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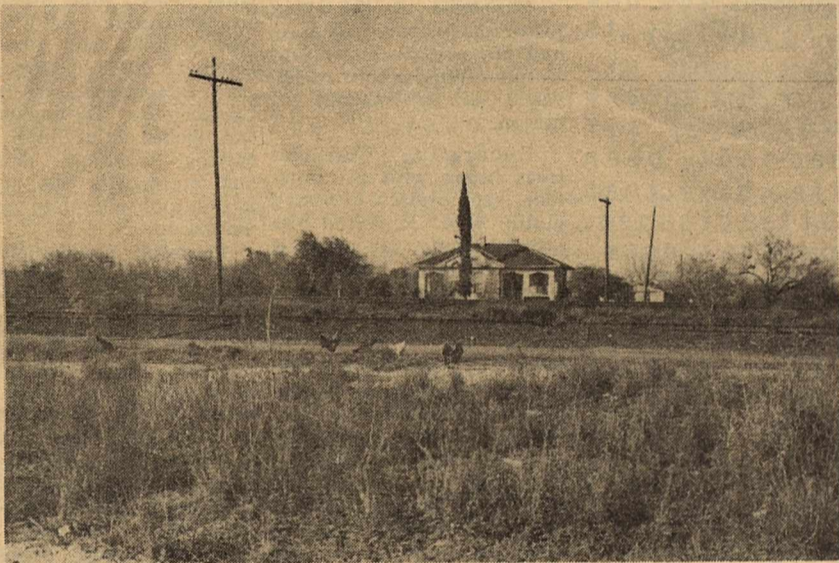
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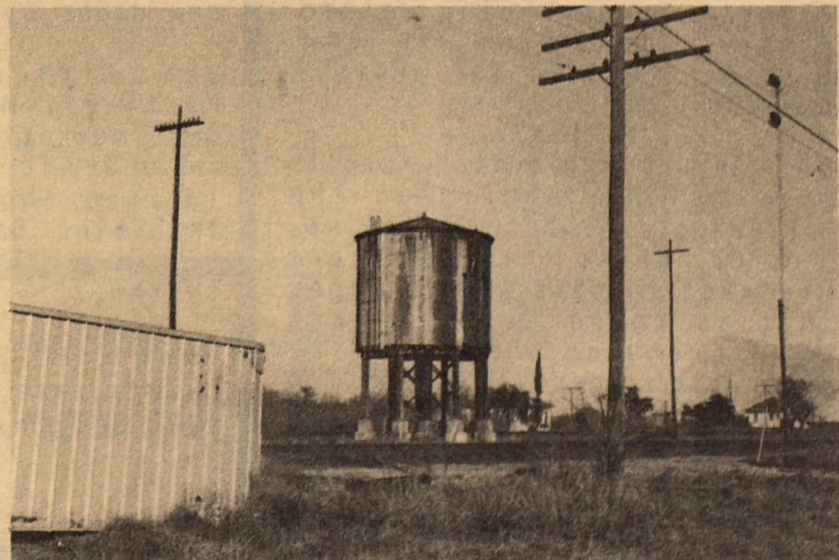
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IT HAPPENS-----

An unknown editor-hero is said to have published the following somewhere, sometime, "You'll notice that there are mistakes in this week's paper just as there were in last week's, and as there will be next week's. They are there for a purpose. We try to print something for everyone, and there are people who are always looking for mistakes".

Crystal Loos ...
" 'Tis not a lip, or eye, we
beauty call, but the joint
force and full result of all."
Alexander Pope

FIRE CALL



CHIEF JIM NELSON FIRE SAFETY

I am happy to report that we had another week without any fires. Now that cold weather is upon us, we hope you will check your furnaces so that they operate properly. If you have not had your furnace cleaned in the past year you may want it to be professionally cleaned and new filters installed. Also, with the cold weather upon us, those fires in your fireplace will feel comfortable. If your chimney has not been cleaned in a while, have that also professionally cleaned. Make sure you operate vents and dampers properly. Also, when you plan to retire for the night or plan to leave your home, make sure the fire is out and all of the coals are cool. Those of you who use the electric portable space heaters, the most important thing to remember is to keep everything at least five feet from in front of it. We have received our pagers. We are waiting for the antennae to arrive, which should be the end of this week, and then hopefully in another week we can use our new pager system.

David Martinez, Oscar Martinez, Mark Bland, and Al Lattimer attended a fire class in Del Rio last week. They learned about fire problems involving hazardous materials carried on our railroad system.

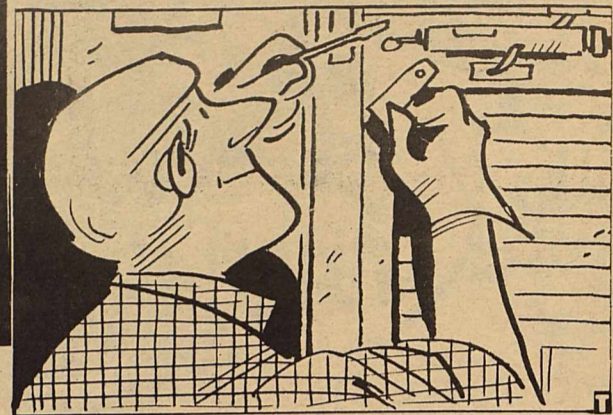
That's all for this week. Have a safe week and remember FIRE SAFETY involves YOU.



Which President had the most children? John Tyler—he had 15.

Gifts For Homeowners

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS



One of the most popular and one of the oldest Christmas traditions is exchanging useful beautiful gifts.

When you're trimming your tree, filling stockings or hanging mistletoe—give a thought to where you got your favorite Christmas custom. It may go back further in history than you know.

Christmas itself, many historians believe, may have had its origins in ancient Roman festivities in observance of the change of season.

Decorating Christmas trees began with St. Boniface, an eighth-century monk who converted the pagans living in what is now Germany. He convinced them to stop worshipping oak trees and instead adorn fir trees in tribute to the Christ Child.

As for filling the stockings, that custom, it's said, started with a fourth-century Turkish bishop—Nicholas. According to legend, he dropped a bag of gold coins down a chimney into a stocking which a poor girl had hung by the fireplace and dry: hence our custom of hanging Christmas stockings.

One thing many modern Americans would like to find in their Christmas stockings—and under their Christmas trees—are new hand tools. A smart stocking stuffer could be a pocket-sized set in a vinyl case that includes an adjustable wrench, a pair of pliers and a screwdriver, all made by Crescent. On a larger scale, also from Cooper the Toolmaker is the Weller Mini-Shop, for carving, sanding, drilling and more. It's like giving a one-tool complete crafts workshop.

Grateful recipients of such gifts may wish to kiss the giver under the mistletoe. That custom started with the ancient Druids of England, who called the plant "all heal" and believed it had the power to miraculously cure disease and counteract poisons.

No matter what your favorite Christmas custom—from holly to Jolly old St. Nick, you'll probably agree that the Yuletide is full of surprises—and not only in the gifts you'll find under the tree on Christmas morning.

FIRE SAFETY AT COLLEGES—A VARYING DEGREE

Universities and colleges offer a variety of degrees, but fire safety protection at these institutions is provided with even greater "degrees" of variance.

A random survey of schools in the Ivy League, Big Ten and Pacific Ten conferences by Jameson Home Products, a major manufacturer of home safety products, disclosed that there was little consistency and minimal in-room protection for students living in residence halls.



Only 30 percent of the colleges contacted provide smoke alarms in all dormitory/residence hall rooms.

According to the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration, the single most important weapon in lessening deaths and injuries due to fire is the smoke alarm. A new generation of fire safety products is available, including a new smoke alarm that can be used for both home and travel.

Called the Code One smoke alarm, it offers immediate fire protection with no installation via a travel clip. Students or apartment dwellers can simply hang the unit over the door. Permanent installation is achieved through standard attachment to a wall or ceiling.

College students should consider bringing their own smoke alarm this fall to ensure their rooms are people protected, not just property protected. This will give a guaranteed "degree" of fire protection.

LIBRARY NOTES & BOOKS

BY: FRANCES HERNANDEZ

Friday before last, I mentioned in the library notes I would explain about our Memorial Fund. I did not do so last week because the column had to be turned in sooner than previous columns because of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The Memorial Fund consists of designated donations for the purchase of books, equipment or other materials the library may be in need of. The donor may specify what he wishes the donation to be used for. (Whether it be used for the purchase of a specific book, equipment, etc.) The library staff sends the family or friend(s) (whom ever the donor wishes to notify) a card acknowledging the gift to its Memorial Fund. If given in memory of or in honor of and whom the gift was received from. The donor receives a thank you card for the gift.

Wednesday, November 27th, the Headstart students watched Little Toot, Morris the Midget Moose and Georgie to the Rescue.

Fifty-nine new books were added to our collection, mostly children, juvenile and young adult books. Listed below are a few of the new books:

YOUNG ADULT

Term Paper; Step by Step by G. Kahn
Choosing the College for you by Robert E. Ewen

Driving High: The Hazards of Driving, Drinking and Drugs by L. B. Taylor
Going on Sixteen by Betty Cavanna
The Moves Make the Man by Bruce Brooks
Class Pictures by Marilyn Sachs
Year of Sweet Senior Insanity by Sonia Levitin

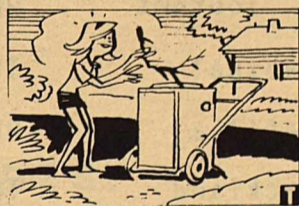
CHILDREN AND JUVENILE

Around the Clock with Harriet by Betsy Maestro
Fireman Jim by Roger Bester
I Can Dress Myself by Anna H. Dickson
If You Were an Astronaut by Dinah L. Moche
My Baby Sitter by Anne Rockwell
My Book of the Seasons by Stephanie Calmenson

NEWS OF SAFETY

Shredding Do's And Don'ts

- 1. DO read the owner's manual before using the machine. Know where all the controls are—especially the one that turns off the motor.
2. DON'T refuel until the engine has cooled for about ten minutes.
3. DO wear sturdy, rough-soled shoes or boots that won't slip, and body-hugging clothes that can't catch in the machine.
4. DON'T smoke around fuel.
5. DO turn off the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire when you clean the blades, make repairs or refuel.
6. DON'T remove the machine's guards or shield.
7. DO keep children and pets out of the work area.



"Friendship is a ship big enough to carry two in fair weather, but only one in foul." Ambrose Bierce



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

For approximately 20 years the Brackettville FFA Chapter has done community service by furnishing Christmas trees every year to schools, churches, and by selling them to the public.

This year the Chapter will cut Christmas trees Thursday, December 5th at Briscoe Ranch and will have them ready to sell Monday, December 9th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Brackettville at the school Ag. Shop. They will be freshly cut pinon trees ranging from 3 to 15 feet tall. The price in trees will vary, depending on the size. Satisfaction guaranteed. Attend and support the Brackett FFA Chapter.

Thank you,

Luis Hernandez
FFA Reporter



PIANO RECITAL

Cathie Conrey and 25 of her piano students will present a Christmas Recital on December 8, at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Voices of Fort Clark will be guests and will present two numbers from their up-coming Cantata. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Eye On Your Child's Vision

Your child may be giving you clues that his or her vision is abnormal. These include excessive rubbing of the eyes, shutting one eye, difficulty with close work, frequent blinking, squinting or frowning, undue sensitivity to light, inflamed or watery eyes, and recurring styes.



To learn how to take care of your child's eyes, contact your state Society to Prevent Blindness or the National Society to Prevent Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

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BASKETBALL SCORES

Nov. 26	J.V.- Var.-	Eagle Pass- Eagle Pass-
Dec. 2	Cubs- Cubettes-	Del Rio- Del Rio-
Dec. 3	Girls JV- Var.- Boys JV- Var.-	Knippa- Knippa- Knippa-



HIGHSCHOOL VARSITY & J.V.

(Mgrs: Jeanette Avila & Kelly Hall)

- Elda Estrada
- Virgie Garza
- Debbie Herman
- Maria Carmen Lozano
- Maria Pilar Lozano
- Martha Samaniego
- Rhea Slaughter
- Nikki Smith
- Travis Smith
- Sherri White
- Tammy Frerich
- Brenda Gass
- Hope Kelly
- Stacey Mayfield
- Tia Ralston
- Frances Sandoval
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1985 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



**B.I.S.D.
JR. HIGH BASKETBALL
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1985-86**

Dec. 7 Leakey Tourney T
 Dec. 9 Nueces Canyon 5:30 H
 Dec. 16 Rocksprings 5:30 T
 Jan. 8 Sacred Heart 5:00 T
 Jan. 11 Brackett Tourn. H
 Jan. 15 Sacred Heart 5:00 H
 Jan. 20 Nueces Canyon 5:30 T
 Jan. 27 Rocksprings 5:30 H
 Feb. 3 La Pryor 5:30 T

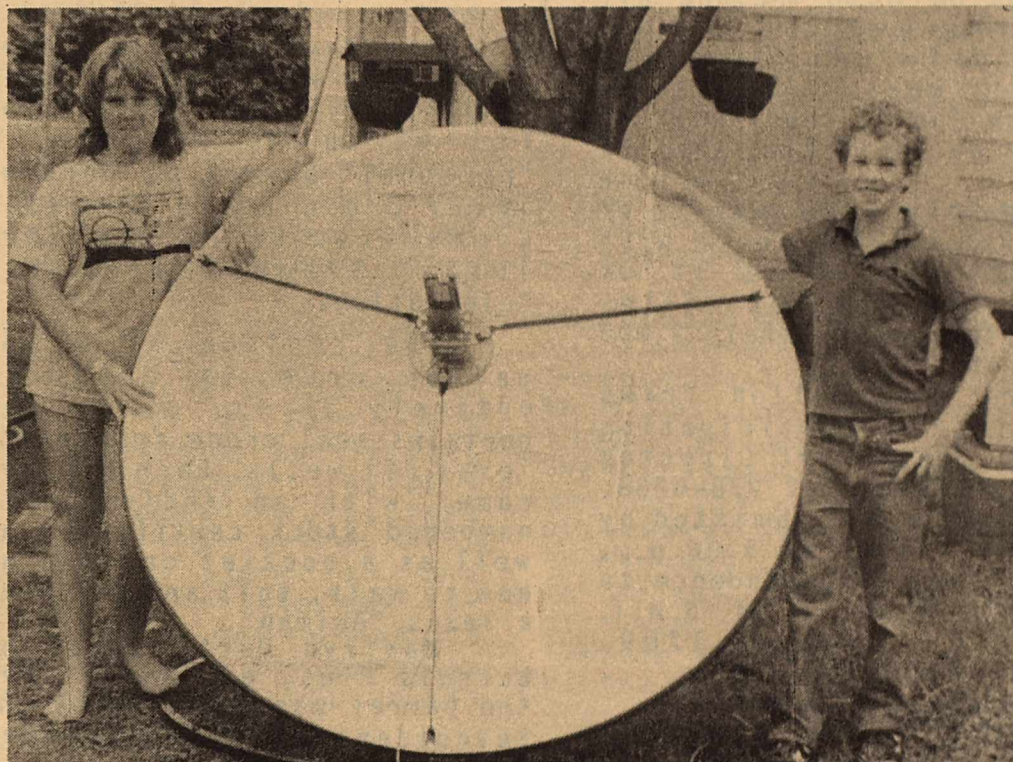
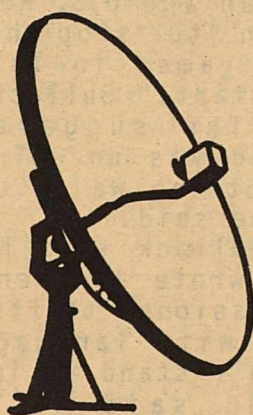
B.I.S.D. HIGHSCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec 10	*La Pryor	HERE	G	6:30
Dec 12,13,14	SWT Tournmt	THERE	B&G	T.B.A
Dec 17	*Dilley	THERE	G	6:30
Dec 19,20,21	Brackett Tournmt	HERE	B&G	
Jan 3	Sabinal	THERE	B&G	6:30
Jan 7	*Natalia	HERE	B&G	6:30
Jan 10	*Lackland	THERE	B	6:30
Jan 14	*Lytle	HERE	B&G	6:30
Jan 17	*La Pryor	THERE	B&G	6:30
Jan 21	*Dilley	HERE	B&G	6:30
Jan 24	*OPEN			
Jan 28	*Sabinal	HERE	B&G	6:30
Jan 31	*Natalia	THERE	B&G	6:30
Feb 4	*Lackland	HERE	B	6:30
Feb 7	*Lytle	THERE	B	6:30
Feb 11	*La Pryor	HERE	B	6:30
Feb 14	*Dilley	THERE	B	6:30

*DENOTES DISTRICT GAMES

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Community Council of Southwest Texas Inc. a Non-Profit Organization is soliciting bids for the complete installation of a central heating system of gas furnaces on all three Day Care facilities operated by the Community Council of S.W.T. Inc.

Installation must include all ductwork, grills, vents, electrical, plumbing and carpentry work, plus labor. (Turn key job is required)

Location of facilities are: La Pryor, Texas with approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of space, Batesville, Texas with approximately 2,400 sq. ft. of space, and Brackettville, Texas with approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of space.

For more information firms interested in participating may call Head Start Director Mr. Julian Bermea at 278-6268. All bids must be submitted by December 9, 1985 at 5:00 p.m. Address your correspondence to Community Council of S.W.T. Inc., P.O. Drawer 1709, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1709.

Counting Our Blessings

Next time you enjoy a cold drink in a foam cup at your favorite fast food restaurant, take a moment out to think about this:

That foam cup is helping conserve a very precious natural resource—energy. The growing number of fast food spots using foam for



cups and other containers is evidence of a growing concern for improving our energy situation. The fact is, producing these items from polystyrene is far more economical and energy-wise than making them from paper, according to the Society of the Plastics Industry.

American consumers have discovered that drinks served in foam cups are more enjoyable for some very good reasons. The remarkable insulating qualities of that foam hold the cold better, keep drinks cold longer and prevent ice from melting before you've quenched your thirst.

Just a few more reasons why Americans can count their blessings.



BARREL PLUS

For anyone who has ever fantasized about having their own oil well, Barrels Plus of Ft. Worth is offering a "personal" barrel of Genuine Texas Crude as an Official Commemorative of the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The replica of a 55-gallon drum is produced entirely in Ft. Worth and contains real crude from north Texas oil wells. Each barrel comes with an individually numbered stock certificate as well as a booklet describing how to walk, talk and act like a Texas "Awlman".

Marilyn Hart, owner of Barrels Plus, explained that the barrel was selected by the Sesquicentennial Committee because it reflects an industry which has been one of the greatest single influences on Texas' growth.

"Oil has been a supremely important aspect of Texas history, and there isn't anyone who hasn't dreamed of having some oil of their own... now at least they can have a small amount and retain a memento of the Sesquicentennial, too", Ms. Hart said.

During 1986, some 30,000 activities are planned by Texans to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Independence from Mexico.

For more information, contact: Marilyn Hart, Barrels Plus, 3317 Bryan Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76110, (817)921-3131; Metro 654-1085.



The first commercially successful oil well in the U.S. was brought in on August 27, 1859, at Titusville, Pa

NEWS FROM

BOB BULLOCK

BULLOCK SPEAKS AGAINST HIGH-STAKES, UNREGULATED BINGO

AUSTIN, Tex. -- State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday said that a so-called compromise suggested by sponsors of a federal bill to transfer two Texas Indian tribes to federal status would not stop high-stakes unregulated bingo games.

"My staff spent the better part of a week trying to convince U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman and U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson to stop high-stakes bingo games in Texas before they start," Bullock said.

"The suggestion they offered was no solution -- it was nothing we could agree to," he said.

Bullock said his lawyers "even wrote an amendment, but congressional staffs came back at us with language we knew wouldn't stand up in court."

He said if the bill passes in its present form it will let the Tigua And Alabama-Coushatta Indian tribes open bingo parlors unregulated by the state because of the special federal status the law would give.

"Those folks in Washington simply hadn't thought of the gaming angle in this legislation and apparently they are turning a deaf ear to our warnings," Bullock said.

"I'm all for the Indians. I'm all for the status they want. I'm all for the assistance they are seeking. But I'm against unregulated, high-stakes Indian bingo games," Bullock said.

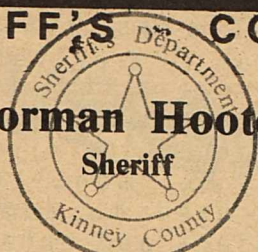
Bullock said all bingo games in Texas are state-regulated and play for charity purposes.

He said other states have been unable to control Indian bingo and released a letter from a Washington state official who warned Rep. Coleman of an Indian tribe who wants to build an off-reservation bingo hall.

"Once you get it started, there is simply no end," Bullock said.

SHERIFF'S CORNER

Norman Hooten



Charges of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle have been filed against a 21 year old Mexican National who remains in the County Jail at the time of this writing in lieu of \$2,500.00 bond set by Justice of the Peace Raymond Talamantez.

Carlos Garcia-Ortiz, an illegal alien, was arrested Sunday night, November 24th, by Deputy Sheriff Terry Fisher shortly after we received a report of a stolen vehicle from Mike Woodson, manager of the Land & Marine hunting lease. The vehicle, 1974 Willys Jeep, was located and recovered by Deputy Fisher in the parking lot of a local tavern. Also recovered with the jeep was a .243 caliber rifle with scope. Garcia will be tried in District Court at a later date on the 3rd Degree Felony Charge.

Friday morning we received another report of a stolen vehicle. This vehicle, a 1983 Chevrolet Suburban, was stolen from the Mena Nichols Ranch on Hwy. 277. It contained several firearms and a large amount of ammunition. Five unidentified illegal aliens are suspects in the case. They have not been apprehended nor has the vehicle been located at the time of this writing.

We have had six (6) vehicles stolen in Kinney County over the past year, every one of them was stolen by illegal aliens. We located five of the m (the one not located is the most recent mentioned above) and recovered four of the five located. The one not recovered was located in Mexico by Mexican

authorities, needless to say we did not get that one back. Ninety percent (90%) of all felony crimes occurring in Kinney County are now being committed by illegal aliens.

As I have stated before, we have a serious problem of crimes being committed in our county (and country) by illegal aliens. The problem is getting worse every year and will continue to do so until the American people have had

enough and put pressure on the government, from the local grassroots level on up, to start using the laws we already have to place severe punishments on those illegal aliens who violate our immigration laws, steal our property, and assault our citizens.

Consider this, over the past three years we have had twelve (12) vehicles stolen in Kinney County. We have recovered eight (8) of them. Of the remaining four, one was located in Mexico. The other three disappeared and have not been seen since. Of the twelve (12) vehicles, nine (9) are known to have been stolen by illegal aliens, the remaining three are believed to have been stolen by U.S. citizens.

Reports of burglaries, break-ins, and vandalism of rural homes and hunting camps are coming in at a rate that is impossible to keep up with. The victims of these crimes, which amount to thousands and thousands of dollars, are becoming resigned to the fact that the tremendous increase in crimes committed against them by illegal aliens will have to be absorbed and endured. Why should this be so? We have the right to expect our homes and property to be respected by others and left alone. Why should the hordes of invaders from the south, citizens of a "friendly" country, be allowed to pour across our borders (just poor people looking for a job?) and terrorize our citizens, shoot and assault those who resist them, steal our property and cost us million in lost property and expenses directly related to their illegal, criminal entry into our domain?

I and one full-time deputy cannot begin to control this type crime. The U.S. Border Patrol, with all their manpower and equipment, cannot come close to controlling the over-whelming numbers of illegal aliens pouring across our borders. Even those we do apprehend for crimes committed against our citizens are kept in jail at you expense, tried in court (eventually), and most times convicted. They they are given a stern verbal reprimand by the presiding judge, receive probation and are then turned over to the Border Patrol where they are processed, documented, and returned to Mexico, the

country they left only a short time before. A large number of them immediately return to the U.S. illegally.

I don't want to be labeled an alarmist, but our judges, our lawmakers and our government better get their heads out of the sand and wake up before it's too late. A bucket will only hold so much water, drop enough sand into it and the water that was in the bucket to start with will be pushed over the side, drop onto the ground and disappear, the rest will be absorbed and all that will remain in the bucket will be sand, damp from the water it replaced, but sand never-the-less. Think about it!

GENEALOGICAL NEWS

SWTGS TO HOLD MEETING

The second Quarterly Meeting of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will be held Saturday, December 7, 1985, at 10 am, at the Rocksprings Club House (trun west at the street just north of Edwards County Lumberyard on Highway 55; the Club House is the second house at the end of that block). Mrs Helen Thurman Fred will speak on the Kickapoo Settlement and Mrs. Edda Raye Smith Moody will speak on Choctaw Bill, an early sojourner in Edwards County. For further information contact SWTGS President Dan Chaney, 301 Martin Street, Uvalde, TX 78801 (512/278-4763).

On March 26, 1986, the Genealogical Society will sponsor a six-hour "Family Tree Climbing Can Be Fun" genealogical workshop in Uvalde, conducted by Mr. & Mrs. Floren Preece of Everton Publishers of Utah. In addition to computer printouts of over 600,000 ancestral entries in Everton's Computerized "Roots" Cellar and its Computerized Family Files, a computer will be available so that workshop participants will be able to learn how to use the computer in their family research. Space is limited and those interested in attending are urged to register as early as possible. For further information contact SWTGS 1st Vice President Billie Noguess, P.O. Box 295, Uvalde 78802 (512/278-1693 or 278-4010).

BOOK DESCRIBES TEXAS' INTERESTING CAST OF CHARACTERS

The history of Texas -- full of romantic tales of last stands and first draws -- is a history of ordinary people struggling during extraordinary times.

The people who figured so prominently in Texas history are brought to life in a book recently published by the Texas Historical Commission. Entitled SHADOWS ON THE LAND, AN ANTHOLOGY OF TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER STORIES, the book is a compilation of more than 50 stories written from files at the THC's Marker Department. It features some of Texas' most famous and infamous characters, including Emma Evelyn Edmondson, who disguised herself as a male nurse to enter the Union Army, "Choctaw Bill" Robinson, a Baptist preacher who carried a Bible and a gun with equal aplomb, and Charles Lindbergh, who once landed his plane in the town square of Camp Wood, Texas.

The stories, written by well-known Texas author Myra McIlvain, first appeared in newspapers across the state, where they generated widespread interest in the state's historical marker program. Fourteen photographs illustrate the stories, and directions to the historical markers discussed are included for interested readers.

Due to the popularity of the book, the THC plans to issue a second volume of marker stories in the future. It will continue the saga of Texas' colorful cast of characters, historic events, and interesting places.

The THC's marker program, which operates in conjunction with county historical commissions across the state, is an ongoing reminder of the people's history and acts as a reflection of the state's rich heritage and cultural diversity. The state's upcoming sesquicentennial, in particular, has sparked a renewed interest in marking and preserving Texas' rich history.

SHADOWS ON THE LAND is available for \$4.00, plus 30 cents handling (Texas residents add 25 cents sales tax) through the THC, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711. For more information, call (512) 475-3092.



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1986 TIME CAPSULE TO BE BURIED AT STATE CAPITOL

On December 5, 1986, the Texas Historical Foundation will commemorate Texas' 150th birthday by burying a 50 year time capsule in Austin's Sesquicentennial Park located in the Capitol complex adjacent to the State Capitol building.

All Texans are invited to submit their names, at a cost of only \$1.00 year, to be included on a scroll and enclosed in the 1986 time capsule. Fifty years from now (during our 200th birthday celebration), our future generation will unearth the capsule and display its contents. By contributing your name to the capsule you will be supporting and preserving Texas culture and reminding your children and grandchildren of the unique history we as Texans share. Sesquicentennial year memorabilia representative of our unique state in 1986 will also be included in the capsule but the most important document to be enclosed will be those names and locations of over 10 million living Texans.

The time capsule will be buried under an official plack along side the planned Sesquicentennial Monument also to be erected in late 1986 on the State Capitol grounds. This capsule will remain untouched for 50 years.

During Texas' 200th birthday celebration the capsule will be uncovered and presented as a gift to the State. In addition, this valuable historic drama and document will be on exhibit in Austin throughout Texas' 200th birthday celebration.

All entries must be received no later than October 1, 1986 and will be accepted effective immediately. For each entry send a check or money order for \$1.00 with your full name and address to the Texas Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 2950, Austin, Texas 78769.

The Texas Historical Foundation is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving Texas' unique rich history and culture. All money donated will be used to administer this project and enhance and develop Texas preservation programs statewide for years to come.

'Tis the Season

The custom of hanging up a stocking by the chimney on Christmas Eve probably evolved from a legend surrounding the generosity of St. Nicholas. In the saint's hometown, there lived a man who had lost all his money through a string of unlucky events. This man had three daughters but, since he could not provide a dowry for any of them, it seemed doubtful that they would ever marry. St. Nicholas learned of their predicament and resolved to help them. Since he wanted no recognition or credit for his deed, he quietly came to their house at night and tossed three bags of gold, one for each girl, down the chimney. Each time, the legend tells us, the bag of gold landed in a stocking that was hanging by the fire to dry.



Today, the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings is still widely celebrated by young and old alike. Children usually receive small toys and candy ... but often a more practical gift is in order for adults. One great "stocking stuffer" idea is a pair of ODOR-EATERS FOOT WARMERS, from the makers of JOHNSON'S ODOR-EATERS INSOLES. Their fleecy-warm fabric and famous ODOR-EATERS patented charcoal foam will help keep feet warm, dry, and odor-free through the raw, damp winter weather to come. Also great for use indoors, with thermostats being set at all-time lows again this year. They're perfect for all kinds of boots and shoes, ice skates, and ski-boots. Washable, too ... and guaranteed for three months!

Hot rum toddies and eggnog are traditional Yuletide "warmers" in America. In Yorkshire, England, people "sup" ale possets for luck ... they're a mixture of warm milk, ale, beer, and wine, often quite heavily spiced.

CHRISTMAS IN TEXAS



December 1985



PARADES

- 5 Baytown, Henderson
- 6 Greenville, Mulshoe, Raymondville
- 7 Brownwood, Hillsboro, Lamesa, Rockwall, San Augustine, Wills Point
- 9 Temple
- 13 Jasper
- 14 Kerrville, Terrell

HOME TOURS

- 1 El Paso
- 5 Tyler
- 5-7 Jefferson
- 6-8 Fort Worth, Salado
- 7 Granbury, Henderson, Waxahachie, Woodville
- 7-8 Bryan, McKinney
- 8 Crockett, Hereford
- 14 Fredericksburg, Montgomery

MUSIC & DANCE

- 5 "A Christmas Carol" Pittsburg
- 7 "Messiah", Weslaco
- 7-8 Pops Concert, Sherman
- 10 Symphony Concert, Abilene
- 13-15 "Nutcracker", Amarillo

OTHER

- 1 Christmas Fair, Odessa
- 4-18 Christmas Tree Forest Kingsville
- 5 Downtown Christmas Stroll Brenham
- 5 Christmas-on-the-Square Denton
- 5-22 Christmas Tree Forest Corpus Christi
- 6 Holiday Jubilee, Bandera
- 6 Christmas Stroll, Georgetown
- 6-8 Christmas in Goliad
- 6-8 Christmas at Old Fort Concho, San Angelo
- 6-15 Fiesta Posada, McAllen
- 7 Boat Parade, Clear Lake
- 7 Boat Parade, Port Isabel/South Padre Island
- 6-7 Christmas on the Brazos Waco
- 12-13 Candlelight Tour at Ranching Heritage Center Lubbock
- 12-14 Candlelight Tour, Sam Houston Park, Houston
- 13-14 Poinsettia Show, Mission
- 13-19 Yulefest, Austin
- 15 Winedale Open House Round Top
- 15-25 Christmas at Maxey House, Paris

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Continuing to early Jan. — **Halley's Comet, McDonald Observatory, Fort Davis.** Far from the interference of urban lights, the observatory in the Davis Mountains in West Texas is one of the best sites in the nation for viewing Halley's Comet. Exhibits and multimedia shows at the visitors center provide background information. An outside telescope is set up for closeup views of the actual object for 30 minutes after sunset on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Free Admission. More information from McDonald Observatory, Box 1337, Fort Davis 79734 (915-426-3263 ext. 102).

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Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 5-6 — **"A Christmas Memory," Grand Opera House, Uvalde.** The Opera House, built in 1891 of yellow brick made of clay from the nearby Leona River, offered professional entertainment as well as local productions until after WWI. In 1982, after years of neglect, it was restored to its original luster and now schedules a full season. This month's production, adapted from a Truman Capote short story, tells of a small boy and his aunt remembering past Christmases and the friendship they shared.

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Dec. 5-8 — **Candlelight Tour of Old City Park, Dallas.** Tours of this cultural history museum are enriching all year long, but it has a special magic at Christmas with candlelit pathways, caroling, Santa arriving in a surrey, entertainment, hot food and wassail. Special exhibits, decorations and activities in the many historical buildings demonstrate 19th Century life during Yuletide. Admission: \$5 adults; \$2 children and senior citizens. Hours and information: Old City Park, 1717 Gano, Dallas 75215 (214-421-7800).

Dec. 6-8 — **Holiday River Festival, San Antonio.** All during December, Paseo del Rio is ablaze with lighting in the trees and along the river, and carolers aboard river barges sing Christmas favorites. On Dec. 6, dancing, drama, music and traditional Mexican foods highlight pinata parties, blessing of the pets and a visit from Pancho Claus during **Fiesta Navidena in El Mercado.** Decorated homes are open Dec. 7 & 8 for the **Christmas Pilgrimage.** **Las Posadas** on Dec. 8 dramatizes with song and candlelight procession the Holy Family's search for lodging. Visitors are encouraged to participate. For information on these and other Christmas events contact Ernest Loeffler, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Box 2277, San Antonio 78298 (512-299-8123 or 1-800-292-1010).

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Dec. 7-8 — **Dickens on The Strand, Galveston.** The historic Strand District, one of the largest collections of restored Victorian buildings in the U.S., will turn into a bustling, gaslit, 19th Century London with games, caroling, costumed entertainers and English bobbies. Staged scenes from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol," gourmet delicacies and a marketplace of unique gifts add to the festivities. Tickets: \$5 adults; \$2 senior citizens and children 6-12, under 6 free; wearers of Victorian costumes free. More information from Dickens on the Strand, P. O. Drawer 539, Galveston 77553 (409-765-7834).



Dec. 7 — **Christmas Celebrations, Caldwell.** The indoor Annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., will feature items with country charm in all media, some imports, food and entertainment. **Heart of Our Heritage Home Tour, 5-7 p.m.,** will open four early Texas homes with festive yesteryear Christmas decorations amid period furnishings. Local talent will present a down-home country musical at the **Burleson County Opry** at 7:30 p.m. (Reservations recommended). Admission: Homes Tour \$5; Opry \$2. Details from Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 126, Caldwell 77836 (409-567-7979).

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**TMA HEALTH TIPS
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GLAUCOMA: SNEAK THIEF
OF SIGHT**

One out of every seven blind persons is a victim of glaucoma. Almost all of them had normal sight most of their life and could have prevented their blindness.

That is easier said than done because glaucoma usually gives little warning to the victim until vision loss occurs, says the Texas Medical Association.

For this reason, persons near or past age 35 should have an eye examination at least once every two years. Glaucoma tends to run in families and strikes after age 35 in most cases.

Glaucoma is an increase in fluid pressure within the eyeball. Like a tire, the eye has a normal range of pressure. Eye fluid pressure that is too high for too long will damage the optic nerve, which carries images from the eye to the brain. This gradually causes blindness.

In most cases, the person is unaware of this as it happens because vision seems normal. There is no pain or discomfort. But peripheral vision (side vision) is gradually decreasing. The glaucoma victim may get to the point where he has "tunnel vision," meaning he can only see things straight ahead. And he still may be able to read 20/20 on a doctor's eye chart, falsely indicating normal vision.

Sometimes the undiagnosed glaucoma victim may have a slight awareness of visual loss that suggests a need for glasses. Even if they are prescribed, the problem will persist.

If glaucoma is discovered early, medical treatment can halt its progress. However, sight destroyed by glaucoma cannot be restored. For each month that a glaucoma victim postpones treatment, a small percentage of sight may be lost -- which can never be reclaimed.

In treating glaucoma, the primary aim is to reduce the pressure within the eyeball. Treatment generally involves eye drops. If not detected early enough, however, glaucoma may not respond to medicine. In this case, surgery may be necessary to lower the eye pressure.

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B.I.S.D. CAFETERIA MENU
(Week of November 9, 1985)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY- Peaches, Waffles, Syrup, Milk.

TUESDAY- Juice, Cereal, Milk.

WEDNESDAY- Hash Browns, Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Milk.

THURSDAY- Fruit Cocktail, Pancakes, Syrup, Milk.

FRIDAY- Pears, Oatmeal, Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY- Chili Con Carne, Fresh Salad, Fruit Float, Cornbread, Milk.

TUESDAY- Hamburgers, Burger Salad, French Fries, Apple Crisp, Milk.

WEDNESDAY- Chicken Nuggets, Corn on the Cob, Golden Carrots, Cranberry Nugget Bar, Milk.

THURSDAY- Hot Dog, Tator Tots, Green Beans, Fruit Mix, Milk.

FRIDAY- Cheese Enchiladas, Garden Salad, Ranch Beans, Peach 1/2's, Milk.

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WATER RIGHTS APPLICATION DISMISSED!

The Texas Water Commission, meeting in Austin on Tuesday, dismissed the Edwards Underground Water District's application for a water right of the average annual recharge of the Edwards Aquifer based upon its staff's conclusion that current Texas water law does not give the Commission authority to issue such a water right.

EUWD General Manager, Tom Fox, reported to the Commission that his Board of Directors, last week, had voted to not oppose action by the Commission to dismiss the application should that occur.

Nueces River Authority Executive Director, Con Mims, and the NRA general counsel were also present to oppose the District's application. They were supported by resolutions of opposition from the County Judge of Bandera County, Kinney County, Real Count, City of Leakey, City of Brackettville, Municipal Utility District of Fort Clark Springs, Committee to Protect Kinney County Water Resources, and the Rotary Club of Brackettville.

NRA opposition, according to Mims, has been based on three points.

First, as the Commission concluded, there is no basis in our water law allowing the Commission to issue this permit.

Secondly, if granted, the District could use its senior water right to prevent the issuance of future water rights throughout 3,279 square miles of the Nueces Basin, above the Edward Recharge Zone.

And, thirdly, NRA did not believe that Nueces Basin citizens should be forced to sacrifice their future water rights to protect the Edwards Aquifer so long as the San Antonio metropolitan area continues its unrestrained

major growth and dependence on aquifer water.

Mims noted that "NRA has a statutory obligation to preserve the rights of Nueces Basin citizens in the beneficial use of water. While the District's objective of protecting natural recharge to the Edwards Aquifer is understandable and noble, that water right would have been a clear threat to our upper basin citizens' ability to use their surface water resources."

EUWD is not expected to pursue this permit further.



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CHRISTMAS DAY - 25-



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American Heart Association

Cranberries have a bittersweet taste that is well-suited for holiday meals. This Cranberry Bread Recipe can be served at a traditional dinner table or with leftover turkey and fixins.

Cranberry Bread

2 Cups Whole Wheat Flour	Zest of 1 Grated Orange
½ Cup Wheat Germ	½ Cup of Orange Juice
½ Cup Brown Sugar	½ Cup Oil
2 Teaspoons Baking Powder	¼ Cup Warm Water
½ Teaspoon Baking Soda	2 Cups Cranberries, Chopped

In a large bowl, mix the first 5 ingredients. Set aside.

In a separate bowl beat together orange zest, orange juice, oil and water. Stir into dry ingredients. Add cranberries and mix well.

Pour batter into a 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan sprayed with vegetable cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50-60 minutes. Remove bread from pan and place on wire rack to cool. Bread slices better the second day.

Yield: 16 Slices
Approx. Cal/Serv.: 115

Recipe Tip: To add nutrients to our other recipes, substitute 1 cup of whole wheat pastry flour for 1 cup all-purpose flour or 1 cup of whole wheat flour for ¾ cup all-purpose flour.

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Rev. Joe Townsend

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Prayer Meeting (Sun) 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wed) 7:00 pm

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