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

Rachel Clementz Resigns From City Council

The Brackettville City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, December 15, 1992, at Sator Hall. Mayor Carmen Berlanga presided with Council Members Ralph Gonzalez, Chuck Hall, Mary Flores, and Rachel Clementz present.

Routine matters of approving the minutes and the financial and operational reports were quickly taken care of.

The recognition of employees was postponed until December 23 so that some of those to be honored could attend the Open House at Jones Elementary School.

Auditor Jerry Horne presented the annual audit report and declared the results very satisfactory.

The council approved the resignation of Councilwoman Rachel Clementz at her request. The council will meet in Executive

Session on Tuesday, December 22, to discuss an appointment to fill Mrs. Clementz' unexpired term.

Consideration to sell old lumber and/or utility poles was tabled.

The 1993 holiday schedule was adopted.

An employee name was drawn for the Random Drug Testing program.

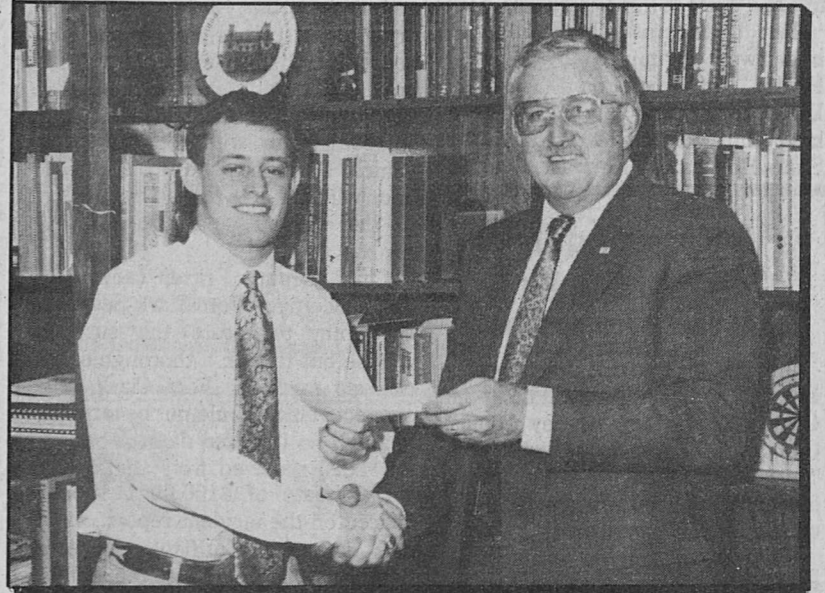
The City Secretary's report consisted of updates on various projects now underway. Unless an emergency situation arises, new projects will wait until the new year.

The council went into executive session to discuss the probation period of Chief of Police David Luna. Then, in open session the council announced that Chief Luna was being advanced from his probationary status to full time status as Chief of Police of Brackettville.

Junior High Band Brings 27 1st Division Medals Home



Band Director Lynnette Crane leads the Junior High Band in Concert Monday. These are the students who won the medals at Eagle Pass.



Hunt Receives SRSU Scholarship

Clay Hunt, a Sul Ross State University sophomore, received a \$2,000 biology scholarship Friday from Sul Ross President R. Vic Morgan.

Hunt, a biology major, chemistry minor from Brackettville, was awarded the scholarship based on recommendations from the biology faculty. He received a \$1,000 check

for the fall semester and will receive the remaining \$1,000 at the beginning of the spring term.

The scholarship was provided by the AMAX Foundation, Inc., of New York City on the recommendation of AMAX Oil and Gas, Inc., of Houston.

Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Hunt Jr. of Brackettville.

Commissioners Court Recesses Until Friday Morning

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward called the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 14, 1992. Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, and Alvin McClure were present.

Minutes of the November 9 meeting were approved as read. Note was made a quorum was not present on December 8.

Road and bridge administrator Clifford Fritter presented a written report of his department's activities which was discussed and accepted.

Historical Tax Exemptions were discussed but no action was taken.

A resolution was passed in support of a Western Edwards Regional Coordinating Council - an advisory council with Medina, Uvalde, and Kinney counties.

Approval for a county-paid employee Christmas luncheon was not obtained. County Auditor Cordelia Barlow reported that county funds could not be legally expended for social functions.

William Telford of Beyer, Telford & Co. presented the county's 1992 audit report. He stated that many of his clients would enjoy being in the position of Kinney County budget-wise, complimented the departments, and made some suggestions for updates in procedures. The audit is available in the county judge's office for public viewing.

Approval was given to drop Calvin Oliver and Allan McWilliams from the county health insurance plan and increase their salaries by \$50 per month in lieu.

Action to implement a retirement buy-back plan was deferred. A cafeteria plan for dependent health insurance was approved.

Approval was given for trade-in/purchase of computer printers for the county auditor and county extension officer. Current printers are not compatible with their programs.

A resolution was passed to enter an agreement with General Services Commission giving the county the option to purchase new/used equipment at a greatly reduced price.

No follow-up action was taken on a 1989 request for county operated on-site disposal order as required by the Texas Water Commission.

Authorization was given for acquiring culverts and using county equipment/manpower in street paving.

A one-lump sum of \$100, pay period ending 12/31/92, was approved for county regular employees excluding appointed and elected officials.

Several items were deferred to a special meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 18, including retirement buy-back, supplementing grant funds, Historical tax exemption, and appointing the county sheriff as county designated law enforcement representative at or within county facilities. Additional items include a discussion on Civic Center Rental Contracts, obtaining zoning ordinances authority through the Texas Legislature and approving/disapproving a resolution pertaining to that ordinance. Litigation is scheduled for Executive Session.



Superintendent Bob McCall was presented an appreciation gift along with best wishes on his move to Iraan.

Thirty-one band students traveled to Eagle Pass, Saturday December 12, 1992 to compete in U.I.L. Junior High School solo and ensemble contest. Young musicians were judged on intonation, rhythm, style, and tone quality.

First division honors are classified as superior ratings.

Junior high school students who received superior ratings are:

Hilda Aguirre	Flute Solo
Brandy Meeks	Flute Solo
Cherrise Ward	Flute Solo
Stacy Flores	Clarinet Solo
Juan J. Martinez	Clarinet Solo
David Melancon	Clarinet Solo
Amanda Petrosky	Clarinet Solo
Melissa Thames	Clarinet Solo
Alfredo Rodriguez	Bass Clar. Solo
Sonya Correa	Alto Saxophone Solo
Jessica York	Alto Saxophone Solo
Windy Goodloe	Tenor Sax. Solo
Patricia Lopez	Tenor Sax. Solo

Cornet Solo
Trumpet Solo
Trumpet Solo
Trombone Solo
Trombone Solo
Trombone Solo
Trombone Solo
Baritone Horn Solo
Baritone Horn Solo
Snare Drum Solo
Snare Drum Solo
Snare Drum Solo
Snare Drum Solo
Timpani Solo

Junior high band students who received an excellent rating are:
Heather Corey
Imelda Vela
Hubert Williams
Crystal Juarez

Band director Lynnette Crane commented "I always try to stress the importance of solo and ensemble contest because each student has to perform as an individual. There is no hiding behind anyone else, you must perform. The last two years junior high medals only totaled twelve combined. This year 27 medals...that's outstanding."

"I'm extremely proud of all my band students who attended contest. This was an experience that could not be taught in the classroom alone.

"Next, Brackett Junior High band members will have junior school all-region band music to learn so they can compete against everyone in our music region. I really look forward to this competition, Brackett students have the chance to play with the very best."

"I would personally like to thank B.I.S.D. Acting Superintendent Steve Mills for driving the bus to competition and Merry Beth Mills for playing piano for our soloist." High School UIL Solo and Ensemble contest will be February 20, 1993.



Chamber of Commerce new members John Ward, Tom Faulkenberry, and Agnes Vondy were happy door prize winners at the Chamber's mixer Thursday night.



Good Food was a part of the "Mixer" as attested to by Tracy Gilbreth and Warren Outlaw. The Chamber plans a monthly mixer and invites participation from all businesses. Individual memberships are also available.

"1940s Remembered" Cruise



Actresses Gloria DeHaven and June Allyson, and film critic Rex Reid joined Charlotte (left) and Tom (right) Powell for a picture as they all sailed on the S. S. Independence.

Tom and Charlotte enjoyed the "1940s Remembered Cruise" aboard the S.S. Independence in Hawaii. They visited the islands of Maui, Hawaii and Oahu.

DeHaven, Allyson and Reid were aboard to regale passengers of the movie business in the 1940s. Roger Thorpe directed the "Swing and Sway" band of Sammy Kaye for dancing each evening. Also, 1940 vintage movies were shown all week.

The Powells "ran into" their former Fort Clark neighbors, Elmer and Marigold Conboy who were vacationing in Honolulu, and were able to get together for reminiscing on two occasions-once aboard the Independence and again for Sunday brunch at the Waikiki Beach Hotel where the Powells spent a night after the cruise.

Controlling Weight — Holiday Temptations

Temptation is everywhere this holiday season. Around every corner are honey-baked hams, egg nog, cookies, fudge, dessert liqueurs -- the list is longer than Santa's.

Your tummy tells you, "It's okay, it's Christmas. You can wash it down with a diet soft drink."

Wrong! This Christmas season doesn't have to leave you with extra baggage to start off the New Year.

"There's no reason to torture yourself and assume it's okay to put on weight," says Helen Roe, manager of Chez Eddy Restaurant located at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "If people do a little planning before party time, they can keep random pounds off."

During the holidays many people eat foods higher in fats, or extra desserts. "We all tend to overeat at parties," Roe says. "However, the trick is to have one piece of fudge instead of fudge, nuts, pie, and

cookies."

Roe says one of the main problems with holiday food is hidden fats, the fats we can't see. For example, a slice of pecan pie has 24 grams of fat, three teaspoons of Italian salad dressing 15 grams of fat, and a handful of mixed nuts 30 grams.

The American Heart Association recommends your total fat intake be no more than 30 percent of your total calories.

To find out how many grams of fat you can allow yourself, multiply your daily calorie allowance by .30. Then divide by 9, which will give you the number of total grams of fat you can have each day. For instance, a female's daily intake of 1,500 calories would allow her 30 grams of fat.

Be aware how many grams of fat you've set for yourself, Roe em-

phasizes, and stay within those guidelines. "If you can keep your daily intake of fat down, then you shouldn't put on extra weight," she adds.

At a party:

- *Sit or stand as far from the food and snacks as possible;
- *Say no to seconds;
- *Don't go to a party hungry;
- *Survey all the food choices before trying anything. Keep in mind foods low in fat.
- *Establish some control over your eating habits," said Roe. Figure out what your weakness is and substitute that food for something lower in fat.
- Finally, the most important thing is to keep a proper perspective, don't diet over the holidays. Remember that holiday celebrations are short-lived. Controlling your weight is a life-long commitment.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A would-be shoplifter with an expensive appetite ended up in jail Friday, December 11, 1992, after taking a "Family-Pak" size of tenderized round steaks from the Super S Grocery Store located on North Ann Street in Brackettville.

The culprit, a 27-year old Brackettville man, was arrested by this writer after being caught in the act by Super S employees after leaving the store without paying for the meat. He had been under observation by store employees due to his intoxicated appearance and his suspicious actions.

Charges of Theft under \$20.00, a Class C Misdemeanor, were filed against the man in Justice Court and Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall fined him \$200.00 plus \$28.00 court costs after he pled guilty to the charges and he then elected to lay out the fine and costs in the county jail.

Due to concerns of his family, the man was examined by Mental Health officials on Tuesday, December 15, and it was decided to have him committed to Kerrville State Hospital in Kerrville, Texas,

DPA Schedule Driving Tests License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday, and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests, or to renew drivers licenses.

Big Mama Sez!

Opinions are like noses - everyone has one.



PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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MEMBER 1992

The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context.

Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens.

Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of this newspaper.

All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!

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for treatment of alcoholism. He was transported to Kerrville on Wednesday, December 16 by Deputy Sheriff Warren Outlaw on an Emergency Apprehension & Detention Warrant issued by County Judge Tim Ward. A hearing in the case will be held at the hospital to determine the type and length of treatment, if any, that the man needs.

An eye-witness observed and reported an act of vandalism that occurred on Fort Clark at approximately 11:00 p.m. Friday night, December 11, but the suspect vehicle could not be located even though it was reported shortly after the occurrence to Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter who was on patrol on Fort Clark at the time the incident occurred.

The witness stated that he observed a dark blue or black pickup drive down the alley behind his house and then heard the sound of breaking glass. Upon further investigation, it was determined that someone from within the suspect vehicle broke out the driver's side door window of a pickup belonging to the witness's neighbor, Roger Knox.

Chief Deputy Fritter called for assistance from Fort Clark Security in trying to locate the suspect vehicle but though a thorough search was made of Fort Clark, the suspect vehicle could not be located. Though no itemized damage report has been received from the victim an estimate of \$100.00 has been placed on the incident report. As of this date no identifiable suspects have been located due to the lack of a license plate number or other evidence in the case.

A 3-year study project of law enforcement officers "Killed in the Line of Duty" was recently completed by the F.B.I.'s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program staff. During the study period they examined 51 distinct cases which resulted in the deaths of 54 law enforcement officers and involved 50 offenders. The incidents were selected using criteria based on data of all officers feloniously killed between 1975 and 1985 to insure that the information was still relevant to current law enforcement practices.

The researchers retrieved pertinent information from law enforcement and correctional records and conducted interviews with the victim officers' fellow officers and supervisors, as well as the investigator's originally assigned to homicides. As a final measure, the offenders themselves were interviewed after the UCR investigators had collected and reviewed all of the relevant materials.

As a result of the study an overall average profile of an offender who kills law enforcement officers was compiled. They are predominately male, age 26, white, single, and high school educated. The average offender also experienced considerable verbal and physical abuse during childhood and the majority have some personality disorder.

Researchers found that the majority of "Cop-Killers" had previous criminal histories, including drugs and weapons offenses, larceny, burglary, or robbery. In addition, nearly one-half of the offenders stated that they had murdered or attempted to murder someone prior to killing the officer. Approximately 20% stated that they had assaulted or resisted arrest prior to the incident in which they had killed an officer.

The study also revealed that 74% of the offenders interviewed stated that they regularly carried a handgun and had started doing so at an average age of 18. Of the 54 law enforcement officers killed, 72% were victims of handgun wounds. Seventy-five percent of the killers stated that they were engaged in drug or alcohol activity at the time of the killings.

None of the offenders offered race as a contributing factor in the deaths, although 15 of the 51 incidents were cross-racial. However, seven offenders who had killed male officers stated that they would not have murdered the victim officer had the officer been female.

An overall average profile of the victim officer in this study was developed and is as follows: White, male, 34 years of age, married, and high school educated, with 8 years law enforcement experience.

Seventy percent of the officers killed were in single-officer patrol cars at the time of their deaths and slightly more than 80% of the victim officers were in uniform at the time they were killed.

The fewest officers were killed between 6:01 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. when only 15% were killed, and approximately 30% of the officer deaths occurred during each of the other three 6-hour periods (12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., 12:01 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:01 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.).

The findings of this study should be reviewed in depth by law enforcement agencies throughout the U. S. and appropriate training and policies developed in an attempt to off-set the causes and opportunities of would-be "cop-killers" to carry out their dark deeds.

Be Careful Out There!
That's All!

Volunteer Ombudsman

Who Should Try It?

The Area Agency on Aging of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council is seeking volunteers to participate and enhance our local Ombudsman Program.

Ombudsman are very "Special" people who serve as advocates for the nursing home residents, advocating for quality care in nursing home facilities in our area.

Volunteers will be trained to become advocates by the professional staff of the Texas Department on Aging. They will work directly with the residents and staff of the nursing facility, and will be there to receive complaints.

If you feel, or know of anyone who has the special characteristics needed for becoming one of our Ombudsman, please sign up for the training, and join a group that can make a difference in the care that our loved ones receive. Call us today, or write to:

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(210)876-3533 (Collect)



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



We approach the day that stands out as the most outstanding day the world has ever seen.

When Jesus Christ came into the world as a human being the course of the whole world changed.

The fact that some people and places in the world refuse to recognize this does not alter the truth.

A casual glance at the world as it was and is now is prima facie evidence that the coming into the world of Jesus changed and con-

tinues to change much of life.

Before He came a hospital was unknown. An orphanage or children's home was unheard of. Schools for all children was not ever considered. Universities as we know them today were not even considered. Whenever these are found in the world it is the result of the influence of Jesus Christ and his message.

The treatment of womanhood has radically changed wherever Christ is followed. The value of human life has reached new heights because He

came. On and on we could go to show the influence of Jesus Christ in our world.

And yet, though every person in the world profits for His coming, many refuse to recognize Him as Savior and Lord, indeed as the only begotten Son of God.

Many try to turn Him into one who approves homosexuality. Many want to accept some of His teaching and deny other things He taught. Some want Him as a firescape from Hell or to rescue them when the sky falls in but refuse to walk with Him daily.

Many claim Him but refuse to be a part of and support His church, which the Bible says He died for. Many want to fit Him and His teachings to suit their chosen way of life.

The truth of the matter is He has not changed His teaching has not changed. His promises are still the same. Strange that after all He's done in addition to dying on the cross for each individual's sin, so much of the world scorns Him and so many treat Him, His teaching, and His church as a game or as an appendage to life.

Small wonder our world, our nation and our people are so decadent. They've chosen to disregard the way not only to eternal life, but to an abundant life on earth.

Joy To The World - The Lord has come.

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THE LONE STAR STATE

The highest temperature ever recorded in Texas was 120 F, at Seymour, Aug. 12, 1936. Texas Department of Transportation.

Texas produces nearly half of the world's mohair and 97% of the U.S. production. Texas Department of Transportation.

The longest river in the state is the Rio Grande, which forms the 1,270-mile-long international boundary between Texas and Mexico. Texas Department of Transportation.

With a total population of almost 17 million, Texas has 19 cities with populations in excess of 100,000, and another 19 with populations in excess of 50,000. 82% of the state's residents live in urban areas. Texas Department of Transportation.

LETTER TO EDITOR

For many months now I have been intending to write a letter telling you how much our office staff enjoys your newspaper. After reading Rudy Garcia's letter in your December 10 issue, I knew it was time to quit procrastinating and do it! It is so reassuring to know that somewhere there is a newspaper willing to publish the opinions of the large, but usually ignored majority of the working, tax-paying citizens of the United States. We are avid Joe Townsend fans...he tells it like it is in plain English. I would love to see Joe Townsend's column in the Washington Post...unfortunately that would probably bring Curt Brummett's Querecho Flats "Feds" down on Brackettville with disastrous results.

Yours is the only newspaper we look forward to receiving and read completely. Keep up the good work! Your reading audience may not be so large, but you have some very loyal folks out here.

Sincerely,
/s/ Susan Kozak
Del Rio

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



Recently a fine couple moved to Fort Clark Springs.

He is an army "brat." His father was a graduate of A&M and a professional military man.

It followed that this man would get his college work at A&M and spend his career in the military.

In the U.S. Army he served in a number of countries and traveled in many more. With his fine wife they made an impact in a number of geographical areas.

Having served in a number of very important roles in the military he was well equipped for retirement. After retirement they spent a number of years in Houston.

On a trip they paused by Fort Clark Springs and were enamored of the place. They bought a home and moved in.

They have a lovely home bedecked with many fine things they have collected from around the world. They immediately became an integral part of the community.

He has become very active in Rotary. They are also very active in their church. They demonstrate their interest by attending school athletics and other activities. They participate in and support all activities of Fort Clark Springs.

They have already established a large contingent of friends. They are both amiable and warm hearted. They certainly are a big asset to our community.

Surely Frank and Ruby Cheaney are "Unsung Heroes."

CHANGE

December's fourth issue of The Brackett News will be printed one day early...Wednesday, December 23. For that week only, the deadline for news items and advertising will also be one day early...Monday noon.

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25.

Animal Science Programs Teach 4-Hers Responsibility

Helping youths to develop a sense of responsibility and caring is basic to 4-H animal science programs. These programs include projects in agriculture, beef, sheep, swine, commodity marketing, dairy, dog care and training, horse and veterinary science.

Animal science programs provide young people an opportunity to explore many areas of the animal industry and to place special emphasis on areas of individual interests. The programs offer opportunities to 4-H members whether they live in rural areas or in major metropolitan areas.

In animal science programs, 4-H members are exposed to everything from simple pet care and training to marketing, breeding, research, nutrition and careers. These programs can be an integral part of their learning and living experiences and can offer young people an

almost limitless array of opportunities from education and exploration.

Objectives common to programs in animal sciences include:

1. To develop leadership activities, build character and assume citizenship responsibilities.
2. To explore career opportunities.
3. To develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for lifelong use.
4. To share knowledge gained with others.

Youths who excel in 4-H animal science program can reap a host of awards, including some scholarships and trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago awarded each fall.

Animal science projects can open an exciting world to 4-H members. To find out more about these programs, contact the Kinney County Extension office.

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This Week In History

On December 16, 1773, cargo was thrown overboard by colonists dressed as Indians during the famous Boston Tea Party to protest the Tea Act ... December 17, 1777, France recognized the independence of the 13 colonies ... December 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect ... December 20, 1803, the U.S. took the title to the Louisiana Purchase which doubled the U.S. in area ... December 20, 1835, the Cherokee Indians of Georgia were forced to cede their lands because of gold discovered there; they crossed the Mississippi ... December 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery, took effect ... December 17, 1903, the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air mechanically propelled airplane was completed by Orville Wright near Kitty Hawk, N.C., 120 feet in 12 seconds ... December 17, 1903, Wilbur Wright, Orville's brother, made a fourth flight of 852 feet in 59 seconds in the brothers' invention ... December 18, 1917, the 18th (Prohibition) Amendment to the Constitution was submitted to the states by Congress ... December 15, 1960, the U.S. announced it backed the rightist group in Laos which took power the next day ... December 18, 1964, the U.S. offered to negotiate a new Panama Canal treaty ... December 18, 1972, full-scale bombing of North Vietnam resumed after Paris peace negotiations reached an impasse ... December 20, 1989, U.S. troops invaded Panama, overthrowing the government of Manuel Noriega, who eluded capture, took refuge in the Vatican mission, then eventually surrendered.

Library Notes



By Cynthia Lockwood

Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Tuesday

Merry Christmas everyone! Santa dropped by the library early this year and brought a bag full of goodies for all.

The new San Antonio Large Print have arrived and are ready to check out. For the western readers, we have *Lonigan* by Louis L'Amour, *Max Brand's Speedy*, and *Burnt Wagon Ranch* by Lee Floren. Some of the romance titles are *Six White Horses* by Janet Dailey, *Never Give Your Heart* by Tracy Sinclair, *Mirrors* by Patricia Matthews, and *Romance At Holiday Cove*.

Also check out *Playmates* by Robert Parker, *Death Has A Small Voice* by Frances Lockridge, *Three Men Out* by Rex Stout, *Cold Harbour* by Jack Higgins, *Life Lines* by Jill Ireland, and *Bag Balm & Duck Tape: Tales Of A Vermont Doctor* by Beach Couger, M.D.

For exciting reading by the Christmas tree lights, we have a large selection of new fiction works. Read Maeve Binchy's *Circle of Friends*, *The Best Revenge* by Sol Stein, *The Gift Horse's Mouth* by Robert Campbell, *The Man From Raffles* by William Overgard, and the latest *Hank The Cowdog: The Case Of The Midnight Rustler*.

We also have the novel in paperback whose setting is Fort Clark Springs *For All Time* by Parris Af-ton Bonds.

Check out the mystery by Jean Hager *Ravenmocker*, *Indiana Jones and the Unicorn's Legacy*, *Indiana Jones and The Interior World* by Rob MacGregor, or *The General's Daughter* by Nelson Demille.

Make sure you check the book sale table in the back of the library. We've been adding new books as they come in so you never know what you might find. Books make a wonderful Christmas present.

Many thanks to Sondra Meil and the rest of those who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

The library will close at noon on the 23rd of December for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen until Monday, December 28. It'll be a long weekend without a book, so don't forget.

As always, we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Kinney County Library
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Book Review



By Mary Mitchell

The Ebony Swan

By PHYLLIS A. WHITNEY

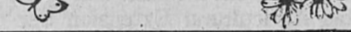
Phyllis Whitney is perhaps the modern day Grand Dame of the Psychological Suspense.

She writes much as Daphne DuMurier wrote. The settings are more modern, but this book is as spine tingling as the classic *Rebecca*.

If you enjoy mysteries where there is usually a close relationship between the good and evil characters with excellent character development and well written plot, read Ms. Whitney's latest as well as her thirty-five to forty previously written books.

Excellent! A must read!

Have a Good Day Janice



WINNER STAYS IN THE SMITH FAMILY

First grader Lizabeth Smith came bouncing into *The Brackett News* office Thursday at 3:30 p.m. exclaiming, "That's where I get a drink when I'm at Sunday School or Vacation Bible School."

I pretended I didn't know what she was talking about...the mystery picture was the water fountain at the First Baptist Church lawn. Lizabeth very graphically explained exactly where the fountain was. Good going, Lizabeth.

She is the daughter of Sammy and Donna Smith. Her sister identified the picture the week before, and her father has been a winner at least once.



Identify The Picture

The first person to come by The Brackett News and correctly identify this picture will be given a Brackett News Cap.



Beta Sigma Phi Activities

On Monday December 7, the members of Beta Sigma Phi Chapters Beta Epsilon Omicron and Theta Sigma met at the adult center on Fort Clark for their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Shirley Hadsell and the opening ritual was held.

There was discussion of the highway cleanup that had occurred the previous week and many anecdotes shared on the strange things that are found in a highway cleanup. Plans were made for the spring highway clean up.

The Christmas party was announced as December 21st at Pat Parks house on Fort Clark. Secret sisters will be revealed that night and names drawn for the New Year. All three Beta Sigma Phi chapters will be attending.

The program was presented by Luella Gilliland for Marty Isenberg who could not be there for the

evening. It was a very interesting report on the wives of Theodore Roosevelt. Alice Hathaway Lee was a slender, graceful, tall (5'7"), honey blonde girl with blue eyes. Roosevelt described her as radiant, bright, cheerful, sunny, high spirited, enchanting and full of life. She shared Roosevelt's love of the outdoors and sports. They were married October 27, 1880 at the Unitarian Church in Brookline, Mass. During Roosevelt's second term in office as Governor of New York, Alice stayed with Theodore's mother because of her advanced pregnancy. After receiving a happy telegram that a baby girl had been born, Roosevelt received a second one with bad news. His mother had died of Typhoid fever and his wife had died of Bright's disease.

Roosevelt married a childhood friend, Edith Carow, in England in December, 1886. Edith raised young Alice along with their own five children. She had a strong influence over her husband and he often said "Whenever I go against her judgement, I regret it." The Roosevelt family moved into the White House in 1901 when William McKinley was assassinated and Roosevelt, at 42, became the youngest president in the history of that time.

Edith died at the age of 87 in 1948 and was buried beside Theodore Roosevelt.

Barbara Miller was hostess for the evening. Cookies and finger foods were served with tea or coffee. Those present were Pat Callan, Ruby Chaney, Betty Ebert, Opal Groce, Wilma Lewis, Betty Mathison, Barbara Miller, Lynn McNew, Flo Stafford, Evelyn Whitey, Nina Batson, Nancy Frerich, Dolores Gaston, Luella Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell, Leslie Houk, Betty Inman, Doraline Kellar, Pat McKelvy and Pat Parks.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



Delicious refreshments furnished by the club members made the Christmas party a huge success on Tuesday, December 8th. There were 8 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Vernon and Betty Ebert won first place in the N/S direction with Ben and Rozetta Pingnot coming in second.

Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford took first place in the E/W direction with Dena Scott and Mona Miller a close second.

The club members surprised Norma Gould and Tina Bauguess with lovely gifts. Many thanks to everyone!

Where were you born:

Denver, Colorado.

When is your birthday:

December 29.

What is your favorite food: Chocolate cake.

What is your favorite movie: *Meet Me In Saint Louis*.

What is your favorite book: All of Daniel Steele's.

What are your hobbies: Visiting people.

How do your friends describe you: Friendly.

Describe yourself: Energetic and enthusiastic.

How long have you lived in Kinney County: 14 years.

If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Australia (again).

If you could change Brackettville (Kinney County), how would you change it: With a magic wand.

Just For The Fun Of It



Joan Boutwell

What would you like to be if you could change your life: Happy the way I am.

Community Calender



- AA:** Mondays, 8 p.m., Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St.
- Al-Anon:** CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society:** 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club:** 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
- Bass Club:** Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- BISD School Board:** 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room.
- Chamber of Commerce:** 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
- City Council:** 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Slaton Hall.
- Commissioners Court:** 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club:** 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper:** 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Drivers License:** 1st, 3rd, & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; 1 - 3 p.m., Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge:** Tuesday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Art Club:** Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council:** 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors:** 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society:** 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Museum/Batler's Store:** Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon:** 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW Post #8360 & Auxiliary:** 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meeting, NCO Club.
- FCS Bingo:** Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Las Vegas Night:** 4th Saturday, 8 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- FCS Old Quarry Society:** 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library:** No regular schedule. Call library for information.
- KC Historical Preservation Society:** 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., NCO Club.
- Knights of Columbus:** 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club:** 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444:** 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners:** 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club:** Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon:** 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority:** 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- 12-Step Program:** Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church.
- Creative Writing Group:** Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

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Book Club Notes

On Thursday, the Book Club met for the last time this year at the Golf Club Snack Bar. The last meeting of '92 will be on the 17th at 9:30 in the Las Moras Restaurant, for a Christmas video.

In '93, our first meeting is to be a **Historic tour**. We will meet in the Kinney County Library parking lot to car pool. Carmen Berlanga who knows both sides of Hwy. 90, will conduct the tour.

Our first book for club discussion in '93 will be James Michener's *Texas*. His latest books, *The World Is My Home* and *Mexico* are also recommended.

In discussing our first BOM (book of the month), members agreed that *For All Time* is a well crafted novel with a fast moving story line. A grandmother's diary sets the stage for a flash back to the past as it was 100 years ago at **Fort Clark**. A gun shot wound...amnesia and coma...colorful characters...and ac-

tion...with a strand or two of romance weave an intricate plot that keeps the reader's attention to the end. Most of us found new vocabulary and identification with some character or action in the book.

Book Club member's interests go far beyond books. We have a 5-minute Spanish lesson with every meeting; local projects also claim our attention; and we find ourselves becoming not just a book club but 'ladies of the club' from the book of the same title.

Join Us.

Blood Drive Val Verde Hospital

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QUERECHO CURIOSITY

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It doesn't make any difference who it involves, what the subject matter is, or who it concerns, they want to know. They don't want to know in order to help out, they want to know just so they can add to the misery.

I became fully aware of just how bad this situation is about 4 years ago.

One morning at Garlan's Mostly General Store and Post Office there was a young couple that came in together, and they were having a spat (so to speak).

They couldn't have timed it any worse if they had tried. All of the ladies from The Pert-Near Perfect Club was there and a couple of the retired oilies to add to the audience.

The girl and her husband kept their voices down just enough to stir up some curiosity that has yet to be equaled in Querecho Flats.

The conversation went something like this....

Girl "Why did she have to call you at home?"

Husband "I don't even know how she got our number, and besides I told you I ended it a long time ago."

Girl "Well I've had it with you and her so you had better just make up your mind right now!!!"

He got a quart of transmission fluid and she got the mail, and they both went back to their car and headed for their house.

As they pulled out of the parking lot you could still hear 'em talking.

They weren't even to the highway before the gossip group got started speculating on who the other woman was and how long the affair had been going on. I might add, there was a couple of soap operas put together right there in Garlan's.

This particular couple had lived in Querecho for about 2 years and had kept pretty much to themselves, they tried the church thing and found that there was more hate and discontent there than they could handle so they tried the community help thing and found it was run by the same bunch that had control of the church, so they just gave up and stayed away from every one.

A couple of days after the public display of material unrest, the husband came over to the house and wanted to know if I would sell him my old camp trailer.

I did.

He got to telling me about a trailer he had sold to a lady that lived in Roswell and how she had managed to pull it through some pretty rough country and knock the floor out of it. She had owned the trailer for about 2 years when she tore up the floor, and she expected him to make good the faulty bottom of the trailer.

He also mentioned that for some reason some of the local busy bodies seemed to be getting a little more friendly than he was comfortable with. And he asked me if I knew why.

I explained the eavesdropping that had taken place at Garlan's a couple of days past. Then I explained how the local gossip group worked. I told 'im how a couple of them would just happen to drop by for a cup of coffee and very professional like lead his wife into telling them about all their troubles.

He said that was exactly what was happening, but he wasn't worried about it because even though his wife was a woman, she wasn't goofy enough to tell them old bats any thing about their personal life.

I filed that statement away for future reference.

Then he mentioned he wished there was some way to get even with all the local gossips.

My little mind went to clicking.

As he was pulling out of the drive way with that old trailer, Louise Lodmouff and Rosilee Scalebender drove by. To say they were staring would be somewhat of an understatement.

The old boy went to Karl's to get some air in one of the tires while I was hunting for the spare. I told 'im I would meet 'im at Karl's.

Just as I got to Karl's, his wife pulled in with her car loaded plumb to the top with boxes and suit cases. He just walked to the car and said good-bye while I put the spare in his pick-up.

Louise and Rosilee crossed the high way very slow and pertnear got disjointed necks watching the proceedings. All they saw was him walking away from the car and her driving off looking like she was moving out.

Everyone in Karl's saw the same thing. The trailer blocked the view of the good-bye kiss.

We got a soda pop and was standing there drinking when he told me she was taking some of her brothers things to Clovis and would be back in a couple of days. Then he noticed there was a lot of people watching us.

I asked 'im if he wanted to blow a few minds.

He did.

I told 'im to go to Garlan's and pretend to use the phone to call some make believe girl friend, and then tell her, in a voice just loud enough for every one to barely hear, that his wife was finely gone and she could come on out.

He loved it.

To say the Querecho Flats party line was busy that night would be an understatement of gigantic proportions. Then the next morning one of the damnest things I ever saw happened.

His sister came in from Tulsa to visit for a few days.

Them busy bodies couldn't stay hooked. His wife hadn't been gone a full 24 hours and he was already living in sin, not to mention the fact that he wouldn't invite 'em in for coffee.

His wife got back on Friday morning just in time to go to the post office and pick up the mail before going home. She knew about the sister.

A couple of them over rated do-gooders nailed her before she could get back to the car. They warned her, tried to console her and you might say they interrogated her wanting to find out just what the hell she was gonna do about it.

She played the part real well.

She informed them that there was enough of him for two and as much as she loved 'im, she could put up with another woman for as long as she had to. Besides she needed the help around the house.

There was pert-near two cardiac arrests, three hyperventilations and one smooth passed out.

There was a few red faced ladies the next morning when all three of them would just happen to drop by and his sister was introduced.

You would think that taught the Pert-Near Perfect People a lesson. It didn't.

Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to good but most are in the 2-3 pound range in 10-18 feet of water on dark worms; striper are good with white bass and most are in the 5-12 pound range on Bombers and Rattle Traps and jigs and slabs; crappie are fair on minnows; white bass are good on slabs and spoons; catfish are fair in the 4-5 pound range on cheese baits in deeper water.

BRAUNIG: Water clear, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are fairly slow in the 3 pound range on artificials; catfish are fairly good in the 2-3 pound range on shrimp, chicken livers and night-crawlers; a 2 1/4 pound blue catfish caught on worms or nightcrawlers; redfish are fair in the 14 pound range on tilapia.

CALAVERAS: Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 6 pounds on worms and cranks; striper are excellent in the 4-5 pound average on Rattle Traps; catfish are good to 16 pounds on live perch and cut bait; redfish are good to 19 pounds live perch and Rattle Traps; corvina are slow.

BOATING CRACK-UPS

AUSTIN--Boating accidents generally are not humorous, but many times the explanation of an accident can be funny.

For every boating accident in Texas, the parties involved must fill out a form reporting the accident to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Dexter Harris, TPWD boating law administrator, deals with these reports and over the past couple of years has compiled a list of excuses.

Just in case anyone thinks we're morbid for laughing about boating accidents, think again. These excuses were taken from accident reports that did not involve injuries or death.

*"My boat accident is the result of hitting a submerged stump. It is unknown to me when the accident occurred as I have hit many stumps. (Sounds like a tournament bass fisherman.)"

*"Followed Russell out of marina. Did not notice his sudden stopping. Tried to turn and miss him but clipped his rear end. (OUCH!)"

*"Returning to the dock, poor visibility due to darkness. (DUH!)"

*"We were going home. Had no vision and I ran the boat ashore. Sorry. (Apology accepted -- this time.)"

*"While backing the boat in yard the house hit it. (Check this story insurance man.)"

*"Hit rock, Broke prop. Could have been something else. (No comment.)"

*"Spearing fishing, fish drug boat into rocks. (Another big fish story.)"

*"While on boat road, found new stump. (Would you have gone around if it had been an old stump?)"

*"The owner of the boat wanted me to drive it and it was running rough. I smashed the gas pedal and it stuck. I went to the end of the cove and then onto the beach. (Nuff said.)"

*"I came upon a stump, it was submerged because the water was over it and I came up to it. I was watching, but did not see it. It hit my boat and put a hole in it. I headed for shore but only made it halfway. (HUH?)"

*"Ran over log I could not see underwater. (Possible.)"

*"While flying, hull encountered crosswind which caused boat to go past stop point."

*"Lake was one foot above normal. While running down the lake to my fishing spot, I hit a stump that was not there. ("...hit a stump that was not there." Hmmm.)"

*"This is my accident report that I did not have."

*"This accident was nobody's fault I think. (Sure.)"

*"I could not miss his boat because of darkness."

*"My father made me fill this out. We were not drinking this time."

UNCERTAIN

Caddo Lake will be the site of one of the most comical of the season's celebrations, The Floating Christmas Parade featuring an unusual array of rafts and barges.

Parade entries will include Lady Go-Diver, Miss Uncertain, alligator floats, and Santa and his range steer, among others that are sure to provide an afternoon of fun for participants and spectators alike.

This is just one of the many events occurring around the state.

To help plan holiday activities, information about these and other events can be obtained by calling the Texas Department of Transportation's Travel Information Center at 800-452-9292.

CHOKO: Water clear, 59 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 10 pounds, 5 ounces on plum and chaireuse worms, larger fish are caught along the grass beds in 4-12 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are fair around 99 bridge in the river, also along Possum Creek, Mason Point, the dam area is also producing crappie in 15 to 35 feet of water early on live minnows, white grubs and jigs; white bass are fair, small whites have moved back into the river and up San Miguel Creek and are caught on live minnows, chrome cranks and jigs early; catfish are fair in the creeks in shallow water in 10-20 feet of water on warm days; cheese baits and chicken livers are good on trotlines, jug lines have produced fish to 38 pounds.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 64 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are fair around keeper size on Rattle Traps and plastic worms; crappie are poor; catfish are fair in the keeper range on cheese bait with trotlines.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 60 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; largemouth bass are slow, few fishermen on the lake due to the north wind; striper are slow; crappie are good off state park piers on jigs and minnows; white bass are good from the state park to the dam on white slabs, jigs and minnows; blue catfish are good to 22 pounds in the river on trotlines baited with shad; good numbers of snow, blue and speckle belly geese on the north end of the lake. Also, good numbers of scaup, widgeon and pintails using the north end of the lake.

FALCON: Water clear, 66 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are excellent to 10 1/2 pounds on Power Worms; striper are good to 9 pounds up the river on Knocker Spoons; crappie are slow; white bass are excellent up the river on Knocker Spoons with many limits caught; catfish are excellent to 5 pounds on rod and reel with frozen shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass and all fishing slow due to weather and lack of fisherpersons.

TEXANA: Water muddy, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are poor; crappie are poor; catfish are fairly good in the 3-5 pound range on trotlines baited with live perch; few fishermen out.

County Agent News

By Allan McWilliams



Often, I take for granted the fact that not every person in this county knows what an extension agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension does and is responsible for. It is not until a county resident comes to the office or is attending an educational meeting that a question arises about Extension Service work.

State law authorizes the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as a part of the Texas A&M University System (which is the state land grant university) to offer ongoing educational services to improve farm, ranch, home and community life in Texas counties. County Extension Agents are an integral part of the Cooperative Extension Service, which represents a three way partnership of the county, Texas A&M University and United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.)

The Commissioners Court of each county enters into an agreement with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the purpose of cooperating in farm, ranch and home demonstration work. The Commissioners Court includes in the annual budget the necessary salaries and expense items of the county Extension office.

Through this "local front door", the Texas Agriculture Extension Service carries the problem-solving knowledge available from research and technology to county residents. County Extension agents work closely with Extension specialists and local volunteers to transfer this knowledge through meetings, demonstrations, short courses, publications, mass media, and follow-up consultation.

County Extension agents live and work with the people in a designated county and from the basic unit of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Agents are professional educators with broad training in agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth work, natural resources, community development, and related subjects.

Agents also work with a county Extension council, composed of local lay people, who identify county problems, evaluate solutions and plan needed educational activities.

Cooperative Extension was made possible by the passage of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. The Texas Legislature in 1915 accepted the terms of the Smith-Lever Act and established the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as a legal entity in the State, assigning it to the Texas A&M University System for administration. The legislature also authorizes financial participation by County Commissioners' Courts. The U.S. Department of Agriculture administers all efforts nationally. So much for the legal basis for Extension work.

The basic function of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as stated in the Smith-Lever Act is... "to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same...."

Texas Agricultural Extension Service programming is based on initiative which include:

-Increasing Agricultural Competitiveness-enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of agricultural producers dealing with lowering production costs, make products more competitive in the world market and increasing profits.

-Water Quality Management-programs to address water quality in homes, landscapes, agricultural production, and natural resource system management.


-Proper use of Chemicals in the Environment-Inform public of scientifically proven environmental problems and ways to minimize chemicals in the environment.

-Solid & Hazardous Waste Management-Waste management impacts every aspect of community life and TAEX is committed to increasing research-based knowledge, instilling attitudes of environmental responsibility and stimulating change in practices among communities.

-Conservation of Natural Resources-developing technologies available for improving practices to better manage natural resources.

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Lunker Program Begins Eighth Year "Catch And Release"

AUSTIN--If the eighth year of the Operation Share a Lone Star Lunker program is anything like the previous seven, then 1993 will be an excellent year for largemouth bass fishermen and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The program, which accepts 13-pound-plus bass for study and attempts to spawn, runs from Dec. 1 through April 30. The program promotes catch and release through returning the lunker to the lake where caught and the awareness of proper handling for live release of all sizes of bass.

David Campbell, manager of the Tyler State Fish Hatchery where the lunker program is based, expects a banner year. The program has gotten better each year and is becoming more popular across the U.S.

Last year the program drew 30 official entries and three unofficial entries from eight lakes, the most entries ever. There were 29 entries in 1990.

Through the first seven years of the program 25 public lakes have produced fish weighing more than 13 pounds, a claim no other state can make. The program has received 126 official entries weighing 1,777.9 pounds, an average of 14.11 pounds per entry.

Entries to the program are loaned to TPWD for study and attempted spawning. Any offspring will be used in the department's brood stock development program or stocked into public waters. Participating anglers receive a fiberglass replica of their fish. Fish that live are returned to the lake where they are caught.

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Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

A Fond Farewell To Bob, Renetta and Robert McCall

I don't know that everyone in Brackett would say goodbye the same way that I will say it to the McCalls. Nevertheless, I've worked in public schools for 32 years, and I believe that my perspective (though shortlived in Brackett) is accurate. The McCalls have been a nice family for Brackettville.

Renetta is enthusiastic, articulate and has held a high posture position in our community. Robert is a kindergarten all around type of young man, and he captivates you with his enthusiasm and zest for life. My wife quickly took note of the respect that Bob shows for Renetta. Beyond that, it is a type of family devotion for each other—Bob, Renetta and Robert—that seems as American as apple pie, baseball and motherhood.

In 1992, families that have this love and devotion for each other are to be admired as we try to emulate these qualities in our own families. In short, the McCalls like each other, and they have earned our admiration as a family.

In my opinion, Bob McCall has been a strong superintendent. He has earned the respect of fellow educators and his peers throughout the state of Texas. I have found him to be decisive, and a man that has a vision of what he wants education to look like.

In the past four or five years, tremendous progress has been made in the physical facilities for the school children of Brackett ISD.

He knows school money, and I think this is an essential need in public schools today. Our taxpayers were called upon to meet the needs of the schools, but Mr. McCall was always aware that money was easier to spend than to save. Many schools in our nation are not well managed financially, and a damper is placed on anything and everything that those schools want to achieve.

Our buildings and grounds were kept clean and were well maintained. Mr. McCall believed in a strong maintenance program for the school system. He worked hard with a very tight budget and modest resources to make sure that the community would be proud of its schools.

The latest edition of the Vocational Agriculture Building, new cafeteria, new middle school and the remodeling of Jones

Elementary School testified to this fact.

I always felt that Bob McCall was a champion of the economically deprived child. He talked a lot to me about wanting these children to succeed. Perhaps his compassion for folks goes back to his own modest upbringing. It was a strong point in his favor in my book to try to find ways to help those that were less fortunate. Bob realized that only through education could situations and people change this aspect of their lives.

Middle and upper class kids are taught that in their homes from the time of their birth. Sometimes, lower income children have parents that work so hard to provide the basics in life that they just do not have the time to stay involved in the education of their children. There are many exceptions here, and I would like it if 100% of the lower income folks were exceptions.

McCall and I never had a chance to exchange poor stories, but we both might have earned the Christmas tree while we attended elementary school that was awarded to the child with the greatest need. (I say both because there is a slight difference in our ages). Anyway, I felt his feelings for the children with the greatest needs were well founded.

I'll remember some of the following about Bob McCall the most:

1. His pride in Brackett ISD. He always believed that we were better than other school districts.
 2. His love for the kids. He always seemed to place the needs of the kids above those of the adults.
 3. His carving of the Halloween pumpkins for elementary school children. He captivated the little ones, and gave them a safety message to boot.
 4. His knowledge of school finance, and the fact that he left our buildings, grounds and budget in superb shape.
 5. His love of his family.
- Well, I'll miss him. I believe that Brackettville will miss him. In behalf of our community, I commend Bob, Renetta and Robert to Iraan. They'll get the job done for you. They made a difference at Brackett ISD.
- Vayan con Dios Bob, Renetta and Robert!

4-H Members Win At District

The Kinney County 4-H Food & Nutrition project year has been successfully concluded. There is already excitement about beginning a new project.

The local food show on November 21 had thirteen participants. In the Senior division, the entrants were Cecilia Aguirre, Nacho Aguirre, and

Michael Aguirre. The Junior division entrants were Lindy LaMascus, Jessica Payne, Jo Lee Jones, Hilda Aguirre, Roberto Aguirre, and Regina Johnson. In the Pre-Junior division, the entrants were Sunni Jones, Laura Lee Ballew, Susannah Davis, and Albert Latimer.



Kinney County Food Show: back row - Jessica Payne, Regina Johnson, Nacho Aguirre. Middle row - Jo Lee Jones, Lindy LaMascus, Sunni Jones, Hilda Aguirre, Michael

Aguirre. Front row - Cecilia Aguirre, Albert Latimer, Robert Aguirre, Susannah Davis, Laura Lee Ballew.



Six local winners participated in the District 13 Food Show in Uvalde on December 5. Pictured above they are (left to right) Susannah Davis - 5th place Fruits & Vegetables, Pre-Junior division; Laura Lee Ballew - 1st place, Main Dish, Pre-Junior division; Lindy LaMascus - 3rd place Bread & Cereals, Junior

division; Jo Lee Jones - 3rd place Main Dish, Junior division; and Sunni Jones - Breads & Cereals, Pre-Junior division. Although not in the picture, Albert Latimer placed in Nutritious Snacks & Desserts, Pre-Junior division. Competition was against sixteen other counties, many much larger than Kinney County.

Duo Decum-Dia Christi



The Latin Club chose the theme of "12 Days Of Christmas," and in accordance with the Christmas spirit, celebrated "The Saturnalia," seven days of special celebration throughout the Roman Community in honor of Saturn, the God of sowing and agriculture. Unlike the American Christmas, the celebration is in a different manner.

The students are now preparing for final exams but have taken time out to decorate the classroom door as a yearly event.

Throughout the year, they participate in different events, and look forward to "Cena," the Founding of Rome dinner, and an annual trip to San Antonio each spring.

Members are Bryan Gidge, Maria Terrazas, and Willie Allemeir. Veronica Perez is the sponsor.



Janie Heninger, left, and Jo Sponholtz work at a favorite spot on the banks of Las Moras Creek at the Golf Course Restaurant patio.

"Working Writers" Work

By S. C. Donahue

Las Moras Creek tumbles beneath shady pecan trees where sunlight filters through the branches to warm the porch and patio of the Fort Clark Springs Golf Club Restaurant. There on Friday mornings can be found an animated small group of diverse local folk gathered to work on their individual writings. (On inclement days they stay inside the restaurant for these vital weekly critique sessions).

The setting is country-vista-quiet among friendly folks, and tranquil for the muses that rule the art of writing, proven by the growing number of published articles being sold by individual members of the Fort Clark Working Writers Club. Whenever artist Jo Sponholtz reads her short hilarious anecdotal stories, peals of laughter burst out as members encourage her to spare a little more time from her painting craft, to write her delightful little stories for marketing.

When Janie Heninger presents one of her scribbled sudden idea rough-drafts of her fascinating and interesting old-time-memory-pieces for group comments, the members know another sale is underway. She has already sold at least two of her "sudden idea" articles to magazines after revisions she made following club work/critique/inspiration sessions. Although a retired teacher, she still has the kind of zest that uplifts and encourages others, which the writing group has learned to truly appreciate.

When the newest addition, Brother James Bulloch, brought in a prayer-poem of thanksgiving for group critique, the polished piece was so good that his fellow writers insisted he immediately take it to the local paper in time for its Thanksgiving holiday issue. He did, and *The Brackett News* featured it on their front page. The delighted little group cheered him and another success in their efforts to help each other get their works published.

The next expected sale is a short-story mystery by retired Social Psycho-Therapist, Frances Mc-

Masters, whose insights have proven very valuable to the writers' workshop. Not everyone has a new piece for each writers-working-session, and not everyone can come to every session, but those who do bring their "in progress" writings to be read aloud (which writing teachers believe is an important aid to perfect any piece), are assured of intensely serious consideration, friendly assistance and candid critique advice/opinions by those who attend and write down their comments for later review by the writer.

This is a working group of writer-folk where everyone participates. Neither a gossip session nor a spectator sport, the Friday morning writing workshop is proving the critique sessions do work and inspire.

Would-be writers, working writers, experienced writers and published authors are all welcome to attend and share the "writing experience". It is open to anyone, whether they are Fort Clark members or not. (The Fort's Security Gate will give entrance permits and instructions on how to get out to the Fort's golf-course and its comfortable "Country Restaurant" for the Friday 9:30 a.m. writers' workshop).

There are no dues to pay; no necessity for making individual reservations; no fuss and bother...drop-ins are also invited (some have been from out-of-state or overseas). If anyone wants coffee or breakfast during the early morning session, they just order it, keeping their attention on the stories being read.

Ideas, writing problems, and suggestions abound. Some folks come or go early, some come or go late; the entire ambiance is informal...with emphasis on comfortable, informal, and mutual concern for the work of writing well. The main priority and full attention is given to the writing arts. For further information call Helen Smith 563-9447 or any of the above mentioned writers.

Primates Throw Monkey Wrench In Hunter's Plans

Deer season in Arkansas always brings with it a few oddities.

It's a small aspect of the season that I look forward to. You never know when someone is going to call you with an interesting tale of "Twilight Zone" proportions.

The tales make for good stories. Already this year, a few hunters have set their sights on odd animals during deer season.

Phillip Gwatney of North Little Rock is one. He killed an albino buck during the gun season at Camp Robinson Wildlife Management

Area. That happens occasionally, but few hunters ever see an albino deer.

Another strange story was a deer killed by Colleen Banks of

Mabelvale. It was her first deer, always one to be proud of. When she pulled the trigger, she was shooting at a spike buck.

When her husband arrived, he informed her that her first deer was actually a doe, although it did have spike antlers. Banks gave the deer the name "budoe."

The androgynous deer, while not common, does exist occasionally in the woods. The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission estimates that the chance of a deer being androgynous is one in 10-million.

The strangest story thus far occurred recently in Sevier County. This is one instance in which I would have liked to have been present to see the face of the hunter who was involved as these events took place.

Since I wasn't there, I can only picture the scene as I would if I had been involved.

Without a doubt, the hunter had a big buck on his mind when he climbed on his deer stand in the Saline River bottoms near Lake Millwood, and I'm sure his heart raced when he saw four animals coming through the woods.

But the animals weren't deer. They were monkeys. Miniature King Kongs come immediately to mind. But I wouldn't rule out the possibility of Big Foot, either.

Surely the hunter felt the same way when the fourth monkey, the largest of the quartet, saw him, started screaming and charged.

There are a few dangers in the hunting world, but I doubt if any hunter education course could ever

prepare anyone for a screaming, charging, miniature King Kong.

When the monkey stopped, bared his teeth and charged again, it was more than the hunter could take. He shot the animal.

It sounds bad, but the outcome would not have been any different if anyone else had been in the same place. That is, of course, barring the possibility that I would have been asleep and written it off as a nightmare.

Stranger nightmares have occurred on my deer stand. The monkey incident only made me wonder if what I thought I was dreaming actually did occur.

The monkey was identified as a vervet monkey. It weighed between 20 and 30 pounds.

The vervet monkey is native to eastern and southern Africa. Where the monkeys came from has yet to be determined. Wildlife officers in the area have received two reports of lost vervet monkeys in southwest Arkansas. One was from a resident of Mena and the other from a Mineral Springs resident.

There is also speculation that the monkey came from an exotic animal farm that operated a few miles from where the hunter encountered the monkey, but the G&FC said that the farm had been closed for more than a year.

Mike Story, the investigating wildlife officer, said that the Mineral Springs resident valued the missing vervet monkey at several thousand dollars.

Meanwhile, if the stories of the 1970s involving the legend of Boggy Creek start recurring, keep this story in mind.

I also wouldn't rule out the *National Enquirer* printing a story. The headlines, of course, would be: "King Kong sighted; killed in Arkansas. Hunter bore a striking resemblance to Elvis."

Stranger things have happened. (Permission to reprint was obtained from the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*. The article was written by Steve Bowman and printed in the December 10, 1992, issue).

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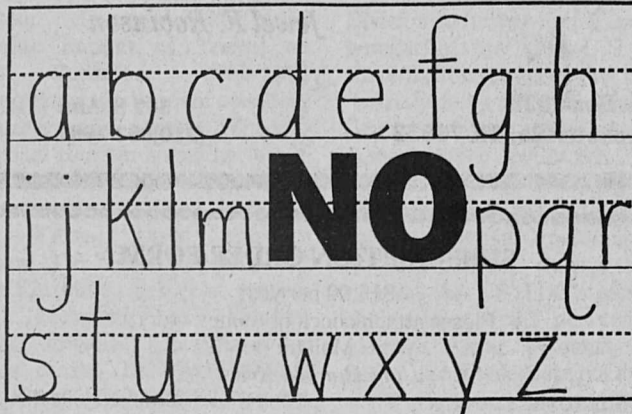
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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Dig into your work this week, before you get distracted by another's charms and the Christmas spirit. Be more creative, and let your ideas flow. Open up to another's energy toward the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Go with your lighter side this week, and you come out a winner. You have no lack of ideas, and both the boss and friends appreciate your input. Friends and loved ones are still hot on your track all weekend long.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You don't say a lot this week, which makes you, the normally talkative one, seem most mysterious. This is a week for action, not words. Be nurturing dealing with a loved one's hurts, needs and desires.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You chat up a storm all week long, as your thoughts are on security — emotional, financial or job related. You may not be able to resolve things exactly the way you want, but don't worry. Make it okay, and by the weekend you don't care.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Don't kid yourself. You're in the limelight this week, or perhaps better said, under scrutiny by the boss or a partner. Don't worry, though — you come out with flying colors. Plan on a victory celebration being part of your weekend.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) You are empowered as the week begins. Remember, you call the shots and make it happen. Being such a practical sign, you solidify your finances and play the consumer expert as you finish off your Santa shopping. Expect to scurry around most of the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Listen to your inner voice — it will

lead you in the right direction. You peak at the end of the work week, when your magnetism is irresistible to others. Count on merrymaking as you finish off your shopping this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) You go for what you want this week, and you come out on top, despite a moment — or day or two — of trepidation, worry and anxiety. No sweat for the Scorpio — you handle this with ease. You radiate all weekend long with happiness and the glow of success.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) You are a prime candidate for adulation and attention this week, and you get your accolades. Just ask for your preferred form of pat on the back. You push so hard this week, you may need some R & R by the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Reach out for the stars this week. You may need to do additional research to nail what you want on the head, but you do get attention and acclaim for a job well done. Put on your Santa gear for the round of parties this weekend. Ho, ho, ho!

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Get in close with others this week and have some one-to-one conversations. You change because of what you learn and appreciate another's viewpoint. Phones ring and activity surrounds communications, travel and a romance by the weekend.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Expect pounding and knocking at your door this week. You are so desired, Pisces. Decide what it is you want, and remember you are in the position to negotiate for what you want. It's as if an angel smiled down on you.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shirt is changed; 2. Number is different; 3. Slipover is added; 4. Arm is lower; 5. Pencil is missing; 6. Flag is moved.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Brawny
- Energy
- Force
- Hardy
- Might
- Potency
- Power
- Robust
- Rugged
- Sinewy
- Stalwart
- Stout
- Strength
- Sturdy
- Vigor

(Answer On Page 3)

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dutch painter Jan
 - 6 Moslem ruler
 - 11 Editor's insertion mark
 - 16 Roman XII
 - 17 Blank or free follower
 - 18 Highest point
 - 20 Superficial
 - 21 E.T., for one
 - 22 Former London prison
 - 24 Singer Guthrie
 - 25 Town in Maryland
 - 27 Sister of 63
 - 29 I.D. mark
 - 30 Sesame
 - 31 To lamb
 - 32 The "ugly duckling" was one
 - 33 News org.
 - 34 Novello of stage and screen
 - 36 Basin adjunct
 - 37 Closely trimmed
 - 39 On — (as a gamble)
 - 40 Yale's home
 - 42 South American coastal country
 - 43 Black Sea port
 - 45 Arthurian lady
 - 46 Flows freely
 - 47 Medicine
 - 48 Mortarboard tuft
 - 51 Verge
 - 52 Recent arrival
 - 56 Native of Attu
 - 57 Builders need them
 - 58 Well-to-do Russian farmer
 - 59 "The Greatest"
 - 60 Swedish form of Laurence
 - 61 Counts calories
 - 62 "The right to write —"
 - 63 War god
 - 64 Oklahoma Indian
 - 65 He created Winnie-the-Pooh
 - 66 Goddess of agriculture
 - 67 Vincent of filmdom
 - 68 The Western Hemisphere
 - 70 Swift animals
 - 71 Surfaces of a cut gem
 - 72 Sweet, pulpy fruit
 - 73 Ancient
 - Roman's middle name
 - 74 Nothing, in Malaga
 - 75 "— From a Marriage" (movie)
 - 78 Harass or besiege
 - 79 Editor's bailiwick
 - 83 Whilman or Disney
 - 84 Garden tool
 - 86 Cap's partner
 - 87 Story starter
 - 88 Sphere
 - 89 Handle
 - 90 Novelist George
 - 91 Asian festival
 - 92 Melville novel
 - 94 Metallic element
 - 95 Mason's (Babel)
 - 97 TV host Jack
 - 98 MacDonald-Eddy movie of 1940
 - 100 Fall bloomer
 - 102 Town on Lake Maggiore
 - 104 Haystack occupant?
 - 105 Porcupine's quill
 - 106 Mohammedan nymphs
 - 107 Melancholy, in days of yore
- DOWN**
- 108 Fortune-teller's card
 - 109 Opening section, musically (abbr.)
 - 1 Capistrano sighting
 - 2 Phase or dynamic lead-in
 - 3 Blueprint add-on
 - 4 Cry of bacchanals
 - 5 Honey-mooner
 - 6 Incarnation
 - 7 Water or musk follower
 - 8 The auld sod
 - 9 WNW minus 180 degrees
 - 10 Revivals
 - 11 Dog tooth
 - 12 Manlike primates
 - 13 Donnybrook
 - 14 Cake ingredients
 - 15 They hold about four ounces
 - 16 Grow vigorously
 - 19 Public warehouses
 - 20 Glossy fabric
 - 23 Author Jong
 - 26 Mentally acute
 - 28 Four-star review
 - 32 Evade work
 - 35 Macaque of India
 - 36 Anagram of vile
 - 37 Avoids deliberately
 - 38 Land of the midnight sun
 - 39 Western lily
 - 41 The dill weed
 - 42 Pocket change
 - 44 Board or pins lead-in
 - 46 Chatter idly
 - 47 Small, secluded glens
 - 48 Bird's claw
 - 49 Winged
 - 50 Goat antelope
 - 51 Mix or mingle
 - 52 Some paintings
 - 53 Osmond or Dressler
 - 54 Choose
 - 55 "The Sun Also —"
 - 57 Medicinal tablets
 - 58 Actress Valentine
 - 61 Most dreadful
 - 62 Parisian cap
 - 63 He rode Whirlaway
 - 65 Speck of dust
 - 66 Dromedary
 - 67 Cushions
 - 69 "I — to Be Happy"
 - 70 Hebrew prophet
 - 71 Hall of fame?
 - 73 Tom Brokaw specialty
 - 74 Capital of India
 - 75 Faint
 - 76 Bizet opera
 - 77 Nudged rudely
 - 78 German city
 - 79 "And Then There Were —"
 - 80 Canadian province
 - 81 Inland and Arctic
 - 82 Paris subway
 - 85 Actress Luisa
 - 86 Attic
 - 90 Graph or type lead-in
 - 93 Hebrew measure
 - 94 Muni film role
 - 95 Recipe direction
 - 96 Roger Rabbit is one
 - 97 Young salmon
 - 99 Pindar output
 - 101 Watering place
 - 103 Director's cry

Happy Birthday

- Dec. 18 Carol Benfield
- Dec. 18 Joe Sandoval
- Dec. 18 Darwin Crane
- Dec. 19 Roger Workman
- Dec. 19 Enemencia Starzel
- Dec. 19 Charles Endris
- Dec. 19 Lois Endris
- Dec. 20 Jean M. Faulkenberry
- Dec. 20 Julia Terrazas
- Dec. 20 Jean Hood
- Dec. 20 Darlene Shahan
- Dec. 20 Juan Reyes
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- Dec. 22 Al L. Bacon
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Copies of the grant proposal are available for inspection by the public at 1904 North 1st, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project must submit comments by December 14, 1992 in writing to:

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Attention: Martha A. Duerksen,
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City Secretary

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The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for a computer based system to assist in developing training outlines for job training activities. The system should be suitable for job training activities under Titles II and III of the Job Training Partnership Act and provide the following functions:

Operate on IBM compatible hardware.

Provide a means of defining specific tasks related to performing any DOT listed job.

Provide a means of tailoring the tasks to the needs of a specific employer.

Provide a means of determining the skill level required by the employer.

Provide a means for determining the skill level of the applicant in each task.

Provide a means of matching the skill level desired by the employer and the skill level possessed by the applicant.

Provide a means of determining appropriate training hours required to reach the employer's required level.

A copy of the proposal packet may be obtained by contacting Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, (210)876-3533.

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Currently in the City Pound are several animals up for adoption. "Reyna" is a Labrador female, approximately three (3) years of age. She has a very gentle personality. An anonymous individual has offered to pay, directly to a Veterinarian, all costs involved in neutering Reyna, if the adoptee so wishes.

Reyna has a family with her: two Labrador mixed puppies ten weeks of age, healthy, frisky, and adorable, and in need of a special holiday home. "Bandit" is white with a black and brown "mask." "Motley" is a kaleidoscope of dark hues. (Tanner, Reyna's third puppy has been adopted since last week's report).

Also in residence is an Australian Shepherd female, age unknown. She is named "Star" because of her facial features. She loves attention and is extremely lovable.

Texas Department Of Agriculture

By RICK PERRY
Commissioner

PERRY ASSUMES PRESIDENT'S POSITION FOR SASDA

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has been named president of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Perry, who had been SASDA's vice president, will fill the unexpired term of Alfonso L. Davila-Silva, of Puerto Rico, who resigned.

As SASDA president, Perry will serve on the 10-member board of directors for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Perry's term will expire in June 1993 as he hosts SASDA's upcoming annual meeting in San Antonio. The meeting will be June 20-23.

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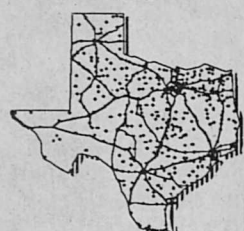
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Poinsettias, another traditional favorite, should generate more than \$24 million in sales for Texas producers during 1992.

Last year, Texas growers sold more than 3.6 million pots of poinsettias, placing the state third in sales behind California and Florida.

Texas growers also have Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums and cyclamen for a different look to holiday decorating.

For a non-traditional look to a holiday table try a centerpiece built around Texas oranges and grapefruit.

NANNY'S BEST SOAP IS A HOMEMADE "MAKE IT TEXAS" PRODUCT

When your soap factory is named Candy, and it lets a chicken ride around on her back, well, what's a CEO to do?

But to Arvel and Sharon Boatner of Hamilton, that is just a normal part of the soap business as they go about their daily duties tending to Candy, Lulu, Crackers, Ditto, Keeper, Dr Pepper and the rest of their 28 head of Nubian goats.

These walking milk machines provide a primary ingredient for Nanny's Best, a soap made from goat milk, lard and lye that is finding its way into stores across Texas.

"We only make one claim," Arvel Boatner said. "It's a homemade, hands-on soap that gets you clean."

And homemade it is, because everything from the milking and mixing to the marketing and mailing is done by Arvel, Sharon and their two sons in their home near Hamilton, which is between Waco and Brownwood.

Using a recipe that is more than 100 years old and a large cooking pot on the stove, the Boatners started making soap for their personal use about a year ago. They began commercial production in July, but instead of the large cooking pot, they now use five gallon buckets. The Boatners make about 1,500 bars a week.

The soap is sold by mail and in stores in and around Hamilton. The Sunflower Shoppe in Fort Worth

has started selling the soap, and manager and co-owner LaVonne Bradford says that people have heard about the product and are intrigued by it.

"It's a marvelous product," Bradford said, "and I'm very impressed with the soap because it's all natural with no fragrance or perfume added."

Through a contact established by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Boatners have started test marketing their product at The Whole Foods Market on North Lamar Avenue in Austin.

Rose Hullings, body care buyer for the downtown store, said, "The homemade soap fills an important market niche. It's a good soap, plus the package is simple and recyclable."

"The Whole Foods Market wholeheartedly supports cottage industries, and we see a real potential for the product."

"Nanny's Best is just one example of what our 'Make it TEXAS' initiative is all about," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

Launched by Perry in June 1991, "Make it TEXAS" is aimed at generating economic growth by in-

creasing the level of food and fiber processing in Texas, America's second largest agricultural producer.

"By expanding our processing opportunities, we are not only enhancing the value of Texas agricultural commodities, we are generating economic development in rural Texas communities," Perry said.

Tours of the Boatners' operation and interest in Nanny's Best soap already have helped spark economic activity around Hamilton.

"One store in Hamilton has been selling about 50 bars a week," Arvel Boatner said.

Currently, the Boatners make four varieties of Nanny's Best. The oatmeal soap is designed for general purpose cleaning and is made from oats family members grind themselves.

Home-ground corn is used in the cornmeal soap which is used for tough cleaning jobs, and the pure soap is a descending soap used to remove natural organic odors. The aloe vera soap is designed for dry skin, and the entire plant - including roots and leaves - is used in the recipe.

Texas Tourism Trends Outpace Nation's

Despite sluggish economic news affecting travel spending across the U.S., tourism spending increases in Texas far outstripped those of the nation from 1990 to 1991, according to comparative information released from the Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division and the U.S. Travel Data Center.

Commerce's Tourism Division, will soon release a study titled **Economic Impact of Travel on Texas Counties, 1990-1991** showing domestic tourism spending in Texas grew 5.5 percent. When international tourism spending is factored in, the increase was 6.4 percent.

For Texas, these amounts represent \$18 billion per year and almost \$21 billion per year, respectively, according to Tourism Division officials. Total state tax revenue during 1991 was \$832.3 million; local communities received \$533.4 million in tax revenues.

Tourism Division officials estimate that 410,000 jobs in Texas are directly related to the tourism and travel industry, accounting for 5.8 percent of total employment in the state for 1991. If all tourism and

travel related jobs in 1991 had not been in existence, the 6.6 percent state unemployment rate for that year would have swelled to 11.8 percent.

For every \$50,246 spent in Texas by U.S. and international travelers, one job was generated during 1991, officials estimate.

A further analysis by the Tourism Division indicates that Texas had 6 percent of the total U.S. market share for tourism spending in 1991.

Analysis by the U.S. Travel Data Center for the nation as a whole during 1991 indicated domestic tourism spending increased only 1.7 percent over 1990. Adding international tourism spending to the national amount during 1991 increased the US TDC's estimate to an increase of 3.1 percent. Comparative dollar amounts for the nation as a whole were not available.

"We aggressively market Texas as a premiere tourist destination and the numbers clearly show that our marketing is working. The Tourism Division's efforts have contributed to that success," said Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce.

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Think of Saul. He served as the first king of Israel. The first exposure we have of him is when "he hid himself among the stuff."

Some people hide themselves among the "stuff" of shallow preparation, non-ethical habits, or fool-hardy decisions. We don't need to imitate Saul in his cowardly ways.

Think of Absalom. He failed to honor and respect his parents. Bitter death came to him -- and sadness

beyond description to King David, his father.

Don't be like Absalom. Children need to love and respect their parents, even as parents need to provide for their children and not provoke them to anger.

Take a look at Jesus. He is the greatest person who ever walked the face of this earth. He is the Son of God and God the Son. No person equals Him. He gave His life for our eternal well-being. He knows all about us, and yet Jesus loves us! We may trust Him and follow Him every day. Life never is the same for those who are the disciples of Jesus.

When you visit your Public Library, you'll see thousands of books which have been written by countless authors. The "Divine Library" needs to be visited, too. And you can go to that Book at any time of day or night without leaving your home. Will you do it?

Obituary



Cassie Wilson

Cassie Wilson, age 88, died at Del Rio, Texas, on December 14, 1992. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, December 17, at the Morrison Funeral Chapel in Dumas. Interment will be at the Dumas Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was born at the present site of McKenzie Dam, near Silvertown, Texas. During most of her life, she had been actively

engaged in farming near Gruver in Hansford County, and near Dumas in Moore County.

For the past year she had been living at Fort Clark Springs.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Dumas, Las Molinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a former member of the Dumas Garden Club, B & PW, and Cotton Club.

Mrs. Wilson was married to Clinton Wilson who died in 1954.

Survivors include a son, Travis Wilson of Brackettville; a daughter, Willie Mae Mangold of Pampa; a grandson, Mitchell Wilson of Brackettville; a granddaughter, Cassandra Weyandt of Glen Rose; two great granddaughters, Brandi Wilson of Brackettville and Bonnie Weyandt of Glen Rose; and a brother, Max Kirby of Houston.

Memorials may be made to the Frontier Baptist Church of Brackettville.

Coates Elected To ASC Committee

Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director of the Kinney County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, has announced the results of the December 7 election of County ASC Committee persons for 1993.

Dennette Haby Coates was elected to serve a 3-year term. Don Nance will serve as first alternate, and David Rose will serve as second alternate.

Wanoreck added that producer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs, under the guidance of the State ASC Committee and applicable Federal laws and regulations.

At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year. The producer receiving the largest number of votes is elected to the committee for a three year term; persons receiving the second and third largest number of votes are elected to one year terms as first and second alternates.

Golf News



LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Low Gross - Low Net
Tuesday, December 1, 1992
Low Gross: 1st, Gwen Ladd - 80; Shirley Stephenson - 84; Jane Young - 85.

Low Net: 1st, Barbara Miller - 63; 2nd, Betty Mathison - 64 3rd (tie) Eileen Voracek, Flo Stafford, Betty Schlatterer - 67.

The Ladies Golf Association will hold the annual tournament on December 8 - 9 to determine the Club Championship and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd flight winners.

Ladies Club Championship
Wednesday, December 9

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
Jackie Marrs 164
Gwen Ladd 170
Pat McKelvy 171

1st FLIGHT
Darlene Horning (Low gross) 171
Pat Nelson (Low gross) 175
Marge Maderich (Low net) 142
Luella Gilliland (Low net) 143

2nd FLIGHT
Ezliabeth Dillahunty (Low gross) 192
Jo Ann Mayberry (Low net) 134

3rd FLIGHT
Jean Petaja (Low gross) 206
LaVone McLane (Low net) 137

Mens Golf
A-B-C-D
2 Best Ball
Wednesday, December 9, 1992

Tie for first at 154: Jack Legg, Bob Derrickson, Newell Mayberry, Jerry McLane; Gordy Lundquist, Pat Grant, Charlie Descheemaeker, Vern Ebert.
3rd, 155: Ralph Viestenz, Howard Peck, James Stafford, and Don Herron.

Couples
Thursday, December 10, 1992
ALL HAD 64s

Julian Garza & Carol Benefield, Jerry & Lavon McLane; Glen & Gwen Ladd, Andy & Avis Anderson; Roy & Fern Dyer, Del & Margo Kendrick; Tom Beatty & Betty Dennis, Gordon & Jean Petaja.

3 Par
Monday, December 14, 1992
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Texas Rangers: Images - Incidents

The Texas Rangers rode into history in 1823 as a small, disorganized band of volunteers who fought Indians, pursued outlaws, and suppressed riots during the violent days of early Texas. Their attempts to tame a wild frontier and keep the peace created a swirl of legends that can still be heard today.

The Institute of Texan Cultures is pleased to offer a dramatic overview of this diverse band in *The Texas Rangers: Images and Incidents*. The book, by Dr. John L. Davis, is a total revision of his 1975 publication, *The Texas Rangers, Their First One Hundred Fifty Years*, which was based on the Institute's *Texas Rangers* traveling exhibit. Printed on archival paper, the new book is much larger, with 230 historical photos and a fold-out map.

Rangers have been lawmen in Texas under Mexican, Republic, and State governments. Over the years they have been Indian fighters, Indian protectors, urban peace officers, border guards, undercover agents, traffic police, court officers, detectives and investigators, escorts, prison guards, infantrymen, parade marshalls, and assault troops. Davis' book presents an overview of this service through

both well-known narratives and stories not often told.

Sure to become an important addition to personal and public libraries far beyond the state's borders, *The Texas Rangers: Images and Incidents* remains a general history of the legendary lawmen, a story now nearly 175 years old. The book is available in the hardbound edition for \$29.95 and in softbound for \$19.95, and has quickly become a popular gift item for the holidays.

Author Dr. John L. Davis is a lecturer at The University of Texas at San Antonio, part-time teacher at San Antonio College, free-lance researcher and writer, infrequent poet, and former Director of Research at the Institute. Author of several books and numerous articles, he has completed projects in such areas of research as early exploration, vampirism, ethnic studies, and urban history.

The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio is an educational center concerned with the history and diverse cultures of Texas. It is located at Bowie St. and Durango Blvd. on HemisFair Park. For more information or to order *The Texas Rangers*, call (210)226-7651, or outside the San Antonio area at 1-800-776-7651, ext. 259, during regular business hours.

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