.

Jeff Luce, last year's livestock show president, led the discussion on several items of importance. It was noted by Luce that inclement weather in January tends to create an uncomfortable situation for spectators and buyers in the show barn. Spraying the inside of the barn with insulation was suggested as one solution while the purchase of larger overhead heaters was another. The committee recognized the severity of the problem and pledged to remedy it before the next show.

Luce told the members present that a situation pertaining to selling livestock at two shows in the same county could create a bad rapport with the buyers who frequent and support the stock shows. A very involved and lengthy discussion ensued with the membership voting to follow the resolution set up by the members of the executive board. Interested parties should contact a member of the Board for details on the resolution.

New officers were elected for 1991 with Jeff Luce leading the way by being re-elected president. The rest of the elected officers were John



Left to right: Jeff Luce, Lorraine Hedges, John Earl Teague, Michelle Tucker and Susie Luce.

Earl Teague, vice-president; Susie Luce, secretary; Lorraine Hedges, treasurer; and Michelle Tucker, reporter.

President Luce cautioned the members on the importance of accepting a position on the Buyer's Committee. He reminded them of their obligation to the association and their responsibility to get out and make the necessary contacts, in the county and out, to assure the kids of a successful show.

The Roping Club will be meeting at a later date to make plans for upcoming events to be held at the arena.

Wayne McDonald, representing the roping club, notified the group that tentative plans were being made to bring in a quality stock producer for this year's rodeo. It was his opinion that a top contractor would attract better cowboys and enhance the quality of the rodeo, which in turn, would improve the crowds.

Attention

On Saturday, February 23, at 10:00 A.M. in the Sabre Room at Fort Clark Springs, the Fort Clark Historical Society will have James S. Runyan, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol Station, Brackettville, speaking on "The Border Patrol, Past and Present". Agent Runyan, a veteran of over 12 years service with the Border Patrol will draw from his past experiences and present responsibilities to present a picture of Border Patrol activities. As usual, the public is cordially invited to the meeting.

Local 4-H'ers Deserve High Praise!

By Alan L. McWilliams
Brackett News Contributing Writer

Kinney County 4-H members attended the San Antonio Stock Show in San Antonio February 11-15, 1991. Out of a total of 39 lambs showing at the show, 22 lambs placed high enough to go through the junior auction sale. This was better than any other county in the state. Kinney County 4-H members placed lambs in every single class

they showed lambs. This speaks highly of the quality and management these local 4-H'ers exhibit. The grand champion lamb sold for \$23,000 this year with the reserve champion bringing \$11,000. Brackettville 4-H'ers received from \$8.00-\$3.25 per pound for the 22 lambs sold.

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Your Horoscope
by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cooperate fully with close ties and good times are assured. Singles meet with romantic introductions. Good will comes from others. Inaugurate new work projects. It's a favorable time for business discussions and meetings with higher-ups.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll attract romance and good times now. Talks with agents about creative work go well. Children's affairs prosper. Avoid impatience with loved ones. Talk things over with others, and you'll gain their full cooperation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid hasty decisions, and solicit the advice of close ties. Your powers of persuasion are strong. Talks with others are fruitful. It's a very favorable time for shopping. Good will brings you the cooperation of co-workers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take charge of your life now. Go after what you want. Creative interests and romance give you much to be thankful for. You're busy getting things done behind the scenes. Complete unfinished business. Private talks bring you the correct insights.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Plan a party for some of your friends. Present your viewpoint at club meetings. You'll make important new contacts now. It's full speed ahead regarding career ventures. Talks with bosses may bring raises or important assignments.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Advisers turn you on to worthwhile opportunities. Educational and distant concerns prosper. Make plans to visit faraway friends. Concentrate on ways to improve security. Do the necessary research about investment matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Partnership responsibilities are accentuated. The needs of a loved one may take priority over career interests. You

may face an extra-heavy work load now. Because of absenteeism, you may be called on to give up some of your leisure time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) If you'll alter your viewpoint somewhat, you may find a relationship question not as difficult to solve as you thought. Make sure you keep in touch with elderly relatives. A fond grandparent would like to see you. Intuitive hunches pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Seriousness of purpose will allow you to make much headway now. Be willing to change your views when the evidence warrants it. With economy in mind, you may change your mind about a prospective purchase. Still, the alternative will meet your standards.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Residential matters are much on your mind. You may assume responsibility for an older relative. Be glad that you can help. You're locked within yourself about a problem. Perhaps you're trying too hard to come up with the answers.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Though the party may not be the most exciting in town, your attendance will be greatly appreciated. Avoid needless expenses. Trust your intuition to guide you to the right answer involving a career concern. Be willing to change, if necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be tolerant of the viewpoints of others. Don't become fanatical. A distant matter may concern you, but a loved one has some good advice. A friend may ask you for a loan or some other assistance. A look at your accounts could cause you to make some financial changes.

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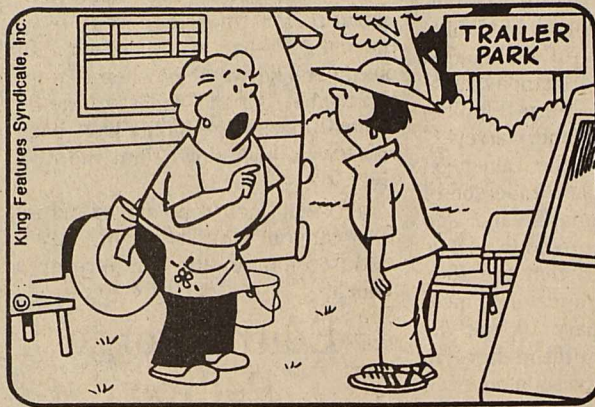
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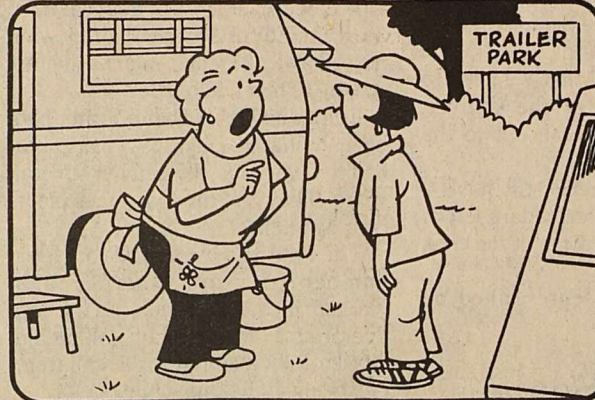
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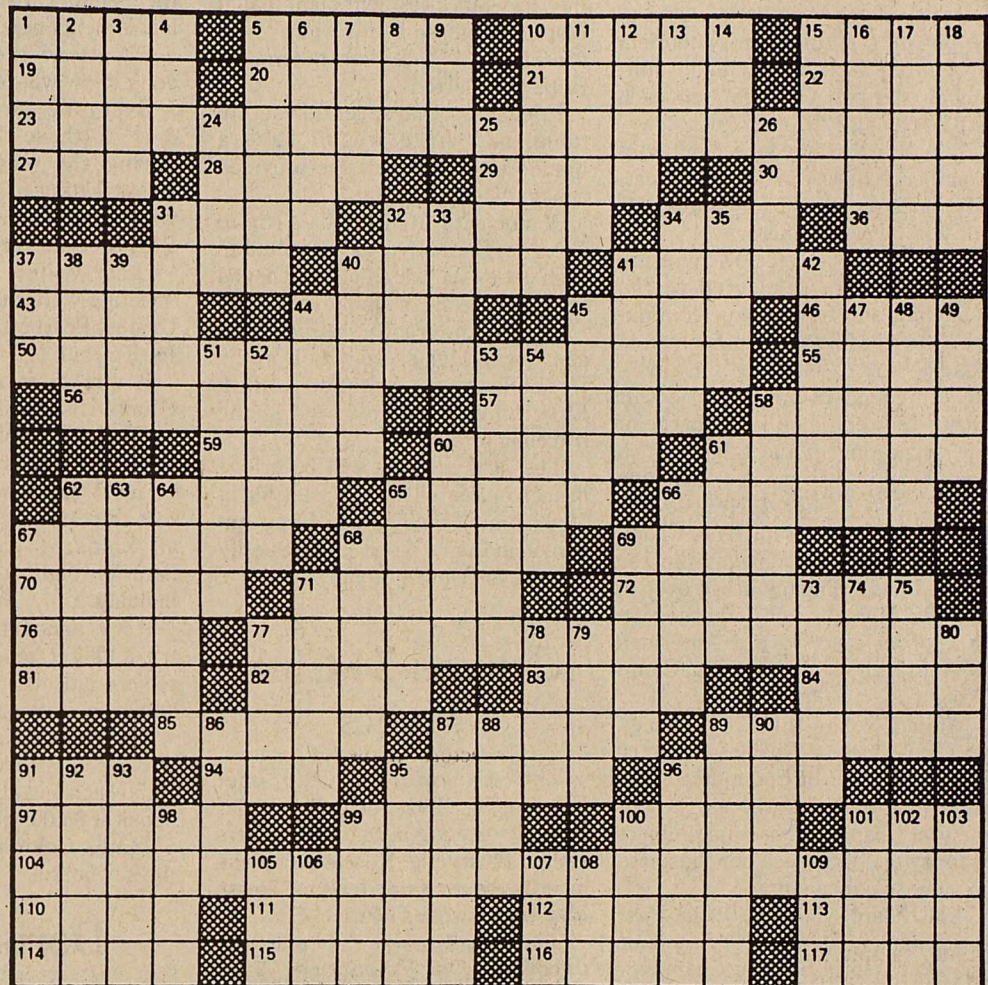
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Super Crossword

ACROSS	55 Fairway call	96 Feeler	10 Overly modest women	49 Court barriers	80 Malay isthmus
1 Playwright	56 Guarantees	97 Perfect model	11 Ward off	51 Ejected	86 Become boring
5 Vestige	57 Very poor demon	99 Young salmon	12 Corrodes	52 Sites for some houses?	87 Blunders
10 Primp	58 Arab evil	100 In addition	13 Anglo-Saxon letter	53 Soothing ointment	88 Deserve harshly
15 — Santorum	59 Clockmaker	101 Be in the red	14 Maiden name indicator	54 Goldilocks met them	90 Word in Mark 15:34
19 Light grayish yellowish brown	60 Size of type	104 It happened on the way to the fair	15 Singer Guthrie	58 Makes amends	91 Boxer's tools?
20 Fortification	61 Cubic meters	110 Surpasses var.	16 Rail birds	59 Author of boys' stories	92 Language of a region
21 English novelist	62 Cold remedy	111 Carpenter's box	17 Musical direction	60 Highly polished	93 Suburb of Phoenix
22 Bookbinder's	65 Smudges	112 She had many adventures	18 Tarsus	61 Hirsute	95 More plucky
23 "Hickory, dickory, dock, —"	66 Young hogs	113 Sea swallow	24 Kitchen need	62 Founder of the Ottoman Empire	96 Actress Mary Kay
27 Drunkard	67 Skin eruptions	114 One of Captain Hook's crewmen	25 Standard	63 Pastry ingredient	98 Church part
28 Large tubs	68 Theater boxes	115 Boxes	26 Star of "Moonstruck"	64 Topics	99 Kind of bread
29 Lyric poems	69 Paper-thin tin plate	116 Alleviated	34 Eared seal	65 Tree trunks	100 Aconite
30 The Plaza in New York, for one	70 Pointed	117 Plaster device	35 Pastry ingredient	66 Philippine island	101 Sign of things to come
31 Tribe or clan	71 Greek physician	1 Plays the ponies	37 — Annie, of "Oklahoma!"	67 Electric catfish	102 Hog's blemish?
32 Edible mushroom	72 "Random Harvest" plot	2 She loved Narcissus	38 Lianero's weapon	68 Soup server	103 City in Sicily
34 — "Buttermilk Sky"	73 Pointed	3 Weight allowance	39 Repairs the lawn	69 California-Nevada lake	104 Prussian spa
36 Fr. saint	74 Greek physician	4 Low murmur	40 Newly made skipper	70 Flying insects	106 Slight taste
37 Absorbed in thought	75 Flash flood	5 School-skipper	41 Dashiell Hammett's	71 Rubber follower	107 Murray or West
40 Froths	76 Flash flood	6 Takes a break	42 Miss Muffet's perch	74 Othello villain	108 High note
41 Commence	77 Uncanny	7 Summer refreshers	43 Greek letter	75 Maple genus	109 Schedule abbr.
43 "Three, four, shut the —"	78 Sucking fish	8 Game show prize	44 Inca	76 Japanese tree	
44 Jog	79 Suitable	9 Alfonso's queen	45 Actor Peter	77 Used by 77 Across	
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St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Communion Class - 1991--a discussion meeting was held with parents/sponsors in agreement to dedicate their celebration by using the color yellow in their decorations and yellow roses to the troops in the Gulf.

The Way of the Cross is prayed every Friday at 6:30. Please share in this special time.

New desk-chairs are needed to make more room in the classrooms. Classes are having fund raisers to earn this money.

If you would like to buy an old desk or purchase a new one to help out, contact Father David.

Students and staff will appreciate your help.

Renew at St. Mary Magdalene everyone is invited to join us.

Week I

Reflective Meditation

The great saints all shared something in common. They were willing to risk stepping out, and live differently from the people of their time, often refusing to accept the social mores of their culture. St. Francis of Assisi refused wealth and the materialism of his father even though that would have been the culturally acceptable way to live. St. Catherine of Siena challenged those "in power" in her time, recognizing her own God-given gifts of leadership. The saints were willing to risk a response to life which made them "fully alive" in God. They were and continue to be persons who trust Jesus enough to believe in his works. "I have come in order that you might have life-life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). They are and were willing to risk everything in the pursuit of his full life in Jesus.

When we speak of saints, we may feel as though we are talking about a quality of life far beyond our reach. Yet, we know that often their saintly qualities developed in the very nitty-gritty experiences of everyday life. We too can risk as the saints did to live a fuller life in Jesus. We could choose to pray for an hour each morning, and at other times during the day in which we are totally present to God. Are we willing to do this? Are we willing to extend ourselves to others--perhaps even when they show no appreciation or

recognition? Are we willing as Francis was to be a "fool" for Jesus? These are all risks. We will not grow spiritually unless we are willing to risk taking great leaps in faith.

Francis of Assisi, at the beginning of his conversion, prayed to God for help in this risk-taking:

"Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command."

FOCUS:

Lent provides a wonderful time for us to respond to the Lord's call, to open our hearts in response to any interior change the Lord may ask of us. It is a time of challenge, a time to take risks. The Lord may be asking us to free ourselves from any mediocrity or apathy to a movement of the heart that embraces new understandings, a deeper conversion in faith.

1. Make an effort to get closer to one person you don't know too well. Spend some extra time with the person - get to know him/her better. Share that person with your family by inviting him/her home or just by telling your family about him/her.

2. Each night listen to a piece of music selected by a different member of the family. As a family discuss why each likes or dislikes the other's choice. Make a special effort to appreciate each other's taste.

3. There are many "alone" people in the world. As a family, reach out in friendship to:

- a senior citizen in the neighborhood or parish
- some patient in a nursing home
- hospitalized children or adults

Visit them, inquire about them, remember them with a phone call, a card, a small gift for Easter or their birthday.



Meditations

by Preston Taylor

Seldom ever is this column used as advertisement space. I do it this time, but will not abuse you with a long story about it.

I plan to start a series of messages from the book of James this coming Sunday morning.

Most people do not know and of course some segments of the Christian world do not accept the fact that this particular James was a half-brother of Jesus. And yet, the truth is that Jesus did have 4 younger half-brothers and at least two sisters.

You'll find the book of James an exciting, practical book. If you hear the introductory message which is a biographical account of the life of

James, then my prediction is that you'll want to hear more about this fabulous book in the New Testament.

We will treat you courteously next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock if you can join us. Of course, if you normally attend another Church in town, don't skip your own Church. Support your Church family and your pastor.

The book of James has five chapters. It's the same length as the Sermon on the Mount. You can read it easily within 20 minutes. Try this exercise this week and you'll be refreshed. God bless you greatly, dear friend.

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St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar; Rev. Bill Koons - 563-2071.

St. John Baptist Church: West Crockett St., Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Sunday morning worship 11:00 A.M., Wed. prayer & Bible study 7:00 P.M. Rev. Walter A. Johnson, Pastor 563-9551.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Worship service (Sun) 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Worship Service (Wed) 7:00 P.M. Rev. Preston A. Taylor 563-2245.

Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (Sun) 6:30 P.M., Bible Study (Wed) 7:00 P.M.

Community Church: Corner of El Paso and Gove Streets. Sunday, Praise and Worship Service 10:45 A.M., Wednesday, Prayer Service 7:00 P.M., Charles Belknap, Pastor.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M., Wed. and Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sun. (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. reg. 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. and Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M.

New Baby

Catherine Alicia Spell

Catherine Alicia Spell, born February 7, 1991 - 7:35 p.m. 8 lbs. 4 oz. 21 in. long. She is welcomed by a sister Elizabeth, Mom-Amelia and Dad-Fred. Brackettville Grandparents M/M Rudy Rodriguez, Louisiana Grandparents M/M Douglas Spell.

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