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



Pictured in the Wainwright House are, from left, Melissa Richardson with the Schaffer family - Pamela, Marshall, Jennifer, Paul and Daisy.

Guests At Wainwright House

By JEAN FAULKENBERRY
Brackett News Editor

If the Wainwright House, former quarters of General Jonathan Wainwright, on Fort Clark can get excited, it must have been very excited to have a visit from relatives of Lt. John Lapham Bullis, famed leader of the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, who was stationed at the Fort in the 1870's.

Yes, that's right. Paul Schaffer and his family - wife, Pamela, 11-year old son, Marshall, 15-year old daughter, Jennifer, and her friend, Melissa Richardson, spent the past week there relaxing and enjoying all the things that Fort Clark Springs has to offer. They did all the visitor things even going to Alamo Village and "falling in love" with Ortho, the not overly bright gunfighter.

The Schaffers are from Baytown where Paul is an investigator with the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Bullis' first wife, Alicia Rodriguez, was Schaffer's great-great-aunt.

Alicia's grandfather was one of the first settlers that the Spanish Duke of Bexar sent from the Canary Islands to San Antonio. Alicia's father fought in the Battle of San Jacinto with Juan Seguin's company to protect land holdings desired by General Santa Anna. He was one of the three sent out from the Alamo to seek reinforcements of General Sam Houston.

One of Alicia's sisters married a Confederate Captain named Mason and after the Civil War they moved to Virginia. Her other sister married Adolphus Duran, a Texas Ranger Captain.

After the Civil War, Bullis resigned from the Confederate Army, went to Arkansas and entered the timber business but was not happy and re-enlisted in the army at Fort Duncan. He met and married Alicia and brought her to Fort Clark at Brackettville where he was stationed. Alicia died during pregnancy with their first child. Even after Alicia's death Bullis stayed in close contact with Alicia's mother and other family members.

He even offered his share of the Shafter, Texas, Gold Mines to Alicia's mother but she refused the gift. He later used proceeds from the mines to help members of Alicia's family attend college.

Dr. James S. Moore, a dentist in Baytown, owns the Wainwright House, and has assured the Schaffers that the house is always available to them. This is the third time they have visited the Fort and used the house. They plan more visits.

Mr. Schaffer was instrumental in getting the Witte Museum to allow Bullis' swords to be displayed at Fort Clark three years ago. He has donated photographs of Bullis to the Fort Clark Guard House Museum.

Schaffer's grandmother has given him many mementoes of Lt. Bullis including a cedar chest, photo signed by Bullis, a Springfield rifle,

insignias, bugle, family photo album and letters written by Bullis to Alicia's mother after Alicia's death. His pictures of Bullis includes one in full Confederate dress uniform, one in civilian clothes, one after he re-entered the army, and one of Bullis and Alicia.

The album contains pictures of Captain Duran, Guadalupe's husband, when he served with McNelly's Rangers, Confederate General Robert E. Lee and also Yankee officers.

Family stories handed down about Bullis includes his fondness for canned peaches. Seems any time he set out on a scouting trip he carried along a sack of canned peaches tied to his saddle. If all other food played out, he had peaches. Bullis was a real sportsman and particularly enjoyed watching boxing.

One of the most colorful officers who served at Fort Clark, Bullis was sometimes unpopular with fellow officers because he was not a West Point graduate but more so for his genuine concern and respect for his Seminole Scouts. "Bullis definitely was not a racist," declared Schaffer. Schaffer feels that in some cases Texas History needs to be re-written or at least expanded to include true historical events, and is ever amazed, as are others, when they learn the significance of Fort Clark's role in developing Texas.

He is extremely proud to be a descendant of Bullis although the kinship is through Bullis' marriage to Schaffer's aunt. Of great concern to him is what is happening now to Seminole descendants and their attitude toward Bullis. He believes the heritage that descendants keep alive locally is of major importance.

"Some Are Just Lucky"



Jewel Robinson and Tootsie Herndon display the doll and painting that was part of a fund-raiser for the City of Spofford.

For weeks local people have been admiring the Bud Breen painting "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle & More" that Jewel Robinson donated to the City of Spofford to aid in fund raising activities.

Just as appealing has been a second item - a hand crafted doll contributed by Norman Mendeke (City Secretary Cordelia's brother) of Austin. A friend of his made the doll. It was first won by Vicki

One hundred years of combined and continuous Texas law enforcement is represented in the above photograph as retired Kinney County Sheriff Johnny Sheedy, with wife Lillian Sheedy looking on, is shown presenting current Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten with the .45 Colt Single Action Army revolver Mr. Sheedy carried as his sidearm during his 43 years of service as a Kinney County peace officer.

Mr. Sheedy served as Sheriff of Kinney County for 33 years (1948-1980) and the clock is still running as he has served as a T.C.L.O.S.E. licensed Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Hooten since 1982.

Sheriff Sheedy was presented the famous "Samuel Colt's Equalizer" by Texas Ranger Aaron Slator in 1948 when he (Sheedy) began his first term as Sheriff of Kinney County. Ranger Slator who lived and ranched in Kinney County, had carried the old "thumb-buster", which was manufactured by Colt in 1910, as his favorite sidearm during his long service as a Texas Ranger, a career which spanned well over forty years. Though well documented details of his career are sketchy, Ranger Slator served as an active duty Texas Ranger from 1916 through 1932 and carried a Special Ranger commission well into the 50's. His service in the Rangers in the early years involved several dangerous confrontations with "bootleggers" and other outlaws during the "Prohibition" era and it is reported that he shot and killed at least two of the outlaws with his old "equalizer" in a gunfight with "bootleggers" on Las Moras Creek just south of Fort Clark during a "stakeout" by Texas Rangers.

Upon presenting his old six-shooter to Sheriff Sheedy in 1948 he stated, "Sheedy, don't teach this old gun any bad habits, it shoots straight and it don't miss."

**Chamber Of
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Sunday, June 28,
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Though Sheriff Sheedy never had to fire the weapon in a confrontation with lawbreakers during his long career, he did use it to "massage the thinking cap" of a few who challenged his authority to arrest them and shot one man with the old gun in a freak accident.

As the story is told by Sheriff Sheedy, he was called to a ranch south of Brackettville one day to help a local rancher who was having trouble with dogs from town depredate his sheep and goats. Upon meeting with the rancher, he and Sheriff Sheedy drove down into the pasture where most of the "kills" were occurring and sure enough there was a pack of the dogs running some sheep. Before shooting at the dogs, Sheriff Sheedy says he asked the rancher if anyone was in the area. The rancher replied that he had some men cutting brush in the pasture but that they were

over a hill and well out of pistol range. Sheriff Sheedy then fired several shots at the dogs that were by that time "making tracks" out of there. Shortly afterward he and the rancher heard someone shout and went to investigate. Upon arriving in the area where the calls came from, over a mile away from where the shots were fired, they found that one of the bullets from the old "thumb-buster" had evidently ricocheted off a rock and struck one of the men in the jaw, taking out a tooth as it did so. The man was not otherwise seriously injured and as Sheriff Sheedy and the rancher drove up, the man spit out the tooth and the flattened bullet. Sheriff Sheedy still has the bullet in his keepsake box.

Sheriff Hooten is a veteran Texas lawman with over 25 years service and experience as a peace officer, the past 16 years as a peace officer

in Kinney County, and Sheriff of Kinney County since 1982. Upon accepting the gift he stated, "I was surprised and very pleased when Sheriff Sheedy sent word for me to come to his home and presented the old gun to me. Receiving this gun is an honor I accept with humility and pride, especially since it has such a historical background. The fact that it has been carried by a Texas Ranger and a Kinney County Sheriff continuously for the past 75 years and is now passed on to me makes it very dear to my heart."

After Sheriff Sheedy presented the old six-shooter to Sheriff Hooten, Lillian Sheedy stated, "I can't think of anyone who deserves that gun more than Sheriff Hooten. He's a good man and a good lawman. He is now the third generation of Kinney County lawman to wear that gun."

A Kinney County legacy truly does live on!

We Got Home...With All Our Luggage

In February *The Brackett News* carried the story of Nicola, Saverio, and Francisco Forgione from Italy visiting their Texas brothers Tony and Joe Frerich. That exciting story has another chapter now.

Tony's son and daughter, Toby and Tammy, and Joe's daughter, Suzanne, have just returned from a visit to the Forgiones brothers plus getting acquainted with the three sisters who complete this remarkable family.

Toby is now back in classes at Texas A&M. Suzanne, who will be a high school senior this coming year, is home at Eddy where she has a summer job. Tammy is back at Angelo State University but she did take time to share some of their experiences on a brief stop-over in Brackettville.

The three Texas young adults left from San Antonio on May 25, flew to Dallas, New York, and then to Zurich, Switzerland, where they were met by Uncle Sevario, two of his sons, and Uncle Francisco. Sevario lives about an hour's distance from Zurich. After spending a week in Switzerland, and visiting France and Germany while in that area, they spent three days driving through Venice, Drane, Florence, and Pisa before arriving in Rocca San Felipe, Italy. There they were met by Nicola.

One of the aunts lives in Rocca, they had met one near Venice and one in Switzerland. They later joined them at Rocca.

About two weeks were spent in Rocca which is even smaller than Brackettville. While in that area, they visited Rome and Naples. Venice was a favorite city to them. All the country was very green and very beautiful. Switzerland was quite warm but Italy was cool enough to require a jacket.

Of course, the most exciting part of the trip was seeing the uncles again, meeting the aunts and the cousins - there are 31 first cousins in their generation counting the three and Suzanne's two younger brothers. That means there were 26 first cousins to get acquainted with. They met 25 of them. One was in Germany so they missed getting to know him. Tammy confided that they now knew each of them by name and most had promised to come to Texas in the near future.

Tammy described their time there as one big party. The hospitality, the food, the laughter, and the music...some of them played the accordion and frequently did! And every time the accordion was played, there was singing and dancing.

Communication was a problem since only one cousin spoke English. Some spoke Spanish, but Toby was actually the only one of the three Texans that had a really good command of that language. But since love is an International Language, they felt comfortable and very much part of "the family."

Tammy told of eating at McDonald's at Bassell and at Rome. The hamburgers cost \$5.00 and you had to pay extra for the catsup and all that good stuff that over here is part of the deal.

The three arrived back in San Antonio on June 15 after a 34-hour trip from Naples to Milan, then Chicago before getting to San Antonio. Clinton Hobbs, son of Janelle Hobbs of Fort Clark Springs, and a Brackett High School classmate of Toby's met them at the Chicago Airport where they all had a nice visit.

Tammy's eyes sparkled as she told of humorous instances of breakdowns in communications.

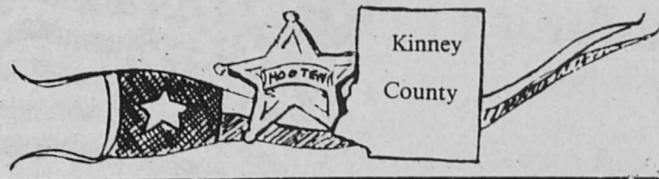
They even departed Italy in grand style according to her. Naturally they returned with much more luggage than they left with! They had to not only change planes in Milan but airports, too, and transport their own luggage. The three, with their mountains of "stuff" caught a bus which they thought would take them from one airport to the other. (Remember they spoke no Italian - the bus driver spoke no English). At a certain point, the bus stopped, everyone got off...except the three Texans. Finally, through sign language, the driver made them understand he went no further in their direction...he returned to the airport they had just departed. Off they got, baggage and all!

They had to walk a couple of blocks to catch the next bus...yes, bags and all! Toby and Suzanne lugged all they could drag a short distance while Tammy stayed behind with the rest. Then Toby returned for another load at Tammy's end while Suzanne stood guard at the opposite end. Toby had to make several trips...Tammy never quite got all the story told, she couldn't stop laughing remembering their plight...but the impression was that their possessions were relayed some distance...but they did get home...luggage and all!

Tammy felt she could speak for all three in saying they felt so good about the trip, getting acquainted with their marvelous family, but was fast to add it was so good to get home and see their own parents (Tony and Nancy Frerich for Tammy) and their precious grandparents, Orville and Bernadette Frerich, and to be where she could communicate with people!

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



With this week's column we say farewell and Good Luck to former Patrol Deputy Sheriff Jay R. Smith who has left the Sheriff's Department to accept appointment as a U. S. Border Patrol Agent.

Jay R. went to work for me at the Sheriff's Department in July, 1989 as a Jailer/Dispatcher Pvt. and worked his way up through the ranks, attending and successfully completing the various required courses for licensing as mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. He completed the course of study for County Jail Guard in March, 1990, and passed the State Licensing Exam for same on March 27, 1990 with a very high score of 86% (70% is the minimum acceptable score).

As time went on Jay R. indicated an interest in becoming a peace officer, and I encouraged him to prepare himself for that goal. He attended and successfully completed the tough Basic Peace Officer's Certification Course in 1991 held at the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy in Uvalde, passing the State Licensing Exam for peace officers on April 5, 1991. On April 12, 1991 I appointed him as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to patrol duties in Kinney County.

During the almost two years he worked for me Jay R. exhibited qualities so important in law enforcement and required by me of my employees- HONESTY - RESPECT - and LOYALTY. Jay R. accepted and carried out his assigned duties with bulldog tenacity and had the makings of a good lawman.

Jay R. came to me several months ago and asked my advice on trying

to further his career in law enforcement, and as I always encourage my employees to take every opportunity to better themselves I encouraged him to take the exam for U. S. Border Patrol Agent, which he did, and passed. Months went by and he sometimes became discouraged but finally received his acceptance letter to the U. S. Border Patrol Academy. His STARTING salary is more than mine after 25 years in the business.

He was to report to Yuma, Arizona, on June 22, 1992. We will miss Jay R. here at the Sheriff's Office but we are glad for him and hope that the experience and law enforcement training he gained while at the Kinney County Sheriff's Department will stand well for him in his new career. He was a faithful, honest, and loyal deputy, and more than that, he was our friend. GOOD LUCK, JAY R.!

I do not intend to fill the vacancy in the position created by Deputy Smith's resignation due to a freeze on hiring and employment replacement requested by the Commissioners Court until the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, 1992. All county officials are trying to do their part in cutting back on spending due to a financial crunch being experienced as we go into this last quarter of FY 91-92. There had been a fear that some county employees might have to be laid off if we can't cut down on expenses and neither I, nor any other county official wants to see that happen.

I turned back \$17,000.00 to the county that was earmarked for office expansion at the Sheriff's Office and have been on the phone with the

U. S. Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Prisons in an attempt to keep our federal prisoner population up at the county jail. So far, we have been successful in those endeavors and are actually running about \$13,000.00 over and above our estimates for federal prisoner income at this point in the fiscal year. If we can maintain this trend we should complete this fiscal year close to \$18,000.00 over our estimated income.

At this time I am in the process of preparing my budget request for the upcoming fiscal year and am negotiating with the U. S. Marshal's Service for an increase in federal prisoner care fees from the current \$30.00 per man day to \$35.00 per man day. If we are successful in obtaining this increase, anticipated revenue from federal prisoner care income would be in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year. Thus far this fiscal year (through May) we have generated \$146,220 in federal prisoner care fees for a monthly average of \$18,277.50.

We all need to do our part in trying to keep down spending during these lean times, however, we at the Sheriff's Department do not intend to decrease our services to the people who depend upon us to provide law enforcement service and protection. Both I and Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter have recognized the need to work longer hours with less time off in order to fill the gap left by the resignation of Patrol Deputy Smith.

"TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST TOUGH PEOPLE DO!" That's All!

World's Largest Fungus Growths

Between Us

By Joe Townsend

The recent "Why am I not surprised" is the typical superficial approach of nit-pickers.

The initial "when a person gets mad enough and frustrated enough and not able to strike out any place else he probably will shoot himself in the foot" is the tired rhetoric of trying to shift the responsibility of ones actions.

The rioters and looters in L.A. can in no way legitimately blame anyone but themselves. They were thugs and criminals by their own choice. To blame their criminality on unemployment is a cop out.

It's amazing to me that the "inner cities" have a problem of unemployment. There are upwards of a million aliens coming into the U.S. annually. They find work and make a living and many send money back to their families across the borders. They have to work, they get no food stamps, no medicade, no low rent housing.

When the politicians began handing out free food stamps, commodities, money for utilities, housing at next to nothing they began to break the self respect of people and made them dependent on Uncle Santa Clause.

When the policy was adopted of giving largesse on the basis of the number of children they opened the gate for fatherless families and larger numbers of babies to get more giveaways.

The basic problems of the inner cities is the breakdown of the family and lack of punishment for crime. As long as crime pays there will continue to be criminals. To blame this criminal culture on the over exaggerated criminal behavior of congressmen is supercilious.

Monday morning quarter backing about Iraq shows the inability to remember and think clearly. When Iraq was engaged in war with Iran all America was in support of

assistance to Iraq. A casual glance at Iran and the treatment of all people shows the U.S. was wise to support Iraq. If Mr. Kurtz has "Not heard why we did go to war with Iraq" he's been hiding under a rock.

There was the little nation of Kuwait that was invaded and devastated Satanically by Sadam Hussein and his forces. The entire world banded-together to set this aright. Come now Mr. Kurtz you really aren't that stupid; I hope.

All this drivel about high priced Executives, athletes and movie stars is the simplistic meandering of an inability to think.

No one who was an adult when Hoover and Roosevelt were presidents will forget it. I remember the soup lines where daily people stood in line with a bucket to get free soup for the family. I remember the WPA the CCC and PWA. I remember that the men on public works were given 11 days work a month and paid \$28 I remember how Mr. Roosevelt slaughtered cattle and hogs in the fields and left them to rot while people starved. I remember how he engendered the AAA and saddled the farmers and ranchers with a government controlled agriculture program that is today an albatross around the neck of the farmer.

I remember how Mr. Roosevelt pegged the price of American cotton at 12¢/pound when the world price was 9¢. Instead of forcing the world price up the world turned to Brazil and Egypt and broke the back of the American cotton industry. I remember the strike by John L. Lewis and how the government broke it. I remember how Mr. Roosevelt enacted the Taft-Hartley labor law and established the National Labor Relations Board.

This took the operation of industry out of the hands of the owners and stock holders and gave it to the Labor Union. I well remember the exhorbitant labor demand and how Business tried to temper them only to be overwhelmed by the N.L.R.B. Business finally backed off and bowed to labor and raised the price and soon much of American business had priced itself out of the market.

This coupled with a better product at a cheaper price took the market from America. I wonder how Mr. Kurtz has lived never buying or wearing anything made abroad. If he's guilty of going over the line he has little legitimacy to his argument.

By the way Mr. Roosevelt went into office in 1932. There was as much unemployment in the U.S.A. in 1940-41 as in 1932. Only World War II broke the back of unemployment - not Mr. Roosevelt's policies.

I also remember how Mr. Roosevelt closed every bank in America and many never reopened causing depositors to lose all. Please Mr. Kurtz get a generous supply of halo polish, Mr. Roosevelt's halo has collected much tarnish.

Before you get too frustrated about the present Congress remember the Tea Pot Dome Scandal, The Harry Dexter White and Alger Hiss debacle, the profligacy and womanizing of Roosevelt, Johnson and Kennedy.

Remember the Bay of Pigs, the support of Castro when Bautista was in power. Before you decide life ain't worth living under such conditions, remember all the fault finding solves no problems.

It's self evident it worries you so my suggestion is, "Why don't you run for President. I'm sure you'd make a better one than Perot or even Clinton."

Big Mama Sez!



Be spontaneous with your affection today. Someone you know needs a hug.

Letter To The Editor

June 19, 1992

Brackett News Editor:

I love Brackettville. I've lived in Brackett for over 30 years. My father was born here in the last century and his father served at Fort Clark about the time of the Civil War.

I read Mr. Joe Townsend's article, "Between Us" (dated June 18, 1992), and got pretty upset when he writes about contempt for anyone who washes his dirty laundry in the newspapers and then he turns around and does the very same things he says he has contempt for. I can remember quite a bit of dirty laundry going around in the early 70's, and it probably is still going on, but that seems to be a horse of a different color.

I was lucky and fortunate to have been educated and I know, from experience, that every story has two sides. Mr. Townsend seems to be just telling one side of the story. I would feel that any newspaper man, who was a fair man, would make an effort to view both sides of the story.

Mr. Townsend states that the City Council hired a Chief of Police that was a total misfit. This is totally out of line. You are talking about two different times and situations. This sounds like a very biased statement. You say that Mr. Luna may respond to a call and be in danger because no one comes to his assistance fallacious. I hope you or your family are never in a dangerous situation. But how can one assume this will never happen.

Then after calling the Mayor and the City Secretary ignorant and arrogant you commend the city for a job well done in the recent cleaning of the drainage ditches. I invite you to come downtown Brackettville, next to my home and City Hall and take a look at the health hazard, mosquito-infested swamp.

Chuey Sanchez



CLAYTON WILLIAMS

JIM MATTOX

Prison Reform

Clayton Williams

Jim Mattox

An ex-convict - on early parole for less than 24 hours - ruthlessly murdered a Houston woman.

Another criminal, paroled in April on his first eligible parole day, has confessed to killing 60 people. He was released from a Texas prison to make room for someone else.

Jim, Texans have been terrorized enough. There are solutions.

It is time to reopen the Ruiz case in which Judge William Wayne Justice said Texas prisons could only be 95% full. Other states have gotten out from under court-imposed capacity levels. The Attorney General should vigorously pursue this avenue and be prepared to appeal if denied relief. This would open up thousands of prison beds.

There are thousands of prison beds built by a private company sitting empty because prison officials say they don't meet court standards. Even so, they could be used to incarcerate felons before they are released on parole.

And, if necessary, we could house prisoners in tents in West Texas. If tents in the desert were good enough for our Desert Storm troops, they are sure good enough for Texas criminals!

Let's face facts...we must double our prison capacity. I'm serious about that.

Claytie, the 95% capacity limit is set by state law - not to comply with Judge Justice.

But it's interesting that you suggest housing inmates in tents. The inmates like that. They'd rather be in tents than the over-crowded jails and prisons they're in now.

Judge Justice and the Fifth Circuit Court have said that they won't let Texas house inmates in tents or abandoned military bases. We could get Attorney General Dan Morales to ask again, but I believe the answer would be the same.

What we have now is money. The voters spoke very clearly when they passed the \$1 billion bond proposition for 25,000 new prison beds, with almost half set aside for substance abuse treatment.

The problem is the new prisons will be filled as soon as they're built and the question remains whether criminals will stay in prison any longer.

I agree with you that the first duty of government is to protect its citizens, and the State of Texas should use the private prison beds that have already been completed. Makes no sense not to.



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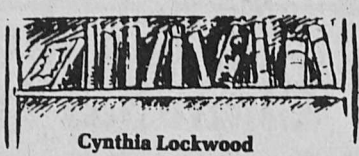
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Cynthia Lockwood

Library Hours
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If you've been by the library lately, you might have noticed that the new building's rock work is almost completed. What this means in terms of the completed project is still uncertain. We have finally received some bids that are in line with what we are able to spend; however, a final contract for the remainder of the project has not yet been approved by the commissioners court. We are all anxiously awaiting the completion of the Fritter Room.

The summer reading program is gaining speed as the summer wears on. Every week we have more kids registering for the Texas Reading Club. Along with the at-home reading contest, the kids are enjoying in-library story hours as well as special activities. If your children,

or grandchildren, are begging for something to do, it's not too late to sign them up for the fun and reading at the Kinney County Public Library.

I am excited about a new set of books that is the most recent addition to our collection. These are books for the juvenile and easy readers. What is so special about these is that they were all written and illustrated by children ranging in ages from 11 to 19 years old. Besides being delightful stories, these books also might inspire other children to try their hand at writing a book. Some of the titles are *Me and My Veggies, Too Much Trick Or Treat, The Half & Half Dog, The Legend Of Sir Miguel, and Get That Goat*.

Scraples Two by Judith Krantz is our newest arrival from our McNaughton book lease company. If you liked the first novel, get on the waiting list for this one.

New in our large print section is Danielle Steele's latest *Jewels*, Martha Grimes' *The End Of The Pier*, and Robert Parker's *Early Autumn*.

Many thanks to those of you who donated books and magazines this past week: Francis Larson, and Richard Mountain. Cindy Braesicke donated four children's videos to our collection.

As always, we welcome you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

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Days Past

by Dorothy Payne



June 6, 1847 - A hopeful President Polk authorized Nicholas P. Trist to negotiate a truce with the Mexican Government of Santa Anna. However, British Minister Charles Bankhead's services were required as liaison between Frist and General Scott before any discussions were held with the enemy. Scott regarded the Frist Mission as an invasion of his business, and armistice as a military question.

June 3-10, 1850 - A convention of the "slave states" advocated extending the Missouri Compromise line to the Pacific. This would include the Southwest and Monterey, California, in the area open to slavery. The irony was that the land involved was primarily suited for cattle grazing and ranching, activities that are incompatible with slave labor.

June 29, 1854 - Pennsylvania Lawyer Andrew Reeder was appointed the first territorial governor of Kansas as the first of seven territorial governors in the next seven years.

June 4, 1856 - Kansas Territorial Governor Shannon ordered all irregular armed units to disband.

June 9 - 11, 1856 - The first of 10 handcart brigades left Iowa City for

Salt Lake City. Two companies totaling 497 persons drawing 100 carts headed out singing - all were newly converted to the Mormon Faith. They reached Zion on September 26.

A third party went in October. However, the next two companies were delayed until August while their carts were built. They were caught by early snows, and ill-equipped for a winter trek 1200 miles across the plains, 225 of the 1,000 died before reaching Salt Lake City. "We soon thought it unusual to leave a campground without burying one or more persons," wrote one immigrant. Stopped finally by heavy drifts, the settlers waited for rescue. President Brigham Young, on learning of the disaster, decided to set up more settlements for the next five handcart company crossings.

June 12, 1858 - Nineteen Georgians and 46 Cherokee Indians reached Bent's Fort on the Arkansas River in south-central Kansas Territory. Many of the prospectors became discouraged and quit early, but those who stayed on would find their gold many miles north, along the Cherry Creek, near the site of Denver.

Book Review

By Mary Mitchell

Kiss

By Ed McBain

For those of us who like mysteries of the traditional type, Ed McBain is a long standing champion. His *87th Precinct* series, of which this is the latest, has been most successful in showing the crime and its solution from the perspective of the law enforcement community.

In *Kiss*, we have more than one mystery and a typical O. Henry ending. This book is difficult to put down and proves once again that Mr. McBain is deserving of the Grand Master Award of the Mystery Writers of America.

Get this one fast...I predict a waiting list.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD

On Tuesday, June 16, the Fort Clark Duplicate Club met with nine pairs playing the Howell Movement.

With a good winning score, first place went to Flo Stafford and Helen Lynch.

Second place was won by Rozetta Pingenet and Norma Gould with Ben Pingenet and Tina Bauguess a close third.

Worth Crowing About!



June 26, 27, July 3
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We Have A Winner!

Monday at noon Louis Waddell came by *The Brackett News* office to identify the mystery picture. Alas, the office was closed.

Shortly after 1 p.m. his wife, Laura, came in and identified the picture as a post right in front of Lopez's bakery.

Laura got the cap, was all smiles, and said she might let Louis wear it.

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Community Calender

- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator Hall, 109 W. James St.
- Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
- Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room
- City Council: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall
- Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Drivers License: 1st, 3rd & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon; 1 - 3 p.m., 2nd floor, Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW & Auxiliary Post #8360: 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m., NCO Club.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 8 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Las Vegas Night: 4th Saturday, 8 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call Library for information.
- KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Klippers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., NCO Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Board Room.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority: 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- NA: Thursdays, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

There is a man here who has been here most of his life.

He is a ranchman and with his fine wife works hard on his ranch. They have raised two fine sons whom they adopted and who are very fine men with families.

He is an easy going man and easy to get along with. He is not loud and aggressive in personality but is gracious and friendly.

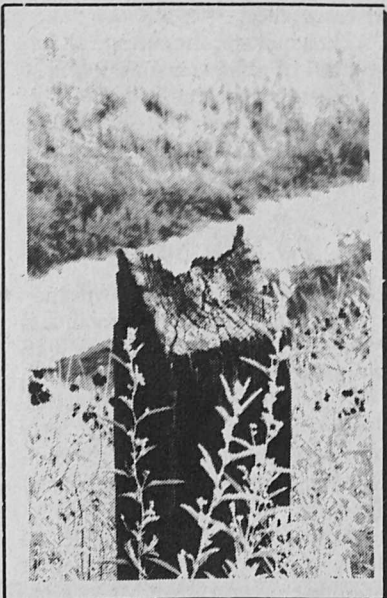
I have never heard a critical word about this man. He is faithful to his church and a fine component of our community.

Surely Orville Frerich is an "Unsung Hero."

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Identify The Picture

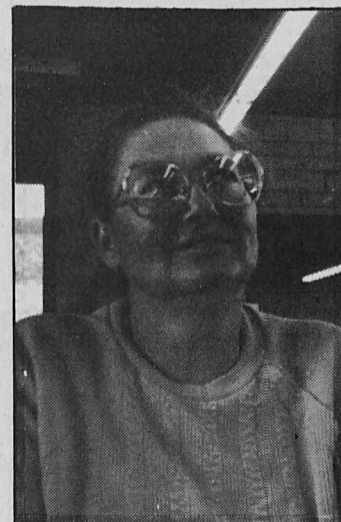
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Say You Saw It In THE BRACKETT NEWS

Just For The Fun Of It

Where were you born: Quitman, Georgia.
 What is your favorite food: Everything.
 How do your friends describe you: Friendly.
 Describe yourself: Friendly.
 What is your favorite movie: *The Alamo*.
 What is your favorite book: All Westerns.
 If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Back home for a visit.
 What would you like to be if you could change your life: Wouldn't change anything.
 If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: Wouldn't change a thing.



Dianna Lackey

Answers to Super Crossword

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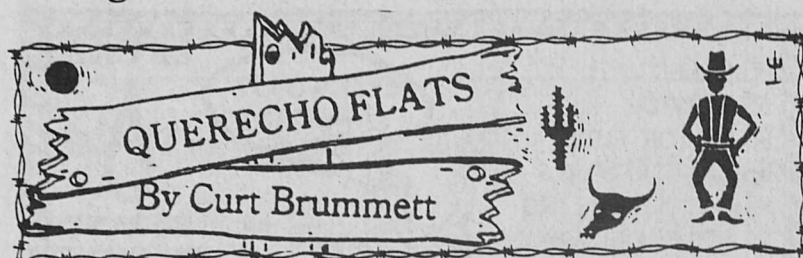
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Querecho Corriente

On the average, I have at least six roping steers in my pens year round. This year, I have only averaged five. I own six, but I have only averaged five.

You see, I have one that is related to that escape artist "whodunit" or whatever his name is. This steer is good!

I got 'im about three weeks ago, and I have spent more time hunting the horned escape artist than I have roping him. But I can say this for the varmint.

He's good!

I found 'im in Annie Fyckickers garage the first time, he was trying to camouflage himself as a roll-away bed. I got 'im back in the pens and thought he was locked up.

I found 'im the second time helping the Blubber Brigade down at the community center. The reason I found 'im down there was simple. I could hear all them slim, trim beauties screaming for help.

I don't know whether he wanted to try out the exercise bike or just make love to it, but he sure did make a mess.

The third time I found 'im, he was attempting to hold up a tourist down at Garlan's Mostly General Store and Post Office. I knew I had to do something about 'im then, because depending on who the arresting officer was, he could be charged with a felony or even by the federals.

I made up my mind that I would take him to the sale on Friday. He tried mugging the tourist on Tuesday.

I got 'im back to the arena, and I tied a rope around his horns and then to the fence. He had just enough rope to get to the water tank, and the feed barrel.

I would check on 'im pretty regular, just to make sure he didn't drag off my pen, then go about my rat killing.

The morning of the sale, I looked out the kitchen window and saw my rope still tied to the fence but no steer. He didn't break it, cut it, he just slipped it off some how. The tracks showed that he was headed for Garlan's.

I knew I was in trouble because Garlan had told me the next time the steer showed up at his place he would be the main course for our next bar-b-que.

I saddled a horse and headed out in hot pursuit of the elusive bovine beast in his semi-natural habitat. I had full intentions of roping, choking and frapping the black son-of-a-buck on the ground.

The tracks led straight to

Garlan's. Then they went across the high way. When I crossed the high way, I knew where he was because I heard the glass breaking.

For some reason, he wanted breakfast at Karl's. I spurred up and rounded the corner just in time to see five or six welders come jumping out of the window that used to be there. Then I heard Marthalean scream. I guess the old steer had heard about her cooking and he just figured he would cook his own breakfast.

Something I failed to mention about this old steer, he was about one-fourth fighting bull. And to say he could get in your pocket was somewhat of an understatement.

I slid my horse to a stop in front of Karl's and looked inside. The picture window was busted plumb out and the place appeared to be empty.

It wasn't.

I got off my horse and climbed through the window (no point in using the door) and chanced a peek into the kitchen over the swinging doors. What I saw was not a pretty sight.

Marthalean was standing on top of the chest type deep freeze in the corner. Karl was holed up under the dish rack and the steer was trying to make up his mind as to which of them he was gonna get first. (The steer was also wearing Karl's chef's hat and Marthalean's apron on his right horn).

There was flour, grease, eggs and other stuff scattered all over the kitchen. Yep, you could say the place was a mess. But knowing Karl, I couldn't see that the steer had done all that much damage.

I got a rope on the steer, got 'im outside finally, then tied 'im to a tree till I could get back with my trailer. This wasn't all that easy to do cause I was trying to keep from getting hit by the steer and other things that kept coming out the door, while taking a really bad cussing from a lady that appeared to be just a little miffed.

When I did get the steer loaded, I went to check on the damage. I told Karl I would pay for every thing that got broke or was considered a loss. Then I asked one of the welders to help clean up the mess while I took the steer to the sale.

He said he would, if I would just tell 'im which mess.

I asked what he meant.

He wanted to know if he had to clean up the mess the steer made or if he had to clean up the mess Marthalean made while she was standing on the deep freeze.

Golf News

Las Moras 18-Hole Course

LADIES DAY

Tuesday, June 16

The field teed off at 8:00 a.m. to compete in a Flighted Nassau.

Flight I

Overall Net Winners, score of 65, Louise Williamson
Front 9, score of 32, Marti Isenberg
Back 9, score of 28, Gwen Ladd

Flight II

Overall net winner, score of 61, Flo Stafford
Front 9, score of 33, Marge Adams
Back 9, 3-way tie with scores of 29, Molly Schroeder, Eileen Voracek, Betty Inman

MENS DAY

Wednesday, June 17

With a field of 21 golfers, 12 players came in winners in a 3-man team, 2 best ball format
1st place team with 149, Tom McNew, Julian Garza, Bill Mills

2nd place team with 152, Bill Mitchell, Carl Bordiga, Andy Anderson

3rd place, 2 teams tied with 155, Ralph Viestenz, Doc Cruse, Ray Kurtz, and Jim Bussey, P. M. Moore, Clarence Blackburn

COUPLES SCRAMBLE

Thursday, June 18

Winners with a 62 were Gwen and Cricket Ladd, Odette and Bill Mills

2nd place with a 64, Hilda and Ralph Viestenz, Lou Green and Bill Koons

3rd place with a 65 were Chick and Doc Cruse, Helen and George Miller

PUTTING CONTEST

Friday, June 19

Luella and Dwite Gilliland roasted hot dogs and served an old fashioned cook out to all golfers who tried their skills on the putting green.

Flo and James Stafford set up the teams and format.

Everyone had a great time - even Fern Dyer who made 4 putts for her team - but sadly, no one else in her group helped her.

The champions...with 10 putts...were Bill Mitchell, Molly Schroeder, Cricket Ladd, and Jean Faulkenberry.

In second place with 9 putts were Roy Dyer, Marge Adams, and Gwen Ladd.

A tie for 3rd place with a score of 5 included the teams of Louise Williamson, Bill Koons, Shirley Stephenson and James Stafford; Doc Cruse, Tom Faulkenberry, and Ann Legg.

Par-3 Executive

Monday, June 22

Eighteen players came out early for the regular Monday Scramble. The winning team made it around with only 26 strokes. This was Lou Green, Ed Lucas, and Mickey Braun.

In second place with an even par total of 27 were Julian Garza and Elaine Crain.

Attention!

Junior Golfers

Fort Clark Golf Course now has available to the youth of our community a summer golf membership.

Call the Pro Shop, 563-9204, for details.
Some restrictions apply.

Vandals Strike

Vandals have struck again! Saturday night, flag poles were broken in half, the heavy signs depicting hole number and yardages were broken down, the temporary lavatories turned over, and rakes from the sand traps broken.

Surely someone knows who the guilty parties are.

Surely these folks could better utilize their energies.

THANK YOU

To the people of Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville, thank you for being there during our time of sorrow.

The Avila Family

ASCS News

By JAN WONARECK
Kinney County ASCS

Foreigners Own 14.8 Million Acres Of U. S. Ag Land

Foreign investors reported owning 14.8 million acres of privately owned U. S. agricultural land as of December 31, 1991 - slightly more than 1%, or 419,474 acres more than a year ago, according to a recent report from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The report indicates that approximately 53% of the reported foreign holdings is actually land owned by U. S. firms. The law requires them to register their land holdings as foreign if 10% of their stock is held by foreign investors. The remaining 47% of the foreign held land is owned by investors not affiliated with U. S. firms.

Of the foreign owned acreage reported 49% was in forest land, 17% in crop land, 31% in pasture and other agricultural land, and 3% in uncultivated agricultural land.

Here in Texas, foreign owned agricultural land total 1,098,999 acres for 1991.

Foreigners who have purchased or leased agricultural land are required to report these transactions to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office in the county where the land is located within 90 days.

The Val Verde-Kinney County ASCS office is located at 1100 Bedell, Del Rio, Texas. Failure to report could result in a penalty.

Court Working On Budget

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met in special session Monday afternoon, June 22, 1992. Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Freddie Frerich and Plunker Sheedy were present.

The court acknowledged that Librarian Cynthia Lockwood had completed her six months employment probationary period and was eligible for county benefits. In an earlier discussion with Mrs. Lockwood she had indicated she had rather have a \$50.00 per month raise than county health insurance. (Both are within the budget guidelines). The court approved the raise in lieu of insurance.

The court also approved advertising for bids on county insurance, auditing firm, linen service, and pest control for the new budget year.

The balance of the afternoon was spent in budget workshop.



Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce Bar-B-Que Sunday, June 28 12:00 To ??? Chicken, Beans Spanish Rice To Go \$3.75 Per Plate At Kreiger Insurance Ann Street

Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



Quanah Parker is a figure who has been written about ever since the famous battle of Adobe Walls.

He was the last chief of the Comanches.

He was born sometime between 1845 and 1852 in an Indian Village on the shores of Laguna Sabinas, known as Cedar Lake on the Plains, which is in the present Gaines County, Texas.

Cynthia Ann Parker, mother of Quanah, was captured along with her brother John in a raid on Fort Parker, a private Fort near the headwaters of the Navasota River in present Limestone County. She lived with the Comanches for almost 25 years. At the time of her capture, she was nine years old while John was six.

Cynthia grew up in the tribe and married the Comanche Chief, Pete Nacona. Of this union were two sons, Quanah and Pecos, and a girl, Prairie Flower. In later years, Pecos went to Mexico.

Cynthia and Prairie Flower were captured after the Battle of Adobe Walls and taken back to Fort Sill in Oklahoma by soldiers led by Sul Ross. The baby died and Cynthia Ann led an unhappy life.

When Nacona was killed in the battle of Adobe Walls, Quanah

became chief in his father's place. In 1867, and for the next eight years, Quanah raided. In 1883, he surrendered to the army and decided to learn English, became fluent in Spanish, studied agriculture and became a "WHITE MAN'S Indian."

To cattlemen he leased tribal pasture lands and with the money built Indian schools and educated his own children well. He became general manager of his own tribe and the Kiowas and Apaches as well. He traveled and was at the inauguration of Teddy Roosevelt in Washington.

A government man approached Quanah and told him he would have to choose one of his seven wives as he would only be allowed to keep one. Quanah suggested to the man that he choose which one Quanah would keep. The discussion ended in a stalemate.

Quanah died February 23, 1911, and was buried in Post Oak, Oklahoma, cemetery near his mother and baby sister.

This man - half white, half Comanche - was a great warrior and leader of his people, who somehow seemed to escape the pitfalls of mixed blood, probably because he chose to remain himself.

Letters To The Editor

Four letter words, abbreviations, and initials, thereof, demean the English language and insult our culture and intelligence.

If the Sheriff's Corner states these words publicly, just what does he say privately? Tsh, Tsh!

Who is Sheriff Hooten trying to convince? Himself or the voters? If we were not tired of hearing about it before, we are now. The article is a 'tad' lengthy.

It further shows:
a. Uncouthness in name calling.
b. Character assassination.
c. Loss of personal and professional grip.
d. Disparate legal and political cry of panic.
e. No discipline, as a matter of fact, it reeks of sheer buffoonery of power.

Perhaps he has cried "Wolf" once too many times.

What a monstrous outrage all for the need of radio transmission, lest we forget the real true issue.

Respectfully,
/s/ Carmen M. Berlanga

Mayor
City of Brackettville

To The Editor

Ref: "Between Us," Joe Townsend
Chief Luna, the City Council, and I love Brackettville also, since it IS our hometown. We are local folks.

To us it is contemptible that outsiders, such as you, use the local newspaper to wash their dirty laundry. What makes you so pious and righteous?

Isn't it equally despicable to throw in a fraction of truths with a multitude of untruths? Do you expect this community to believe all of this? After all, you do get your information by hearsay, not by your personal presence.

Just who feeds you these falsehoods? What makes Del Rio News and San Antonio Express irresponsible?

The City did not DEMAND a meeting. It was suggested by Judge Ward and approved by Attorney Shahan. The meeting was never called to order, so what makes it illegal?

Two City employees were present, certainly not all City Personnel. Speaking of salaries from taxpayers monies, what about County Jail dispatchers doing their job for the community?

Of course we called friends, who are taxpayers and thereby voters. Certainly, county voters attended, why not?

What bundle of savings? This only became strongly activated when County Jail funds were frozen. I repeat this is not a City political move, but if it has since become one, so be it.

Fritter's pay was not as low as it is claimed to have been. The records are open records for anybody seeking the true facts. Some people have already checked and disproved this falsehood. Seemed aghast at the vast discrepancies.

David Luna NEVER stated 20 tickets a day to me or anybody else. He does have intentions of giving the City the protection needed to the best of his ability under the impending circumstances.

When was Laughlin declaring Brackettville off-limits and AAA threatening to leave us off the trip kits? Was it recent? During the Hooten's regime?

Yes, the City did hire David Bohmfalk. It was a very sad state of affairs. Poor man, trying to make a living. The most pathetic part he, being an out-of-towner, had no help or support. David Luna is a local born and that does make a big difference. There is a difference between an outsider and out-of-towner.

It is not a fallacy or sympathy ploy on the dangers of no radio transmission. Perhaps the Sheriff will not be the one called. Then what?

Solving crimes in a minute is debatable. A lot of people are aware of the investigative techniques on known problems, such as there have been three deaths, in the past four years. There are questions and public opinions on the thoroughness of these investigations.

Respect is given where respect is earned. Adding credibility to your statement might help. I doubt it, since for years your column has been comical and laughable.

The City accepts your true compliment on cleaning the drainage ditches.

Respectfully,

/s/ Carmen M. Berlanga

Mayor
City of Brackettville

Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair but many are too small to keep, fish are caught on dark worms in the river channels; striper are picking up; crappie are slow; white bass are picking up in the canyons and in the San Pedro area on white slabs; catfish are good in number on cheese baits worms and shrimp.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in number but no keepers caught; hybrid striper are fair in the 5-8 pound range on chicken liver and spoons; channel catfish are good in the 2-3 pound range on shad and liver; blue catfish are good in the 5-8 pound range also on shad and liver; redfish are good in the 15-18 pound range on spoons, shad and one caught on a Rattle Trap.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 87 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on artificials; striper are slow to 5 pounds; catfish are good in number but most are in the 1 pound range; redfish are good to 15 pounds on spoons, cranks and crawfish; corvina are excellent to 15 pounds on shad, crawfish and artificials.

CASA BLANCA: Water very clear, 88 degrees, 1 foot below spillway; black bass are scattered; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 35 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

CHOKE: Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in 10-20 feet of water on deep diving chrome or chartreuse colored cranks and Carolina rigged chartreuse worms; some topwater bass action in the first or last hour of the day; best areas have been Mason Point, South Shore, Four Fingers and Three Fingers; white bass and striper are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 48 pounds with several limits caught, most of the fish are in the 9-14 inch range on cheese bait and nightcrawler combinations.

COLETO CREEK: Water murky, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on spinners and worms; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on live minnows; catfish are good to 12 pounds on live perch.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water stained, 82 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on chartreuse spinners and black curl tailed worms in 2-3 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie and white bass are good off state park piers early and late on minnows and white jigs; blue catfish are good to 22 pounds on trotlines set in 3-5 feet of water and baited with soap and shad; striper are good to 14 pounds below the dam on 3/4 ounce spoons; channel catfish and gaspergou are good below the dam on shad.

FALCON: Water clear, 86 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 7 3/4 pounds on cranks; striper are slow and hard to find to 17 1/2 pounds on Knocker Spoons; crappie are slow; white bass are fair and small; catfish are excellent to 5 pounds on shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are slow to 4 pounds on Berkley Power Worms in 14 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 6 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

TEXANA: Water murky, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 4 pounds in the jungle area on dark Craw Worms; crappie are fair along the rocks around Highway 111 on minnows; catfish are slow.

Ladies Earn GED Diplomas



These three ladies from Brackettville have reached a goal! From left they are Virginia Tovar, Suzanne Castillo, and Julia Terrazas. They completed requirements for GED diplomas and received them in graduation services Tuesday night, June 23, at Uvalde High School.

They have been encouraged and sponsored by Shirley Harrison through one of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council programs offered in Kinney County.



Brackettville Juneteenth

Everything cooperated with the Juneteenth Celebration, even the weather. Saturday was clear and bright, warm with just a slight breeze, a neat day for a parade, and a Bar-B-Que.

The parade was one of the best ones ever to come down Ann Street. Sheriff Norman Hooten provided safety by directing traffic. Chief Deputy Fritter led the parade. Chief of Police David Luna drove the Grand Marshal, Mayor Carmen Berlanga. Flags, floats, horses, fire trucks, and the Shriners were all there...even a wagon from Lane Stables, Del Rio, pulled by a pair of beautiful mules with Willie Warrior as a passenger.



Grand Marshal Mayor Berlanga



Each entry deserved an award but since only three places were to be named, the judges finally named the Knights of the Altar float from the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church as #1. Raymond Talamantez and David Foster rode on this float and it was pulled by City Secretary Cordelia Mendeke.



Second place went to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Its theme was "World Peace," several children in costume rode the float which was pulled by Mary Jane Garcia.



Third place was earned by St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with a float on which Lee Roy Young, the first black Texas Ranger, and his family - son Tony, wife Mary, and daughter Kristen (and Ruff) rode. Mr. Young cherishes his ties with Brackettville and never misses an opportunity to "come home." He is a role model for all young people. The float was pulled by the Aguirres.



Amid much fellowship, a Bar-B-Que lunch was served at the shady park area of Carver School. The Seminole Cemetery sponsored a dance Saturday night. Some used the week-end to host their own family reunion. Friday had been spent in family circles, and Sunday's main feature was the Memorial Service at the Seminole Cemetery.

Almost as if it were planned, the July, 1992, issue of *Texas Highways* arrived just in time to add to the meaning of Brackettville's Juneteenth Celebration. On pages 48-51, an article entitled "Frontier Heroes" tells the story of the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery complete with picture. The history of the Seminole Indian Scouts is outlined and pictures include one of



1991-93 Lions Club Officers from left are Cliff Lewis, Ron Frisby, Walt Bauguess, Installing Officer Tijerina, Peter Pohl, Wilma Lewis, Tom Faulkenberry, Helen Lynch, Claude Owen, Jack Woods, Tom McNew and Jack Phillips.

Lions End -Start Year

The Brackettville Lions Club met Thursday, June 18, 1992, in the Cavalry Room of Las Moras Restaurant for dinner followed by a business meeting and installation of officers for the ensuing year.

President Tom Faulkenberry presided, called the meeting to order, and introduced 14 guests.

Cliff Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Frisby led group singing of "God Bless America." After prayer requests were taken, St. Mary Magdalene Deacon Bob Nelson gave the invocation.

Lynn McNew led a musical program and Wilma Lewis reviewed the accomplishments of the past year. Faulkenberry presented awards of appreciation to officers and committees. He presented the president's appreciation award to *The Brackett News* publisher Jewel F. Robinson. In his comments he remarked that although Mrs. Robinson was not a Lion her husband had been and that Mrs. Robinson had been very supportive of the Brackettville Lions Club projects.

On behalf of long-time Lion Charlie Ward who had to be absent he presented Mr. Ward's plaque of appreciation to Lion Peter Pohl for exemplifying true Lionism in his daily life.

Faulkenberry then introduced Past District Governor Ernesto Tijerina, Del Rio, who brought an inspirational message of encouragement to the local club and then installed the new officers in an impressive ceremony.

Outgoing President Tom Faulkenberry then passed the gavel of leadership to newly installed Lion President Tom McNew who pledged to do the best job that was within his power.

First Baptist Church Pastor Gil Ash gave the benediction.

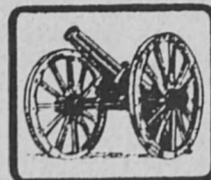


Outgoing president Tom Faulkenberry congratulates incoming president Tom McNew.



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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Anchor in on the moment and make the most of the opportunities that present themselves all week long. Exercise more discretion with what you say this weekend, when you are in an unusually "chatty" mood. You love hanging out and catching up on all the news right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You start the week on a low note, but you feel better and better as the week goes on. Listen to your instincts, because you are on target, as you will discover as the week progresses. You treat and delight another all weekend long. Allow yourself to let go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Go with the winds of fate all week long, though you may want to focus on where you're going and what's going on. Approach a situation with new insight. Refuse to back down this weekend. You are the prime player — the one whom everyone wants to be with. Be that party animal!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look at what's really going on. Take responsibility on the work front. Another respects your candidness. Connections you make right now head you down the victory path. You have much to gloat about, but rather, choose to escape with a loved one all weekend long.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Check things out. Clarity and succinctness are your strong suit this week. You are about to jump into a new phase — hesitate little and, simply, go for it. Count on a major celebration this up and coming weekend. Invite all your friends, all your neighbors, and let it all hang out.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Negotiate partnership deals of all types this week — you can get the terms you want. With one person, however, you may have to go far and wide to reach an agreement. Adventure is the hallmark of the week, though you may "choose" to keep that staid image during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Right now, know that you're not in the dominant position — though you can change this. Listen to your sixth sense with regard to a money matter. Close encounters of the nice variety are slated all week long and weekend, too. Be ready to take off at the drop of a hat!

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Refuse to be taken for a ride by a domineering partner, rather let it be known who's in control here. Worry less about ruffled feathers, because you play kiss and make up all weekend long. Renegotiate your position. It is one of those hot and heavy few days.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Come from a "centered" place this week when dealing with loved ones and work. How you structure your week is really up to you. (Go for a bohemian schedule!) By the way, try to be more nurturing with a special loved one. You get unusual results as a result.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Your style of handling matters comes out very clearly this week. Initiate (and if you can, finalize) important talks early on, because by the end of the week, you will want to let go and play more. Creativity, ingenuity (and playfulness) are all hallmarks of the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Chat up a storm. Talk about basics and where you're heading. Trust and know that this week turns out just wonderfully for you. You are looking at a romantic, wild or fun weekend. By the way, why not try mixing them all up together? Meanwhile, let others do the chasing.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Creativity is high this week. Use this endless source to straighten out finances (or better yet) to enhance them. Security needs to be made a major issue during this period of fast expansion and growth. Make weekend plans to chill out and relax with a favorite person.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. The is different. 2. Ring is removed. 3. Newspaper is shorter. 4. Door knob is added. 5. Pot is wider. 6. Vapor and is missing.

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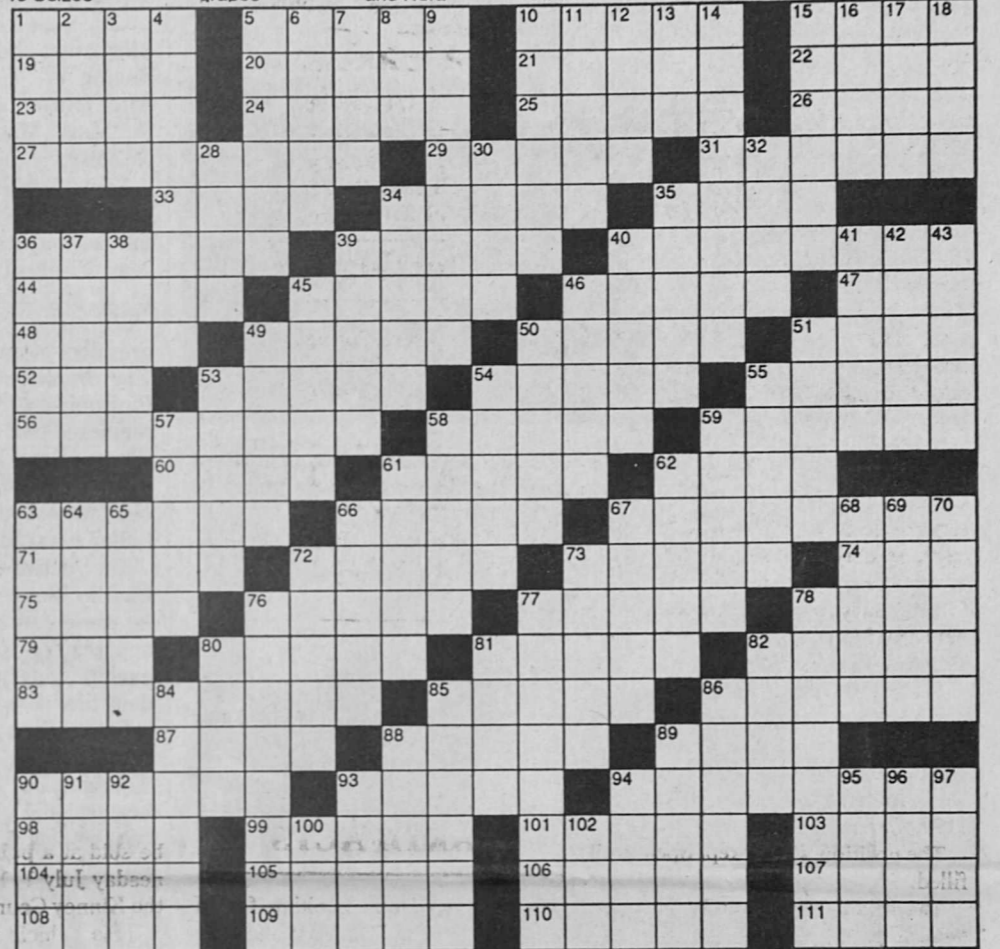
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Brushes
- Fabric
- Felt
- Floral tape
- Glue gun
- Glue sticks
- Paints
- Ribbon
- Ruler
- Sandpaper
- Stylus
- Tracing paper
- Wire cutters
- Wire
- Yarn

Answers On Page 3

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Anagram for lava
- 5 Prince Charles' lady
- 10 Jeans material
- 15 Author Murdoch
- 19 Showing good sense
- 20 Potential energy
- 21 Up and about
- 22 Swelling
- 23 Yugoslav bigwig
- 24 Lariat
- 25 Boisterous merrymaking
- 26 Racehorse classification
- 27 Comic monarch?
- 29 — Dame de Paris
- 31 June stars
- 33 Wavy, in heraldry
- 34 Senate workers
- 35 Fish or foot lead-in
- 36 Denmark's — Islands
- 39 Gondolier, for one
- 40 "Rosemary's Baby" author
- 44 Leave room for
- 45 Role for Bea Arthur
- 46 Reconcile
- 47 Daughter of Cadmus
- 48 Seizes
- 49 Swedish actress Toren
- 50 Swiss coin
- 51 Donkey's harsh cry
- 52 One, in Paris
- 53 Rio Grande feeder
- 54 Construct
- 55 Dried fruit
- 56 Sardonically political
- 58 Dictatorial
- 59 Table vessels
- 60 Symbol of sainthood
- 61 Gay —, the City of Light
- 62 Hired thug
- 63 "The Trouble with —" (movie)
- 66 Calliope, Clio et al.
- 67 Pop singer of the '50s
- 71 The Feast of Lots
- 72 Scullied
- 73 Noisy, confused light
- 74 Band or box lead-in
- 75 Biblical name
- 76 Made a boo-boo
- 77 Dr. — Salk
- 78 Coffee, colloquially
- 79 Hwy.
- 80 Conserve of grapes
- 81 Diving birds
- 82 Editor's mark
- 83 Star of Broadway's "Gypsy"
- 85 Suspicious
- 86 Singers' parts
- 87 Flight records
- 88 American portrait painter
- 89 Cry over spilt —
- 90 One of the Gorgons
- 93 Very informal language
- 94 Veteran sportscaster
- 98 Like peas in —
- 99 Weapon used for throwing
- 101 Author of "The Cloister and the Hearth"
- 103 Yorkshire river
- 104 Network
- 105 Mount the soapbox
- 106 Sea eagles
- 107 Talk violently
- 108 "The Bad —" (movie)
- 109 Spells of fury
- 110 Leavening agent
- 111 Membership levies
- DOWN**
- 1 Pet of Nick and Nora
- 2 Popular ski resort
- 3 Pilaster
- 4 He wrote "Exodus"
- 5 Make fun of
- 6 "Goodnight" girl
- 7 King of the Amalekites
- 8 Singer Cole
- 9 Hawkeye, of "M*A*S*H"
- 10 Swimming and diving bird
- 11 Wide-mouthed pitchers
- 12 Church part
- 13 "I like —"
- 14 Voice of Bugs Bunny
- 15 Urge to action
- 16 Large crucifix
- 17 Vain
- 18 Tennis units
- 28 Half hitch, for one
- 30 Curved molding
- 32 Harsh chest sound
- 34 Sulks moodily
- 35 Palm leaf
- 36 Marjorie's var.
- 37 Hersey's ball town
- 38 Glowing coal
- 39 Spoken evidence: law
- 40 Europe's "boot"
- 41 Infective agent
- 42 Senseless
- 43 British poet
- 45 Overly virile
- 46 Come into being
- 49 Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 50 Blends
- 51 Italian philosopher
- 53 Sacred song
- 54 Wearing by monotonous
- 55 Surgical instrument
- 57 It sounds like "there"
- 58 Formed a foundation for
- 59 Sheep shelters
- 61 Thick, smooth soup
- 62 Festive parties
- 63 Aside
- 64 "The — Professor" (movie)
- 65 Word before Bay or bean
- 66 Oscar-winner for Ernest Borgnine
- 67 Marshall of comedy
- 68 Role for Pat Morita
- 69 Variety of seedless orange
- 70 French states
- 72 Certain
- 73 Roger or Dudley
- 76 "Green Acres" co-star
- 77 "Cabaret" co-star
- 78 Margaret of "Hawaii Five-O"
- 80 Japanese vegetables
- 81 Skinny and scrawny
- 82 Carbonated drink
- 84 Escaped detection
- 85 Binding contracts
- 86 Most depraved
- 88 Word before block or glass
- 89 Early Persians
- 90 Roman god of war
- 91 Fencing sword
- 92 Be foolishly fond
- 93 Refuse of metal
- 94 Supernatural force
- 95 Hawaiian feast
- 96 Serf
- 97 N.J. basketball team
- 100 "...a man — mouse?"
- 102 "Able was I



Happy Birthday

- June 20 Dora Sandoval
- June 25 Engracia M. Villarreal
- June 25 John B. Grider
- June 26 Gladys Humphrey
- June 26 Jason Dorrough
- June 26 Dolores Raney
- June 27 Rubie L. Kelley
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- June 30 Stacey Terrazas
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When Cromwell heard the news, he said, "Go melt down all the silver images and put the saints into circulation."

We are morally and spiritually bankrupt today. Christians need to become broken, melted down, and put into circulation. We have many

members in our Churches who stay in their little corners, not in the mainstream of service and praise. Many are "out of touch" with God and fellow Christians whenever God's people meet for the fellowship, praise, and the opening of mind and heart to God's Word.

And yet, hope is never far away. Iceberg-like Christians can melt. These "frigid saints" can break free from the cold, frozen segments of unspiritual society and come to the "warm waters" of rich spiritual life again. God speaks in thunder-like ways and by His still small voice to all who will hear.

I'm praying that God's Spirit may "Melt Down" a lot of the saints who live among us and put them into circulation again. Are you one of them?

Frontier Baptist Church

by Joe Townsend

Each Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church we welcome visitors, some local and some out of towners. It is always good to have these visitors and they are welcomed warmly.

Sunday will be another opportunity for visitors to have fellowship both spiritual and mental with those who worship regularly at Frontier Baptist Church.

Fellowship will begin when the early comers arrive. Worship will begin when all gather in the sanctuary.

The atmosphere is set by organ music by Mrs. Joe Townsend. Singing of well known hymns and praying for those with special needs is followed by a Bible based sermon by the pastor Joe Townsend.

The message will be simple but pointed. The worship experience will close by the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

Every person is cordially invited to worship and be blessed Sunday morning at 11:00 at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

The Bible Says

"Why sit ye here all the day idle?" A man needing some workers to work in the field went to where men congregated to pass the time. The question was expected and well put.

The implication was, "Why aren't you fellows doing something?"

There have always been those who are allergic to work. As a high school student I worked sometimes in the summer with men in P.W.A. garage. I was working out poll tax for business men. I worked them out for \$1.50 a day. It would have cost them \$3.00 if they had simply paid the tax.

I was assigned to work with P.W.A. gangs, usually shoveling or ditch digging. These men worked 11 days a month and received \$28.00 per month. Some of the men leaned on their shovels and complained. The main complaint, "I wouldn't work for any man for \$1.00 a day, I can't feed my family on that."

No, but he would work 11 days a month, loaf the rest of the time and feed their families on \$28.00 per month.

Many times I've tried to hire men at minimum wage only to be told they'd lose their food stamps if they worked. Idleness leads to corruption of the body and the mind. The refusal to work is devastating to the individual and society.

"Why sit ye here all the day idle?"

Epsilon Iota

Members of Epsilon Iota Chapter met June 15th at the Frontier Baptist Church with Lily Schwandner as hostess.

The opening ritual was repeated in unison prior to the meeting being called to order by president Marge Geeze.

Roll call was answered by four members. A gift food list was made.

The hostess presented the program. The closing ritual and Mizpah Benediction were repeated.

Refreshments were served to Oleta Townsend, Orlean Riley, Marge Geeze, and Lily Schwandner.

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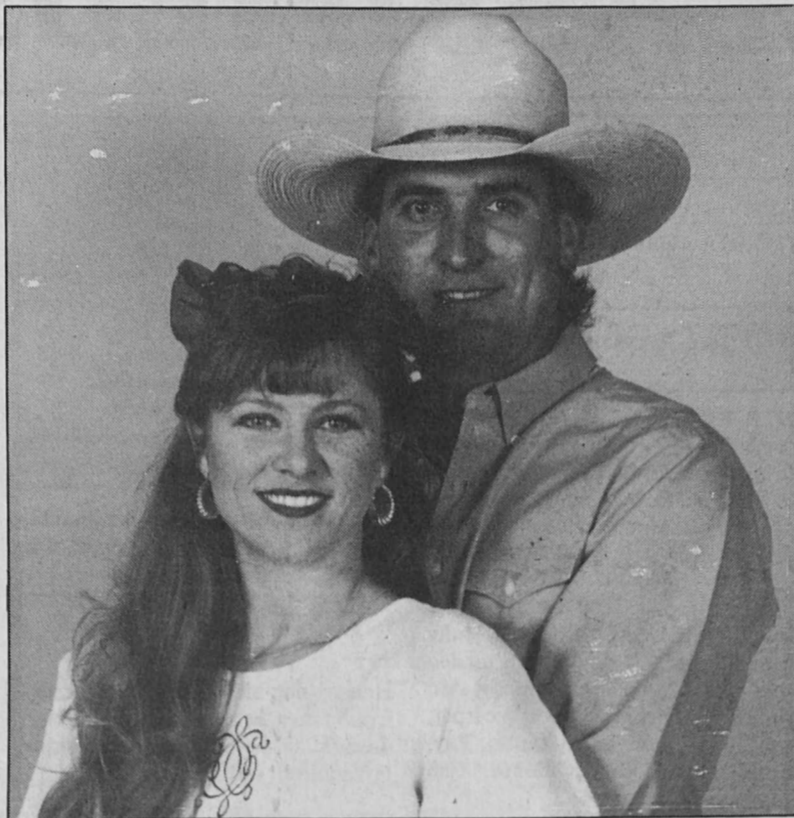
A sincere thank you to the entire community for supporting the Lions Club projects this past year.

A special thanks to the officers and club members who worked with me to achieve our motto of "We Serve."

Tom Faulkenberry
Immediate Past President

Have a Good Day
Janice

July 11 Wedding Planned



Epps - Marshall

Mrs. Bonnie Epps and Mr. Thomas Epps of Warrior, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Kay, to Jesse David Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall of Del Rio.

The wedding is planned July 11, 1992 at Northside Baptist Church in Del Rio.

Kimberly is a graduate of Del Rio High School and is presently employed with First State Bank of Brackettville. Jess attended Sul Ross State University and Southwest Texas State University and is assistant manager of the Pinon Ranch north of Brackettville, where the couple will make their home.

It's A Girl Kelbie Lyn Day



Kelbie Lyn Day was born June 17, 1992, at 7:14 p.m. in Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland, Texas.

Kelbie Lyn was 19 1/4 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, and has lots of beautiful black hair.

Proud parents of this young lady are James and Terri Day of Midland. Kelbie's dad is an English teacher/football coach with the Midland Independent School

District. The Days are formerly of Brackettville.

Maternal grandparents are Dixie and Clinton Brown of Brackettville and Ray and Frances Pinnell of Ruidosa, New Mexico. Dorothy Payne of Brackettville is the maternal great-grandmother.

Paternal grandparents are Pat and Connie Day of Midland.

OES Installs Officers

On Saturday evening, June 13, 1992, Jean Faulkenberry of Fort Clark Springs was installed as Worthy Matron of Del Rio Chapter #205.

Order of the Eastern Star. Serving in the East with her as Worthy Patron is her husband, Tom Faulkenberry.

The service was held at the Val Verde Masonic Lodge in Del Rio.

Other officers from Kinney County are Dorothy Haga, Barbara Niemann, Rita Holmes, Bobby Schafer, Wilma Lewis, Jean Downing and Charles Downing.

Officers from Del Rio include Lou Lane, Danny Fisher, Jeanne Fletcher, Pernecia Durrett, Eleanor Stark, Mary Haynes, Charlie Lane, Lucila Frausto, and Martha Eaton.

Installing officer was Beverly Agee, Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 5, Sec. 4 assisted by Pat Haynes, installing Marshall; Chet Pitts, installing Chaplain; Charlie Lane, installing Organist; and Chet

Gearhart, Installing Secretary. Mr. Haynes is the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas for District 34.

Dorothy Haga and Chet Pitts directed the presentation of emblems as Dixie Connolly, Eleanor Stark, Elaine Gearhart, Martha Eaton and Dot Peters presented each emblem.

Del Rio Rainbow Girls Lily Santos and Brandi Montameyer presented the Bible and its marker. Val Verde Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master Danny Fisher presented the square and compasses, and Jack Stark presented the United States flag.

Perry Civerolo registered guests, Pernecia Durrett handled the altar duties, Mary Haynes led The Lord's Prayer, and James S. Long gave the Benediction.

Cubie Kurtz, Fort Clark Springs, and James Connolly, Del Rio, are the Junior Past Matron and Patron.

Connell Songs Featured In Movie

Linda Connell, an area songwriter now living and working in Luzern, Switzerland has had two of her songs selected to be included in the new movie *Paper Hearts*, currently being edited in Los Angeles. The film will star 1991 Academy Award Nominee Sally Kirkland with James Brolan and Kris Kristopherson. The film is scheduled for release this fall.

The songs were produced by Greg Forest and recorded both in Austin and Los Angeles. Linda's songs that will be in the film are *The Tender Time of Day* performed by Linda and *Always* performed by Greg Forest.

Ms. Connell has also written a title song that is being considered. Other competing songwriters for the feature title are Michael Martin Murphy and Kris Kristopherson.

Always has recently seen commercial success in Denmark where it received extensive radio airplay. Four of her songs were included in Forest's Overdue Records European Release June 17th.



Linda is well known in the Brackettville area. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Connell of Camp Wood, and the sister of Cindy Braesicke of Brackettville.

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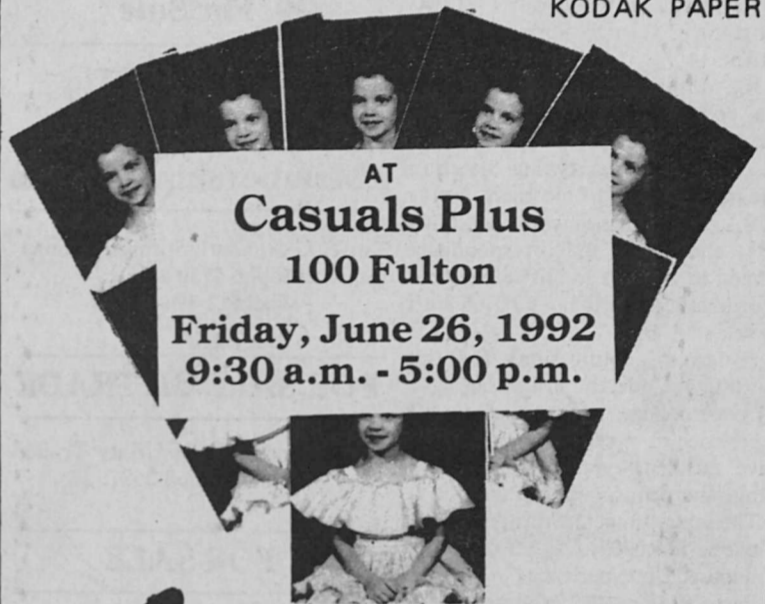
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At 6:00 p.m. a tape of the *Passion Play* from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, will be shown.

All church members are reminded of the evening's activities and others are cordially invited to attend.

Fort Clark Historical Society

The Fort Clark Historical Society will meet Saturday, June 27, 1992, 10:00 a.m. at the Sabre Room on Fort Clark. College Instructor Bob Wilson will be the guest speaker and the topic will be "Val Verde County History." The public is invited to join the members to hear Mr. Wilson.

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Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor, 512-563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor. 563-2245.

Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study, Sunday 6:30 P.M., and Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M. Wed. & Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. regular 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. & Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. 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. Gordon Miller Pastor.

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