

"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have thire as much foresight'

Bizzell To Fill Constables Office

Brackett News Reporter

BRACKETTVILLE--In a surprise move by the Commissioners Court, following the resignation of Constable Gregario Juarez, excommissioner Bill Bizzell was appointed to fill the unexpired constable's term of two years. The appointment did not come without controversy as a full court room of spectators led by County Attorney, Tully Shahan, expressed their disapproval of the move.

The agenda for the special meeting called for the acceptance of the resignation of Juarez as constable for personal reasons and the appointment of a person to fill the vacated position. From all indications, word must have reached Bizzell's opponents as they turned out en masse expecting a meeting loaded with political fireworks.

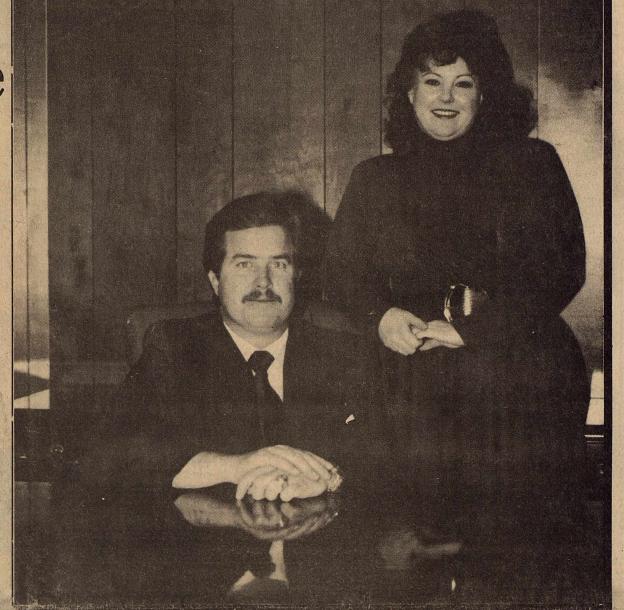
Shahan, not known for his punctuality, was on time for this meeting with his homework carefully prepared. His attack on the Commissioners and their business was well planned. It was clearly evident that he had researched the anticipated move in detail before the meeting was called to order. On more than one occasion he stated that "it was his opinion" that the Commissioners were in error. At no time during the course of the discussion did the county attorney tell the commissioners that "a law exists that prohibits the appointing of Mr. Bizzell to this vacancy". To the commissioners, Shahan's "opinion" was not good enough to sway their thinking on the appointing of Mr. Bizzell to this vacated position.

Commissioners Garza and Fuentes made it very clear that they would not knuckle to the "opinion ' of the county attorney and allow a personal vendetta, which was clearly obvious, alter their judgement. Fuentes nominated Bill Bizzell for the position to be filled and, after a heated exchange of words between him and Shahan, a repeat of the nomination was made which was followed by Bizzell's appointment as constable of Kinney County.

Immediately following the meeting, county clerk, Dolores Raney swore Bizzell in to the office, which he will fill for the next two vears

After the meeting adjourned, rumblings from a dissatisfied group of onlookers could be heard from the court house corridors to the front steps. Many of the concerned citizens felt as though the meeting was poorly handled while others assured the listeners that "Mr. Bizzell has not heard the last of this. His appointment could still possibly end up in the courtroom"

Constable Bizzell took office immediately and promised to serve the citizens of Kinney County fairly and impartially.



New Kinney County Judge Tim Ward and his wife Debbie

Judge Seargeant Apologizes For Breakdown In Communications

By LES ROPER Brackett News Editor

COURTHOUSE--County Judge, Tommy Seargeant, called a special meeting to order last Friday morning at ten o'clock in the county court

Due to a conflict of interest, Judge were all paid for their inconvenience Seargeant had requested that Val and dismissed. Verde County Judge, James According to the County Judge's

Simmons, hear the case for him. County Attorney Tully Shahan had have to be selected before the trial also requested that District Attorney, proceeds further. Tom Lee handle the case for him The Commissi

Office, another panel of jurors will

room. With all four Commissioners present a quorum was easily determined and the meeting progressed on schedule.

The first issue of business was the 1991 contract on the Kinney County Aging Service, or better known, as the Nutrition Center. Bill Bizzell made the motion to approve the contract that is now in effect for another year and a second by Ruben Fuentes opened the subject for discussion. The motion carried.

Judge Seargeant notified the Commissioners that he was making a formal apology to Kinney County for the breakdown in communications that required the dismissal of a jury that had been selected plus the time and mileage of a court reporter who came from out of town. The jury and the court reporter were paid even though they did not hear the case.

Both Simmons and Lee agreed and the trial date was set.

Before the case came to trial Lee contacted Judge Simmons and requested a continuance which was granted. Judge Simmons notified Tully Shahan's office of the continuance. This information was not relayed to the county clerk's office so procedure for the trial continued for the prearranged date.

The jury, along with the court reporter, was notified of the date for the trial and they appeared only to find the Judge and the District Attorney absent. After a call it was found that a continuance had been granted to the D.A. Janis Floyd, secretary for the county attorney's office, reported that no call had come across her desk. Dolores Raney, county clerk, also disclosed no report to her office.

The jury and the court reporter

approve the bonds that are mandatory on all elected officials.

Commissioner Slubar called on Tim Ward, volunteer superintendent over the Nutrition Center project, to assist in the opening of the bids for further work on this building.

The bids that were accepted by the Commissioenrs were: Cinder blocks . . Feather Light

Building Products Approx. \$.88 per block

Labor on block work Valdermar Guadiana \$5,278.00 Outside plaster 2,417.40 Valdermar Guadiana Steel Roof

Vulcraft, San Antonio 3,804.00 Build Up Roof Oviedo & Segovia 6,450.00 Roofing Co. Plumbing

OV Casey Plumbing 3,850.00

Commissioners Accept Constable Gregorio Juarez's Resignation

By LES ROPER Brackett News Editor

COURT HOUSE -- A special meeting by the County Commissioners was called to order Monday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. in the county court room with a capacity crowd on hand. Judge Tommy Seargeant called the meeting to order and with all Commissioners present a quorum was determined.

Commissioner Slubar made the motion to appoint Tim Ward to serve in her vacated position as overseer of Nutrition Center and the Commissioner Fuentes to fill Bill Bizzell's vacated position of overseeing the water crossings. A second was made and the motion carried.

Performance bonds are required

on all contractors who bid on county projects but after a report was presented stating the cost of these bonds as prohibitive for the present jobs that were now in progress it was voted to waiver this requirement. The County will assume the responsibility of the work that is

being done on the Nutrition Center. It noted by outgoing was Commissioner Bizzell that Tim Ward and Dan Woods were now overseeing the projects and their expertise would suffice.

A resignation from Gregorio O. Juarez as Kinney County Constable was submitted to the Court at an earlier meeting but could not be acted on at the time because it was not on the agenda. Juarez was told that his request would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The resignation was included on the agenda for this meeting and it was presented to the Commissioners and the Judge for approval. County Attorney, Tully Shahan, read and amended the resignation that had been turned in to the Judge's office earlier Monday morning at ten-thirty o'clock. The amended resignation stated that Constable Juarez wanted his resignation to take effect Monday at 12:00 midnight. Shahan spoke out very strongly in favor of accepting the amended resignation. Judge Seargeant explained to Shahan that the amended resignation could not be

acted on since it was not on the agenda. Shahan retorted by telling the commissioners that, in his opinion, they were wrong in not accepting the amended resignation.

Commissioner Slubar asked Constable Juarez why he had changed his mind and decided to amend his original resignation. Juarez's answer was that he did not have to have a reason. He asked Slubar if he should have a reason and she replied, "You don't have to give me the reason but I do think that you should have a reason for changing your mind"

All the Commissioners agreed to take action on the original resignation that was turned in by Juarez since it was on the agenda and the amended one was not. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resignation and it passed making it effective immediately.

The next order of business was the resignation of Bill Bizzell as County Commissioner. A motion was made and seconded to accept his resignation and the motion passed. Bizzell excused himself from the meeting and left the room.

ew Kinney County fficials Are Sworn In

Brackett News Reporter

COURTHOUSE -- Tim Ward, newly elected County Judge, was sworn into office this past Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock in the District courtroom by District Judge, George Thurmond, Plunker Sheedy and Alvin McClure were next to be sworn in as county commissioners of precinct two and precinct four respectively. Alvin Hall, re-elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, Dolores Raney, re-elected to the office of County Clerk, and Carlotta De La Rosa, re-elected to the office of County Treasurer, were sworn in for another four year term. Martha Smallwood, was the last of the new elected officials to be sworn in by Judge Thurmond, as she assumed

the duties of Tax Collector and Assessor.

A good crowd of supporters and friends turned out for the ceremony that was held on New Year's Day and were treated to cookies, coffee, and refreshments after the festivities were concluded.

Judge Ward assumed the office of Tommy Seargeant in the primary and then running un-opposed in the general election. Commissioner Sheedy defeated Rosemary Slubar in the primary and then again in the general election when she ran as a write-in candidate.

Commissioner McClure defeated Bill Bizzell in the primary and again in the general election as Bizzell, too, decided to run on a write-in ticket.

Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall defeated Roy Dyer, who ran on a republican ticket, in the general election and will be assuming his office for four more years.

Dolores Raney has served in the County Clerk's office for a total of 34 years with 17 of them as County Clerk. Carlotta De La Rosa has County Judge after defeating served in the county treasurer's office for ten years.

Betty Deason, who was reappointed County Auditor by Judge Thurmond was sworn into office earlier in the week.

Bill Bizzell, who had earlier been appointed to fill the unexpired Constable's office after Gregorio Juarez had resigned, was sworn in on Monday by county clerk, Dolores Raney.

Brackettville and **Fort Clark** Residents **Bring In** The New Year 1991

January 4, 1991

Sheriff's Corner Kinney County By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten

Action taken by the Kinney County Commissioners Court at a Special Meeting held on December 31, 1990 is currently under investigation by the combined forces of the County Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's office, with input from the Attorney General's office.

The action in question was taken by the commissioners court consisting of County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioners Bill Bizzell, Rosemary Slubar, Joe Garza, and Ruben Fuentes. In that action the court is alleged to have committed improper and possibly illegal procedures in accepting the resignation of Constable Gregario O. Juarez and the subsequent appointment to that office of Bill Bizzell, County Commissioner, Pct.

In order to more clearly understand the chain of events that led up to the alleged improper and possibly illegal actions of the court one must go back to January 1, 1989.

Mr. Juarez was elected to the office of Constable at the November 1988 General Election, taking office on January 1, 1989. State law requires that all constables who are not certified, licensed peace officers at the time they take office must become certified and licensed within two years from the time they take office. This procedure is as follows;

The officer must submit an application for licensing to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education (T.C.L.O.S.E.) in Austin. The applicant must next complete a minimum 400 hour Basic Peace Office Certification Course and then successfully pass a state licensing exam. The applicant may take the exam no more than three (3) times. If he/she fails the exam in the 3 tries he/she must then attend the 400 hour course again before being allowed to

re-test.

Mr. Juarez completed the 400 hour basic course in 1990, he then failed three (3) successive attempts at the state licensing exam and time ran out on him. He then elected to resign instead of facing removal proceedings in District Court as mandated by state law. However, Mr. Juarez made it clear to the court verbally and in writing that he intended his resignation to become effective at 12:00 midnight, December 31, 1990. The commissioners court refused to accept the wishes of Mr. Juarez and acted on a letter received from Mr. Juarez by Judge Seargeant on December 28, 1990 instead of the amended letter submitted by Mr. Juarez at 10:15 am on the morning of December 31st. The court also refused the subsequent verbal

request of Mr. Juarez in his explanation to the court of his intentions and desires given at the 3:00 pm meeting. The commissioners court brutally overrode the intentions and desires of constable Juarez and voted unanimously to accept his resignation, effective immediately.

Then in another action, alleged to be highly improper if not illegal, the commissioners court voted to accept the resignation of County Commissioner Bill Bizzell and immediately appointed him as constable to fill the vacancy created in the office by the resignation of Mr. Juarez.

It is important to note that the actions of the court were taken in spite of repeated objections and warnings to the court by County Attorney Tully Shahan who had thoroughly researched the issue prior to the meeting. He repeatedly advised the court that their actions were not in line with numerous Attorney General Opinions and case law results in similar situations. All to no avail as he was virtually ignored by the remaining members of the commissioners court and even accused of biased legal opinions on the issue. Seems that they just did not want to accept the opinion of the chief legal advisor of the county and refused to tabled the issue until further research could be done. Time was running out on them and they had their minds made up.

Several questions remain regarding the actions of the court on that day. Some that come forth in my mind are: (1) Why was the court so eager to accept the resignation of constable Juarez, even over his objections and explanations as to his true intentions and desires as to the effective time? (2) Why was the court so eager to fill that vacancy with one of their own when the appointee was NOT certified, was NOT licensed, and had NO experience as a Texas peace officer.? (3) Why would the court NOT allow the issue to be settled by the new majority of the commissioners court scheduled to take office the next day? Expecially in light of the stated intentions of the new court to advertise the position and make a selection based on experience and qualifications for the job mandated by T.C.L.O.S.E. and state law? (4) Why did the appointee, Bill Bizzell, already have a bond for the office in his possession at least two days prior to the meeting? Had the decision to appoint him already been made by the court? If so it was done illegally in violation of the Open Meetings Act! (5(Was their action



by Dorthy Payne

WAIT ... IN EXCHANGE

In January, 1716 a Spanish expedition of nine friars, twenty-six soldiers, six women, and one thousand head of cattle left Saltillo, Mexico, for San Juan Bautista and on north. They founded four missions near the Neches Angelina Rivers, Texas, and reoccupied Eastern Texas from Spain.

In 1718 under Martin de Alarcon the Spanish established a mission and

fort on the bend of the San Antonio River in South Central Texas; this settlement became the important town of San Antonio. January 16, 1756 -- The French

and Indian War spread to Europe, where it was known as the Seven Years War finally Prussia and England signed a new treaty.

In 1760 the population of the thirteen colonies was estimated at 1,600,000. There were also 10,000 Christianized Indians in the area.

In 1763 Jeremiah Dixon and Charles Mason began to survey the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland, which became known as the Mason-Dixon line.

In 1775 James Adair, a trader, published his, "History of the American Indians," in which he contended that the American Indians are descendents of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

In 1781 the settlers began building proper log cabins having dances

known as bran dances in which corn siftings were danced into the wooden floors to seal the raw wood. Later these dances were called barn dances

In 1782 in Paris, American and British representatives signed a preliminary peace treaty, granting American independence.

January 9, 1789 the governor of the Northwest Territory reaffirmed the Treaty of Fort Mackintosh, with

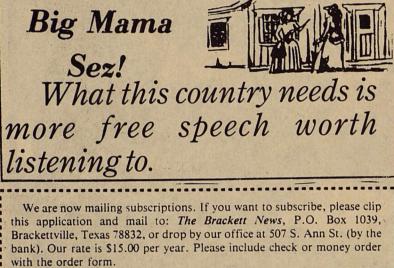
the Ohio Indians, in the Treaty of Fort Hamar. This treaty established the principle of payment to the Indians for land received.

In 1789 George Washington was elected President in the first election held by the new nation.





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improper then? (6) Was their action then illegal? (7) Was their action morally right? (8) And, perhaps most importantly, was their action that of public servants acting in good faith to the best of their ability to exercise the powers of their office in the best interest of the PEOPLE they were sworn to serve?

Only time and the completion of the current investigation into their actions will tell. In the opinion of this writer their actions were disgraceful, shameful, and an embarrassment to Kinney County. THAT'S ALL!

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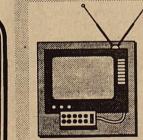
Brackett News Writer

BRACKETTVILLE-After two weeks running the mystery picture in the Brackett News was properly identified as the parking rail behind the jailhouse. Sheriff Norman Hooten correctly identified the picture and claimed the Brackett News cap in doing so. Hooten was a little red faced when he dropped by the News office and admitted that it took him two weeks to identify the rail while it was in his backyard all the time.



How A.C. Nielsen surveys the television audience

A.C. Nielsen Co., the firm that measures the television audience and sets television ratings, has been accused of inadequate surveying by minority groups and the major networks. Nielsen counts the overall television audience by two methods:



The national sample is gathered through 4,000 families with in-home "peoplemeters." Viewers punch buttons on a remote control box to indicate their viewing habits and demographic details such as age and gender.

Local samples are taken with diaries, which viewers fill out by hand. The weekly diaries are supposed to supply the same information as the "peoplemeters."



A single national rating point represents 921,000 television households; a local rating point represents 31,000 households. Out-of-town audiences such as bars and motels are not registered.

The loss of a single rating point takes \$8,000 off the price of a prime-time, 30-second commercial. The revenue difference is \$112,000 per hour or \$5.8 million annually.

SOURCES: Chicago Tribune, news reports



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Backward Glance

By LES ROPER Brackett News Editor

To many, the past year glided by, slowly and leisurely, as if on the 'Wings of a snow white dove'' This is the group of people who enjoy everyday life and accumulated many fond memories that will remain with them as long as they live.

There is another group who approach life differently. They are the ones who refuse to slow down long enough to "smell the roses" as they travel through life at speeds exceeding "Mach 1". They are the ones who feel like the year 1990 might have been a little bit cruel when it set a new speed record as it passed by.

Regardless, the year is gone and there is nothing we can do about it. We can look back over it and review the events that made the headlines.

January -- Fidel Hernandez was nominated by Congressman Albert G. Bustamante for admission to either the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, or West Point ... C.A.R.E. members announced they will be attending the second hearing on the N.O.R.M. facility at the Texas Senate Committee meeting . . Brackett Tigers lost their game in district play to Lackland . . . Bizzell's "Sandbaggers" got their tails kicked by a bunch of rag tagged golfers from Uvalde . . . Noe Armandariz showed the Grand Champion Steer during the Kinney County Stock Show . . . Stock Show sets new sale record . . . Golf Course Management Committee elected . . . new golf course manager, Ronnie Gibbs, hired.

February -- The Brackett News celebrated it's first birthday . . . Zaffirini visits Brackettville . . . candidates announce for city and county offices . . . golfer, Chi Chi Coward scores ace . . . Jenifer Shahan takes top honors at San Antonio Stock Show with heavyweight fine wool lamb . . . Dan Laws hired as manager of Rio Grande Electric Coop . . . broadway play "Harvey" a smashing success . . . Larry Moore, Ralph Gonzales, and Bobby Guidry announce their candidacy for mayor. Tigerettes, bi-district champs Lt. Ronald A. Sandoval, U.S. Navy, presented the Navy was Achievement Medal for service as an instructor pilot Susie Montgomery and Wes Robinson join Brackett News staff. March -- Gerardo Pacheco, 17 year

old, lost his life in a car accident . . . Mayor LaGioia takes oath for reelection to the office of Mayor . . Sheriff Hooten receives Certificate of Compliance after jail inspection. Tigerettes Yvonne Luna, Stephanie Ahrens, Dorothy Ward, Vivian Luna, and Wendy McDaniel receive 31-AA all-district honors . . . Lloyd Davis, Jr. and his son, Lloyd Lee Davis III walk away from plane crash . . . Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne capture boys doubles championship in Uvalde . . . Commissioners Bizzell and Slubar defeated in primary . . . Tim Ward wins county primary in county judge race . . . Attorney General sues Spofford for "un-fit" water . . . Lou Schlatterer scores ace ... Tigers beat Dilly 22-2...E.K. Snyder involved in wreck on highway 90 . . . Ladies Spring Fling total success. April -- Rozetta Pingenot and John Oliver elected to Fort Clark Board of Directors . . . Sheedy preparing for runoff with Manuel Fuentes . . .Sheedy defeats Fuentes in runoff . . . swimming pool construction begins on city pool . . . large hail and heavy rains pound Brackettville . . . Brackett High School band to perform . . . commissioners debate action against waste site...Karen Annette Lehnert and Warren William Voss exchanged marriage vows . . . Clay Hunt and Tevin Seene attend regional meet. May -- Genie Gidge joins Brackett News Staff . . . Spofford residents suffer from high chlorine content in

water . . . heavy rains damaged roads . troopers reunion held at Fort Clark Springs . . . golf course manager, Ronnie Gibbs, and his wife, Theresa, were visited by the stork it's a girl . . . Meet the city candidates highlighted the news...Larry Moore wins mayor's race by 6 votes ... First Baptist Church hires youth minister Bob Nelson appointed general manager of Fort Clark Springs , . . Yvonne Luna honored as top female athlete . . . Jim McDaniel elected to school board . . . Jimmy Bader reelected to school board . . . Little League baseball underway . . . Fern Dyer, Chick Cruse, Helen Miller, and Jan Chism traveled to Devine and brought home the "bacon" ... Tonya Jill Senne and Bob Owen were married in an outdoor ceremony at Indian Lodge in Fort Davis . bumper peach crop announced in Fredericksburg . . . Father David visits Pope John Paul II . . . Shelley McDaniel, Theresa Terrazas, and Kasey hall vie for Miss Kinney

June -- Shelley McDaniel crowned Miss Kinney County . . . Rosemary Rubiono wins silver medal at state meet in Austin . . . Susie Montogomery bids farewell to Brackett News . . . new manager, Robert Perez, Jr. to Super S Foods . . . The Glory Road rehearsals under way . . . Brackett FFA Rodeo a huge success . . . Armando Talamantez and Wendy McDaniel chosen "Male and Female Athlete of the Year"... fatal accident claims life of Jeffery Mark Godwin . . . Tanya Frerich and Wenday McDaniel attend basketball camp... Little League and slow pitch Softball season underway . . . The Glory Road opens to a full house . . Richard Esser, 14 year old son of Carl Esser, kills mountian lion...Little League All-Stars selected. Gracie Mata joins the Brackett News staff.

County

July -- Les Roper accepts the position of Editor on the Brackett News Staff ... Seargeant First Class Gilbert Hernandez, Jr. receives the Meritorious Service Award Medal, the highest award given during peace time . . . Richard Bieszcak injured in two car smash-up on Spring street ... The Brackett News receives top award from the Texas Press Associaton . . . Karen Collins and James Greer join staff as regular news contributors from Campwood . . warning system approved for

Spofford and Fort Clark Springs . . Tina Baugess, Norma Gould, and Rozetta Pingenot return from seven day raft trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon . . . Royce Massingill hired as new city judge it rained and rained . . . Helen Peck reports on golfing from Wisconsin ... Kasey Hall top cowgirl on the high school rodeo circuit . . . Rains continue . . . Karl Chism appointed security Chief of Fort Clark Springs . New head football coach, Steve Kolb, making preparations for upcoming season . . . Lilv Schwandner joined The Brackett News staff.



Senator Zaffirini visits in Kinney County

September -- Cowboy horse races at Alamo Village draws big crowd ... Antique cars popular with visitors ... Ronnie Gibbs relieved of duty at the Golf Course . . . Tigers scrimmage Medina . . . county attorney calls halt to work on river crossings . . . Tigers

defeated by Sabinal Yellowjackets . . Scott Sims and Michael Flores players of the week . . . Seminoles enjoy annual celebration . . . Katy Nicole Flores and Evarista Villarreal are Queen and King of the Brackett Head Start . . . Steve Clementz and Buddy Brandt players of the week Tiger band wins award . . . Nancy Mendoza, FFA Sweetheart ... hikers from Germany for Volksmarch . . Rosemary Rubino wins superior rating in baton twirling . . . Tigers defeat Nueces Canyon . . . Adrian Pena player of the week . . . Leticia Valenzuela and Joe Don Ferguson exchange wedding vows.

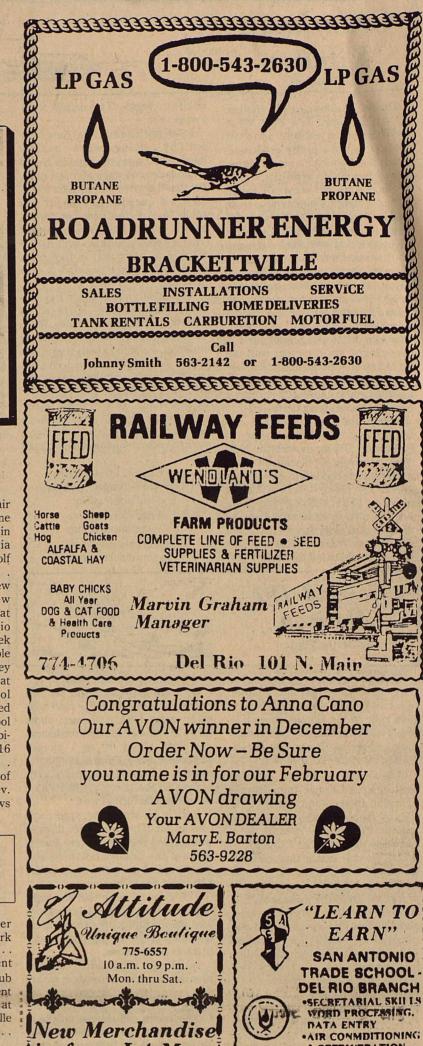
October -- Post Office parking lot receives concrete topping ... Tigers defeat Rocksprings Billies ... Minnae Olmstead and Lenny Mahefky exchange wedding vows . . historical society meets in court house . . . Texcor opponents meet in Spofford . . . Elderhostel participants visit Fort Clark and Alamo Village . . Lesly Floyd returns interception 104 yards for new high school record . . Eloy Garcia fatally injured in vehicle accident ... commissioners purchase new Cat track loader . Masonic Lodge building dedicated . past Grand Master, Graham H. Childress, visits Brackettville . Tigers win district opener against Lytle . . . Cubs pounce D'Hanis . . . Kelly Henrich and Anthony Rubino players of the week . . Zaffirini consoles Spofford residents during visit to Kinney County . . . Tigers trounce Asherton Trojans . . . Lynn Floyd and Frank Rodriquez players of the week.

Iron Man triathlon . . . health fair draws good crowds... Dorthy Payne rides circus camel while circus is in town . . . Tigers maul Natalia Mustangs . . . Jack Legg, new golf pro for Fort Clark Springs . election over for the year with new judge, two new county commissioners . . . Tigers defeat LaPryor Bulldogs . . . Rogelio Herrera chosen as player of the week .. commissioners receive favorable audit . . . Tigers whipped by Dilley Wolves . . . new manager hired at Fort Clark . . . Lingo Sandavol appointed to serve the unexpired term of Eloy Garcia on the school board . . . Poth defeats Tigers in bidistrict play . . . Tigers place 16 players on all-district team . . . Tigerettes defeat Lady Panthers of Nueces Canyon in overtime . . . Rev. Preston Taylor joins Brackett News as contributing writer.

Bring in the new take out the old

December -- First low water crossing completed . . . Fort Clark preparing for upcoming election . . . Clay Hunt makes all tournament team in Barksdale . . . Lions Club members enjoy history making event as they swear in 5 new members at the same time ... city of Brackettville plagued with financial problems . Tigerettes win district opener. By no means were all of the events

of the past year mentioned above but maybe the ones that were might just possible stir your memory and remind you of the importance of living every day of your life. Maybe just maybe . . . you might find your name in next year's rundown. Make it a point to "reach out and touch a friend" by offering him or her a kind word and a friendly smile!!!



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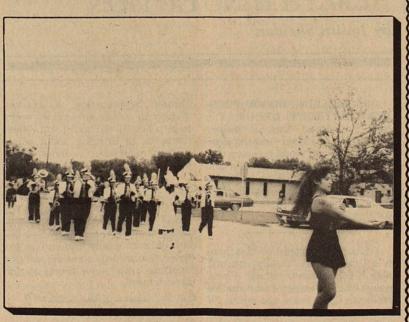
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August -- David Zumaya tours Russia . . . landfill problem becoming critical . . . Shelley McDaniel eligible to compete in the Free Enterprise speech contest and \$4000 scholarship . . . Sterling Evans . Dottsy celebrates 91st birthday . Dwyer returns to Alamo Village . .

Petra Terrazas celebrates 93rd birthday . . . Kasey Hall wins all around championship and trophy saddle ... Gus Garcia to Who's Who. . horse racing in Bandera becomes popular with Brackettville residents. U.S. Border Patrol moves into new office ... David Esparza hired for the job of city manager . . . Yvonne Luna recipient of Scholarship Fund . High School football kicks off with scrimmage against Leakey Eagles ... LaShawn Wardlaw's Variety Show

plays to sell out crowd . . . Super S Foods presents Brackett Schools with new Apple Computers.

November -- Seth Kaplan enters



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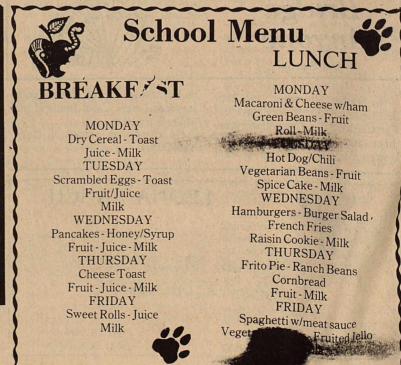
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The Play "The Glory Road" is performed at Fort Clark Springs



Kinney County sees much needed rainfall with minimal damage



January 4, 1991

The Brachell Hens.

Grandma's Kitchen By Grandma

Here we go again, friends, another clean unblemished New Year. What we do with it is entirely up to us. Some of us had a pretty good year, others feel they had a pretty rotten year and are glad to be rid of it.

At any rate, lets learn to live each day as it comes, one day at a time, fully and optimistically. This coming year has got to be better, but only if we make it that way. We're going to get it all together, learn to organize and plan ahead, and have time to enjoy our families, help our neighbors and continue to work toward living a Christian life. Happy New Year to each one of you! Well, now let's get to the resolutions. A psychologist has come out with the idead that one should not make New Year's resolutions for the New Year, for when you fail to live up to them it causes a bad self-image.

I feel like he's blowing the importance of this all out of proportion. These go with the New Year as surely as blackeyed peas, collard greens and hog jowls!

Nobody makes them with the intention of actually keeping them, but it's nice to have something to work toward. The biggest problem I face every year is learning (or remembering) to put the correct year

Beyond The

Horizon

By Dorthy Payne

on all my checks. That usually takes a week or so.

I was going to start the New Year out by giving more healthy information, and pray that you'll read it and take advantage of it as I have, but that'll have to wait till next week. Here's a question for you. If you could have perfect peace or perfect health, which would you choose? That's a tough question isn't it? We all want a body that is free from illness. But peace of mind is also priceless.

Thankfully, you don't have to make that decision. If forced to choose, I'd like peace of mind, When you are at peace you can live with any situation, including a body that needs repair. Imagine how wonderful life would be if you were always at peace. My, my, I'd better get back to kitchen things, or I'm going to run out of space. Here's a recipe that's quick and easy to do and you don't even have to cut up the chicken, I call it:

PERFECT CHICKEN 1 TBS flour - 1 cup uncooked rice 1 TBS margarine 1 cup sliced carrots 1/3 cup sliced celery 1/2 cup chopped onion 11/3 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup water 3 to 31/2 lb. chicken 1 TBS salad oil 1 tea parsley flakes 1/4 tea basil 1/8 tea garlic powder Salt, pepper and paprika to your

liking Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Shake flour in regular size (10" x 16") oven cooking bag. Place bag in 9" x 13" x 12" baking pan, add rice, margarine, vegetables, broth and water. Squeeze bag gently to blend ingredients. Tie chicken legs with a string. Brush chicken with oil, sprinkle with seasonings. Place chicken in bag on top of rice and vegetable mixture. Close bag with the nylon tie provided. Cut 6 small slits in top of bag. Bake 1-11/2 hours or until thigh joint moves easily when bag and leg are grasped with a pot holder. Serves 3 to 4. Another way to use "specialty" meats is this next recipe. If you'll watch for specials and use coupons you can buy Polish sausage pretty reasonable. The kind made from beef is not so fatty. This one makes a meal and will feed 4 or 5 hungry people. SKILLET SAUSAGE & KRAUT 1 lb smoked sausage cut

2-16 oz. cans sauerkraut 1 cup apple juice 1 med onion cut into wedges 2 med unpeeled, cored apples, cut into wedges 4 or 6 med potatoes cut in half

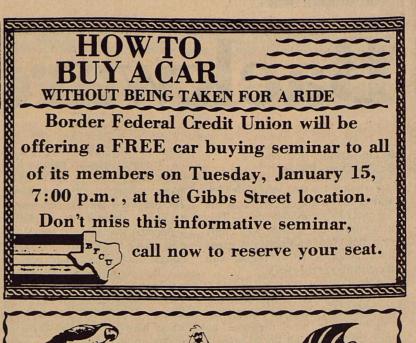
Lightly brown sausage in margarine. Use Dutch oven or large skillet. Arrange sauerkraut, apples, onions, and potatoes around sausage. Top with apple juice; salt and pepper to taste. Cover and simmer over low heat, stirring once, for 30 to 40 minutes, or until potatoes test done with fork.

Here's a couple of good hints: Hang a large towel rack in the corner of the kitchen or a closet to hold brooms, dust mops, brushes and other cleaning tools. When you have leftover cooked rice, mix a can of condensed tomato soup with half a can of skimmed milk, a dash of pepper, and the rice. Heat and serve at lunch time with a sandwich.

My Thought for the week: the rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher. Have a Happy New Year, belated,

> Big Hugs and Special Love Grandma

Ha!



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The Fires of Easter at Fredricksburg have been an old custom observed for over a century. The first fires built on the hilltops above this lovely town were built by the Comanches and not as Easter Eve watchfires by the citizens of the town.

Adelservein--Society of the Protection of German Immigrants-provided finance and grants from Texas maps. Unknowingly, the grants were in the deadly hills between the Llano and Colorado, where the only inhabitants were the Comanche.

The company of German settlers were led by John Meusebach a former German Baron. After a sixteen days journey he settled one hundred and twenty men, women, and children in the Pedernales Valley and named his settlement for Frederick the Great.

He set out to find the Comanche and in peace would offer them a deal. His colonists would buy the land from the Comanche, would not interfere with their hunting and the Indians and settlers would protect each soon as they were committed. So John Meusebach and his men rode west into Comanche land with empty guns. He and his men, about thirty in number left the settlement and with about 50 to 1 chance expected to be gone a couple of months, because if a treaty could be successful the party would explore

the wilderness further west. Back in the settlement, spring was coming on. The days were days of waiting and the nights were fearful because the Comanches were also watching and built their fires on the hills about Fredericksburg.

The children were told the night fires were built by the Easter bunnies who were making dye from flowers to color the Easter Eggs for Easter that was coming soon.

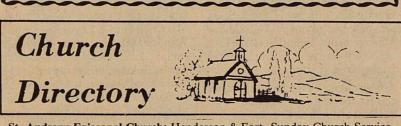
In nearly three months John Meusbach and his men rode in saying the Comanches had agreed to try the treaty

This treaty still stands, unique in Texas history and from that time the citizens climb the hills around their town and light the Easter fires so the Easter bunnies can color their Easter

Welcome to the New Year!!! Your library staff and volunteers hope that 1991 sees all your hopes fulfilled. Also, now is the time to think of resolutions you wish to make for the coming year. Make just one or two and you're more apt to see them through to fruition.

January is Black History Month as well as the celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King. Further, and most appropriately, the year 1991 marks the Bicentennial of the Ratification of the Bill of Rights. On January 27th, the Bill of Rights will be featured in pre-game activities of Super Bowl XXV. Surprise your husbands, ladies, watch the pregame activities with him. Currently, we have displayed on the center table, books of interest to Black History and cordially invite you to browse. We inadvertently omitted one memorial made for the month of December. Ms. Grace Rose donated a copy of the Eighth Edition of The Handy Book For Genealogists in memory of Mr. Paul Hill. We received a copy of the book, Deadly Deceit, Low Level Radiation, High

your reading pleasure. We have most which are currently on the best seller list and many have no waiting list. Further, we continue to receive large print books for all our patrons but especially to insure that those with visual impairment are not penalized in their reading materials. We have now sent two boxes of paperbacks to our service personnel in Saudi Arabia. We continue to encourage those of you who have paperbacks which are appropriate to bring them to the library. Only those books designated for this purpose will be sent. As no monies are designated for shipping costs for these books, we will have to rely on donations for this purpose also. Your Librarian wishes to bring your attention to several nonficiton choices which are excellent; Abilene, The Key City (Abilene, Texas), The Encyclopedia of Boxing, Selenium as Food & Medicine, North American Indian Wars, The Medicare Survival Guide, Deadly Deceipt, By Way of Deception, The Saudis Inside the Desert Kingdom.



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar; Rev. Bill Koons - 563-2071.

St. John Baptist Church: West Crockett St., Sudnay School 10:00 A.M., Sunday morning worship 11:00 A.M., Wed. prayer & Bible study 7:00 P.M. Rev. Walter A. Johnson, Pastor 563-9551

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church(: Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Worship service (Sun) 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Worship Service (Wed) 7:00 P.M. Rev. Preston A. Taylor 563-2245. Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (Sun) 6:30 P.M., Bible Study (Wed) 7:00 P.M.

Community Church: Corner of El Paso and Gove Streets. Sunday, Praise and Worship Service 10:45 A.M., Wednesday, Prayer Service 7:00 P.M., Charles Belknap, Pastor.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M., Wed. and Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sun. (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. reg. 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. and Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

Notes

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other. Their homes would be open to each other and crimes by each other would be reported and punished as

eggs for the children of Fredericksburg.



Someone has said that "time is the stuff from which life is made.'

Everyone has the same amount of time. The wealthy man, the baby, the young person in school, the beggar, the person who works -- we all have the same number of minutes in an hour and the same number of days in the week. No difference whatsoever.

What we do in life is determined in large measure with how we use our time.

We may throw time away in secondary or worthless causes; or again, we may use time for good purposes.

We may plan our days and our years, or we can let them fall in upon us in a haphazard way without even a thought given to the way we spend our precious life.

We can lose time forever, or we may take advantage of the free, idle moments in life and make something worthwhile of those fast-flowing

Bridge

Anyone

By Dot Burrow

On Sunday afternoon, December

weeks.

Each morning as I take about a 45 minute walk, I take with me a few notes to review or a few facts to memorize. In this way I "sneak in" good exercise and never even face the problem of a boring, dreaded walk.

The story is in print of a man who was told by the doctors that he would die within a month's time. The man offered the doctor all he owned if he could only have "One more year to live." The doctor couldn't pull off that kind of miracle for the desperate man.

The new year has dawned; it has burst in upon us with all the rapidity of other years which have come and gone. Even though we are two or three days into the 1991, get your life organized and ask for God's wisdom to help you have the best life possible for time and for eternity.

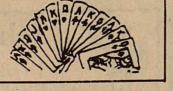
minutes that soon run into days and

CONTROLLING BLOOD PRES-SURE WITHOUT DRUGS: The New York-based National Kidney Foundation has been studying management of high blood pressure that incorporates patient education and behavior modification as part of a health professional's overall care. Some of the topics they've explored

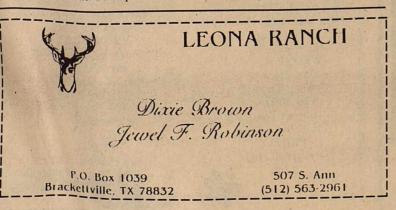
for this study are:

1. SALT: The suggestion that there is a link between dietary salt and high blood pressure is not a new one. A Chinese emperor who studied medicine 5,000 years ago wrote, "If too much salt is in the food, the pulse hardens, the complexion changes, and tears make their appearance." Although not everyone needs to restrict dietary salt, Dr. Julian Katz, clinical professor of medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, says those who should do so in order to prevent or lower high blood pressure are, people whose relatives (especially parents) are hypertensive; those with kidney problems; those 50 and over (blood pressure goes up as you reach middle age); and black males with blood pressure problems.

30, duplicate bridge was played at Molly Schroeder. Fort Clark's Sabre room. There were three and one-half tables using Years' Day. Howell movement. First place went



to Tina Bauguess and Helen Lynch. In second were Carol Benfield and No game was played on New



2. CALCIUM and POTASSIUM: The evidence, so far, indicates some potential for reducing hypertension with calcium supplementations. So far, though, the reductions have been moderate.

Low dietary potassium may be linked to increased incidence of stroke and higher blood pressure. Modest increases in dietary potassium may have a beneficial effect on both conditions.

3. STRESS: Although blood pressure may be temporarily influenced by stressful situations, there's no

evidence that stress produces

reference area, or on display here in your library. As always, we invite you to come visit the warmest, friendliest, brightest little library in

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HEALTH & NUTRITION

by Judith Sheldon

Level Cover-Up given in memory of

Wilhemina Taft by C.A.R.E. Also,

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gould have

donated books to the library. We

continue to receive new books for

chronic hypertension. Relaxation therapy to reduce stress does seem to be a helpful aid, along with other therapies, in bringing about some modest reductions in blood pressure.

4. ALCOHOL and CIGARETTES: Alcohol is linked to increases in blood pressure. Also, strong evidence shows smoking increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes for those who are hypertensive, and can interfere with some therapies for hypertension.

5. WEIGHT CONTROL: Weight reduction is considered the single most effective nonpharmacologic means of controlling high blood pressure among those who are overweight and hypertensive. Even modest weight loss can lead to improved control of hypertension.

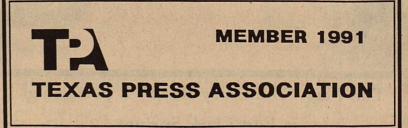
6. EXERCISE: The evidence indicates regular exercise decreases the risk of becoming hypertensive. Exercise may also lower blood pressure in those who have hypertension. Exercise should be part of an overall approach to treatment.

KNEE "TALK": Dr. I. Jon Russell of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio invented ArthroTex, a computerized recording device which detects sounds in joints. For example, a knee in someone with rheumatoid arthritis sounds like Velcro pulling apart; osteoarthritis associated with aging produces a corn-popping sound; a normal knee makes very little noise. This device could help avoid diagnostic surgery and monitor a patient's progress during therapy.

Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M.







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Nueces Canyon News

Fire Department Called Out

By JAMES GREER Brackett News Staff Writer

The Nueces Canyon Volunteer Fire Department was called out at 5:55 p.m. on Christmas day to a grass fire that was started from fire works. The fire was located near the Hope Anderson place near the Old Swimming hole.

The fire department was lucky during the holidays as there were not many fires from fire works, as they usually have.

Icy Blast Brought **Frosty Mornings**

The Nueces Canyon had a frosty Christmas Eve in the wake of a massive arctic front that covered the canyon on Friday before Christmas.

This was the arrival of the first day of winter in our area. It came in with vengeance as a frigid mass of arctic air blew in just in time to keep the canyon from setting a record for the hottest December 21st recorded in history. It was 82 degrees when the temperature dropped more than 50 degrees in a matter of hours that shocked the Nueces Canyon residents.

By 8:00 p.m. it was 32 degrees with the over night low of 21 degrees, the bone chilling temperatures and strong winds on the edge of the front kept many people in their homes and businesses, but appeared to cause no major problems. The old thermometer slid down to 10 degrees one morning and there were reports all the way from 14 degrees all the way up to the 20s. No matter what it

was it was cold enough. Warmer temperatures showed up on Christmas day to replace the subfreezing temperatures that put the Nueces Canyon in a three day deep freeze. The high on Christmas day was up around 50 degrees with a cool

breeze blowing. At the time I was writing this column late Christmas day the TV was reporting that we might be in for some more cold weather as they were reporting another arctic front could be heading our way by the week end.

Santa at the Station

A nice group of youngsters visited Santa at the Firehouse Saturday, December 15th. Approximately 89 children spoke with Santa and put in their order for Christmas while receiving a bag of goodies. Coffee was served to each as they departed. The event was hosted by the Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary, EMS and Chamber of Commerce.

Party Time--After the school Christmas Concert by the Panther Band Sunday afternoon, the Fire Department hosted a Christmas party for their own families. A light supper was served and each child received a gift. The ladies in the auxiliary were surprised with a gift of yellow and black striped gloves from Charles Paul Stephens. They'll really come in handy as we assist the firemen on these cold days and nights! Everyone enjoyed the good fellowship that abounded.

"Jaws Life" of Demonstration/school. Firemen were given a demonstration on breathing apparatus, nozzles, and SCUBAs December 10th by Charles Romans of Uvalde and Brian Tye of Goodley, Texas. The firemen

then were shown the "Jaws of Life" and were able to participate in cutting up a car donated by Joe Tolleson at the R & R Auto Repair Shop.

Stock Show Reminder

I have recently run in my column about the up-coming Nueces Canyon Junior Live Stock Show which will be held at Bruce park to the north of Camp Wood towards Barksdale on Highway 55.

Here is the schedule once again for the 1991 Nueces Canyon Junior Live Stock Show.

On Sunday, December 30, 1990--Work day from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m

Thursday, January 3, 1991--8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Animals must be in the show barn for weigh in, shearing and sifting which will be done at this time.

Thursday, January 3, 1991--5:30 p.m. Judging of Breeding Stock, Registered Angora Goats, Spanish (Meat), and Breeding Sheep.

Friday, January 4, 1991--Judging of Market Lambs, Hogs, Horses, Chickens and Rabbits. Friday, January 4, 1991--12:00

Noon B.B.Q. Lunch will be served. Friday, January 4, 1991--1:30 p.m.

Auction Christmas Eve at

the Daltons

Enjoying Christmas eve dinner in the home of Ronnie and Linda Dalton in Camp Wood Hills were the Dalton's two sons Jimmy N. Dalton of Camp Wood and David Dalton of Houston, Linda's mother, Bryce and James Greer of Camp Wood and Ronnie's mother, Dimple Speck who

is a resident of the Convalescent center here in Camp Wood. Christmas gifts were exchanged in

the afternoon. Tucker Christmas 1(512)597-5106

Dinner

Enjoying Christmas Dinner with Mayor and Mrs. Richard (Dick) Tucker on Christmas day were her daughter, Donna L. Dafoe and two children Christian and John of San Angelo, and another daughter and family, Dixie L. and Paul Frizzell and Kim of Laredo, and Mrs. Tucker's brother and sister-in-law, James and Bryce Greer of Camp Wood.

> Around the Canyon

Elsworth Greer of Rankin spent several days here in Camp Wood before Christmas. While here he visited in the homes of his sisters, Geraldine Tucker, Eileen Coleman, and Kay Smith. He also visited with his brother James Greer.

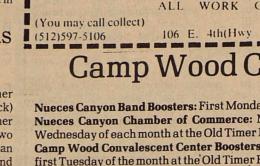
Marion and Kay Smith were in San Antonio over the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of Mrs. Smith's daughter and family, Joe and Jan Sturdivant and two daughters.

& Wedding B

Billye Jean Newman and Paul Milliorn will exchange marriage vows on January 5 at the First Baptist Church in Camp Wood.

The wedding ceremony will be followed by a reception at the Old Timer Restaurant in Camp Wood.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Shirley and Gordon Clark of Camp Wood. Her fiance is the son of Bea and Pat Milliorn, also of Camp Wood.



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Camp Wood Calendar

Nueces Canyon Band Boosters: First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce: Meets at noon every second Wednesday of each month at the Old Timer Restaurant in Camp Wood. Camp Wood Convalescent Center Boosters Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Old Timer Restaurant in Camp Wood. Camp Wood City Council: Meets second Monday of each month at City Hall

EMS Bingo: Held at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night at the American Legion Hall in Camp Wood.

Nueces Canyon School Board: Meets third Tuesday each month at the High School Library in Barksdale.

Nueces Canyon Civic League: Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Elementary School Cafeteria. Real & Edwards County Water Conservation & Reclamation District: Meets second Thursday each month, County House in Camp Wood.

Senior Citizens: Meet at noon the third Friday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center.

Women of the Canyon: Meets the first Thursday of each month.



CVAE Students

By KAREN COLLINS

Restore Cross

Brackett News Staff Writer

Nueces Canyon High School CVAE Teacher Wayne Grove and sixteen of his students spent most of December 19th restoring and resetting a cross on a mountain just south of Lake Nueces. This project was done at the special request of church and community leaders after several other attempts by various groups had failed. According to the project leader Wayne Grove the students carried 31 bags of cement, 40 gallons of water, cement forms, and all tools necessary to do the work to the top of the mountain, which was a considerable distance. The forms were built, the cross was set back up, and the cement mixed and poured at great difficulty. At completion all the students signed their names in the cement and were then treated to a dinner at the Old Timer. Grove said. "The students did an exceptionally outstanding job, and I'm mighty proud of them.' The cross had been set up some years ago as a project of the Catholic Church on property owned by E.L. Sutherland, but had fallen down and was not visible from the highway below. The CVAE group accepted the challenge of setting it up again so people who drive on Highway 55 just south of Lake Nueces can easily see it. Several students who worked on the project suffered cuts and bruises while climbing up and down the mountain, but all reported it was fun and a very worthwhile class activity. Students participating in this community construction project included Jane Nelson, Jerry Arredondo, Marvin Nelson, Don L. Evans, Juan Gonzalez, Tammy

Tidwell, Angie Whittley, Isaac Falcon, Barry Cowen, Jesse Gomez, Doug Adair, Samantha Shipman, Robert Lee, Daniel Colwell, Brenda Reed, and Jeremy Boatright.

Adults who assisted were Wayne Grove, Richard Germaine, Gandy Hidalgo, Mario Fernandez, and Baldimar De Leon.

Lois Watt New Teacher

Nueces Canyon School Board

members voted unanimously at their

pleased with it. He also invited all board members to lunch at the elementary cafeteria on December 19th and at the high school on December 20th.

Nueces Canyon

School News

Present at the meeting were board members Steve Jechow, Carl Walzel, Don Jackman, Billy Boatright, and L.A. Field, Sr., superintendent James C. Deathrage, and visitors Ken Perkins and Chuck Cypert.

Carie Fontenot Senior Spotlight Featured in the senior spotlight

this week is Carie Fontenot, seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Fontenot of Barksdale.

Carie transferred to NCHS from Austin L.B.J. High School at the beginning of her junior year.

She has been in UIL one-act plays since her freshman year, and last

regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18th, to employ Lois Watt as a kindergarten teacher for the remainder of this school year. This was done after Karen Vernor turned in her resignation, effective immediately, and it was accepted by the board.

In other action, board members voted to adopt the records management policy as recommended by TEA, amended the budget, and added to the substitute list the following names: Darren Lloyd, Samantha Baker, Jamie Collins, and Chad Lloyd.

Regarding building problems, Board members unanimously agreed to ask school attorney Holcolm to advise the contractor that no further delays would be acceptable and that he was going to arbitration or to court if problems were not immediately resolved.

Board members also listened to Chuck Cypert; P.H.I. Service Agency, Inc. of San Antonio, explain the advantages of a simpler system of air conditioner controls. Such a system would decrease the cost of maintenance and operation of our system as well as increase its reliability. It was agreed that this would be on the agenda for action at the next board meeting.

Mr. Deatherage reported that the dishwasher had been purchased for the High School Cafeteria and was already in operation, and that the van had been received and everyone was

Livestock Show

NC Junior

The Nueces Canyon Jr. Livestock Show will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and everyone is invited to be there.

All animals will be checked in on Thursday morning, and the show will begin at 5:30 Thursday evening with the judging of Breeding Stock, registered Angora Goats, Spanish Goats, and Commercial Angoras.

The show will continue on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. with the judging of market lambs, hogs, horses, chickens, and rabbits. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon, followed by the auction of the animals.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the students who raise animals

Basketball News

The NC Basketball Teams have played no games during the holidays even though they have met regularly for practices. They will begin in earnest again as soon as school resumes in the new year.

The NC Jr. High teams will host Leakey on Monday, January 7th, at 6:00 p.m. These teams will play in the NC Jr. High Tournament on January 12th.

The NCHS teams will host Comstock on January 8th, in the first district game of the season for both teams. Action is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The varsity teams will play in Rocksprings on January 11th.

year in "Threads" was named to allstar cast at the zone contest, best actress at district, and received honorable mention at both area and regional. She hopes to be involved in this year's play very soon.

She is a member of the PALS program at NCHS and of the Band Flag Corps, and plans to participate in UIL prose interpretation later this year. She was also a duchess in the homecoming court last fall.

Carie enjoys swimming, hiking, and riding horses in her leisure time. Her favorite color is red, and her favorite food is pizza. She is currently enrolled in Band, U.S. History, government, English, home economics, and building trades.

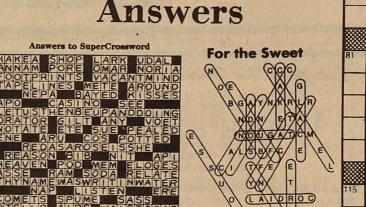
After graduating from NCHS in May, she plans to attend SWTJC in Uvalde for two years and then transfer to the University of Texas in Austin.

School Begins January 7th

Classes will resume at the normal times on Monday, January 7th, in the Nueces Canyon School District.

Activities will begin quickly with basketball games on the 7th (Jr. High vs. Leakey at Barksdale), 8th (NCHS vs. Comstock at Barksdale), and the Jr. High Tournament on the 12th.

The first semester will end on January 18th.



Antiques and Collecting by Ralph & Terry Kovel

Q. I have a set of four tables with spindly legs. Each table is a little smaller than the next. All four can be pushed together with one under the other. It is a useful piece of furniture, because I can pull out an extra small table when I need it. My set is at least 50 years old. It looks like the larger Sheraton-style tables. Who originated this idea of a group of tables?

A. The tables were first introduced in England by Thomas Sheraton in his 1803 design book "The Cabinet Dictionary." He called them "quartette tables," meaning a group of four. He thought that they would be useful for needlework. By 1808, another designer pictured tables to use for serving food; the small tables were moved to hold teacups or cakes. We call these sets nests of tables. The style has remained

Q. My figurine of a boy has the title "Spring Festival" on the base. The boy is playing a banjo. On the bottom of the figurine are the words, "Designed by Erich Stauffer, 8262." There are also crossed arrows on the base. Any information would be helpful.

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the 1970s. The early pieces were marked like yours. Their later pieces are marked with the Arnart crown or the crown and the words "Arnart, hand painted." The figurines are similar to the famous Hummel figurines, but they are not exact copies. * * *

Q. My small swan-shaped open salt is silver plate with a glass insert. It is marked "Alpacca, Germany."

A. The word "Alpacca" is a trade name for German or nickel silver. It is not silver, but a silver-colored alloy of copper, nickel and zinc. It dates from the turn of the century.

TIP: The word "trademark" was used on English wares after 1855, but most of the pieces with the letters "LTD" were made after 1880.

Q. I have an old upright piano marked "Willard, Cabinet Grand. Chicago." I have tried to le about the manufacturer of date but so far I have had no luck. A. Willard is a name used by a division of Smith & Barnes & Continental Piano Company of Chicago. The piano can be dated from the serial number. 10,000 was used in 1890, over 90,000 in 1908, over 150,000 by 1915, over 190,000 by 1920.

1991 Marks The Beginning of the Texas Map Series

AUSTIN, TX--TEXAS MONTH-LY's January 1991 issue marks the beginning of the Texas Map Series, an 11-month program that is the result of a unique public sector/private sector partnership that the magazine has forged between GMC Truck and the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

To launch the series, a Texas Official Highway Travel Map has been bound into each copy of the January issue of TEXAS MONTHLY.

TEXAS MONTHLY's February 1991 issue will premiere the first of ten 12-page, magazine-format, pullout Texas Trail Maps. The map in the February issue will highlight the lush Tropical Trail of the Rio Grande Valley and lower Gulf Coast. The maps that follow in the series will guide Texans through the back roads of the Hill Country, the East Texas forests, the Pecos River country, the High Plains, the Big Bend and the mountains, the north-central Texas lakes, the wildflower country of the Brazos River basin, the early-Texashistory area between San Antonio and Houston, and the frontier forts country of West Texas.

Colorful photos of notable attractions will enhance the appeal of these very special Texas maps. Produced with the cooperation and resources of the State Department of Highways

and Public Transportation, the ten Travel Trail Maps will continue through TEXAS MONTHLY's November 1991 issue.

The Travel Trail Maps will provide descriptive, informative, and educational commentary about the attractions and points of interest along the scenic back roads of Texas. These maps bring back to Texans the highly regarded series published until 1985 by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. These new Travel Trail Maps, together with state-maintained, distinctive roadside markers for each trail, will enable millions of Texans to enjoy touring various areas of the state.

Sixty thousand copies of each Travel Trail Map will also be distributed at the State's Travel Information Centers. Free maps will also be available at GMC Truck dealerships throughout the state. Visitors to dealerships can also enter a special contest organized by TEXAS MONTHLY that awards each month a Bed-and-Breakfast weekend as a prize, with a 1992 GMC truck as the grand prize at the end of the series.

TEXAS MONTHLY, now in its nineteenth year of publication, has a paid circulation of 300,000 copies and is read by more than 1.7 million people each month.

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A. Arnart Importers of New York City sold a series of figurines known as the "Original Child Life Series" in

January 4, 1991

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Difficulty in communicating with others plagues you most of the week, but by the week's end, bring common-sense solutions. Try to put off important financial decisions till later in the week. Expenses escalate now, but you'll find new moneymaking opportunities.

making opportunities. **TAURUS** (April 20 May 20) Problems of self-assertion cause you to seek advice about putting your best foot forward. A friend will give you new insights. Curb a tendency to withdraw into yourself or to think negatively. Catch up on your bookkeeping. Put financial accounts in order.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need tact and sensitivity in dealing with troublesome friends. Your spouse or a close friend gives you valuable support. There could be some loopholes in current business proposals. Pending negotiations will be troublesome until a breakthrough.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Distant affairs seem muddled requiring extra effort to straighten them out — but the right answers will come in due time. There could be hidden costs regarding a financial deal. Real estate and domestic matters are favored. Family discussions help.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could experience a few trying moments regarding a partnership or a close relationship. Heart-to-heart talks will clear the air. You won't make as much progress on the job as you'd like, but your difficulties will teach you new ways to improve your efficiency.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid extravagance in your pursuit of good times. You will reach a better understanding with a loved one before week's end. A family member's trying behavior requires that the two of you have a private chat to resolve difficulties. Your thinking is sharp.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Your best confidante is your mate or close friend. Don't believe suppertime rumors. Others may be purposely evasive then. Initiative and self-discipline combine to bring you business achievement. Be careful in financial negotiations with others.

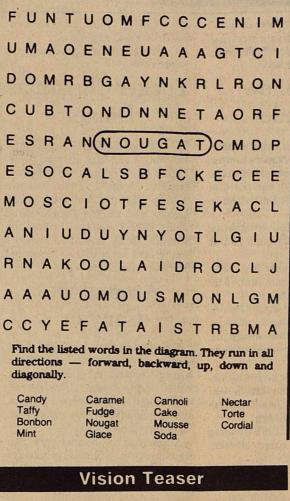
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll take the lead in romance and may be surprised how much your feelings will deepen. There is some confusion late in the week. Tidy up unfinished business around the house. Do the necessary research regarding a domestic matter. Curb escapist tendencies.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keep in touch with friends. Group activities are favored. Write letters or visit others. Avoid foolish romantic involvements. You get the go-ahead to reach for the top spot in your business career. A good day's work brings benefits. A relative distracts you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Get important things accomplished early in the week. Later, you may obtain unreliable information. Enjoy cultural activities. Keep joint financial moves confidential, but avoid excessive spending. Be wary of somewhat dubious propositions toward week's end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Though the week is favorable for solidifying romantic ties, you still may not see the situation exactly as it is. Avoid self-deception. Overall, you'll have a productive work week. This will further your ambitions, but there could be a misunderstanding with a co-worker.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Romance looks good, but friends aren't to be counted on this week. Education and creative projects are nicely accented. It's a good time to seek financing for projects that interest you, especially real estate. A higher-up may be evasive.

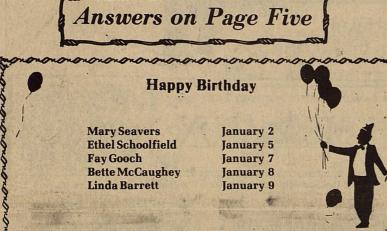


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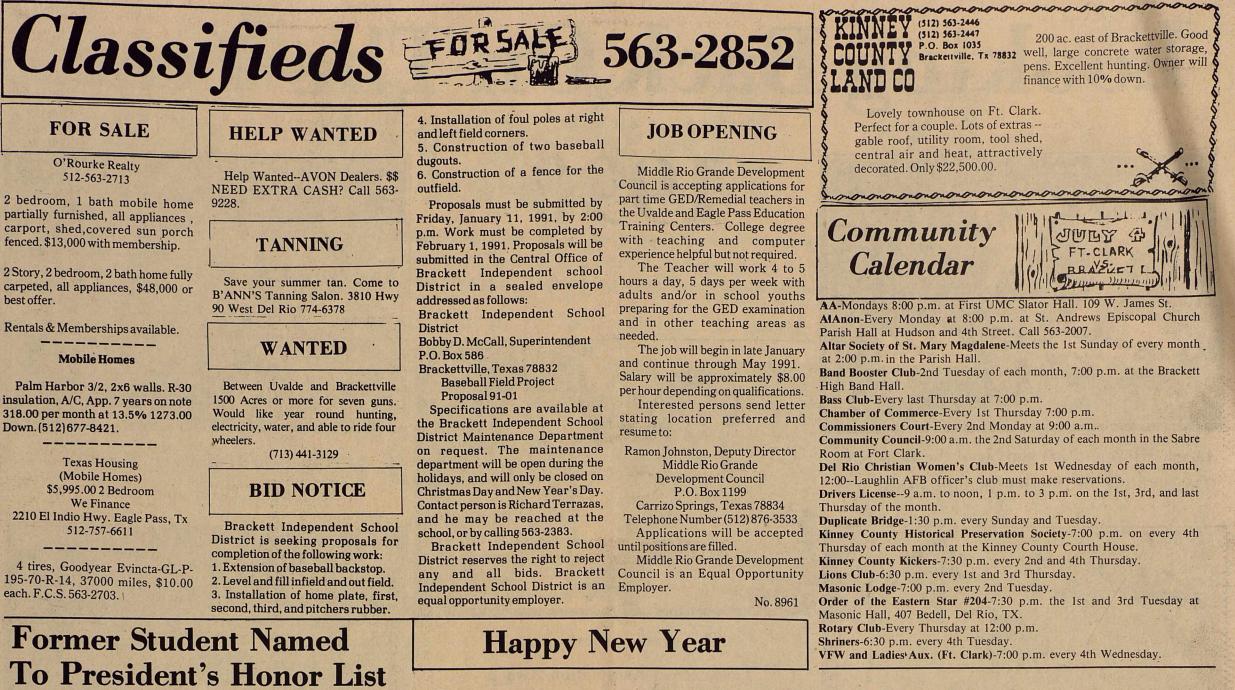
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To President's Honor List

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Staff Writer

FORT CLARK--Cecelia Foster Brooks, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Pat Foster of Ft. Clark Springs was named to the President's Honor list.

Cecelia is a Freshman at San Antonio college in San Antonio. She had 4.0 average at the end of the first semester. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks live in San Antonio; both were former Brackettville citizens and attended school here.

96 Families Receive **Christmas Baskets**

135 children age 11 or younger who various donors.

club led all cash donations with a total Esther Roller, Jerry O'Brien, Mr. of \$775.00. The Rotarians are to be and Mrs. Harold Kauffman, Mr. &

A total of 96 families were served Special support was provided by Mg. with Christmas baskets. These Nancye Hage and her staff at the FCS families totaled 351 people including Restuarant and was very helpful.

Organizations and individuals received one or more toys. In who donated toys were the First addition another 25 needy children. United Methodists Womens group, received used toys received from the First Baptist women, The Post 8360 VFW and Auxiliary, Fort Clark A total of nearly \$3,250 cash Springs Resturant Manager and donations and cash equivalents were Staff, The FCS Art Club, Tom and reported. The Brackettville Rotary Charollete Powell, Marie Pena,

Successful Hunt For Old Friends

Brackett News Wildlife Reporter

Back in the days of tricycles and slingshots, on the outskirts of Dallas in the little town of Irving, Wes Robinson and Mark Junker developed a friendship that has endured and followed them through the years. Wes and Mark still enjoy talking about the good old days when "mumble peg" and "shooting marbles for keeps" was the highlight of their day.

Today, Wes resides in Brackettville and Mark still lives in Irving but the distance between these wo villages doesn't keep these twolifelong buddies apart.

Mark has been traveling to Kinney County for 12 years, always hoping to return home with a Boone and Crockett buck on his hood. However, fate has not been kind to nim and he had never killed a deer. Well, the fickle finger of fate backfired this year and with the world's greatest hunting guide steering him in the right direction, Mark killed his first buck deer on the Pinto farm. Wes wakened early that morning with this terrible pain in his side. He jumped up and grabbed his "guides Tips on Killing the Big Ones" which he keeps on a shelf in his bedroom and began to search the index until he came to "pain in deer hunter's side". It told him the pain meant to climb in the blind closest to the road because you were getting ready to kill a big buck too heavy to carry very far. Old Wes turned around and hollered, "Ah right"!!! as he grabbed Mark and told him that this is the day. Sure enough, these two mighty "killers of wild game" climbed in the closest blind they came to and it was just a matter of minutes until the deer started moving in. Two bucks were seen coming from a distance and it was hard to tell if they were good ones or not. Patience and perseverance paid off as the buck in the back turned out to be the "mas grande" that Mark had been hunting

for. He took about twenty five deep breaths and then carefully put the crosshairs on the big buck's shoulder. He squeezed the trigger and the speedy little .243 slug whistled through the air and landed dead on target. The buck ran about 70 yards and the rest is history.

The buck was a good eight point with a 16 inch spread. His tines were 10 inches long and he field dressed 140 pounds. He was a trophy truly worth waiting on.

After the first hunting was finished safari Wes decided to try for a good buck himself. He attained a special permit to hunt on the High Chaparral division of the Robinson Ranch and set out to try to equal his good friends trophy deer.

As Darkness fell, Wes was afraid he had missed his chance but just before the sun settled in the west

movement caught his attention from



stores to purchase food items. Other Parks, and others. cash donations were from; Alamo Village, Trading Post, Brackettville Chamber of Commerce, FCS area. The effort was organized by Community Council, FCS Historical Charlie Ward and the donors Society, Brackettville Knights of included Corn Processors; Cargil, Columbus, Brackettville Lions Club, Fort Clark Springs Association, The FCS Shriners, The FCS Masons, The VFW Post 8360, The VFW Post 8360 Auxilary, New World Study Club, First United Methodist Church, FCS Art Club, Brackettville Church of Christ, The Seminole Indian Scouts and many individual donations.

Organizations donating food in addition to H. E. B. Stores Gift Certificate were The Brackettville Lions Club, The Mary Magdelene Catholic Church, the First Baptist Church, The Brackett Schools Student Council & Senior Class, The First United Methodist Church, Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter-Beta Sigma Phi, FCS Art Club, The FCS Mens and Womens Golf Clubs, VFW and VFW Auxiliary, The Border Patrol and Border Patrol Ladies, Knights of Columbus and the FCS Square Dance Club. There were individual contributors of food to numerous to list. Also food collection boxes at Super "S", The Library, The FCS Adult Center, The Bank, The Golf Club, The FCS Association Office and Camper's World were all helpful in the collection of food.

applauded by all. The H.E.B. Mrs. Chester Lambert, Knights of Stores contributed a \$250.00 gift Columbus, Mary Magdelene certificate which was used in their Catholic Church, Mr. & Mrs. Don

> Fresh vegetables were donated by various growers in the Uvalde Inc, Winter Garden Growers & Shippers; and Frio Foods.

Members of the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus the FCS Ladies Exercise group, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell and others helped fill the boxes with food and toys. Howard Wakefield of the VFW picked up the needed bakery products from Del Rio Mrs. Baird's at a substantial discount.

LaShawn Wardlaw and friends, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell, and members of the Lions, Knights of Columbus, The Rotary, Shriners, Masons, VFW and VFW Auxiliary and Agipito Saenz assured distribution to the various needy families

In addition support services were provided by Robs Mini Mart, The Kinney County Library, The Community Council, The FCS Resturant. The FCS Community Council. A special thanks is owed to Dr. James S. Moore for the use of the "Wainwright House" as our consolidation and distribution center. We also want to recognize the many hours of volunteer work by the Lions members, Agipito Saenz and all the other committe

the south. He grabbed his binoculars and scanned the fence line. His heart leaped into his throat as he spotted the "buck of bucks" walking very slowly toward him with his head on the ground, trailing a doe. Wes knew he was looking at the best set of horns he had seen in quite some time so the decision to shoot was easy to make, He took careful aim and dropped the big white tail with a single shot to the lungs

When he walked up on his trophy he got the shock of his life. The Buck has a perfect set of horns on one side with a slightly deformed and smaller set on the opposite side. The side of the buck that Wes had seen through his scope would have certainly been a trophy but nature dealt him a cruel blow. No one is sure why the other side of the buck's antlers were small and crooked but many think it could have come from an injury when the horns were developing.

The Big rascal field dressed 150 pounds and will keep Wes' deep freeze from being empty for many months to come.

Mark Junker bags his first trophy deer



Wes Robinson displays an eleven point







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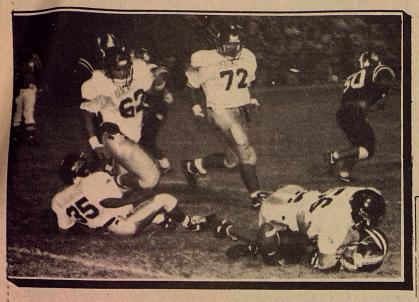
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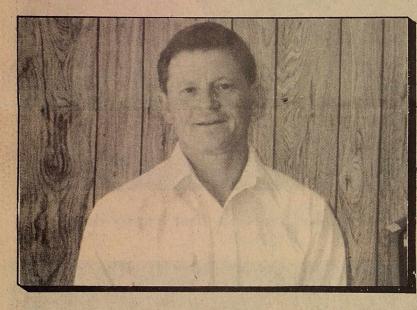
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Coach Klob and his staff lead the Brackett Tigers to the Bi-District Championship



Jimmy Bader and Jimmy McDaniel elected to serve on BISD Board



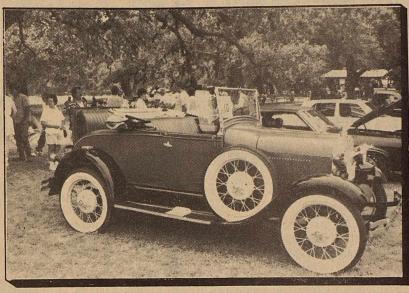
The Brackett News wins Texas Press Association Award



New Facility is built to house the US Border Patrol



The 1990-91 Brackett Tiger Basketball Team goes for 2.



Antique Car Show is hosted by Fort Clark Springs



Larry Moore elected to serve as Brackettville's Mayor



Fortunately the pilot and his passenger walk away from plane crash



Tigerettes going for the basketball.



Labor Day Horse Races at Happy Shahan's Alamo Village



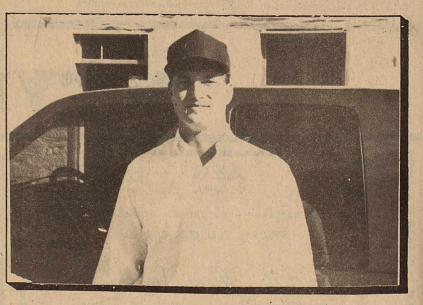
Vito LaGioia ends term as Mayor and enters law enforcement

Goodbye 1990

Homecoming bonfire illuminates band members and students



Brackett High School Graduating Class of 1990



Seth Kaplan prepares for the Triathlon