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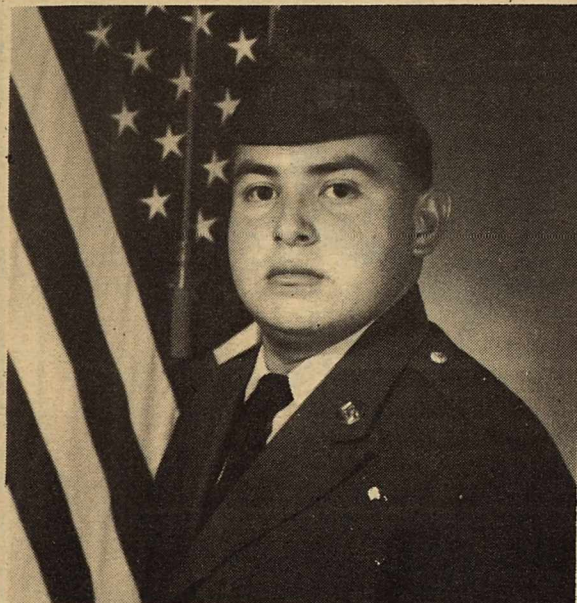
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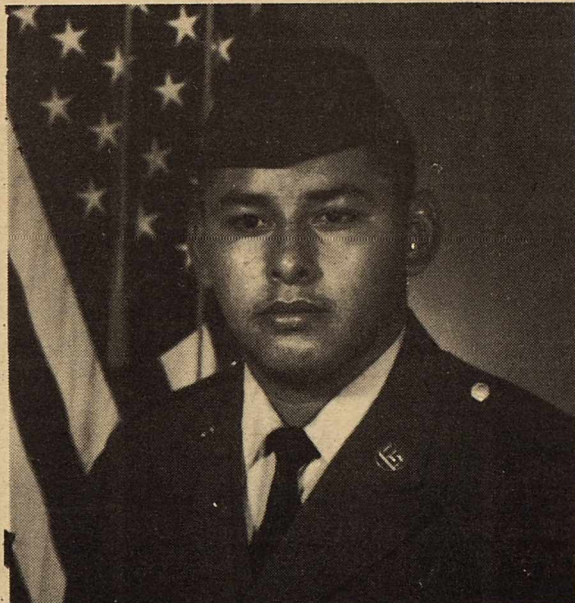
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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS



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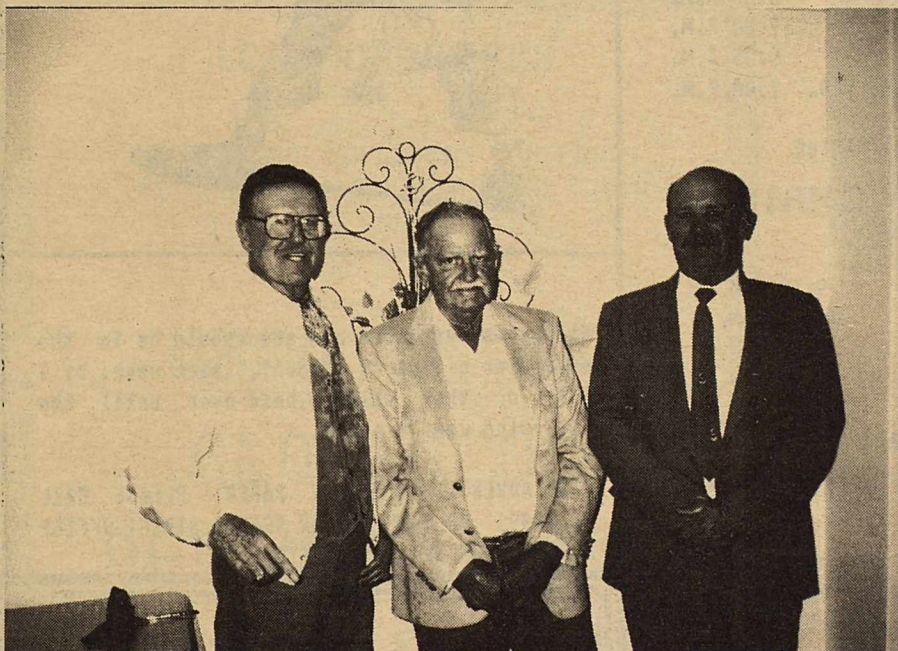
## LOCAL BOYS LEAVE FOR GERMANY

(By - Jennifer Herman & Gus Garcia)

Private Eloy Garcia, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eloy Garcia and Private Severo DeHoyos, son of Mr. & Mrs. Severo DeHoyos, who graduated Brackett ISD in May 1988 have finished 14 weeks of basic training in the U.S. Army.

They both came home for the Thanksgiving Holidays before being sent to Frankfort, Germany. They left Brackettville on December 8th and will be in Germany for two years patrolling the border in tanks.

## TIM WARD HONORED

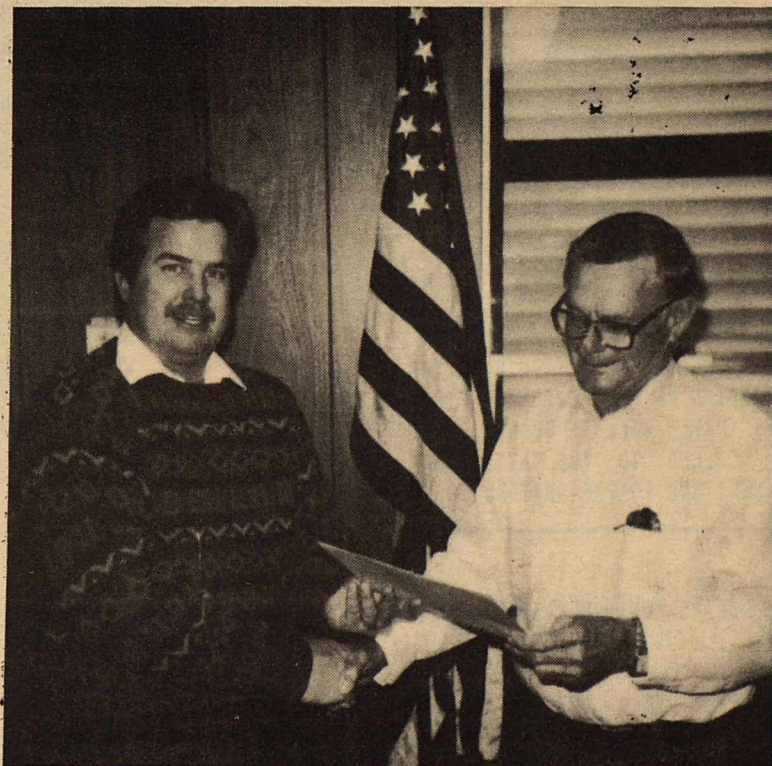


## DINNER HONORS LEO HOLLAND

A special dinner was held December 3 at the Fort Clark Springs Las Moras Restaurant to honor the retirement of Leo Holland from the Shahan HV Ranches.

Mr. Holland, pictured here with Happy Shahan (left) and new ranch foreman, Tom "Blackie" Haby, (right), managed Shahan's sheep, goat and cattle operations on and off for over 40 years. He is also well known in professional movie wrangling circles for his work on film projects at Shahan's Alamo Village movie location.

Mr. Holland will continue to reside in Brackettville at his 4th Street home. He is currently recuperating from eye surgery conducted in San Antonio on Dec. 8.



Pictured above is Tim Ward receiving a resolution from Commissioners Court thanking him for serving the people of this County for the last eight years.

Commissioner Ward will finish his term on December 31, 1988.

We will miss him in many ways. He and his family are a great asset to this community. He loves his community and the people in it and has worked very hard to make this County, a better county to live and prosper in.

Tim, we hope that you rest up and some day soon come back to help us in County business.

Thank you for all you have done and God Bless You!!



# the Kinney Cavalryman

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307 N. ANN STREET

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WORSHIP SERVICE (SUN) 11:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE (SUN) 6:00 P.M.  
PRAYER SERVICE (WED) 6:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.  
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RELIGION CLASSES SUN. 9:15 A.M.  
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BIBLE STUDY (WED) 7:00 P.M.

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"CATCH THE SPIRIT"

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CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES 9:45 A.M.  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
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CHOIR REHEARSAL (WED) 5:30 P.M.

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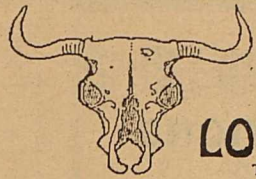
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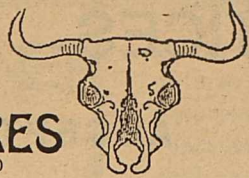
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Our *DJ* for Friday, December 16th, 1988  
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AND, On Saturday, December 17th, 1988

JOIN US AND OUR *LIVE BAND* FOR DANCING  
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**LARRY & MONA BEERS**

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- Margarita Night (Monday) . . . . . Margaritas - \$1.25
- Ladies' Night (Tuesday) . . . . . Ladies' Drinks - 1/2 Price
- Amistad Night (Wednesday) . . . . . Beer - 75¢

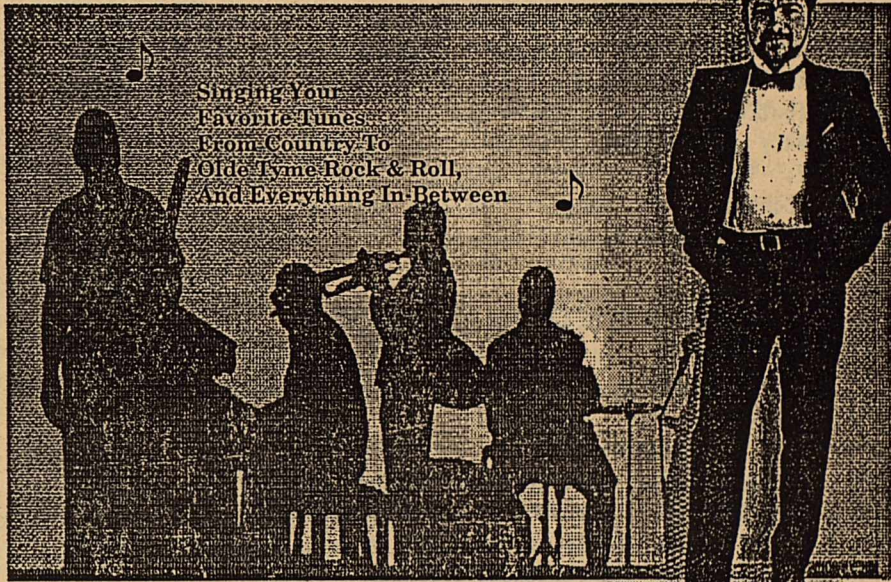
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PURCHASE TICKETS NOW FOR A

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From Country To  
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TICKETS ARE \$15.00 PER COUPLE  
TO HELP PAY FOR THE BAND.  
WE WILL PROVIDE PARTY FAVORS, MIDNIGHT  
CHAMPAGNE, AND A BREAKFAST BUFFET AT CLOSING!!!!

STOP BY AND PURCHASE  
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SEATING IS LIMITED!

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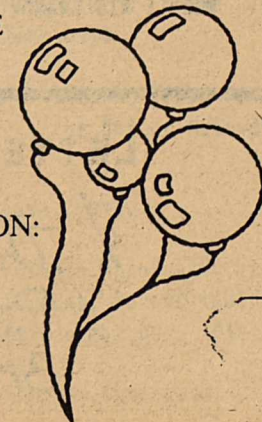
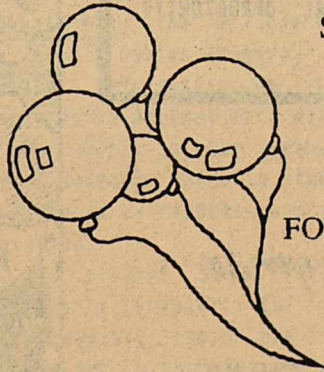
**CALL 563-9594**

### LONGHORN ACRES

SO THAT OUR EMPLOYEES CAN ENJOY  
THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WITH THEIR  
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,

# WE WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 24TH AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS DAY!

The staff at Longhorn Acres wishes you a very Merry  
Christmas!





## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Kinney County Commissioners' Court is accepting bids on all county insurance expiring December 31, 1988 with new policies effective January 1, 1989, including the following:

Fire and extended coverage on buildings;  
Liability, collision and comprehensive on vehicles;  
General liability;  
Public officials and county employees liability;  
County & district Clerk errors and omissions;  
Official bonds.

Sealed bids to be mailed to:

Tommy Seargeant, County Judge  
P.O. Box 348  
Brackettville, Tx. 78832

Bids will be opened December 28, 1988 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. The Court reserves the right to reject or award any bid.

S/S Dolores Raney  
County Clerk

### NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

Kinney County is now taking applications for the position of Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector. Applications are available from the Kinney County Judge's Office. Applicants should submit their application and/or resumes to the Office of the County Judge, Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas, on or before December 27, 1988. The position will be filled at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. Salary information and job requirements are available upon request.

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Middle Rio Grande development Council is accepting applications for the following.

POSITION: JTPA Planner

REQUIREMENT: Undergraduate degree from an accredited University or College in one of the following fields.

\* Public Administration, with extensive background in finance, accounting and Political Science,

\* Economics or related field;

Two years experience in writing federal program proposals and two years in the Administration of Government programs will be considered.

LOCATION: Middle Rio Grande Development Council Central Office, Carrizo Springs, Tx.

HOW TO APPLY: Mail resume or application to Middle Rio Grande Development Council, c/o Personnel Department, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. December 29, 1988.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

### LETTERS TO SANTA!!!

% The Kinney Cavalryman  
P.O. Box 1559  
Brackettville, Tx. 78832

### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The M.R.G.D.C. is accepting applications for 20 short term employment positions.

To qualify the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a migrant or seasonal farmworker affected by the drought of 1988 in the following states.

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alabama    | 12. Montana       |
| 2. Delaware   | 13. New Jersey    |
| 3. Idaho      | 14. North Dakota  |
| 4. Illinois   | 15. Ohio          |
| 5. Indiana    | 16. Pennsylvania  |
| 6. Iowa       | 17. South Dakota  |
| 7. Kentucky   | 18. Tennessee     |
| 8. Maryland   | 19. Texas         |
| 9. Michigan   | 20. West Virginia |
| 10. Minnesota | 21. Wisconsin     |
| 11. Missouri  | 22. Wyoming       |

2. Must be at or below the J. T. P. A. poverty level shown below.

#### FAMILY SIZE

#### ANNUAL GROSS INCOME

1	\$5,770
2	7,730
3	9,690
4	11,780
5	13,900
6	16,260
7	18,260
8	20,980

For each additional member add \$2,360 to \$20,980 if family is larger than 8 members.

3. Must provide proof of residency, (e.g., unpaid utility bill, social security card, birth certificate or hospital certificate and photo identification or drivers license.)

Priority will be given to the persons who demonstrate greatest need, e.g., elderly, handicapped, infirm, and family crisis.

For information contact any Community Council of Southwest Texas Neighborhood Center or call 512-278-6268 or the M.R.G.D.C./J.T.P.A. Office at 512-278-4491 or come by 117 N. West Street., Uvalde, Tx. 78801.

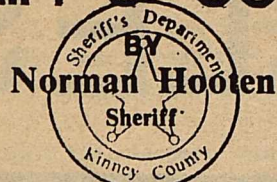
The M.R.G.D.C. is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religious preference or national origin.

### IT NEVER FAILS





## SHERIFF'S CORNER



Norman Hooten

Sheriff  
Kinney County

You ever notice how some elected officials lose sight of the fact that they are the servant of the people who elected them to office in the first place? This particular type of official seems to be overcome with a power complex and is consumed by self pride and a giant ego, becoming arrogant, sometimes to the point of brutality when dealing with the public and particularly insensitive to the morale of other elected officials, governmental employees, and appointees who work hard at their jobs, day after day, and week after week, year in and year out trying to do the best they can at a hard job for salaries far below what they should be making.

During a recent conversation with one of our local elected officials I made the comment that we, as elected officials need to respond to the desires of the people we represent to the best of our ability in performing our respective jobs in as legal, professional, and compassionate manner as possible. I was shocked, though not necessarily surprised, to hear the reply that "the people don't always know what's best for them." WHAT? Dictators throughout history have used this phrase in one form or another to justify their actions in setting themselves up as judge, jury, and executioner when dealing with the people they are supposed to represent.

Perhaps this particular elected official (and all elected officials for that matter) should re-examine the American Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Texas. We also have legislated laws of this State that govern the power and authority of ALL elected officials, appointees, and employees. The Constitution and the laws of the land are the will of the PEOPLE and pompous little would be dictators, puffed up with their self-importance will soon find out that the PEOPLE can, and thankfully most often do, vote them out of office when they realize that the official has no regard for them and no respect for their intelligence. Maybe the "people" are smarter than these self imposed dictators think they are and if "they don't always know what's best for them", then maybe they sure as hell know what's NOT best for them.

To emphasize the intent of our Constitutional form of government I present the following quotation from Article 6252-17A, Section 1, of the Open Records Act; "Pursuant to the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of representative government which holds to the principle that government is the servant of the people, and not the master of them, it is hereby declared to be the public policy of the State of Texas that all persons are, unless otherwise expressly provided by law,

at all times entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. The people, in delegated authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

Get the idea? Government in America, including Kinney County, is of the people, by the people and for the people. Puffed up little would-be dictators have NO place in our democratic form of government. THANK GOD FOR THAT!

In keeping with my promise to give you monthly reports on expense vs. income (federal prisoner care receipts only) of the Sheriff's Department law enforcement and county jail operations I have listed below the auditor's report for the month of November 1988. An amendment has been made to the October '88 report that will show in the Year To Date (YTD) figures at the conclusion of the report.

### KINNEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONAL COSTS & INCOME NOVEMBER 1988

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund Nov. '88 Actual--	\$8,255.51
Officer's Salary Nov. '88 Actual--	\$9,672.97
(including fringe benefits)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES NOV.'88</b>	<b>\$17,928.48</b>

#### RECEIPTS: FEDERAL PRISONER CARE NOV.'88

U.S. Marshal Service --	\$ 840.00
Border Patrol --	\$ 336.00
Bureau of Prisons --	\$18,452.00
<b>TOTAL --</b>	<b>\$19,628.00</b>

#### RE-CAP

INCOME NOV. '88-----	\$19,628.00
EXPENSE NOV. '88-----	\$17,928.48
<b>NET +</b>	<b>\$ 1,699.52</b>

THAT'S ALL !!!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In the December 8th issue of The Kinney Cavalryman, the article on page 6, "Students Aren't Babies Anymore," presented some helpful information on alcoholism, particularly as it becomes more evident among the younger people in our community. An incorrect statement made in the article, however, prompts my response concerning help that is available.

"At the present time, Brackettville doesn't have a chapter (of Alcoholics Anonymous) however, there are two in Del Rio." The fact is that Brackettville does have a local chapter of A.A., which has met every Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the

First UMC's Slator Memorial Fellowship Hall on James Street for the past two years! The Brackett Group of A.A. has also had ads in the Cavalryman, courtesy of the newspaper's management, during this period. (Incidentally, there are three A.A. groups in Del Rio, one in Uvalde, and one in Eagle Pass -- thus, there are meetings available on any given day of the week.)

Among the many local resources for dealing with alcoholism is the fellowship of Al-Anon, meeting at 8:00 on Monday evenings at St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall, for friends and family members associated with those having drinking problems.

The United Medical Center's Clinic also has a counsellor on staff to assist in the treatment of alcoholism and to provide referral services. The counsellor is in Brackettville on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and an appointment may be made by calling 563-2434. This is a free program of individualized treatment and follow-up, funded by the Texas Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation provides additional counselling and referral services in Del Rio, and on the last Thursday of each month in Brackettville. Further significant help for alcoholics working on their own recovery is available through the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, which recognizes alcoholism as a disabling disease. Pastors of the local churches in the community can also help with counselling and referral. Specialized individual alcoholism treatment hospitals, care centers, and other recovery programs exist throughout the Southwest Texas region.

There is a supply of free literature on the programs of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Family Groups that can be found, too, at the Kinney County Library.

It's appropriate, perhaps, that the subjects of alcoholism and the resources available for recovery have come up at this particular time; the holiday seasons, especially, with all the attendant "acceptable" opportunities for partying and drinking, can be a critical juncture for alcoholics and their families.

Alcoholism, as a disease, is no respecter of persons -- it affects people of every race, color, creed, age, sex, socio-economic condition, religious background, or ethnic heritage -- but there is help available, locally, for those who desire it! One's honest recognition and acknowledgement of the problem is the first step, then seeking the help that's there can change lives in countless ways.

S/S Philip A. Bell, Pastor  
First United Methodist Church

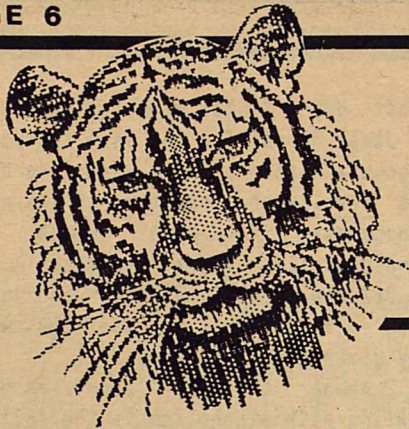
Kinney County Cavalryman;

The news release presented by Mr. C. W. Salsman regarding what Texcor would bring to Kinney Co., (Cavalryman Dec. 8th, '88) was most interesting.

In addition to the items listed, we

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# TIGER TALES

## JR. HIGH TEAMS WIN!!!

BY J.J. GUIDRY

ROCKSPRINGS - The Jr. High basketball teams traveled to Rocksprings to pick up two wins. The boys won 31-21 and now have a 3-1 record. The girls won 22-12, which gives them a 2-2 record.

Chris Kelley led the boys team with 12 points. Lynn Floyd had 5 points, while the other Cubs who added to the scoring were Jesus Rodriguez, Doug Spring, and Angel Jaso with 4 points, and J.J. Sandoval with two points.

The Cubettes were led by Tanya Frerich, who had 9 points. Theresa Terrazas and D.D. Frerich had 4 points, while Regina Rubino had 2.

The Jr. High teams will compete in the Brackett Jr. High Tournament on January 7 and then travel to Sabinal on January 9 to face the Yellowjackets. Come out and watch the Cubs annihilate the Jackets!!!

## CORRECTION

BY STEPHANIE AHRENS

In an article last week pertaining to alcohol abuse, it was stated that Brackettville does not have an Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) Chapter. This statement was incorrect. Brackettville has its own chapter of A.A. which meets every Monday at 8:00 pm at Slater Hall. In addition to A.A., Brackettville has a chapter of ALANON, which meets at St. Andrews church also on Monday evenings at 8:00 pm. We would like to apologize for this mistake. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

The public has an invitation to attend a Biblical Christmas Program at 6:00 o'clock this Sunday night, Dec. 18, at the First Baptist Church.

The Nativity Scene, congregational and special musical numbers, Bible readings, and children and youth participation will be featured.

The December 18, Sunday evening program at six o'clock will focus on the true meaning of this beautiful Holiday Season.

Again, a cordial welcome is extended to everyone to attend the Christmas Program at First Baptist Church Sunday night.

## A HONOR ROLL

7th Grade

Tiffany Bryan  
Hannah Reschman

8th Grade

Monica Cruz  
Mary Falcon

9th Grade

Michelle Brandt  
Emily Hood

10th Grade

Cecelia Foster

11th Grade

Stephanie Ahrens  
Bonnie Frerich  
Fidel Hernandez

12th Grade

Kelly Hall  
Hope Kelley  
Sara Morse

## A/B HONOR ROLL

7th Grade

Bernie Allemeier  
Douglas Spring  
Gregorio Lopez  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Elesa Wardlaw  
Frank Guajardo

8th Grade

Regina Rubino  
Dee Ann Frerich  
John Ingram  
Barbara Matull  
Wendy McDaniel  
Juan Dominguez  
Roquel Franklin

Lynn Floyd  
Theresa Terrazas

Jesus Rodriguez

9th Grade  
Rene Diaz  
Tevin Senne  
Lorena Rodriguez

## A/B HONOR ROLL

9th Grade

Javier Solis  
Sose Gonzalez  
Refugio Martinez  
Veronica Barragan  
Laura Cedillo  
Brian Gonzales

10th Grade

Ernesto Esparza  
Shelley McDaniel  
Melinda Sandoval  
Claudia Felon

11th Grade

Lisa Frerich  
Gustavo Garcia  
Arturo Lincon  
Yvonn Luna  
Maribel Martinez  
Mitchell Frerich  
Juana Armendariz

12th Grade

Jesus Aguirre  
Jeanette Avila  
Reyes Diaz  
Wendy Hooten  
Stacey Mayfield  
Melinda Meyer  
Juanita Montoya  
Sean Mulligan  
Manuel Pena  
Patricia Rodriguez  
Travis Smith

BY BRIAN  
GONZALEZ



## A TEXAS CHRISTMAS

### TREE AWAITS YOU



There's nothing more Texan than a Texas Christmas, and selecting and cutting a Texas-grown tree can be an adventure for the whole family. At each of the more than 400 Texas Christmas tree farms, an enormous selection of beautiful, fragrant and country-fresh Christmas trees awaits you at prices that will easily fit your pocketbook.

A list providing the locations and directions for finding Texas Christmas tree farms, dates and hours the farms are open and the owners' names, addresses and telephone numbers is available by contacting TDA Promotional Marketing Program, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Tx. 78711, (512) 463-7624.

Texas trees do much more than delight us at Christmas time. The estimated 1988 harvest of 650,000 trees will contribute approximately \$9,750,000 to the Texas economy this year.

Freshly cut Texas Christmas trees will also be available at Christmas tree lots and retailers across the state. This is your year for one of these beautiful and fragrant trees!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire 12 miles east of Brackettville at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday December 14th. Upon arrival we found an 1988 Ford Pickup and 25 ft. Holiday Rambler gooseneck R.V. fully involved in flames.

We proceeded with extinguishing it, but were caught off guard by an unburned propane bottle which exploded sending debris and shrapnel flying.

Fortunately, no one was hurt seriously by the blast and fireball. It really hit home how dangerous fire fighting can be.

The truck and trailer were only five months old, and were totally destroyed along with all the owners money, clothes and many valuable possessions.

The owner was Bruno Larson of Sun City, Arizona. An eyewitness reported 30 feet of flame behind the trailer before the owner realized his vehicle was on fire. The cause appeared to be a pressurized gasoline leak in the engine compartment of the new pickup.

"Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind."  
Samuel Taylor Coleridge



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONT. FROM PAGE 5

should note that Texcor is first and foremost bringing a Nuclear Waste dump to our area.

In dollars and cents, what does this really mean to us?

A home represents the largest single investment the average family ever makes. The value of that home not only represents a large portion of the financial worth of the family, it also represents a large portion of the County's tax base. If that value decreases, the homeowner loses as an individual, and the County loses its' base for tax purposes.

It takes a ready, willing, and able buyer to purchase a home. That purchase establishes monetary value of the property. At present, there are still ready and willing buyers for homes in Kinney Co.--as they become able, they buy.

A dump is a dump is a dump; a Nuclear Waste dump is the last thing the average buyer wants to live near, or invest his hard earned money near.

The Texcor proposal will almost certainly eliminate most ready and willing buyers of homes in Kinney County, in which case a home, for lack of buyers, would become valueless. If that happens, the only thing left with any monetary value in Kinney County would be the Texcor dump site.

There is no way that the value of that dump site could even begin to offset the loss of other property values in the County.

Invariably, when facts like these are presented, as they have been in other areas, the proponents of the objectionable facilities refer to them as "hysteria". So be it, call it what you will, facts are facts. Prospective home buyers have shunned other, similar, areas, and they will shun our area as well.

S/S Sincerely,  
J. R. Schroeder

## CONREY AND CONVOY HEADED SOUTH

As of Wednesday morning, Neal Conrey of Brackettville and the "Christmas Convoy" of humanitarian aid to the people of Nicaragua had departed the San Antonio staging area enroute to the border crossing into Mexico at Lardeo. Available information indicated that no incidents or difficulty with the Convoy's passage were expected.

The "Christmas Convoy" is an ecumenical mission carrying food and medicines, blankets and school supplies, and other relief donated by individuals, organizations, and churches of more than 60 cities in 35 states; the materials are to be transported by the 27 vehicles and 50 members of the mission through Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras, to arrive in Managua, Nicaragua on Christmas Day. A truck driver, and medical team member as a certified paramedic, Conrey is also expected to serve as a first-hand observer and participant in the distribution of the

aid to people in need through the joint efforts and supervision of the church channels available in Nicaragua.

On Sunday, December 11th, materials donated to the Convoy by the people and churches of Brackettville were transported to San Antonio for inclusion with the international mission's cargo tonnage. Beans, rice, masa, powdered milk, blankets, school supplies, and canned food items were consolidated at the First United Methodist Church, packaged for shipment, and delivered to Conrey and the Convoy team at the Casa San Jose Retreat Center in San Antonio. Involved in the "linking-up" with Conrey were Pastor Phil Bell, Conrey's parents, Bob and Cathie Conrey of Fort Clark Springs, and adult and youth representatives of the church and community. A truckload of aid was turned over to the Convoy in the enthusiastic and emotional reunion with Conrey, who has also been seen in various regional news telecasts concerning the people-to-people effort.

"Please tell the people of Brackettville," Conrey related by telephone Tuesday night, "that we're very grateful for all that they have done, and I'm especially thankful for the individual and group support for me, too."

Conrey passed through the Mexican border at approximately 3:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon with no problems.

Conrey is presently scheduled to return home to Brackettville on New Year's Day, following the completion of the mission he began during the first week of December.

## COMMISSIONER'S COURT UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BY SANDY HERMAN

Commissioners Court convened with a quorum present. The minutes from November's meetings were read and approved as were the November bills.

There was a discussion to hire a janitor-maintenance person for county property and grounds. It was decided to hire someone through the JTPA Program.

There was a report on the TAC (Texas Association of Counties) Unemployment refund.

The Commissioners approved a bond for Janis J. Floyd - JP clerk.

A resolution was passed to accept the office of Tax/Assessor Collector created by the majority of votes in the November election with the position effective January 1, 1989. An advertisement will be in the local paper for resumes/applications to be sent in to the County Judge's office for the Commissioners to select new TA/C on December 28th, 1988.

The appointments of County Auditor and Deputy Auditor were approved as were purchases for the County Judge, Auditor, Clerk and Treasurer out of budgeted funds.

There was a discussion whether or not the fee being paid for the Civic Center Christmas Day included the deposit and fee for cleanup. It was decided it did not.

The Certification of Election Attorney

fee was approved.

There was a discussion to purchase two desks and one typewriter for J.P.'s office. They were approved and to emergency amend the budget for purchase.

Permission was granted to the FFA and 4H to have their livestock show on January 20th and 21st, 1989 and to be charged the same rate as last year. The commissioners also approved to add floor sealer to the floor in the Civic Center before the County Show so the C.C. will be protected better.

The Commissioners passed a resolution in support of the Drug Enforcement Task Force and approved to match funds as a pledge.

Sheriff Norman Hooten requested to have the budget amended to purchase lights, equipment and a shield between front and back seat for his vehicle. Items are necessary for when he has to transport a prisoner when alone. The commissioners agreed and approved the purchase.

The Sheriff's report on forfeited vehicles sale and procedures and policy for forfeiture of vehicles impounded in drug arrests were approved.

The TCIC/TNIC TLETS II Computer System that is now being leased in the Sheriff's Department was approved to purchase outright and there was still enough in the budget to purchase a maintenance agreement also.

The discussion on whether or not to hire permanent ambulance attendants, as volunteer help to ride, to clean, to stock, etc., are hard to get, ended after calling numerous Counties to see how their volunteer ambulance crews are doing and what they're doing about it. The discussion will continue when Commissioners Court resumes on Thursday morning. Still to be discussed are:

- the reports on Swim park and cemetery fencing etc.
- set date for hearing on auxilliary AFB South of Spofford.

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## CARE FOR THE FUTURE

BY DON PARKS

Arguments frequently used by supporters of the Texcor-BFI proposal to locate a dump for radioactive waste at Spofford are that "The dump will be monitored by the government" and "The state will control what goes into the dump" and "The dump operators will have to obey the law," and so on. I have some Brooklyn Bridge stock for sale cheap to anyone who truly believes in these ideas.

Does anyone remember DDT? In the infantry in Europe in 1944-45, we fought the German army and assorted fleas and lice in all the villages and farms. DDT was welcome miracle, and we used it liberally and often. The government assured us that it was completely harmless. After the war it was accepted as the ideal weapon to eliminate flies and mosquitoes and all sorts of other insect pests from cities and towns and fields and swamps. The government was terribly wrong. After a decade or more of careless use, realization came that DDT was creating resistant insects, and that a lot of unintended damage to the food chain was taking place. DDT was outlawed, but the government didn't apologize and the manufacturers and dealers kept their profits. I am no expert in chemical matters, but I can from memory add chlordane, and PCB, and fluorocarbon gases, and leaded gasoline, and agent orange, and asbestos insulation to a list of substances relating to which government guidance and policy was grievously wrong, and which have each contributed to destruction of the environment and danger to humanity. During my lifetime a whole catalog of "harmless" materials have later been found to be dangerous and even deadly. Unlimited use of agricultural herbicides and pesticides has produced, in an astonishingly short time, water supplies in many areas which are unfit for consumption. A government which subsidizes tobacco farmers is hardly competent to judge for me what is "harmless."

Does anyone truly believe that "the state" will assert any meaningful control over content of the thousands of containers which would be put in this site daily, and immediately covered over? The wastes would arrive via truck and rail after being packed or containerized at remote yards, mills and dumps by thousands of people employed by the industries which create the problem materials in the first place. It is foolhardy to imagine that such a process will or can be effectively controlled. We cannot now control even local landfill dumps to ensure their safe and lawful use. Only the very naive will accept corporate or industrial or governmental promises of control.

Any monitoring of the dump after it is created, during its operation and after it is closed, will be performed by employees of the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control. This is the same agency which is so under-staffed that it was "forced" to allow owners of uranium mill waste dumps in Karnes County to operate for 8 years on expired licenses, because the agency

did not have staff sufficient to deal with renewal applications. This is the agency which refused initially to allow concerned citizens of the dump areas to testify during license renewal hearings. This is the agency about which State Senator Carlos Truan, Chairman of the Texas Senate Subcommittee on Health Services, made this comment for publication: "The regulatory process is stacked against the citizens of this state. Individuals and even whole communities can be deprived of their property or the full use of their property. They can be deprived of their health, their livelihoods, and their birthright by the capricious actions of state agencies and profiteers."

"The dump operators will have to obey the law." That sounds pretty simple. The only problem is that "the law" changes constantly, and much of the regulatory law concerning NORM-NARM waste has not yet been written. The federal EPA regulations are in draft and hearing status, and Texas is at present considering draft 6 of state regulations. Another problem is that no law can be effective if funds are not available for implementation. No law is stronger than the current government budget, and we all know how completely unreliable that is. In addition, no law will be effective if the administration responsible for enforcement chooses to ignore or subvert that law. Laws and enforcement change with the same schedule as elections. Finally, even serious intent to enforce the law has failed to make any appreciable dent in the drug problem, for instance. This is only one example of a problem which continues to grow despite all the efforts of federal, state, and local agencies. Are we to rely on an under-staffed state agency to ensure that a corporation operating in Kinney County stays within the law?

Even if we were to accept the Texcor premise that the corporations involved have complete purity of intent, they cannot guarantee that every driver, every machine operator, every employee of every customer industry, every engineer, and every other person involved in this widespread process will be absolutely honest, reliable, and skillful.

All of the above might not be important if the subject of this discussion was an ordinary matter. What makes these and other major uncertainties so important is the nature of the materials which are to be assembled from far-flung areas and concentrated in our backyard. This is not, despite the term NORM, ordinary stuff. It contains a variety of radioactive substances, some of which have a half-life of thousands of years. It generates Radon gas, which is a recognized cause of illness and death in human populations. For all purposes of consideration, it is a permanent hazard. The only question remaining is the exact extent of the hazard. At present research data is insufficient to permit precise conclusions, because many of the harmful effects of radiation exposure may not be evident until passage of many years. Perhaps future generations will be better informed, and will

be able to state that his cancer and that birth defect are the results of radiation doses of a certain magnitude sustained a precise number of years in the past. We cannot now be sure.

The only certainty in this whole matter is that radioactivity is hazardous and is permanent. We cannot stop nuclear radiation. In the face of this permanence, we are irresponsible if we rely on the fragile and vague and transitory protection afforded by laws and regulations and agencies and corporations. Three Mile Island and Chernobyl demonstrated that even the most extensive and precise controls and protections can fail with disastrous results. It is not reasonable to believe in or to rely on the paper promises surrounding the Texcor-BFI proposal for our future.

We in Kinney County have only nature's background radiation in our environment now. We don't need more, imported for profit by outside promoters and the corporations they represent.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We had our Christmas Party, December 10th at the NCO Club at Fort Clark Springs and gave out the following awards:

David Martinez - Fireman of the Year

Jimmy Bader - Certificate of Thanks for Donations of equipment and manpower when needed.

D. Harold Byrd, Jr. - Certificate of Thanks for donation of money towards the Jaws of Life (which have already been needed and used)

Rosemary Slubar - was made Volunteer Fire Department Honorary Grandma and a plaque for her help with the Family Feud show.

Bo Hatch - a plaque for his help with the Family Feud show.

We all appreciate the help and support that the community has given us in the past year and we hope you'll keep supporting the Volunteer Fire Dept. and our sister organization, the Volunteer Ambulance.

Remember, December 31st is the Annual Fireman's Dance featuring "Roadrunner" from San Antonio. Tickets will be on sale from any fireman this weekend.

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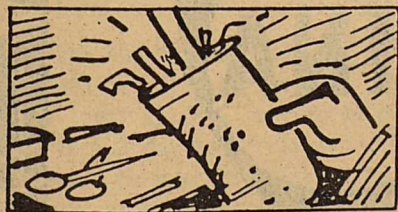


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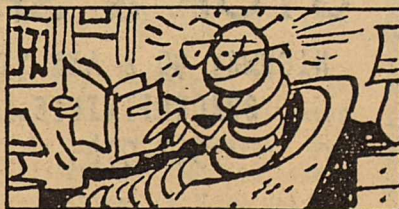
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To display children's artwork without ruining walls with tape or tacks, hang a fishnet on a wall and hold pictures to it with clothespins.



A bookworm is the popular name for the larvae of several beetles that bore through books.

### MAIL FRAUD VICTIMS

Tampa, Fla.-- Postal inspectors conducted 3,140 mail fraud investigations during fiscal 1988 and, as a result, made 1,488 arrests, Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson told the Postal Service Board of Governors today.

Nearly 44 percent of the victims were consumers, more than 39 percent were businesses, Clauson said, and more than 13 percent of the crimes were directed against the Postal Service or other government agencies.

Clauson told the Board that another 633 civil complaints were also filed in 1988 under the false representation statute -- up from 485 in 1987.

As an example of one recent false representation case stopped by the Postal Service, Clauson cited the Eurotrym Diet Patch advertised nationally in a TV talk show format at \$50.00 for fifty patches.

"Evidence collected by postal inspectors determined that the product consisted of band-aids and tap water," Clauson said, "and the promoter has agreed to cease all advertising and to offer refunds to all persons who responded to past advertisements."

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas, wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to him on behalf of our Court, our community for his efforts and devotion in making Spofford, Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs and Kinney County, a better place to live.

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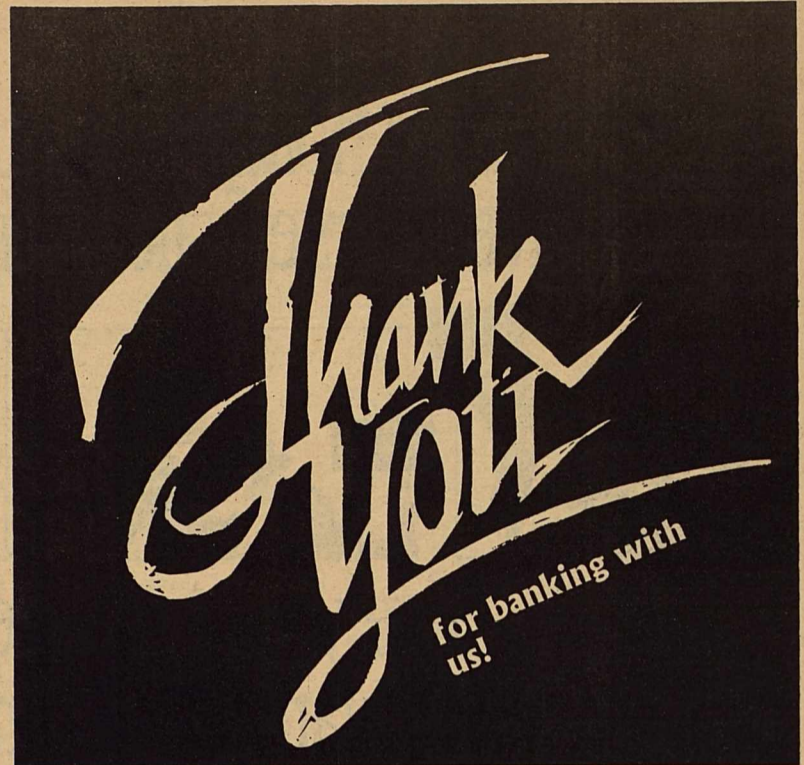
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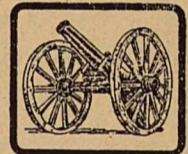
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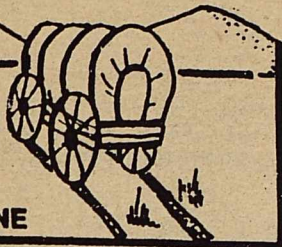
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## TRACKS ALONG THE TRAIL BY DORTHY PAYNE



The owl is a noble bird, in the creatures of the Southwest he deserves a special place.

There are about 200 species of owls but a few are common in our Southwest. Probably the most famous is called the Texas Screech Owl. There is also the barn owl. This owl makes a worse screech than the Screech Owl.

Neither owl are dangerous to anyone bigger than rats & mice or an occasional rabbit, but their eerie cries have caused a mixture of mystery and superstition, such as the following.

"If you kill an owl your cow will give bloody milk."

"Witches transform themselves into owls whenever they want to."

"An owl's shriek is a warning of death."

"An owl's hoot is a sure sign that the weather will change."

"If an owl is seen on the night a baby is born, that baby will have bad luck."

"Scrambled owl's eggs will cure insanity and drunkenness."

"A girl was once turned into an owl because she was stingy to poor people who needed her help."

"An owl is a pretty girl who was turned into an ugly bird by wicked fairies. When you hear the owl screech, it is really the girl crying in agony."

"If an owl perches on an Arab's house, it is a sure sign of death. That is, unless the Arab pays money to the temple of Allah."

"The owl once was a very sweet singer. But he happened to see Jesus crucified, and since then he has been so ashamed of that tragedy that he hides himself all day and means all night."

"When a person dies, an owl calls for the soul."

"An owl is the wisest bird in all the world, wiser than many men."

"An owl in your barn means that your crops will all fail."

"A horned owl is really the devil in disguise."

"A screech owl at night means the fish will not bite."

"Put an owl in a cage and somebody will die."

"Owls are feathered ghosts, will 'get' all little girls and boys."

Now you know all about the owl. "Not true."

At night the owl becomes very important to the farmers of the country. He is a celebrated pest killer, taking up the work hawks do in the daytime. If he didn't do this we would be overrun with rats, mice, gophers and other destructive pests. In fact, he's so skillful and fierce, he has been called a feather wildcat. He has excellent hearing and eyesight and flies so silently, his prey is caught before hearing

him coming. The owl has been known as a wise old bird but really he isn't any wiser than other birds.

The owl is the only bird whose eyes are directly in front. Because he cannot move his eyeballs, he has to turn his entire head, which makes people think he can turn his head completely around.

There is a story about a little burrowing owl, that if you circle him he will turn his head to follow you and that he will choke himself to death, but then this is just another superstition.

## LIBRARY NEWS

BY FRANCES HERNANDEZ

The Annual Western Country Geographic Committee Meeting was held, Thursday, December 8th at our local library.

Libraries assigned to attend this meeting are: Barksdale not represented, Brackettville represented by Librarian Frances Hernandez, Carrizo Springs represented by Librarian Dana Steinhauer, Crystal City not represented, Del Rio represented by Janice Weber, Eagle Pass represented by Librarian Sue Croom, Quemado represented by Librarian Chris Turk, Uvalde not represented. Present also were Lee Lacoff, San Antonio Area Library System Coordinator, Jim Croom, Ex-Officio and Elma Hennies, Ex-Officio.

Dave Steinhauer from Carrizo Springs was elected Vice Chair, (Vice Chair becomes next year's Chair) Sue Croom from Eagle Pass was elected Secretary.

The purpose of the meeting is to make recommendations to the Planning Committee on consulting, continuing education, automation, video, film, collection development, literacy, limited English speaking, publicity, reference back-up and services to the elderly programs.

Refreshments for this meeting were made possible thanks to those of you who contributed to our donation jar. Special thanks goes to Cyndy for her marvelous cake.

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## REFLECTIONS

The Christmas Season means a lot of things to a lot of people. During this season of the year many family members and friends get together. Gifts are exchanged. Food is eaten. Parties are attended. Still, we can discover a deeper meaning for this December date.

Christmas means the presence of God with us. The early news about the birth of Jesus was that He would be called "Emmanuel, God with us." The Eternal God came in human flesh. This "incarnation" is Jesus Who is God present with His people. No far-away deity; Jesus is the near-us God.

Christmas means the power of God in us. Jesus said, "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me." Isaiah 9:6 declared of

Christ who would be born that His name would be, "The Mighty God." His strength is available for us in all our needs, struggles, and dreams.

Christmas means pardon and forgiveness. The Bible declares, "If God should mark iniquity, who then would be able to stand?" Hence, we're all sinners, and all of us need forgiveness. Jesus declared, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." He forgives and blots out the wrong when we ask Him. No one but God can forgive sins. Since Jesus forgives sins, He must be God. He is God the son who loves to blot out our sins.

Christmas means peace. An angel announced "Peace on earth among men of good will" when Jesus was born. Jesus wants to give every person "the peace of God that passes all understanding." No one has to go around with a civil war raging within. When the big battle comes to an end, we ought to be filled with calmness and peace and tranquility.

Christmas means plenty. Even in the midst of poverty, the people of God are wealthy. We're plutocrats. We belong to the One who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The silver and gold belongs to God. One day the children of God will inherit all things. Keep your faith. All things will be our possession one day. Eternal riches outlast time.

Those who have a relationship with Jesus have all the heart can desire. God calls Himself the "Yahweh" or the Eternal One many times in the Scriptures. The same title is given to Jesus. When He lives within the life, that's enough. What does Christmas mean? We spell it not with nine letters, but with five. Jesus.



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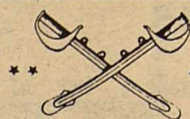
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