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WRECK CLAIMS MARIO MARTINEZ



Ranch Road 334, northeast of the City limits of Brackettville, was the scene of a fatal auto accident which claimed the life of Mario Martinez and hospitalized two other local youths, Mike Bizzell and Sammy Munoz, last Sunday morning.

The vehicle was driven by Martinez and was traveling northwest on Ranch Road 334 when it ran off the right side of the roadway and then crossed back and overturned off the left side of the road.

Trooper Kenneth Phillips stated that the three young men were thrown from the vehicle.

Justice of the Peace Albert Postell pronounced Martinez dead approximately 1:30 a.m., after the accident.

Martinez's funeral was held June 1 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Magdalene Catholic Church, here, with burial in the Catholic Cemetery.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martinez, of Brackettville; surviving also is his sister, Irma Martinez of Houston; Mrs. Ofelia Arrendondo, grandmother, and several Aunts and Uncles and Cousins.

KENNEL CLUB VISITS BRACKETT



WINNERS OF THE AMISTAD KENNEL CLUB'S "FUN MATCH", WHICH WAS HELD HERE AT THE CIVIC CENTER, LAST SUNDAY, MAY 30th.

Brackettville's Civic Center was the place to be last Sunday, May 30th, as the Amistad Kennel Club sponsored a "Fun Match" for every one interested in seeing beautiful dogs and their trainers.

Three Classes of dogs were judged during the day long event; Conformations, Obedience and Junior Showmanship.

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EDITORIAL

BY

PUBLIC RELATIONS

GEORGE !

Brackettville is attracting more and more out-of-town visitors. Such events as the re-enactment of the "Battle of the Alamo", at Alamo Village; the Frontier Fair; the Lion's Annual Rattlesnake Round-Up; and just this past weekend, the Amistad Kennel Club's Dog Show. These people were "hungry" for information on our community! "Where is a restaurant?" "What's Fort Clark?" "Where can I buy some film?" "How do I get to Alamo Village?" "What time do the service stations close?" "Is there a motel?" (more on this later). "How's the hunting?" These were just a few questions I heard. FOLKS, WE ARE MISSING THE BOAT! In all cases, with the exception of the Frontier Fair, these people had no where to turn for an answer!

The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce has a "Red Carpet" committee to welcome out-of-town dignitaries. This sure wouldn't hurt our relations to do the same thing here.

I would like to suggest the following to the Chamber of Commerce:

1. The construction of a small, portable information booth to be manned by a Chamber member or employee. This could be moved to different locations as the need arises, and contain brochures on different points of interest in our area.

2. During the Rattlesnake Roundup and the Dog Show, I personally tried to thank the individual exhibitors for coming to Brackettville. I know, for a fact, that many of the conventions, ect. that I have attended, I tend to remember how it ended more than anything. A "Thank You and Please come back to see us," is pretty inexpensive. I feel this should be done by our Chamber "Red Carpet" committee. (Possibly, even a red jacket as San Antonio does.)

A "GOOD" visitor to the community is one that comes back! Let's try and make them welcome.

OVERNIGHT FACILITIES

This increased visitor traffic has increased to a point that we do not have adequate Motel facilities. Not only during the functions I have mentioned but, also during hunting seasons and other times of the year.

An Attorney friend of mine from San Antonio recently told me: He had brought his family to Brackettville to see Alamo Village. They had car trouble and arrived after dark. They could not find accommodations here and went back to Uvalde to try and find a motel. There was a convention in Uvalde and no rooms were available. They ended up driving back to San Antonio and were very disappointed in our community.

Another off-shoot to this problem it will become increasingly difficult to attract new businesses to our community without these facilities!

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TOO MUCH OF TODAY.

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The Judges for the Conformation Classes were Herb Hyatt and G.P. Adams. Obedience Classes were judged by Mr. Basil Taylor.

The three Classes of Obedience included Novice, Open, and Utility. This was for an owner who might enter his dog if it was purebred without papers or if it matched the purebred standard closely enough that a veterinarian would state it as probably purebred, or a registered purebred but the owner just desired to demonstrate the dog's intelligence instead of it's good looks.

In addition the two classes there was a Junior Showmanship classes for Boys and Girls, 6-12 and 13-18. In this class is based on the show ring performances of the handler and minimally to the appearances or behavior of the dog.

A "Fun Match" is designed to give the novice experience in the realm of dog show competition and to point out the strength and weaknesses of his dog with respect to the type of competition entered in.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and hope to have them back in the near future, as the CAVALRYMAN enjoyed the show and meeting everyone very much.

AMISTAD

REGATTA

SCHEDULED

DEL RIO, TX.--June 18-20, 1976 is is scheduled for the June Regatta to be held at Lake Amistad (Big Friendly) which is eight miles west of Del Rio, Texas on U.S. Highway 90 W. This event is sponsored by the Amistad Yacht Club and the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce. Participation has increased each year and we anticipate some very exciting races this year on our large lake. With 840 miles of shoreline, there is adequate room for everyone.

Friday- June 18, at 5:00 p.m. we will have the skipper's meeting for the tune-up race followed by a skipper's meeting on Saturday, June 19th at 1:00 p.m. for the first and second race and Sunday, June 20th, at 9:30a.m. we will see the skipper's meeting for the third race.

Pre-registration fee will be \$10.00. Beginning June 18th, registration will be \$12.50 and will be held at the Diablo East Marina. Registration will be held up to one hour prior to the skipper's meeting on Saturday.

Trophies will include Revere silver bowls. Portsmouth ratings will be used.

Social activities have been planned for Friday and Saturday evenings so that everyone will have the opportunity to meet the members of the Amistad Yacht Club.

For any further information or pre-registration, write AYC Commodore Lt. Col. Bob Waggoner, 9110 Brown Street, Laughlin AFB, Texas 78840 or Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, Box 1388, Del Rio, Texas, 78840.

Commodore Waggoner says, You all come on down to 'Big Friendly' and join us in a weekend of competition and good fun on a lake of clear, beautiful water, little traffic and excellent winds. You will be most welcome."



JUNIOR CHAMPION --

David Wigton, of San Antonio captured the Junior Title, here this weekend at the Amistad Kennel Club's "Fun Match."

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Our Chamber of Commerce might entertain the idea of running a classified ad similar to this:

"Bustling community need additional motel facilities. Contact: Brackettville Chamber of Commerce."

This could be run in the Texas Motel Association magazine, (San Antonio) and/or the Wall Street Journal. Lets face it, new motels are being built everyday and people are looking for good locations.

These are just suggestions, not criticism. They may not be the best, but, maybe they will supply some "Food for Thought."

UNSIGNED LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper has always welcomed letters expressing public comment. We have repeatedly stated that we can not print unsigned letters, yet this week we received two more anonymous letters that someone wished us to publish. If you've got the guts and want it said, sign your name.

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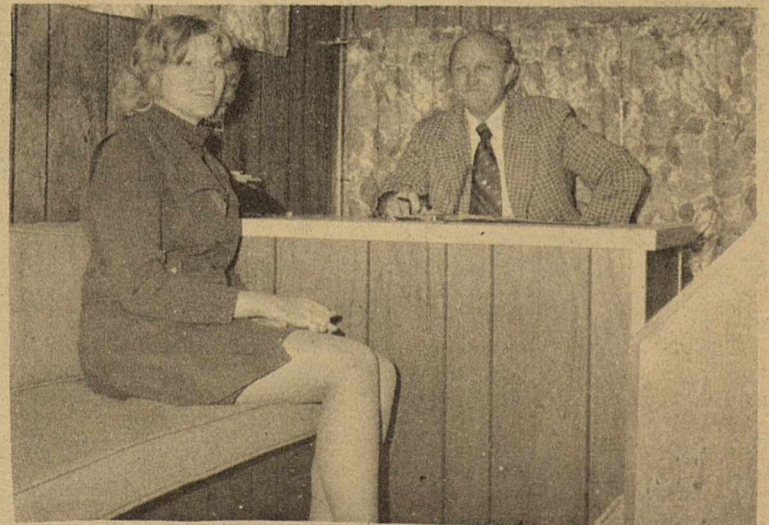
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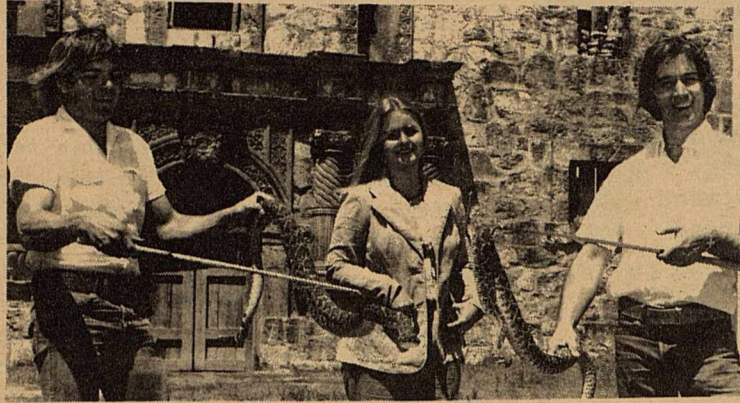
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BRACKETT HAPPENINGS

BY:
LILLIE MAE DIMERY

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Mr. Jonny July of Ozona, Mr. Johnny July, Jr. of Uvalde, Mr. and Mrs. Maruice Goodloe and daughter, Missy of Big Lake.

Miss Lenora Perry and Son, Richard Louis, Mary Joyce Perry, Terry Perry and Mrs. Mary Warrior and daughter, Ruby Ann. Mr. John Daniels all of Houston.

Mr. Pat Bowleg, Robert Wilson of Ozona, Mrs. Franklin Bowlegs, Mrs. Mary Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Warrior and Tony, Mr. John Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Geneina Williams of Del Rio. Mrs. Jo Emily Williams and children May Rosemary and Grandchildren, Kaico Kenney, Meme Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Poindexter and children, Scotty and Michelle, all of San Antonio.

Mrs. Edith Daniels is home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Young of Brant, Texas is visiting her mother and family.

Monday, May 31, 1976.....Memorial services were held at the Seminole Indians Scout Cemetary.

Between Us

by:

JOE TOWNSEND

Did you watch tropical fish in an aquarium? Did you pay close attention as you watched? They are fascinating. I see that Red Tail Shark in a tank with fish commensurate with his size. All is serene. For the most part the other fish are quietly positioned in the water or are lazily moving about when suddenly as though from nowhere here comes Mr. Shark. Quickly the point of his attack darts away from the one in the black hat. As we watch he darts at other fish with the same result. It is apparent he is just a bully--how some ever a beautiful one. Then there are the beautiful angel fish who pause majestically and stand seemingly just to parade their beauty. There are many others of varying colors and habits--all lazily moving or resting in the tank. When you think about it

these fish in the tank make absolutely no contribution to the world except to entertain those who watch. I can think of no more dismal idea than that I should live my life in this world and when I had gone the only contribution I had made was to entertain. There's so much potential in every person and so much opportunity in the world that each person should play a part in making the world a better place just because he has run his course in it. It can easily be done--but only when one is interested in making the world better and less concerned in how he can use people and the world for his selfish betterment. Where man seeks to promote his own selfish ends--he has already become an adject failure in life, regardless how much he tells himself he is great.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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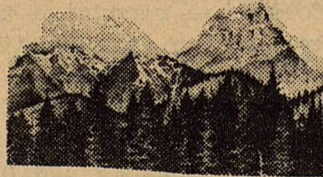


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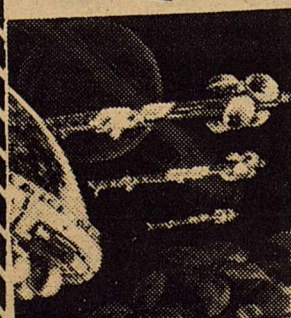
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COMMENTS from THE SAGEBRUSH

by: JOE TOWNSEND



Web worms are showing in the trees. Fungus is showing on some trees. Need for feeding is evident in some trees. Now is the time to check your trees and do whatever needs to be done. Web worms particularly should be destroyed as soon as they are seen. This can be done by proper spraying of the tree. Fungus is evident where leaves turn brown and crisp from the outside edges. This can be controlled by proper spraying. If the tree has yellow foliage it is apparent it needs to be fed. This can also be done by spraying. However, foliage feeding should be accompanied by root feeding.

This can be done by working any good balanced fertilizer into the soil between the trunk and the drip line of the tree. Jobs Tree Spikes when used accordingly to directions are hard to beat and feed the tree for months. Pellets used in a Ross root feeder can meet the needs of the tree in a variety of different formulas. At any rate, any tree worth having is worth taking care of.



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AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram calls Carl Dally "eminently qualified" and the Houston Chronicle says he is "uniquely suited" to serve on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Dally is also endorsed by newspapers in Dallas, Lubbock, Corpus Christi, San Angelo, Tyler, Bryan, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Victoria and Wichita Falls.

Ask your lawyer, your district attorney, any judge, or informed friend about the candidates in this important race. Then vote for the best man.



VOTE ON JUNE 5 FOR CARL DALLY

Paid for by Campaign to Elect Carl Dally, Carl Dally, Treasurer, 1021 Commodore Perry Building, Austin, Texas 78701

KAZEN IN WASHINGTON

Recruiting and training methods used by the Marine Corps were the targets last week when we who are members of the Military Personnel sub-committee of the House Armed Services committee held three days of hearings. We were concerned by charges that Marine recruiters, under pressure to meet enlistment quotas, deliberately disregarded physical and mental requirements established by the Corps, and that recruits were sometimes improperly harassed by drill instructors at boot camp, where Marines receive basic training.

We were especially concerned about the case of Lynn McClure, of Lufkin, Texas, who died March 13, 1976, of head injuries sustained while training as a Marine private. Congressman Charles Wilson of Lufkin told us that his young constituent should never have been accepted by the Marine Corps if they had thoroughly investigated his background and if he had not been helped with his mental examination.

EARLY RECORD CITED

Rep. Wilson said McClure was mentally retarded, had been unable to hold a job, had a police record, and failed in his first attempt to join the marines. Two months later, he tried again, scored 59 on a test where he'd a a mark of 7 in his first attempt, and was accepted. An officer and three non-commissioned officers are being court-martialled for incidents surrounding his fatal injury, and two other officers have received non-judicial punishment.

Because the cases are pending, the top Marine Corps officers did not discuss the McClure matter in detail, but there were other cases brought to our attention. General Louis H. Wilson, Commandant, of the Marine Corps, said he had to admit some errors had been made, but he testified that new directives and methods have tightened recruiting practices to minimize violations of regulations.

RECRUITING EXAMINED

We heard testimony from a former recruiter that pressure from superiors to meet enlistment quotas often caused recruiters to violate regulations to help young men meet physical and or mental requirements. We on the Committee recognize that if we are to have an effective fighting force—and the Marines are often the first to fight if war develops—we must have strong, disciplined troops. Marines training that is soft and easy would be unfair to the young men by failing to prepare them to be combat ready.

We also recognize that recruiting was easier when young men faced a military draft or when the economy provided fewer civilian jobs. Gen. Wilson and his associates made those points but did not hide behind them. They said they were seeking to lower the stress on recruits, were increasing supervision of training by officers, and would continue to seek quality over quantity in Marine Corps personnel.

A basic question remains: can the all-volunteer system produce enough men to motivation and training to

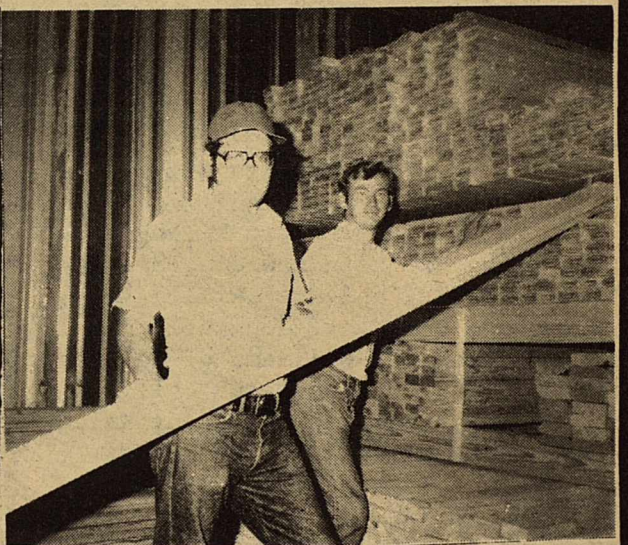
give us the fighting forces we need for our national defense?

HOUSING BILL PASSED

Among important action last week was passage of the Housing Authorization Act of 1976 that seeks to aid home buyers and the building industry with special emphasis on additional money for public housing programs. In supporting the bill, I reasoned that we could boost economic recovery with more jobs, help lower income families get homes of their own, and spur community development in areas of high unemployment.

At the invitation of the President I joined other Members of Congress Friday to witness Mr. Ford's signing of a new nuclear test treaty with the Soviet Union. AT the same time the ceremony was held here, Leonid Breshnev signed in Moscow. The treaty prohibits nuclear explosion above 150 kilotons and make provision for on-site inspection by the parties. Thus for the first time, we will be allowed to have observers in Russia to check their tests and thus determine that the treaty terms are obeyed. Similarly, they will be permitted to observe out tests.

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JON NEWTON, 34, three-term House member with solid record of public service . . . authored the law regulating strip mining . . . fought for a Public Utility Commission . . . serves on Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Mining Council of Texas, Governor's Energy Advisory Council, House Energy Resources Committee (vice chairman) . . . endorsed by major newspapers throughout Texas . . . described by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as "the resident expert on energy matters in the State Legislature" . . . in the first Democratic primary his Bee County neighbors gave him an 85% majority over his seven opponents.

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BRACKETT FFA REPORT

Reported by: Marcelino Valdez, Jr.
District Reporter

The Revaldina district of the Future Farmers of America held its 1976 officers training school at Utopia, Texas, Monday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 1. All 12 schools in the district were represented in the two day event.

On Monday, there were two general sessions. During the first session which began with the opening ceremonies at 10:00 a.m., the 1976-77 Revaldina FFA District Officers were elected by secret ballot. The newly elected officers are as follows:

- President: Mike Ciavarra, Devine, Tx.
- Vice-Pres.: Donald Parker, Natalia
- Secretary: Billy Mathews, D'Hanis
- Treasurer: Ben Rodriguez, Uvalde
- Reporter: Marcelino Valdez, Jr.
Brackettville
- Sentinal: Ron Squirre, Hondo

The newly elected officers began their duties by starting the opening ceremonies of the second general session at 3:00 p.m., Monday. During this session a quiz contest prepared by the Hondo and D'Hanis chapters was conducted. The quiz consisted of questions on parliamentary procedure and FFA terms.

The winner of the contest was Ron Squirre from Hondo, who was presented with a pocket knife as his prize. Along with the general sessions there were sectional meetings in which all chapter presidents, Vice-Pres., Secretaries, ect., met and helped make recommendations for District activities.

On Tuesday the third and final general session was held at 10:30a.m. During this session each sectional group gave it's report to the assembly for approval. The session adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The night was spent at Utopia Park by many of the members. During the free and recreational periods members enjoyed swimming, volleyball games and washer-throwing contest. All the meals were served in the Utopia School cafeteria.

The Revaldino District officers training school is held each year to provide cooperation and to give FFA members the opportunity to develop and improve their leadership abilities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Mrs. Lloyd Davis--June 1
- Kavin Johnson --June 1
- Emma Slaughter --June 2
- Shawn Senne --June 2
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- Kim Baxter --June 5
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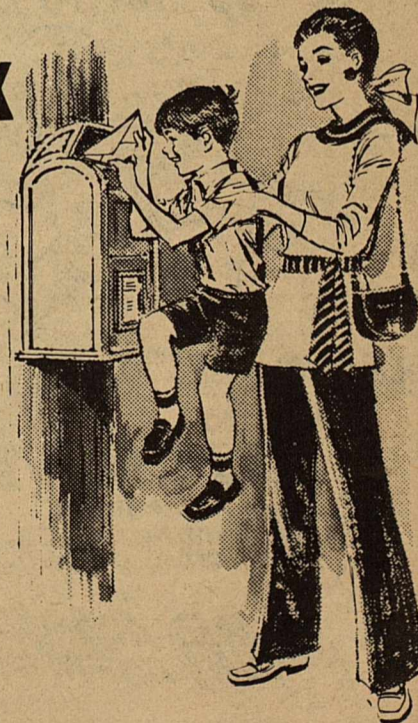
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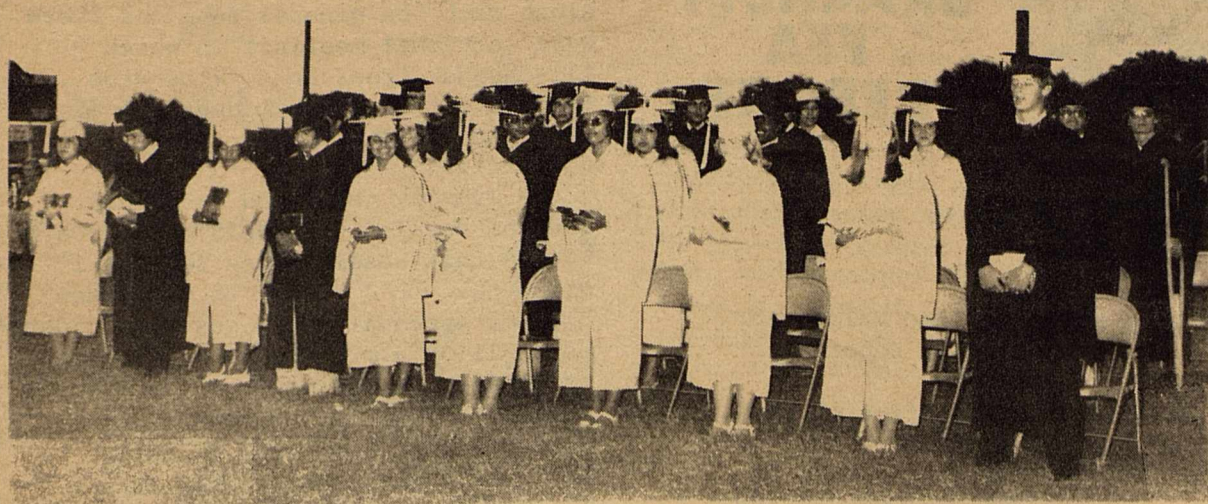
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LAST FRIDAY EVENING, the 1976 graduating Class of Brackett High School received their diplomas from Mr. Henry Fuentes, President of the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees. Approximately 400 parents and friends viewed the bicentennial class. Rev. Kent Kepler of the Brackettville Methodist Congregation told the graduates that their futures will be much like those in 1776—charting an unknown course. Individual pictures of each graduate is available through the Kinney CAVALRYMAN. Call 563-2696 for details.

"DOTTSY"...

One year ago last month, DOTTSY experienced two exciting firsts in her life: She recorded her first single for RCA, "Storms Never Last" and had her first Nashville press interview, with TENNESSEAN reporter Lynn Harvey.

Since that first interview which surrounded the event of her premiere recording session, Dottsyt has had a second single released, a Texas tune "I'll Be Your San Antone Rose", which placed in the Top Ten record charts across the nation.

The success of two Top Ten records in a row prompted Dottsyt's producer at RCA, Roy Dea, to cut an album on her entitled simply, "The Sweetest Thing". The album quickly shot to the twenties position in Billboard, Cash Box and Record World, and a single of the same name has just been released.

"The Sweetest Thing" could apply to Dottsyt's success in such a short time in the highly competitive music business. Two hit records have brought guest appearances on "That Good Ole Nashville Music," a syndicated television show which is produced by Bayron Binkley of WSM-TV Productions, Inc., "Dialing for Dollars" with Joel Drees in Milwaukee, and Dottsyt is slated for an

appearance on "Pop! Goes the Country" in June.

In the space of one year, Dottsyt has performed at the National Tourbrokers Convention in Philadelphia, and appeared on several country music package shows. One in particular in Houston featured Dottsyt as the only female artist with such established stars as Mel Tillis, Ronnie Milsap, Johnny Rodriguez, and George Jones. Dottsyt preformed for the CMA board Meeting in Austin in April and Participated in the official re-enactment of the Battle of the Alamo in Brackettville, Texas, which featured a cast of over 4,000.

Looking ahead, Dottsyt is scheduled to appear at the First Annual Rattlesnake Roundup, here, in Brackett this weekend. She will be appearing in Reno, Nevada, for one week, this summer.

Just a year ago, Dottsyt's dream was to become an artist with the staying power to maintain a career in the recording industry. Today, she has awakened to see that dream become a reality.

MDA Names Area Chairman

SAN ANTONIO, TX. ---B.J. McCombs, prominent San Antonio Businessman and civic leader, has been named General Chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Labor Day Telethon by Jerry Lewis, national chairman of MDA, the voluntary national health agency.

McCombs, president of Hemphill-McCombs Ford, 1025 San Pedro, said members of the Telethon Executive Committee will be selected from civic leaders here and from other cities in the 25-county South Texas MDA district which, from San Antonio, extend east to Gonzales, south to Laredo, west to Del Rio, and north to Kerrville and San Marcos.

The national telethon, conducted by comedian Lewis each Labor Day for the past ten years, will be telecast live from Las Vegas and San Antonio by KSAT TV. Last year, over \$18 million was raised by the telethon for neuromuscular disease research and patient care. MDA provides all of its service free of charge with no means test required or service fees requested of patients or their families.

McCombs said there are 130 known MD patients in this district who receive free diagnostic examinations and follow-up medical treatment at the MDA clinic at Santa Rosa Hospital one of the 161 hospital-affiliated MDA clinics throughout the country. In addition, patients receive free orthopedic aids, physical therapy, flu shots, transportation from clinic visits and dental appointments, and various recreational programs including MDA summer and winter camps for children and adults. Some 55 patients in this district, each with a teenage attendant, will spend the week of June 6 at Camp Christian near Center Point with all expenses paid by MDA.

McCombs, a San Antonio resident since 1958, is chairman of the board of the Spurs professional basketball team, trustee of Texas Military Institute and a director of the San Antonio Economic Foundation. A former president of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the UT Longhorn Club, he twice served as Chairman of Ford's National Dealer Council, composed of 5700 dealers throughout the United States, and was Vice President of HemisFair in 1968.

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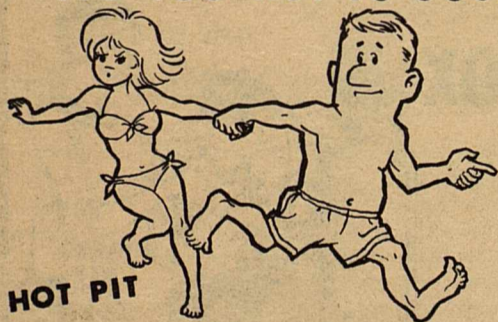
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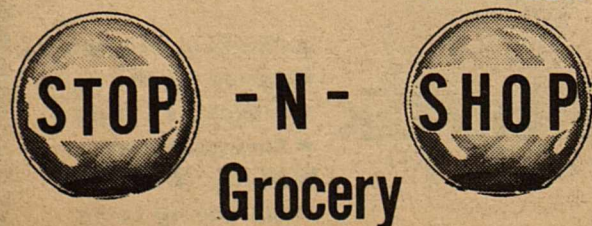
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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Lloyd Bentsen Tuesday, pointing to a report that legislation he authored would cut the projected long-term Social Security deficit in half and stabilize the Social Security system, urged Senate approval of his bill.

Bentsen said his bill, introduced early this year, would correct deficiencies in Social Security amendments passed in 1972 that will eventually lead to wide discrepancies between a person's per-retirement earnings and the Social Security benefits that person eventually receives.

In a report made public Monday, trustees of the Social Security system acknowledged that the legislation introduced by Bentsen would halve the long-term deficit program for the system under current law.

"One out of every seven Americans receives benefits from our Social Security system and over 100 million people are paying the taxes that support it. We must reassure beneficiaries and taxpayers alike that the system is working and that it will remain financially strong," Bentsen said in remarks prepared for the Senate.

"My bill, which has the full support of the Federal Council on the Aging, is a vital step in that direction."

Senator Bentsen pointed out that the purpose of the 1972 amendment was to automatically increase Social Security benefits as the cost of living increases. However, he said--it has become clear that the 1972 legislation had a different effect than was intended.

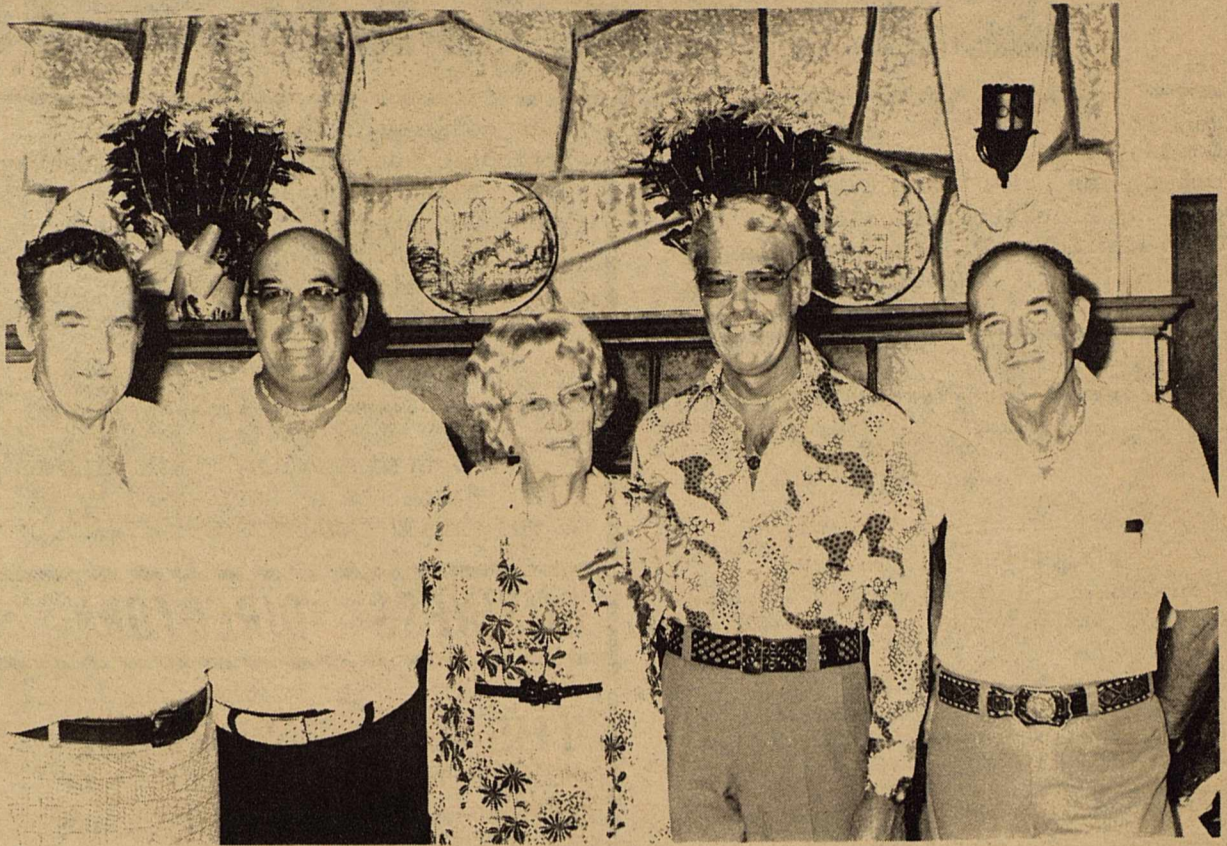
Due to the flaw, over the long term (by the year 2045), an individual's benefits could rise as high as 115 percent of earnings before retirement or fall as low as 30-percent.

As the law now stands the ratio between a wage earner's Social Security benefits and earnings change each year according to changes in the living costs. The Bentsen bill would stabilize the relationship between earnings and benefits. It would not change the provision for automatic cost of living increases in Social Security benefits to an individual after retirement.

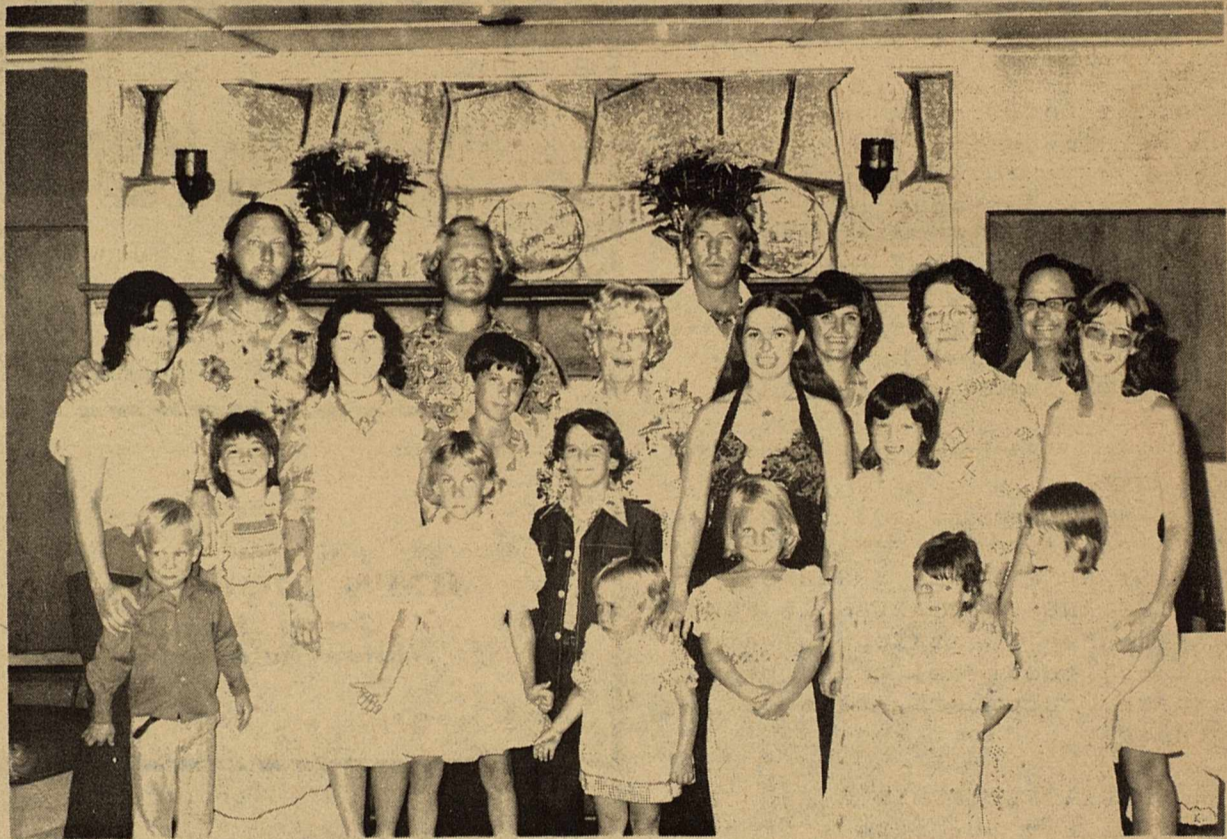
"Right now people are contributing to the Social Security system without idea of what benefits they will get when they retire. They can't even be sure that the system will have enough money to pay them what they're entitled to," Bentsen said.

"By stabilizing the relationship between earnings and benefits, my bill insures that the Social Security system will perform equitably over the long haul, while improving the financial soundness of the Social Security trust funds," Senator Bentsen said.

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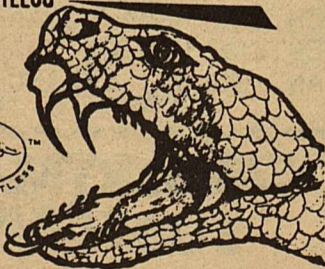
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