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



City Opens Oil Recycling Facility

Above, city employees and council members are joined by MRGDC representatives to open the Oil Recycling Tank at the Citizen Collection Site (news release in last week's *Brackett News*). At left, Mayor Carmen Berlanga, MRGDC Erica Leos, and Councilman Larry Moore immediately after dumping in the first gallon of used oil.



Trant Appointed To Represent County On Appraisal District

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met at 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 13, 1993, with Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, and Cordelia Mendeke present. Jean Faulkenberry offered the invocation and Judge Ward led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of previous meetings were approved as read.

Auditor Telford of Beyer, Telford & Co., Sinton, the county's auditing firm presented the Kinney County audit report for the period ending September 30, 1993. After a period of questions/answers, the court voted to accept the report and thanked Mr. Telford for being so thorough and helpful. Mr. Telford commended the judge, the commissioners, and department heads on their excellent budget management and cooperation, and especially commended County Auditor Cordelia Barlow on the operation of her office. One suggestion Mr. Telford made was to place names and salaries of all new employees on the court's agenda for approval so the information will be recorded in the minutes.

Road Administrator Cliff Fritter gave his monthly activity report and expressed satisfaction with the newly acquired radio-communication system as not only a means of communications but as time-saving.

County Extension Agent Allen McWilliams announced that the Kinney County Junior Livestock Show was scheduled for January 21-22, 1994, and about the same number of entries as last year were expected.

The following 1994 holiday schedule was approved for Kinney County: January 17, Martin Luther King Day; February 21, Presidents Day; March 2, Texas Independence Day; March 21, San Jacinto Day; April 1, Good Friday; May 30, Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; September 5, Labor Day; October 10, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans Day; November 23 (noon) 24 and 25, Thanksgiving; December 22 (noon) 23 and 26, Christmas; January 1 (1995) New Years.

Debbie Trant was named to replace Rudy Luna as the county's representative to the Kinney County Appraisal Board.

Three bids had been received for the advertised carpet and they were opened and read. Aladdin bid \$8.45 per square yard; Sherwin-Williams bid \$9.00; and R.C. Carpet bid \$12.95. The bid was awarded to Aladdin of Del Rio.

Fuel bids were received from Maxey (Exxon) at .6994 for unleaded gasoline and .5465 for diesel. Del Rio Gas (Diamond Shamrock) bid .8586 for unleaded and .9482 for road diesel and .7404 for off-road. Each bid would have the appropriate taxes added. Maxey was the successful bidder.

Air conditioning bids were received from Parts Plus (Brackettville Air Conditioning) at \$2143.85/\$2435.00 at the court house and \$1967/\$2700 for the lower floor of the Filippone Building. (Two figures for types of cooling/heating). Western Air bid \$3975.00 on the Filippone Building and \$5900.00 at the court house. The court authorized Judge Ward to negotiate with the low bidder hinging on proof of proper insurance coverage.

No roofing bids were received. The court approved transfer of \$5,068.97 from Historical Commission Book Sales to General Fund. This amount had been on the books since the late 1970s and was to repay the county for the expense of having the History books printed.

Bills were examined and approved for payment; the meeting was then adjourned.

**School Is Out For Christmas Vacation.
Drive Carefully Give Everybody A Merry Christmas**

BISD Hires New Band Director

William Charles (Chuck) Wilson of Alpine, Texas, was hired as band director by the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees for the balance of the school year. He will begin his work in Brackettville in January.

Wilson has served as a graduate student and band director for Sul Ross State University from August 1991 to the present time.

Mr. Wilson graduated from Eastwood High School, El Paso, in 1987, and earned a Bachelor of Music Degree from Sul Ross in 1991. He has been working on his Masters Degree at Sul Ross since that time.

His wife, Charlotte, is a Pre-kindergarten teacher in Marfa.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had heard only compliments about Brackettville and Brackett ISD. He continued, "I am very excited about the program and the student activity at Brackett High, and I am encouraged by the energy in the sixth grade band."

Wilson was impressed with the environment that he said, "could easily become home."



Housing Authority Party

The poem "The Night Before Christmas" was narrated and acted out as part of the program at the Service Club Friday night as the Brackettville Housing Authority treated resident children to a Christmas Party. If you recall, in the poem Santa makes a visit and here he is!



Shriners Install New Officers

The Shriners met at Las Moras Inn Friday evening, December 10, 1993, to, among other festivities, install new officers. From left is newly installed Chaplain Dean Hildreth, Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Clements, Installing Officer Chief Rabban Ed Vest, Vice President Danny Fisher, and President Jack Phillips. Behind the new officers is Immediate Past President Willie Fisher.

Board Gets Construction Update

The Brackett Independent School Board met Monday evening, December 13, 1993, with President Jimmy Bader, Lloyd Lee Davis, Jewel Robinson, Stan Conoly, Jim McDaniel, Gloria Garcia, and Lingo Sandoval present.

Minutes of the November 8 and 15 meetings were approved as printed.

Superintendent Steve Mills gave an update on the library construction - carpeting, electricity, ceiling tile, heating and cooling installed. Plumbing and some carpentry remains to be done involving about a week's actual work. This fine facility should be ready for use when school resumes in January. Mr. Mills has been advised that possibly a large exhaust fan could take care of the ventilation problem in the girls dressing room of the gym.

Auditor Ede of Ede & Co., Knippa, presented the school's audit report and was complimentary of the staff. He commended Gloria Benacci on the manner she had performed after taking over mid-year and being faced with the numerous changes in coding mandated by TEA. The two problem areas he pointed out were because of state funding procedures and all school districts are having to report the same deficiencies. The board voted to accept the report.

After a lengthy discussion on conducting the annual evaluation of the school superintendent, the board agreed to study the suggested procedures and then meet in a workshop at 5:00 p.m., January 6, to do the actual evaluation.

Business Manager Gloria Benacci presented the financial report.

The possibility of establishing an in-town school bus route was discussed but no action taken.

Superintendent Mills discussed the Brackett Advisory Council Report. He and Principals Don Sims and Carl Glass expressed satisfac-

tion at the progress of the Council. Each board member had been asked to recommend two people for the council. Mr. Mills, Mr. Sims and Mr. Glass each appointed two.

Jones Elementary Principal Carl Glass reported an enrollment in grades Pre-K through fifth grade of 328 which is a record to date. He also announced that the elementary school would have a Christmas program at 10:30 Thursday morning.

High School Principal Don Sims reported high school enrollment, grades 6 through 12, at 138. He announced that Tuesday's basketball games had been cancelled by Nueces Canyon; semester exams would be Wednesday and Thursday and that the semester would end when school dismissed for the Christmas holidays; Tiger Basketball Tournament, both boys and girls, this week end; and he had filed the application for Air Force Junior ROTC; all the students who entered band solo/ensemble contest in Eagle Pass this past week end had earned first division ratings except one who scored a two.

Curriculum Director Taylor Stephenson reported that he had obtained two grants that would provide calculators for all eighth grade students and training for a teacher at Region 20; and that he had enjoyed working with the high school band.

Superintendent Mills reported that Judge McGown had ruled SB7 constitutional and the suit would now go to the Supreme Court. He praised Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Jimenez, and Mrs. McNew for working with the high school, 5th grade and 4th grade band respectively since the resignation of the band director.

The board entered into a closed meeting after which they hired a band director (see separate story). The meeting was then adjourned.

Council Gives Employees A Surprise Holiday

The Brackettville City Council met at City Hall Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., December 14, 1993, with Mayor Carmen Berlanga, and Council Members Larry Moore, Jean Seargeant, Mary Flores, Julie Fuentes, and Ralph Gonzalez present.

Minutes of previous meetings were approved as printed.

The council approved the following 1994 holiday schedule for city employees:

January 17, Martin Luther King Day; February 21, Presidents Day; March 2, Texas Independence Day; April 1, Good Friday; May 30, Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; September 5, Labor Day; October 10, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans Day; November 24 & 25, Thanksgiving and December 23 & 26, Christmas. City Secretary David Luna was authorized to award city employees a holiday on Friday, December 24, 1993.

Action on installing new street lights was postponed until Mayor Berlanga and Councilman Gonzalez could survey the city and determine where lights were most needed, and where increasing the wattage of existing lights would be beneficial. They will report at the January meeting.

The council designated the First State Bank of Brackettville as the official depository for the city for the period of October 1, 1993, to September 30, 1994.

The council passed a resolution naming *The Brackett News* the city's

official newspaper for the period of October 1, 1993, to September 30, 1994.

Financial reports were reviewed. Mayor Berlanga announced that Auditor Horn was working on the annual audit and had said that the good bookkeeping of the monthly statements was making his job easier.

Councilwoman Julie Fuentes drew the name for the Randon Drug Testing.

City Secretary Lune reported that the boring under the highway to run a water line to the Rudman property had been completed at a cost of \$4,000.00, and that city personnel continued to work on line, often through solid rock; however, they averaged about 100 yards per day.

Mr. Luna also reported that Texas Natural Resources had inspected the landfill closure and indicated the city would soon receive their letter stating that the job had been done satisfactorily.

Councilwoman Jean Seargeant shared a flyer from Falcon Cable that had arrived in monthly statements that stated that subscribers would no longer be charged for more than one TV outlets in a home. Yet, the charges had still appeared on the next statement. She had called Falcon and was told that the provision did not apply to cities with less than 1000 subscribers. This appears to be an example of false advertising. Mr. Luna said he would follow up on the concern.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Santa Has Been Returned He's Right At Home On Fire Truck

Tuesday afternoon Josie Rivas called *The Brackett News* from City Hall and said Santa had been returned. A great deal of plastic surgery was required for Santa's face, his beard had to be restored, and his clothing replaced, but now he is back on the fire truck at City Hall with a big smiling face and a hearty Ho Ho Ho!

Within only a few days of Santa's disappearance, his captor had been identified, contacted, and in no uncertain terms informed that all repair costs would be paid by the high school student whose joke had turned sour.

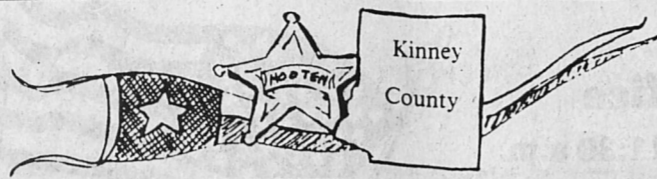
Surely this youngster has learned a lesson and will be more respectful of other people's property...maybe a little of the charity the kidnapper

received will give a new slant on life...maybe a little true Christmas spirit will rub off on a chastised youth.

People, drive by City Hall and enjoy the unique Christmas display of Santa on the fire truck! In fact, drive around Brackettville and Fort Clark and enjoy the many displays of really outstanding decorations.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A ranch hand employed on a local ranch approx. 15 miles south of Brackettville in Kinney County was the focus of an intensive manhunt in the area of the ranch on which he worked the night of Wednesday, December 8, 1993.

The search for the ranch hand, Cruz C. Pena, 68, of Del Rio, Texas, actually began at approx. 8:00 p.m. though the Sheriff's Department was not notified until approx. 11:30 p.m. Upon returning to the ranch from church Wednesday night, the ranch owner discovered the horse that was normally ridden by Mr. Pena still in the pasture in which Mr. Pena had been working. The horse was still saddled and bridled and no sign of Mr. Pena could be found. Suspecting an accident or worse the ranch owner searched the pasture and surrounding area to no avail.

After the unsuccessful attempt to locate the missing man was made, the ranch owner contacted the local Game Warden who in turn contacted the Sheriff's Department. Other area law enforcement and public safety personnel were contacted and assisted in the search, including agents of the local Border Patrol and security guards from Ft. Clark. At approx. 12:53 a.m. the morning of December 9, 1993 the body of the missing man was found lying face up in the pasture in which he had been working horseback on Wednesday. It is believed that the deceased died

of a heart attack. He was pronounced dead of natural causes at the scene by Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall. The body was first transported to the local sub-station of Humphrey's Funeral Home, then later transported to Del Rio by that firm for burial in that city.

Well, it's that time of year again! Holidays and hunting season! and, as usual during this time of year, every year, we are kept busy investigating reports of vehicle

burglaries resulting in the theft of expensive rifles, shotguns, handguns, and related hunting equipment as well as the additional theft of Christmas gifts left in open view inside vehicles.

Burglary is, as with most crimes, a crime of opportunity. Though not always the case, many of the burglaries we investigate this time of year could have been prevented if only a few preventative measures had been taken by the victims to prevent the "opportunity" for those of our society who steal and damage property of others.

NEVER, NEVER leave your vehicle unlocked and unattended, even for a short period of time, if you have valuables inside, especially if those valuables are guns and related hunting equipment or

Christmas gifts, wrapped or unwrapped.

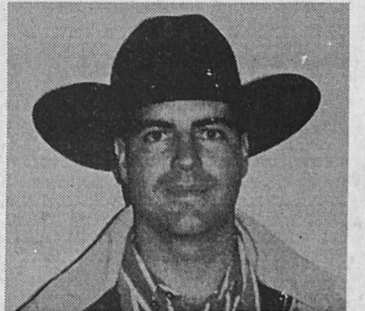
Make every effort to conceal from view items of value that you must leave inside your vehicle. If you are in a car, lock your valuables inside the trunk. ALWAYS remove the keys from your unattended vehicle and lock all the doors. And, by the way, be sure you have all the windows up and ALL the doors locked. One recent victim of vehicle burglary took care to remove the keys and lock the doors but left a rear window down. The result? The loss of several hundred dollars worth of Christmas gifts!

Remove the "OPPORTUNITY" for crime and crime will naturally decrease!

THAT'S ALL!

TEXAS LAW ASK THE OFFICER

Ask The Officer is sponsored by the Texas Highway Patrol Association and seeks to answer questions on law enforcement, public safety and other concerns involving the welfare of Texas citizens. You can write Ask The Officer care of the Texas Highway Patrol Association, 610 Brazos, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701.



Trooper Kevin Wilkie is a Texas Highway Patrol Association board member, and works in north-west Texas

Although everyone loathes the idea of being stopped by an officer, often it can be an educational experience for everyone.

The other day I stopped a young woman for a traffic violation and found that her child was not properly restrained

in the child seat. The woman knew the law regarding child seats, but unfortunately she had put the seat belt across her infant without running it through to restrain the seat itself. I explained to her that if she had to stop suddenly, the child seat would have catapulted forward and injured the child.

Be sure your child seat is secured firmly, as is the infant in the seat. Take the time to make sure all the restraints are operating properly, because you never know when you might have to slam on the brakes.

DRUGS EVERYWHERE

Q: I asked my son if drugs were a problem at his school. He said no, that drugs are a "city problem." (We live in the country) I know a lot of our young people are involved with alcohol, but are drugs just a "city problem?"

L.G., Blanco

A: Anywhere you have people, you have drugs. There may not be crack pushers out on the farm road dealing, but if someone wants drugs they can find them. And although the extent of drug use may not be as great in rural areas, that is no reason to ignore the possibility that your son may experiment with them. Believe me, kids can find drugs anywhere.

I'll send you a wonderful brochure, put out by the Texas Highway Patrol Association, that outlines signs parents should look for to make sure their kids aren't involved with drugs. If anyone else would like a free brochure, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to THPA Drug Brochure, 610 Brazos St., 4th Floor, Austin, TX, 78701.

CUSTOM LIGHTS

Q: I noticed that many newer Chevy Pickups (1988-94) have been customized with a rear roll pan and corvette type tail lights that don't have any reflectors curving around the sides. Is this legal? I thought you had to have tail lights that are similar to the front, with lights on the sides.

L. M., Waxahachie

A: If your vehicle is less than 80 inches wide (6-foot-8-inches wide) then you don't have to have side reflectors, so the corvette style is OK under those dimensions. The vehicle code also states that you must have two red or amber brake lights visible from 300 feet, and two red reflector lights visible from 600 feet on the back of the car (Passenger cars made prior to 1960 may have only one brake light).

Democratic Scene In Kinney County

At press time, the following had filed for positions on the Democratic Party Primary Ballot - election March 8, 1994.

In addition to the report in last week's issue of *The Brackett News*, Manuel M. Fuentes has officially filed as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 2.

Deadline for filing January 3, 6 pm Place for filing 507 N. Ann

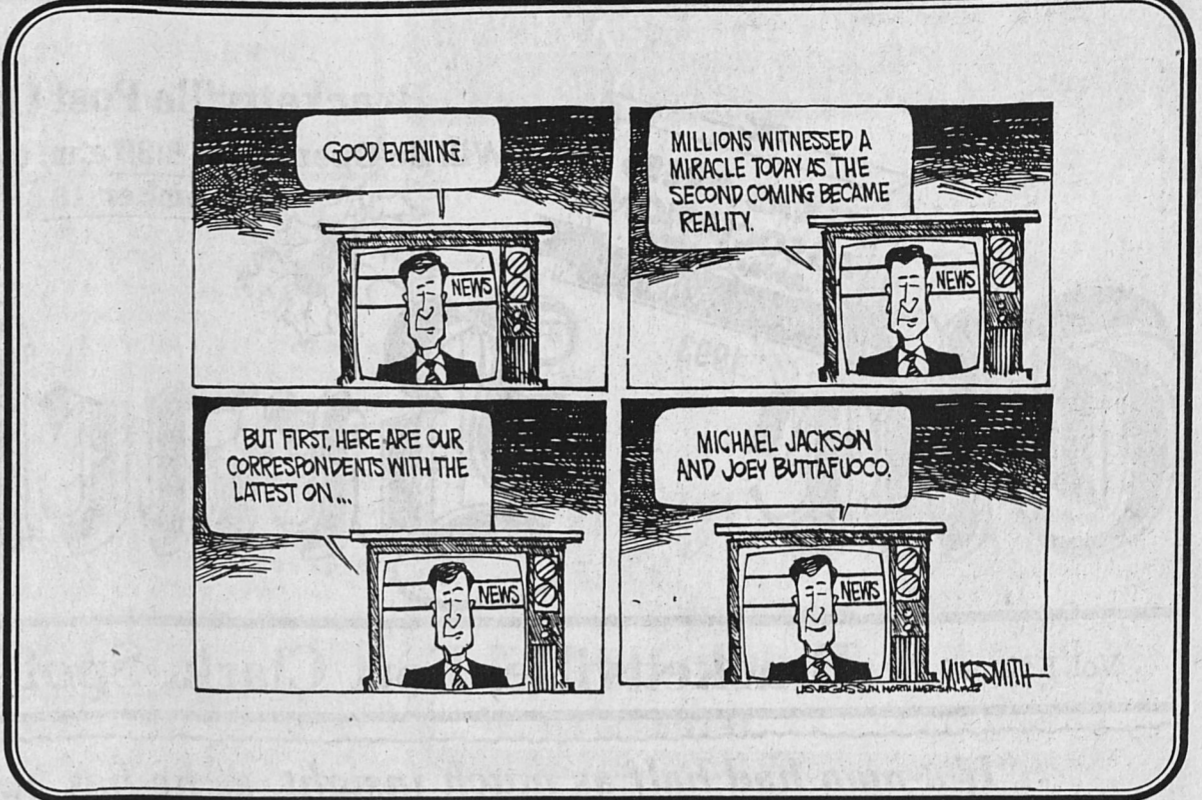
To vote in the March 8 election, a voter registration must be completed by February 6. Also, last day to change voting precinct.

County Committee Election Results

Producers in Kinney County elected Stanley Dunbar to a 3-year term, Raymond Frerich will serve as first alternate, and Gordon Lackey will serve as second alternate.

Producers in Val Verde County elected Bobby Burk to a 3 year term, Clay Whitehead Swenke will serve as first alternate and Alton Everett will serve as second alternate.

Appreciation is extended to Jimmy Sellers for serving on the Val Verde County Committee for 9 years.



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By Joe Townsend.



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



"Steve, I think you're overdoing it."

P. S. To The Mayor:

I use this medium to reiterate what I have already said to you. I am volunteering to serve on the Housing Commission.

Had I been asked, I would have served long ago.

/s/ Joe R. Townsend

Have a Good Day

Janice

Big Mama

Sez!

Just for today, listen to someone else's problems without adding a few of your own.



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 1993

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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Library Notes



Library Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Tuesday

Hooray, hooray! Maria has returned to work from her maternity leave. For those of you who did not know, Maria gave birth to her first son, Daulton Lee, on Thursday, November 18. The proud parents would like to thank everyone for the gifts, cards, and well wishes on their blessed event. I want Jari Thompson, Dena Scott, and Earlene Thurber to know how much I appreciate all the help they offered during Maria's absence.

Check our front display table for books on all you ever wanted to read about Christmas and more. The political reader may be interested in Rush Limbaugh's latest *See, I Told You So*.

Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 22, from noon, December 23 and 24 for the Christmas holiday. This means you will have only 1 1/2 days during that week to visit the library and stock up on books and videos. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 22nd from noon until 5:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24 for Christmas Holidays. Merry Christmas everyone!

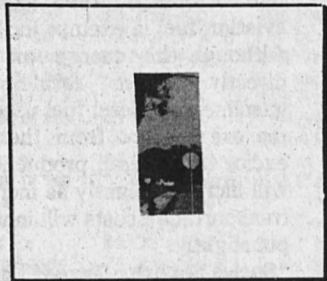
THANK YOU

To each and everyone of you special and beautiful people for the prayers, help, care, flowers, love and kindness you have shown me during my recent illness, I thank you.

I wish each and everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Marian Berry

Identify The Picture
The first person to come by The Brackett News and correctly identify this picture will receive a Brackett News cap!



Yes, we now have a FAX machine and it is ready for public use. At the present time, we are running a test cost of \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 per page thereafter for outgoing fax, and \$1.00 per page for incoming fax. Give our fax a try. At the library, we always get the "fax straight."

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer. This coin-operated printer is reconditioned and is ready for your use.

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

Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, December 7, with 6 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement. All drew for partners in the "mixer."

Nita Clayton and Norma Gould placed first in the N/S direction.

Betty Schlatterer and Ruth Wilks won second place with Ray Kurtz and Betty Ebert a close third place.

Joyce Bell and Walt Geeze won first place in the E/W direction.

Flo Stafford and Richard Mountain won second place with Ben Pingnot and Helen Lynch a close third place.

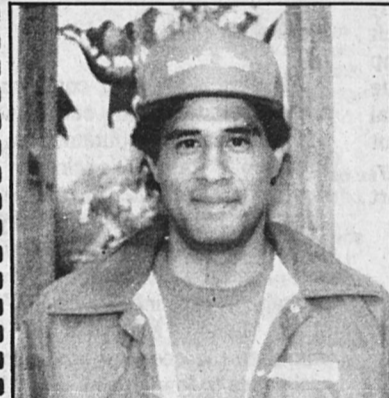
No one drew the name of their regular partner - it was a fun game.

Cap Winner

Had about decided Manuel Madrid had quit reading the paper since the Mystery Picture had run for weeks. Just couldn't believe he was stymied.

However, finally ... Manuel Madrid came into The Brackett News office Thursday afternoon to make the correct identification.

It was the sliding lock on the gate at city hall (the one they close when the drive through window is not in operation).



Around the Fort



Ceramic Shop Hours

Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sun: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Mon: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Ladies Exercise

Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Class

Every Monday Afternoon 1-4 p.m.
Call Adult Center, 563-2024, for information.

Thursday Night Movie

Adult Center 7:00 p.m.

Community Council Bingo

Community Council Bingo, on Fort Clark Springs, is up to 62 numbers for the \$100.00 jackpot. Perhaps some lucky person will have a Merry Christmas.

There will not be Bingo on Christmas Eve, December 24. We will have Bingo on New Year's Eve, December 31st. Punch will be served! Plan to spend New Year's Eve playing Bingo.

Reminder: Don't forget to enter the Home Christmas Decoration Contest at the Adult Center by December 19. Judging will be on Monday, December 20...and, you could be a winner!

Over 80 ladies attended the luncheon last Wednesday. Sondra Meil, the "crafty" owner of the Gift Box had many great tips for gift wrapping. Many thanks, Sondra, for sharing all those special tips with us.

You say "I Can't Carry A Tune In A Bucket," well, now's the time to become a real "star." The Christmas Karaoke Party at Town Hall Saturday, December 18, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. See you there.

The "Voices" Christmas Program *Fort Clark Tradition* was performed last Sunday night. As always, the "Voices" gave a wonderful performance for the many members who attended.

Las Moras Inn Restaurant will be closed Christmas Eve but will be open Christmas Day 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A special Christmas Buffet will be served for \$7.95.

Golf Club Restaurant will be open until 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, December 24, and closed Christmas Day.

Fort Clark Springs VFW Post #8360 & Auxiliary #8360

Announces that regular meetings have been changed from the 4th Wednesday of each month to the 4th Monday of each month. Meetings will still be held at the Service Club, Fort Clark Springs. 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper 7:00 p.m. Meetings

Mountain Laurel Garden Club

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club held a Christmas Party at the Adult Center on December 9. Gifts were exchanged. Esther Kesteloot and Norma Conner were hostesses and served a great array of home made cookies.

The Garden Club meets every second Thursday of the month. All you RVers and Winter Texans...don't forget the January meeting...January 13, 10:00 a.m., Adult Center. We look forward to a great turn out.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

FROM THE EDITOR

Unsigned letters to the Editor will not be considered for printing.

The Gift Box

Gifts For All Occasions

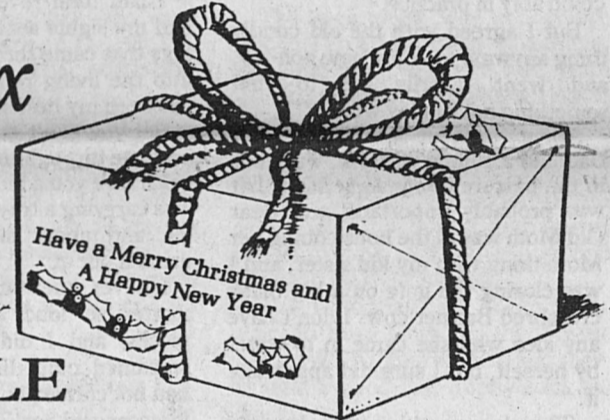
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CHRISTMAS SALE

December 20 - December 30

Now is the time for you to get those last minute gifts!

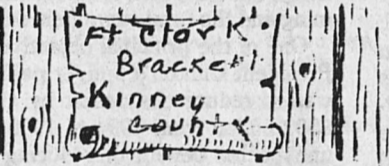
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We Will Be Closed
Christmas Day and New Years Day

Community Calendar



- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator 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.
- Beta Sigma Phi
- R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Book Club Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club
- Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
- City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall.
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- FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for information.
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- Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

Just For The Fun Of It



Betty Jane Mathison

more rain, get to know more people in Brackettville.
What would you like to be if you could change your life: An architect building homes.

Where were you born: Superior, Wisconsin.
When is your birthday: November 28.
What is your favorite food: Old fashioned home cooked meat, gravy, potatoes, salad.
What is your favorite movie: *Lonesome Dove* and *Return To Lonesome Dove*.
What is your favorite book: Western historical.
What are your hobbies: Golf, baking.
How do your friends describe you: Don't know.
Describe yourself: Talkative, love people.
How long have you lived in Kinney County: Winter Texas for 5 years. Barb and Bob Miller invited us to check out Fort Clark and we stayed.
If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Denmark to visit relatives.
If you could change Kinney County, how would you change it: Hope for

Answers to Super Crossword

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Roping Can Be Hazardous To Your Health

As we grow older, we develop a kind of seventh sense. It's called caution. Unlike the other six, which stay pretty active, it just sits there in the back of our minds.

For some, this sense comes early in life, and for others, it comes later because those others are slow to realize how important caution can be.

Caution means thinking. Thinking means being a little distracted from the activity that requires caution.

So, as I see it, caution is the main reason a lot of things don't get done.

Still, if it wasn't for lack of caution, America's youth would be even worse educated than they are now. I know for a fact that me not using caution a time or two in my young life produced some fairly violent forms of education - but it was education.

Like the time Dear Old Dad gave me my first new rope.

I was in the sixth grade, and until that time of my life, the only ropes I ever had were pretty well worn out and maybe even spliced a time or two.

Dear Old Dad was tired of me asking for a new rope, so we went down to the saddle house and he cut off a length of Plymouth Silk Manila from the coil. He built me my own personal catch rope.

I'll never forget his instructions when he gave it to me: "That rope is not a toy. Never, I mean never, put it on anything you can't get it off of by yourself."

I knew Dear Old Dad was pretty smart, but he was wrong about that rope not being a toy. I had seen him and them other guys playing with ropes ever since I could remember. There's no telling how many stray steers and cows had been roped, tripped, and tied just for the heck of it, or forefooted just so's the boy could stay in practice.

But I agreed with the old cuddly thing anyway, took my new non-toy, and went merrily off to find something not to play with.

About an hour later, Dear Old Dad and a couple of hands were out in the pasture doing something that was probably important, and Dear Old Mom was in the house doing her Mom-thing with my kid sister, and I was closing the gate on a big black crossbred Bramer cow. I don't have any idea why she came in to water by herself, but I sure did appreciate it.

There's something that I might mention about tying off: unless you are a-horseback, don't. And that's where caution - or rather the lack thereof - enters this story.

I slipped the horn knot over my right wrist and proceeded to sneak up on old snake. I used the horn knot because I didn't want to chase my rope down or take a chance on it getting drug around the corral and frayed to threads in all those rocks. Being in the sixth grade didn't mean I was stupid.

Well, I learned pretty sudden-like that it's per near impossible to rope a cow when she's blowing snot in your hip pockets.

But I made up my mind that I was going to rope this ill-trained old bat. I just hadn't figured out how. About the third time she put me on top of the fence, I figured it out.

I slipped the horn knot off my wrist and put it over the top of a fence post. Then I managed to make the old thing so mad she tried to climb on top with me. She would run at the fence, then turn and run towards the middle of the pen.

After three really bad throws, I finally caught her.

I kinda missed my slack a little, and the loop fit her like a workhorse collar. It was about the time she jerked the fence out from under me and the top half of that post hit her right square in the tail that I remembered the part of Dear Old Dad's advice about not putting a rope on anything that I couldn't get it off of by myself.

If it hadn't been for a neighbor coming over to borrow some kind of tool, I guess I'd still be out there trying to get my rope back. He felt sorry for me, and he not only got my rope back, he even got the fence tied up and did away with the post.

He said he wouldn't tell Dear Old Dad if I promised not to do anything that stupid again, and of course I agreed.

The neighbor got the tools he'd come for, and I took my rope and went to find something else to do for a while.

It seems that I still had not discovered the true meaning of the phrase "don't put your rope on anything you can't take it off of."

A few days later, some neighbors were over one evening to visit and drink coffee. I had just managed to put a new hondo in my not-so-new

catch rope, and since it was dark, I was in the house trying to mind my own business when it happened.

It was one of the few times my kid sister and me was getting along. I had been practicing my forefooting loop on her. She would come down the hall and into the living room, and I would try and catch her feet as she went by. It was a friendly game. I wasn't trying to stack her up or anything like that. We were just playing.

Then she done it. She grabbed my rope and managed to get a knot tied in it that has never been identified in the Boy Scout handbook or any known sailor's manual. Then she ran back into the kitchen.

Of course, you know, that meant war.

Well, I finally got the knot out of my old whaleline and waited for the untrustworthy little snot to come back down the hall so's I could forefoot her and jerk her down on her little rotten head.

Up till now, I haven't said much about Dear Old Mom. It's not that I'm trying to shun her; it's just that I always got along pretty good with the old gal. She never was one to get into the problems of me being the type to kinda mess things up on occasion. She had voiced her opinion about the way Dear Old Dad had more or less let me have my head (so to speak), and, I might add, she was seriously opposed to me having a rope of any kind - especially in the house.

Still, she tolerated the rope and didn't really say all that much even when I had to have a little help turning one of the dogs loose. She just wasn't crazy about me packing a rope around all the time, and the only reason I had it in the house then was because I was trying to get a new hondo in it.

I had total revenge on my mind and my sights set for the first set of legs that came through that hall and into the living room. Timing never has been my best suit.

But you can't guess who was the first one through the door.

I'll give you a hint: whoever it was was carrying a tray with a pot of coffee and about sixty-five cups to drink it out of.

I never knew coffee cups could shatter so loud and in so many pieces, and I didn't know a man screamed quite like that when he had hot coffee poured in his lap. But they can and he did.

I had done it. I had forefooted Dear Old Mom.

For a couple of seconds, Dear Old Dad thought Dear Old Mom had just tripped and managed to throw coffee over the back of the couch onto him, but when Dear Old Mom came up off the floor with my rope in her hand I think Dear Old Dad may have guessed what really happened.

The neighbors were somewhat confused. They didn't know whether to show concern about the woman on the floor or laugh at the man peeling down to his underwear as fast as he could.

I personally didn't care about their dilemma. I was trying to figure out how to escape through one of the two doors to the house, each of which by now was blocked by an adult I knew for a fact to be a little upset, one with a rope in her hand and the other one with bright pink thighs.

There was no escape.

Dear Old Mom grabbed me and took me and my rope into the kitchen. She made me sit and watch her cut that rope into pieces about six inches long - except for the last piece. That one she left about four foot long and preceded to double it.

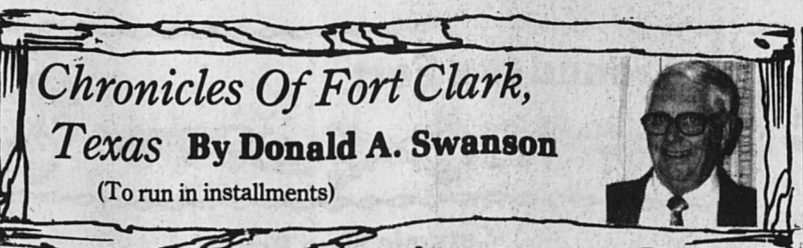
Being in the sixth grade didn't mean I was ignorant. I knew what was fixing to happen.

And it did.

When she got through with me, I headed for my bedroom. All the adults in the living room was handing me some pretty hard looks. Dear Old Dad was just getting back from putting on some cooler and dryer clothes.

As I started to go past him, he said to me, "I told you not to put that rope on anything you couldn't get it off of."

It was two days later that I tried to get a letter sent off to the *Tucumcari Tribune* wanting to place an ad for the adoption of one little girl, semi-housebroke, with outstanding knot-tying abilities. But that's another story.



Sgt. John B. Charlton
Fourth Cavalry Regiment Trooper

(Part 2, continued from last week)

Next noted soldierly act was performed in September 1872 when Colonel Mackenzie ordered an attack on Qua-ha-da Indian Camp (Mow-wi's). Charlton was junior sergeant that day and was therefore in charge of the rear column of "F" troop. When the troops reached the edge of the camp in the initial charge the order came "Right front into line." This caused Charlton and his squad to be on the right of the company. The four in the squad were privates; Ranking, Beals, Kelly and Dorst. By being on the right of the company, Charlton's squad was in the hottest part of the fight.

It was Charlton's squad that took the casualties for the attack but Charlton came out of the battle unscathed and he got "the Indian who shot Kelly and Dorst." The battle resulted in the capture of 130 squaws.

On a scouting detail, the detail was attacked by Indians outnumbering the troopers two to one. The Lieutenant of detail ran, begging his men to follow him and to "not fire a shot for fear of angering the Indians." Charlton rode beside the officer and said, "Lieutenant, if we stop and make a stand they will run."

"No! No! We can do nothing but try to outrun them," the Lieutenant replied. Charlton took command of those who were experienced in such warfare and drove the Indians off. The untried officer came to Charlton afterwards and asked him not to divulge any of this back at the post which Charlton promised and maintained this promise the rest of his enlistment. This story remained such a secret that it was only revealed by Mrs. Charlton after his death.

When Colonel Mackenzie was on a return march from North Fork of Red River Campaign, Indians were harassing the troops all day, the scouts which Charlton was attached to, were kept on the skirmish line all day. That night at roll call a man was reported missing and Charlton and another trooper were detailed to scout out and see if he could be found. This left the two troopers venturing in Indian Territory in the dead of night. After sneaking back approximately a mile on road, the command had used that day, where the trooper had last been spotted, the trooper was at that time riding in a very feeble manner as he was wounded and could barely keep his seat in the saddle.

On this hunt, neither of the scouts dared call out to him because of the nearness of the Indians. The scouts spied a gully alongside the road which they used to conceal their movement in trying to reach the wounded trooper. Creeping cautiously along one of the small channels, straining their eyes in the darkness for a sight of the wounded man, they had the misfortune to step on a dog and some half dozen puppies. The confusion that followed separated the two troopers but Charlton went on alone.

After crawling for some time on his hands and knees, he spotted an Indian camp. By this time Charlton was bruised from stones, a sleeve full of thorns, and an abdominal rupture (an old wound) which was giving him a great deal of pain. By cautiously searching he was able to find the wounded man who had fallen from his horse.

Since Charlton dared not carry him for fear of being seen by the Indians, he felt of the trooper's wound. Since he was not bleeding, Charlton wrapped his head and shoulders in his blouse and rolled him as gently as he and the place would permit down to the bottom of the gully. Then he was able to place the trooper on his back, then carefully avoiding the dogs' den, he returned the wounded trooper to the camp for treatment.

While Charlton, Scout McCabe and two Tonakawas, under the command of Lt. Peter M. Boehm, were scouting some three or four miles from Mackenzie's command, they suddenly came upon four Indians sitting on a grassy plot holding their horses. Upon sight of the troopers, the Indians made a spring for their horses. Three succeeded in mounting, but Lt. Boehm shot the horse from under one of the three. The demounted Indian engaged in gun duel but Lt. Boehm won out. The two mounted Indians were making their get away but were being followed by Scott McCabe and the two Tonkawas. The fourth Indian was left for Sgt. Charlton.

Charlton stated that this Indian was the most magnificent specimen of manhood, the bravest, and he was fully six feet, four inches in height.

This fourth Indian saw that he was dismounted and alone, he deliberately starting aiming at Lt. Boehm instead of Charlton.

Before the Indian had time to fire at Lt. Boehm, Charlton shot him. Since the shot was not fatal, his attention then was directed at Charlton. Charlton was having trouble controlling his horse as he was sensitive to the firing and every time Charlton tried to fire his horse either plunged or threw up his head. The Indian was able to keep a string of arrows in the air continually as if he were using a machine gun. One of the arrows pierced Charlton's thigh, midway between the hip and the knee, going through the saddle leather and pinning him to the saddle.

After the Indian exhausted his supply of arrows, he began using his rifle. One of the Indian's shots from the rifle struck Charlton's left hand, removing part of two fingers, mashing them against his quirt, and exposing bare bones. One shot from Charlton's carbine shattered the Indian's hips and lower spine, but the Indian laughed, tossed his black hair from his eyes, and kept on firing. It finally took a shot through the head by Charlton to end the duel. The scouts examined his body after the battle ceased and discovered nine bullet holes, any one of which should have killed an ordinary man.

Charlton, upon returning to camp, had to be removed from the saddle by the doctor after lifting the wounded thigh enough to cut the shaft of the arrow which pinned Charlton to his saddle.

In April 1873, "F" Troop, along with the rest of the regiment, was ordered to Fort Clark. Charlton stated that it rained on the troop every day until they reached Fort Clark. Since the 9th Cavalry occupied the main post, the 4th Cavalry was required to camp at Las Moras Springs. After a few days, Charlton and his troop "F" were ordered to the "Pintos" (Camp Pinto on Piedra Pinta Creek) which was utilized as a grazing camp. The troopers kept 15 days rations in a pack to move at a moment's notice.

May 17, when Col. Mackenzie selected the troops to accompany the raid to Remolino, Mexico, he left Troop "F" and Charlton at Camp Pinto, where they stayed until June 1873. They were moved to Sabinal Canyon and remained there to scout for Indians until St. Patrick's Day, 1874, and then they returned to Fort Clark.

(Continued next week)

Tribute To
Texas Children

At the annual winter convention of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) in Dallas last week, the education association announced plans to create life-size bronze statues of children on the grounds of the State Capitol and invited the three million children of Texas to participate in raising the funds.

The monument, the only one of its kind in the United States, will display free-form, ethnically diverse bronze statues of children ages 5 through 18 according to Gretchen Ricker, President of TEPSA.

It will be located at the Texas Capitol, just west of the new north entrance where school buses are unloaded. All visitors, and particularly Texas students who visit the Capitol on school trips, will see the realistic replicas of children...like themselves.

The project to raise the funds will begin in January 1994, conclude in May 1995, and the monument could be dedicated as early as May 1996.

To accomplish the funding, students at school campuses are being asked to make a contribution. Participation of all students, parents, campuses, districts, and school boards are asked to help with the fund drive.

Any building project that affects the State Capitol or its grounds requires legislation. During the last legislative session, SCR 62 bill was carried in the House by Representative Libby Linebarger, and in the Senate by Senator Bill Ratliff. In April 1993, the bill was passed directing the State Preservation Board to include on the Capitol grounds a permanent monument in tribute to children and to accept the funds raised totally by private donation.



Mosaic
Differences Separate, Unite

Our differences separate us, but our common attributes unite us, bring us together.

Out among the briars and brambles and deep within the low brush, the more diversity that exists, the grander the life.

Inter-relationships cycling upon cycles of growing and maturing, flowering and giving birth, create an ecosystem compatible and, therefore, desirable.

Bacteria to white-tailed deer and everything in-between are valid and complete unto themselves.

Any interruption is cause for change and every change a necessary interruption.

The beauty is not in the science of it, but in the acceptance of its ever-changing variety.

I can never go out and return and be less. I would be less if I denied my senses. Sounds fill my ears. Smells fill my nostrils. Shapes and textures entertain my fingertips. The air tastes thick with natural essence. My eyes never stop recording views of wonderment. My mind is glad to have the job of sensual experience.

Pine cones, ferns, mushrooms and salamanders are only edges of a mosaic that I roll across and through, like piles of dry leaves.

Everyday, the mosaic changes with the sun and wind and rain and fire. Everyday, I can change my point of view.

When we learn to let our differences unite us and we understand that diversity is our greatest attribute, then we, too, may fit together with the mosaic.



County Agent
News
By Allan McWilliams

Start End-Of-Year Tax Planning

This week's article comes from Joe Pena, Extension Economist located at the Texas A&M Center in Uvalde.

As the year end approaches, it's again time to think about income tax management and consider initiating procedures which might help reduce or postpone tax liabilities. As in the past, a primary tax saving objective should be to shift both income and expenses into whatever year will produce the lowest overall tax for both years.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, passed into law on August 10, 1993, will make this easier since the 1993 and 1994 tax rates will be the same. As a result, the strategy of postponing income and accelerating deductions to defer taxes until next year remains as the basis for most tax planning ideas.

Agriculture

Farmers and rural communities are expected to come out ahead on the tax changes contained in the President's budget package. The more significant tax increases are aimed at higher-income taxpayers, and are less likely to affect farmers and rural households. The package's tax incentives, on the other hand, are designed to stimulate the economy and provide assistance to low-income individuals and families. These incentives will likely have a positive effect in farming and the rural communities.

One of the principal objectives of President Clinton's budget package was to reduce the deficit by about \$500 billion from 1994 to 1998. An unexpected benefit of reducing the deficit is lower long term interest rates, which will lower interest costs for the farmer, rancher and other businesses and households.

Tax Rates

The budget act increases the marginal income tax rates primarily at the higher income tax brackets and is retroactive to January 1993. Below is a table of 1993 tax rates at taxable income levels.

Tax Rate	Single	Married Filing Jointly	Head of Household
15%	\$0-\$22,000	\$0-\$36,900	\$0-\$29,600
28%	\$22,100-\$53,500	\$36,900-\$89,150	\$29,600-\$76,400
31%	\$53,500-\$115,000	\$89,150-\$140,000	\$76,400-\$127,500
36%	\$115,000-\$250,000	\$140,000-\$250,000	\$127,500-\$250,000
39.6%	>\$250,000	>\$250,000	>\$250,000

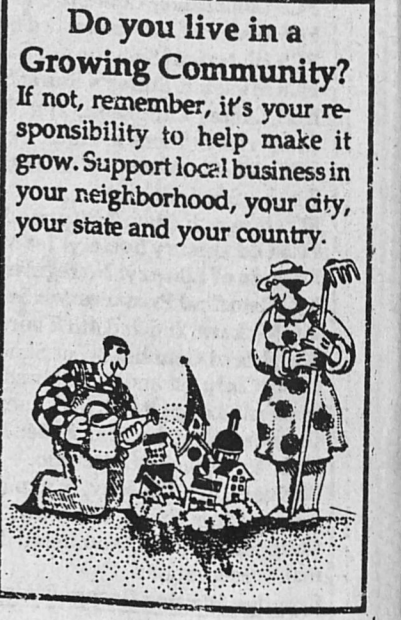
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The members of the Kinney County Historical Commission want to thank all the individuals, organizations, and businesses who made our 1880s barbecue, auction, and dance such a wonderful success.

The thousands of dollars raised will be used to complete the restoration of the Filippone Building and establish a Kinney County Museum.

Once again, thanks, /s/ B. Peter Pohl
Chairman



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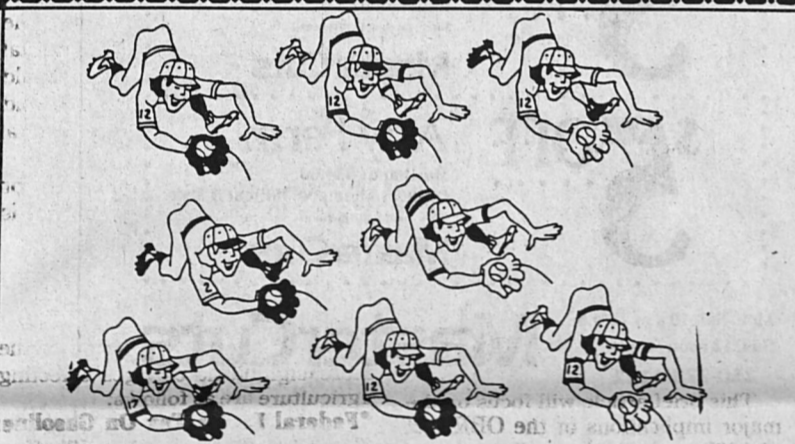
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Super Crossword

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| 6 Diction or faction starter | 58 Draft org. | 105 Pearl of high quality | 48 Requirement | 48 Requirement | 85 Brazilian dance |
| 10 Cpl. and sgt. | 59 French lace | 106 General region | 49 June bug | 56 Indian muberry | 88 One who revises |
| 14 Hebrew lyre | 60 Comment from Scrooge | 107 Enchanting place | 57 Foreshadow | 58 City on the Danube | 89 Bridge position |
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| 19 "East of —" | 62 Film starring Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes | 114 It starred Bogart and Bergman | 14 Human being | 15 Fountain specialties | 91 Gatekeeper |
| 20 Wyatt of the West | 63 Other than "Little Women" | 115 It might be common | 15 Fountain specialties | 16 Papal vestment | 95 Gear teeth |
| 21 Andrea — | 64 One of the "loop" trains | 116 City in unique reversal? | 17 Versailles, to some | 17 Versailles, to some | 96 Sovereign's decree |
| 23 Role for Bette Davis | 65 Soak flax | 117 Row of seats | 18 Makes a request | 18 Makes a request | 97 Woody, tropical vine |
| 25 Role for Katharine Hepburn | 66 Watering place | 118 Spruces up the copy | 24 Caesar's 506 | 24 Caesar's 506 | 98 Constellation near the S. celestial pole |
| 27 Pirate ships | 67 Nobleman, for short | 119 Word before gas or sheet | 26 Work or worm starter | 26 Work or worm starter | 99 Not now |
| 28 Singer | 68 Chicago | 120 Waste allowance | 28 Knight's gear | 28 Knight's gear | 100 Goddess of peace |
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| 31 Indo-Iranian | 71 High Andean plateau | 1 Holes in a casting mold | 33 Burden bearer | 33 Burden bearer | 104 Sole of a plow |
| 32 Stair parts | 72 Say further | 2 Yearn | 34 Conductor Taylor | 34 Conductor Taylor | 107 Become bankrupt |
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| 36 Dynamic or plastic starter | 74 Period of immaturity | 4 Rude rustics | 36 Native American | 36 Native American | 109 Black birds of puzzledom |
| 39 Baseball great | 75 Starring vehicle for Monty Woolley | 5 Ship's lowest deck | 37 Taylor or skillful | 37 Taylor or skillful | 110 English teachers' org. |
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| 50 Vinegar from fermented ale | 77 Walks at a leisurely pace | 7 Jewish month | 39 Native American | 39 Native American | 113 Table scraps |
| 51 Hairy wild hog | 78 Concords for one | 8 Floral necklaces | 40 Past | 40 Past | 114 Small coins |
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Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

Christmas Geometric Shapes Middle School Math

It looks like a strange topic, but we know that it's Christmas time and anything can happen.

The topic this week is about a teaching project in Middle School math that relates Christmas, geometric shapes, and above all else, middle school math.

Geometry essential elements begin in kindergarten math with the recognition of two and three dimensional figures. At this grade level, geometric concepts that are to be developed include classification, size and shape, and patterns. As a child works through the elementary grades, instruction in the essential elements of math at each grade level add to the math instructional target of geometry. By the time students reach middle school, they have become much more knowledgeable about geometric shapes which includes the Pythagorean Theorem, classifying triangles and quadrilaterals, angles, perpendicular and parallel lines, and the application and use of geometry for problem solving in the areas of art, architecture, and construction.

I want to tell you about an exciting project that was recently completed by Brackett Middle School math students in grades 6, 7, and 8, and their teacher Mary Petrosky. The assignment was a geometry unit in which study was focused on geometric figures, angles, where we find geometric shapes in the real world, and how geometry relates to our lives.

Educators know that associations with the realworld make learning easier for students. Upon the beginning of this project, students were told that they would be graded on the specifics of the project including elaboration and detail.

The sixth grade was given an assignment to construct out of paper a Santa Claus made completely out of geometric figures. The seventh

grade was told to design a Christmas card made completely out of geometric figures. In the eighth grade, the assignment was to write a song about math to the tune of any well known Christmas song.

Journal writing about math has become a well accepted way of finding out what students know and don't know about math. The idea of creating a song is a novel approach to this self reflection. They also did leaf rubbings to look at the angle veins on the leaf.

Mrs. Petrosky shared some of the projects with me. In her opinion, the sixth grade was better than expected since it was Petrosky's first time to teach sixth grade. A few of the projects receiving Mrs. Petrosky's highest marks of approval were:

SANTAS: LaToya Wright, Zachry Davis, James Burks, and Jamie Bader. CHRISTMAS CARDS: Cherisse Ward, "Manager scene with baby Jesus;" Stephanie Terrazas, "A Christmas card where you pulled a piece of paper to light up the fireplace;" Amanda Petrosky, "Christmas scene with train, trees, and a bear;" Andre Buschart, "Christmas card that played Feliz Navidad." Others receiving special recognition were Samantha Perez and Moses Villarreal.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Cherisse Ward - "Manger scene with baby Jesus;" Stephanie Terrazas, Christmas card with pop-up reindeer;" Gracie Terrazas, "Christmas card where you pulled a piece of paper to light up the fireplace;" Amanda Petrosky, "Christmas scene with train, trees, and a bear;" Andre Buschart, "Christmas card that played Feliz Navidad." Others receiving special recognition were Samantha Perez and Moses Villarreal.

SONGS: J. Wayne Ballew, Jorge Rodriguez, and Cherisse Ward, "Joy To The School;" Jo Lee Jones, "I'm Dreaming Of 100 On My Test." There were lots of songs about the 12 days of Christmas like, "my math teacher gave to me: protractors, compass, and rulers."

In testing the project, students were to write an essay telling everything that they had learned about angles. Students spoke of angles being everywhere they looked - in the room, in the school, in their homes, outside in each building, and in each tree. Students drew different types of angles on the exam and gave diagrams to demonstrate where angles were found outside of the textbook. Sixth grader, James Burks, summed it up by saying, "Angles are everywhere. If they were snakes, they's bite you."

Summing it up, it was a high interest project that took the season, the school children, and the outside world and tied them together in a big Christmas Bow! Thanks for sharing your projects with us, Middle School Math Students and Mrs. Petrosky.

This week, we salute you for making a difference.

Brackett Campus

By BRIAN HOOKER
BHS Student Reporter

SWTJC Tournament

Tigerettes Lose Third Straight To Nueces Canyon

Friday, December 10, at the Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) tournament, the Tigerettes fell to the Lady Panthers once again. The final score was 51-8 in favor of the Nueces Canyon Lady Panthers.

High point for the Tigerettes was Denise Frerich with 3. Sandra Hernandez had 2, Lindy LaMascus had 2, and Lolly Hernandez had 1.

It is unfortunate that the Tigerettes lost but the more they play teams like Nueces Canyon the more they will be prepared for district.

The loss put the Tigerettes at a 2-6 season record, and a tournament record of 0-1.

Tigerettes Crush Trojanettes

The Tigerettes would play the Trojanettes of Asherton for their second game of the tournament. The Trojanettes were no match for the Tigerettes, the Tigerettes won 57-18.

High point in this game was Lolly Hernandez with 14. Next was Sophomore Denise Frerich and freshmen Courtney Harrison with 10 points each. Lindy LaMascus had 9, Sandra Hernandez had 6, Jennifer Terrazas and Sandra Samaniego had 3, and Chica Garza had 2.

This impressive victory brought the Tigerettes to 3-6 for the year and 1-1 in tournament.

Tigerettes Lose A Close One To Lady Bulldogs

The Tigerettes played the Lady Bulldogs from LaPryor for their third and final game of the SWTJC Tournament. The final score was 49-40, Lady Bulldogs.

The high point was freshman Sandra Hernandez with 14 points. Next was Lolly Hernandez with 11, Ida Aguilar had 6, Sandra Samaniego had 3, Lindy LaMascus and Courtney Harrison each had 2.

This loss brings the Tigerette record to 3-7 for the season, and 1-2 in the tournament.

SWTJC Tournament Stats

The Tigerettes had a total of one win and two losses in the tournament. They did, however, score 105 points.

Tournament high was Lolly Hernandez with 26 points. Next was Sandra Hernandez with 22; Denise Frerich and Lindy LaMascus had 13 each; Courtney Harrison had 12; Ida Aguilar and Sandra Samaniego had 6, Jennifer Terrazas had 5, and Chica Garza had 2.

Tigerettes Seasonwise

Seasonwise, Jennifer Terrazas leads in scoring with 73 points. Just behind her is Lolly Hernandez with 72. Sandra Hernandez had 55, Denise Frerich had 47. Ida Aguilar has 41, Lindy LaMascus has 30. Courtney Harrison and Sandra Samaniego each have 18, Chica Garza had 8, and Amy Bader has 1.

The Tigerettes as a team have scored a total of 363 points.

Tigers Beat Panthers In Close One

Friday, December 10, at the SWTJC Tournament, the Tigers first opponent was the Nueces Canyon Panthers. The Tigers pulled off a close victory, 58-54.

The high point scorer was Jesse Terrazas with an amazing 27 points. Next was Matthew Rocha with 10. Wil Shahan had 6, Patrick Melancon and Ramon DeLeon each had 5, Ruben Terrazas had 3, and Kelly Henrich had 2.

The victory brought the Tigers to a 3-5 record for the season, and 1-0 in the tournament.

Rock Crushers Crush Tigers

Rock Crushers? Yes, that's right. The Knippa Rock Crushers. The Tigers faced them in the second round of play in the SWTJC Tournament. The Rock Crushers crushed the Tigers 69-48.

High point for the Tigers was Ramon DeLeon with 17. Ruben Terrazas, Jesse Terrazas, and Matthew Rocha each added 6 points. Kelly Henrich put in 5, Wil Shahan 4, Patrick Melancon 2, and Bernie Allemeier also put in 2.

This brought the Tigers to a 3-6 season record, and 1-1 for the tournament.

Tigers RIP Angoras

After two previous losses to the Angoras, the Tigers finally decided they'd had enough of Rocksprings. The Tigers gave it to them and came away victors by a score of 54-46.

The high point was sophomore Ruben Terrazas with an outstanding 18. Next was, who else but, Jesse Terrazas with 12. Wil Shahan had 7, Matthew Rocha had 6, Ramon DeLeon had 5, Chris Hale had 4, and Kelly Henrich had 2.

The Tigers have a season record of 4-6 with this win, a tournament record of 2-1, and a 1-2 record against rival Rocksprings.

This victory against Rocksprings clinched third place for the Tigers in the SWTJC Tournament and they brought a good-size trophy back to Brackettville.

SWTJC Tourney Stats

The Tigers won third place with victories over Rocksprings and Nueces Canyon, and a loss to Knippa.

The tournament high scorer for the Tigers was Jesse Terrazas with 45 points. Next was Ruben Terrazas and Ramon DeLeon each with 27. Matthew Rocha had 22, Wil Shahan had 17, Kelly Henrich had 9, Patrick Melancon had 7, Chris Hale had 4, and Bernie Allemeier had 2.

The record now stands at 4 wins and 6 losses.

Terrazas Receives All-Tourney

The outstanding Tiger captain, Jesse Terrazas, soared a step above and beyond the average player and received all-tournament honors at the SWTJC Tournament. The coaches voted that Jesse was the best all-around player at the tournament.

Jesse had 45 points over all and 27 points in a single game.

Way to go, Jesse!

Brackett Cubs Beat Comstock

Monday night, December 13, the Brackett Cubs faced Comstock Junior High. The Cubs got the easy victory by a score of 27-14.

High point for the Cubs was Jorge Rodriguez with 7 points.

Just behind him was Rene Luna and Patrick Munoz with 6 each. Brian Flores and J. Wayne Ballew had 2 points each.

The Cubs now have a record of 4-1. Keep up the good work.

The Tigerettes and the Tigers will play in their own tournament this week end.

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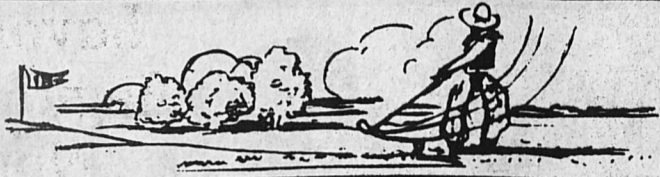
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Trivia Test
by Linda Luckhurst

- Television: Who played Luke McCoy on "The Real McCoys"?
- Sports: How many innings must a starting pitcher be in to gain credit for the victory of the team?
- Autobiographies: Who wrote "My Wicked, Wicked Ways"?
- Famous Places: What is the name of the main boulevard in Paris?
- Comic Strip Characters: In what comic strip does the character, Queen Aleta, appear?
- Geography: What river passes through Vienna, Budapest and Belgrade?
- Religion: How many Popes have had the name, John?
- Music: Who recorded the November, 1959 number one hit single, "Mr. Blue"?

Show Your Tiger Spirit

Golf News



Couples Scramble

Thursday, December 9, 1993

Tied for first place were the Dyers and the Campbells; the Chisms and the Genauldis. They scored 4 under.

Third place went to the Smith/Stephenson/Kendricks team with 2 under.

4th place, at 1 under, was taken by the Leggs and the Westrichs.

Fourteen additional teams participated.

3-Par Scramble

Monday, December 13, 1993

1st place, 2 under par 25, Bill Koons, Darlene Horning, Lyle Niel, Mac McCandless.

2nd place, even par 27, Carlos Garza, Camile Niel, Ken Bell, Ed Boyko.

3rd, 1 over par 28, Joe Genauldi, Dave Yates, Gerald Gallion, Ernie Hall.

Tied at 2 over par 29, Harrell Floyd, Margo Kendrick, Ken Weaver, Bud Getze; James Stafford, Carol Benefield, Tom Baldwin, Don Herron.

3 over par 30, Alfred Pena, Marg Maderich, Jim Palmer, Ron Buckles.

These twenty-four golfers shot excellent scores considering the very strong wind.

Ladies Day

Tuesday, December 14, 1993

Low gross and low net was the game. There was a 4-way tie for the A players low gross at 85: Luella Gilliland, Pat McKelvy, Mary Stephenson, Shirley Stephenson. Darlene Horning won the B players low gross with 85. JoAnn Mayberry had 92 to win the C players low gross.

Vicki Nichols had an 86 with a 20 handicap for a net 66 and first place for the A players. Marge Maderich had 87 with a 22 handicap for a net 66 to win the B players group. Margo Kendrick had 94 with a 30 handicap for a net 64 to win the C players group.

Shirley Stephenson had the only chip-in for the day on #11. Making one skin were Darlene Horning, and Marty Isenberg; making 2 skins were Carol Benefield, Luella Gilliland and Mary Stephenson. Shirley Stephenson made four points.

Other players were Gwen Ladd, Lou Green, Fern Dyer, Betty Mathison, Doris Eckenroth, LaVon McLane, Clara McCord, Jean Petaja, Helen Westrich, Norma Reivitt, Melba Turner, Pat Nelson, Barbara Miller, Leslie Houk and Mae Roper.

The 9-hole League had 9 players doing Bingo, Bango, Bongo. Tied for first were Jean Land and Lorraine Osborn. Tied for second were Evelyn Whitely and Eileen Voracek.

Next week will be the Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant gift exchange at 1:00 p.m.

Rotary Club Hosts Successful Benefit

Rotary President Frank Cheaney and Tournament Chairman Stan Conoly termed the Rotary Benefit Golf Tournament a success. The club expressed appreciation to all the Brackettville residents for their participation.

Proceeds fund the Rotary Scholarship for a local high school senior.

The first place team of Julian Garza, Doc Cruse, Vicki Nichols and Taylor Stephenson, with a score of 58, each won a ham.

There was a 3-way tie for second which was played off on the card. With birdies on holes 1 and 3, the team of Chuck Titus, Hubert McKelvy, Dee Curry and James Stafford took second place. A birdie on the first hole was good enough to give the team of Gordon Lundquist, Roger Kurz, Carol Benefield, and Charles Schmidt third place. Losing the play off with a par on the first hole was the team of Stan Conoly, Dwise Gilliland, Dave Sharp and Muzzy Edwards.

Tying with 63s were the teams of Charlie Smith, Joel Terrazas, Ward Pomroy and Carl Green; Carlos Garza, Bob Derrickson, Rick Bacon, Gaye Kurz; and Stan Westrich, Mo Turner, Luella Gilliland and Ernie Hall.

Two teams had 64: Bill Bizzell, Pat McKelvy, Bill Koons, Don Ralston; Tom McNew, Keñ Curry, Helen Miller and John Osborn.

Other teams were Ron Ring, Marv Maderich, Harrell Floyd, Vern Ebert; Jack Legg, Ann Legg, George Miller, Jack Whitworth; Jim Swinney, Ruben Martinez, Kelly Dennis and Garland Armstrong.

Special awards were made to Vicki Nichols and Chuck Titus for having the longest drives on specified holes. Winning "closest to the pin" awards were Dee Curry, Jack Legg, and Tom McNew.

Following the award presentations, hamburgers and all the trimmings were served at the Golf Club Restaurant.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 10) It is a full week of social activity for you and you may not get around to dealing with a work project you had in mind. Collaborate efforts are favored later in the week. Happy teamwork with a partner makes your week a special one. The theme is togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Business leads you hear of this week aren't likely to amount to much. Travel and leisure interests bring much happiness now. There is a special accent on partnership interests later in the week. Enjoy yourself with leisure activities this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You could spend a bit too freely when shopping for the children this week. It may not be the right time to entertain out-of-town guests. Accent family life later in the week. Improved powers of concentration bring you success with a mental or creative project.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bookkeeping this week uncovers an error. A newfound pleasure interest commands your attention later in the week. Couples may not agree on a shopping matter. Don't go overboard in home entertaining this weekend. It should be a time when you have fun.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be sure to share your innermost feelings with a loved one. Financial prospects will improve this week. It would be better to shop alone than with a companion. A partner has a wonderful suggestion. A major home project gets underway.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll want to follow up on a valuable business lead now. Job pursuits lead to financial gains. Pleasure interests may cost more than you've anticipated. You will be enthusiastic about the progress you make with work brought home from the office.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) New moneymaking ideas come this week. It is another stellar week for you where social interests are concerned. While you will have fun now, it would be best to sidestep a clandestine involvement. Talks with children are favored.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some major house cleaning or rearranging of furniture will be going on this week. It would be better to opt for time for yourself than to have company over. You'll clear up a backlog of paperwork now. Put new plans into motion later in the week.

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're liable to hear big talk in connection with business

this week. Take it with a grain of salt. It is a great week for traveling and happy social visits with friends. A nice invitation comes from a friend. The weekend is socially rewarding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're on the right track where business interests are concerned this week. You'll meet with a moneymaking opportunity now. Guard against an excess use of credit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll shine now at a group activity. It is the perfect week for local travel and sightseeing. A meeting with an adviser yields valuable insights. The week brings a renewed incentive to get ahead in life. Expect good news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Save some time now for record keeping. Extra money or credit becomes available to you now. Problem-solving techniques are excellent now. You'll find answers this week to questions which have been bothering you.

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Weddings Scheduled



Sandoval - Floyd

Rhonda Sandoval and Lee Floyd will be united in marriage at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 18, 1993, in the Yorktown Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval. The groom's parents are Harrell and Janice Floyd of Brackettville.



Ritual Degrees Conferred On Two

Clara McCord opened her beautiful Fort Clark home to host Beta Sigma Phi as Jan Chism received the Ritual of Jewel Degree and Mrs. McCord received the Exemplar Degree.

Mrs. McCord was eligible for the third degree by virtue of having completed the four year Ritual of Jewel activity in Colorado before transferring to Texas. She serves as a member of the social committee and was the chairman of the recent Thanksgiving segment of the recent holiday rush progressive dinner.

Mrs. Chism, at left, in a beautiful candlelit ceremony received the degree from Marty Isenberg assisted by Luella Gilliland, Dee Gaston, and Pat McKelvy. She has completed her pledge training and

Dee Gaston conferred the degree on Mrs. McCord assisted by Marty Isenberg and Luella Gilliland.

Witnessing the ceremonies were Shirley Hadsell, Betty Inman, Mylo Unruh, Nina Batson, Marty Isenberg, Dee Gaston, Dee Curry, Luella Gilliland, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Leslie Houk, and Jan Chism.

will serve the next four years as a Ritual of Jewel member. She is the telephone chairman for Theta Sigma and is also the chapter's "Beta Reader."

Betas Perform Community Service

The three local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi gave their community an early Christmas present by cleaning a 2-mile stretch of Highway 90. Dozens of trash bags were filled with everything from soft drink cans to pieces of rubber tires.

These women, along with their husbands, gave up a Saturday morning during this busy time of the year to do this community service.

Following the pick-up, the group met at Frontier Baptist Church for lunch. As usual wonderful food

awaited the hungry workers. Doraline Keller's corn salad received a lot of attention as well as the homemade biscuits and jelly.

Participating were Dee Curry, Jan Chism, Barb Miller, Betty Mathison, Opal Groce, Nancy Frerich, Luella Gilliland, Dwite

Gilliland, Carl Green, Doraline Keller, Ken Keller, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Clem McKelvy, Lynn

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Don't Add Girth To Your Holiday Mirth

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Many people gain about that much during the holiday season, according to Kay Schooler, registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Services at Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic.

limit yourself to one punch cup, which has 335 calories.

*If you want to try everything at a buffet, take a fourth or a third of the average serving size.

*Don't overeat or take seconds to please an insistent hostess.

*Don't use holidays and vacations as an excuse for gaining weight.

*Don't neglect exercise or physical activity.

*Eat dessert two hours after the main meal. This will replace the 1,000-calorie snack usually eaten later.

*Concentrate on socializing and being with people. Don't make food the focus.

*Just say "no thanks"; it's easier than you think.

*Watch out for salty foods. They trigger your appetite for more. Also, salty dishes tend to make you more thirsty.

*Plan ahead and be specific about how to approach the holidays. Focus on the positive.

*Chew gum while preparing and cleaning up the meal so you won't be tempted to snack.

*Remember to eat slowly and savor every mouthful; you will be satisfied with less food.

To burn off the extra 17,500 or so calories consumed over the holidays, you will have to walk 175 miles. Burning 100 calories per mile, it will take over 58 days of walking 3 miles a day to work off all those extra pounds.

Here are some tips to keep in mind to help you get through the holidays without gaining weight:

*Don't approach holiday meals after fasting all day. A light snack beforehand will keep you from gorging when you arrive at a party.

*Never stand at a buffet or hors d'oeuvres table. Take one or two items and move across the room and talk with someone.

*Keep in mind that alcohol does have calories. If eggnog is served,

Berry - O'Rourke

Candace Denise Berry and Michael Sean O'Rourke will be united in marriage at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 1993. The ceremony will be at the Trinity Lutheran Church in San Angelo. A reception will follow immediately at the Stephen F. Austin Ballroom of the Holiday Inn in San Angelo.

The bride is the daughter of Jan and Leroy Markee of San Angelo and the late Glen Berry.

The groom's parents are Paul and Elsa O'Rourke of Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville.

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CALAVERAS: Water murky, 66 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on artificials; hybrid stripers are fair to 6 pounds off the boats; crappie are slow; catfish are good on shad and perch from boats; redfish are good to 16 pounds on crawfish and perch from boats and off the banks; corvina are slow.

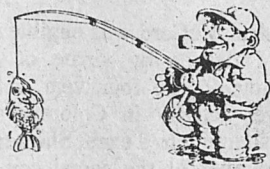
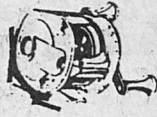
CHOKO: Water clear, 62 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair to 9 pounds in 3-6 feet of water near the grass on the flats with better fishing in the afternoon on spinners, shallow cranks, and topwaters; white bass are good to limits along the river channels by the Hwy. 99 bridge between midnight and midmorning and late afternoon to dark on white Road Runners; crappie are very good with numerous limits in 10-25 feet of water along the channels; catfish are fair to 42 pounds along the river channel from Greyhound Point north to San Miguel Point on cheese bait in 15-25 feet of water.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 56 degrees; black bass are fair to 7 pounds near the grass early and late on Rat-L-Traps and shad; hybrid striper are poor; crappie are poor; catfish are fair early.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to good off the state pier on minnows; catfish are fair on trotlines.

FALCON: Water clear, 63 degrees, 13 feet low; black bass are good with numerous 9 pounders on craw worms and cranks in 2-15 feet of water; striper are fair Knocker Spoons; white bass are excellent on Road Runners in the schools; catfish are excellent on shrimp and stink bait in 5 feet of water.

MEDINA: Water clear, 59 degrees, 11 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on spinners early and Power Worms later; hybrid striper are slow; white bass are fair with few limits on Road Runners; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 6 pounds on stink bait and night crawlers.



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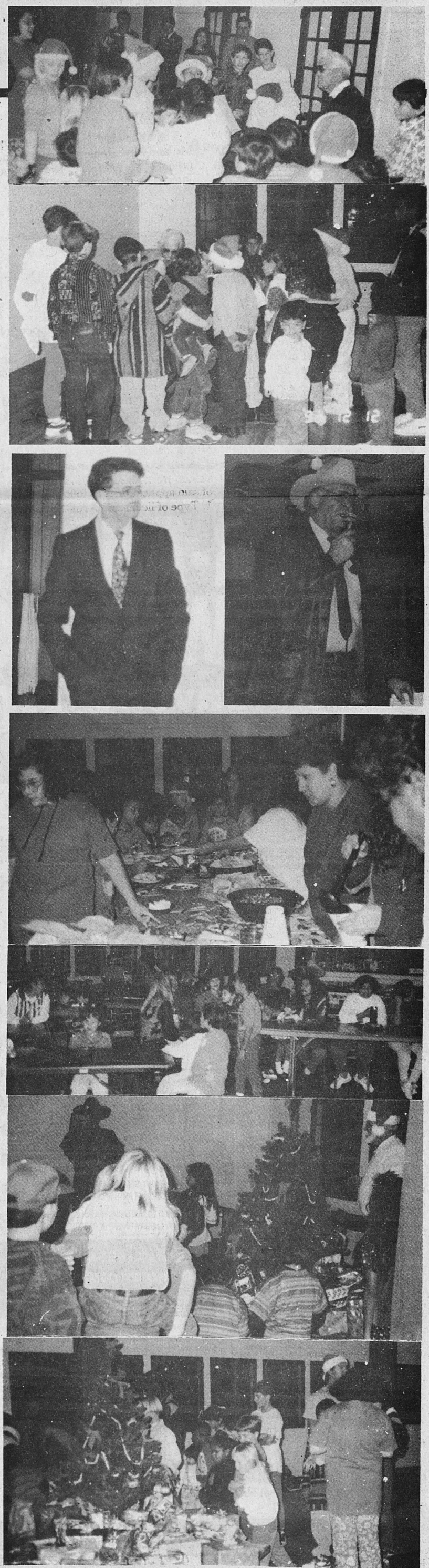
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From top, Les Roper provided music for group singing of Christmas songs.
Rev. Gil Ash, pastor of First Baptist Church, retold the "reason of the season," the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten presented a special program on "Don't Start Drugs," and gave each kid a coloring book defining ways to "Say No To Drugs." Each adult received a book with hints of drug abuse detection.
Refreshments were served from tables laden with special treats. Parents of some of the children assisted with food preparation, serving, and also decorating.
Tom Faulkenberry "pinched-hit" for Santa and distributed wrapped gifts from beneath a beautifully decorated tree.
Manuel Madrid "video-ed" the entire 2-hour party.
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1. Type of license of permit: Wine & Beer Retailer's Off Premises.
2. Exact location of business: 404 W. Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas.
3. Name of owner: Maria V. Flores.
4. Assumed or trade name: Flores Super Market.

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

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Preferred qualifications include the following: College degree, computer experience, law enforcement background, possess a current commercial driver license or have the ability to obtain one, and ability to communicate well with the public as well as participants.

The salary range for this position is \$21,500 to \$26,041 and is negotiable based on experience. Persons interested in applying for this contract should mail a resume or application to the attention of: Ramon S. Johnson, Deputy Director Middle Rio Grande Development Council P.O. Box 1199 Carrizo Springs TX 78834 This position will be kept open until filled. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an Equal Opportunity employer.
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CORRECTION NOTICE

City of Brackettville
TCDF Contract No. (702041)
Public Comments On Finding
Original Publication Date 10/21/93
All interested agencies, group, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by City of Brackettville, P.O. Box 526, Brackettville, Texas 78832, on or before December 20, 1993.

All such comments so received will be considered and then City of Brackettville will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

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OBJECTIONS TO STATE
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The Texas Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the Contractor approved by the Texas Department of Commerce; or (b) that the Contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR 58), and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Commerce, Finance Division, Texas Community Development Program, P.O. Box 12728, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Many will be camping in tents or RVs. The motel rooms at Fort Clark are already booked, as are other known rental properties.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will compile a list of private home rooms, and/or bed and breakfast arrangements, and forward them to Convention Coordinators for listing in their newsletter. Those interested can then make direct contact with the homeowner. Contact Kathryn Letsinger, Executive Secretary, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, 210-563-2466.

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June 20 - 24

For the past couple of weeks, we have shared information on the June 20-26 NSS Convention from a stand point of some of the reasons Kinney County was chosen as the site.

For the next two weeks, let's take a look at what the National Speleological Society is and who makes up the organization.

The National Speleological Society is a non-profit organization affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Although it is estimated that some fifty thousand caves exist in the United States, no organized effort was made to study them until 1941, when the National Speleological Society was organized for the purpose of advancing the study, conservation, exploration, and knowledge of caves. The Society is also a member of the International Union of Speleology. Membership in the Society encourages protection and conservation of caves and provides contact with thousands of serious cave explorers and scientists in the United States and foreign countries.

The National Speleological Society (NSS) is administered by a Board of Governors consisting of twelve directors and four officers who meet about three times a year to consider matters of policy. A headquarters office is maintained in Huntsville, Alabama.

At more than 150 grottos and international organizations nationwide, the Society's over 10,000 members are discovering, surveying and mapping caves and making significant biological, geological and other scientific finds within them. Many cavers are also volunteers involved in the Society's nonprofit goals and in strengthening its commitment to safety and conservation.

A grotto is a local group and NSS members are urged, not required, to join a local grotto in order to take part in joint activities and enjoy the programs and fellowship of other members.

In both cave exploration and volunteer work, the Society and its members strive to preserve subterranean resources from destruction. Educating the public is an important goal, since those who aren't cognizant of the fragile nature of speleothems can destroy that which took thousands of years to grow.

For those who are already caving, the Society seeks to promote safe exploration through its training program in techniques and equipment at grottos located in 44 states, the District of Columbia and Russia. The Society's motto is "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time."

For those with specialized interests in the field of speleology or wishing to develop such interests, NSS has a number of Special Sections. These include biology, cave diving, geology, cave photography, computer applications, cartography

and surveying, and vertical techniques.

The NSS Annual Convention is held for a period of one week, the location being rotated to various parts of the U.S. Field trips, business meetings, scientific sessions, workshops, exhibits and demonstrations, and special events such as a showing of the top caving photography of the year and an awards banquet fill the week.

Caves have unique scientific, recreational, and scenic values. These values are endangered by both carelessness and intentional vandalism. These values, once gone, cannot be recovered. The responsibility for protecting caves must be assumed by those who study and enjoy them. The intention of the Society is to work for the preservation of caves with a realistic policy supported by effective programs for: encouragement of self discipline among cavers; education and research concerning the causes and prevention of cave damage; and special projects dedicated to the conservation of natural areas.

All contents of a cave - formations, life, and loose deposits - are significant for its enjoyment and interpretation. Scientific collection is professional, selective, and minimal. The collecting of mineral or biological material for display purposes is never justified as it encourages others to collect and destroys the interest of the cave. NSS encourages projects such as: establishing cave preserves; placing entrance gates where appropriate; opposing the sale of speleothems; supporting effective protective measures; cleaning and restoring over-used caves; and encouraging commercial cave owners to make use of their opportunity to aid the public in understanding caves and the importance of their conservation.

Speleology is the science of the study of caves. Scientific knowledge or training is not necessary for an interest in speleology, as observation and intelligent curiosity have contributed a great deal to the discovery of new areas and phenomena. Within caves are to be found both geological and biological phenomena unlike any above ground. In a world without light, cave creatures have become adapted to their environment by fundamental changes of special interest to biologists. The geologist studies the effect of solution, erosion, and earth movements in the surrounding walls of stone.

One enters a cave as the guest of the owner and are expected to treat it with respect, avoiding damage of any kind. Thoughtless or careless actions on the part of cavers can result in decisions by cave owners to deny entrance to their caves to all cavers. Caving courtesy is a top priority of NSS.

NSS looks forward to the opportunities that will be available when they convene in Kinney County in June. And, the community looks forward to hosting the NSS Convention.

Information for these articles has been supplied by Jay R. Jordan, Co-chairman, 1994 Convention Committee. A number of "working week ends" are scheduled on his calendar between now and June as he and others from throughout Texas get ready for the convention. Take the opportunity to get acquainted with these people when you see them working around the Fort, around Brackettville. They are worth knowing.

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First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

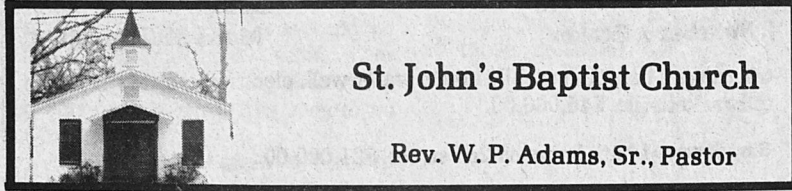
As you read this column you need to read it with "Irish eyes" so you can hear it with "Irish ears." When I was just a laddie I was told an Irish limerick or riddle that I was supposed to solve. Perhaps you will solve it also!

As I was going to St. Ives I met a man with seven wives. Each wife had seven sacks. Each sack had seven cats. Each cat had seven kittens. Kitts, cats, sacks, wives, how many were going to St. Ives?

Details, details, details. Did you get caught up in the details? The answer, even though is not necessarily obvious, is quite simple. Only one was going to St. Ives. He met the others on the way.

How often do we find ourselves caught up in all the details of life and become so obsessed with the minuscule that we miss the magnanimous?

As Jesus lived and walked and taught throughout Galilee and Judea the Pharisees got caught up with the finer points of the law and forgot the Law Giver. They majored on the minors. This Christmas we ought to focus on the reason for the season. Syllabize the word, Christ/mas. Then apply a Spanish translation, more/Christmas. Let's let Jesus be the reason for the season.



St. John's Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

Good News!

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Praise God!

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

St. Luke 2: 10, 11, 13, 14

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

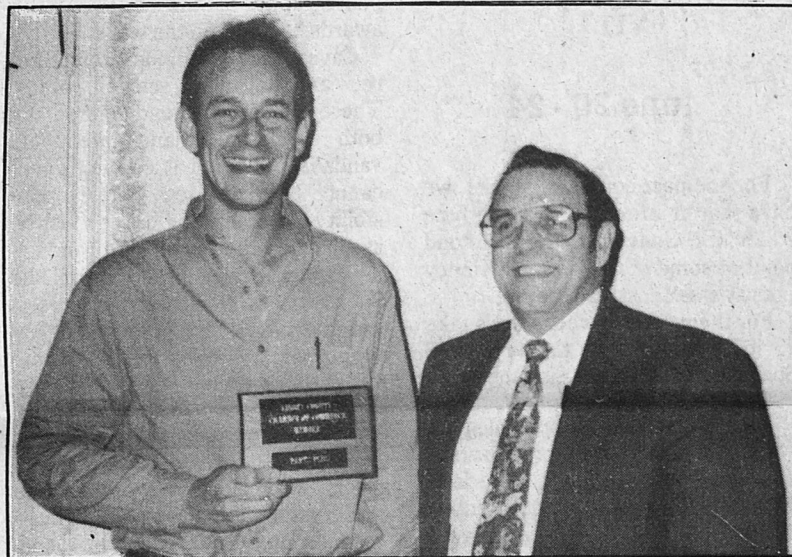
The Gideons will be at St. John's Baptist Church at 11:00 o'clock this Sunday, December 19. Come praise the Lord with Us!

Chamber Chatter

Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce



Larry Sofaly, President



Thursday evening, December 9, 1993, Calhoun Properties (Brackett Senior Apartments) hosted the Kinney Chamber of Commerce Christmas Mixer at Las Moras Inn's Cavalry Room. Two new members were welcomed and presented plaques by Chamber President Larry Sofaly.

Top picture, Don Hood accepts his plaque for Parts Plus (U-Haul, Brackettville Air Conditioning), and

lower photo Dave Stuart, Kickapoo State Park, shows off his plaque. In the background, Chamber Executive Secretary Kathryn Lettinger assures her usual role of backup and support.

It seems only timely to say that a great deal of the success that the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce enjoys is a result of the support, dedication, and efficiency of Kathryn. Thank you.

Church Directory



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

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

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

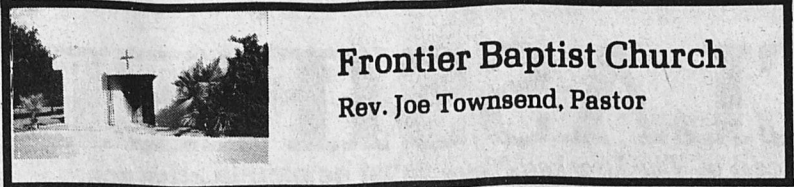
Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 A.M., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., Regular 10:30 A.M. Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Fr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 P.M., Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street, Services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M., Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

Lutheran Congregation: Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings, 6:00, Fort Clark Golf Club. 563-2047.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

A continuing of emphasis on Christmas was the theme at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday.

The pastor, Joe R. Townsend, pointed out the "Cost of Christmas." The costs we usually associate with Christmas are truly insignificant. The gifts, the travel, the eating are all a part of our enjoyment of the event that occurred when Jesus was born nearly 2000 years ago.

That event cost Mary and Joseph a trip on foot of about 76 miles to leave their home in Nazareth and go to Bethlehem. This was particularly trying considering the condition of Mary.

It cost the inconvenience of Mary giving birth in a stable rather than in the relative comfort of her home.

It cost Mary and Joseph a flight into exile, some 200 miles to Egypt. They had to stay until the King was dead before they could return home.

It cost many mothers in the Bethlehem area their babies. Herod ordered the killing of all babies two years old and younger.

It cost the shepherds in the hills their complacency. Their routine was disturbed by an angel from heaven accompanied by a choir of angels telling them Jesus had been born and placed in a manger. At the risk of death, they forsook their sheep and went into the city and found Jesus. They went from his manger into the city to tell everyone that Christ had been born. Outcasts of society as they were, no one believed them so they returned to their solitary life with the sheep.

The birth of Jesus cost the wise men a long arduous journey. Spending a great deal of money, they equipped a camel caravan and came from far eastern lands, following a star, to find Jesus. When they found him and his mother, they fell down and worshipped him; now a boy two years old.

The coming of the Christ Child cost the apostles ridicule, persecution, and death.

It cost God the Father his only Son. In searching for the universe, the Father could find no one able to pay for sin so He sent His Son to do it.

The coming cost Jesus a life of sacrifice, ridicule and finally death

on the cross. This tremendous cost was not too much if it means a gift of love with every exchange of gifts. It is too costly if all it means is tinsel and bells tinkling.

It is too costly if only it means a holiday. It's too costly if all it means is profit for commerce.

It truly was not too costly because it means "The Hope of the World."

It is not too costly because it brings forgiveness of sin of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ.

It is not too costly because it points the way to "Peace among men."

The coming of the Christ puts singing in the heart of all who trust Him and follow Him.

Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church, the morning hour will see a special Christmas program. It will be a variety program with a number of people participating. There will be special music and a special presentation of the Christmas theme.

The program will be followed by the Annual Christmas Dinner. Everyone is cordially invited and will receive a warm welcome. Come and see.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



What a blessing when our "Winter Texans" return to Brackettville. One of these is particularly a blessing.

This man is from Montana and has been coming down for several years. When he arrives there is a well oiled slot waiting for him.

Always a part and active supporter of Voices of Fort Clark, he became the leader of the group when Virginia Nelson was no longer able to continue.

He is always most cooperative leading The Voices to participate in community activities.

He is outstanding as a soloist. He is unpretentious and yet capable as a leader. He is cordial and friendly and nice to be around.

Surely Lee Herron is an "Unsung Hero."

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

The Altar Society is seeking poinsettias. By December 20, we hope to have our altar covered by poinsettias. Please bring your gift to the church rectory.

State Parks Schedule Passport Events

Events scheduled by the Texas state parks for Texas Conservation Passport holders during January include Kickapoo Cavern SNA near Brackettville, primitive tour of Hill Country cave, 4-6 p.m., January 8 and 22. Reservations required. Call 210-563-2342.

A Texas Conservation Passport is required to attend this event for each person 17 years old and older. The \$25 passport also provides a waiver of park entry fees, discounts for camping and is a way for everyone to contribute directly to the preservation and enjoyment of Texas' natural and cultural resources.

Other benefits of the passport include entry to some current undeveloped park lands, discounts on some department items such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine and news of special outdoor programs.

The Texas Conservation Passport is sold at all state parks.

Sales Tax Rebates

Holiday greetings and \$111.8 million are going out to the people of Texas, according to State Comptroller John Sharp, as December sales tax rebates were delivered to 927 cities and 111 counties. This represents a 5.6% increase over the payments of one year ago.

This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

The City of Brackettville, with a tax rate of 1%, received \$2,843.45 compared with \$3,606.74 for the same period this time last year. This represents a decrease of 21.16%. The 1993 total payments stand at \$47,594.94 compared to \$48,878.91 for the same time period in 1992, or a decrease of 2.62%.

Kinney County, with a .500% tax rate for ad valorem tax reduction received \$1,229.40. Kinney County Health Service, .500% rate, received \$2,093.09 making a year to date total of \$13,681.04

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