

# Santa Anna News

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## Mountain Echoes

By  
Barbara  
Kingsbery



This week brought the lowest temperatures and the first snowfall of the winter -- but not at the same time. Monday morning temperatures hovered at near-zero, the lowest in Coleman County since January 1973 when two degrees below zero was recorded.

School was closed Wednesday as snowfall covered our area. Activities usually come to a halt here when ice or snow is on the ground, and I would have chosen to stay at home too, but want to believe that everyone is EAGER to have the week's edition of the News!

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The Coleman County Youth Stock Show is usually held the second week in January, but changed several months ago to the next week. This is the usual "stock show" weather.

## FFA, 4-H Stock Show Set Saturday

Judging of Livestock Starts at 9 a.m.;

Fair Exhibits on Display During Morning

The Santa Anna FFA and 4-H Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 16, at the showbarn on the school campus. About 80 entries are expected this year, an increase over the previous year, according to Scott Patterson, vocational agriculture teacher.

Larry Smith, vocational agriculture teacher at Brownwood, will judge hogs and lambs, and Jim Cornelius, also of Brownwood, will judge chickens and rabbits. Judging will begin at 9 a.m.

Exhibits in the vocational agriculture building will be sewing, foods and arts and crafts from high school students in FHA or homemaking classes. Out-of-town judges will select winners Friday night, and the exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday. Sharyl Fuller, SAHS homemaking teacher, is in charge of the youth fair exhibits.

The Santa Anna Livestock Association is sponsor of the show each year. Donald Strickland is president and Rob Cheaney is secretary - treasurer.

Livestock from the local show will be taken Saturday afternoon to Coleman for the County

Livestock Show that gets underway Sunday with sifting of entries. Judging will be Monday and until noon Tuesday.

The Santa Anna 4-H and FFA will have approximately 55 swine entries, 30 lamb entries and several entries in the chicken and rabbit division.

The public is invited to attend the show Saturday at the school campus.

## Teacher Workday Set Next Monday

Santa Anna school students will have a holiday Monday, January 18, that coincides with the County Livestock Show.

Faculty members will be in Talpa for an in-service workshop for Coleman County rural schools.



FAMILY DAIRY BUSINESS at Trickham is owned and operated by Felton, Bill and J. H. Martin, the dairy founded 60 years ago by the

late A. J. Martin. For more pictures and story of the dairy operation, see Page 9.

(Brownwood Bulletin photo by Evan Gale)

## Local Employee Retires From Postal Service

Friday, January 8, was the last day at the Santa Anna Post Office for Claudine Brown, who retired after 21 years as a window clerk with the Postal Service. A replacement for her at the local office will be announced soon.

Mrs. Brown started as a substitute clerk at the Talpa Post Office in 1960, which was at that time a third class office. She was transferred to the Santa Anna office in April of 1973, where she worked as a part time flexible clerk.

Her husband, Jim, retired from farming and a stockman when they moved to Santa Anna in 1973. They recently moved to a new home at 602 Avenue C.

The Browns are parents of two sons, Lynn, who is a supervisor at the Abilene Post Office, and Ned, president of the First State Bank at Harper, and five grandchildren.

The Browns are interested in all activities of the city, enjoy



CLAUDINE BROWN

playing forty-two and bridge and love to travel.

On her last day at the local Post Office, Postmaster John C. Gregg presented Mrs. Brown with a service award certificate, recognizing her for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Postal Department.

## 1981 Rainfall Over 23 Inches

The 1981 rainfall in Santa Anna totaled 23.25 inches at the official gauge at the R. W. Balke residence.

The largest amount of moisture was measured in October at 6.70 inches, with none recorded in December.

The monthly totals are as follows:

January - .10  
February - .20  
March - 3.95  
April - 1.60  
May - 2.80  
June - 1.90  
July - 1.30  
August - .60  
September - 3.10  
October - 6.70  
November - 1.00  
December - 0

Rainfall in 1980 was 28.05; and in 1979 the total was 23.38. The 1978 total was 21.81; and the 1977 rainfall was a very low 15.80.

## ISD Board Renews Contract Of Supt. R. C. Smith

The contract of Superintendent R. C. Smith was renewed at the Monday, January 11, meeting of the Santa Anna School District Board of Trustees, giving him a three-year contract as administrator.

Smith has been superintendent of the local schools since 1975, replacing Cullen N. Perry who was with the local schools over 30 years. Smith was head coach here from 1959 through 1964, then returned to Santa Anna as elementary principal for one year in 1969.

Smith holds bachelor and masters degrees from North Texas State University and has done graduate work in school administration at Abilene Christian University.

The Board voted to name the track at the football stadium the A. D. Donhan Memorial Track.

Improvements are continuing on the track, and two track meets are held here each year.

Improvements to the Band Hall were discussed, with several projects planned during the summer.

Contracts for other staff members will be reviewed at the February and March meetings.

In other business at the Board meeting Monday, bills and accounts were approved for payment and the monthly financial report reviewed.

Saturday, April 3, was set for the 1982 trustee election. Terms of office expire for Jay Weathers and Max Eubank.

Donnie Neff, vice president, led the meeting in the absence of Jay Weathers, president.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, February 9.

## Santa Anna Teams Continue To Lead District Competition

The Santa Anna High School basketball teams have won their last games as they continue district play.

On January 5 the girls won over the Talpa girls 41 - 32, with Robbie Clifton, Julie Jones and Gayle McCrary each scoring 10 points, and Robbie leading with nine rebounds. Connie Culpepper added six points to the score and had eight rebounds during the game.

Friday night the Santa Anna girls won over Mozelle 29 - 25, with Clifton leading with 16 points and six rebounds. Holly Smith and Connie Culpepper each had five rebounds while scoring four and two points respectively. Others scoring were Lesha Eubank, Julie Jones and Pat Jackson.

The girls have a 16 - 2 record for the season and a 3-1 record for district.

The Mountaineers have a perfect district record after

defeating Talpa 73 - 40 Tuesday of last week and scoring 84 - 78 in the game with Mozelle Friday.

In the Talpa game, Mike Simmons led with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Ricky Anderson was second in scoring with 11.

Albert Collins had 12 rebounds, and Tony Culpepper and Brad Wardlow each had six steals.

On Friday against Mozelle, Wardlow led with 18 points, followed by Terrell and Anderson with 13 points each. Randy Casey led in rebounds with 10 and in steals with eight. Wardlow had nine rebounds.

The Mountaineers now have a 16-3 record with 4-0 for the district.

Games on the schedule will be Friday in Abilene when the girls and boys varsity and B teams play Abilene Christian teams starting at 4 p.m., and on Tuesday host the Brooksmith teams in games starting at 6:30 p.m.

## School Yearbooks To Be Ordered Next Week

The Santa Anna High School Annual Staff will be taking orders for the 1982 Mountaineer yearbook during the coming week.

Those wishing to order the 1982 yearbooks must contact members of the annual staff between Tuesday, January 19, and Friday, January 22. Cost will be \$12 per copy, with the only sales to be paid in advance.

Staff members include Beth Rhoades, Gay Hosch, Angie Day, Russell Halmon, Randy Casey, Steve Hughes, Holly Smith, Jeannie Radicke, Mike Hartman, Bodie Stark and Connie Culpepper. Mrs. Ann Cross is faculty advisor.

## AARP Chapter Meets Here Monday

The Santa Anna - Bangs AARP will meet Monday, January 18, at the Santa Anna United Methodist Church annex at 12 noon. The group will meet for a covered dish luncheon, followed by a program and business session.

All members of the group are urged to be present for the meeting Monday.

## Surplus Cheese Distributed In Santa Anna Friday

Remembering the old adage, "Half a loaf is better than none," five-pound packages of surplus cheese were cut in half before being distributed here Friday to single-member households. Only a few people called for the cheese after the supply ran out while being given away at the Mountain City Center by representatives of the Community Aging Services.

Nearly 400 packages of the American processed cheese were distributed in Coleman Thursday, with the supply exhausted before the day was over, so most of the 48 five-pound packages made available to Santa Anna residents were divided to take care of the nearly 80 families that requested it.

Gladys Barnes, coordinator for the local agency, was in charge of the distribution, assisted by

Mary Lou Jones, chairman. Volunteers helping were Lois Nesbitt, Mrs. Allen Gann, Barbara Kingsbery and Janet and Luther May.

The cheese distribution was made possible through the Department of Human Resources from supplies stored by the agency and used by schools and institutions in government programs.

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## County Bank Deposits Top \$80 Million Figure

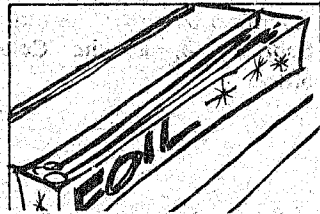
Combined county bank deposits have moved past the \$80-million mark for the first time on record, at \$80,835,670.38, according to figures at the end of business December 31, 1981.

The year-end figure is well above the total of September 30 of \$79,467,406.02, and more than \$9-million over the report from a year ago and \$15-million over two years ago.

Loans are also at a record level, at \$41,737,784.34, up \$2.5-million from September, and \$5-million

above one year ago.

The combined figures are for First Coleman National Bank, Coleman Bank and Santa Anna National Bank.



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By Ace Reid



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# Eastern Star Chapter Has Monday Night Meeting

The Santa Anna Eastern Star chapter met Monday night, January 11, at the Masonic Hall for the first meeting of the new year.

The business meeting was led by Billie Guthrie, worthy matron,

## Methodists Plan Week's Activities

Several Activities are on the schedule at United Methodist Church during the coming week.

Sunday, January 17, a fellowship dinner is planned following the morning worship service. All members and their families are invited to be on hand for the covered dish meal at the church annex.

Following the meal a planning session will be held to plan the church program for the year. All members are encouraged to take part in the meeting.

The Administrative Council of United Methodist Church will meet Wednesday, January 20, at the church annex at 7 p.m. Terry McIver is chairman of the group and urges all members to be present.

Rev. Mike Alexander, pastor, will be in Fort Worth Monday and Tuesday of next week to take part in a preaching workshop conducted by Dr. Barry Bailey, pastor of Fort Worth First United Methodist Church. The workshop will be held at Texas Wesleyan College.

and R. W. Balke, worthy patron.

Minutes were read and approved, and Mr. Balke read a poem, "Carry On." Mrs. Guthrie commented on the 1982 Time and Talent program, and also led discussion of the School of Instruction to be held March 18 in Comanche.

New charter frames from Weldon and Joe Priest were noted, and a report was given on members who are ill.

A memorial service was held for Mrs. Viva Huffman, past grand matron of Texas (1941-42). Taking part were Mrs. Guthrie, Viona West, Lora Rollins, Lucile Balke and Lillian Herndon.

After the business meeting, the group assembled in the fellowship hall where Mrs. Herndon and Mrs. Viona West served sandwiches, cake, nuts, mints and coffee from a table laid with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of red roses, candles and Valentine napkins.

The next meeting will be February 8.

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mark Martin was dismissed from Brownwood Regional Hospital last week after being hospitalized several weeks. He was seriously injured by a gunshot early in December, but is getting along well now, convalescing at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Joe Morris.

# County Tax Group Has First Meeting Of New Year

Members of the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District Board were given the oath of office at the first meeting of the new year Thursday, January 7, at the Tax District office in Coleman.

County Clerk Glenn Thomas administered the oath to Harold Pittard, Harold Bragg, Barbara Kingsbery, Bill Sneed and James Isenhower. Isenhower is the only new member of the Board.

Pittard was re-elected chairman of the group, and Barbara Kingsbery was re-elected secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the monthly and yearly financial reports were given by Chief Appraiser John Skelton.

Representatives from the Thomas Y. Pickett Co. were present to ratify the existing contract for appraisal of minerals, utilities and industrial property in the county. Phil McCormick, consultant for the Tax District, gave a report showing appraisals completed except for a few rural tracts and miscellaneous parcels of land. The county appraisals are on schedule, with completion of office work expected in a few months.

Future personnel needs of the Tax District were discussed, and a Board of Review discussed. Appointments to that group will be made within two months. The

# Semester, Term Honor List Submitted For S.A. School

The six weeks and semester honor rolls for the Santa Anna schools have been submitted this week.

Elementary School students qualifying for the honor list were the following:

**FOURTH GRADE** (Semester and six weeks)

Scotty Anderson  
Toby Goodwin  
Rhett Guthrie  
Taffy Rutherford  
Alonzo Hernandez  
Missy Cook  
Robert Duus  
Webb Stark (Six weeks)

**FIFTH GRADE** (Semester and six weeks)  
Shannon Brown  
Chad Davis  
Michael Powers  
Michael Griffin  
Billy Barnett

**SIXTH GRADE** (Semester and six weeks)  
James Hartman  
Holly Hoffman  
Rachel Phillips  
Rhonda Fleeman  
Reece McIver  
Tammi Morrow (Six Weeks)

**SEVENTH GRADE** (Semester and six weeks)  
Francis Weems  
Jena Miller

Board of Review will be composed of three members and at least two alternates.

The next meeting of the Tax Appraisal Board will be Monday, February 8, at the Coleman office.

Jeremy Hartman  
**SEVENTH GRADE** (Semester and six weeks)

Lynne Dockery  
Joey Anderson  
Melissa Buse (Six Weeks)  
Sonny Guthrie

**EIGHTH GRADE** (Semester and six weeks)  
Jeanene Jones  
Alys Pelton  
Russell Williams

## Cemetery Meeting

### Friday of Next Week

The annual membership meeting of Santa Anna Cemetery Association will be held Friday of next week, January 22, at the Directors' Room of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Two directors will be elected at the meeting, and reports given from the past year. Plans for the new year will be discussed during the session.

Noble Carpenter is president of the group, and Mrs. W. B. Griffin is secretary-treasurer. All members and interested persons are urged to attend the meeting next week.

Officially, there is no such coin as a penny - to the United States Government and its mints it's legally a "cent."



COLEMAN, TEXAS

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# JHS Basketball Teams Win Second in Tourney

The Santa Anna Junior High basketball teams both won second place awards in the weekend tournament at Perry Gymnasium. The games were played Thursday through Saturday, sponsored by the Santa Anna Athletic Department.

In the championship games Saturday night, the Blanket girls defeated the local team 21 - 12 for the title.

The Bangs JHS boys were champions of the division after defeating the Junior Mountaineers 22-19 in the final game.

The Santa Anna girls won over the Cross Plains girls 20 - 10 Thursday, then defeated Bangs Seventh Grade 25 - 8.

In reaching the finals, the boys won over Cross Plains 27 - 15 and defeated Rising Star 20 - 19.

The Santa Anna JHS B teams were also in the tourney, losing to Bangs in the first round, then being defeated by the Talpa teams on Friday.

Coach Roger Goodwin expressed appreciation to all the local people who helped with the tournament, and especially those who donated food for the concession stand.

### JHS DISTRICT GAMES

In the first district games for the Junior High teams Monday, the Sixth Grade girls lost 10 - 2 with Stacy Gunter making the Santa Anna score. The Sixth Grade boys won 18 - 9 over Talpa with Michael McDowell scoring six points.

The JHS girls won 35 - 21 with Dilcy Kirven leading the team with 16 points.

Ramon Vasquez led the JHS boys with 16 points in their victory over Talpa 33 - 11. Darrell Warrick had 13 points.

The JHS teams will travel to Lohn Thursday (today) where they will meet the Rochelle teams in tournament action at 11 a.m. and 12:15.

The next district games will be at Mozelle Monday, January 18, with four games starting at 4 p.m.

# Artie Magill, 87, Buried in S-Anna

Funeral services were held at Henderson Funeral Chapel in Santa Anna Friday, January 8, for Mrs. Artie Russell Magill, 87, who died Wednesday, January 6,

in Twilight Nursing Home in Bangs. Rev. John Stanislaw, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated at the services, and interment was in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

Mrs. Magill was born in Santa Anna March 13, 1894. She was a 1914 graduate of Santa Anna High School and a retired teacher

and member of the Christian Church. She married Jesse R. Magill May 11, 1919 in Fort Worth. He died in 1950.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Walling of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. John Howard of

Santa Anna and Mrs. Pearl Etheridge of Brownwood; a brother, V. H. Russell of Santa Anna; and four grandchildren.

# HPU Registration Scheduled This Month

Two registrations for the 1982 Howard Payne University spring semester will be held, according to Bennett Ragsdale, registrar, and Dr. J. W. Cady, vice president for academic affairs.

Registration for regular classes will be held Monday and Tuesday, January 18 - 19, and registration for evening and continuing education courses will be Thursday, January 21.

Freshmen students will register Monday, and Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will register Tuesday for classes offered in more than 40 divisions of six schools and colleges of the university. Registration will be in Old Main.

Orientation for freshmen and new students will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 18, at Mims Auditorium.

Spring semester classes will

begin Wednesday, January 20. The last day to enroll, add classes or drop classes will be January 26. The last day to withdraw from classes will be March 12.

Registration for evening and continuing education courses will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. January

# Baptist Adults Enjoy Social

Members of the Adult I Sunday School Department of First Baptist Church and their families met Saturday night at the church annex for a supper and a social. About 40 were present for the get-together.

Stew and chili and all the trimmings were served, followed by games and visiting of the group. Janet Neff is social chairman of the department.

Memorial Day was first made a legal holiday in New York in 1873.

# Abilene Funeral For Sister Of S-Anna Folks

Funeral services were held in Abilene Tuesday, January 12, for Annice Hardison, 100, who died Monday in an Abilene nursing home. Burial was in Funston Cemetery.

Mrs. Hardison was born in Birmingham, Ala. October 21, 1881. She married William Henry Hardison in Hico June 3, 1900. She lived in Anson for many years, moving to Tye in 1951. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are two daughters, Myrtle Barnes of Las Vegas and Lottie Roberts of Abilene; two brothers, Connie Yarbrough of Arlington and Ollie Yarbrough of Santa Anna; two sisters, Lucy Bell of Cisco and Daisy Green of Santa Anna; 14 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren and a number of great-great-grandchildren.

# Husband Of Former S-Annan Buried in Bangs

Services for Jim Jones, 89, of Bangs, were held at 2 p.m. last Friday at the First Baptist Church of Bangs. Rev. Eddie Freeman and Rev. Ruben Packer officiated with burial in the Bangs Cemetery. Mr. Jones died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Brownwood Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born July 13, 1892, in Brown County, he married Henretta Broudon June 29, 1914, in Cross Plains. He had lived all of his life in Brown County and the past 11 years in Bangs. A retired farmer, he was a deacon of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Hershall Jones of Waco and Troy Jones of Pasadena; a brother, Charlie Jones of Fort Worth; a granddaughter, Mrs. Bobbie Candy of Waco; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The University of Pennsylvania established the nation's first business school - the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce - in 1881.

# FACTS & FIGURES

The United States offers many unique experiences for travelers.

Here are some statistics to show you how versatile our country is.

Massachusetts' Cape Cod has more than 300 miles of shoreline to enjoy. Most of the outer cape is preserved by the National Seashore Park and is open for public recreation.

Niagara Falls is one of the sightseeing wonders of the U.S. 200,000 cubic feet of water per second flows over the brink into the lower Niagara River. Horseshoe Falls (Canada) is 176 feet high and more than 2,000 feet wide. The American Falls is 182 feet high and 1,000 feet wide.

The Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport boasts that is the largest airport in the U.S. Covering 15,500 acres, it is larger than JFK, O'Hare and Los Angeles airports combined.

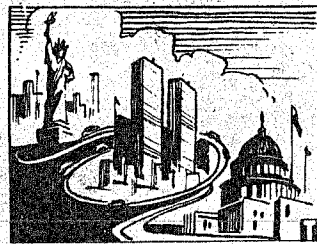
Since Walt Disney World opened in 1971, 100 million people have passed through its gates - making it the most visited tourist attraction in history.

The Great Salt Lake in Utah is 30 miles by 75 miles and less than 30 feet deep. It is 27 percent

salt water and was once a part of prehistoric Lake Bonneville.

Seattle, Washington's natural harbor welcomes about 2,000 commercial deep sea cargo vessels every year.

The 400 Grizzly Bears in the Yellowstone Eco System are territorial and wander over a 120-150 sq. mile area.



The amount of cement it would take to build a five foot wide sidewalk from New York City to Washington D.C. - 425,000 cubic feet - was used in building the World Trade Center in New York City.

These facts were compiled by the Mobil Travel Guide, which describes and quality rates more than 22,000 hotels, motels, resorts and restaurants in the U.S. and Canada using the recognized one-to-five star system. The Mobil Travel Guide is available at Mobil Service Stations and bookstores. Suggested retail price is \$6.95.

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# Trickham News

By Mrs. Oscar Boenicke



This Sunday was a bad day and I stayed at home. The Methodist minister, Rev. Mike Alexander, preached at 9:30 Sunday morning here.

Saturday night the community supper was held at 6 p.m. with 22 present. Those attending were Talmage and Daisy McClatchy, Enda Laughlin, Albert and Lois Miller, Hilburn and Leona Henderson, Grady and Genia McIver, Ilene Haynes, Oma Lee Dockery, Mary Boenicke, Rankin and Natalie McIver, Mary Lea Mitchell, Lou Vaughn, Russie James, Lyndall Moore, George and Goldie Haynes, Mattie and Jim Lineberry. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. Canasta and 84 were played after supper, and all decided to meet again the fourth Saturday night and just play games and not have supper that night at the community center.

Del Ray and Patsy Stacy of Brownwood visited his parents, the Walter Stacys, twice last week. Also Lou Vaughn and Florence Stearns visited them, and Genia McIver visited Sunday morning.

Sunday evening Doug and Sylvia Perkins of Bangs visited me and later Rankin and Natalie McIver came by.

Thursday Ruth and Marvin Smith of Coleman fixed Natalie Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearce and son Dick visited Lou Vaughn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Brewster of Blanket visited the Charles Brewsters Saturday morning. Brad Brewster returned to Abilene Monday morning to go back to ACU to college after being at home for the holidays.

Oma Lee Dockery, Lou Vaughn and Russie James were visitors with Mary Lea Mitchell Sunday night.

It is very cold. It dropped to two degrees above zero Monday morning. We may get rain or snow by in the morning.

## B. J. Dawsons Have Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Dawson of Valera are parents of a baby boy, Andrew Blake, born Monday, December 28, in Brownwood Regional Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, four ounces at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gassiot of Valera, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Dawson of Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cullins of Brownwood, formerly of Santa Anna, are maternal great-grandparents of the new arrival.

The Dawsons have twin sons, Brent Ryan and Kyle Neil, two years of age.

Mrs. Dawson is a former teacher in the Santa Anna schools.

McIver a birthday dinner at their home in Coleman, and Natalie and Rankin were there. Rankin and Natalie visited Roy and Inez Miller in Coleman Saturday evening.

Lyndall Moore of Winchell came Friday to visit her sister, Russie James, awhile.

Sybil Dean of Santa Anna came Sunday and got her parents, the S. M. Fellers, and they had supper with her, and she brought them back home.

Ilene Haynes and Oma Lee Dockery were together Sunday, and also Monday. They go and see about their cows together Monday, and Ilene had dinner with Oma Lee.

## Memorials Given For Mrs. Wallace During Past Week

A large number of people made memorial gifts to the Cleveland Cemetery Association in memory of the late Mrs. Joe (Dorothy Hibbetts) Wallace of Santa Anna. The gifts were from the following:

Bill and Gladys Hibbetts, Briggs Buddy Bengé and family, Brownwood

Ilena and Shorty Ellis, Brownwood

Fred and Ona (Baugh) Hughes, Bronte

J. L. and Leona Baugh, Big Spring

Mrs. Inez Baugh Gilmore, Stanton

Mrs. Doyleene Baugh, Stanton Frank and Hazel Jean Cox, London

O. J. Martin, Joe and Ora Stacy, Brookesmith

Mrs. Oma Lee Dockery Casey and Evaline Herring

Rachel and Clara Cupps Calvin and Margaret Campbell

Lee Ray and Syble Huggins J. E. and Ovella Williams

Doyle and Laverne Evans Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Bangs

Mrs. Eula Bigham, Crescent City, Calif.

Harvey and Wanda Bigham, Crescent City, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jennings Portersville, Calif.

Kenneth and Deanne Jennings, Portersville, Calif.

Arthur and Wayne Doose, Gouldbusk

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis, Gouldbusk

Mrs. Mozelle Monsey Williams, Gouldbusk

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Monsey, Gouldbusk

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Thweatt, Gouldbusk

Mrs. Ilene Haynes and family

# A Good Year and Bad Year For Texas Agriculture

1981 seemed to offer a lot of hope for the Texas farmers and ranchers as the new year unveiled. Almost anything had to look good after the disastrous drought of the previous year. Producers who had managed to survive financially were ready to play their cards again in one of the biggest gambles going -- agriculture.

## THE LIVESTOCK PICTURE

1981 did get off to a good start, for the most part. The winter months were mild, which was a blessing to the livestock producers faced with short hay supplies due to the drought-shortened crop in 1980. The spring rains came with regularity over the state, a sign of things to come. Grazing conditions got off to a good start over virtually all of Texas and continued throughout most of the year. Some ranchers in western areas acclaimed grazing conditions the best in about 20 to 25 years.

However, too much rain at times also caused problems for livestock producers.

All in all, the livestock picture generally was good in Texas except for one major drawback -- prices. The cattle market, which was down as the new year dawned, continued on its sluggish path. Despite a few positive signs, the upswing of prices did not come until mid-year, and then price gains were only mild and short-lived.

With a generally mild winter forecast for this part of the country, most cattlemen should be in good shape for the coming year. But how long can they continue to face low prices? And, how long will feedlot operators continue to stay in business when they are losing so much per head on every animal on feed?

## THE CROP PICTURE

Cattlemen were not alone with the price problem in 1981. Farmers can attest to that. The past two years have been in sharp contrast to each other as far as the

crop production picture is concerned, and each time farmers have come away as losers.

In 1980 farmers saw their crops ravaged by drought. The few that managed to have something to harvest got top dollars. This year it was a different story. Farmers generally harvested bumper crops but the prices they got were near or below their cost of production.

The 1981 crops got off to a good start because of spring rains although these came a little late in some areas. Once the rains started, some were too heavy and lingered too long and often were accompanied by damaging hail.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

A lot of things are weighing on the minds of farmers and ranchers as 1981 ended. How long will they keep their operations afloat financially? How long can they keep producing crops and livestock at just a meager profit or, in many cases, at a loss? Those are heart-rending questions that they face at a time when the entire economy of this nation is stagnant.

Economic recovery can't come too soon, and if and when it does come, will farmers and ranchers get a fair share or will they continue to flounder for survival? The questions are many but the answers are few. The new farm bill, when it finally surfaces, will shed some light on farm and ranch decisions for the next few years, but many problems will continue to persist.

Agriculture remains an honorable profession, one that has made this country what it is today. Nevertheless, farmers and ranchers continue to fall by the wayside almost daily, victims of the cost-price squeeze. Production expenses have been driven up by rising energy costs, spiraling inflation and high interest rates on borrowed capital. Yet the marketplace has been unyielding in offering higher returns to those who produce the food and fiber for this nation and for many other countries as well.

With more and more mouths to feed and bodies to clothe, those farmers and ranchers who can manage to survive the current financial crisis may be in for better times in the years ahead. And the gamble continues.

Bill Braden, Communications Specialist, Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

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MRS. BRUCE MACKENZIE MARTIN

## Miss Cheaney, Mr. Martin Married in Houston

Barbara Ann Cheaney and Bruce Mackenzie Martin were united in marriage October 3 in St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Houston. Monsignor Joseph Crossthwaite performed the ceremony before an altar decorated with two large arrangements of white roses flanked by tall candles.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. O. L. Cheaney Jr. of Houston and the late Mr. Cheaney. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. O. L. Cheaney Sr. of Santa Anna. Parents of the groom are Dr. and Mrs. William B. Martin of Stephenville.

Given in marriage by her brother, Rob Cheaney of Santa Anna, the bride wore a traditional gown of Quiana with high collar trimmed with lace. The long sleeves were gathered into matching lace-trimmed cuffs. The bodice featured a deep V insert of the same lace, and the pleated skirt fell from a natural waistline and extended to a lace-edged train.

Her waist length veil was attached to a lace bandeau, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white silk roses.

Nancy Jackson of Houston, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sharon Cheaney of Santa Anna, sister-in-

law of the bride, and Carol Steele of Sugarland. They wore floor-length semi-fitted gowns of dusty rose Quiana with pleated skirts and sheer capes. They carried fans decorated with multi-colored silk flowers.

Mark Underwood of Uvalde was best man, and groomsmen were Tab Thompson of Lewisville and Joe Pevsner of Austin. Tim Lohrmann of Stephenville and James Hunsaker of Houston were ushers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the activity center of the church. A white lace cloth covered the bride's table where a three-tiered bride's cake and a two-tiered groom's chocolate cake were served. Candelabra entwined with ivy decorated the table. Members of the houseparty were former university friends of the bride and groom.

The couple left for a wedding trip to England and Scotland, where in addition to sightseeing, the bride met the groom's

I am sure it is foolish to even mention cold weather, when seemingly cold weather reaches over the entire United States. But oh, isn't it cold!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick attended the musical at the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood Saturday night and reported the musical was really good with a good attendance. Mr. Derrick of Odessa, a wonderful fiddler, was present and he is usually always present and really good. Also two instrumental bands from Sanm Angelo, a band from Abilene and Comanche. The young girl who can really handle a fiddle from Comanche was present. If you really enjoy good music, this is really a good place to listen to good clean music. Usually lasts from 7 p.m. to midnight, or as long as people will play, and the second Saturday of the month. We have attended these musicals and they are very good.

Mrs. Elwayne Perkins and her daughter Susan and children, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Ray Perkins of Grand Prairie visited with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady of Santa Anna visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Lovelady and girls, in Brownwood during the past week.

Leon Carter visited with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris Friday afternoon. Mr. Morris visited with Leon on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick visited briefly with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick and children in Santa Anna Sunday night. Then the Fitzpatricks visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bowker in Santa Anna.

We are glad to report Mr. Buster Wynn, the brother of the Santa Anna ladies, Mrs. Radle, Pearl Avants and Fannie Alsup, was dismissed from Brownwood hospital last Thursday and is feeling very well. Mr. and Mrs. Wynn live in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Abilene visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford, Saturday. The Smiths were here for fireplace wood which is really needed and used this cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Bean Radle of

grandfather and other relatives.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the University of Texas where the bride majored in radio-TV and Martin was a government major. She is now editor of an in-house newsletter for an insurance company in San Antonio and he is a buyer for Joske's of San Antonio.

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## Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford



Santa Anna visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vinson. We are thankful Mrs. Vinson is feeling better these days.

John David Morris of Eldorado visited awhile with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris, Sunday. The Morrises were transacting business in Coleman Wednesday and attended the cattle sale while in town.

Mrs. Darwin Lovealdy and her sister, Mrs. Juanita Minica of Santa Anna, visited with a sister, Mrs. Elva McDaniel in Brownwood Saturday. The ladies drove to Blanket and visited with Mr.

and Mrs. A. L. Minica and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Berry and grandson, J. T. Berry of Abilene visited with Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vinson, Saturday.

Mr. Bill Radle of Moore, Okla. came by and spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bean Radle in Santa Anna. Bill is a trucker enroute to Houston. Mrs. Nicky Poldrack of Brownwood visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Radle, several times during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Turney of Santa Anna were on the Turney farm here Sunday.

Thanks to Mrs. Tommy Sue (Holmes) King of Brownwood for the donation to the Whon Cemetery Fund.

Until this time next week, best wishes to all.

## Suggestions May Avoid Insurance Claim Problems

Don't hassel with problems when filing insurance claims.

Follow some simple guidelines when filing to help everything go smoothly, suggests Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

Find out exactly what information is needed, what forms should be filled out and how and where to obtain estimates of damage, she says.

Your insurance company or its literature will give you this information, the specialist adds.

McCormack is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

When you talk with someone from the insurance company, write down their name for future reference in case of problems or delays.

Most delays in settling claims occur because policyholders don't include the claim numbers when they write to the company, the specialist points out.

Other delays are the result of failure to send in damage repair bills promptly, McCormack says.

If a policyholder is not satisfied

with the company's handling of his case, he should take further steps to make sure his complaint is heard, the specialist advises.

Check your reference list and contact the person you talked with first. Calmly explain the facts of your case.

If this doesn't help, go one step further and contact that representative's manager.

If you're still unsuccessful, put your complaint in writing and send it to the company's corporate or regional consumer-affairs department, McCormack says.

Use these suggestions when writing a letter to resolve a problem:

- \* write the letter neatly and legibly,
- \* keep it short and to the point stating problems, listing policy and claim numbers and pertinent dates. State specifically what you would like done,
- \* include your name, address, work and home telephone numbers on all letters,
- \* keep a copy of the letter for your files, and
- \* allow at least fives days for a response.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY— JANUARY 14:

Social Security Representative, M-City Center, 1 - 2 p.m.  
JHS Basketball, Lohn Tournament (through Saturday)

FRIDAY— JANUARY 15:

H.S. Basketball, in Abilene, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY— JANUARY 16:

Youth Stock Show, Show Barn, 9 a.m.  
Youth Fair, Vo-Ag building, 9 - 12 a.m.

SUNDAY— JANUARY 17:

Attend Church

MONDAY— JANUARY 18:

School holiday  
Coleman County Youth Stock Show, in Coleman  
AARP meeting, UMC Annex, 12 noon  
Campfire Girls, Civic Center  
Boy Scouts, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY— JANUARY 19:

Lions Club, Lions building, 12 noon  
H.S. Basketball, at Rochelle, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY— JANUARY 20:

Whirly Birds, UMC Basement, 2:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

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# Bless This Mess

By Billie Wheatley

Well, it's that time of year again when a girl has a good reason to grumble and get ornery if she wants to. The old has gone, the new has come, and as far as I'm concerned it's nothing to get excited about. The weather passed bad and went to awful several days ago.

People like me don't thrive on change anyhow. It took me until November to learn to write the new year numerals on my checks, and I was so proud. Now I've got to start all over again! Yuk!

I didn't waste my time making a sackful of New Year's resolutions either. He thought rolled around my head a few times, but I couldn't settle on anything definite so I just took the cowards way out and gave up.

There's one task I did vow to tackle while I'm deeping the heater company. Call it resolution if you want to. I call it necessity. Once a year is about all I can face up to it, so when the thing gets so heavy I can't untrack it, I figure it's time to do something. One reason I've put it off this long is because I thought there was a snake in it. Every time I put my hand in to dig something bit me. Boy, what a relief when the package of needles fell out. I'm talking about cleaning out my purse.

If you want an eye opener of

yourself just pour the contents of your bag out on the floor and start poking. I found three pair of sunglasses (his, hers, and a spare), one pair glasses, half a package sticky cough drops, one empty billfold, drivers license, a poem that Allie gave me, handful of crumpled candy and gum wrappers, four bottles of pills (I'm covered for everything from dandruff to sprained ankle), scrap of cloth from the shirt I'm making for Granny, one chalf marking pencil, two casserole recipes, thimble, needles, one weather-beaten lifesaver, three packages alka-seltzer, two paper clips, one whole and three half sticks of gum that won't turn loose of the paper, eight band-aids, nailfile, pen, compact and lipstick, list of songs for church service, six little cotton balls, three sets of keys, five old grocery lists, two old cash register tapes, pile of assorted trading stamps, and 55 cents. Make that 56. I found a penny floating free in the bottom. At least I'm not starting the year off broke.

I didn't find anything much I could throw away, but I'm proud of myself just the same. I had all that in a purse that measured nine inches one way, and ten and a half the other. That's what I call a filing system. Well, maybe a better phrase would be "pack rat".

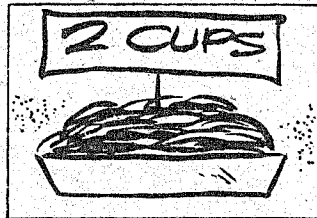
## Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER

Mrs. Bill Gustavus will be honored with a pink and blue shower Saturday, January 16, at the Community Center at 2 p.m. Bo Shero of Abilene was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fowler; he conducted services at the Shields Church of Christ at the morning and evening services.

John R. Deal of Brownwood visited briefly with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deal, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Claud Box reports her brother, Willard Harkey, has been dismissed from the hospital, after a brief stay due to high blood pressure.



One pound of uncooked meat will make about two cups of ground meat.

Mrs. Junior Brusenhan and Mrs. Mary Emerson were in Brady last Wednesday on business and Mrs. Brusenhan visited with Mrs. Freddie Polk. Mrs. Emerson was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brusenhan.

Mr. and Mrs. Deal visited last Wednesday at Ranger Park Inn with his brother, Leo Deal, and at Holiday Hill with Mrs. Deal's sister, Mrs. Norine Winstead.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Eppler spent Monday and Tuesday at Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coppinger and family.

Mrs. Hilton Wise spent Wednesday to Sunday in Brownwood visiting her children and attending the stock show where granddaughter Geyer Wise, was showing lambs and calves. Geyer won grand champion lamb of the show and the reserve champion in the calves division. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wes Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper visited last Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford. Amber Huggins of Santa Anna

spent two days last week with her grandparents, the Rutherfords. Mrs. Curtis Bryan spent last Thursday in Comanche with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd and Bonnie Bea; the occasion was Mrs. Boyd's birthday anniversary.

The Rockwood Extension Homemakers Club will serve Sunday lunch at the Coleman County Stock Show; members are to furnish pies for the Sunday and Monday lunch, according to Mrs. Roland Duus, president.

Unless you are writing the News letter for your community, you can't realize how frustrating it is to have bad winter weather -- no news. Rockwood folks said it was so cold, from zero to two degrees above -- and the Cowboys lost!

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## Drilling Sites are Staked In Santa Anna Area

Grissom & Byers from Austin will re-enter to 1,750 feet No. 1 A.J. Palmer, abandoned wildcat six miles northeast of Santa Anna.

Drillsite is in the H. Crocheron Survey 656, A-105.

The project was originally drilled in 1956 as G.V. Minnick No. 1 Tom B. Brown.

James D. Rice, Santa Anna, has announced four regular field projects for the county.

No. 1 E. A. Schrader is a planned 2,500-foot test located four miles south of Santa Anna on a 358-acre lease.

Drillsite is Wharton CSL Survey 496.

No. 1-A Schrader is a planned 1,750-foot venture located on a 38-acre lease.

Site is in the same survey. The project was originally

drilled as Frank J. King No. 1 Schrader.

No. 1 Lester Stephenson is a planned 1,990-foot venture located on a 224-acre lease five miles southwest of Santa Anna.

Drillsite is in Creed Pendleton Survey 274.

The other project is No. 4 W.T. Stewardson, also slated for 1,990 feet.

Location is four miles west of Trickham on a 60-acre lease.

It is Section 91, ETRR Survey.

MCiver Inc., San Angelo, filed application to drill No. 1 R. W. Cupps as a Coleman County Regular Field project 10 miles southeast of Santa Anna.

The planned 1,990-foot venture is located on a 169-acre lease.

Site is in S.S. Tompkins Survey 328.

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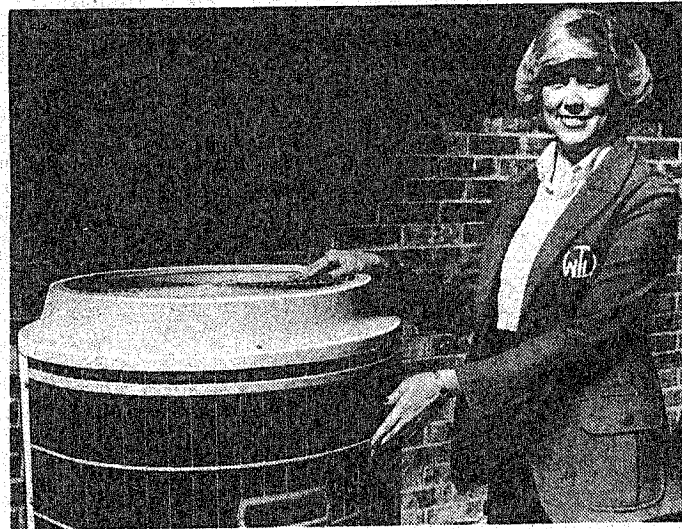
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# Cleveland News

By CLARA CUPPS

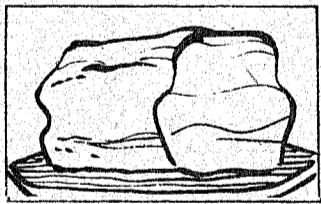
Those who gave memorials in memory of Lena Williams and Charles Spencer were Ovella Williams. Also a memorial in memory of our mother, Mrs. Rose Genz, was given by the Genz family. January 4 was her birthday.

Tuesday and Thursday Lucille Cupps went to Coleman to visit Richard Wells and Mrs. Maggie Leonard, and also the Bob Burlesons and family. Justin came home with her Thursday.

Mrs. Patsy Brooke of Comanche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.

## New Subscribers

Mrs. I. O. Smith, Iraan  
W. T. Stewardson  
Mrs. Ozro Eubank  
Ruby Harper  
Mrs. C. M. Mosley  
Gwendolyn Walker  
Bill Lawrence, Coleman  
Mrs. Tex Collins, Valera  
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Bessie Standley, Odessa  
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W. Cupps, received her test papers week before last, and she made good grades and now is a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Also Tammy Blanton, son of Mrs. Lucille Blanton and the late Sid Blanton, is also a LVN.

Carmilla Baugh visited her mother, Mrs. Mae Flores, Wednesday. Jamie Joe Bible of Santa Angelo visited the Dick Baughs one day last week.

J. B. Brooke of Abilene visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brooke. Coy visited Sidney Sackett and Charles Nolen Thursday morning, Friday evening the Brookes visited Mrs. Loraine Beeler.

Jerry and Joey Cupps, Billy Williams and Darrel Cupps visited the L. V. Cupps the past week.

Visitors through the week with the W. L. Campbells were Carmilla Baugh, Mrs. Ruth Hibbetts, David Coffman of Novice. The Campbells visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McGahey in Brownwood.

Ruby Hartman, Douglas and Doris Penney visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Moore. Iona visited with Dalton Sikes in Bangs Wednesday.

Those visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Howard at the passing of Artie Magill were J. D. Howard Jr., Inez and Jay Morrow, Tom and Bobbie Howard, who were all here for the services. Also Patsy Granad was here and spent the night with the Jess Howards. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dawson, Garey and Kitty Low, Mrs. Joe McCallendan, Sherry and Laura of Fort Worth came after the funeral and had coffee and cake with the family. Ruby said lots were in and out and she couldn't name them all. We send our sympathy to the family and kir.

C. E. Wise visited off and on with the Adolph Kelleys, and Vera visited Doris Friday evening.

Those who visited Betty Joyce Cupps Sunday were Regina Walker, Janice and Curtis Fellers, Michael, Shane and Sherry Cupps.

James Perry, Leashia and Lorrie called on Mr. and Mrs. John Perry Sunday afternoon. Amanda Perry visited Saturday evening with Mildred Cammack, and they went to Coleman shopping.

Leon Phillips visited Hardon Phillips Saturday.

Those visiting the C. F. Campbells were Lance Rasch, Dutch and Ruth Campbell. Linda drove out Saturday evening. Margaret says she is doing well.

Nona Bell Ellis visited Mrs. Grace Ellis Sunday morning. Anita Jarvis and Cheryl of Johnson City visited the Cecil Ellises Monday. They were here

for Dorothy Wallace's funeral. Peggy Lancaster came Friday and spent the day with her mother, Tavy Ford.

Wilburn and Johnny Fields of Lubbock visited the Ercell Ellises Saturday afternoon.

Those who were here for the funeral of their mother and grandmother, Artie Magill, were Ruth Walling and Mickey of Fort Worth and Fred Walling and Larry Walling of New Mexico. They were in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Russell. Wilmoth said there were a lot of friends and kin in and out.

Carolyn Frances Covey of Seabrook took Jolinda back to Abilene Christian University Sunday. She visited the Brown Brookes and family on her way up. She will be visiting the Fred Coveys and the R. W. Cupps a few days.

For our weather this Monday night: I believe old man winter has got here. Sure cold. We do need some kind of moisture. The grain looks bad.

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## HOMESTEAD

If you qualify for a Residence Homestead exemption, you are entitled to a \$5,000 exemption off the assessed value of your home for school tax purposes, and a \$3,000 exemption for the portion of county taxes levied for Farm to Market Roads or Flood Control. If you are 65 as of Jan. 1st, 1982 or disabled you may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption. Your SCHOOL TAX BILL cannot be increased on your home for over 65 qualifiers.

## FARMERS AND RANCHERS

If you qualify, your agriculture open-space land may be taxed at its productive value instead of market value. All these exemptions require an application for 1982 and will not require annual applications in future years. Your farm and ranch implements, and equipment are also exempt, if individually owned and used for the production of crops or livestock. This exemption requires annual application. Livestock and poultry is automatically exempt and requires no application.

If you qualified for any of these exemptions in 1981, the proper forms will be mailed to you the latter part of January. However, to avoid errors you may want to come by the office and give us any information you may have, and to be sure your property is correctly rendered for 1982.

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# Martin Dairy Farm, Inc. Into Fourth Generation

By Nancy Clements  
Brownwood Bulletin Staff Writer

It is easy to lose touch with the source of some things these days. Children leave home for school or employment, and family businesses give way to chains and franchises. Families are often widely scattered around the country, and can have little except a name in common.

The Martin family of Trickham does not have the problem of keeping in touch -- either with each other or the world around them. The Martins own and operate the Martin Jersey Farm, Inc., outside of Trickham, where they raise Jersey cows and have a dairy. Four generations of Martins have made dairy farming their business.

The founding Martin, A. J., is now deceased. Originally from Wilson County near Floresville, he founded churches in Weatherford and Springville before moving to Trickham in 1922. He brought the first Jersey cows to Trickham in 1929, and bought the family's first registered Jerseys from Joe Shelton of Brownwood in 1938. The family's first Grade A barn, for dairy use, was built in 1948. A. J. remained active in the cattle business until his death in 1968.

A. J.'s son, J. H., is now 80 years old, but he and his wife Gertrude, who mans the telephone and switchboard used to keep the different parts of the operation in contact, are still very much involved in the family

business. He married and moved to Trickham in 1922.

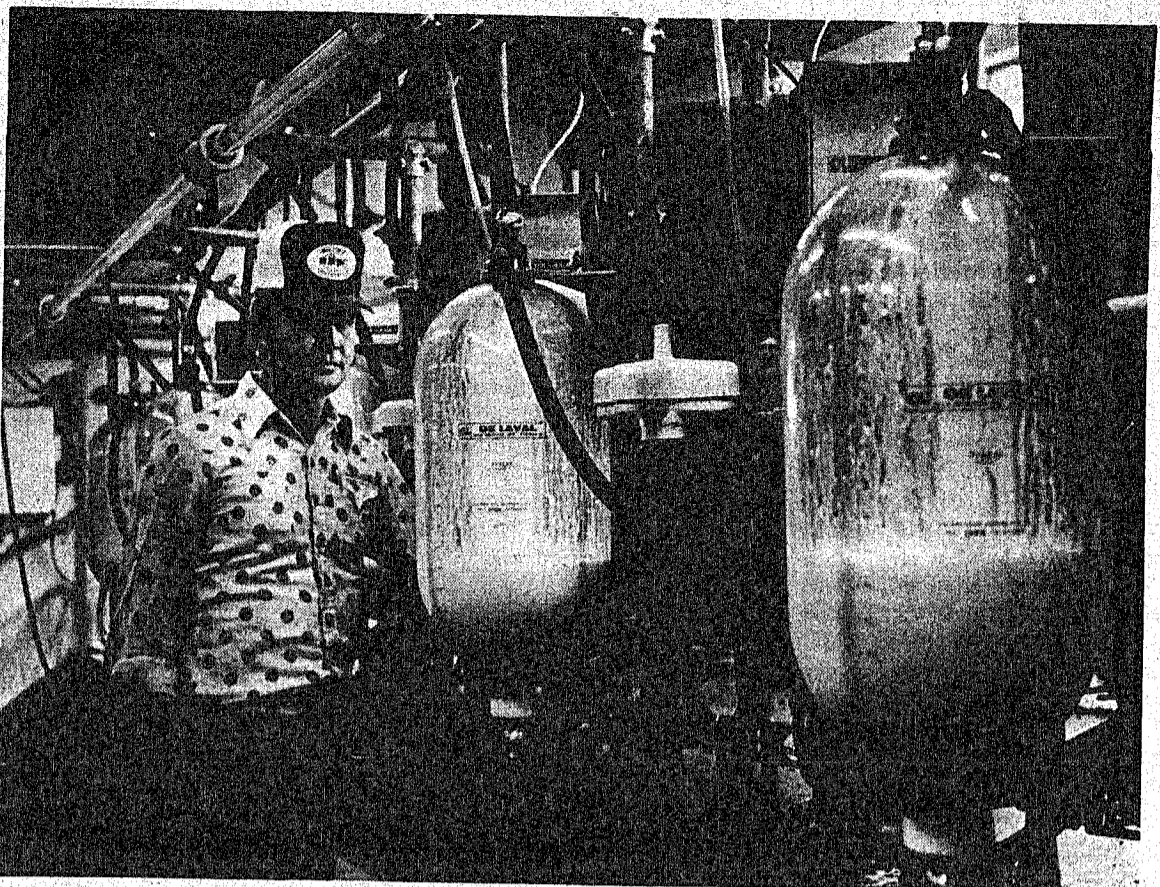
A Baptist preacher, he was active for years in the "under-financed" rural churches. He was also associated with his father in dairy and cattle operations.

Felton Martin is J. H.'s son. He runs the family operation now, which employs five in addition to the Martins themselves. He joined the business in 1948, after three years of military service and one year as a teacher. He was an Air Force pilot during World War II and taught the Air Force Reserves in Brownwood for 20 years. A graduate of Howard Payne, he developed and taught the first biology and physics courses at Forsan in Howard County after finishing college. His wife, Bettie, is a bookkeeper at Howard Payne University, and they have four children, Bill, Ann, Janice and Paul. All four Martin children helped with the farm work when they were growing up.

Ann lives in Houston, Janice Snow is married and lives in Brownwood, and Paul works for Brazos Pipeline and part-time on the farm.

Bill Martin is a fourth-generation Martin dairyman. He and his wife, Becky, a teacher in Santa Anna, have one daughter, Brandi. Like his father and grandfather, Bill is vitally involved in the dairy and cattle business.

Martin Dairy Farm, Inc. uses 4,000 acres for its dairy and cattle needs. A total of 70 acres is used



FOURTH GENERATION DAIRY FARMER Bill Martin checks the amount of milk from the cow to the glass container. The Martin Dairy was established by Bill's great-grandfather, A. J. Martin, after he moved to Trickham in 1922.

to confine the milk cows, and the rest is used as grazing land for dry cows and heifers. All of the Martin's dairy cattle are Jerseys, which is the smallest of the dairy breeds.

Originally from a small group of islands off the coast of Normandy in England, Jersey cattle are usually brown with white or dark spots. A milking cow like the Jerseys owned by the Martins can cost well over a thousand dollars. An animal with a price tag that high deserves all the care the Martins give.

Elaborate computer records are

kept on each cow. Breeding information, complete health history, age at which calves are born, herd rate and milk production are examples of the data included on the records. These records are not required by any state or federal laws, but are a means for improving the quality of a herd. "I think it's important to know what cow is producing how much and why," said Felton Martin.

The records are part of V.H.I.A. testing for herd improvement. Once a month a representative of V.H.I.A. comes to the Martin farm and weighs the milk and collects other information for the records. The information is sent in and is returned in concise form on computer sheets. The sheets allow the Martins to read the history of a particular animal at a glance.

An attention to detail and a thorough understanding of the biological aspects of raising cattle help insure the success of the dairy. The Martins and other dairymen must contend with the problems of the confinement required in the business. Unlike beef cattle, that are often allowed to graze freely, dairy cattle are confined to lots and must be provided food. Confinement brings added health concerns to those otherwise associated with raising cattle. The Martins' cows are kept in the lot and give milk

for 10 months and then have a two-month vacation.

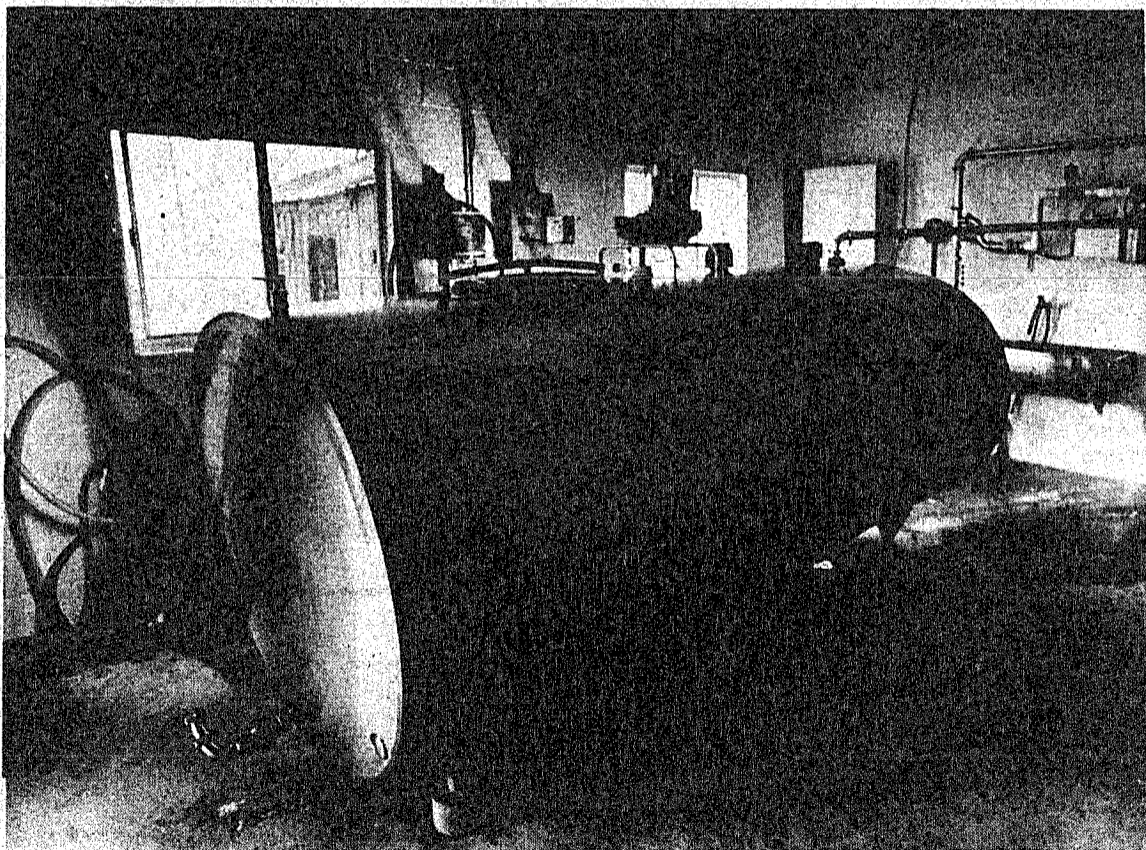
The state average age for milk production by a cow is three years. Most cows live for 12 to 14 years, but are not always good for a dairy that long. One of the Martins' producing cows is 12 years old!

The Martin cattle are fed a special dairy ration and hay. With proper care and a little luck, their cows can give about four gallons of milk in a 24-hour period. The Martins do not "push for maximum milk production," Felton said. If an animal stops producing it is called a cull cow, and if it does not "measure up, for whatever reason, it has to go." There is no place in a dairy for a cow that is not profitable, Martin noted.

The three-legged stool and tin bucket are things of the past in a modern dairy. Milking is done by machine in a special milking building. Gary Harris, a Martin employee for two years, is in charge of the milking process. The initial investment in such a building can be quite high, and probably makes many young farmers think seriously before entering the dairy business.

The inside of a milking building is a strange sight for the uninitiated. Incredibly clean cows are lined up in equally clean stalls that are above the floor level. Milk flows from the cows into airlines and glass jugs at an

(See DAIRY FARM, Page 10)



STAINLESS STEEL TANK in a building adjacent to the milking room holds the fresh milk until it is picked up by tanker truck. The milk is quickly cooled and kept at approximately 36 degrees.

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THURSDAY— Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, pea salad, hot rolls and butter, ice cream and milk  
FRIDAY— Barbecue on bun, pickle relish, macaroni salad, potato chips, oranges and milk

# Ranger Park Inn News

The Songbirds did a beautiful job singing for us Tuesday afternoon. Thanks to Jim Boyle, Wanda Wallace, Doris Aderholt, Allene Needham, Kate Cagle, H. O. and Annie Merle Trent and Neal Smith. It was a very enjoyable hour.

The movie, "In Search of the Mummy's Curse", was enjoyed by a large number of residents Friday afternoon.

We were happy to have the Pentecostal Church group from Coleman conduct the service Sunday afternoon. A large number of residents attended. Thanks to Bro. and Mrs. P. A. Lindley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Keeney, Jay Irvin and Sherry Leverett. It was a blessing for all.

We are sorry Maury Cathy, Carrie McCarrell, Noma McCoy, Jay McCoy and Louis Melton are in the hospital. We hope they are well soon and back at home. We miss them.

Rev. John A. Holmes visited with everyone in the Inn.

Glenn McQueen of Coleman visited with Susie Snider.

Karon LeMond and Charles and Irene Bolen of Coleman and

Martha Miller of Novice visited with Ruby Horton, their mother and grandmother.

Those visiting with Mabel Burrage were her daughter, Dorothy Harris, and granddaughter, Debbie Nixon from Alaska, and friends, Mrs. Virgil Priddy, R. W. Balke, John Stanislaw and Evelyn Young.

Jerri Dobbins and Ila Sorrells of Coleman visited Mary Smith and also with Mary Brooker, Lillie Knotts and Annie Barrington.

Visiting with Mary Miller was a niece, Marie Britton, and Allene Gassiot of Valera.

Rose Pierce and Edna Laughlin of Trickham visited Kathleen Laughlin.

Talmage Turner visited his uncle, John Hunter.

One day last week Lee Brown of Coleman also visited with Mr. John Watson, his brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deal of Rockwood visited his brother, Leo Deal.

Visitors with Bessie Thomas were grandchildren, Kevin, Joni and baby Morgan, Doris Bell and Laverne Simmons.

## DAIRY FARM (Continued from Page 9)

amazing speed. Cleanliness and speed are both important aspects of modern dairying.

Cows are washed in water containing a sanitizer before milking. They are milked 12 at a time, and it takes only three and a half to five minutes to milk each one. 150 to 160 cows are milked a day. The milk is collected by vacuum and temporarily stored in large calibrated glass jugs. The milking machines are connected to a computer block that senses when the flow of milk stops and the machine is automatically shut off.

The individual jugs feed into a central collection jug that empties into a stainless steel cooling tank where the milk is brought down from body temperature -- about 102 degrees for a cow -- to 36 degrees. The cooling tank has double walls with insulation between. Milk is stored in the cooling tank until it is collected for processing.

Stainless steel and Pyrex glass

are the only materials that are allowed to touch the milk. The equipment in the milking building does not have to be disassembled to be cleaned, as soap and hot water can be run through the lines.

The dairy is inspected monthly by the State Health Department. Tests are run to determine what kinds and amounts of bacteria, antibodies, leucocytes and other things are present in the milk.

After the milk is stored in the cooling tank, it is ready to be picked up by truck and taken to be packaged or used to make cheese, butter and other dairy products. The Martins belong to Associated Milk Producers, Inc., which is the dairy farmers' co-op. A marketing cooperative, A.M.P.I. collects the raw milk and delivers it to be processed. The co-op also disposes of any excess milk.

Although it is difficult to believe that they can find the time, the Martins are active in a



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# Today's Marriages:

## Wrenching or Rewarding?

Even though divorce rates and singles lifestyles are increasing, a belief in marriage as one key to happiness runs deeply through most American minds.

Marriage seems to be one of life's most supportive and rewarding experiences as well as one of life's most painful and wrenching ones, says Dorothy Taylor, a family life education specialist.

What makes the difference?

Quality of time together and quality of the marriage relationship itself determine whether marriages are painful or rewarding, she notes.

Marriage researchers and counselors find that people want to be committed to another person, the specialist says.

Today, a tendency to reestablish family unity exists in our society. People need to be part of a special group--a family--with all the special feelings and bonding it provides, she explains.

Taylor is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

### MARRIAGE BREAKUPS

Even in marriage breakups, some positive feelings of being married still exist, the specialist says.

Couples resort to separation, desertion or divorce when they choose not to stay married or when they cannot cope with responsibilities of maintaining a particular relationship, she explains.

In fact, for every two couples who marry this year, another couple in Texas will split, she adds.

Increases in family breakups are most often related to social change--acceptability of single lifestyles, later marriages and changing attitudes about infidelity, Taylor says.

At the same time, society is more tolerant not of family splits, the search for individual

happiness, remarriage and step families, she says.

### REMARRIAGE

Remarriage offers a chance for commitment to another person and for reestablishing family unity.

Just because a person is divorced does not mean he or she has lost faith in marriage, the specialist points out. Most divorcees feel they couldn't make it with one particular person but will remarry again in the future.

Consequently, 95 percent of all divorcees or widows remarry, particularly men, who tend to marry sooner than women after a marital split, she notes.

### MARITAL SATISFACTION

Today's research shows that married people view their lives in more positive terms than single adults--in short, they are happier, Taylor says.

Also, younger couples with one child experience the highest degree of marital satisfaction.

But in nearly all marriages, cycles of stress and tension occur. Often high expectations must be adjusted to reality. In some cases, this can be a crushing disappointment, and problems may soon arise, she warns.

When children enter the family unit, happiness seems to decrease while stress increases, she notes.

Some high-risk periods for married couples to be aware of are the following:

- 1) after the honeymoon -- shortly after the first year of marriage,
- 2) seven-year-itch period -- when the oldest child enters school,
- 3) empty-nest period -- when children leave home and
- 4) middle-age craze or old-fool's period -- nearing onset of retirement.

variety of agriculture and dairy related organizations. J. H. Martin helped organize the Coleman County Dairy Association in 1949. He has served in various capacities with Central West Texas Milk Producers Association, the American Dairy Association and the National Milk Producers Federation. He has also been active in the Mukewater Soil and Water Conservation District at Trickham and the Central Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District at Coleman. In 1980 he received the Texas Jersey Cattle Club's Pioneer Award.

In keeping with family tradition, Felton Martin has been a member and officer in many different organizations. Currently, he is a director of this district's division of A.M.P.I. Other organizations in which he is active include the West Texas Cattle Association, the Coleman Dairy

Association, the Texas Jersey Cattle Club, the American Jersey Cattle Club and the Coleman County Farm Bureau. He is a member of the American Farm Bureau's Dairy Advisory Committee.

The fourth Martin, Bill, is chairman of the Young Farmers Committee of the Coleman County Farm Bureau. He has won runnerup honors as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Texas Farm Bureau twice.

The Martin family's cattle interests have remained strong since 1922, and they show no signs of wavering. It would certainly be no surprise to find Martins in Trickham raising cattle

and producing milk after another six decades. They are a fine example of what families can still hope to achieve with a little tenacity and a lot of cooperation.


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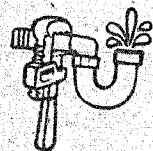
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E. J. McCoy, Ranger Park Inn  
Donna Estes, Coleman  
Noma McCoy, Ranger Park Inn  
Felicite Gauna, Bangs  
Kathleen Mitchell, city

Patients dismissed from the hospital January 4 - 11:

Betty Witt, San Angelo  
Otis Trull, Coleman  
Ruby Casey, Coleman  
Ted Wristen, city

Other patients still in the hospital January 11:

Louis Melton, Ranger Park Inn  
Maury Cathey, Ranger Park Inn  
Lillie Paddleford, Mullin  
C. P. Wenzel, city  
Carrie McCarrell, Ranger Park Inn  
Beulah Fleming, city

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