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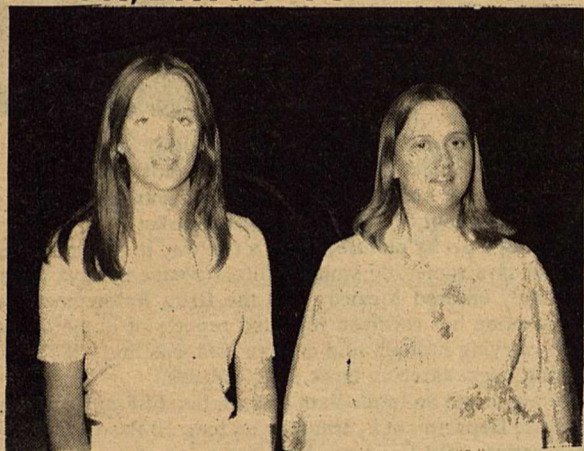
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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

## 34 TO GRADUATE TONIGHT

### BLOCK, DAVIS TO LEAD CLASS OF 1976



JAMIE DAVIS PEGGY POSTELL BLOCK  
SALUTATORIAN VALEDICTORIAN

Peggy Postell Block, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Postell and wife of Mr. Dennis Block is the valedictorian of the 1976 graduating class. Mrs. Block had a 95.30 grade average during her school career.

Jamie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Davis is the salutatorian with a 94.50 grade average.

Both young women will deliver graduating addresses at Commencement tonight.

"WE SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN" IS THE THEME OF THE 1976 BRACKETT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS. TONIGHT, AT 8:00 p.m. 34 SENIORS WILL GATHER FOR THE LAST TIME, AS A CLASS, TO RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS. IN THE CEREMONY AT TIGER FIELD, THE REVEREND KENNETH KEPLER, MINISTER OF THE BRACKETTVILLE METHODIST CHURCH WILL MAKE THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS. MR. M.H. WILLS WILL PRESENT THE CLASS AND MR. HENRY FUENTES, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL GRANT THE DIPLOMAS. ALL PARENTS AND PATRONS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

### EDITORIAL

BY  
GEORGE!

#### KOMMISSIONER S KOURT

After printing excerpts of the minutes of the Commissioner's court meeting of May 10th, in last week's paper, our phone here at the CAVALRYMAN has rung off the wall.

One comment was "I really didn't think you had a complete newspaper since it was lacking a comic strip until I read last week's Commissioner's Court minutes."

Your Editor didn't think they were funny, but felt it was time that the citizens take a strong look at the Judge's and Commissioner's actions.

The following comments we received:

#### CIVIC CENTER FEES AND DEPOSITS

The Court has now appointed Mr. Henry Fuentes to make a recommendation on electrical fees after the Civic Center has been in operation for a year and a half.

Prior to the Civic Center opening, CP&L made a cost survey on the electrical estimates and presented them to the county. However, the Commissioner's Court is still dilly-dallying around with rental fees for our Civic Center.

"Isn't it about time to put the Civic Center on a business-like operation?"

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLEX INSPECTION

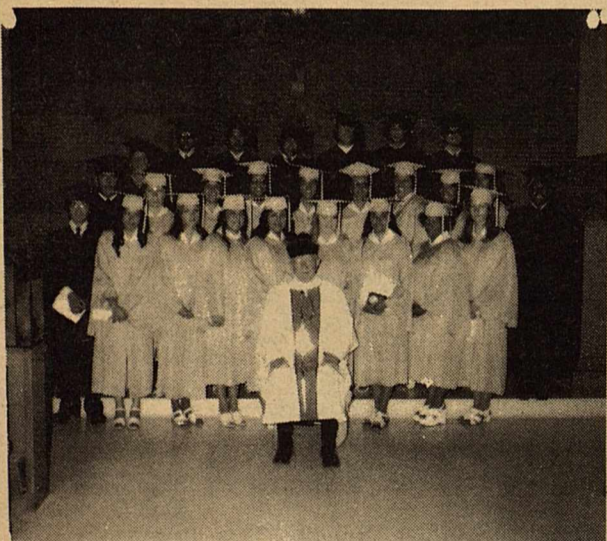
It seems after considerable prodding from Sheriff Sheedy and this newspaper the Commissioner's Court was finally able to walk across the street and inspect the discrepancies in our new jail; evidently the Commissioner's Court did not believe our Sheriff's complaints of leaky roof, faulty air-conditioning and locks that didn't work.

It's been a long time since the jail has been completed. But there is a new exercise kick on throughout the country, it's a shame we don't get a Management kick.

Oh by the way our swimming pool that was completed three (3) summers ago still leaks.

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### CATHOLIC GRADUATES



CAP & GOWN DAY OBSERVED BY THE ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUNDAY, MAY 23RD. FOR BRACKETTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

### Worms Turn



Majorie and Ray Weber have opened a unique type of farm in Brackettville. The Webers have recently established a "Worm Farm" with a crop of 1 million worms.

Weber stated, "Only 30% of the worm market is being filled today, and we felt that Brackettville has an ideal climate for their growth which doubles every two (2) months."

These worms are used by: Fish hatcheries; organic farmers; laboratories; universities; and research firms.

WELCOME TO BRACKETTVILLE,  
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### Kindergarten News

Kindergarten registration will be held at the Jones Elementary School on Friday, May 28th, from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m.

All students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st. Parents please bring the child's Birth Certificate and Immunization records.

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KOMMISSIONER'S KOURT  
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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4**

Well to quote the Commissioner's Court minutes of May 10th, "There was no salary or office of Constable Precinct 4 on January 1, 1972."

It looks like the County Dads don't admit that Emil Schafer existed in 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976, yet I have personally seen Mr. Schafer's W-2 Forms from the County for the years of 1973, 1974, 1975 and I have also personally seen a check for \$10.00 dated January 26, 1976 from the County to Mr. Schafer with the Caption, "Salary, Constable Precinct 4, 1976."

Yet they claim this post has not and does not exist?

It seems to be a different situation when Justice of the Peace Offices prevail.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUESTS EQUIPMENT**

Our new County Attorney, Hal Landrum, requested a typewriter, the Court said they would look into the matter.

I hope his hand written notes don't have to be mailed out on Court House toilet paper in the interim.

Fast Action Boys.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Well there goes another \$14,000.00 out of the Road and Bridge Funds into the General Funds, maybe that is where it should have been to start with.

**ARE YOU READY FOR THIS-----**

**BRACKETTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

NOW! If this doesn't blow your mind nothing will. We have a very dedicated, hard working volunteer Fire Department that all of us are proud of but several people have called and asked: "We understood the Fire Department needed to im-

prove and up-date their fire equipment and that's why they were holding benefit dances and bingos, etc."

"If this is the case why should they take \$500.00 from their benefit dance and give it to the county to purchase furniture for the Civic Center, when the County is still trying to figure out how much to charge users of the Center."

It is doubtful that the Fire Department can even legally make such a donation to a government entity, since they are a non-profit organization.

I feel some of the boys got a "con" job pulled on them as bad as our Fire Department needs equipment.

**A QUESTION OF ETHICS**

Under the state law of Texas it is illegal for a Mayor of a City to use a Bank that he is a director of to either deposit or borrow funds from said Bank.

Judge Seargeant is a member of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank of Brackettville. In addition to that he is a member of the Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association and the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, some of the County's largest taxable organizations.

Judge Tommy Seargeant, presently sits as Chairman of the Kinney County Board of Tax Equalization.

Under the law it is illegal for a Mayor to hold such posts. I have no idea if it is legal for a County Judge to hold these positions. However, I wonder if it is ethically proper?

Senator  
Lloyd Bentsen  
**Watching  
Washington**

Smuggling heroin from Mexico into the United States across our own state of Texas has become big business, dangerously big.

Over the past year alone 102 plane crashes along the U.S.-Mexican border involved the illegal drug trade. Ninety percent of all the heroin seized in the United States today comes from Mexico, which amounts to about 10 tons a year.

And now there is new and disturbing evidence that stolen U.S. military weapons are being traded for narcotics in Mexico. According to testimony given to Congress by the Director of the El Paso Intelligence Center of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the setup is this:



There are two groups in Mexico today that want automatic weapons. Revolutionaries are one, and narcotic traffickers the other. Both have found that the best way to get these weapons is to trade drugs for them.

An ounce of heroin, for instance, will buy them an M-16 rifle worth about \$1,000 on the black market.

It's not a pretty picture, but it's the way it is. The El Paso official says some 700 stolen military weapons have already definitely entered Mexico. And the Drug Enforcement Administration has received repeated reports of numerous aircraft carrying military and civilian weapons into Mexico and coming back, carrying large drug cargoes.

I want to put an immediate stop to this, but apparently the Defense Department is dragging its feet. El Paso's DEA representative told Congress he's had a lot of trouble getting any kind of cooperation from Defense officials, and aside from a get-acquainted visit, there's been no move for a joint DEA-Defense effort to cut off the supply of stolen weapons.

This is why I've personally asked Chairman John Stennis of the Senate Armed Services Committee to conduct a full investigation into the situation. This should serve as a needed springboard to whatever steps are necessary to get the job done.

In the meantime, we can be encouraged by reports that a cooperative U.S.-Mexican effort to eradicate the poppy fields in Mexico that produce heroin is beginning to show some returns. In the past few months 18,000 poppy fields spread over a 5,000-acre area have been destroyed through the use of herbicides.

DEA Chief Peter Bensinger also reports to me that U.S. and Mexican officials are confiscating an increasing amount of heroin being shipped into our country. Last year, 2,459 pounds of heroin were removed from the international market, which is twice as much as in 1974.

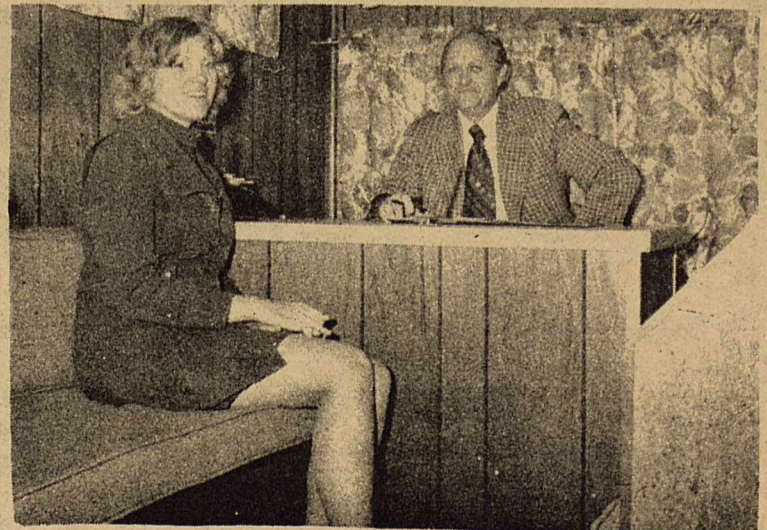
Obviously our border monitoring system is an integral part of this effort and I intend to continue my personal fight to obtain enough personnel and enough funding to maintain an effective monitoring system.

I believe this is vital, both to reverse growing drug addiction among our citizens and to stem rising crime throughout the nation.

**MEMORIAL  
DAY  MAY 31  
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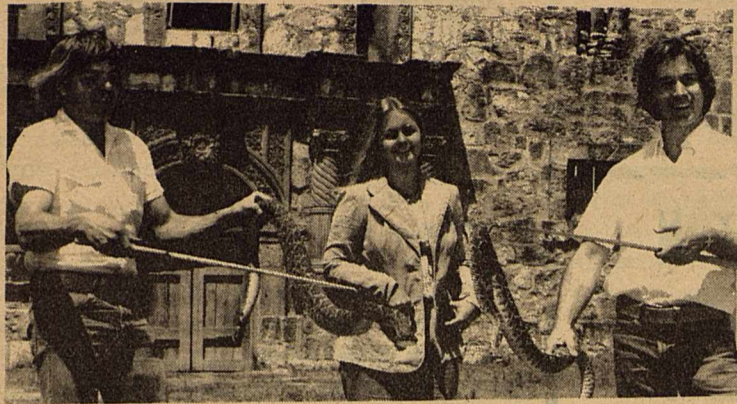
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## BRACKETT HAPPENINGS

BY:  
LILLIE MAE DIMERY

Mrs. Della Watson and her daughter, Mary Watson, gave a "Thank You" dinner at the Carver School, Friday, May 21, 1976, for all of their friends who were so kind in helping Miss Watson in becoming Frontier Fair Queen for 1976. Fun and a good time was enjoyed by everyone there.

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Miss Augusta Goodloe, Mrs. Dora Goodloe and Elton John was in San Antonio Monday.

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Mrs. Hattie Mae McCollum, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs. Marvin Nealy, granddaughters, Christy Lynette Nealy, Tessie II, Warrior and Son, Gary Warrior, of Odessa were weekend guest of Mrs. JoAnna Perry and family.

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Seen around Mr. and Mrs. Bob Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dimery and children of Del Rio.

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Elder and Mrs. Tommy Payne of Crane, Texas, Mrs. Lillian Warren of Kerrville, Mrs Clara July.

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Jodey Strengh of Pensacola, Fla. is visiting his Grandmother, Mrs. Simona Strengh and his dad, Bill Strengh.

## Between Us

by:  
JOE TOWNSEND

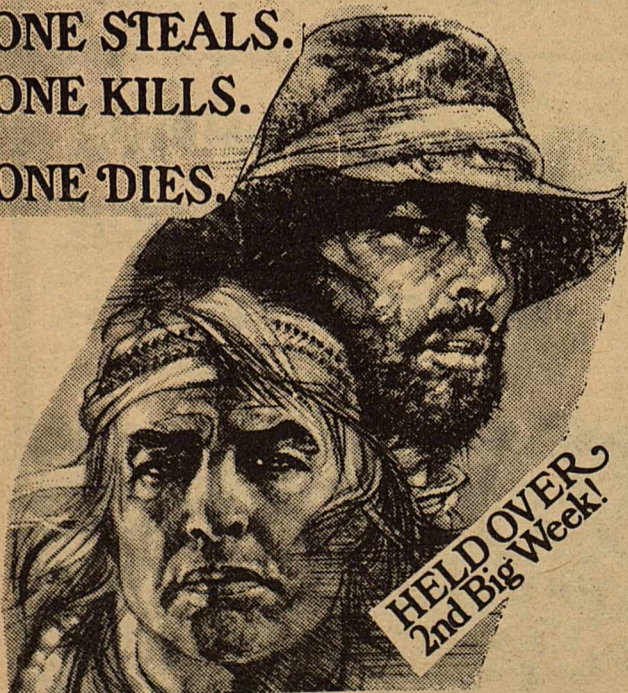
I have a deep aversion to the turkey buzzard. This anything but beautiful creature as he is seen sitting on a fence post or utility pole certainly does not start thrills of appreciation stirring in me. This scavenger of the wilds would never win a beauty contest now would he dare to enter a singing contest even with the raucous hawk or blue jay. The other day, however, I sat in the store and watched a number of them circling. Could anything in flight be more graceful? With never the stirring of a wing or feather they glided in artistic pattern. Perhaps there was some animal nearing death. I've seen them circle for hours waiting for death to take some creature of the earth. Or it may have been they were simply enjoying the day. At any rate it

was apparent they were taking full advantage of what they had. There was simply an up-draft, they had

found it, and effortlessly they sailed in their majestic graceful flight. It came to me that what they were using so competently was not something to be seen. For who can see a current of air and determine its movements when it has no grass or tree or such to mark it's progress? It occurred to me that one must have found it and the others followed. Herein are some lessons to be learned. If all mankind were to take full advantage of what he had there would be so much less depending on someone else. If man were to recognize the resources that are not readily seen but none the less are of valuable use and were he to use them as the buzzard the up-draft how little he would need to lean on another. Were he but to choose the right leader and follow him, he would soon find full advantage in using his total potential resources and would no longer lean in poverty of accomplishment on those who do follow the right leadership, use their resources to the best advantage and thus know the pride and victory of accomplishment and independence. You see, God planned it that way, and to do less is to leave God out.

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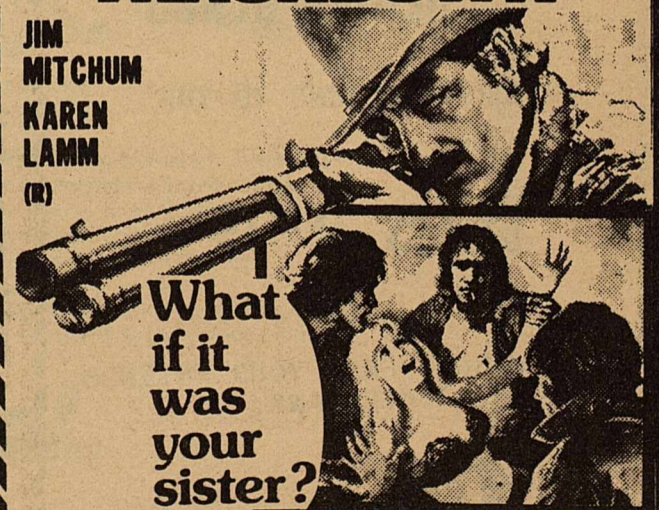
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## CONFIRMATION MASS LED BY BISHOP FLORES

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Patrick F. Flores, in St. Mary Magdalene Church during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 16th. The candidates with their sponsors gather at the rear of the Church in preparation for the procession with the Bishop and Pastor, Rev. Edward B. Postert, O.M.I. into the Church. The procession was led by the censor-bearer, Mario Fuentes. The Cross bearer was Jose Jaso, who served his last Mass since he will graduate from High School on May 28th. acolytes to the Cross were Ruben Fuentes and Paul Koch....Server at Mass were Anthony Koch, President of the Knight of the Altar and Anthony Samaniego. The local Choir with Mrs James Hinds at the organ sang for the Mass, the entrance Hymn was "Come Holy Ghost". Mr. James Bader, chairman of the local Parish Council was lector at the Mass.

Bishop Flores preached following the Gospel which was read by Father Postert. In his talk to the Children he invited them to put into practice the promise of being witnesses to Christ, as expressed in the definition of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those confirmed were:

Felipe Benites; Nacona Breen; Juan Bernard Cervantes; David Cruz; Jose J. Cruz; Albert Fuentes; Jose Garcia; Venancio Fuentes; Richard Garcia; Juan Hernandez; Natividad Hernandez; Kevin K. Kaplan; John David Koch; Thomas Meyer; Patrick O'Rourke; Nelson Payne; Roman Saenz; Juan Samaniego; Joel Voss; Barbara Avila; Rebecca Benites; Graciela Cruz; Hermelinda Cruz; Ana Marie Esparza; Marina Cruz Esparza; Virginia Esparza; Elsa Estrada; Rosa Marie Flores; Beatriz Garcia; Mary Ann Garansuay; Ofelia Garcia; Josephine Gomez; Maria Anna Gonzalez; Petra Hernandez; Maria de Jesus Gonzalez; Patricia Hernandez; Romelia Hernandez; Victoria Jaso; Norma Jeanette Sandoval; Monica Sandoval; Dora Elia Solis; Mary

Magdalene Watson.

Following the reception of The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass all those confirmed and their sponsors were served a refreshing luncheon in Fort Clark Springs Park area. The luncheon was prepared by the mother of those confirmed under the leadership of Mrs. Ruben Fuentes.

## KAZEN IN WASHINGTON

One important function of the Congress is called "legislative oversight," by which is meant that our committees check up on the effects of our actions to make sure we achieve the purposes we intend. In using our oversight function on the Clean Water program, the House Public Works committee, led by our Texas colleague Jim Wright, has discovered that only nine per cent of the funds authorized by the Congress have actually been put to use during the past three years.

Bureaucratic red tape, impoundment of funds and court decisions have snarled the clean-up of our streams.

We are therefore soon to consider a new bill that would streamline the administrative processes and financing requirements that have caused problems for so many local governments, and the legal argument over whether all streams as "navigable waters." It would also revise the distribution of federal funds more equitably.

In our district there are a number of proposed projects which have been snarled in the bureaucratic red tape. These include projects in San Antonio, Pleasanton, Karnes City, Jourdanon, Lytle, Dilley, and other areas.

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## V.F.W. News

Brackettville V.F.W. Post 8921 installed officers on Wednesday, May 19th.

Newly elected officers for 1976-77 were are follows:

Post commander--- David Luna  
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Jr. Vice Commander-Joe Jaso, Jr.  
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# Beta Sigma Phi

## XI RHO PHI

Marty Mears, Mildred Borden, Nakai Breen, Orlean Riley, and Jane Young attended the installation of the Del Rio City Council, Wednesday May 12th at Amistad Lodge.

The new council officers are Peggy Acosta, President; Debbie Valdez, Vice-President; June Pratt, Recording Secretary; Patsy Robinson, Corresponding Secretary; and Radeen Wright, Treasurer. During the business meeting which followed Marty Mears invited the Council to hold a meeting in Brackettville during the coming club year. The invitation was accepted. After the meeting, the members enjoyed a fine dinner.

Xi Rho Phi met for their regular monthly meeting Monday evening, May 17th in the Adult Center at Ft. Clark Spring.

Marty Mears led the opening ritual, then turned the meeting over to Paula Ragsdale who presided as the installing officer in the installation ceremonies. New Officers for the coming year are:

President: Marty Mears  
 Vice-Pres.: Orlean Riley  
 Sec.: Nelda Gwartney  
 Treasurer: Mildred Borden  
 Historian: Jane Young

After the installation, Marty conducted the business meeting. Several items of chapter business, ranging from selection of a state project to preparation of the yardstick.

The program was given by Paula Ragsdale who asked each member to state what her most valuable contribution to society might be. Paula then challenged each member to live up to the "aims and Purposes" of Beta by showing "more tolerance and understanding" to others.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by hostesses Paula Ragsdale and Jane Young.

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES PLANNED

Adult GED, Adult Basic Education Classes for ages 16 to 22 will start on approximately June 1, 1976.

It will consist of school for two (2) days and work from three (3) days at week with earnings of \$92.00 per week.

These Classes are funded by TEA (Texas Education Agency).

For further information call 563-2777-Mary Swatner, or 563-2491-M.H.Wills.

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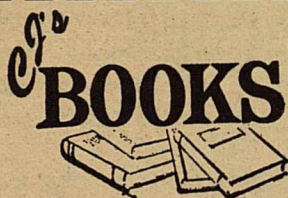
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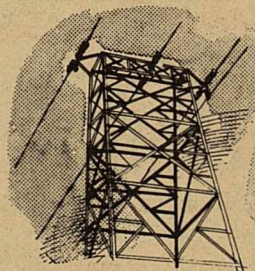
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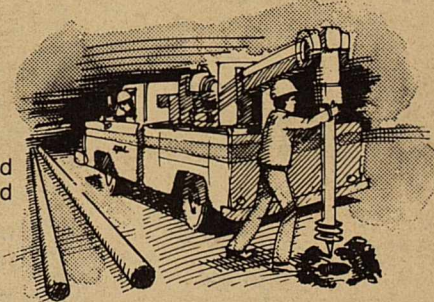
1972	\$3.65 each
1975	\$6.55 each

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1975	73 cents per pound

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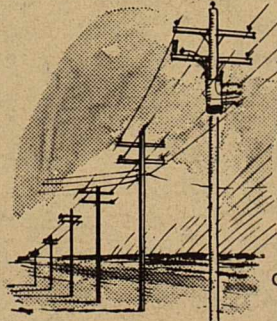
1972	\$4,100
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## TEXAS TECH SLATES TRAIL DRIVE

SAN ANTONIO--It's getting mighty close to "head 'em out" time for the Texas Tech Bicentennial Trail Drive slated to depart San Antonio June 27th for the more or less 400-mile trek to Lubbock and Texas Tech's Ranching Heritage Center.

With stops scheduled at Kerrville, San Angelo, Stamford and Midland along the way, the Texas Longhorn herd of some 70 animals will arrive on the Museum grounds during late afternoon of July 2, hopefully, in time for official dedication ceremonies at 6:00 p.m.

Trail boss for this historic event is Chas. Schreiner III, owner of the YO Ranch, Mountain Home, Texas. Schreiner headed a drive to Dodge City in 1966 so this isn't his first encounter with trail drive problems. He also runs a good-size herd of the contankerous Texas Longhorns on his YO Ranch so is familiar with their "cussedness." The drive will be made up from the Texas Longhorn herds of the YO, Carter McGregor near Wichita Falls and Dan Harrison of Houston.

This symbolic event is slated to draw attention to the fabulous 12-acre Ranching Heritage Center of Texas Tech University. A Collection of authentically restored buildings, including a Schoolhouse and a Meat and Milk House, depicting the history of ranching in the United States.

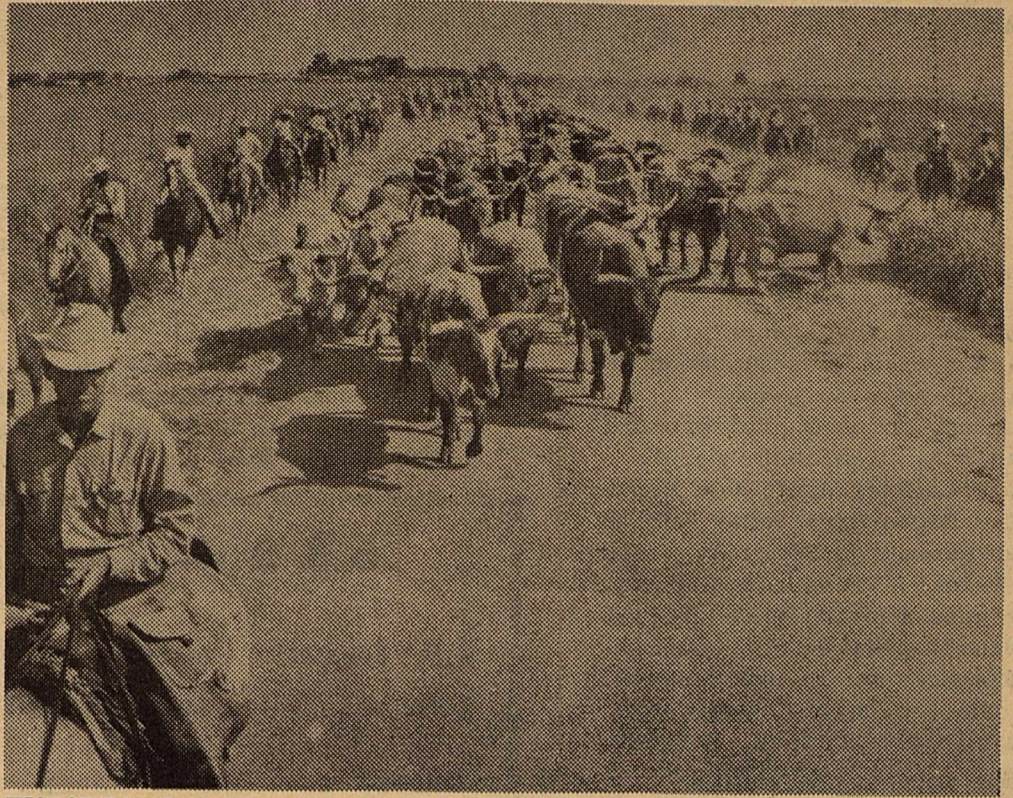
The Ranching Heritage Center opened its first building in 1970 the Renderbrook-Spade Blacksmith Shop, and since that time as the center has grown to its present 20 buildings and near completed condition, more than 80,000 visitors have toured the site.

Ramrods for this Bicentennial historical event are the world renowned cartoonist Ace Reid of "Cowpokes: fame; Jimmy De Lesdernier, Special Texas Ranger and VAn Poorman. Both Reid and Jimmy Dee, as he's more often called, made that long trek to Dodge City in 1966 so they too are familiar with the rigors of trail drives.

As the herd of Texas Longhorns reaches each of the cities along the route where stops are planned the drive will go through town on the main street in most cases so everyone will be able to get a good, close, look at the real Texas Longhorns.

Barely 50 years ago these animals were somewhat scarce and it was feared they might become extinct. The Wichita Wildlife Refuge on Oklahoma started with 30 in 1927 and it is their herd which became the foundation for most Texas Longhorn Herds in the country today.

The arrival of the Texas Tech Bicentennial Trail Drive herd at the Ranching Heritage Center signals the beginning of weekend festivities during which Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will be a special guest and cut the thong ribbon officially opening the Ranching Heritage Center. Dale Robertson



HISTORY in the making as the Texas Tech Bicentennial Trail Drive makes its way from San Antonio to Lubbock. This photo was made during the Texas Longhorn drive to Dodge City in 1966. The Bicentennial herd will be made up of 70 Texas Longhorns from three Texas ranches.

of movie and TV fame will be master of ceremonies.

This might well be the last Texas Longhorn trail drive ever held, we know it is the only Bicentennial trail drive, so any aspiring cowboys, cowgirls or cowpersons who might want to help move the herd from San Antonio to Lubbock can still get in on the act by contacting Texas Tech Bicentennial Trail Drive, YO Ranch, Mountain Home, Texas, 78058. Or, since mail service today isn't so speedy as the old Pony Express you might want to call them at 512-640-3222.

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by: JOE TOWNSEND



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### Bentsen Seeks Tighter Bail Laws

WASHINGTON, D.C.---Senator Lloyd Bentsen Tuesday said he wants to change Federal Court Bail Laws "that put hoodlums back on the street to seek other victims."

"For practical purposes the so-called bail reform law of 1968 permits a judge, when he is considering how high bail should be in a criminal case, to consider only whether the accused will show up for trial," Bentsen said in remarks prepared for the Senate.

"This is a serious mistake. And victims of crime in cities throughout this nation pay for it daily."

"I want to change the law. I want our Federal judges to take into account whether a defendant would be a danger to the community when he is deciding how high bail should be set," the Senator said.

Senator Bentsen cited the example of a young woman shot in Washington recently by four robbers.

"She's been operated on, but she still needs a cane to walk. And she is undergoing psychiatric treatment. And the fact that she might need further surgery caused her to lose her job," Bentsen said.

"On top of this all of her would-be killers were released from jail without bail pending trial. They have disappeared. And, since she is a witness as well as the victim of their crime she lives in constant fear that they will come back gunning for her."

"This amounts to criminal negligence on the part of our criminal justice system," Bentsen said.

Senator Bentsen said he is preparing amendments to Federal bail laws that he plans to introduce in the Senate in the near future.

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