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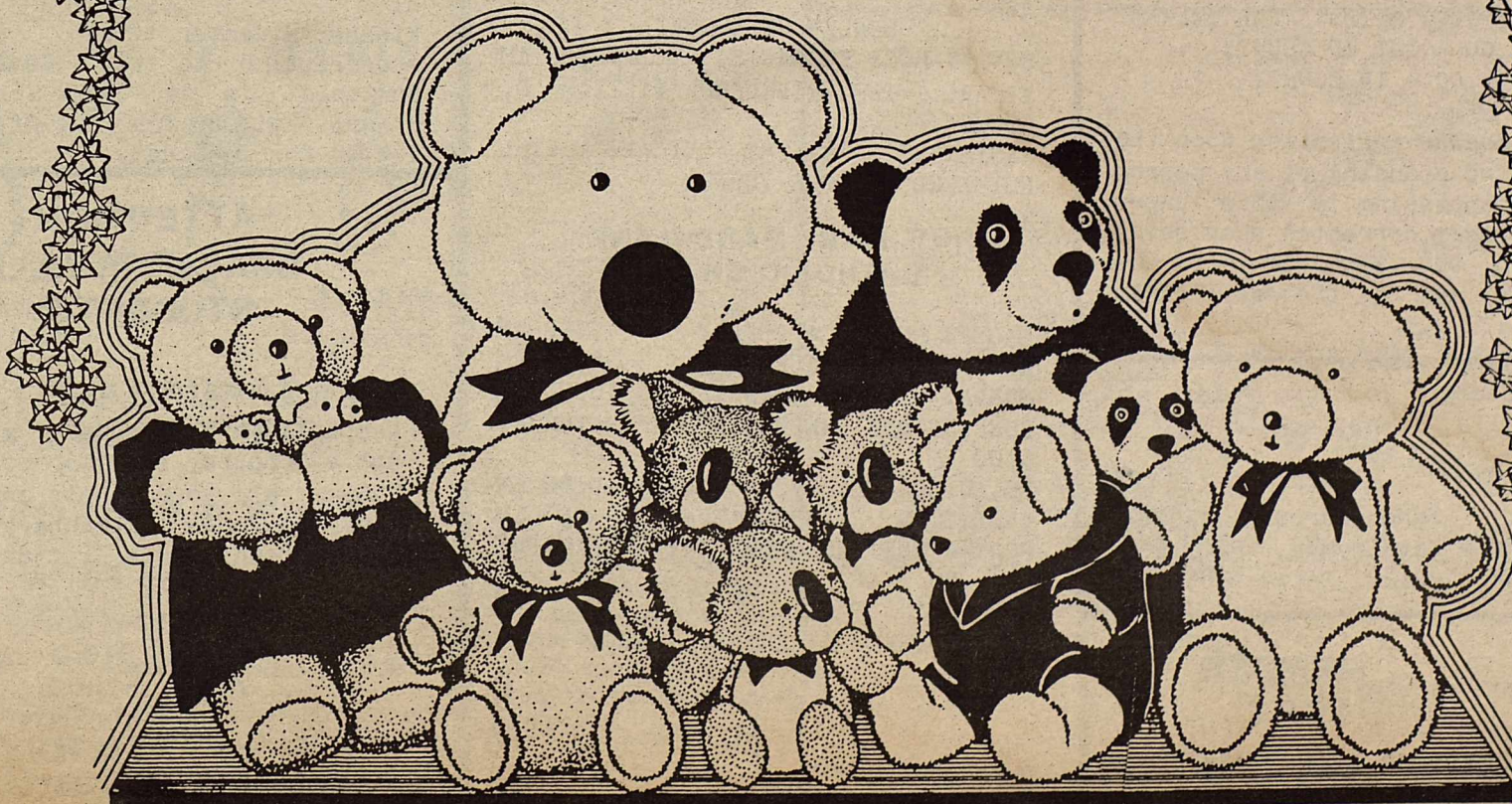
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REFLECTIONS

Little boys are sometimes excited to get a big red fire truck for Christmas, and little girls love dolls and other gifts. No comments are needed about young people and adults!

Jesus received gifts when he was born. Wise men brought him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The family probably made good use of the gold soon after Jesus was born, for they had to go into Egypt to escape the rage and fury of King Herod.

Gold is a valuable metal. It was appropriate that such an expensive gift be taken to Jesus. After all, He is God's priceless gift to man. Those who receive Christ as the Lord of life have the promise from God of an eternal life of splendor and glory. This life from the Son of God cannot be placed on the market of the world's coinage.

Frankincense is an incense, a perfume. How appropriate that wise men brought to the Christ child that present. After all, Jesus is the one person who can add perfume and fragrance to the believer's life.

A lot of Christians you and I know need a fresh anointing of the fragrance of Jesus on themselves at this Season of the year. Christ can take away bitterness, sadness,

hate, lust, and covetousness which the Bible declares is idolatry which shuts one out of heaven. Jesus can "perfume up" our lives. We need to let him do this for us, don't you think?

Myrrh is a "bitter perfume". Not only did Jesus receive myrrh as a "birthday present", but He also was offered myrrh mingled with wine as He died on the cross.

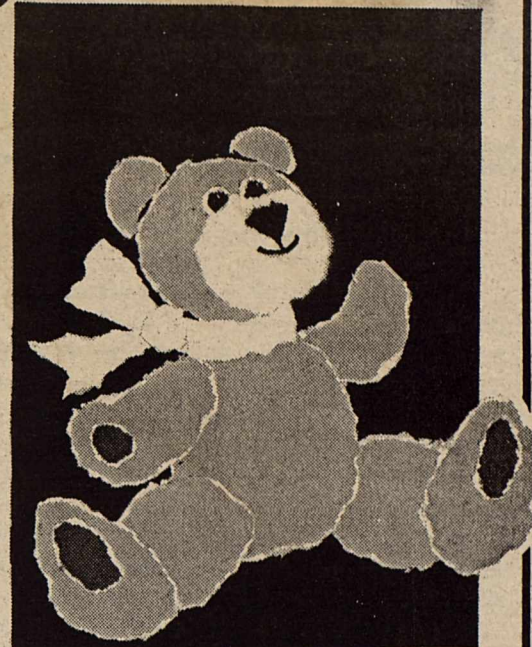
Myrrh stands for hardship, sorrow, discipleship, and pain. Jesus knew this kind of experience. He even reminds us that His followers must walk in His tracks of difficulty, of danger, of death, of labor, and of sacrifice.

At this Christmas Season as we give and exchange presents, let us remember that the priceless gift from heaven has already been given. Your Christmas and my Christmas will not be what it ought to be unless we receive the gift that God wants us to receive from Him.

BY REV. PRESTON TAYLOR



Joy at Christmas



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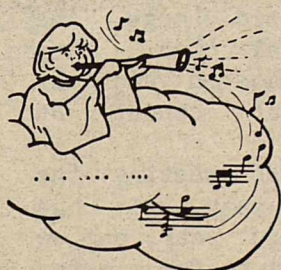
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GARDENING TIPS

BY THE MORNING
GLORY GARDEN CLUB
DEL RIO, TEXAS

"Holiday Gift Plants"

There are many lovely plants for Christmas gifts. Visit your nursery for an early selection. Something different may be a pot of "Crown of Horns". This is known as a double duty plant. A few are available in various colors...cream, yellow, pink and deep red. This plant requires dry and low humidity, and will grow to about two feet as a houseplant.

It will grow quite tall when placed outdoors. It has thick stems with long spines, and the leaves are in clusters on the spoon shaped leaves. If indoors, place near a sunny window, and let the soil become dry before watering and it should be fed about every four weeks. It may lose its leaves, but new ones will soon appear.

Another plant to give is the colorful Azalea. It requires an acid soil, and when the Holiday Season is over, it can be grown outdoors on the patio. Give it a little vinegar water from time to time, or some epsom salt. Miniature Roses make a nice gift for a gardener. They come in many colors and are grown like a Tea Rose. They also may be bought as a Tree Rose, growing to about three feet. Don't forget the beautiful African Violets. Chrysanthemums are now a year-round plant, and the florists and nurseries have a large variety to select from. There are many more plants that can be given as gifts, so plan now on Christmas Plant giving.

MADGE HORN, CLUB MEMBER

FT. CLARK SHRINE CLUB NEWS

The Members Lounge of Las Moras Inn was the site of the 3rd Annual Fort Clark Shrine Club Christmas Party, held Friday evening, December 18th with 38 members and guests present. Social hour was from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation given by Noble Robertson, we sat down to a delicious ham dinner.

After the dinner guests were introduced, then the incoming president, Noble Carl Eaton, introduced our special guest speaker, Alzafars Chief Rabban James Dockery and his lady Peggy. Chief Rabban Dockery will become Alzafars Potentate in January. After the introduction Chief Rabban Dockery asked all officers-elect to stand and raise their right hand and be sworn into their respective offices. Then he proceeded to outline his plans for the 1988 Temple Activities, both Social and Service.

Each Noble brought a gift for the Crippled Childrens Hospital. Mr. Larry Tucker of North American Towns, (although not a member of this club), donated a 5-inch television set to give to one of the children. The Fort Clark S.C. and Alzafar Temple thank Mr. Tucker and North American Towns for this generous gift. Some crippled child will be very happy when he or she opens this package on Christmas. Chief Rabban Dockery graciously agreed to deliver these gifts to the temple in San Antonio where they will be added to gifts from other Nobles and delivered to the Crippled Childrens Hospital in Houston and the Burn Institute in Galveston in time for the children to receive them on Christmas.

We Shriners sometimes play hard and are often called those guys parading in those wild costumes and funny little vehicles and red hats. This is done for two fold, one to entertain the people both young and old, but the most important is to **keep** the public aware that we provide Free Help to Crippled Children. "WE PLAY SO THEY CAN WALK".

During the past year the Black Camel took two of our members. Noble Charles Stafford passed away June 26th and Noble Walter Synder on July 13th. Both were dedicated members to the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine and our local club. They left a vacant place in each of these bodies that cannot be replaced.

This was the last meeting the club will have this year. It has been a very successful year, but we are looking forward to far greater accomplishments in 1988.

The Officers, Nobles, and Ladies of Fort Clark S.C. wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



A few drops of lemon juice in the cooking water will whiten your rice.

BILL TOM FERGUSON GRADUATES

Bill Tom Ferguson is a recent graduate of the United States Border Patrol Academy at Glynco, Ga. He will perform duties as a Patrol Agent in Uvalde, Texas. He graduated from Brackettville High School as salutatorian of his class and then attended college in San Angelo, Texas. As a graduate of the Border Patrol Academy he successfully completed the intensive courses in Spanish, physical training, duties and authority to act, court procedure and Constitutional rights. Ferguson is the son of Sam Ferguson of Brackettville and Mrs. Emily Honeycutt of Del Rio. He is the grandson of Lily Schwandner of Brackettville and is following the career of his older brother, Sam Pat Ferguson, now stationed at San Clemente, Ca.



WELCOME

BABY

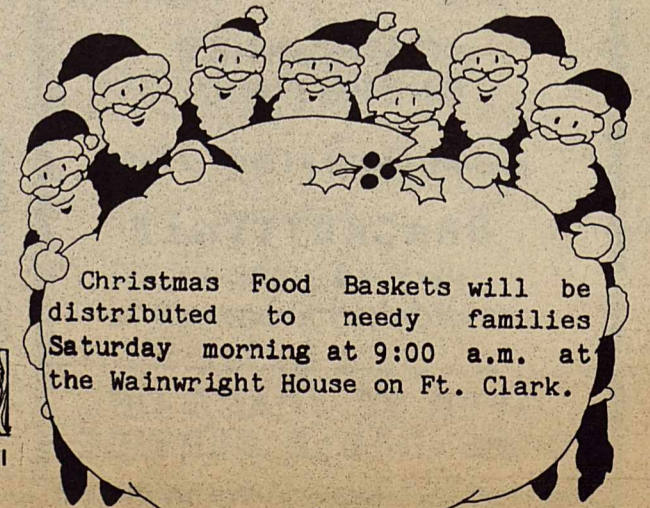
Jessica Lynn Puda was born December 16th, at 11:30 p.m. at Val Verde Hospital.

Jessica was welcomed by parents Chet and Diana Puda and brothers, Justin and Jacob; and sisters, Jamie and Jennifer.

This new baby girl weighed in at 8 lbs. and 14 ozs. and was 20 1/2 ins. long.

Paternal Grandparents are Chester and Georgia Puda from Terlingua, Texas and Maternal Grandparents are Roy and Beverly Bathurst from Hawthorne, California.

Welcome to our world, Jessica, from the Kinney Cavalryman Crew!!



Christmas Food Baskets will be distributed to needy families Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Wainwright House on Ft. Clark.

FOCUSING ON THE PAST

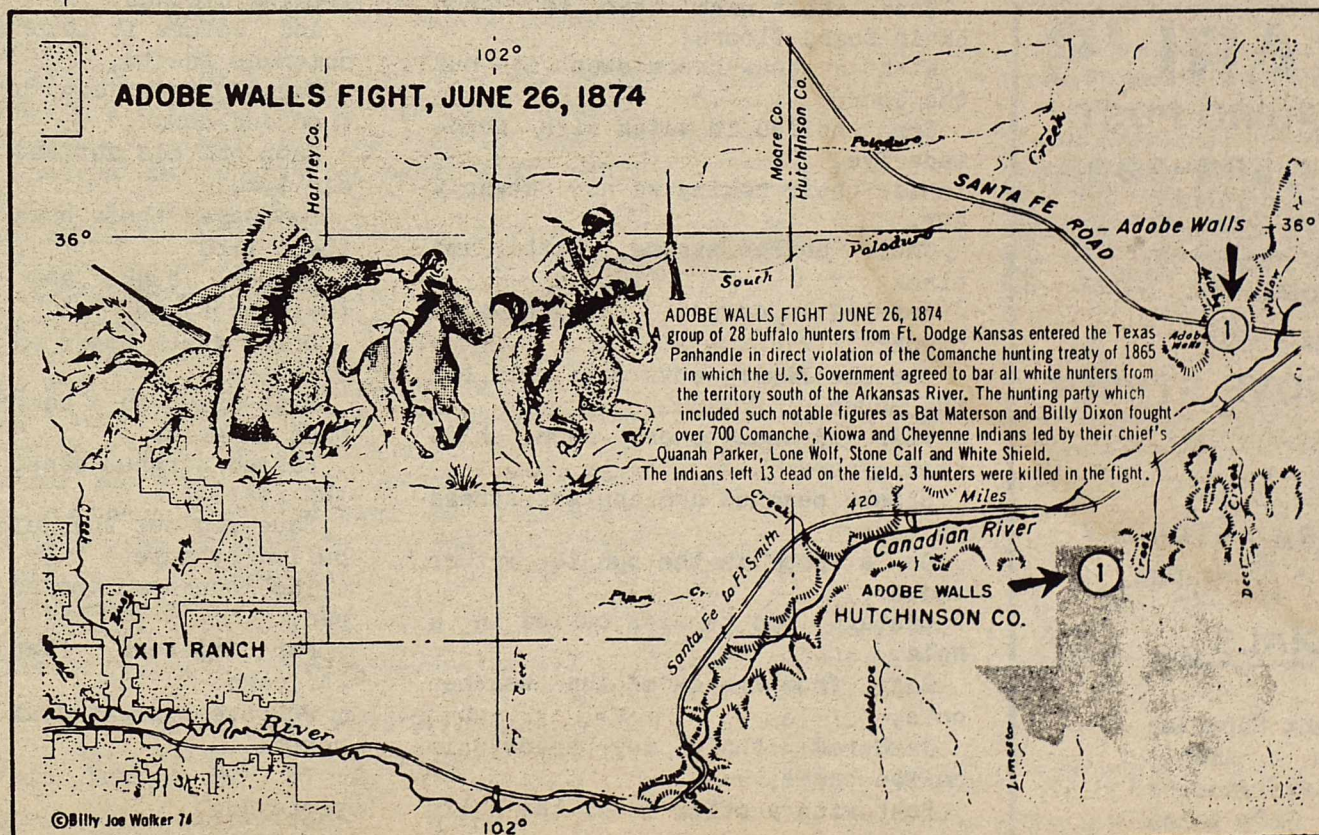
By: Billy Joe Walker



THE SANTA FE EXPEDITION, 1841. About 350 Texans led by Gen. McLeod and Maj. Howard left Brushy Creek for Santa Fe June 21, 1841 for the purpose of opening a direct trade route between the Texas settlements and Santa Fe and to establish jurisdiction over the territory east of the Rio Grande, which was claimed by Texas. At Laguana, Colorado the expedition was induced to surrender to Mexican troops under Governor Armijo. Several Texans were brutally murdered and the rest bound and marched to Santa Fe, thence to El Paso and finally to Mexico City where they were imprisoned.

FOCUSING ON THE PAST

By: Billy Joe Walker



ADOBE WALLS FIGHT, JUNE 26, 1874. A group of 28 buffalo hunters, which included such notable figures as Bat Masterson and Billy Dixon, fought over 700 Comanche Kiowa and Cheyenne Indians led by their chiefs, Quanah Parker, Lone Wolf, Stone Calf, and White Shield. The Indians left thirteen dead on the field. Three hunters were killed in the fight.

**TRACKS
ALONG THE
TRAIL
BY DORTHY PAYNE**



I guess along about Christmas time people get to thinking about how they are lucky compared to their Grandmas and Grandpas days. I would like to pass onto you a poem, whose author is unknown. It tells it all.

Our Grandparents and
Great Grandparents

Our Great-grandfolks were humble and poor,

In a little log cabin with cracks in the floor.

Carried their water up the hill from a spring,

In an old wooden bucket with a cup of tin.

Gathered in kindling from a brush patch,

Homemade lights and saved their scarce match.

Behind every stove was a strong wooden box,

Filled with dry wood, carried and chopped.

Close to the fireplace, warmed their shins,

Goose-pimpled back when the draft blew in.

Read Bibles and few books on cold winter nights,

By a dim little blaze of a dim light.

Hunted for sport, a mess of wild meat,

Tanned the hides and a carcass to eat.

Knew every varmint by the print of his paw,

Tracked them down during the snow and spring thaw.

Children walked to school more than a mile,

Through drifted snow the wind had piled.

Struggled hard to get there and back,

With heavy feet wrapped in old feed sacks.

Loose straw beds that they stirred each night,

With homemade comforts tucked in tight.

Feather beds in each home and,

Covers so heavy the body grew tired,

On a zero night when the water froze hard.

Caught rain in a tub,

On a hand board rubbed and scrubbed.

Up bright and early to get the stove hot,

Cooked beans in an old iron pot.

Boiled clothes in a kettle with lye soap,

No detergents, bleach, no new fashion dope.

Dried them on weeks and on the fence,

Old-fashioned folks were busy as bees.

Used their wash water to scrub their board floors,

With a straw broom swept it out the door.

Corn boiled in water with wood-made lye,

Made their hominy we now cheaply buy.

Their coffee strong, bitter and black,

Roasted in ovens, then hand-mill cracked.

The old family cows made milk for the churn,

This tiresome chore each child took a turn.

Sliced peaches and apples, spread up high,

On a roof in the sun to wither and dry.

Cabbage and turnips buried in a hole,

Safe from freeze of the weather cold.

Gathered their dry beans in coffee sacks,

Beat with a stick until the hulls cracked.

Cleaned by the wind from pan to pan,

And carefully sorted each mess by hand.

Childrens toys were all hand made,

Two crotched limbs run for the sled.

Baby had spools threaded on a string,

A pie pan and a stick to make it ring.

Flings and rag dolls with painted face,

Slim hickory made a fishing reel.

They could bend small trees for a pony ride,

Behind a clay ditch play hoop-in-hide.

Wade down the creek in summertime,

Old fashioned fun didn't cost a dime.

Fuel was made with muscles and ax,

And tobacco free from state tax.

Raised all they ate, nothing refined,

Our great granddads had a hard time.

Old time folks would borrow and lend,

A shovel of fire, anything to a settin' hen.

Thinned their blood with sassafras tea,

Used skunk oil when cold and sneeze.

Broke leafy twigs to shoo out the flies,

That crawled on the baby and made it cry.

Sod irons were heated on smoky cookstoves,

Rubbed clean on paper before ironing clothes.

And before it touched the clean homemade sheets,

Baked their own bread, raised food and sewed,

Each had his duties, each carried his load.

Butchered their hogs and rendered their lard,

Raised ducks and chickens in their backyard.

Dried green beans on long strings of twine,

Made kraut in a barrel, corn also made in brine.

Raised sorghum cane, stripped of the leaves,

Squeezed out the juice by machine pulled by mule.

The sorghums cooked in a large pan,

For fritters, flapjacks, candy and cake.

We owe a great deal we can never repay,

To the grand ole' folks of yesterday.

Author Unknown



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THE NITTY & THE GRITTY

BY JOE TOWNSEND

Most of us know what a Blue Jay is. I've never seen one in this immediate vicinity but there are a few up in the hills. For many years I hunted high in the mountains of the High Sierras. There were many Blue Jays there.

It seemed every time I went out to hunt I was greeted by the raucous cry of a Blue Jay sitting high in a pine tree telling all the world an enemy had invaded the area.

Many times I wanted to shoot the bird just to quiet it. One day I had sat down near a trail for a breather when I noticed a Blue Jay fly into the top of a pine tree not far away. He soon began to tell the world there was an invader.

I was sure he hadn't seen me and I was sure there was no other hunter around so I waited and watched.

In a few minutes there came wandering down the trail a nice buck. I shot my deer. On the way back to camp it occurred to me we can use even our enemies for our good.

The loud crying Blue Jay which so pestered and aggravated me, had helped me. It's not always easy to turn the tables on our detractors and critics but if we become upset with them we have played into their camp. That's what they wanted. If however we remain patient and act as a Christian ought to, even the grating gossip of an enemy can serve to be helpful.

The problem is not with the critic or the enemy, it's with ourselves. If we control ourselves rather than allow them to, we will be helped.

Even a Blue Jay wanting to tell the world you are interloping can serve you well.

UNSUNG HEROES

There is a man in Brackettville who has spent his life in this county. He originally lived in Spofford where he grew up. A good many years ago he moved to Brackettville.

He has a fine wife and a nice family. For many years he drove a delivery truck dispersing butane. If ever there was a thankless job this is one of them. Many people seldom think of needing gas until they run out.

Even though it is through carelessness they expect the truck to drive up to their tank almost before they hang up the phone from calling for gas. It makes no difference the time of night, whether it's Saturday or Sunday, or whether it's raining or snowing, they expect gas to be delivered immediately.

Many times the driver has to face personal abuse because of the negligence of the customer. This man faced this for years and seldom became perturbed. Seldom does he have an unkind word to say about anyone. He is a good neighbor to all and has served his fellow man well for many years. Surely, R.H. Salmon is an "Unsung Hero".

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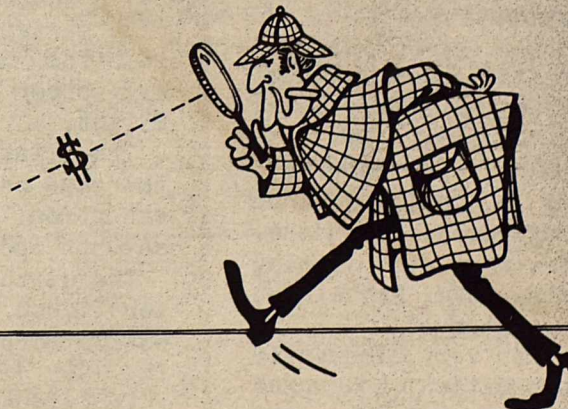
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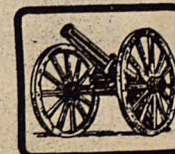
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees Meets

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting Monday, December 14, 1987. During the meeting the Board determined to ask for community input on proposed cheerleader guidelines.

The Trustees approved the purchase of a GMC Suburban for use by professional personnel and students during out-of-town trips. Superior Pontiac was the low bidder with a price of \$13,449.29.

The Trustees then reviewed the textbook selection process, and appointed a Textbook Committee to select state approved textbooks for 1988-89. Textbooks up for adoption this year include the following areas: Reading Improvement, Spelling, Speech, Vocal Music, Science, Mathematics, Economics, Business Math, Business Law, Business Communication. Members of the Textbook Committee are: Jane Heninger, Candace Bader, Danny Potter, Joe Guttery, Rachel Van Maren, Charles Hall, Ron Kelley, Kathy Adams, Lee Schermerhorn, Janelle Senne, Hector Jimenez, Susan Harrison, Kandace LaMascus, Courtenay Schwandner, and Bob McCall, Superintendent.

In further action, the Board approved administrative recommendation for hiring of a custodian, a data processing coordinator, and a bus mechanic to replace personnel who are resigning due to moving to another position, or who are planning to retire at the end of the year.

Trustees Consider Zoning Change Request

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees heard from several members of the community on Monday, December 14, 1987, regarding a zoning change requested by Cordelia Mendeke. Speaking in favor of the zoning change was Ms. Mendeke, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rice, and Mr. Herman.

Mr. Tully Shahan very eloquently expressed his opposition, and urged the Trustees to consider the welfare of the students, and future development of the School District physical plant. Areas of concern were increased traffic on Ann Street, possible sale of alcoholic beverages, and future sale of the property by the current owners. Those in opposition agreed that the project would benefit the community, but urged that it be

built at another location away from the school.

After lengthy discussion, the Trustees voted 3-2 not to oppose the rezoning. Zack Davis and Beth Ann Smith were opposed to rezoning. Lingo Sandoval, Tony Frerich, and Diane Bravo voted not to oppose. Board President, Jimmy Bader, exercised his option not to vote.



Heart Disease, Cancer Are Leading Killers

Heart disease and cancer continued in 1986 to lead the "top 10" causes of death in Texas, together accounting for more than half of all deaths in the state.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), heart disease claimed 39,985 lives, while there were 24,598 cancer deaths, out of a total of 118,637 deaths from all causes last year.

Ranking third and fourth most lethal, cerebrovascular disease and accidents caused 8,283 and 6,992 fatalities.

Completing the top 10 list of death causes were (5) chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, and allied conditions--3,668; (6) pneumonia and influenza--3,499; (7) homicide--2,348; (8) suicide--2,269; (9) diabetes mellitus--1,958; and, (10) certain conditions originating in the perinatal period--1,431. All other causes accounted for 23,606.

The list of 10 killers were in the same order as in 1985, with one exception. Homicide edged into the seventh spot ahead of suicide.

The death rate last year was 7.1 per 1,000 population, based on an estimated population of 16,682,000. The 1985 death rate was 7.2.

Individuals can lessen deadly risks of heart disease and cancer, through sound health practices and habits, according to Dr. Robert Bernstein, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Health.

He said that people can benefit from these lifestyle changes at any age.

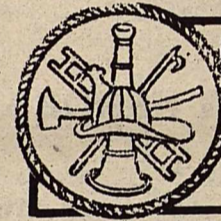
Young people, Dr. Bernstein said, should be aware that most heart

disease in older people is the result of many years of bad habits.

He said that smoking is the single most preventable cause of both heart disease and cancer.

Indicators of possible heart ills such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and tendencies toward obesity usually can be detected and controlled with the help of a physician, Dr. Bernstein said. In addition, high blood cholesterol levels and lack of exercise can be corrected by the individual, he said.

Dr. Bernstein said preventive measures for cancer include: having regular checkups, since early detection is a key to curing cancer; maintaining a proper diet, by avoiding high fat foods and eating more fruits, vegetables, and cereals; using a sunscreen and protective clothing in the sun, since skin cancer is directly related to the amount of exposure to the sun's rays; and avoiding exposure to chemicals and other cancer-causing substances such as tobacco, asbestos, vinyl chlorides, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

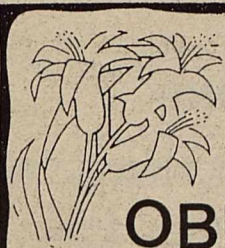


FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

In the past two weeks we've only had to respond to two fires. The first turned out to be a false alarm, a motorist reported a fire that they thought was just south of Spofford and come to find out it was clear over in Eagle Pass. So remember folks the next time you see smoke try to see exactly where the fire is so that we can respond more efficiently. The second fire we had left Richard "PeeWee" Pena and family with a badly damaged home. The fire apparently started from an extension cord and spread from there to a couch and so on. Most of the fire damage was in the room where it started but smoke and water damage was extensive.

Don't forget the New Years Dance at the civic center this New Years eve. Come out and have a good time and at the same time help out your local Fire Department. The New Years dance is from 9pm to 1am and the price is \$6.00 for advanced tickets and \$8.00 at the door, for advanced tickets just ask any Firemen.

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The gift of "GOD" is eternal LIFE through JESUS THE CHRIST. Ro. 6:23

OBITUARIES

Eulalio Baron Garcia, 68, entered into rest Thursday, December 17, 1987.

Mr. Garcia was a lifetime resident of Brackettville and a former Supervisor for the Sanitary Landfill for the City of Brackettville. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Survivors are: Wife, Juanita Garcia, Brackettville; Daughters, Mary Jane Fague, Rhode Island, Rosalinda Rios of Brackettville; Sons, Abel Garcia, Eulalio Garcia, Jr., both from Sterling City, Texas, Oscar Garcia and Joe Garcia both from Newport, Kentucky, Efrain Garcia from Sabinal, Jesse Garcia of Brackettville; Sister, Ramona Flores, and Brother, Lionel Garcia both from Brackettville, and twenty-two Grandchildren.

A Rosary was recited Sunday evening. Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Magdalene Church with Father David Zumaya, Celebrant. Interment was in Kinney County Cemetery under the direction of Rice Funeral Chapel. Pallbearers were: Efrain Garcia, Abel Garcia, Ramon Hernandez, Jr., Reuben Rios, Raymond Aguilar, and Pedro Salas.

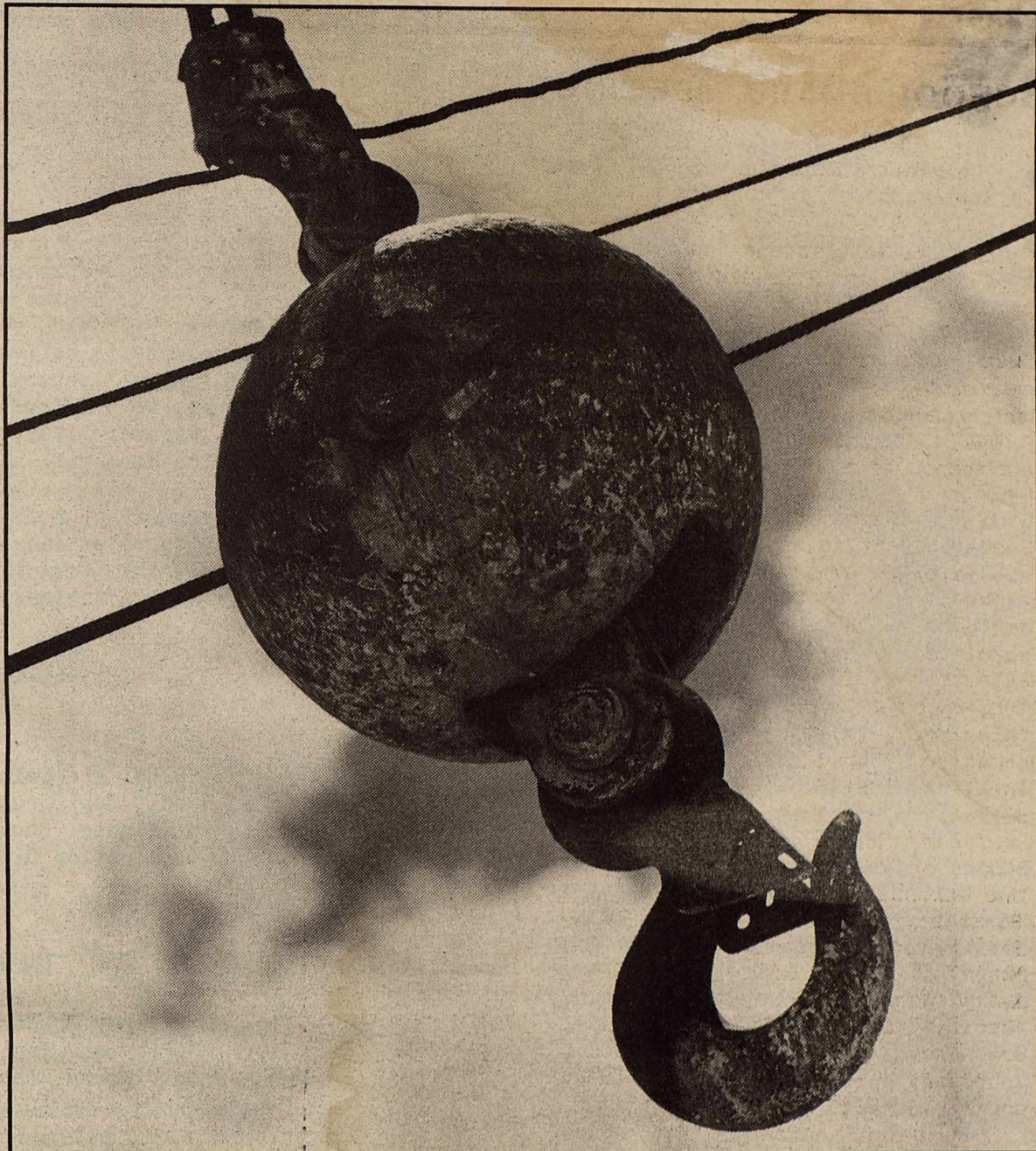
FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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The Fire Department tried to share a little Christmas spirit by giving away a turkey and a ham last Monday night at C & L's Minimax. Registration for the give-away was at the check out stand at C&L's and the name were drawn Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.. The winners were Emma Swaine, who chose the ham and Sunny Girl Dimery who got the turkey. Congradulations and Merry Christmas to our winners.

TIPS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

With all the Christmas lights and decorations we have up during this part of the year, let's be real careful about overloading light duty extension cords. Most lights and decorations don't use much electricity but when you add an electric heater or blanket then you



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can overload these cords real easy. So let's recheck our connections and have a safe Christmas season. P.S. It's a good idea to turn of your decoration when you go to bed. Santa can still find your house.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



"Very simple ideas lie within the reach only of complex minds."
Remy de Gourmont

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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Kinney County Commissioners' Court is accepting applications for the following positions in the road department, to-wit:

1. Road Supervisor
2. Equipment driver-operator

Qualifications for said positions include:

Previous experience in road construction and maintenance,
 High School diploma or equivalent,
 Supervisory capacities,
 Mechanical knowledge and abilities,
 Registered voter of County
 Bondable
 Physical Examination,
 Terms of employment statement,
 Proof of valid Texas Commercial Drivers License
 Driving record must be checked by Sheriff's Department
 Full application with references,
 County auditor must have turned in new employees Texas drivers license to insurance carrier prior to employment,
 Provide proof of U.S. citizenship.

Applications will be reviewed, discussed and possibly filled at the January 11, 1988 regular Commissioners' Court meeting or any subsequent meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas.

Applications should be mailed to:

County Judge
 P.O. Box 348
 Brackettville, Texas
 78832

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Prospective applicants should have a minimum Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or equivalent degree. Should be knowledgeable in program planning and experience in delivery systems.

Bilingual person preferred but not required. Submit resumes to the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., P.O. Drawer 1709, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1709. Resumes or applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 1987.

Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.

ACCEPTING BIDS

Bids are being accepted through January 15, 1988 Noon, for brush work to be done on Silver Lake Ranch in Kinney County, Texas. Contact Soil & Water Conservation District at (512) 563-2414.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Kinney County Commissioners' Court is accepting bids on janitorial services for Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Civic Center, and Library.

Duties to be performed include: floor care of all buildings (vacuum, sweep, mop & wax), wash windows, dust & wax offices, pickup and haul trash, clean & restock all restrooms, raise & lower flags, etc., on a daily basis. Bids will be opened and awarded or rejected at the regular meeting January 11th, 1988.

Mail bids to: Commissioners' Court
 P.O. Box 348
 Brackettville, Texas 78832

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
 BY: S/S Delores Raney, Clerk

School District Contributes to Ambulance Service and Volunteer Fire Department

The School Trustees voted to contribute \$100.00 to both the Volunteer Fire Department, and to the Ambulance Service. The Board expressed appreciation to all volunteers associated with these two community organizations. The superintendent pointed out that both organizations have always been willing to support the schools, and to be in attendance at school activities such as the annual Homecoming bonfire and all home football games.

A LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like a choo-choo train set, a story book, a nerf football and a new wheel for my 3 wheeler.

My stocking will be hanging on the fireplace. Please fill it with a little candy, a candy bar and a little teddy bear.

I have been a good boy. There will be fudge, milk and peanut brittle on the table for you.

I love you.

Buester
 Brian



BRYAN SLUBAR

FROM

ALL YOUR FAMILY

SHERIFF'S CORNER

BY
Norman Hooten
Sheriff

Tragedy struck the Richard Pena family on Wednesday, December 16th when a fire broke out in the family home. Six year old Matthew Smallwood was in the house alone at the time, his grandfather was outside working. He stated that he smelled smoke and went to investigate and found the T.V. set on fire. He displayed good presence of mind and quick thinking by locating the origin of the fire and then calling for help without panic. His quick, affirmative action contributed greatly to the fire being contained and prevented from totally destroying the house and contents. Mr. Pena was fighting the fire with a garden hose upon my arrival at the scene and I joined him with another on the opposite side of the house and we were successful in keeping the roof from burning until the Volunteer Fire Department arrived. They soon had the fire out and though the structure was saved there was extensive damage from fire, smoke, and water. The Pena family lost almost all their clothing, furniture, and precious family keepsakes. They plan to rebuild and start over.

Another major tragedy struck suddenly at approximately 3:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 20th when an eastbound Amtrak train traveling at over 70 mph ran over 5 illegal aliens who had been sleeping on the tracks approx. 14 miles west of Brackettville near the Mud Creek crossing.

Chief Deputy Sheriff David Luna was the primary investigator at the scene and stated in his report that

mangled body parts were strewn along a 200 yard length of the tracks and right-of-way. It was difficult to determine at first just how many bodies there were as heads, torsos, and other body parts had been torn and shredded by the impact of the fast moving train. An accurate count was finally made by counting the feet of the victims found scattered along the right-of-way. Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall was at the scene as Coroner and released the sacked up body parts to Bob Rice of Rice Funeral Home in Brackettville. The Mexican Consul was notified of the tragic accident on Monday morning and will attempt to locate and notify the family members of one victim from identification papers found at the scene. It is possible that some if not all the victims may be eventually identified if they were from the same area and traveling together.

Ironically so many of the severe injuries and fatalities suffered by illegal aliens struck by trains occur because the aliens have a tendency to sleep on the tracks to avoid snakes and crawling insects. With the introduction of the "ribbon rail" several years ago the familiar clackety-clack of an approaching train was virtually eliminated and now a fast moving train can be almost on top of you before you hear it. This I know from personal experience. It is easy to understand how exhausted aliens, sleeping deeply, would not be awakened by an approaching train until it is too late.

As this year winds down and we prepare to begin the new year of 1988 I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Sheriff's Department and Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.

Hopefully with the coming of the new year we can all find health, happiness, prosperity, and satisfaction in our endeavors to make it through this life. Maybe we can be a little more understanding of our fellow citizens, friends, and neighbors with a little less self-importance and self-righteousness. And maybe, just maybe, if we try hard enough, we can curb our tendency to judge others so harshly on the face value of rumors and gossip. Afterall, as the old saying goes; "Don't judge a man till you've walked a mile in his shoes."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THAT'S ALL!!!

LIBRARY NOTES

BOOKS

BY:
FRANCES HERNANDEZ

PRE-K VISITS THE LIBRARY

Dr. Seawell's Pre-K students visited the Library, Thursday, December 17th. The students were given a tour of the library, shown "Silent Night" film, and library assistant, Cyndy Falcon read "The Christmas Tree" story by Kathleen Brooks. Delma Benites and Frances Hernandez helped the students to select the books to take home, while Cyndy Falcon stamped due dates. The total circulation on easy readers books for that day was 40!

NEW FACE

Delma Benites will be working at the Library, under J.T.P.A. until February.

The Library will be CLOSED December 24th and 25th.

To the Dodge Family,
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Deb



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REAL ESTATE

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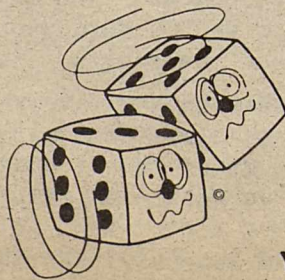
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