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Former Governor Dolph Briscoe to be Fort Clark Guest Speaker

by Penny Nixon

Former Governor Dolph Briscoe, a current prospect for the 1990 Governor's race, will be the featured speaker at a historical building dedication ceremony at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville on April 22, 1989. The former governor will speak at 2:00 p.m. in front of Fort Clark's Commanding Officer's quarters, the Wainwright House, as part of a ceremony marking the home as an official Texas Historical Building. The ceremony is one of the activities planned for former Cavalry Troopers returning for their annual reunion at Fort Clark Springs the weekend of April 21-23.

Born in Uvalde in 1923, former Governor Briscoe served in the Texas Legislature from 1949 to 1957, during which time he was co-sponsor of the important Colson-Briscoe Farm-to-Market Road Program. He began his first term as Governor in January of 1973, and served his second consecutive term as Governor until January of 1979. Briscoe was the first Governor to serve a 4-year term as approved in a constitutional amendment passed by voters in 1972.

The former governor will be introduced during the April 22 dedication ceremony by fellow rancher and longtime friend, James T. "Happy" Shahan. Widely regarded as "the man who brought movie-making to Texas," Shahan traveled with Briscoe in 1968 during his first bid for governor, and again in his successful 1972 election.

Governor Briscoe served Texas during the turbulent years from 1973 onward when Texas, like the rest of the nation, was caught in a severe energy crisis caused by an Arab oil producer's boycott. Oil production in Texas surged, as did state revenues, which were also boosted from increased sales tax revenues from inflation-priced goods.

Then Governor Briscoe oversaw Texas state spending during the years when it grew from \$2.95 billion in 1970, to \$8.6 billion in 1979, according to the "Texas Almanac". Spending for education advanced in the Briscoe years from 42 percent of the total state budget in years 1970-71, to 51.5 percent in the 1980-81 budget, according to the "Texas Almanac".

In recent years, former Governor Briscoe has concentrated on his vast ranching and banking enterprises. He is chairman of the Board of the First State Bank of Uvalde, and the Security State Bank in Pearsall. He is a director of Lomas & Nettleton Financial in Dallas, and MCorp, also in Dallas. He was appointed to the University of Texas at San Antonio Development Board in January of 1987. The library at the Health Science Center at the University of Texas San Antonio campus is named in his honor. In March of 1987, former Governor Briscoe was awarded the International Citizen's Award by the World Affairs Council of San Antonio.

Former Governor Briscoe is past chairman of the Mohair Council of America, based in San Angelo, Texas, the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation, and the National Livestock and Meat Board, based in Chicago, Illinois.

He is married to the former Betty Jane Slaughter, and they have three children: Mrs. Janey Briscoe Vaughan, Dolph Briscoe, III, and Mrs. Cele Briscoe Carpenter. The Briscoes have six grandchildren.

18th Annual Membership meeting packs 200 in Town Hall

by Penny Nixon

The 18th Annual Membership Meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Association was called to order by President Ralph Beard at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25. More than 200 members packed the Town Hall for the annual progress report on Fort Clark Springs.

President Beard offered a special welcome to non-resident and Winter Texan members, and expressed hopes for the upcoming FamTour of journalists to inspire more interest in Fort Clark Springs.

Shirley Ward, Vice President of North American Towns of Texas said developer Nat Mendelsohn would have been proud to see the progress being made at Fort Clark Springs.

But, she added, NATT will not continue to sell memberships at Fort Clark Springs, that responsibility is now with RLT Marketing.

In his slide presentation of the annual report, General Manager Alonzo "Gene" Britton said the two largest expenses last year were the renovation of the restaurant and kitchen, and the new Units 34 and 35 on Scales Road.

Vice President Guy Hibler introduced Dr. James Harber as the Member of the Year, and presented him with a Texas-shaped plaque for his volunteer efforts at the Fort. Vice President Hibler also introduced members of the Recreation, Planning and Architectural Committees, and thanked them for the time they donated to serve Fort Clark Springs.

Director Vern Ebert was unable to carry out the committee recognition duties at the meeting because of his temporary hospital stay for pneumonia.

Secretary Molly Aurdrey announced that Vern Ebert and Dorothy Haga were elected to the Board of Directors from general election results.

President Beard presented outgoing board member, Don Warren, with a plaque for his service on the board.

The meeting was adjourned with an invitation for all members to enjoy a free barbecue lunch at the new picnic area near the front of the property. Real Estate Secretary, Nancy Frerich, said her barbecue crew served 484 plates of food, which was cooked by chief cook Travis Wilson.



Chad Newman took second place in the Hill Country Karate Championship. The tournament was held at the New Braunfels High School March 18. Chad is the grandson of local residents, Oscar and Margaret Newman and Paul Kallinger of Kallinger's Furniture in Del Rio.

"I feel good," stated Chad, "First I was scared, cuz he was bigger than me. After I got thru, I was so hungry I went to Taco Bell and McDonalds."

Chad is 9 years old and a third grade student at Boerne Elementary.

Rainfall Report

The much needed rain that fell Monday night also brought hail with it. R & R Farms reported 1.02 inches of rain and signs of hail. Molly Aurdrey reported .04 inches of rain at her residence, Debbie Trent reported .5 inches of rain in town and Pinto Farms reported 1.04 inches.



Twenty-Two D.W.I. Cases Tried

County Court was held March 28, and March 29, in the County Courtroom. Judge Tommy Sargeant and County Attorney

Tully Shahan were officiating over the following cases set by Judge Tommy Sargeant. Thirteen cases were tried for speeding, all were from out of town.

Twenty-two cases were tried for DWI, four of these cases were from Brackettville residents, the rest were from out of town. Three cases of Possession of Marijuana were tried, all from out of town residents. One assault for bodily injury and one resisting arrest was tried for a local resident.

license was tried for a citizen from out of town. One reckless driving was tried from out of town. One out of town violation of probation was tried. One resisting arrest and public intoxication was tried from a local resident.

As of Wednesday morning, March 29, close to \$7,000 had been collected in fines.

One case for driving with suspended

Close Call For City

The City of Brackettville came close to having a lawsuit filed on them, after mis-information on candidate filing laws turned out a potential candidate. Dave Brodrick entered City Hall March 22, at 5 minutes until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon stating his intent on running for City Council.

He was told by City employee Ginger Dodson that he was too late to file. Brodrick stated, "I was a little irritated, and I told them they were something else. I thought it was a little one sided." Brodrick said that he intended on suing the City as a means of justice, and not as a means of financial gain.

Mayor Vito La Gioia, after hearing of the blunder, apologized to Brodrick and asked that he finish filling out the application - as it was dated and signed on time.

Employee Ginger Dodson was phoned by *The Brackett News*, before any question could be asked she simply stated, "No comment."

Ray Robinson has also filed for a position on City Council. Both Robinson and Brodrick are hopeful in the position that is held by Councilman "Stoney" Burks as he steps down from office.

Directors Elected

by Penny Nixon

Mrs. Dorothy Haga will serve again on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors. Mrs. Haga, and Director Vern Ebert, were selected from a field of six candidates to serve 3-year terms on the governing board of the 2,700 acre community that was once a U.S. Army base. Election results were announced at the General Membership Meeting at Town Hall on March 25.

Mrs. Haga served on the Board of Directors from March of 1981 to March of 1987. She is the first woman to complete a term on the board, and the first person to be elected by Fort Clark Springs members for a second consecutive term. She and her husband, Jim, moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1980.

Director Vern Ebert was re-elected after completing a one-year term due to the resignation of Mary Hobart Key. He and his wife, Betty, moved to Fort Clark Springs from Wisconsin in 1983.

Shortly after the election results were announced on March 25, the new directors joined fellow directors Emet Huntsman, Dr. Lonnie Green, Guy Hibler, Molly Aurdrey and Ralph Beard in the Association Board Room to elect officers. The Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors officers for 1989 are:

PRESIDENT - Ralph Beard
VICE PRESIDENT - Molly Aurdrey
TREASURER - Dr. Lonnie Green
SECRETARY - Dorothy Haga

Texas State Wide Trash Off Day

The V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary Post 8360 Fort Clark Springs will have their State Wide Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up Saturday, April 1.

They will meet at the Highway Dept. at 9:00 a.m. Any adults wishing to join us may do so. After clean-up, those who worked will be served a noon lunch at the NCO Club.

Fort Clark Springs Golf Club Championship Winners



Kneeling Left to Right; Carl Spray, Pat McKelvy, Pat Nelson and Betty Schlatterer. 2nd Row; Marty Isenberg, Jan Chism, Ralph Viestenz, Harold Kauffman and Bob Derrickson. Back Row; Bill Bizzell, Hoagy Nelson and Andy Anderson. Not Shown; George Bumgarner, George Miller, Helen Miller and Chick Cruse.

Local Resident Enlists



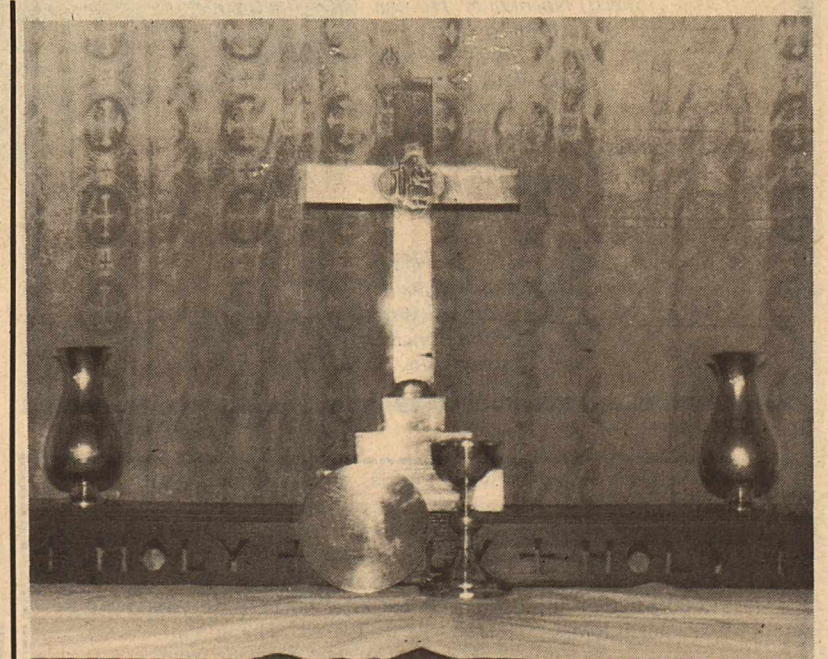
Eduardo "Lalo" Pena

Eduardo Pena is a 1988 graduate of Brackett High School. He enlisted in the Navy and will leave for basic training to Great Lakes, Illinois. He will then go on to be a machinist mate.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Esteban R. Pena. He has two sisters; Maria Pena and Rebecca Resendez. He also has four brothers; Esteban Jr., Jesus, Enrique and Jose.

Eduardo is married to Rosa Isela Pena and they have an eight-month-old daughter; Yasmin Soraida.

Antique Paten Still In Use



The chalice and paten (center) given to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Brackettville in 1894 by a Philadelphia Sunday school class to honor the Rt. Rev. James S. Johnston, second Bishop of West Texas, will be used next Sunday, April 2, in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by the Rt. Rev. John H. MacNaughton, the seventh Bishop of West Texas. The brass vases here, which were used in the original church building which was built in 1891, but blown from its foundation by a tornado in 1927, will be used on the altar next Sunday. The altar and cross pictured here also were used in the early church building.



The inspection of the Kinney County Jail by inspectors of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards which had been scheduled for March 29, has been postponed until April 17. The upcoming inspection will be the second since we installed a new cell door and lock system at the jail after the total failure of the old system that created a serious breakdown in security at the jail and the loss of our certification, and almost caused the jail to be closed in 1988.

The county jail, first put into service in 1974, was not certified by the Jail Commission until 1984, 10 years later. We were within one inspection in 1988 of attaining "Gold Certificate" status at the jail when we lost our certification due to the failure of the cell door and lock system. A "Gold Certificate" is issued by the Jail Commission to those county jails that successfully pass inspections for a 5-year period. Once a "Gold Certificate" has been awarded, a county jail receiving it is then inspected once every 5 years instead of annually. Since losing our certified status in 1988 we had to start all over again and if all goes well we should be eligible for our "Gold Certificate" in 1993.

The minimum standards for operation of a county jail are mandated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and are constantly changing due to case law, federal judge's orders, and Supreme Court decisions held in favor of complaints from prisoners incarcerated in jails and prisons throughout the country. These continual changes in standards almost always cost money, sometimes substantial amounts, and places an extra burden on sheriffs, commissioners courts, and ultimately the law abiding taxpayers.

Whoever said crime does not pay didn't take into consideration modern times and the codding of criminal violators by our judicial system. Hopefully the worm will turn someday and the burden of criminal acts will once again be placed on the shoulders of those who commit them instead of on the law abiding, taxpaying public.

The case investigation into the burglary of the Ag Shop at the high school continues at the time of this writing and two juvenile suspects have been arrested and information related to the case turned over to 63rd Judicial District Juvenile officers. It is believed that all the property taken in the March 20, burglary has been recovered and returned to the school. Final inventory of the stolen property was valued at \$898.00 instead of the first estimates of approximately \$600.00. The young burglars have been released to the custody of their parents pending final disposition of the case in juvenile court.

JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Nineteen Texas law

enforcement officers were killed in on-duty homicides and accidents during 1988, tying the record set in 1973. The Dallas Police Department was at the top of the grim list of officers killed in the line of duty with five, San Antonio was second with three deaths. Veteran officers throughout the state have expressed anger and frustration over the escalating police slayings.

Another consideration to be taken into account are the numerous serious and crippling injuries suffered by peace officers each year that change their lives forever, some never recover. An example of one such injury is that of a 29 year old DPS Trooper who was shot in the head on December 16, 1988, while assisting McLennan County sheriff's deputies with a domestic disturbance. Brain damage caused by the gunshot wound has left the Trooper with loss of the use of his right eye, left arm and leg. He and his family now face an uncertain future with more pain and more financial burdens for years to come, maybe forever, and all because he was serving the people of Texas trying to bring "peace" in his area. There are many more such cases each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize another peace officer who has given a major part of his life to serving the people of his county and community and is deserving of our appreciation and gratitude. That man is retired Sheriff of Kinney County, Johnny Sheedy. Johnny, who is of Irish decent, recently celebrated his 77th birthday, aptly enough on St. Patrick's Day, a widely celebrated Irish holiday.

Sheriff Sheedy first took office in 1948 and served as sheriff for the people of this county and community for over 32 years, retiring at the completion of his term on December 31, 1980. He was called back into public service and appointed as Interim Sheriff in 1982 after the arrest of the sheriff at that time on drug charges. He served in that capacity until August 31, 1982.

Shortly after I was appointed to replace him as Interim Sheriff on September 1, 1982, I commissioned Johnny as a deputy sheriff and he is still carried on the roster as such by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education.

And now, after 7 years, he still comes by on a regular basis to make sure I'm "doing it right". His knowledge of the people and of this county along with his advice and suggestions have been of great value to me and to the citizens of Kinney County for the past 41 years and are carrying on into the future. Johnny Sheedy casts a long shadow and no one can ever fill his shoes, but that fact alone is a strong incentive to try harder and to "do it right". Thanks, Johnny for being there for all of us for all these years!

THAT'S ALL!!

Letter to the Editor

Letter To The Editor:

A statement was made in the March, 1989, Cavalryman in a letter to the editor that I thought was quite interesting. Unfortunately, the writer has been misinformed. I hope this letter will help dispell any rumors that letter may have started.

My mother is a very interesting person. Her enthusiasm and large range of interests continue to amaze me. She is an active partner in Robinson Enterprises, a partner in Leona Ranch, a partner in a music publishing company in Nashville, on the Board of Directors of the Old Quarry Society and participates in their productions, enjoys crafts and she paints (which I believe was one of her reasons for starting the Breen Gallery).

She played a very important part in my father's business successes in helping him work through difficulties, birthing ideas and polishing

unfinished projects.

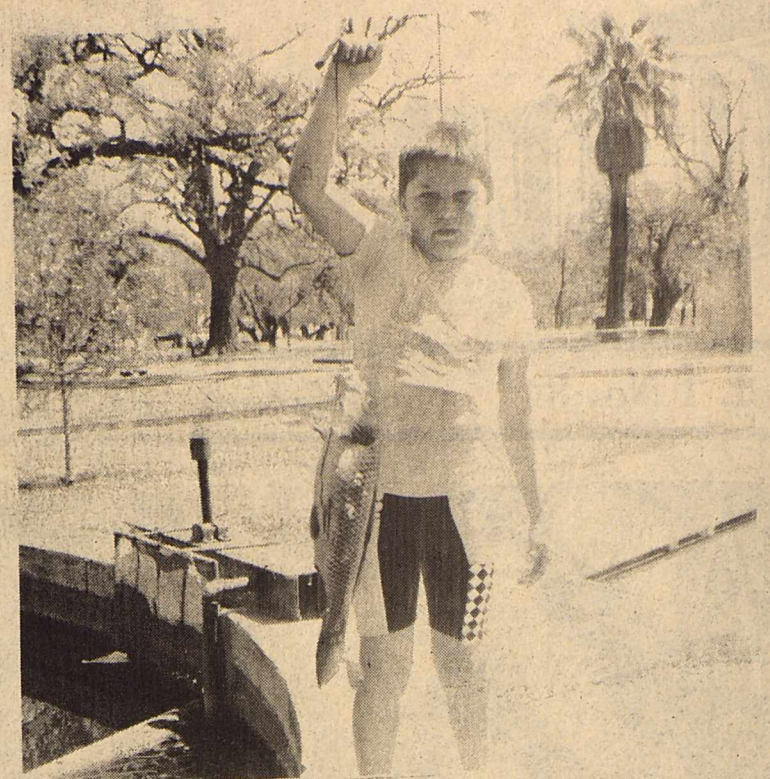
She has volunteered time, physical, emotional and monetary support to many community projects and is presently running for the School Board.

Due to her interest in Justice and this community, I don't think her venture in *The Brackett News* is questionable. She started *The Brackett News* because SHE wanted to - for herself and the community.

My parents and my mother individually have financially backed several businesses which interested them, one of them being the Kinney Cavalryman, so this is not her first newspaper venture nor did she start it for any one person.

In the interest of fairness, this letter will be submitted to both newspapers.

Thank you,
Janet Robinson Gieseke



Billy Woodhouse proudly shows off the huge Carp caught while fishing during his spring break.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I noted in the March 23, Del Rio News Herald a news item announcing opposition by State Senator Judith Zaffirini to the proposed radioactive waste dump site at Spofford. The same announcement was carried last week in this paper. At the end of the News Herald's article TexCor spokesman Charles Salsman was quoted as saying "...none of the groups opposed to the facility has made an effort to listen to his company's side."

As a matter of fact, most of us in CARE (Community Against Radioactive Environment) have seen TexCor's slide show, and have handled samples of the plastic liner which, we were assured will forever seal the 20 acre dump against any leakage. A number of us have toured the site. We have read and heard the glowing promises of jobs and funds which will flow from this "facility" even as the radioactive trash is planted forever in our midst. We even remember a repeated promise that the proposal would be abandoned if any opposition developed among local residents.

TexCor representatives have not been deprived of opportunity to present their case. Hundreds of residents have seen the slide show, and heard the arguments presented. Senator Zaffirini, in fact, has seen the slides and heard the sales pitch before she decided, as she did, to oppose the dump not only at Spofford but throughout the area she represents.

No, we have not refused to hear TexCor. We have, however, also read widely and attended meetings in many places and seen documentary

TV and film presentations. We have sought out scientific data pertaining to radioactivity, and to geology, and to climatology, as these factors pertain to our area. The results of our efforts is overwhelming opposition to the dump proposal for Kinney County. We do not oppose because we are uninformed, nor because we are unable to understand. We oppose because we have informed ourselves, and we do understand. Further we are certainly gratified that Senator Zaffirini, after similar and unbiased research, has joined us in our opposition.

Finally, Mr. Salsman is quoted in the News Herald as saying, "It's really an emotional issue." We in CARE certainly agree with that. After learning all we can about the subject, we are emotionally (as well as intellectually) against the radioactive waste dump at Spofford. Our intellectual position is based on research and analysis. Our emotional opposition is founded on concern for the health and safety of this and future generations. We are emotionally opposed to having our environment and our way of life placed in jeopardy by corporations. Emotionally, we resent a state licensing system which has often disregarded citizen concerns when these oppose business proposals.

Yes, this is an emotional issue, but it is also a social issue, and a health issue, and an economic issue, and a scientific issue, and an issue of justice. And after considering all these and other issues, an overwhelming majority of regional citizens are united in opposition to this proposal for a radioactive waste dump at Spofford.

Don Parks



Se Oh Readers,

This sunrise I will tell you all about the Eagle and its meaning among the Indian.

The Golden Eagle was believed to have the courage and swiftness to fly above all the creatures of the universe. It was called the sun bird. The Eagle was and still is believed the connection between man and The Great Mystery.

The Golden Eagle measures from thirty to forty inches in height and at maturity he had a wing span of seven to more feet. The Eagle is a very cautious and very wise bird and it is regarded as a holy bird that it is never shot at with a bow and arrow or caught in snares. If a warrior needed some feathers for his regalia or if the feathers were to be used in holy ceremonies or medicine, if it was to be taken, it had to be taken in a sacred way by capturing the Eagle with his bare hands.

Either a pit was dug and some meat was placed on top of the branches and grass that covered the pit and the Indian would hide himself inside the pit until the Eagle stands close enough to be caught. Other ways of catching the Eagle was by climbing to where the Eagle was nesting and at night was the only time to catch the Eagle. When the Eagle was captured, then it was smothered so it was said

he was sleeping when the feathers were plucked and the head talons and wings taken, then the carcass was put on the river so as to release the spirit of the Eagle. The feathers were used for bonnets, especially in burials and on medicine bundles.

Ahoé,
Nakai

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The Kinney County Public Library needs volunteers for the 1989 Summer Reading Program. Sign up will be April 3 - April 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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FROM TEE TO GREEN



The PBGA annual golf tournament format varies from year to year. This year, nine 4-man golf teams started out on a "Cross Country Golf Tournament" Monday afternoon and after a little more than five hours, all the teams had found their way back to the clubhouse.

A cross country tournament is one in which several fairways are used as one. An example hole is from number 14 tee to number 17 green, a distance of approximately 800 yards. Each team is required to complete a six hole course two times, using a scramble format. The team completing the 12 holes in the least number of strokes is the winner.

This year two teams tied for first place, both making the course in 61 strokes. This necessitated a sudden death playoff between them. Karl Chism, captain of the team with Dan Isenberg, Charley Descheemaeker and Herb Voracek took the tee, after winning the toss. The shot they selected was about 90 yards short of the green in the rough to the right side of number one fairway.

Gordon Lundquist, team captain, Jack Wood, Gordon Matheson and Jack Taunt then hit from the number one tee and their best shot was right down the middle of the fairway about 140 yards from the hole. After three shots, which failed to reach the green, Gordon Lundquist hit one which stopped on the green 26 feet from the pin. All of their birdie putts ended up short and they had to settle for a par.

Karl Chism hit an approach shot to within 12 feet of the flag. Dan Isenberg was the first putter and hit it dead in the hole, but it was too hard and jumped out. Charlie Descheemaeker then curled in a beautiful putt for a birdie three and a first place win for his team.

Bob Derrickson, team captain, Hugh McKelvy, George Miller and

Tom Faulkenberry were the third place team, shooting a 64. An awards ceremony was held at the Fort Clark Springs clubhouse after the playoff and trophies were awarded. After "happy hour", a delicious steak dinner, prepared by Lela Cervantez and her crew and Gordon and Lorraine Lundquist, was enjoyed by the golfers and their guests.

Each Monday morning, weather permitting, a "Florida Scramble" is held on the par 3 course at Ft. Clark Springs. Monday, March 20, eight teams of three players each played. The winning team of Mark Johnson, Lou Sofaly and Carl Bordiga shot a one under par 26.

The Friday mixed league foursome scramble resulted in a tie for 1st place with the playoff winners as follows:

- 1st place 41.5 (1st hole tie breaker)
 - Betty Schlatterer
 - Lou Schlatterer
 - Barb Miller
 - Hoagy Nelson
- 2nd place 41.5
 - Avis Anderson
 - Andy Anderson
 - Luella Johnson
 - Carl Spray
- 3rd place 43
 - Margo Kendrick
 - Del Kendrick
 - Odette Mills
 - Charlie Smith

The 1989 spring Fling sponsored by the Fort Clark Ladies Golf Assn. held on March 28, 1989, is now a thing of the past, but will definitely not easily be forgotten. In a word it was "fantastic". We had a field of 72 entries, 32 of whom hailed from various parts of South Texas. "Golf Is A Circus" was the theme for the luncheon held after play. Helen Peck and her committee did a terrific job. Winners of the tournament were as follows (4-Person Scramble):

FIRST PLACE - 63
Joyce Galloway, Barbara Miller, Dorothy Wood and Barbara Pope

SECOND PLACE - 67
Helen Miller, Joann Mayberry Maybeth Searls and Mary Kay Shadowens

THIRD PLACE - 68
Mary Forester, Pat Barnett, Gene Graham and Margot Kendrick

FOURTH PLACE - 69
Pat McKelvy, Molly Schroeder, Evelyn Fiske and Omega Zavala

FIFTH PLACE - 69
Jan Chism, Verna Popken, Shirley Gililand and Margery Flowers

SIXTH PLACE - 70
Joy Kyle, Mary Lee Trollinger, Eileen Voracek and Betty Schlatterer

CLOSEST TO HOLES

- #6
Jan Chism
Pat Nelson
Ann Jones
Margaret Ricks

#11
Mary Forester
Mary Lee Trollinger
Margery Flowers

#15
Joy Kyle
Alta Eardley
Doris Eckenroth
Inez Short

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Pat Barnett
Phyllis O'Rourke
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Mary Forester
Pat Barnett
Phyllis O'Rourke
Omega Zavala

#13
Joyce Galloway
Missy Byrd
Doris Eckenroth
Mary Kay Shadowens



The Ladies Spring Fling Golf tournament was held March 28. First place cash winner team of \$200 went to: (L to R) Joyce Galloway, Barbara Miller, Dorothy Wood and Barbara Pope.

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Don and Linda Wilson are the owners of GENESIS SHOE COMPANY, INC. located in Del Rio. They manufacture genuine handsewn, all leather, ladies comfort walking shoes under the brand name "Southern Comfort".

Don and Linda moved with their family from San Antonio to Del Rio in 1983 and started the company. Both Don and Linda have secured an understanding of the shoe industry, retail, wholesale and manufacturing, as Don has had 24 years of experience and Linda ten.

The Wilson's are fairly new residents to Ft. Clark. They have two children still at home, Guy and Leilani. Don's brother, Alvin and his wife, Dolores, also live on the Fort. Alvin works for the company as controller, and Don and Linda's oldest daughter, Lisa, works as credit manager.

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All SOUTHERN COMFORT walking shoes are hand-sewn and hand-last. The technique used in crafting these shoes dates back to the 1600's and is a dying art. Don believes that GENESIS SHOE CO. is "the only completely domestic factory in existence that manufactures this type of footwear," as most other manufacturers have gone to Mexico or the Far East to have at least some of their assembly done. GENESIS prides itself on the fact that all their shoes are completely American made.

SOUTHERN COMFORT shoes are shipped nationwide, including Hawaii, to independent retailers (including Jean's Nash Dry Goods in Brackettville). They also ship to chains as large as J.C. PENNEY CO.

Don will custom make shoes for anyone with foot problems that otherwise could not buy shoes to fit. He makes shoes for polio victims with two different size feet, arthritis sufferers, people with bunions, or other foot disorders.

The factory is located at 202 Margarita St. in Del Rio, and is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. Anyone interested in custom made shoes should call for an appointment to see Don, as he travels to shoe markets during this time of year. The office number is 774-6525.

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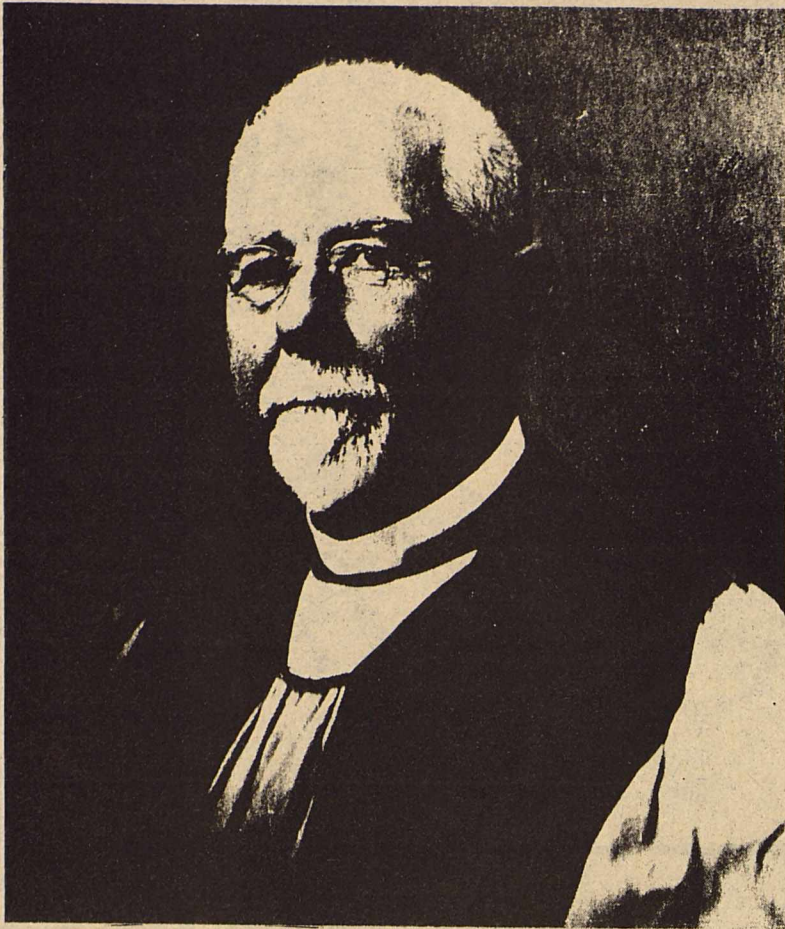
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The Rt. rev. James S. Johnston, Second Bishop of West Texas.

Annual Visitation of The Bishop

When the Rt. Rev. John H. MacNaughton, the Episcopal Church's Bishop of West Texas, celebrates the Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Brackettville next Sunday, April 2, he will be using a chalice and paten given to the church in 1894 by a Philadelphia Sunday school class in honor of the Rt. Rev. James S. Johnston, the Bishop of West Texas from 1888 till 1916.

For this annual visitation of the Bishop to the local congregation, special hours of service will be observed at St. Andrew's next Sunday. Instead of the usual 10:30 a.m. service, and 8:30 a.m. (CDT) Eucharist is scheduled at which the Bishop also will preach and will confirm five adults into the Episcopal Church.

A breakfast to honor Bishop and Mrs. MacNaughton and the Confirmands will be held in the church's parish hall from 7:45 till 8:15 a.m. Area residents interested in meeting and visiting with the Bishop are invited to the breakfast as well as

to the service, according to the Rev. Bill Koons, priest-in-charge of the local congregation.

St. Andrew's, the oldest Protestant Church in Brackettville, also is the oldest extant Episcopal Church in the Western Convocation of the Diocese of West Texas, having been informally organized in 1867 under the auspices of the Diocese of Texas.

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Altar flowers this Sunday, according to the Rev. Mr. Koons, will be placed in brass vases that were used in the first church building of St. Andrew's, built in 1891 but blown from its foundation by a tornado in 1927. The chalice, paten, and vases have been taken from storage and restored for this Sunday's celebration.



The Rt. Rev. John H. MacNaughton, Seventh Bishop of West Texas.

BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

Did you ever live where there were no birds? Where you never hear a bird sing? If you have, you surely do appreciate living here. Every summer we are graced with birds we've seldom seen before. Every winter we see birds seldom seen here. These, in addition to the wide variety of birds that pass through here and the many who spend their winters or summers here. Few places have so many different birds as we see here.

The real thrill, however, lies in the beautiful music as the birds sing. In season, the song of the mockingbird entertains all throughout the night. There are few birds that equal the painted bunting as he perches high in a tree and sings for all the world to hear.

The Cardinal, whose brilliant red not only adds color to our world but sings joyfully to mark his presence. Even the raucous cry of the grackle points to his presence. To watch the male in his courting dance is a most entertaining time. The regal road-runner (chaparral) calls attention to himself, especially in the cold of winter as he spreads his feathers to try to keep warm. The several varieties of buzzards thrill us as they soar and circle so effortlessly. Though the Golden Eagle is devastating to small kids and lambs, he makes a striking sight as he sometimes perches in a tree and sits with his wings spread, and then when he so effortlessly soars through the heavens.

Then there are the warblers, the fly catchers, the vireos to add color and music. Everyone enjoys the hummingbird as it hovers and feeds on flowers and flies from bloom to bloom. With a feeder one can enjoy hours of watching these hummingbirds. All in all, we are certainly blessed to live here and have our lives made richer and more beautiful by sight and sound of so many, many birds of many kinds.

Think I'll just take a few minutes to sit and enjoy my favorite mockingbird as he perches high on the electric light pole and entertains me - and just to think all of this is mine to enjoy because God wants my world to be enjoyable and beautiful.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us.

St. Jude help the helpless situations pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day for 8 days and then publish. Your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you
St. Jude
A.V.

FEAR

"Then the lightning strikes"

by Monica Yoho

The fear starts out from deep within
It slows your heart
and your air gets thin
Your pulse speeds up
and your feet slow down
Your ears pick up every small sound.
You know it's here in the same room.
But you cannot see
for it's dark as a tomb
The steps you take
are slow and with care
For to make a blunder
you do not dare

Then the lightning strikes
and the thunder booms
Casting shadows
all around the room
The wind kicks up with a low howl
Scaring the life out of you now.
Just when you think
you can take it no more
You feel to the side
and find the door
You open it up
with a new found calm
Replace the fuse
and the lights come on.

BEYOND THE HORIZON



BY DORITH PAYNE

LIBRARY NOTES



BY CYNTHIA GUILFORD-FALCON

The Kinney County Public Library is now offering ONLINE COMPUTER RESEARCH. This service is being made possible through the San Antonio Area Library System. This is an information retrieval service with nearly 500 databases. This service offers a wide spectrum of information.

The database records or units of information can range from a directory type listing of companies,

associations, or famous people; to an indepth financial statement for a particular company; to a citation with bibliographic information and an abstract referencing a journal, conference paper, or other original source; to the complete text of a journal article.

The databases are regularly updated to give you the most recent information.

For more information call (563-2884) or come by.

Unsung Heroes

Molly Ardrey

by Joe Townsend

A lady came to Ft. Clark when Ft. Clark Springs first began. She did outstanding work in the beginning development. She later decided to establish her own business and has been most successful. She has served long and well in many community activities. She has devoted much time and effort to Chamber of Commerce activities.

As a single parent, she has done an outstanding job. She is sympathetic to any activity that is for the betterment of the community. She is capable, energetic and willing always to help. She is warm-hearted, cordial and friendly. Surely Molly Ardrey is an "Unsung Hero".

Meet the prairie chicken, the show off member of the grouse clan. He is found in Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Missouri, as far north as parts of Canada and in southwestern Texas and into Louisiana. These birds are big and tough, maybe eighteen inches long, and can weigh up to two pounds. They are black and white with showy brown bars.

They nest like a chicken in little depressions on the ground with just a thin layer of grass and a few feathers for lining. Here they lay from eight to twelve eggs, and like chickens, their chicks can run around and look for seeds and insects, as soon as they come out of the shell.

The most unusual part in a prairie chicken's life is the mating season. Their love song is like none other. Their "boom-a-boom, a boom a b-o-o-m" can be heard as far as two miles away and you will hear no other like it.

If you track down the sound, you will hear other "booming" from other birds who gather together just before dawn to perform their ritual together. There may be ten to fifty birds "booming" together in a group.

When a prairie chicken starts his courtship celebration, the feather tufts on either side of his neck, stand up like horns, his tail is raised and

spread, his wings are drooped to the ground. Then he runs forward a few steps, stops and inflates his orange-like air sacs and with a violent jerk lets loose with the booming sound that can be heard two miles away.

Sometimes he jumps into the air with a low cackle and if near enough to another male, a fight will break out, with clashing of wings, and much strewing of feathers. No doubt this is done to get the female's attention, but it is still performed even if there are no females around.

These exhibitions are held from March until May. They last a couple

of hours at dawn and then all the participants feed peacefully together all day, until dawn of the next day when it starts all over again.

I was living in the plains country of west Texas right after the second World War. At that time, there were plenty of prairie chickens around and they were hunted for their meat, which is very good.

They are getting scarce on the plains but can still be seen now and then. They are found more often now in the mid-west states. So if you hear that "booming" just at dawn, you will know the prairie chicken is still alive and well.

Bridge, Anyone?

Two games of duplicate bridge are held every week at the Fort Clark springs NCO Club under the direction of Gene Briton. Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. all bridge players and those who would like to learn more about the intriguing game of duplicate bridge are invited to attend these games.

A Howell movement game was played Sunday, March 26. First place winners were Marie and Lamont McCandles; second place was won by Tina Bauguess and Anita Korbel.

Tuesday night, a 7-table game was

played. North-South first place winners were Betty Inman and Ann Hibler; second were Norma Gould and Trudy Harber. East-West winners were Tina Bauguess and Anita Korbel; second were Martin Sheets and Joyce Bell.

Duplicate bridge is a partnership game. It is enlightening and also very entertaining, besides being very competitive. It taxes and invigorates the brain. All are invited. Please note the time of the games at the times stated above.

by Marie McCandles

Historic Forts of Texas

Retired National Park Service employee, Emery Lenhart, of Del Rio, will present a slide lecture to the Fort Clark Historical Society on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. at the Las Moras Inn.

Mr. Lenhart obtained a set of slides on the historic forts of Texas from the Texas Historical Commission and will build his presentation around

them. Mr. Lenhart made an outstanding lecture on Indian cave drawings when he was the "guest of the Historical Society last year before retiring from the National Park Service. This program promises to be equally interesting.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy this outstanding program.

8If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things: for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still.
9The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.

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10Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

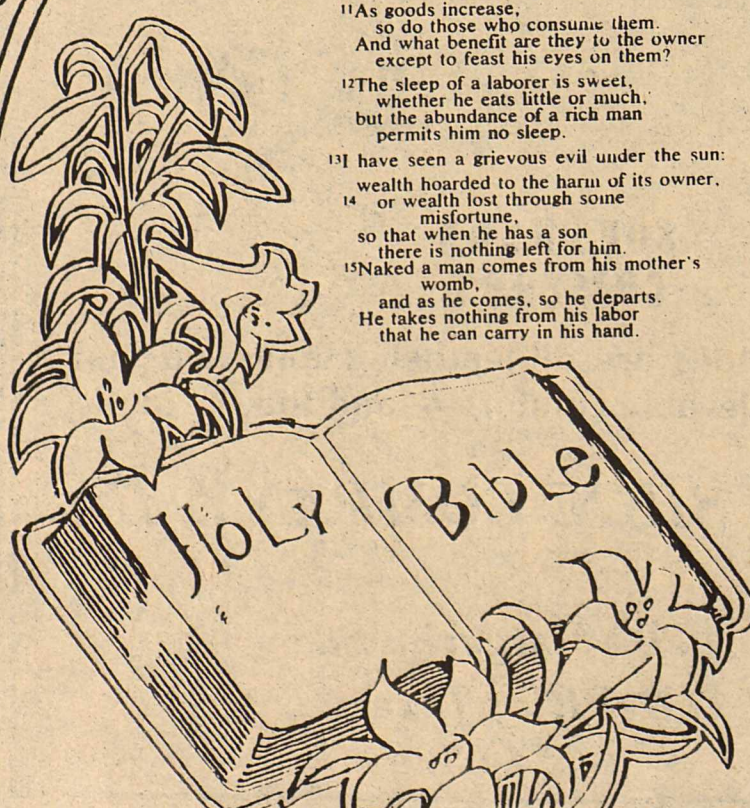
11As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

12The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

13I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune.

14So that when he has a son there is nothing left for him.

15Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.



Church Directory

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
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BIBLE STUDY (SUN) 6:30 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY (WED) 7:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.
SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. (spanish) 10:30 A.M.
CONFESSIONS WED. & SAT. 6:00 P.M.
RELIGION CLASSES WED. 7:00 P.M.
RELIGION CLASSES SUN. 9:15 A.M.
PRAYER MEETING (SPANISH) WED 7:00 P.M.

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CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

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

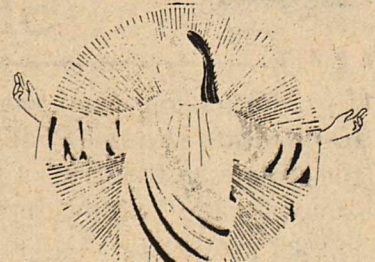
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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE (T.B.A.)
(to be announced)
WED. PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.

"Veterans, 'Ten-Hut'"

VA ISSUES REPORT ON PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Veterans Administration has released its report to Congress on programs and services for homeless veterans.

In announcing the report's release, Administrator of Veterans Affairs Thomas K. Turnage said, "The report demonstrates the wide variety of VA benefits and services that not only assist homeless veterans, but also prevent them from becoming homeless."

The document provides progress reports on two special programs for homeless veterans, as well as an overview of all agency activities that assist homeless veterans.

The two special programs - the Pilot Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill Program and the Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program - were authorized by Congress in 1987.

Forty-three of VA's 172 hospitals have contracts with 184 community-based residential facilities under the Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill Program.

The Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program is operating at 20 VA medical centers, where treatment and rehabilitation services are provided.

Editors Note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - Is there a time limit for applying for VA compensation?

A - There is no time limit, however, the date of application is a factor in establishing the effective date of payment. In addition, it may also be more difficult to establish entitlement if a claim is filed long after the disability was incurred.

Q - My father gets compensation from the Veterans Administration. I am a 20-year-old student not living with him. Am I entitled to receive this compensation?

A - If you are not receiving Dependents Education Assistance (DEA), you may apply for an apportionment of his benefit.

Q - What happens when payments are not made on a VA-guaranteed home loan?

A - Failure to make payments on the loan may lead to foreclosure and the loss of the veteran's home. In addition, if the government is required to pay a claim as a result of failure to repay the loan, the veteran will become indebted to the government for the amount of the claim.

Q - If I encounter legal difficulties while purchasing a home using my GI home loan, will the VA provide or pay for any legal assistance I may need?

A - No. The Veterans Administration does not provide legal assistance or advice; nor can the agency pay for any legal assistance a veteran obtains to deal with troubles encountered in the purchase or construction of a home.

Q - I heard that Congress passed a law authorizing special life insurance dividends for World War II veterans. I understand that veterans are entitled to this dividend even if they haven't kept their policies in force. Is this true?

A - No. The VA does not pay dividends on lapsed insurance policies. An insurance hoax that has plagued the VA since 1948 is refueled every few years by a distribution of "applications" that claim that Congress has authorized the dividends. There has been no such action nor is there any pending. Annual dividends on current GI insurance policies are paid by the VA to veterans who continue to pay premiums. Dividend payments are made automatically, usually on the anniversary date of the policy, and no application is needed.



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Theater Workshop
Ft. Clark Town Hall

Every 2nd Monday - 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners Court
Kinney County Courthouse

Every Monday - 8:00 p.m.
A-A
Slator Hall, James St.

Every Monday - 8:00 p.m.
Al-Anon
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall

Every 2nd & 4th Monday-7:00 p.m.
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Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Every 2nd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Lodge - Lodge Building

Every 4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.
Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn

Every Thursday - 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday-6:30 p.m.
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Every 2nd & 4th Thurs. - 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Saturday, April 1 - 10:00 a.m.
Slide presentation on historic forts of Texas
Las Moras Inn

Special Service Sunday, April 2 - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast with Bishop John H. MacNaughton
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Confirmation
Every Sunday - 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Every Sunday thru April 23 - 7:00 p.m.
Survey of Revelation (last book of Bible)
First Baptist Church

Monday - Friday, April 3 - 7 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Volunteer registration for summer reading program
Kinney County Public Library

Bus Driver Training

Brackett Independent School District will make school bus driver training available to persons in the community interested in becoming a substitute or permanent school bus driver. The training will be on April 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8, 1989. Times will be 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Classes will be held at the Uvalde High School Cafeteria. The fee for the class will be \$50.00. Brackett Independent School District will reimburse an individual who is employed or becomes employed by the District.

Reagan Kay Ortega

Lori and Armando "Pipo" Ortega are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Reagan Kay. She was born on March 20, 1989. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and she is 20" long. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Osburne of Kenton, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Ortega of Brackettville. Reagan Kay is welcomed by sisters Marina and Ciara.

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POSITION VACANCY

POSITION VACANCY: Reading Instructor (2 positions). **DUTIES:** Teach five (5) developmental reading courses/semester; be available for student advisement and/or conferences; may have to teach evening and/or off-campus courses; assist with college reading labs and tutorial assignments; assist with registration and student advising; occasional travel. **SALARY:** Nine months contract commensurate with Faculty Salary Schedule. **BENEFITS:** Sick leave, retirement plan, health insurance, recreational facilities and private office. **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Experience in teaching reading preferred; ability to work with students in need of remedial reading instruction; "Teaching Reading in the Content Areas" training or courses is desirable; CAI experience is desirable; **EDUCATION:** Master's degree in reading preferred; reading certification preferred; graduate hours in reading preferred and qualifications to teach a second field at SWTJC preferred. **DATE AVAILABLE:** August 22, 1989. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** April 15, 1989. Submit application to Gloria Rivera, Affirmative Action Co-ordinator, SWTJC, Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Tx 78801; (512) 278-4401. **NOTICE TO APPLICANTS:** With respect to the employment and promotion of both teaching and non-teaching personnel, it is the policy of Southwest Texas Junior College not to discriminate either in favor of or against any persons on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, religion or handicap. SWTJC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

ability to effectively work with students in need of remedial math instruction also needed; CAI experience is desirable. **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in mathematics is a minimum requirement; qualification to teach in a second field preferred. **DATE AVAILABLE:** August 22, 1989. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** April 15, 1989. Submit application to Gloria Rivera, Affirmative Action Coordinator, SWTJC, Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Tx 78801; (512) 278-4401. **NOTICE TO APPLICANTS:** With respect to the employment and promotion of both teaching and non-teaching personnel, it is the policy of Southwest Texas Junior College not to discriminate either in favor of or against any persons on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, religion or handicap. SWTJC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

You've tried threats, tears and hiding the bottle. Now try Al-Anon. Mondays 8:00 p.m. St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall. 563-2007

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OUR TOWN



Faulkenberry's.

Charles Downing has been appointed to the Ft. Clark Municipal Board (M.U.D.), replacing Paul Causseaux who resigned due to health reasons. Charles was chosen for his experience with the Eagle Pass Water System. He was installed March 21, at the Water Board Meeting.

Walter and Marjorie Moore had an unexpected visitor Saturday, March 25. Col. and Mrs. Tom Frank, Chief of Staff of the 1st Cavalry Division of Ft. Hood, Texas. Their interest was aroused due to the August issue of "Texas Highways" article on Ft. Clark Springs. Their interest was in seeing one of the old barracks renovated into a home. Col. Frank is a great admirer of Gen. Patton and has visited his grave several times in Luxembourg, France.

The Old Tyme Cafe was the setting of a surprise Birthday Party for Margaret Cooper, given by her husband Wally, Monday, March 27. More than 40 friends attended. Cake and punch were served. Debra's mother, Wanda Anderson, prepared the cake which received many compliments. Excellent service was provided by Sharla Oldham and Debra Shackly and their staff.

Dr. Jim Harber was presented "Member of the Year" award by the Ft. Clark Springs Association at their annual members meeting. Congratulations Doc!!

Congratulations Dorothy Haga!!! Dorothy was elected to the Board of Directors of the Ft. Clark Springs Association. This is Dorothy's third time to be elected to the Board.

The Ft. Clark's Arts had their Open House, Saturday, March 25, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We want to thank everyone for making the Open House a success.

Ft. Clark Springs has been a very busy spot this Easter week-end due to the many activities which included the Annual Member's Meeting and BBQ. There were many visiting friends and relatives. I believe every member had a guest or guests this past week-end.

Tom and Jean Faulkenberry had as their guests: Son Ronald and his wife Sherrye and children, Stacy and Weston from Houston. Also, daughter Joyce Ray and husband, Jimmy and children, Ashley and Vance from Midland, friends Mike and Jeanie Metcalf and children Heather and Christi also from Midland. A very busy week for the

Earl and Marjorie Love have for the past week enjoyed John Hunt (they call "son") and friend Robert Breedlove from Huntington Beach, California. A trip to Mexico and points of interest in and around Brackettville. They mostly enjoyed hiking over the Fort grounds, Marj reports they did not leave a stone unturned. This was their first visit here and assured them it would not be their last.

James and Dorothy Haga enjoyed a visit from their son, John and wife Mary, grandchildren Dorothy, Lisa and Vitt from San Antonio.

Sid and Jo Sponholts enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Pat, and granddaughter, Sandy, from Downer's Grove, Illinois.

Warren and Maude Crockett are back in town for a few days to take care of business and visit their friends. The Crockett's now reside in Capitan, New Mexico. They still have their home here at Ft. Clark and return frequently. Always glad to see the Crockett's in town.

The Cervantes, Tino and Rose Mary had a generation visiting. Son, Billy, and his 4-year-old son Cody, grandson Richard, Billy's brother-in-law Cole Prewitt all from Houston. Cody will spend the week with his grandparents before returning Cody to Houston. Put on your track shoes, Grandma.

A belated Happy Birthday to Mrs. Ramona Flores. Mrs. Ramona Flores celebrated her 80th birthday on March 18, with a surprise BBQ dinner given her by her daughters, Juanita Aguilar and Alicia Diaz, sister-in-law Juanita Garcia and niece Rosa Rios. Those attending the dinner were: Carolina Garcia from Sabinal, Mrs. Licha Falcon, Santos Williams, Saida Martinez and Lydia Rodriguez, all from Brackettville. The Garcia's, Rios' Diaz' and Aguilar families and other relatives from Sterling City gathered Easter Sunday at Fritter's Park for a BBQ, playing games and having an Easter egg hunt for grandchildren.

Beverly Wright and children, Earl, Dorothy and Latoya visited her brothers, Luther and Douglas Ward in Carrizo Springs over the Easter holiday week-end. The children are spending their spring break with their uncles.



Margaret and Wally Cooper celebrate Margaret's surprise Birthday party at the Old Tyme Deli.

The Magic of Stuart And Lori

The Magic of Stuart and Lori will be presented April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tate Auditorium of Southwest Texas Junior College.

The 90 minute show features choreography and faultless timing that keep the show at a pace that will allow the audience to watch numerous illusions. According to Joe Barker, Director of Student Activities at SWTJC, the show incorporates light-hearted humor into each magical encounter and will provide an unforgettable experience for all who attend.

The flashy magic show has been presented across the country at many major colleges, universities, night-

clubs and sports arenas and is being sponsored by the SWTJC Student Activities Board.

"We are pleased to be able to offer such a professional and entertaining performance to Uvalde and the surrounding area," stated Barker.

A preview performance or "teaser" will be offered April 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Matthews Student Center. Advance tickets may be purchased at either the Student Activities Office or from any member of the Student Activities Office or from any member of the Student Activities Board for \$2.00 any time prior to the 5:30 "teaser". Tickets at the door will be \$3.00.

GREEN THUMB



Ants constitute a continuing problem. This year seems worse than most. The truly problem ant is the "cut ant". These can steal out of their hole and strip a plant overnight. Large ash trees have been killed by these marauders completely stripping the tree in one night. Not many plants are immune. They seldom work in the daytime.

Usually they come out of a hole in the ground that has little debris around the hole itself. There is always a trail from the plant victim to the hole. Many times it is not easy to find because it is through grass or weeds. The number of ants it takes to do substantial damage makes it necessary that a trail will inevitably be made. Until the hole is found, little can be done.

The hole may be at considerable distance or quite near the foraging. The ants may feed and leave the plant for a while and come back.

The green material is being taken underground for food in the future. When the hole is found, a good powdered insecticide should be used.

One of the best is Dursban. It is marketed by "Green Light" under the name of "Many Purpose" dust. Dust has a very distinct advantage. It should be liberally sprinkled in a circle around the hole on about an 18 inch radius. The ants will then carry it on their feet down into the hole and poison the entire den.

If an insecticide is used that the ants have to carry down into the hole, they may or may not do it. They have an option; that option is taken away with the powder. A large den may need several treatments to completely kill it out.

If there appears a mound several inches high and many inches across, it most likely is caused by fire ants. Do not disturb this mound by using a hand or foot. It is filled with ants and you can be badly stung. Level it with same as the cut ant. The problem is the burrow is usually much more wide spread and remaining ants or ants hatched after the kill will come out some place else. Where ants are a problem, they can be controlled. It takes effort and vigilance, but the end is worth the cost of the means.

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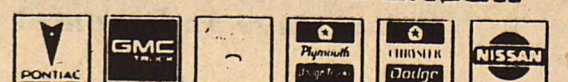
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