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



Coach Greg Nowlin, Mark Villareal, Kathy Bader and BISD Superintendent Steve Mills.

Coca Cola Bottling Company Donates Scoreboard

Mark Villareal, representative for the Coca Cola Bottling Company, officially placed the new scoreboard for the new baseball complex January 26.

If you haven't been out to see the complex you are in for a treat. The complex is located at Veltman and Sheedy Streets in Brackettville. Covering 25 lots this field is quite a sight to see.

On the site you will find regulation size baseball and softball fields, a nice roomy concession stand and modern bathrooms. The only areas to be completed are the dugouts and the cement retainer wall for the backstop. The baseball field has a sprinkler system installed and grass has been planted on both fields.

The first girls softball game will be on February 20, 1996. The first boys baseball game will be on February 24. We will have 14 home games here with 40 youths practicing every day.

Kathy Bader spokesperson for the committee said that the project started in September 1994 when the City of Brackettville donated the land for the softball field to the little league. The Little League, Brackett ISD and the City of Brackettville then formed a committee of David Luna, Kathy and Jimmy Bader, Gregg Nowlin, Athletic Director Carl Petrosky and now Roy Rokovich and Alan McCord.

Construction for the softball field began in October 1994. Construction for the baseball field began in October 1995.

"This has been the most wonderful community project I have ever heard of" stated Kathy Bader. Everyone has worked side by side, working out all problems without a glitch. The City of Brackettville has always been right there when help was needed. Kathy said that they have done a great service to the community by their support. Brackettville ISD has aided the project by purchasing the materials not donated and purchasing the 7 additional lots for the baseball field and park. Many wonderful people have donated their time, equipment and materials to this project. Special thanks to Johnny Fritter, Gladys Fritter, Barbara Lomax, Travis Wilson Construction, Lazy J Ranch crew, Don and Jeanie Hood, Richard Terrazas, and Allen McCord. Editors note: Mr. Steve Mills stated that if Kathy and Jimmy Bader hadn't gotten behind this project it never would have happened.

The Committee has applied for a grant with the help of Shirley Holloway and Marsha Harrell. The grant will be used to build a playground, and park. They would like to have trees planted, benches, playground equipment, tennis courts,

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Victim Rescued From Burning Home

Sunday morning around 2 A.M. Kinney County jailer Jessie Garcia looked out the window of the jail and saw a fire. He called the Deputy on duty to investigate.

Deputy Chism and Fort Clark Security officer Tom Kuhns arrived on the scene at approximately the same time. Deputy Chism stated that the front of the house was engulfed in flames. Both Chism and Kuhns ran to the house assuming that there were people inside. Deputy Chism kicked in the back door thru the smoke they could just barely make out the form of a victim by the door. Chism and Kuhns aided by two citizens; Nick Falcon and Rene Herrera, dragged the unconscious Matt Sandoval from the burning structure. They wrapped him in a blanket and tried to revive him. When EMS arrived on the scene Mr. Sandoval was conscious and talking.

Matt Sandoval was immediately taken to Val Verde Memorial Hospital where they reported that he had received 3rd degree burns over 74% of his body. Mr. Sandoval, an employee of the City of Brackettville was transported to Brooke Army Medical Hospital Burn Center where he remains in critical condition.

A second EMS unit was summoned to the scene.

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire department was fortunately still standing watch over the Gateway building when the call went out at 2:15 A.M. Fire Chief Richard Wills and the Asst. Fire Chief were able to arrive at the scene of the Sandoval residence by 2:20 with the pumper truck. Seven volunteer members responded to the call and the fire was extinguished by 2:39 A.M. Witnesses at the scene suspected more victims still inside the house. The volunteers immediately set up smoke ejector fans and entered the smoldering structure in search of victims. After a room by room search fire fighters determined that there were no other occupants.

Fire Marshal Debra Hays stated that she suspected the cause for the fire as a cigarette left on the couch in the living room. Unofficially the arson inspection team, at Hays' request, did a follow up investigation of the scene affirming Fire Marshal Hays' findings. The inspection team stated that, in response to the blaze the Brackettville Fire Dept. had done an excellent job.

By 5 A.M. the volunteer fire department had completed their mop up at the scene and cleaned up the trucks so they would be ready for the next call.

"Happy Shahan" One of a Kind

James Tullis "Happy" Shahan was born on July 24, 1915 in Whitehouse, Texas to Georgie Pearl (Messer) and James William Shahan. His early years in Whitehouse were spent working in his grandfather's store, at a tomato packing plant and picking cotton.

Like most kids growing up in a small town, Shahan participated in school sports. He excelled in basketball, playing it all through grade school and high school. He was a star player on the 1931 Whitehouse team that won the tri-state championship between Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. He graduated from Whitehouse High School in 1933.

His talents didn't go unnoticed and he was offered sports scholarships to all the major Southwest Conference schools. But his college sports career nearly ended before it got started as the result of an automobile accident. Happy's right arm was severely maimed. Doctors told his father that the arm needed to be amputated. Wil Shahan told the doctors absolutely not and he sat by his son's bedside through the night to make sure that this didn't happen.

To the surprise of doctors, Happy's arm began to heal and it wasn't too long before he had recovered sufficiently, enough to teach himself to dribble and shoot with his left arm. Happy then convinced Tyler Junior College basketball coach George Foltz - a personal hero - to give him a chance to win a spot on the team. Foltz agreed only if Happy's father agreed to sign a waiver relieving the school of any financial responsibility should Happy re-injure his right arm. It didn't take long for the young Shahan to become the team's point guard and leading play maker, as well as the Apache's team captain.

After the 1936 season, Happy transferred to Baylor University to complete his degree in sociology. During his three years at Baylor, the basketball team won 36 games with Happy as captain and he was named to the All Southwest Conference team in 1939.

It was during his tenure at Baylor that the Whitehouse native acquired his nickname over refusing to stop smiling when some upper classmen attempted to beat him up during an initiation. He also was to meet his future wife, Virginia Webb, daughter of longtime Kinney County rancher and businessman Elisha Webb.

Happy said he knew he was going to marry Virginia the first time he saw her standing on the steps of her dorm. He even went so far as to tell her so. The couple were married immediately following a Baylor victory over Texas Christian University on January 6, 1939.

Prior to meeting Virginia, Happy had set his goal on going to work for Humble Oil in Houston, and eventually become the oil company's president. But not long after the couple said their "I Dos," Virginia's father died, leaving the job of running his large Kinney County sheep and cattle ranch to his widow. Fanny Webb needed help and turned to her new son-in-law.

Happy was faced with a life changing decision. Climbing the ladder of success at Humble Oil meant a secure financial future, while working on a desolate sheep and cattle ranch was anything but secure. Happy's love for his new wife and his desire to help his widowed mother-in-law won out.

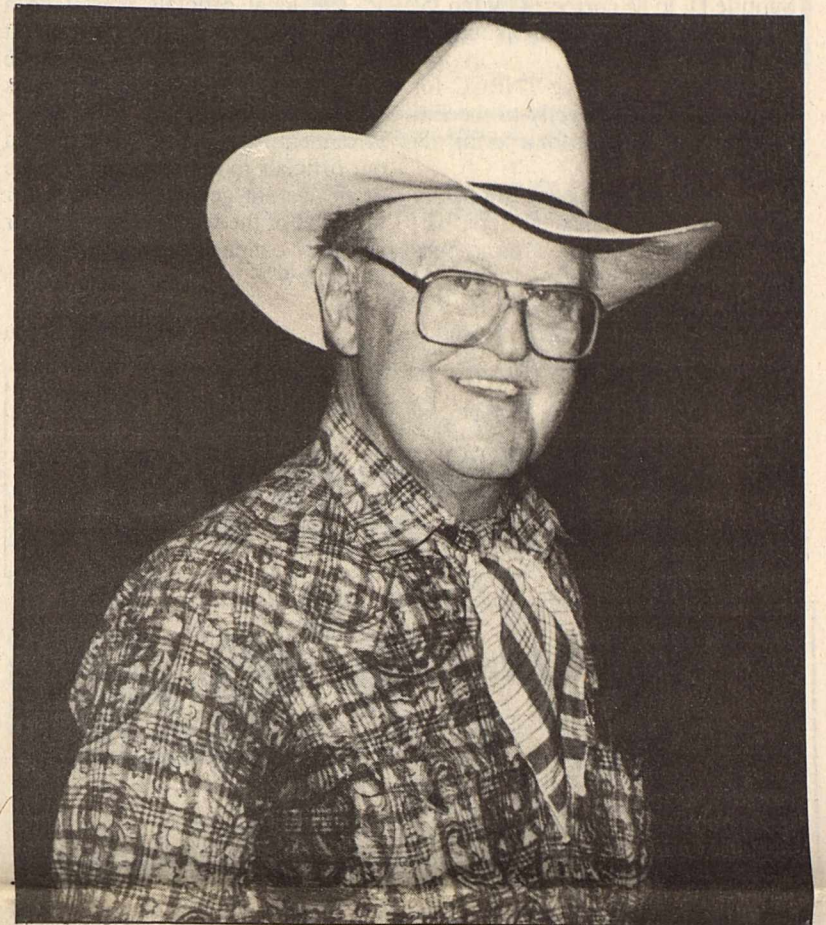
The newlyweds moved to Brackettville in late 1939 and Happy started, at his request, working as a wrangler, rounding up the livestock, mending fences and fixing the numerous windmills that dotted the large ranch, most of the time starting before dawn. Happy worked his way up from wrangler, to foreman and eventually owner.

Along with running the ranch, Happy quickly gained a name in Brackettville as an outstanding civic and business leader. From April 1947 to June 1951, Happy served his community as alderman. He served six consecutive terms as mayor of Brackettville. During his first run for mayor, he was elected to the position without one vote of opposition - a feat never to be equaled again.

In the early 1950's, while serving as mayor of Brackettville, Shahan went to Hollywood and convinced Paramount Studios to make their newest Western, "Arrowhead" (1953) in Brackettville - more specifically Fort Clark a former frontier cavalry post. In 1955, he went back to Hollywood and talked Republic Studios head, Herbert J. Yates into filming "The Last Command" on a ranch just outside Brackettville. It was during the filming of that movie that Shahan found out that John Wayne wanted to make an epic film called "The Alamo."

Wayne was going to make the movie in Mexico, but after 2 1/2 years of sometimes heated arguments with Happy, the popular movie star succumbed to the now legendary Shahan charm and agreed to make his epic film in Brackettville. During filming of the movie Wayne was often heard telling crew members or anybody else that would listen that "Happy Shahan is the hardest headed man I've ever met. Wayne even went so far as to complain to Virginia after a fruitless argument with her husband. She quickly retorted "just one hard head meeting another."

Construction on the "Alamo" sets



began in the fall of 1957 and were completed two years later. Filming commenced the first week of September 1959 and the movie wrapped on December 20.

The massive sets, which took two years to build, were erected on Shahan's 30-square-mile ranch, seven miles north of Brackettville. When Wayne left, Shahan dubbed the sets Alamo Village Movie Location and took off for Hollywood again. Since that time, more than 60 major motion pictures, TV movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have used Alamo Village to film their projects.

In the early 1970's, Shahan was instrumental in convincing then Texas Governor Preston Smith to form the Texas Film Commission. He also pushed to get a statewide tourist agency (Texas Travel Industry Association) formed.

Shahan also made a name for himself in Nashville, establishing Alamo Village Music, Inc., publishing house. He also achieved status as a recording artist. Known as "The Singing Rancher", Happy had several hits including "Everybody Wants To See The Elephant". Shahan developed and trained such country entertainers as Johnny Rodriguez, Dotsy and Linda Davis.

While serving as mayor and as a member of the board of directors and three-term president of the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce, he was instrumental in get-

ting Rio Grande Electric to establish lines to rural ranchers, getting a medical clinic built, erecting earthen berms that protect Brackettville from devastating floods and the construction of the Brackettville Civic Center.

Happy's favorite saying has always been "Man can achieve what his mind can conceive." A recent conception of Happy Shahan's has been to produce his own full-length Western. That western, "Travis Smith," will be released sometime later this year.

In 1974 Happy was recognized in "Who's Who in Texas." Among his many achievements are:

Texas Angus Assoc. President, 1949-50, Texas Feed and Manufacturing, President 1956-57, First President, Brackettville Country Club, President, 1946-57, San Antonio Livestock Show, director, 1950-55; member, 1950 to present, South Texas Chamber of Commerce, executive board, 1961, South Texas Chamber of Commerce, tourist chairman, 1964-72, Texas Tourist Council, governing board, 1969, International Tourism Committee/ South Texas & Mexico, Chairman 1970-73, Rotary Club International, Brackettville Charter Member, President, 1970-71, Masonic Lodge - 50 year member, Alzafar Shrine - 50 year member, Texas Film Commission, director, 1971, West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Executive Board, 1971, Discover Texas Association, Co-founder, Vice President, 1971-72; President

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Arson Investigation Team Called In



Texas commission on Fire Protection's Arson investigation team studying evidence at burnt out Gateway Hotel.

Brackettville Fire Marshal Debra Hay called the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Wednesday, January 24. Fire Marshal Hay said that there was too much evidence and too many conflicting reports related to the Gateway fire. The arson investigation team arrived Friday, January 26. They usually respond within 8 to 24 hours, however this team was detained by a capital murder investigation. The team comprised of 4 experienced fire marshals and a specially trained dog searched thru the debris of the hotel to ascertain an area of origin for the blaze. Each arson investigator is from a different section of the state, this particular team was from Lubbock, Boerne, Pleasanton and Corpus Christi. Many spectators said that the team in action was really something to see. They meticulously searched each section of the building sifting thru the ashes for evidence. The Texas Commission on Fire Prevention provides this specially trained service with no cost to the community. The evidence will be

taken to a lab for testing and a report of the findings will be returned to Fire Marshal Hays.

When the arson team was called it immediately became the responsibility of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department to secure the scene and protect evidence. After fighting the fire and extinguishing the blaze on Wednesday at least one member remained on the scene 24 hours a day until the arson inspection team was finished. Control of the scene was returned to the owner of the land Saturday, January 27, 3:00 P.M.

Fire Marshal Hays added "This area is still an extreme safety hazard. Citizens please stay away from the building and especially keep children away". Another portion of one of the walls fell down Saturday.

We should all be very proud of our extremely understaffed Volunteer Fire Department, they have certainly served this community above and beyond, what could possibly be expected of them.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,

Types of wastes discussed 1/25 "A Growing Concern". Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc. PERMIT - Fact Sheet "The technical and geological work began in 1987. We have completed all work and submitted our application for a permit the first part of July. Because of the WIDE support, we have an excellent opportunity to have our permit signed by the Executive Administrator instead of going to the Commission for a vote. It may be possible to have this permit by the end of December".

Comments: The 1987 technical and geological work is one and the same data used by Texcor. Adobe Eco-Systems purchased all the Texcor data enabling them to submit a quick application in July 1995.

On 9-25-95 the 'language' of the permit application was certified to be in compliance with State Subtitle D. (certified, not approved or disapproved, language only.)

A reliable source from Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission stated last October that the technical aspects of the permit application had 150 deficiencies to Subtitle D, to be corrected by Jan. 5, 1996, delaying the permit about 3 or 4 months, if approved.

Evidently bypassing TNRC for a vote and going directly to the Executive Administrator for a permit did not succeed.

The wide support is questionable. So far the only local supporters, BEHIND THE SCENES, are the ones that will line their pockets with money, one way or another.

Spofford has already passed a

Resolution opposing the landfill. February 12 the County Judge and Commissioners will be asked to consider passing an opposing Resolution. On February 13, the City Council will be asked the same. Fort Clark has stated on (1/25) no recommendation for or against the issue due to the political nature. Please attend the Feb. 12 and 13 meetings. The elected officials are compelled to listen to the voting public.

The Fact Sheet lists Mr. Jim Stephens, Pres., Adobe Eco-Systems and Tomas Leon, Pres., International Forex (from Mexico City) with offices in Austin as the applicants for the 16 million dollar loan from the NAD Bank. This International Forex is most likely the contact with Mexico's maquiladoras.

The mountains of garbage piling up at the Mexican side of the border make the dump truck look like a miniature toy truck. Are these the foul gas emitting mountains of garbage coming by 18 wheelers on FM 131?

Incidentally, the Malone air landing strip was conveniently omitted on the general location map on the fact sheet to the NAD Bank. The proven geological faults are being completely ignored.

The local officials must take a stand. The lame excuse has been "It is a private firm dealing with private land owners". SO WHAT?! This is still our county, our homes, our environment, our future. We elected our officials to represent us. Do we or do we not get representation for the good of the whole community or is it only a monetary gain for the selected few?

Tootsie Herndon

Letter To Editor

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our party. Let us go back to 1976 my, my 20 years ago - the beginning of honoring our Senior Citizens with a Nutrition Center. There was just two drawbacks only four senior citizens eating and finding a director - one who wanted to take on a job with many problems, great responsibilities and one who could take much criticism. After several attempts by others - too much work and too little pay, they quit. Next big question?? Who could Brackettville hire who might take on such a big job??

Seeing Judge Seargeant one day he asked me to find more seniors for the program or we might lose it. Soon more senior citizens began to take advantage of the program - but in the meantime no director. It was then that Judge Seargeant asked Mrs. Tencha Pena if she would take over, that he would give her all the help she needed. It was then (1976) we had a director who wanted to work with us senior citizens - not an easy thing to do.

What a great director Mrs. Tencha Pena has been for 19 long years - day in day out, rain or shine, half sick or well, she did more than her duties required.

Of the nine counties, Brackettville included, Mrs. Pena's work was always graded between 99% to 100% in management, health conditions, book work, fund raising and much

more.

Starting with four participants in 1976, when Mrs. Pena was terminated she had a full house and serving 100% of what the contract required.

Of course she had her ups and downs with some of us, but she was there to keep order.

Something else - you can't please people all the time about food. I guess that is why there are so many restaurants. Regardless, we served the best food of the nine counties. As a member I have eaten at all of them.

In losing Mrs. Tencha Pena we have lost a great director, friend and helper.

I would like to say this to the Judge and Commissioners Court, when the Las Moras Site Council (including myself) walked into the court room, the court looked as if they wanted to crawl under the table - and I say to them, maybe they should have.

By the way citizens of Kinney County do you know that you have no citizens rights?? At the hearing the court and county attorney informed us in no uncertain terms that we had no citizens rights. Since when?

Maybe we should pay our taxes a \$1.00 down and a \$1.00 a month, maybe they might get the picture.

Thanks Tencha for taking such good care of us for the past 19 years. We love you and will miss you.

Agnes Vondy

Letter To Editor

Dear Sirs:

I was recently admitted to one of our local hospitals. I must admit I was in for a shock.

The room, as I'm use to in a hospital was dingy and the bathroom smelled of urine.

The mattress cover (not sheet) was almost thread bare.

Like most hospitals, every a.m. the maid comes in and cleans. Some one brings you clean towels, gowns, and you have your bath.

For 2 days and 2 nights I didn't have any of that, I dried myself on my robe. The nurses do all they can. The Food was horrible and very cold. The only thing I ate was 2 small bowls of rubbery jello and 2 small boxes of cereal with milk.

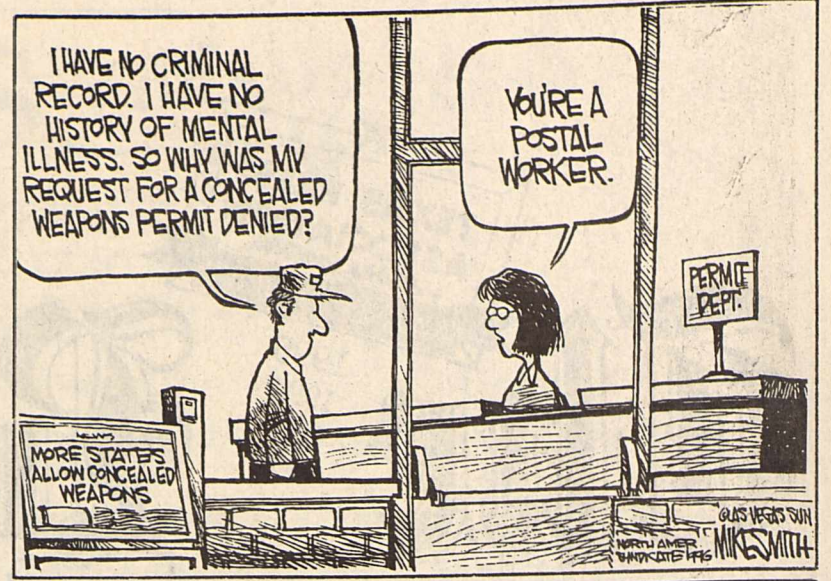
One night I was sick from hunger I called the late night nurse and asked if they didn't have something I could munch on. He said he didn't think so, but he would look. He said "the hospital was small and they couldn't afford it." That's where the cereals came in.

That has happened in the last 5 months.

Granted I could have asked for clean sheets, towels and gowns. But I decided to wait and see if some one would realize the lack of. I could have waited till hell froze over.

I can't believe I'm the only one who has received this treatment?

Yours Truly,
Mrs. Ed Green



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



I have never read a greater, more accurate, testimony than Regina Pena's recent letter to the editor. Her insight far exceeds her years. Anyone who knows her mother knows she speaks the unvarnished truth. The only reason the commissioners court refused to act with honesty and integrity is that in this matter both characteristics are totally lacking.

It is true that in Texas you can fire without any consideration. It's also true that Texas is still a part of the United States and there is such a thing as civil rights which are well protected at the federal level. It is a patent fact Tencha Pena's civil rights were violated. It is unconscionable that any entity would act in the manner of the commissioners court.

If Tencha had a fault it was in hiring. As long as she has been here she should have known better than to employ in the first place a key individual in the matter. Perhaps Regina does not know but the firing was the culmination of years of desire and efforts to get her fired by the County Judge. Before he was voted out of office last time, he tried his best to get rid of Tencha.

Regina, your assessment of the situation is absolutely right. Anyone who refuses to bow and scrape to the County Judge is in for harassment and if he can sneak in a way, they will be fired. He and the court knew that morally and ethically they had no rea-

son to fire Tencha. Their refusal to give reasons shows their cowardice. Had they had sufficient reason and valid reasons, they would have loudly touted the reasons. You are right, Regina, about election time. The judge worked hard to win his way back to a place he had been voted out of twice. He worked hard to get rid of the best commissioner, who in many instances blocked inane efforts of the judge and his cronies. He finally corralled enough votes to accomplish what he had tried to do for years.

An honest, thinking, public should vote out of office all who bowed to this action. People who do not have the best interests of the people at heart should never be elected to public office. Too many voters think character is not important. The truth of the matter is the first determining factor in voting should be the character of the candidate. A basic lack of character as seen in this action should disqualify the entire court and they should be replaced by thinking members who have intelligence and integrity enough to act with wisdom and integrity.

One of the best ways to evaluate a person is to take into account her enemies. By this standard, Regina, your mother can count herself as better than first class. She certainly stands head and shoulders above those who perpetrated this travesty.

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Way to Go !!!

COWBOYS

Big Mama Sez!

Don't follow me, I'm lost.

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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1972-73, Brackettville Independent School District School Board, 1961-63, Old Spanish Trail Association, President, 1969-70, Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America, Chairman, 1974, International Longhorn Breeders Association, Charter Member, Board of Directors, Various years, Developed and marketed feed formula, Winter PVM, Self Rationing Product, 1950-58, Outstanding Citizen, Kinney County, 1959 and 1970, Hall of Fame, Southwest Texas State University, 1973, Texas Film Commission, Contributions to Texas Film Industry, 1995.

Declaration by Governor George W. Bush and the Texas House of Representatives and Senate officially designating April 12, 1995 as "Happy Shahan Day".

Memorial services for "Happy" Shahan, will be held at 2 PM Friday, February 2nd at the First Baptist Church in Brackettville.

Sunday morning service at Fron-

Many a man would rather you heard his story than granted his request. —Lord Chesterfield

Jet-Setting Cabinet Is Still Wasting Your Money

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

WASHINGTON - Several weeks ago I described in my weekly report the lavish travels of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. Now, the Clinton Administration is defending another cabinet member's excessive travel expenditures. A newly-released audit revealed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's department has exceeded its travel budget by some \$24 million. After listening to the President call for "a government which works better and costs less" in his State of the Union address, it is difficult to observe these abuses of our tax dollars and believe his cabinet accepts this philosophy.

As with Ms. O'Leary's extravagant expenses, the Clinton administration is defending the Commerce Department's expenses as reflecting "increased activity in promoting U.S. business interests." Still, in its audit, the Inspector General of the Commerce Department revealed "significant problems" including transfers of funds between agencies to pay for travel, employee misuse of government credit cards, as well as failure by the department to monitor and collect money it gave to private con-

sultants for travel. The Commerce Department defends these findings as a result of a routine performance review.

But the facts remain. As of last spring, the Commerce Department had failed to collect \$360,000 these consultants owe our government. And in 1994 alone, Mr. Brown and his staff spent more than a million dollars on travel. The amazing part is that a million dollars was not enough. Secretary Brown siphoned funds from other agencies within the Commerce Department, including the International Trade Administration and the Economic Development Administration, to fund his travel habit.

In his State of the Union address, the President called for Congress to work with him to balance the budget in a way that is fair to all Americans. It is hardly fair for taxpayers — who find it hard enough to make ends meet — to fork over \$68 million so the Commerce Department can take great trips.

To stop this abuse, Congress last week passed a short-term budget bill which includes a provision to limit travel by most cabinet-level officials. This Administration needs to stop placing the burden on taxpayers and the blame on Congress and start living up to its own rhetoric.

From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz
State Game Warden

Just a reminder for this week, if you are finished with your Hunting Lease Record Book, you may turn it in to me at this time. If you are leasing to hunters for the Spring Turkey Season (April 6 - May 12), you will need to keep the Record Book until the season is completed. The Record Book must be turned in by August 31st of each year. You can turn the book in to me in several ways: 1.) you can mail it to me at the address

below, 2.) call me at the phone number below, and I can pick it up, or 3.) you may leave it with the dispatcher at the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, and I will pick it up from him/her.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information, please contact me using the information listed below.

Henry J. Lutz, State Game Warden
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Moncus Meditations

MIKE MONCUS

Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

The Loss

I decided, considering everything looked lost, to go walking and maybe find some sign of how someone came in the night and pulled down my new tent and ran off with it. It was true that I should not have left it up if I wasn't going to use it but I felt it was still a little wet so one more night wouldn't hurt. It was a Christmas gift and I was looking forward to camping out in a bigger more comfortable tent. Anna had used it a few hours to read in the first night we set it up trying to see how easy it was to set up. It was a snap and big enough for at least four adults to sleep in. We were happy but got sad when it was stolen so quickly. Quicker than you could put it up someone ran by and scooped it up. What really surprised me was how would anyone have known I wasn't asleep inside of it. Oh! Well.

I came across not a single sign of where anyone might have crossed the deep grass on the other side of the fence or the meadow beyond or any place for that matter. The further I walked the more I knew that the loss was complete and that I would be paying for something I would never have along with other things that I had purchased on a credit card. The

new tent was gone.

As I made my way down the right-of-way for the big utility line I felt the loss and was sadder. Suddenly as I walked in the grass I came across something that made me cheer up and I don't know exactly why. Out there a long way away from any street or highway I found a bundle of brightly colored balloons all tied up with ribbons and one big shiny heart shaped balloon right in the big middle of the balloon bundle. When I turned the shiny one around I was able to read a message written on it. It was so strange to find this thing way out in the weeds where it must have sailed a great distance in the air. The balloons still had air in them but were no longer full of helium. They didn't bring back my tent but they did bring back my memories. The happy ones of getting married. That's what the message said, "JUST MARRIED".

So someone stole my tent and I will have to wait to find another one. That's part of what our world is like sometimes, but the balloons weren't and that helped a little somehow and I was made a little glad.

/s/Michael Moncus

"JUST MY LUCK..."

... ONE THAT BITES!!"

Nine breeds of dogs that bite the least are the Golden Retriever, the Labrador Retriever, the Shetland sheepdog, old English sheepdog, Welsh terrier, Yorkshire terrier, Beagle, Dalmatian, and Pointer.



Left to Right, Jack Bryant, Alvin Stutts, and Lynn Fridge, First Second and Third place winners, respectively.

Whitetail Buck Contest Winners

The Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Super S Foods is proud to announce the winners of this year's Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Big Whitetail Buck Contest! First place went to a trophy buck shot on the Bunger Ranch by Jack Bryant from New Orleans, LA. He will be presented with a brand new 700 B.K.L. deer rifle by Super S Foods. Second place went to Alvin Stutts from Huntsville, TX, who shot his big whitetail buck on the George Rose Ranch. For his efforts he won a thirty gallon deer feeder and stand from Super S Foods. Third place

went to an unusual buck with an antler spread of 25 inches. This buck was shot on the Price Ranch by Jack Fridge from Houston, TX. Third prize from Super S Foods is a 30 Gallon Rubbermaid Ice Chest.

The Chamber thanks Super S Foods, Chuy's Deer Processing, Davis Hardware, *The Brackett News*, Parts Plus, Jack Schram, & The Jugstore for their support of this year's contest. A big thanks also to everyone of the twenty-eight entrants in this year's contest and to the ranches that they represented.

Watch for your Chamber President, Larry Sofaly, to come around and talk to business members about putting something representing their business in the Chamber Newcomer packets. These information and "goodie" packets will be given to new residents coming to Brackettville, Fort Clark, and the surrounding community for the first time. This information is greatly needed by new residents and will be an excellent opportunity for local businesses to let them know as soon as possible what Brackett has to offer. This will help keep business in Brackettville!!

Thank You Friends!

I would sincerely like to Thank the group of friends and the Las Moras Site Council for the appreciation party given in my honor on Sunday, January 28th.

Thank you for the time and efforts put forth on my behalf. I was really touched and deeply appreciate your thoughts and kindness shown to me the last few weeks. You have shown me true friendship which one very seldom finds these days. A beautiful plaque was also presented to me by the Site Council and the participants of the aging center. This left me speechless as I would have expected this from my ex-employer for nineteen years of faithful employment with the county. A tamale dinner with all

the trimmings was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you friends. I will always remember you all for your kindness. Please keep in mind that I am still around and if you ever need assistance in any area of your lives, please feel free to call on me anytime.

In closing I would like for each of you to know that I will always treasure your kindness, your generosity, your many phone calls from all the community, your support, your advice, but most important your belief in me.

God Bless all of you.
Most Respectfully,
Tencha Pena

Fire Department Report

January 24 - 9 A.M. structure fire, Gateway. Fire department responded with all equipment. Del Rio Fire Department was summoned for assistance as a precautionary measure to keep the fire from spreading to nearby buildings and gas station. Fire department personnel were on the scene until Saturday, January 27, 3 P.M.

January 28 - 2:15 A.M. structure fire in City limits, 7 volunteers responded with pumper truck and rescue van, arrived on scene 2:20 A.M., fire extinguished at 2:39 A.M., equipment back in service 5:00 A.M.

January 29 - 3:00 A.M. grass fire at Moody Ranch reported by Border Patrol. Fire department responded with booster truck, fire was on Mexico side of river.

Governor Proclaims February School Board Recognition Month

Brackettville -- Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed February as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society.

The Brackett Independent School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions trustees make to their communities.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said G. Steve Mills, Brackett ISD superintendent said.

EMS Report

Wednesday, January 24, 1996, 9:00 A.M. two EMS crews were dispatched to the Gateway Hotel. Due to the extremely hazardous conditions and possibility of explosions at the site four additional attendants were alerted on their jobs. These attendants informed their employers the gravity of the situation and with the employers support were prepared to respond immediately if needed.

Thankfully these units were never needed. The fact that the units were there however made every one at the location breath a little easier.

Del Rio Fire Department was especially appreciative and thanked the attendants for their vigilance at the scene.

EMS would like to thank the following employers for their cooperation: Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Pico No. 15 Convenience Store, Brackettville ISD, and Pampered Pups.

We would like to thank the entire EMS Crew for the efficient manner in which they handled the situation. We know we have the best we just don't say it enough!

We would like to express our condolences to the family of Happy Shahan, from The Crazy Chicken employees and owners, Mr. & Mrs. Juan Manuel Flores & Family.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

There is a man here who moved to Brackettville a good many years ago. His wife became a part of the school system. They built a fine home and have been a good part of the community. He is a friendly person who takes care of his own business and does not delve into nor meddle in other peoples affairs. He has been more than capable in his profession and is now Agent in charge of the Border Patrol in Brackettville.

Surely Gene Meeks is an Unsung Hero.

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February 8, 1996 At 3:00 P.M.
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KC Stockshow

The rest of the story:

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Donation of Silver Shears Kinney County Land Co./Molly.

Congratulations to all of the participants: Zachry Davis, Champ. Angora-Buck; Susannah Davis, Champ. Angora-Doe; Max Mendoza, Champ. Comm.-Doe; Misty Rose, Champ. Com. Ewe Lamb; Jared Shahan, Champ. F.W. Lamb; Cheryl Holland, Champ. Market Hog; Whitney Hobbs, Champ. Meat Goat; David Melancon, Champ. Meat Pen Rabbit; Brandy Meeks, Champ. Rabbit-Buck; Jared Shahan, Champ. X-Bred Lamb; Amy Bader, Reserve Champ. Angora-Buck; Misty Rose, Reserve Champ. Comm. Ewe Lamb; Max Mendoza, Reserve Champ. Comm.-Doe; Laura L. Ballew, Reserve Champ. F.W. Lamb; Amber Davis, Reserve Champ. Market Hog; Savannah Massingill, Reserve Champ.

Meat Goat; Christina Benites, Reserve Champ. Meat Pen Rabbit; David Melancon, Reserve Champ. Rabbit-Buck; Jerritt Meeks, Reserve, Champ. Rabbit-Doe; J.Wayne Ballew, Reserve Champ. X-Bred Lamb; Jamie Bader, 2nd F.W. Lamb-Hvy; Beth Ballew, 2nd F.W. Lamb-Lt.; Cheryl Holland, 2nd Market Hog; Carl Dalton, 2nd Market Hog; Jessica Payne, 2nd Meat Goat-Hvy.; Katy Hall, 2nd Meat Goat -Lt.; Whitney Massingill, 2nd Meat Goat-Med.; Patrick Rose, IV, 3rd Comm. Ewe Lamb; Dietrich Davis, 3rd Comm. Goat-Doe; Michael Gass, 3rd Market Hog; Megan McWilliams, 3rd Meat Goat; Courtney Frerich, 3rd Meat Pen Rabbit; Sunni Jones, 3rd Rabbit-Buck; Michelle Melancon, 3rd Rabbit-Doe; Rolando Aguirre, 4th F.W. Lamb-Hvy.; April Crumley, 4th F.W. Lamb-Lt.; Jackie Smith, 4th Market Hog-Lt.; Bobbi Champion, 4th Market Hog-Hvy.; Dusty Rose, 4th X-Bred Lamb; Tanya McClure, 5th Meat Goat-Hvy.; Jim Rose, 5th Meat Goat-Lt.; Jared Hobbs, 5th Meat Goat-Med.; Jolee Jones, 5th Comm. Goat-Doe; Tillman Davis, 5th Ang. Goat-Doe Kid; Elizabeth Aguirre, 5th F.W. Lamb-Hvy.; Carlos Gomez, 5th F.W. Lamb-Lt.; Tommy Gomez, 5th F.W. Lamb-Med.; Crystal Champion, 5th Market Hog; Jared Hobbs, 5th Meat Goat-Med.; Princess Benites, 5th Meat Pen Rabbit; Ryan Frerich, 5th Rabbit-Buck; Josh Crumely, 5th X-Bred Lamb; Angel DeHoyos, 6th F.W. Lamb-Hvy.; Jose DeLeon, 6th F.W. Lamb-Lt.; Jesse Smith, 6th Market Hog; Pedro Pacheco, 6th X-Bred Lamb; Amanda Davis, 7th Comm. Ewe; Miguel DeLeon, 7th F.W.

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Thanks to all of the buyers who helped to support the youth at the auction:

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| 39 On the waves | 81 Actress Lena | 127 Vino center | 23 Philosopher | 115 Disney sci-fi film | 115 Disney sci-fi film |
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| 43 Scoundrel | 83 — Speedwagon | 130 Conclude | 28 Metric measures | 120 Mai — (cocktail) | 120 Mai — (cocktail) |
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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Things could very easily fall into disarray on the home front, especially early in the week. There just seems to be too much to do. Partners, though, are in happy rapport.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Work priorities could mean you have to cancel a trip you'd planned. A mix-up in communications is possible with a loved one. However, time alone over the weekend leads to inspired thought.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Changes or mix-ups in social plans are likely to occur this week. You could feel that a child is missing your viewpoint and taking a wrong turn. Be sure you make an effort to communicate better. Finances are favored this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to prioritize your schedule. You have too many irons in the fire where business is concerned. You'll do better when you simplify and tackle one task at a time. The weekend brings a burst of creative energy.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Minor details at every turn seem to impede your progress at work early in the week. Try not to get discouraged. By week's end, everything clears up. Good news or a visitor from afar brightens up your weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Social life isn't quite what you'd like this week. In fact, you end up disappointed in the behavior of a close friend. However, creative thinking is favored and leads to a major business triumph by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Couples may not have as much time together as they'd like this week. It seems one person is always on the way in as the other is on the way out. Take time during the weekend to reconnect and renew those romantic ties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to

November 21) Early in the week, you crave some time to yourself but you won't be able to get it. Interruptions are par for the course. Later, a partner gives you a fresh perspective on a business concern. The weekend favors group activities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You could have some difficulty reaching financial agreements this week. It's best to table these for now. A matter about a child causes some concern toward mid-week. Be sure you clear this up. Get-togethers with friends are favored this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Early in the week, a business delay is bad enough. Don't let it cause you to slacken your efforts. Just do what you can under the circumstances and much is accomplished by week's end. Accent financial planning over the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're hit with extra expenditures this week, and it's generally a poor time to reach financial agreements. Signing contracts isn't favored, either. Creativity and romance, though, are happily highlighted.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You receive some conflicting information in business this week. It won't be until the weekend that you achieve a clear perception. It's best to go with your gut instincts rather than on someone's iffy word.

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Henry Bullmore

Differences: 1. Headress is different. 2. Teardrop is added. 3. Veil is longer. 4. Bouquet is smaller. 5. Kerchief is removed. 6. Chef's hat is larger.

Happy Birthday

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| Feb. 2 Baltazar Espinosa | Feb. 5 P.H. Coates |
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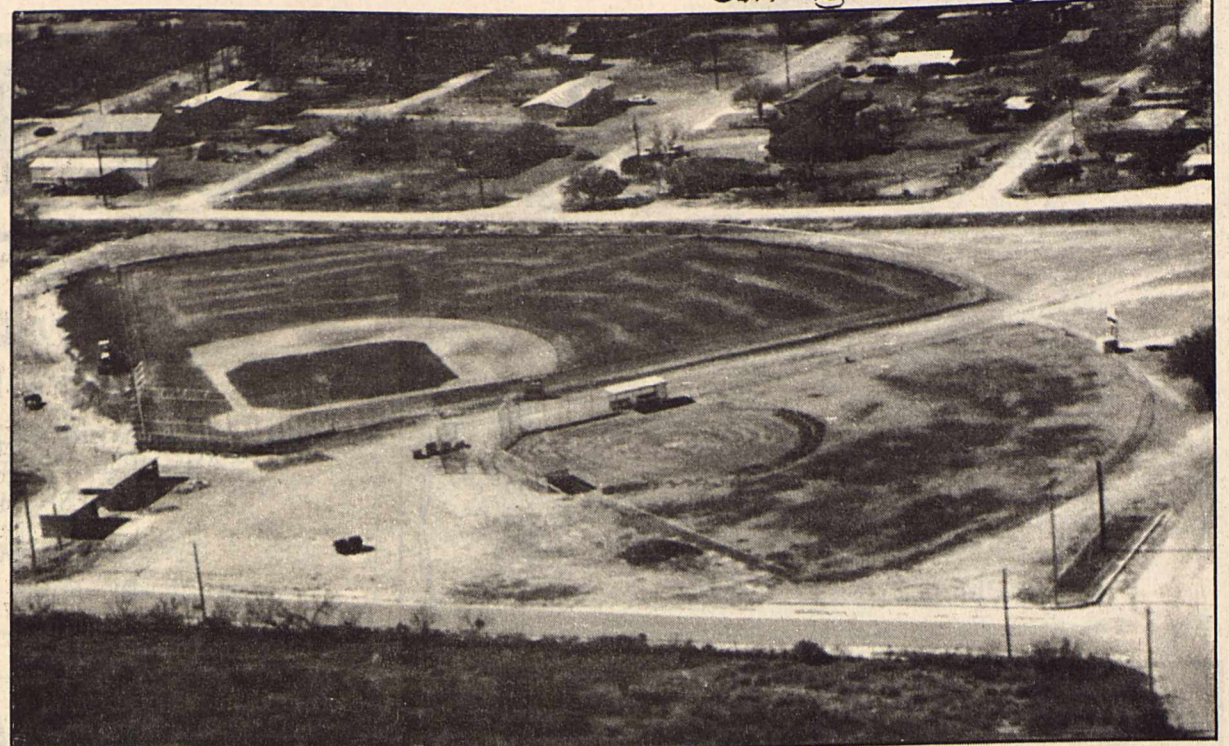


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lighting and a walking path. Anyone wanting to contribute to the park by helping to buy a tree contact Steve Mills at Brackett ISD or Jill and Archie at Sunshine Nursery. When people talk about the decline of the community they sure aren't talking about us! Thank you to all of the special people who made this wonderful project a success. Thank you again Kathy and Jimmy Bader.



Aerial photo of New Baseball Complex. Photo courtesy of Paul Hoeller.



Making A Difference
 By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
 BISD Curriculum Director

BISD Staff Development Days

This week for three days, BISD's professional staff worked on curriculum and instruction while students were given well deserved rest and relaxation. A major problem with public school teaching is that there is little time to think, to write or to prepare work for students. The teacher's preparation period is usually taken duplicating papers, setting up labs, or checking on a problem with an extra curricular activity. Many times, the prep period is used for parent, student or administrative conferences. These are all important aspects of schools, but they take their toll on a teacher's time to reflect, to confer with associates and to get work prepared for the coming weeks.

There is so little time to talk with associates as we seek to work on solutions to problems. In most professions, there is time. Doctors talk to each other. Lawyers talk. Teachers have different prep periods because someone has to watch the children.

So, the staff development days were useful to our faculty. The Brackett Board of Education just adopted a new curriculum policy that needs to be implemented. By September 1 of next year, a written curriculum guide will be prepared for most every subject. Elementary teachers will begin by completing reading and math curriculum. Secondary teachers will complete written curriculum in all subjects with the exception of writing. Writing is working well at BISD. Our scores are high. It takes lots of time and preparation to write curriculum. So, our priorities were established.

In the written curriculum guides which are user friendly, we list major outcomes or objectives for each subject taught. Just what is it students are supposed to know how to do when they complete the class? Aligned with every outcome will be a list of the resources or materials that a teacher will use to teach each outcome. There will be an estimate of the amount of time needed to teach the outcome to mastery. Prerequisite skills will be listed. There will be sample assessment questions listed for each outcome on the form.

So, you see we will have:
 A written curriculum - defining the work to be done
 A taught curriculum - which is the work
 A tested curriculum - which is an evaluation of how well the work was

done. Every business and industry knows what work to do. They get the work done and then evaluate how well the work was done. Changes are made each day to make them more effective. Our business of education is no different. We can not succeed unless we have a written curriculum, a taught curriculum and a tested curriculum that are all aligned.

Teachers had the greater part of 3 days to work and prepare written curriculum. We also had timely workshops on the use of technology in education. Jim McNamara, Technology Division of Region 20, gave presentations on the electronic network available to educators called - TENET. McNamara presented an advanced workshop on Day #2 which showed teachers ways of using Tenet in the Classroom for research and to support the instructional program. On Day #3, Frank Taylor gave three workshops on Powerpoint which is available to all teachers at BISD and will help in presentations of instruction involving charts, overheads and graphics.

Our meals were great. June Kaminski and the lunch room staff served breakfast taquitos, coffee and juice each morning by 8. At noon, we were served outstanding meals that included Italian on Monday, Mexican on Tuesday and Southern Fried Chicken on Wednesday. The meals were as good as well prepared as any of the finest restaurants that I have ever visited. Our staff stayed together for coffee and meals. For three days, we built synergy ... staff energy. With synergy, we can accomplish whatever objective is set before us. When we work together, eat together and are treated like professionals, so much can be accomplished.

There you have it, by the time the paper is printed we will be back in school implementing our curriculum plans with students. At BISD, curriculum development is research driven and is supported by one of the finest computer monitoring systems in the United States - Abacus. We want to be the best at BISD. We want to give our kids the best that we can so they can make a difference in life after BISD. These were good days, my friends. Thanks for letting us have the time to work together. Teachers, you were magnificent! I am so proud of you!



Winners in the girls event, left to right, Elizabeth Bizzell, Dugessa Hunt.



Winners in the boys event, from left to right, Juan Rodriguez, Tommy Sandoval, Tony Molinar, Jeremy Ford.

Knights Of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 8223 held its annual K.C. Free Throw Championship last Thursday, January 25, 1996.

We had a total of 27 participants ranging from 10 to 14 years old which is the required age. Winners were: girls event, Michelle Elizabeth Bizzell 11 year old and Dugessa Hunt 12. Boys contest - Tony A. Molinar 11, Juan Flores 12, Jeremy Ford 13 and Tommy Sandoval 14.

All 6 winners were first place winners and will compete on the District level competition on Saturday, February 3 here. Teams from Uvalde,

Knippa and Del Rio are to be here for the contest.

Winners from this event will advance to regional contest and then to state finals.

Many thanks to those that helped out with our local competition on the 25th, Coach Gregg Nowlin, Coach Roy Rokovich, Manny Pena Jr., Mrs. Antonia Pena, Dorothy Roberts Mrs. Paulita Montalvo and Nena Pena for taking pictures.

Thanks, Agapito Saenz
 K.C. Program Director

Golf News

Ladies Golf League NASSAU January 23, 1996 - Tuesday

1st Flight:
 1st place - Best Front 9-A - 4 way tie at (34) between the following: Joy Hinkleman, Gwen Ladd, Teresa Stephens and Joy Rogers.

1st place - Best Back 9 - Joy Hinkleman at (27)

1st place - Best Front and Back 9 - Joy Hinkleman at (61)

2nd Flight:
 1st place - Front 9 - Ann Malin at (32)

1st place - Back 9 - Carol Benefield at (28)

1st place - Best Front and Back 9 - A 4 way tie at (66) between Ann Malin, Kay Roberts, Joyce Williamson and Marge Maderich.

3rd Flight:
 1st place - Best Front 9 - Elizabeth Dillahunty at (33)

1st place - Best Back 9 - Leslie Houk at (28)

1st place - Best Front and Back 9 - Elizabeth Dillahunty at (64)

4th Flight:
 1st place - Best Front 9 - Jean Petaja at (29)

1st place - Best Back 9-A - 2 way tie between Margo Kendrick and Betty Schlatterer.

1st place - Best Front and Back 9 - Janet Christianson at (62)

Mens Golf League - Best Two Balls

Wednesday, January 24, 1996
 1st place a two way tie at (146) between - Carlos Garza, Bill

Woolston, Gordy Mathison and Bill Larson also Ray Divine, Ken Burkpile, Don Herron and Dan Burkpile.

3rd place at (148) Walter Dove, Bob Houk, C. Dillahunty and Carl Jensen.

4th place at (150) - Bob Williamson, Ken Frost, George Clark and Phil Fordahl.

5th place a two way tie at (151) between Del Berry, Wayne Schwartz, Jack Workman, Del Kendrick and Jack Schram. Also Choppay Ambler, P.M. Moore, Lee Herron and Vern Ebert.

Couples Thursday Scramble January 25, 1996

No information placed in envelope, or on board this week.

Monthly Scramble - January 27, 1996

1st place a 2 way tie at (61) between Byron Proseus, Bob Derrickson, Gordon Mathinson and Bobbie Waddill also Lou Green, Roger Kurz, Ray Kurtz and Andy Anderson.

2nd place a 5 way tie at (62) between Charlie Smith, Dorothy Proseus, P.M. Moore and Betty Schlatterer - Mike Cervantez, LaVon McLane and Wayne Schwartz. Roy Dyer, Teresa Stephens, James Stafford and Joyce Ambler - Carlos Garza, Carl Green, Dwite Gilliland and Juanita Pratt. Charlie Rose, Dee Curry, Roger Stephens and Bill Larson.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
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 Veggie Sticks With Peanut Butter Cup
 Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
 Lasagna
 Seasoned Veggie
 Fruit
 Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
 Hamburger
 Burger Salad
 French Fries
 Peachy Jello

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
 Frito Pie W/Chili And Cheese
 Spanish Rice
 Pinto Beans
 Fruit



"Master At Work"

The Fort Clark Art Club presented Bud Breen with a picture in appreciation for all the help he has given to the members. The picture "Master At Work" done by Catherine Upson is a pencil drawing, that earned a first place ribbon in the 1996 Project Show.

Bud has been giving work shops at the Art Club for the past 5 years. He tells all of his students not to let anyone change your talents. Bud said this is a beautiful group (Art Club) and this is the first time anyone has given him a picture.

The Art Club has a very nice area to work. Art Club is open Mondays and Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., everyone is welcome. Dues are \$12.00 a year and they offer an extensive library, work shop films, supplies to purchase (members only). As I looked around the room at all of the beautiful pictures displayed I couldn't help notice that there were ribbons from many art displays all over the country.

Their current project is designing 22 quilt squares for the anniversary quilt. The designs will be passed on to the stitchery club to be embroidered.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



Don't Fertilize Too Early
Many people make the mistake of applying fertilizer before it's really time each year. February gets here and we start to have several spring-like days, much like we've had lately. People start thinking about yard work and getting their lawn off to a good start. Don't let nature fool you into fertilizing too early. You really shouldn't apply any fertilizer to your lawn until we are into April. If you fertilize too early, the plant directs its growth to the top instead of to the roots. Then the root system isn't strong enough to handle the heat that we will experience this summer.

Your best bet is to wait until your lawn's root system is completely "awake". That's usually about 3-4 weeks after the last frost. A slow release fertilizer is better for the lawn and the environment. Use a 3-1-2 ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. And remember, it really makes no difference whether you use an organic fertilizer or an inorganic one — the plant can't tell the difference because they both have the same effect as far as supplying nitrogen. You'll need to fertilize again when the lawn starts to yellow in the summer. I recommend the use of an iron supplement in our county as well to provide a more green color to the grass.

Winter Watering

With these last few warm days we've just had it seems like a lot of homeowners are watering their yards. And our subtropical turfgrasses, like St. Augustine and Bermuda, need water in the winter. The top may be dormant but the roots are still func-

tioning. Don't over do it, however, and put on more than they need. If we go without any significant rain for at least 3 weeks, then you can apply 1 inch of irrigation to the lawn. A dehydrated lawn is more prone to cold injury than a lawn that's had adequate water. The only grass that doesn't need very much water is buffalograss.

Indoor Insect Problems?

For some people insect problems can be as much trouble indoors as they are outdoors. The most common pests found on indoor plants include aphids, fungus gnats, mealybugs, scale, spider mites and whiteflies.

Small infestations of aphids and whiteflies can be controlled by simply wiping the leaves with cotton swabs dipped in alcohol. For larger problems, use a household insect spray that contains acephate, malathion or pyrethrin. Fungus gnats can be controlled with an insect spray containing diazinon. It may be necessary to repeat the application to get all the insects.

Mealybug control is difficult. If only a few mealybugs are present, wipe them off with a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol. For larger infestations, thoroughly spray stems and both sides of the leaves with a household insect spray containing acephate or resmethrin. You will need to discard severely infested plants and don't take cuttings from the host plant. Scale can be controlled by picking off by hand or spraying with a household insect spray containing acephate or resmethrin and oil. The spray is more effective against crawlers rather than stationary adults.



Energetic volunteers pose after working magic on Fort Clark Town Hall.

Volunteers Make Town Hall Sparkle

An energetic group of volunteers recently worked their magic at the Town Hall. Under the able direction of Harrell Floyd, the ladies and gentlemen were a force to be reckoned with, starting at the top (the projection room) and whirling their mops, brooms, and dustpans until the noble former Post Theatre was prepared for inspection. It is our exceptional good fortune to be blessed with people like these who will roll up their sleeves and get things done instead of just talking about it.

A genuine and sincere "THANK YOU" is extended to all the folks who take pride in making a difference on Fort Clark: Nona Hoeller, Jack & Norma Schram, Jerry & Cindy Anderson, Diana Walker, Alice Seargeant, Kathi Warm, Rosie & John Mattingly, Wyle & Charlene Simmons, Jim & Edith Palmer, Ray & Jo Entrikin, Woody Hornburg, LaVon McLane, Paul & Nancy England, and Jean Ross.

Sheriff's Department Report

January 19, 1996 - 11:11 PM Deputy on patrol observed a subject inside the Lions Thrift Store building. After trying all the doors and finding them to be locked, Deputy called the Lion's Club member in charge of the store. The Lions Club representative came down to the store and opened the building. He and the deputy searched the building. Upon a second search, the suspect was located hiding on a shelf behind some boxes. Suspect was arrested.

2:00 AM Deputy dispatched to investigate a fire. Upon arrival the front of the house was found to be engulfed in flames. Fort Clark Security arrived on the scene at the same time. Deputy kicked the back door down and 1 victim was found just inside back door. Victim had apparently been trying to escape; the unconscious victim was pulled from the house by Deputy; aided by Fort Clark Security, and 2 citizens. Victim was wrapped in a blanket EMS arrived immediately. Deputy assisted Fire Department with traffic control.

January 24, 1996 - 9:30 AM Fire Call - roadway. A Request was made for a road closure due to smoke hazard and possible explosive situation. The Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation, Game Warden, Border Patrol, Constable's office, State Trapper and FCS Security all cooperated in closing traffic from US 90E Brackettville City Limits to US 90 W at intersection with highway 66, also closed were Ann Street for 1 block, Crockett Street for 1 block and Fort Clark Front Gate was closed. Road was opened at 3:00 PM.

January 28, 1996 - 911 Deputy was dispatched to residence where repeated calls had been made to 911 only to hang up the phone when 911 answered. Deputy found an intoxicated juvenile. Juvenile will be charged with public intoxication and misuse of 911, a class B misdemeanor.

January 29, 1996 - Deputy dispatched to aid fire department with brush fire on Moody ranch. Fire was contained.

Sheriff Buddy Burgess said that his Senior jailer, Tom Justice, will be leaving. Tom has taken a job at a considerable pay increase with the Kerr County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Burgess said that Tom was a good jailer and a hard one to lose. Alvin McClure will replace Tom as senior jailer. The Department will also be losing another jailer, Roger Brown. Roger has been with the Kinney County Sheriff's department only 3 weeks and will be taking a position with the Texas Prison System.

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Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Participating In Government In-Action Youth Tour Contest

For the first year, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGE) will sponsor a youth for the all-expense paid Power Trip to Washington, D.C. Dependents of RGE MEMBERS who are between the ages of fourteen and nineteen can enter the contest by writing an essay of 500 words or less about "What My Electric Cooperative Means To Me." The essays will be judged in April and the winner will be announced on April 19th.

The lucky winner will be going to Washington, D.C. on June 6th-18th. The tour is sponsored by Texas Electric Cooperatives and is well chaperoned. The winner will visit with their legislative leaders and tour sites of historical significance. Included on the agenda will be visits to the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the FBI Building, the national Archives and Mount Vernon. The students will attend a stage play at Ford's Theater and place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Approximately 1,100 Youth Tour participants from 37 states will meet in Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

If you have any questions about entering the contest, please call Shirley Hadsell at 1-800-749-1509.

Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Rotary Club met on January 25 and heard a talk by highway patrolman Wayne Whiteaker who works in this area and is based in Uvalde. After sharing some amusing incidences with us, he showed a video tape of a high speed chase taken by a camera in a patrol car. It started outside of Rock Springs when a young man in a brand new pickup caught the interest of a highway patrolman. The driver was speeding and refused to pull over. Instead, he floorboarded the truck and drove at 110 miles an hour until he was finally stopping just outside Uvalde.

The driver had just been released from prison. He had stolen a new pickup off a car lot and was headed for Mexico. Fairly quickly into the chase, the speeder deliberately rammed into the side of his pursuer's patrol car. Gravel sprayed from the roadside shattered the right side of the patrolman's windshield. Slivers of glass showered him, even getting into his eyes. He continued the chase while bleeding from these cuts.

Wayne was nearby when the chase began, heard the radio communication and rushed to take part. He was able to station himself ahead of the chase, then waited for the speeder to come by. Wayne stood at the side of the road as the truck flashed by, then quickly shot out one of the rear tires. This didn't stop the pickup, however, since the tire lost air slowly.

Wayne leapt back into his patrol car to join the other officers who had rushed to the scene.

The truck screamed down the highway, meeting unsuspecting oncoming cars. Other vehicles had received a warning and had pulled off the road. The truck careened down the highway, sometimes going around curves and over hills in the wrong lane. As other lawmen were able to shoot, two more tires were hit. The driver doggedly held it on the road, driving on three rims at 90 miles an hour.

Finally, he pulled over. Vehicles in pursuit screeched to a halt nearby, and officers leaped out to surround him. In all, 18 officers were involved.

Wayne Whiteaker stood over the young man as he lay still, feigning unconsciousness. Wayne noted, however, that he was still breathing rapidly. He didn't open his eyes for several minutes. When he finally did, those who saw him said he look absolutely terrified, and he didn't speak a word for a long time.

That chase will be remembered by all the officers that took part and by those of us who saw the film. This wasn't a TV show. It was real. We came away with a deep respect for those officers who put their lives on the line for us, particularly Wayne Whiteaker. He impressed us as being a fine individual and an especially "down-to earth" person.

We thank Wayne for the program and Sharon Tinsely for her role as program chairman for January. Well done.

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter Of Beta Sigma Phi

Beta Epsilon Omicron, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met January 22, 1996 at the lovely home of Dorothy Frank. President Maria Madrid led the opening ritual and asked for roll call with 14 members answering. Secretary Treasurers reports were read and approved. Old business was called for. Helen Lynch thanked members for the food brought to her and her family recently after a death in the family. She especially thanked Cathy Conroy for organizing the sisters and the foods brought in.

Beta Epsilon Omicron was represented by Hazel and Gerald Ivey, Opal and Larry Groce, Ruby and Frank Cheaney, Betty Mathison, Barbara Miller. Cathy Conroy and Francine Collins in the Highway pick up Jan. 13. We discussed our Sweetheart Banquet Feb. 10 in the Calvary Room which we will combine with the Theta Sigma Chapter members. Members voted for the Chapter's Sweetheart and several suggestions were made for the Sweetheart remembrances. Sisters were reminded of their own Secret Sister gifts. A motion was made and seconded that we would present our President gifts at the Founder's Day Party and we would now present officers pins at their installation.

A motion was made and seconded that it would again be our pleasure to decorate and bring treats for the Nutrition Center. Members will decorate Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m. and bring treats Feb. 14th 9:00 a.m. A reminder was made that sisters wear their Sorority shirts for these occasions.

Anniversary Year Quilt Planned

The Fort Clark Stitchers are planning to make a commemorative quilt for Fort Clark's anniversary year. This is the silver anniversary year of the beginning of the Fort Clark Springs Association in 1971 and the golden anniversary of the Army closing Fort Clark in 1946.

The art club is making designs for each of the 22 different quilt squares and the pattern and fabric for the embroidered squares will be provided. Anyone who would like to participate should check with the Adult Center for more information. Help is needed! The goal is to have all squares completed by June first so the quilt can be assembled and quilted. The finished quilt will be displayed starting in September and raffle tickets for the quilt will be sold. The drawing for the prize quilt will be in December.

Pres. Madrid noted that our next meeting would be Feb. 26th at Opal Groce's home for our Ritual of Jewels ceremony. Vice Pres. Lynn McNew, who is responsible for the pledge training will meet with these members before that ceremony.

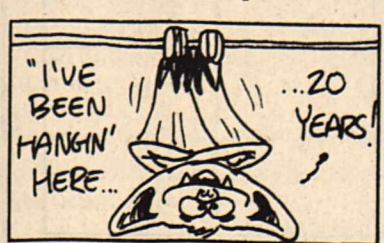
Pres. Madrid led the closing ritual and Mizpah and turned the meeting over to Helen Peck and Evelyn Whitely for their program on San Francisco. Helen was stationed at the Army base across the Bay and has been intrigued with San Francisco ever since. She told us not only about the more popular features of the city such as the cable cars, the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz prison which is now a museum, Chinatown and The Sea Lion's Cave but many interesting and not as well known facts about the city. Evelyn made and passed around sourdough bread, famous in S.F. and pictures she had taken on a trip there. When they were finished we all agreed it is a fascinating city and we would have to make that trip someday.

We then moved on to make Valentine decorations for the Center. Bits of lace, glitter doilies and a lot of creativity soon became lovely Valentines.

Our hostess Dorothy Frank rewarded the following "artists" a lovely lunch: Ruby Cheaney, Cathy Conroy, Opal Groce, Hazel Ivey, Helen Lynch, Maria Madrid, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Barbara Miller, Lynn McNew, Helen Peck, Flo Stafford and Evelyn Whitely.

Val Verde Memorial Hospital

Val Verde Memorial Hospital will offer an American Heart Association Instructor CPR Course on March 11 and 12, 1996, at the hospital. The cost will be \$50.00 which will include all necessary books and each student will need to bring their own mask. For additional information please contact Margaret Jacob at Val Verde Memorial Hospital, 775-8566, Ext. 332. The class will be limited so call today to reserve your spot.



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Community Calendar

Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
Beta Sigma Phi
R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th 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.
Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar
Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center
Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m.
FC Restaurant
City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House
Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon
San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.
FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Adult Center
FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio
FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room
FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.
FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, Service Club 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.
K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall, Please make reservations.
Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

February 1884: Lt. French eagerly awaits the arrival of his relief ("D" Troop, 8th Cavalry) so he may return to Ft. Clark after over two months of field service commanding the Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Detachment close to the line of the Southern Pacific at Mayers Spring (near present day Dryden). The Detachment begins the trek back to Ft. Clark on the 7th with French locating his bed in the ambulance. After a five day journey the post is reached and no time is lost rejoicing the society of the fort as numerous "calls" are made the first night back. French petitions Gen'l Smith to be assigned the quarters next to the Adjutant's Office (today's Harrison house) and moves in the day of the "Leap Year" Hop. He resumes his daily visits to the Seminole Camp and catches his turn as Officer of the Guard. A theatrical is performed at the Post Hall (possibly located in Lucille Schooler's house) and lawn tennis becomes a frequent activity. Lt. French is the social butterfly as he escorts or visits every lady on the post in his role as the proper Victorian gentleman.

Friday, February 1 1884

One month of the new year passed into eternity and what have I to show for it? I ought to help Father, but I hope the pig ranch will be a profitable investment & then I shall be better able to help him. While waiting for the mail, Doctor & I went down to house where Lougee joined us in a walk to the tank. After returning practiced on the violin until the mail came bringing a letter from home. Studied shorthand and played solitaire until dinner. After that weighed out the forage. The days are appreciably longer than before. Settled my expense account for last month. Wrote a letter for Sgt. Gordon & let him carry it over in the afternoon taking some O.B. mail and paper to Sale in return for some blocks of printing paper he sent me this morning. This will be excellent for shorthand. In the evening studied shorthand and played solitaire.

Consistency requires you to be as ignorant today as you were a year ago.
—Bernard Berenson

More men become good through practice than by nature.
—Democritus of Abdera

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of
Major General Francis Henry French
Courtesy of his descendants



Saturday, February 2 1884

Took our usual walk after breakfast and then practiced on the violin until the mail came bringing me a letter sent from home on the 10th ult., one from George, an invitation to Kate Offley's wedding the 7th inst. and some O.B.'s. Studied shorthand and weighed out the hay before dinner. After dark found Mr. Lougee in the men's kitchen paying them for work done for the Pecos Land & Cattle Co.

Witnessed some signatures for him & then went over to the house where he gave me a check for \$41 to pay Corp'l. Fay \$6, and Pvt. Woryner \$35, & 50 cts. for Pvt. H. Williams. Played Parcheesi until nine o'clock. The Doctor would not go over but worked on his macrame' lace. Think he is still angry about the other evening. After returning wrote to Warnock to order a cap strap sent out to Clark and commenced my letter home. Took a bath before going to bed. Have had no fire all day in my tent.

Sunday, February 3 1884

Heavy fog this morning which partially cleared off during the day. Finished my letter home before breakfast and took only a short walk afterwards on account of the fog. Played on the violin until the mail came. Nothing for me. Read a while & then took a short walk down to the house. Everybody went out from there except Griffith, this morning with three scouts to go to King's Springs where they will spend the night & probably return tomorrow. In the afternoon rode my pony over to Thurston taking Luce along. Saw Sale & Smith there. Train going East soon came along when Sale introduced me to Hefferman the new conductor. Seems like an agreeable gentleman; wonder if he will dead head me. Sale telegraphed down to Langtry asking operator there to send word when "D" Troop passes. After returning weighed out the forage & then ate dinner. Soon after dinner young Pratt who was here two weeks ago came in for the mail. Being too late to start back, he brought in his blankets and has made a bed down on the floor refusing to have a bed brought in. After dark read a letter from Bullis to Sgts. Kibbet and July and then talked to them about

what they intend to do if the Detachment is disbanded in June. Afterwards wrote an O.B. to Jones 22nd Inf'y. about them & a personal letter to Maj. Russel, Gen. Augur's son-in-law asking him to secure the latter's assistance in having the Seminoles moved to the Nation. It may be presumptuous but I hope Gen. A. will not consider it so. Pratt is a pleasant young fellow and I enjoyed a talk with him. He has not decided what his life work will be, but thinks seriously of engaging in the sheep business.

Monday, February 4 1884

Pratt left before breakfast this morning. Foggy as usual, but it cleared off before noon. Only an O.B. for me. Made out inspection papers after breakfast and invoices & receipts for transferring property. Then practiced on the violin and studied shorthand until time to weigh out the forage. After dinner walked up and down in front of the tent & then went inside to write an O.B. Was interrupted by Lougee, who came in to have me witness a man's signature and then sat to have a little talk. Beat him a game of Parcheesi. He is very anxious to have me return soon after going to Clark to go out with him and Simmonds towards the San Francisco to look over their land. Finished the letter after his departure and prepared it go to in tomorrow's mail.

Tuesday, February 5 1884

Foggy as usual, but it cleared away leaving a cloudy sky. Took a walk to the house, stopping to chat with Mr. & Mrs. Lougee and then went down to the tank. Returning had a practical experience of the ease with which one can be lost in a fog out in this country. No mail for me but a note from Sale saying Randlett passed a station near Painted Caves yesterday and ought to camp at Langtry tonight. If so, he ought to be in day after tomorrow. Practiced on the violin and studied shorthand. In the evening went over to the house and played a few games of cribbage with Mr. & Mrs. Lougee. The Doctor would not go over. After returning wrote my letter home. Lay down for a short time & fell asleep before completing the letter.

Fort Clark Historical Society

The Fort Clark Historical Society board of directors met Monday afternoon, January 22, at the Adult Center. Officers were elected as follows: Walt Bauguess, President; Tom Collins, Vice President; Jean Faulkenberry, Secretary; and John Frank, Treasurer. Don Swanson will remain as Museum Curator and Dianne Walker as Suters Store Manager. Appointments made were Jean Faulkenberry, membership chairman and memorials chairman; Dianne Walker, representative to the Anniversary Committee; and Ben Pingnot, program chairman.

The Society membership meeting was held Saturday morning, January 27, in the Palisado Building with President Bauguess presiding. Museum curator Swanson reported that a number of things he had on his museum "wish list" had been provided by the Fort's General Manager Bill Haenn and Board President Frank Cheaney from surplus items stored around the premises. Suters Store Manager Dianne

Walker encouraged shopping at Suters for books, post cards, gifts, and a large array of other items.

Bauguess presented outgoing board member Dorothy Frank with a plaque for six years of service.

Willie Warrior distributed copies of the "History of the Seminole Cemetery," and the John Ward Medal of Honor citation.

Bill Haenn presented the program on "Lt. French's Diaries." Haenn had secured the diaries from the granddaughters of Lt. (Gen.) French. He kept his audience entertained with humorous accounts and details of daily activities while Lt. French, West Point Class of 1879, was stationed at Fort Clark, ranging from the social life on the post, to French's schemes to "get rich fast," to commanding the Seminole Scouts.

Memberships are available in the Fort Clark Historical Society for \$5.00 per person annually. Contact Jean Faulkenberry at 563-9323, or mail to Box 1061, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Fort Clark Art Club

Reminders:

The Ginger Test Water Color Workshop to be held on February 16 & 17 still has three places to be filled. This could be a splendid opportunity for someone with some experience of Water Color to enhance their knowledge. For further information call Katherine Field at 563-2858.

The monthly business meeting is Monday, February 5 at 1 p.m. in the Art Room.

1996 membership fees are now due for 1996 an exorbitant fee of \$12.00!! The rewards of this membership are an excellent place in which to paint, painting materials at a reduced cost and perhaps the friendliest group of people in all of Texas as company.

The Craft Show which the Art Club is sponsoring and whose date is March 16 has a new coordinator. Betty Wright has accepted this responsibility. Call her at 563-2559 for information.

Bridge Anyone?

The FCS Duplicate Club met Tuesday, January 23rd with 9 1/2 tables in play.

Lamont and Marie McCandless won 1st place in the N/S direction. Delina Hay and LaVerne Schaefer won 2nd place with Lu and Roy Gibbons (Members from Campwood) taking 3rd.

Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch won 1st place with the E/W direction. Mary Edgar and Joyce Hinkelman won 2nd place. James Harber and Walt Geeze tied for 3rd with Betty Schlatterer and Mary Butler.



The first mechanical pencil was patented in 1879.

Wednesday, February 6 1884

No mail for me this morning. After breakfast walked down past the house stopping to chat with Mr. Lougee, to the tank, near which met a Mexican vaquero & talked a little Mexican with him. Practiced on the violin & studied shorthand. Afterwards had camp thoroughly policed. After dinner took a walk. Practiced on the violin, issued some canteens, studied shorthand & played solitaire in the evening. Wrote a note to Mr. Sale today to thank him for favors received & to say good-bye. Hope Randlett will get here tomorrow.

Thursday, February 7 1884

After breakfast prepared papers to turn over property and packed up my things. Doctor was the first to discover the new troops coming. Had all the property laid out as soon as the Troop came in sight. The ambulance came first with some men and dogs. Had it unload at the kitchen. Soon afterward "D" Troop came with Capt. Randlett and Duff. After welcoming them showed the property to the Captain, who receipted and condemned so as to entirely clear my papers. He was very kind in this matter. Gave orders to load the wagons as soon as the others unloaded and sent the mules down to be watered. While waiting went over to say good bye to Mr. & Mrs. Lougee. He said he would soon meet me at Brackett. Found everything about ready when I returned and said good-bye to all. Dr. Buffington is to be relieved by Maddox who is on leave but will be back soon; so he will go in by rail. The sun came out and gave a nice afternoon for the march. Camped in the old place near Lozier and the animals had about an hour's grazing. Made the men bring in grass for the mules. My bed is in the ambulance. Got a bundle of papers in today's mail, which came in very well for the trip.

The Old Quarry Society

The Old Quarry Society is pleased to present a Dinner Theatre on Friday, February 9, 1996 at the Las Moras Inn. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by a delicious dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu with all the "trimmings" at 7:00. The play "Love Letters" will be presented by the Upstagers from Del Rio at 8:00 p.m.

"Love Letters", with a cast of two, will be the Upstagers entry in Texas Little Theatre competition later this year. The story tells of the relationship between two people through the letters they have written to each other over the years. Upstagers season ticket holders don't need to worry about seeing the same play twice, because the cast is selected randomly from three men and three women.

Tickets for this wonderful evening are \$12.50 and are available at the Adult Center or by phoning 563-9229 or 563-2751. Seating is limited to 120 people and all seats are reserved.

Join us if you will for an evening of fun. What a great way to treat your special Valentine! That's Friday, February 9, 1996, Las Moras Inn at 6:00 p.m.

Be watching for the "Glory Road" we will need people of all ages. Call Lynn McNew 563-9229 or Harrell Floyd 563-2024 for information.

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"The Pastor's Pen"

There is an old story of a man in West Virginia who had a reputation for being wise and for giving sound advice. He perhaps was a little like Solomon of the Bible. A young person went to him one day and asked, "Uncle Jed, how come you have such good judgement?" "Well, I have got good judgement because I have had a lot of experience," he replied. And the boy said, "Yes, but how did you get all that experience?" "Well," he mused, "I got it by making a lot of bad judgements."

If people have traveled the road before us and can tell us what that road looks like, then we are wise to listen to what they have to say. There is a man who has traveled a road before us that has "experience", and he is Abraham Lincoln. He compiled a list of "TEN CANNOTS" that we perhaps would show wisdom in adherence to. They are: "You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift." "You cannot help small

men by tearing down big men." You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong." You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer." You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich." You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income." "You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred." "You cannot establish security on borrowed money." "You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence." "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Former President Lincoln was a man of God who compiled these thoughts because of his experiences and found them supported by God's Word. These are principles that must be lived by if we as a country are to survive economically.



St. John's Baptist Church

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

What A Mighty God We Serve

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, thus saith the LORD, set thine house in order for thou shalt die, and not live.

Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD.

And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart. And have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah saying,

Go, and say to Hezekiah, thus saith the LORD, the God and David thy father. I have heard thy prayer. I have seen thy Tears: behold I will

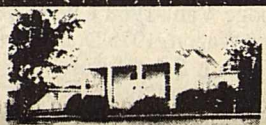
ADD unto thy days fifteen (15) years. Isaiah 38:1-5. Praise God!!

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I waited patiently for the LORD and he inclined unto me and heard my CRY. Psalms 40:1 Praise God. Can use desk for Pastor study and also tables and chairs at Wilson Fellowship Hall. Call St. John 563-2582 or FBC 563-2245.

Rev. Adams Pastor

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Last Saturday, I attended a workshop on leadership training. One of the exercises we were asked to do was to find someone we know and to tell them about a quality in them that we appreciated. This was called acknowledging the goodness within them. While I was talking to someone, I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned around to the smiling face of a man who was one of my very first parishioners back in 1985 when I was fresh out of seminary and green as could be! With tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, we did indeed acknowledge the goodness within each other. But I barely got started — I could have dictated a whole book about him and his wife and some other people at that church!

You see, a group of older adults started that church and in the process taught a lot of younger folks how to be better Christians. They didn't do

it by preaching or lecturing but rather simply by living and loving the way God means for us to live and love. Their zeal for righteousness was tempered by compassion, their knowledge was enhanced by wisdom, and their love was born of experience. Their faith was strong and mature, seasoned by both suffering and joy. My faith was strong but immature. Without my realizing it at the time, they taught me much. They helped to mold my faith into what it is today. They were my mentors. If there is goodness in me today, they are partly to credit. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to tell them. I love them and may God bless them!

If you have a mentor, someone who helped you to grow in the faith, I urge you to tell them about the goodness within them. You'll both be glad you did.

Bees are not as busy as we think they are. They just can't buzz any slower.
—Kin Hubbard

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 Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., 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.
Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
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 6:30 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., Father Donald La Vell.
First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" 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., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.: Shafter Hall, F.C.S., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
Templo Elim Asambea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
Apostolic New Jerusalem: 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe
Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charlotte Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Napoleon when on his way to exile pointed to a red dot on the map (England) and said, "Were it not for that, I would have conquered the world." Satan can point to the red dot making Calvary's Cross and say, "If it were not for that I would have conquered the world. Take the cross out of the Bible and the world and you would have Satanic mayhem. Christ came to give his life a ransom. God had decreed "the wages of sin is death." He could not abrogate this fact and still be the Perfect God he is.

Any action that is contrary to His word is sin. Not just murder, adultery, stealing, etc. are sins. They are no more sins in God's annals than bigotry, excessive pride, greed, ignoring God and such actions against His will. For all sin Christ paid the penalty on the cross. Murder, consider David. Adultery, consider again David. Opposing God, consider Paul. Betrayal of Christ for greed, consider Judas Iscariot. All sin and sinners stand on level ground

around the cross. The priests, scribes, pharisees, malefactors, traitors Rome soldiers (executioners), all were in the same position before God. All were sinners. When Christ said "It is finished" he meant the price of redemption was now paid. To those who refuse to accept by personal faith Jesus and his death on the cross, the price of their sins must be paid, hence they bear the penalty. No greater truth has been penned than the song, "The way of the cross leads home, there's no other way than this." God gives the choice, man makes the decision. As the old white headed darkey explained it, "God votes one way, the Devil votes the other way, and it's up to me to cast the deciding vote."

Sunday will be special at Frontier Baptist Church. Following a message from the Word of God, the Lord's Supper will be observed. This will be followed by the regular Fellowship Dinner. A cordial welcome and blessings await all who attend. Come and see.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Pastor Nathan LaFrenz

One of the hardest minerals, if not the hardest, is the diamond.

Nature forges diamonds, one of the most precious and valued elements out of intense heat and pressure. This would destroy most elements - however, out of such heat and pressure the diamond is born. It is also true that strong faith and character are born out of the heat and pressure of life's situations. The pressure cooker of life may break the human spirit; but it may also shape the quality of our faith and character. We have the saying, "That which does not kill us, may serve to make us stronger."

The Hebrew people, fresh out of slavery and oppression from Egypt, were a fragmented people with out any unity and common sense of purpose. However their forty years of trial in the heat of the desert forged them into a people of trust and faith in God. The pressure and the heat of the desert cleansed the impurities of idolatry and thus was formed the powerful people of Israel. They were fi-

nally ready to enter the Promised land.

After Jesus was baptized, he immediately endured forty days of pressure, heat and temptation in the desert. Satan tempted him severely, yet Jesus resisted the temptation to bow down and worship Satan. He knew that obedience to his heavenly father would lead him to suffering and death on the cross. The pressure and heat of temptation in the desert however, served to deepen Christ's obedience and faith in his Heavenly Father. It made him strong to face the garden of Gethsemane.

We will all have our forty days of trial in the desert - it may be illness, family despair, death employment problems; we all will have to bear the heat and pressure of life. May we call upon the light of Christ, during this Epiphany season to guide us and strengthen our faith and character as we face our forty days of trial in the desert of life's challenges.

Obituaries



Doris Anita Eckenroth

Doris Anita Eckenroth age 69 died January 30, 1996 at her home in Ft. Clark Springs. Born May 25, 1926 in Anita, Iowa. Married June 15, 1946 to Frank Edgar Eckenroth. They were to celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. She served as an Assistant to the Superintendent of Dayton Christian School in Ohio. Upon moving to Ft. Clark Springs she has been active in the Gideons Auxiliary, President of the Ladies Golf League and conducted Bible Class for the Christian Women's Club, and member of the First Baptist Church in Brackettville. She was best friend to more people than any of us can count. Survived by her husband Frank E. Eckenroth of Ft. Clark Springs. Children: Paul C. Eckenroth of Charlotte, North Carolina, Christine Jaenish of Salt Lake City Utah, Phillip A. Eckenroth of Houston, Stephen N. Eckenroth of Atlanta, Georgia, and Kenneth J. Eckenroth of Dallas, Texas. Sister: Edith Johnson of St. Paul Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brothers: Henry Nielsen of Sweet Home, Oregon and Christian Nielsen of Scandia, Minnesota. Eight Grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral Service was held 10:30 A.M. Thursday, February 1, 1996 at the First Baptist Church 301 North Ann with Rev. Gil Ash officiating. Funeral services will also be held at the Roy Akers Funeral Chapel 515 N. Main Ave San Antonio, Tx at 12 noon Friday, February 2, 1996. Interment will follow at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Delbert Kendrick, Allen McCord, Paul, Phillip, Stephen, and Kenneth Eckenroth. The family request in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Gideon's Living Memorial Bible Plan P.O. Box 420881 Del Rio, Texas 78842. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North dba Del Rio Funeral Home Inc.

Beverly Wolters

Beverly Wolters age 63, died Saturday, January 27, 1996 a resident of Brackettville, TX, formerly of Maroa and Decatur, IL.

She was born January 4, 1933 in Columbia Heights, MN. to Frank Kast and Elsie Marshke Kast. She married Richard (Dick) Wolters on June 2, 1951 in Mason City, IA. She was retired with her husband and was very active in her community at Brackettville. She will be truly missed by many friends and family. She leaves behind her husband, Daughters - Karen Halicki and husband Steve of Maroa, IL. Anita Lahr

and husband Bob, Judy Hensley, Janine Wolters all of Lincoln, IL. Grandsons Ben and Derek Hensley, John Halicki. Granddaughter Sandy Hensley. Two step grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Brothers Dwaine Kast and Fred Kast of Minnesota. Frank Kast Jr. of CA., sisters Dorothy Switala and Elma of MN. She was preceded in death by a daughter and step grandson.

She was cremated and a memorial service will be held February 4, 1996 at 2 P.M. at Shafter Hall, Fort Clark Springs.

A Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne

Walking down hills is not one of my choice of pleasures but I have walked my share. In the early days of cars any time you left home in a car was an act of daring - if you ended up where you started for you were a genius.

The country around Austin was not a flat country, so in the roaming around we encountered many hills. So our pattern of life on the road was established - Dad and my brother rode down the hills and Mom and I walked down.

It worked out that all of us were satisfied with the arrangement. I usually ended up with a bag of rocks, mama with flowers from all the wild growth along the road, and Dad looking under the hood of the car and explaining certain things to my brother.

We always took some kind of a lunch (just in case) so we ended up after each trip happy and well fed.

I wonder how many miles I walked - "down hill" with mama? But I don't begrudge a single mile - instead I have many happy memories.

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Commissioners Court

The Kinney County Commissioners Court held a special meeting on January 26, 1996.

The meeting was called to order at 9 A.M. with all four commissioners and Judge Seargeant in attendance.

The court examined and approved all bills except one for attorney fees. Commissioner Freddie Frerich made the motion to approve, Commissioner Mendeke seconded, all four commissioners voted for the motion.

The court considered the personnel policy for Kinney County. The court voted to approve the personnel policy with the exception of having to take holiday time within 30 days. Law enforcement personnel will be allowed 1 year to use the vacation time.

Ida Holly requested use of the Civic Center four days a week for aerobic classes. The request was approved subject to, County Attorney Tully Shahan's review of the liability aspects.

Motion made by Judge Seargeant, seconded by Commissioner Freddie Frerich, all four commissioners and Judge Seargeant voted for.

A request was made for a resolution in support of the Texas Narcotics Control Program Grant by Steve Wollen, Project Director of Allied Area Narcotics Task Force. The request to include authorization for Judge Seargeant to sign the grant application. After reviewing the reports submitted by the Task Force, Commissioner Frerich made a motion to approve the request, motion was seconded by Commissioner Mendeke, all four commissioners and Judge Seargeant voted for the motion.

Judge Seargeant also read a letter from State Senator Frank Madla stating "I was very impressed by the enormous success of this program (Allied Area Narcotics Task Force) especially considering the large area for which they are responsible for protecting." This letter was sent to the Governor's office, Criminal Justice Division, Karen Green director, after a meeting with Mr. Woollen.

Nutrition Center report as of September 30, funding has been approved less 5% on the new budget which is pending.

EMS Report - Grants were denied due to no funding left for this year. Commissioner Mendeke said hats off to Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department for their reaction to the Gateway fire. Special thanks to EMS units also responding to the fire.

The EMS department needs funding. Budget now stands at 0 with \$41,623 in delinquent accounts. The department is contacting a collection agency. EMS attendants are paying their own way to attend schools for certification.

The court approved a request by Sheriff Buddy Burgess to hire two new jailers. The motion was made by Commissioner Frerich, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Commissioners Frerich, Montalvo, O'Rourke and Judge Seargeant voted for the motion. Commissioner Mendeke voted against, due to placement of monies.

There are 27 prisoners in the jail 21 Federal prisoners and 6 locals.

There will be another special meeting next week to discuss hiring an additional deputy for sheriff's department and EMS funding.

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Notice
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Lions Roar

January was the Lions month to rest up after our busy time in December. At our first meeting in January our program was a videotape on the history of United States paper currency. Not only did the tape trace the history of United States paper currency, but it also took us on a journey through the fascinating interior of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where United States currency is designed, engraved and printed. The tape also showed the new one hundred dollar bill and some of the anti-counterfeit measures built into it. Our second speaker of the month was Lion Louy E. Younts, who is the secretary of the Lions Sight Research Foundation. He gave an interesting talk on our Lions Sight Research Center at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Lion Younts also gave additional information on our new mobile eye screening unit to be used here in South Central Texas. The unit will be about forty feet in length and house up to six testing stations. Instruments at the various stations will include a visual acuity tester, a non-contact tonometer, hand instruments for examination, a digital fundus imaging system with transmission capability, and a station with a computer for registration and data gathering. The sixth station will be used for research and education. The imaging and research stations will make this unit unique among mobile units around the coun-

try. In South Texas, where diabetes is so common it is estimated that appropriate detection and treatment of those with diabetic eye disease will save the federal budget millions of dollars annually. The mobile unit and its eye screening equipment cost in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. H.E.B. along with the Lions of this South Central Texas District raised the funds necessary to purchase and equip the unit. The Brackettville Lions plan to have this unit available to the citizens of Kinney County at the Kinney County Health Fair this fall. The Lions Sight Research Center and this new mobile unit symbolizes the commitment of the Lions of South Central Texas to education, research and clinical study of human vision. The Brackettville Lions meet at 6:30 PM the first and third Thursday of the month, upstairs at the Las Moras Inn. Come and enjoy a meal with us and learn more about Lionism. One of the ways that the Brackettville Lions Club is able to help so many is through its Thrift Shop. If you have items that you would like to donate to the Lions Thrift Shop please call 563-9249, 9462, 2133 or 9281. You do not need to be a Lion to help at the Thrift Shop, call Lion Bob Burkpile at 563-9249 for more information. The Lions Thrift Shop is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Special City Council Meeting

The Brackettville City Council met in a special session Thursday, January 25th at 2 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss amending the 1995-96 Budget in order to have a city police department. City Manager David Luna had several proposals for the council and Mayor Berlanga to consider. In attendance were Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Alderwoman Jean Seargeant, Alderman Ralph Gonzales, and Alderman Bushart. After a discussion Alderman Ralph Gonzales made a motion to disapprove the 1995-96 Budget Amendment. Alderman Bushart and Alderman Gonzales voted for the motion, Alderman Seargeant voted against the motion.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga stated "we worked hard to get the city in the black after 20 years of being in the red. It would be a shame to under take this project at this time and jeopardize the projected budget. If we wait we could do it right." The council asked Mr. Luna to keep working and reconsideration of the issue would be taken at the next annual budget workshop. Starting a City Police Department would cost an estimated \$41,912 annually. This cost would include insurance, office equipment, vehicle upkeep, salaries, judicial arrangements and law enforcement equipment. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

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