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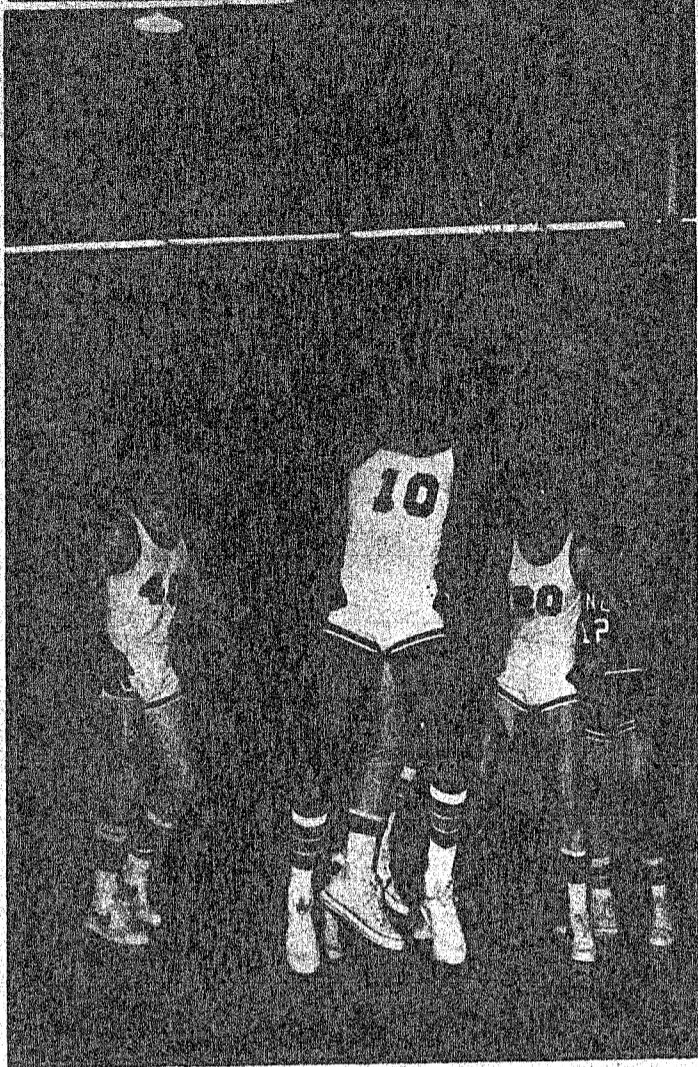
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MOUNTAINEER BASKETBALL will resume Tuesday night when the local teams open district play at Talpa. The Mountaineers are shown here in their last game with Bangs when they were defeated 59 - 35. Don Warrick (10) is shown capturing a rebound, while Randy Casey (4) and Ricky Anderson (20) look on. (Photo by David Moxley)

School Holidays Ending Tuesday

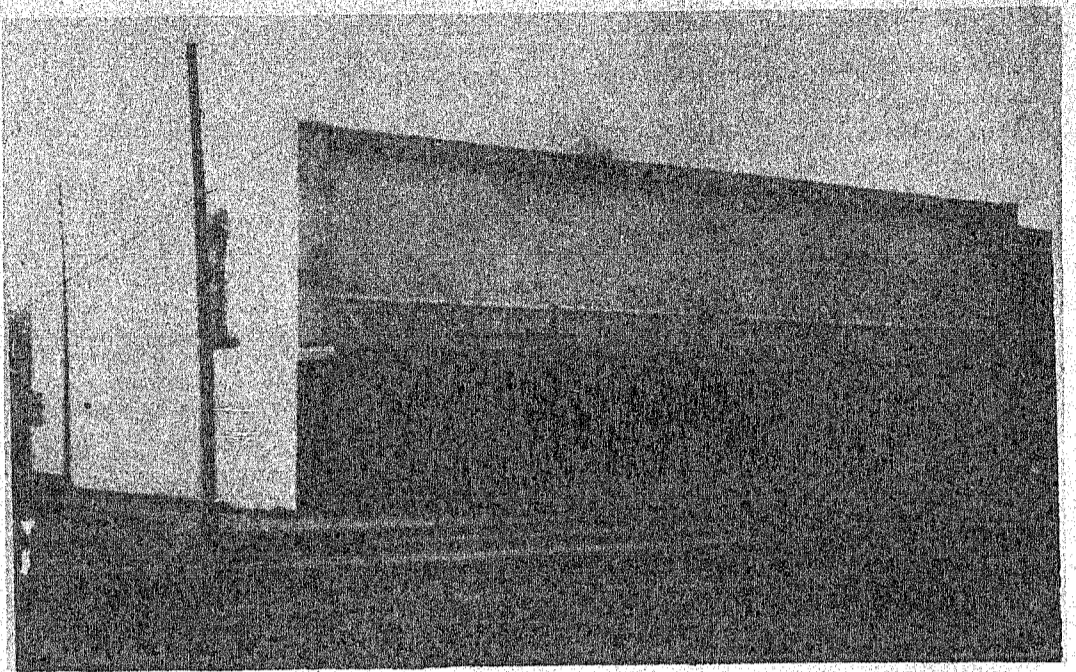
Santa Anna students will return to classes on Tuesday of next week after a long Christmas - New Year holiday.

Faculty and staff members will be on duty Monday for a workday, completing work for the first semester of school.

City Council Meets Next Week

Santa Anna City Council will meet for the first session of the new year on Thursday, January 6, at City Hall. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Routine business is on the agenda at the current time. Meetings of City Council are open to the public and any interested citizen is welcome to attend.



NEW LOCATION for Simmons Feed and Seed Store is in the former Hosch Furniture building on Wallis Avenue. The store moved last week from the former Corner Drug building, and has doubled the space for

the business. The building, purchased by Earl Simmons from the R. C. Gay Estate, has been vacant for a year since the furniture store closed.

Local Woman Awarded Trip To New York Writers Event

A Santa Anna woman has been awarded an expense-paid trip to New York City next month to take part in a writers conference-seminar.

Sandra Clifton was chosen from students currently enrolled in Writer's Digest School of Cincinnati, Ohio to attend the Writer's Conference January 17 - 19. She has been enrolled in a correspondence course in creative writing since early last year, and has been cited for her work thus far.

In the letter notifying her of the award, Kirk Polking, director of Writer's Digest School, said the program is planned to offer some of the top authors, lecturers and journalists to those who pursue a career in the literary field. Included on the program will be Dick Schneider, Senior Editor of Guidepost in New York, Kathryn Fanning, a journalist from Oklahoma, and Marion Poe, author and lecturer.

Mrs. Clifton will fly to New York for the event and hopes to have some extra time there for sightseeing.

An employee of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Sandra's on-



SANDRA CLIFTON

ly previous writing experience was in high school when she participated in essay contests and was editor of the newspaper at Aspermont High School. A resident of Santa Anna since her marriage to Don Clifton, she was previously employed as a medical secretary for Dr. Charles Henner and served as City Secretary for several years.

Simmons Feed & Seed to Hosch Building

Business Relocates

A Santa Anna business has moved during the past week and expanded their space and services.

Simmons Feed & Seed has moved from the former Corner Drug Store building at the corner of Wallis and North Second Street to the former Hosch Furniture Store building one block east.

The new location doubles the space of the store and provides better space for loading and unloading.

Earl Simmons has owned and managed the business since purchasing Longhorn Feed and Seed Store from Joe Riley last January. The new location was purchased from the R. C. Gay Estate after being vacant for one year when Hosch Furniture Co. went out of business.

With the added space and convenient location, Simmons plans to expand the inventory to continue providing all types of feed and seed for the farmer and rancher, as well as stocking fertilizer and yard and garden supplies. He will continue to supply agricultural and livestock supplies at a competitive price.

Simmons is assisted in the

business by Pat Kleman, manager, and Russell Halmon, clerk. The store is open all day each weekday and until noon on Saturday. Store personnel are also on call on weekends and holidays when customers need their services or supplies.

Methodists Plan Event

Members of United Methodist Church, their families and friends will have a family night New Year's party and watch night service on Friday, December 31.

The group will meet at the Church annex at 7:30 p.m. for games, visiting and refreshments, and at 11:45 assemble in the Church sanctuary to greet the new year with a special program.

Each family attending the event is asked to bring snacks or other refreshments and also dominoes or other games they enjoy playing.

The New Year's Eve activity is open to everyone in the community.

City Water Service Disrupted by Vandals

Many Santa Anna residents were without water or had a skimpy supply Sunday morning after vandals tampered with the control system on the water storage tanks atop the east mountain.

City officials were notified by residents when their water service was disrupted, and it was found that there was no water in the large storage tank. Gauges at the pump station at the City Lake showed the tanks to be almost full.

Pumping was started immediately,

and within an hour the water supply was adequate. The tank was filled before the day was over.

Mayor Edd Hartman said Monday that the act of vandalism could have resulted in tragedy had a fire occurred while the storage tank was empty. The damage to the control system at the tank is very little, but the result was of great consequence.

Hartman expressed appreciation to the residents for their good attitude and especially for notifying authorities of the problem.

New Year's Resolutions

Folks Seldom Commit Themselves on New Year

Local people were asked at random two questions, "Do you plan to make any New Year's Resolutions?" and "What would you like to accomplish or see happen during 1983?" Here are their answers:

MAGGIE ROBINETT (Homemaker and bookkeeper and clerk at Robinett Garage) "No, I'm recovering from a sore throat and cold, and just trying to get to feeling better."

WALTER YANCY (Rockwood stock farmer) "No, not if I can help it!" and "I just want to stay alive!"

MRS. EARL (BARBARA) SIMMONS (Homemaker and mother) "Yes. To go back to exercise class to shed what I've gained plus some."

MRS. CLIFFORD LOWE (Homemaker and retired school teacher) "No!" and "I just want to have a good time and be happy. To enjoy life."

DANNY KELLER (Assistant Manager of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative) "No, because I never keep them." and "I'm anticipating a more productive performance for myself and the employees of the Telephone Cooperative. It is just fantastic to be in Santa Anna for the new year and the years to come."

MRS. AMY ROWE (Homemaker) "Hadn't thought about making any resolutions. I'd just break them." and "I hope to have better health during the new year."

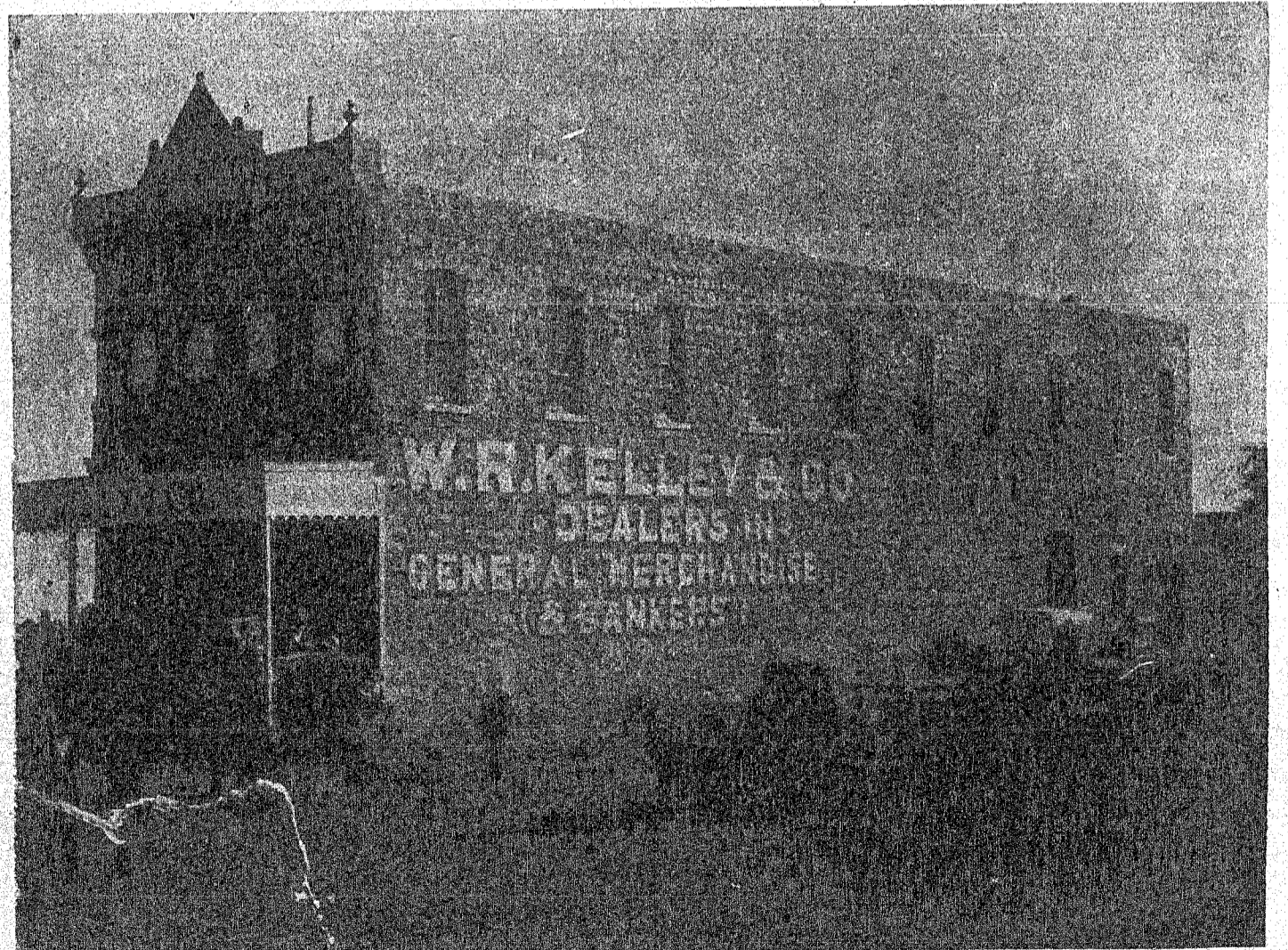
MRS. OZRO EUBANK (Homemaker and retired store owner) "No, I never do that." and "I don't plan anything. Just hope to stay as well as I am now."

R. W. BALKE (Retired oil industry employee) "I hadn't thought of it, but guess I ought to. I let the other guys make resolutions, then wait to see if they break them!"

CARMEN DONHAM (Homemaker and City Council member) "Oh heavens, hadn't thought about it. I am hoping for the new City Park to have a name and to encourage memorial gifts for tree planting and improvements for the park."

DIANE WETSEL (High School teacher, homemaker and mother) "No, I haven't thought of any yet. I would like to be a better teacher and improve my golf game."

MRS. JOHN PERRY (Beauty shop owner and homemaker) "No, Ma'm! I'd break them just as sure as I did!" and "I just hope that everything will be as good as it was this year. We've had a good year."



EARLIEST ROCK BUILDING IN SANTA ANNA was the Stockard Building, that in this early photo housed the W. R. Kelley & Co. general merchandise store and bank and the L. V. Stockard Land Office. The upstairs portion was the Stockard Opera House. The old rock building, now owned by Jim Laubhan, is being restored, with a

new awning and sign made as nearly as possible to the original. The building was constructed about 1887, soon after the railroad came through Santa Anna and the business district was moved from the gap in the mountain.

Mountain Echoes



By Barbara Kingsbery

Christmas 1982 has come and gone - and a great time it was for most of us. It is that special time of year when family gathers to visit and to eat, and eat, and eat!

The weather cooperated most of the weekend, making it a fine holiday. We did have .40 inch of rain Sunday night, but ice melted rapidly Monday morning.

One local couple were hampered by the weather on the weekend.

John and Susie Stanislav failed to make it to Dallas Sunday for the Dallas Cowboys football game. The road was icy and slick by the time they got to Stephenville, so they turned back home.

Tickets to the game were from Pearl Wilson who won them in the Affiliated Food Stores drawing at H&H Food Mart.

One comforting thought - the game ended poorly for the Cowboys, so it would have been disappointing for the two staunch Dallas fans.

There was very little activity in town this week. Perhaps it was a let-down after the Christmas holiday, or maybe because the usual school activity was not underway.

Anyway, we were at our office for "business as usual" on our regular schedule.

Half Century Dance Set Here Saturday Night

The monthly musical and dance by the Half Century Club will be held Saturday, January 1, at the Civic Center. The Country Combination band from Dublin will furnish music for the family entertainment.

The Campfire Girls will serve chili and stew, desserts, coffee and cold drinks to those who wish to come for supper. The music will be from 7 - 11

p.m. Admission price is \$1.50 per person, with the meal extra.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the event, and everyone is invited to attend to dance or just listen to the good music and visit with friends and neighbors.

The dances are held each month at the Civic Center, and attendance has been very good.

Gospel Music Group Schedules Concert

A contemporary gospel music group from Mary Hardin Baylor University at Belton will present a concert in Coleman on Saturday, January 15. The group, composed of students at the University, will be at Coleman High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Also to appear at the concert will be the Coleman County gospel group, Freeborn, of which Jay Weathers of Santa Anna is a member.

The visiting group, known as Heirborn, will

especially appeal to young people, and special rates are being offered to groups of 20 or more. Regular advance tickets are \$4 each, and will be \$5 at the door. Those wishing to reserve advance tickets or get information on group rates may call David Oxford at 625-4188 in Coleman or Mr. Weathers at 348-3277 in Santa Anna.

The concert is being sponsored by Freeborn Ministries in an effort to interest local people in the contemporary gospel music.

Christmas Recital Held

By Students of Mrs. Priddy

Mrs. W. V. Priddy presented her piano students in recital December 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Langford.

Guests were welcomed by Mr. Langford, who also voiced the invocation.

The program opened with Brandi Horner, Julie Dean, Tammi Starr and Kyra Neff singing "Bethlehem Lullaby." This was followed by other Christmas selections including piano solos and duets. The group present joined in singing Joy to the World.

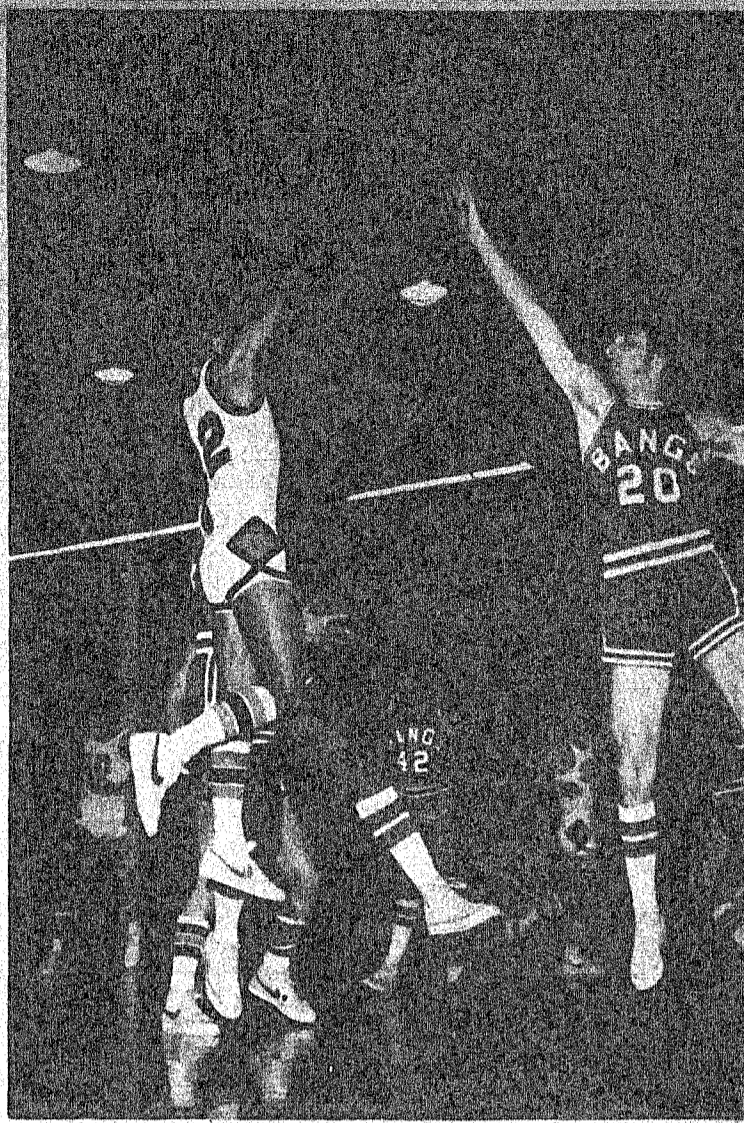
Michelle Malone opened the second part of the program with Norse Song by Schumann, The Flaming Tambourine (a novelty number) and In Schubert's Day. Brandi, Julie and

Tammi each presented two piano solos.

Jeannie Langford chose Prelude Op. 28 - No. 20 by Chopin and Marche Militaire by Schubert as her selections.

The audience then joined in singing "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly," the students responding with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Refreshments of punch and assorted cookies were served from a table laid with a red cloth, centered with a Christmas arrangement. Family members of the students attended with other guests including the Donnie Neffs, Mrs. Buddy Neff, Lily Cabansag and Mrs. Norman Walters.



HOCKING A SHOT in the Bangs game last week was Chris DeLeon (2). The Dragons defeated the Mountaineers in the non-district game. (Photo by David Moxley)

Basketball News

Santa Anna Teams Lose to Bangs; District Play Starts Tuesday

The Santa Anna High School basketball teams will start district play Tuesday night when they travel to Talpa for 6:30 games.

The Mountaineers have been idle since hosting the Bangs Dragons of December 21, with the Bangs teams winning over three local squads.

In the first game, the

Bangs Jayvee team defeated the Santa Anna Junior Varsity squad 59-40. The game was a close one until halftime, with an 18-18 tie in the second quarter.

The game with Bangs was the final one scheduled for the Jayvee Team this season.

The Lady Mountaineers lost to the Bangs girls 40-33 after leading the scoring in the first quarter.

The Mountaineers lost to Bangs 59-35, the second defeat by the neighboring team this season. The Bangs team got off to a

Regular Field.

Location is seven miles northeast of Gouldbusk on a 65-acre lease in the ETRR Survey, Section 100.

Rob Three Inc. of Bangs will drill No. 1 J. E. Howard in Coleman County Regular Field two miles southeast of Santa Anna. The planned 2,900 foot venture is located on a 117-acre lease in Section 59, HT&B Survey.

456-acre lease in Bonds & Sanders Survey 92.

Charles F. Dominy of Fort Worth, No. 3 R. B. Hibbetts will be drilled in the Coleman County Regular Field.

Site is five miles southeast of Santa Anna on a 195-acre lease in the J. H. Cleveland Survey 495.

James & Whittington Oil Co. of Coleman will drill No. 5 L. G. Williams as a proposed 2,400-foot wildcat in Coleman County

good start, scoring eight points before the Mountaineers got on the board.

However Santa Anna caught up and had an 18-18 tie just before halftime.

The Dragons gained on the Mountaineers to lead by 12 points at the end of the third quarter, before winning the game by the 59-35 margin.

JHS BASKETBALL

The Junior High basketball teams will travel to Talpa Thursday of next week for their first games since before Christmas. The four games will start at 4 p.m.

Local Man Completes Army Reserve Course

John Pearce, a staff sergeant with the Army Reserve in Abilene, has returned from a nine-week tour of active duty at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C.

Pearce was enrolled in the Animal Care Specialist School offered by the United States Army. The class teaches all areas needed in Army veterinary clinics to assist the Veterinary Officer as well as the care and handling of laboratory animals used in research.

While enrolled in the class, John received two letters of commendation as well as being awarded the Army job title of Animal Care Specialist.

Pearce, the son of Mr.



JOHN PEARCE

and Mrs. Bob Pearce, has resided in Santa Anna about four years. He holds bachelor and master's degrees from Texas A&M University.

His wife, Dr. Cathy Pearce, operates the Pearce Veterinary Clinic here.

Campfire Girls Collecting Funds For Rehab Center

The Adventure Group of Campfire Girls will begin next week taking donations for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, to be turned in during the January 8 Telethon.

Members of the girls' group will be visiting friends and neighbors in town and seeking donations for the worthwhile facility. On Saturday, January 8, members of the group, their leaders and family

members will go to Abilene to attend part of the televised program and make their donation in person.

Local people are encouraged to donate to the fund.

HERE FOR HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and sons of Colorado City were Christmas visitors with his mother, Mrs. Gwen Walker. They also visited with friends while here.

Bangs-S-Anna AARP Holds Recent Meeting

The American Association of retired persons met at Bangs in the community center on December 20 with 390 members attending and one visitor, Mrs. Bertha Summers.

Lucile Wylie, President, called the meeting to order. Faye Whitley read the minutes of the last meeting and Madora Gilmore gave the treasurer report. Era Walters voiced the invocation.

Tom Williams led the group in the Pledge to the Flag and also led in singing Happy Birthday to those having birthdays in December. They were Madora Gilmore and Opal Little. Juanita Ragsdale baked the delicious birthday cake and the tables were decorated in the Christmas theme.

Leons Bruce installed the new officers for the new year. They were: President - Tom Williams; Treasurer - Madora Gilmore; Vice President - Claudene Brown; and Secretary - Faye Whitley. After a bountiful lunch,

Laura Harris presented the program. The Harris Sisters and family presented a Christmas program, playing and singing Christmas carols. The group joined in on some of the older songs.

It was enjoyed very much by all.

The Next meeting will be in Bangs again in January 17, 1983.

Area Oil News

R&L Producing Co. Inc. of Comanche staked No. 12 C. F. Campbell in the Dunham & Young Field four miles northeast of Santa Anna.

Site is on a 133-acre lease located in the Mary Ann Fisk Survey 630.

Staked in the regular field four miles north of Trickham is Pautsky Inc. of Wichita Falls No 34 T. M. Hays Estate.

The proposed 1,500-foot venture is located on a

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"Now Jake, the trick is for you to come out when the boss does!"

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Rockwood News

By Mrs. John C. Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Damron, Kelly and Mark of Lubbock visited briefly with Mrs. Lon Gray Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pederson of San Angelo and Mike White of Brownsville visited Marcus Johnson Thursday and they all visited at the Nursing Home in Brady with Mrs. Johnson for the Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brusenhan spent Christmas Day at Bronte with her sister, Zola Burns and visited at a Ballinger Rest Home with her sister, Edna Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan visited Friday to Sunday at Dallas with their daughters and families. They were all Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greener and Dee Dee of Richardson.

Mrs. Norine Winstead of Holiday Hill in Coleman spent the Holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deal. They were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Deal and family in Santa Anna. Other guests were Rolan Deal and Sandy Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Deal of Brownwood and Sherri Deal of Waco spent Christmas evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deal visited Friday at Ranger Park Inn with his brother, Leo Deal.

Mrs. Bert Fowler visited last Thursday with Mrs. Olen Eden at Gouldbusk. Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland, Susan and Jim of San Antonio Saturday for Christmas. George McDonald of Odessa visited Saturday and Sunday with the Fowlers.

Garland McSwain of Dallas came Thursday to visit to Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McSwain. Greg Mobley and a friend of Austin, Raymond Estes and Jeff and Sam Estes and Kelly stopped by with Holiday greetings Sunday morning. Marcus Johnson visited Monday afternoon.

Olin Horton was dismissed from the Brady Hospital Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Stewart both had some kind of bug Christmas. Visiting during the Holidays in the Steward home were Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Porter of Utopia, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Horton of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Horton of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rose and girls of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ray and Casey of Coleman and G.T. England of Sna Angelo.

Spending Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wise were Mrs. E.M. Tisdale and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Wise, Nathan and Bradley of Santa Anna and Dr. and Mrs. Mark Wise. Susan Smith and Todd of Brownwood visited Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise celebrated Christmas Friday and Saturday. They had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Wide and Boys in Santa Anna. Dr. and Mrs. Mark Wise left Saturday morning for their home in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cooper and children of Brownwood spent Thursday night and Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper, Dins, Darla and Brandt of Cranfill's Gap spent Friday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Denny Densman, Dorinda and Byron of Brady spent Friday night and Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes and Douglas of Fort Worth came Wednesday to spend the holidays at their home here. Christmas day dinner guests were Mrs. Garnet Reeves of Lubbock and her sons, David of Las Vegas, Brian of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Campbell. Douglas Estes and Mike and Nancy Franklin of Fort Worth. Weldon Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Estes and Shane of San Angelo and Mrs. Claud Box. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes visited Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Estes left Saturday for Tennessee to visit her mother and sister.

Holiday visitors with Mrs. Box were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Campbell and Mrs. Garnet Reeves and sons.

Thursday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Estes of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Estes and Jon of Midland. Christmas Eve visitors were Douglas Estes, Mike and Nancy Franklin. Christmas day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Estes, Terri and Jeff of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Estes of Sweetwater and Mrs. Lois Haines of Santa Anna. Mrs. Boss Estes was Monday luncheon guest.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bray were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Austin who visited Friday to Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gregg, Carla and Lucy Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hambright, Jill and Jan of Coleman visited Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bray visited the Greggs and Hambright family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Brusenhan Jr. had their Christmas family dinner at the community center Saturday. Among those named were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gleaton and children, Ray Gleaton and Jerry Don, Sam Gleaton and children and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall and children all of Early. Mrs. Mary Morrison of Brownwood, Mrs. Mary Emerson and Mrs. Lon Gray.

Sunday visitors with the Brusenhan were Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull of Dawson and Mrs. Emerson. Mike Fritchard of Santa Anna was Monday supper guest. Mr. and Mrs. Jody Brusenhan and Jennifer of Bryan came Monday to visit to Thursday. The family visited via phone during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Martin in Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Highsmith and children at Billings, Montana and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown and Meca at Menard.

Spending Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Halmon and Ondria, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright and James and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sturgill, Christi, Jennifer and Jessica all of San Angelo. The Sturgill family spent the weekend.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duus, Rodney and Robert were Mr. and Mrs. Randall Thompson, Susan and Tammy of Reston, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gilmore of Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Maedgen and Dustin of Glen Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Monty Edwards and Jennifer and Sherry Gilmore of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Crawford of Coleman and Tina Justice of San Angelo.

Myrtle Ann Topliffe of Houston visited Tuesday afternoon to Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Milligan. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan spent Saturday in Coleman at the Richardson home with Mrs. Marvin Richardson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Davis and Chad had Christmas dinner Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Davis.

Holiday visitors with Mrs. Bill Stewart were

Mr. and Mrs. Collins Steward and girls of Katy, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson, Paige and Pat Jr. of Shreveport, La. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stanford and Julie of Fort Worth spent Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. C.H. Wise entertained family during the holidays. They were Colleen Wise, Mrs. Kelly Smith and Birch, Dr. and Mrs. Wes Wise and family Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riley, Lawrence Long and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chandler, who live at Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. Margarito Hernandez, Rickey, Alonzo and Phillip spent Christmas day in Brownwood with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Aquirra, also visited Ery Villalpando. Mr. and Mrs. Villalpando of Brownwood were Monday visitors in Rockwood.

Mrs. Gene McSwane spent the weekend in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. Stan McSwane, seeing their new home.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rehm and Wade were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith and sons of Richardson, Mrs. Bobbie Robicheaux and girls of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gilpin and family of Uvalde, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Esslinger, Kurt, Kyndall and Tony of Midland.

Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper were Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Allen, Elizabeth and Wes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheffield and Monte of Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sheffield of Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis of Coleman. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Denny Densman and Byron of Brady.

Elizabeth and Wes Allen remained for the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hodges visited Friday to Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Hodges in Clyde. Other Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hodges of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Royce McIver of Katy, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thomas and Chris of Arlington. Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Tinker Dockery, Lynn, Dan, Traci and Kelli of Eden, stopped by with Christmas greetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Pearson and Siri of Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson and David Jr. of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rollins and Robert of Hillsboro spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pearson. Mrs. Sammy Pearson and Siri remained for this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bryan spent Monday at Anson with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kerr of Schertz and Jim Ryan of Geroge West stopped by with Holiday greetings for Linnie Box.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford and Jennifer for a Christmas dinner and tree Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rutherford and boys and Mrs. Jimmie Gail Huggins and Amber of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rutherford and Margot and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Abernathy



THE LIVEOAK SCHOOL STUDENTS, pictured here about 1909, included several youngsters who still reside in our community. The school was moved to a new location one mile east in later years and renamed Leedy School. Pictured here front row from left, are Lillian Goodson, unidentified, Clara Lamb, Ora Mae Harper, Gladys Caton, Carol Kingsbery, Roy Newman, Melvin

Lamb, Collins Caton, Oran Newman and unidentified. Back row are Mattie Goodson, Ruby Harper, Elsie Lee Harper, Jane Caton, Blanche Caton, Miss Tinney Brown, teacher, Lester Newman, Tucker Newman, Arthur Reed, Virgil Newman, and two unidentified. The old school house was located at the present site of the Tom Kingsbery home seven miles south of Santa Anna.

Years Ago in the News

YEARS AGO
The following letters to Santa Claus were published in the December 16, 1949 issue of the NEWS:

Dear Santy,
I have tried to be a good boy this year, so please don't forget me and my little brothers and sister.

I want a gun and a cowboy suit.
Merry Christmas to you.
Eddie Hartman

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. I would like for you to bring me a bee bee gun. And a football. Don't forget all the other children.

Love,
J. C. Bible

Dear Santa,
I want a big doll that is dressed in blue. Please bring me a little stove to cook on. Please bring me a pair of skates. Please bring my little brother a big truck.

Love,
Darlene Mercer

Dear Santa Claus,
I do hope you are well this year and will come to see me. Will you please bring me some guns. I want a hunting knife.

I want a horse and saddle and I want a 22 and a cub suit and a cub ring. Please bring them to me.

Your friend,
Max Price
Age 9

Dear Santa,
I want a be-be Gun, football and truck.

and boys.
Mrs. Gussie Wise hosted the annual Christmas dinner and tree at the Rockwood Community Center Sunday. Attending were Linnie Box, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford and Jennifer, the Larry Rutherford family, the Ricky Abernathy family, Mrs. Huggins and Amber, Mr. and Mrs. Jake McCreary, Mrs. Leslie Arnold and Trent, the Bobby Lees, Ricky Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eckles, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Camp, the Howard Pearsons and Mrs. Lon Gray.

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good so you will come to see me Christmas night. Please Santa bring me a football and a Dick Tracy Car, and anything else you think would like.

Don't forget my little brother. He wants a tractor and plow tools to use with it and a big wagon.
Your friend,
Jack Dillingham

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well this year and come to see me and the other boys and girls too. I want a baton and a magic skin doll.

Pat Taylor

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I have a big sister now. Please bring her a doll. I should like a train please try to come before I go to sleep.

Jim Crews

Dear Santa,
I want an air gun, a boat, a ball, some nuts and candy.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Roy Payne

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a dog.
Bobby Markland

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to see me and I want you to bring me a big pretty doll and a toy sewing machine and a few other things. I hope you are well and happy too. I'm very happy that Christmas is coming soon.

My name is Ann and I have a little brother named Tommy. He wants you to bring him a toy train and a B-B gun and a few other things.

My teacher's name is Mrs. McCartney and there are 38 in our room the 3rd grade room.
Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Ann Stewardson

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl, six years old. I go to school and am in the first grade. I have been good. I would like to have a doll, doll buggy, color book, twirl stick, fruit, nuts and candy.

Please remember all the little boys and girls who are sick and unable to write you.

I have a little brother three years old, he wants a gun and a cowboy suit. He is a good little boy we both love you.

Yours truly,
Roberta Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a real good little boy. I am in the 1st grade at school and my first time to write.

I would like to have a "Stopper Gun" and wind-up train and a football.
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Tom Rutherfords Feted On 50th Anniversary Dec. 19

The Rockwood Community Center was the scene of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford on Whon on Sunday, December 19, from 2-4 p.m.

Allie Shields and Tom Rutherford were married in Marletta, Oklahoma on December 20, 1912.

It was open house for more than 100 guests, relatives and friends, from many areas of Texas, also Washington State, New Hampshire. The festivities began with an open letter, composed and written by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas (Trudie) Rutherford of Concord, N. H., and read by a granddaughter, Mrs. Dena Boatright of Coleman. The letter included best wishes and congratulations from the children, sons and grandchildren, including a seven-month-old great-granddaughter.

The center was decorated with the Christmas motif, with poinsettias, greenery and flowers all through the party room. Silver napkins and appointments were used as

well as gold serving pieces. Mistletoe was hung by a granddaughter, Christi Wheeler.

In the receiving line with the Rutherfords were their children, Thomas Ray of Concord, N. H., Patsy Smith of Abilene, Hilary of Coleman, Loyd of Trickham and Lynda Wheeler of LaGrange.

The anniversary cake was decorated on the three tiers with gold roses that formed a cascade of flowers to one side. The matching gold table cloths were made by Billie Ruth (Wallace) Stephenson of Abilene. Serving were granddaughters of the Rutherfords, JoAnn Rutherford and Erica Wheeler. Coffee was served by Diane Rutherford

and Tonna Rutherford. The register was attended by a grandson, Todd Rutherford, and granddaughter, Deborah Smith.

The couple are engaged in stock farming in the Whon Community and lived their lives in the Rockwood and Whon communities.

Special guests present were Mr. Rutherford's two sisters, Mrs. I. O. (Mutt) Smith of Iran and Mrs. Jack (Alpha) Haney of Temple. An aunt of Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Cecil (Lorene) Egger of Goldthwaite, and a cousin, Mrs. Butch (Da) Rowlette of Mullen. Among the other close friends and relatives were Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Rutherford of Fort Worth.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bible and children of Sonora spent the holiday weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bible, and other relatives. Also here during the weekend was Mrs. Bible's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rhodes of Cross Plains.

GRANDCHILDREN VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Dunn of Abilene, Kyle Dunn of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thomas of Arlington were visitors in the home of their grandparents, Mrs. Jim Dunn and Mrs. Vernon Parker, during the Christmas holidays.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rutherford were in Santa Anna for Christmas weekend with their parents. They were Don and Gloria Rutherford, Kevin and Holly of Arlington; Joe and Ann Rutherford, Julie and Shanna of San Angelo; and Larry and Kathie Rutherford, Stacie and Jackie of Anson. The group also had an early observance of Stacie's eighth birthday.

The Joe Rutherford family also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Cullins and family.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bruce were together at the holiday, being Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robin and Walter of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kingsbery and Bruce of Crystal City, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kingsbery of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. John Porter and Diana of Round Rock and Carol Kingsbery of Austin. Also here were Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Winkler of Belton, who spent a week with her brother and sister-in-law.

Joining the group for Christmas dinner in the Tom Kingsbery home were Mrs. W. H. Clifford of Santa Anna and Mrs. Winton B. Porter of Lake Charles, La.

VISIT FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. James Vercher of Houston visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Priddy, several days last week. They were joined by Mrs. Paul Vercher and Paul Edward of Fort Worth. Following the visit, the Priddys accompanied them to Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Christmas Day visitors in the home of Mrs. Lonella Roesch and John W. Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Mark and Scott of Colorado City, Patsy Byrum of Comanche and Mrs. Guy Heptenstall of Brownwood. Local friends who called during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chapman and Miss Pauline Eubank.

Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

In the very beginning of this week's report let me thank everyone who made our 50th anniversary a success with your presence or thoughts or any way. You made everything just perfect, and thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stewart and sons James and Steve from Omaha, Nebraska and another son, Russell of Dallas were guests with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bean Radie of Santa Anna from Friday to Monday morning. Only the Radie grandson from Dallas had to return home to work Sunday afternoon. The Stewarts left Monday but will be with the son, Russell, in Dallas until Thursday when they will be leaving for their home. Other guests on Saturday and Sunday were the Radies' daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Poldrack and Denita of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Berry and Mr. and Mrs. John Berry and J. T. of Abilene were Christmas and weekend guests of Mrs. Tom Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vinson. They called a daughter and granddaughter, Susan Valdez and her daughter K. K. in Denver, Colorado. Sunday, K. K. told her granddaddy the snow was as deep as she was tall. K. K. is nine years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins of Coleman visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris, Thursday. The Morris had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Floyd Morris and children and their families in Brownwood.

Mrs. Pearl Avants of Santa Anna accompanied her son, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avants, and Mrs. Avants' mother, Mrs. John X. Steward, all of Brady, to have Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Avants and son in Midland on Sunday. They ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Steward's daughter and Mrs. Avants' sister in Midland.

Mrs. Thomas Rutherford and daughter Heidi and Dorine York, JoAnn Rutherford and Mrs. Hilary Rutherford drove to Dallas Wednesday when our granddaughter, Diane Rutherford, caught a plane for her home in Vancouver, Wash. She called back that she had a nice flight home and it was raining there.

Orval Bible of Houston visited with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwan

Cozart spent Sunday night on the Cozart farm here and stopped and chatted briefly with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford Monday morning, reporting Etiole Cozart's condition to be about the same.

Christmas dinner guests with the Tom Rutherfords were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray Rutherford and children, Steven, Diane and JoAnn Rutherford and Heidi and Dorine York of Concord, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Rutherford and Rocky, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boatright and baby Deneea and Loy Vaughn of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith, Deborah and Barry of Abilene, Loyd Rutherford, Tonna and Todd. Later callers were Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Allen of Temple and Patsy Lohn of Brady.

Mrs. Barbara Morgan and daughters, Tracy and Loraine and little granddaughter Loresa of Brownwood were guests with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris on Monday.

Guests in the Graham Fitzpatrick home on Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick and children of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bullion and Michelle of O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Haloman of Grand Prairie, Mike Snoden and children, Julie and Chad of Stephenville. They talked with a son, Neil, in Odessa Sunday. It had started snowing there at 6 a.m. and snowed enough the children were enjoying playing in the snow.

Our son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray Rutherford, and children left our house Sunday morning shortly after 7 o'clock to drive to Dallas to catch their plane for their home in Concord, N. H. Around 12 o'clock that night -- 7 p.m. our time, Thomas called they were safely home and had a nice flight. When they reached Boston, the weather was 56 degrees, and when he called it was 40 degrees at their home, and

Trickham News

By Mrs. O. R. Bouckle

Terry Leisegang from South Africa is visiting the Felton Martins awhile. The Felton Martins had all their family with them Christmas Eve, Bill and Becky Martin, Brandi and Buffy, Paul and Gay Nell Martin of Santa Anna, Ann Martin of Houston, Janice and Delbert Snow, Tiffany and Ryan of Brownwood. Also Betty's sister, Maxine Keller of Brownwood visited them.

Ben McIver and stepson visited his parents, the Bernice McIvers. Ben is from Saudi Arabia. On Christmas Eve Mary Lou and Melvin Storm and family visited the McIvers. Donnie and Sherry York of Ozona spent part of the Christmas holidays with the J. E. Yorks. Thursday they all went to Brownwood and visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cole.

Gwen Vaughn and her daughter and husband, Jane and Maurice Yarter of San Antonio, spent the weekend with Lou Vaughn, Marvin and Ruth Smith and Oma Lee and John Dockery came by Christmas Day and Christ-

mas Eve Mary Ola and Elmer Woods visited. Saturday night Marjorie Sullivan and daughter and husband, Carolyn and Steve Sells and baby came and visited awhile.

Christmas Day Vera Shield and her daughter, Annette Clark had dinner with me and visited in the afternoon.

Thursday night I went to Albert and Lois Millers to play 84 with a group of eight. This is part of the group that gets together each week, and I fill in for them sometime.

Visitors with the Walter Stacey for the holidays were Marjorie Sullivan and son Robert and his girlfriend, Vickie Magnum of San Antonio, Carolyn and Steve Sells and baby of Bandera spent the weekend. Sunday Tavy and Bill Heidbrier and grandchildren, Chris and Tiffany Haun of Fort Worth, and Don Heidbrier of Houston all spent the day, and also Sammie LaDoccer and a friend from Brownwood.

Oma Lee Dockery had all her family Christmas Day, John and Earline Dockery and Wesley, Ray and Barbara Dockery and family of Eden. Oma Lee has gone to Eden to spend a few days.

Visitors with the Howell Martins last Thursday were James McSwain of Grapevine and Donna McSwain of Hico who visited and had lunch with their grandparents. Saturday night they all had a Christmas tree and buffet supper. Those present were Felton and Betty Martin, Bill and Becky Martin, Brandi and Buffy, Paul and Gay Martin of Santa Anna, Ann Martin of Houston, Janice and Delbert Snow, Tiffany and Ryan of Brownwood, Laverne and Talmage Mc-

Clatchy of Bangs, Merri-dee McClatchy of Austin, Jeanie and Fred Dreinhof, Nicholas and Nathan of Brownwood, Linda and Robert Meckfessel, Elizabeth, Lara and Savab from Garfield, Kansas, and Terry Leisegang of South Africa.

Friday night the Charles Brewsters and Brad and Sherry Brewster had Christmas Eve supper with Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Royal at Early. Also Sylvia's brother and wife and her sister spent the night with them. Saturday they all went to Blanket to the Clive Brewsters for dinner, then had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roach at Zephyr. Sunday after church the Brewsters had dinner with the Dutch Royalls.

Bond and Lillie Featherston attended a Christmas dinner at the old Frank Rice place. Their grandson, Bennie Frank Rice and family lives there, and all the Rice family were there together. Frank and Bertha Rice of Brownwood and family, and the Delburn Rice family from here.

Naomi and Brent Nichols, Wesley and Ted of Dallas came Friday afternoon and stayed until Monday morning visiting her parents, the Hilburn Hendersons. Christmas Day they all ate dinner at Donnie and Chris Hendersons in Coleman, also Tom Clatchy and Daisy McClatchy were there. Rodney Henderson spent two nights with his grandparents, the Hilburn Hendersons. Clara Cupps visited one afternoon.

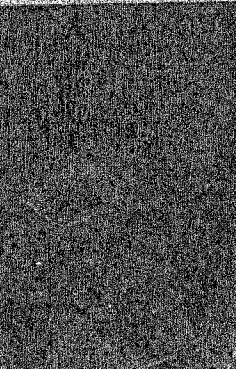
Mary Lea Mitchell had all her family except one granddaughter and husband with her for Christmas. Lea and Loyd Mock, Jennie and James of Post, Betty and Damon Miller

Cynthia Squyres Honored On Second Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Squyres were hosts for a party Saturday, December 18, honoring their daughter, Cynthia Lynn, on her second birthday.

The little honoree opened gifts and played with her young guests and family members, and the group enjoyed refreshments.

Those present were Chris and Donna Rowden, Michael and Leota Griffin Lucille Squyres and the honoree and her parents.



CYNTHIA SQUYRES

and family from Austin, who were all here for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Day Grady and Genia McIver went to Terry and Orabeth McIvers Saturday morning and they all went to the Doyme McIvers' in San Angelo and came home that night. Sunday Doyme and Wanda McIver and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cook of Pampa, Mrs. May Blue, Keetie Haynes and Betty Henderson, Royce and Wanda McIver, Terry and Orabeth McIver and family and Rankin McIver had dinner there. They also had a birthday party for Reece McIver for his 12th birthday Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jones and Larry visited the G. K. Stearns Tuesday night. Rev. Gary Spragins of Brownwood and his father of Fort Worth visited them. Tommy Watson of Coleman and Florence Stearns visited them. Christmas Day G. K. and Sug Stearns went to McGregor to spend the day with their son and family, Sherman and Dortha Stearns, Clint and Sabrina, and Sabrina came home with them. Sunday the G. K. Stearns visited with Doris Stearns and family at Brownwood.

Billy and Carole Haynes and Tim came Thursday and went home Saturday. Friday Justin Haynes visited with them, and Reba

and Elvis Cozart and Carly Ellis came Saturday and are visiting a few days. Oma Lee Dockery and Wesley visited Irene Haynes one evening.

Christmas Day Alice Wells and all her family visited her mother, Florence Stearns. Friday night Arvil and Verna Bolton of Rockwall spent the night and Saturday with her mother. Frances and Charlie Ray Fleming and children of Alice called and talked to Florence on the phone.

Christmas Eve night Rankin and Natalie McIver visited Darla and Ricky Beal and family. This Monday they visited Roy and Inez Miller in Coleman.

Sunday night we got one-half inch of rain and a little snow. It melted soon after it went to raining. Happy New Year to everyone who reads my news.

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Cleveland News

By Clara Cupps

We went to Georgetown Friday and had Christmas dinner with the E. A. Coveys. Also Billy Don Cupps and Kasha were there. We returned home Saturday afternoon. Michael came home with us and spent a few days. Ovella and Russell visited us Sunday afternoon, and Russell had lunch with us. The Brown Brooke family of Comanche and the Jim Wilsons and family of Proctor Lake also visited.

Holiday visitors in the home of the W. L. Campbells were Bill McGahey of Alpine, A. L. McGahey of Houston, who visited Monday. Carolee Monroe and girls of Fort Stockton came Tuesday and they and her parents went to Fort Worth on business. They spent Wednesday night with the Marshall Campbells, returning home on Thursday night. The Monroes returned to Fort Stockton Sunday.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brooke were J. B. Brooke and Sidney Sackett, Lorene Beeler, and the Brown Brookes and Jeffery who visited Monday night and had supper. Jeffery spent the night with his grandparents. He and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brooke had Christmas dinner with the Brown Brooke family when they took him home Saturday.

Christmas Day Darrell Cupps and Ricky had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burlison and boys of Coleman.

Holiday visitors in the home of the L. V. Cupps were Brad Welch of Abilene, Jerry Cupps, Jody Naron, and Bill Williams had Sunday dinner with the Cupps. Also Gladys Haynes visited them.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fleming were Randy and Elaine Brown and Doris Cupps and boys. Charlie and Thelma visited the Kenneth Sikes and family Christmas Day. J. E. and Ovella and Russell also visited them.

Visitors during the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Beulah Fleming and girls were Charlie and Thelma Fleming. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McDaniel and Lynn of Carbon, and J. A. Fleming. Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Max Mappson and Jason of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fleming and baby, her grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Boyet of Amarillo, Phyllis and Eddie Dillard and J. A. Fleming.

Betty Joyce Cupps had Christmas supper and the tree and those there were Janice and Curtis Fellers and Carl and Jerrylyn Wagner and Jason and Aunt Byrdie Miller.

Those visiting the Cecil Ellises over the holidays were Jerry and Cathy Ellis and children, Tammy Ellis of Bellville, Benny and Anita Jarvis and children of Johnson City and Grace Ellis. The Ellises had their Christmas tree Saturday night, and Grace was there, also had Christmas dinner with the group.

Visitors during the holidays in the Casey Herring home were their children and grandchildren, David and Pam Morgan and John, Kenneth and Arvella Herring of Michael and Jennie Stewart, Peter and Jeffery of Roswell, N. M., Marty and Kemarie Metz of Odessa, Max of Odessa, Alton and Elizabeth Gillet of Midland, Dale and Carol Herring. All were there except Charlene and family and grandchildren Danny and Fay Gipson and Daniel of Odessa. Friday Casey visited Etheleen Stewart and Ima Herring. He also dropped by Pearl Arnold and Maggie Herrings. J. E. and Ovella Williams and Russell also visited Christmas Eve.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Ruby Howard were Mrs. Norlene Jones and George Howard who ate dinner with Ruby Wednesday. Joe and Inez Morrow came by Thursday afternoon. They had been to Melvin to visit his parents. They took Ruby and Mrs. Bessie Parish to Zephyr to eat supper and have the Christmas tree and shoot fire works. Tom and Bobbie Howard brought the ladies home. The Tom Howards and Ruby had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Parish and after dinner they visited the V. H. Russells.

Holiday visitors in the A. C. Pierce home were Mr. and Mrs. James Felton and baby, Troy Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Pierce. Casey and Billy Don visited Friday evening, and Sue McCarrall visited Friday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Evans over the holidays were Mrs. Winnie Haynes, Linda Evans of Austin, Dana and Lavanda Evans and Ariel of Kemper, and Bud Evans of Santa Anna. Annie Laura York visited Mrs. Haynes Christmas Day.

For the Christmas holidays the Bruce Hibbetts had as visitors Barton and JoAnn Goodwin and boys of Brownwood, Charlie and Kathleen Avants and family, Marty and Vickie Avants and family, Mike and Lynn Stephenson and children. Buddy Bengie of Brownwood, Timmy and Tracy and Tammy Chapman of Abilene, Christmas Day Warren Bruce and Joe Wallace visited Bruce and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore went to Hurst Friday to join in the Christmas holiday with the Melvin Pollocks and family and Terry Moore of Bedford. They returned home Saturday.

Holiday visitors in the home of the V. H. Russells were their children and grandchildren, Larue and Dian Bunn and Vanessa of Gravette, Ark., Sharron and Jim Carter, Cheryl and Cindy of Crosby, also Ronnie Lewellen of Crosby. Also visiting were the J. B. Boyds of Brownwood, Jayna, Bill and Judy Humphrey, Jan and Jennie of Kilgore, Dale and Clarence Proctor of Winters and Pearl Etheridge of Bangs.

Jean Trick and Frank ate Christmas dinner with the J. E. Williams and Russell. Ovella visited Virgil Cupps and Judy Lutes and family of Odessa.

H. B. and Coy Rice of Malakoff came Tuesday to visit the C. E. Wises and be with her mother, Mrs. Ethel Casey, who is in Brownwood Regional Hospital, Room 431. Sandra and Paige of Benton joined them here for Christmas dinner.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Tavy Ford were Mrs. Ida Lee Jackson of Coleman who came Friday afternoon, and Mrs. Sammie LaDoucer of Brownwood came by, and Mrs. Ford went home with her and spent the night. Saturday Tavy spent the day with James and Mildred Ford and family. Mary Jackson and Shelly and Wesley of San Angelo came Sunday afternoon.

Christmas Eve night Mr. and Mrs. John Perry went out to the James Perrys for the Christmas tree. They had all their children and grandchildren there.

Christmas Day visitors at the Bill Lowry home were Lonnie and Nancy Lowry, Gladys Haynes, Sheryl and Phil Phillips of Albuquerque, N. M.

Bubba Swindell, his son and a friend visited Billy Don Cupps Monday night.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hartman were Eddie and Mary Ann Hartman and two sons, Stanley and Judy Hartman and two daughters, Ronnie

and Leanna Hartman and two sons, Harry and Sandra Walker and two sons of Bangs, Daryl and Cindy Boyle, their son and daughter of Bangs.

Those spending the holiday week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kelley were Henry and Brenda Kelley and daughter of San Antonio, Chick and Delores Vaughn and two sons of Porter, Satch and Helen Wright and children of Grand Prairie, and others were Juanita Naron and Vera Wise. The family members all left for home after Christmas dinner Friday except the Vaughns who left Saturday evening. Jennifer Naron came by Friday night, Lawson Battles visited that night, and C. E. Wise visited Monday morning. Satch and Helen Wright came back Monday and will return home Thursday evening.

Visitors during Christmas day in the Lee Ray Huggins home were Phil and Gwen Huggins, Dana and Adam, David Huggins and Amber, Mildred Cammack and Hardon Phillips. Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford were Joe and Frances Ford and three girls of Brownwood, Ted and Diana Ford and tow sons of Lingleville, and Mrs. Tavy Ford. Ted and Diana and boys spent Saturday night with their parents. Sunday after church they went to Eden to visit Tinker and Barbara Dockery and children.

Hardon Phillips visited Bruce Alsbrook Monday. Those visiting over the holidays with Virgil Cupps were Robert and Judy Lutes, Angie and Sally of Odessa, Royce Cupps of Stephenville.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Watson were Tommy Watson and Wynndi, Bill and Bernidine Watson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Guffey and Pad of Las Cruces, N. M. Miti Barnett and baby of Coleman.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Naron were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Naron and Trey of Merkel, Jennifer and Jody Naron of Tarleton State.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Joe Wallace and Warren Bruce were Jimmy and Denise Purcell, Jay and Crystal of Highland, Barton Lee and JoAnn Goodwin, Mike, Mark and Mathew of Brownwood.

Hope you all had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For our weather this Monday night - Clear and cold.

Winter Driving Hazards

Snow and ice make winter driving hazardous; however they should not be regarded as an excuse for an accident, according to Wendell Rehm, Safety Education Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety. It is the duty of all drivers to recognize and adjust to any adverse driving situation, Rehm said.

Two of the main causes of winter accidents are reduced visibility and loss of traction.

The old established saying of "Don't be a peephole driver" should be taken to heart. Until the heater and defroster warm enough to clear your windshield you will have traveled several miles with reduced visibility. Rehm said, "Be fair to yourself and others by clearing all of your windshields so you can recognize hazards when they first appear."

After your windshield is clear, it is just as important to keep it clear. Make certain your heater-defroster is working properly before the need arises. Make sure you have good wiper blades on your automobile at all times, Rehm said.

At slower speeds, the grip between your tires and the road's surface is increased. If the road surface is wet and the temperature is at or near the freezing mark, expect ice to be on bridges and overpasses. Ice will form there much sooner than it will on other sections of the roadway, Rehm said.

Reduce your speed well in advance of any intersection. Anticipate the light up ahead turning red at the last moment and then you would be ready to stop. If the roadway is icy and the

vehicle approaching on the side street begins to slide, you may be able to stop and avoid the collision. Never slam on your brakes on icy pavement. Pump your brakes gently to bring your vehicle to a stop to prevent a skid.

Stay well back of the car ahead of you. According to Rehm it takes from three to 12 times more distance to bring your vehicle to a stop on snow or ice than on dry pavement.

Remember, caution is the best defense against weather, in starting as well as stopping, Rehm added.

Rehm said, "Drivers should not hesitate to turn on the headlights of their vehicles. Too often drivers think only of their headlights as providing them with the ability to see, but they should also think of them with providing them with the ability to be seen."

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Ranger Park Inn News

We are so happy to have Mrs. May Henderson make her home with us.

Gertrude Williams, Blanche Harris, Dorothy, Tommy and Elgean Harris have visited Mabel Burrage over the holidays.

Mrs. Burrage spent Christmas Day with her children, the Elgean Harris family, and was with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Holcombe, in Coleman on Sunday. A brother, James Harvey of Kingsland, also visited on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Watson visited his mother, Ima Watson, on Christmas.

Mary Baker's visitors have been Ann Stiles, Blanche Grantham and Lillian Herndon.

The movie, "Me and Dad's New Wife," was enjoyed by the residents Thursday afternoon.

The residents enjoyed the singing Tuesday evening. Thanks to Bro. and Mrs. P. A. Lindley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Nolen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis of Bangs visited his mother, Mrs. Pearl Lewis.

Residents of Ranger Park Inn express thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped in any way to make this a better and happier place to live. Happy New Year!

Visiting with Zula Burton of Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hubbard Jr., Brad, Todd and Ryan of Early.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rider, Kevin, Sonia, Erica and Brent of Claude visited with Willie Rider.

Tommy and Janette Culpepper and Jonny Davis of Houston visited her mother, Claudia Davis.

Ethel Matthews spent Christmas with her daughter, Jeanette and Blackie Brock, and Mavis Satterfield at Thrifty. Others visiting with her were Duane Matthews, her son, and a friend, Fay Hollaway of Fort Worth, Jeanette and Scooter

John Watson spent Christmas with his sister, Pauline and Lee Brown, in Coleman.

Tucker of Big Spring, and C. D. Leach of Azle.

Brenda Reno of Odessa, Billie Joyce and Leahsia Perry of Santa Anna visited their grandmother, Allie Woodard.

Cynthia Lewis and Jason were visitors at the Inn during the weekend.

Allene Gassiot, Marie Britton and Irene Ryan visited Mary Miller.

Visiting with Maude McCarrall were LaWanda Clark, Carole and Pamela of San Marcos, Stephanie Morgan, Edmond McCarell, Edwina Wilcoxin, Ronnie and Cherry McCarell, Amy and Justin, all of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd and Lizzie Williams of Coleman visited Mary Brooker, Lillie Knotts and Annie Barrington.

Visiting during the holidays with Pearl Abernathy and Susie Snider were Mr. and Mrs. John Hix, Adelle Vinson, Selma Hasserdt, Sarah Barnett, Allene Gassiot, Lillie Box, Leta Parker, Marie Britton, Herman Estes, Julian Kelley, Gladys Hunter, Irene Ryan, D. W. Davis, Tommy Davis and Jan Culpepper.

Those visiting Ollie Estes have been her sons, Herman and Vernon of Bovina, and Donnie of Brownwood, also grandsons, Kenneth Estes and Lance of Lubbock.

Nancy and Debra Bodine took her mother, Nancy Menges, to Portales, N. M. to visit her sister, Lillie Belle Kalasek, and niece, Jimmie Louise, over the Christmas holidays.

Jay McCoy spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hipp and family.

Johanne Simpson spent the holidays with his children in Bangs.

Effie Smith was in Midland with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, for Christmas.

John Watson spent Christmas with his sister, Pauline and Lee Brown, in Coleman.

Bobby Keeney spent Christmas in Coleman with his father, Robert Keeney.

Laytha Haggard of Austin was here to visit her mother, Cleo Moon, at Christmas. A niece, Sue Moredock, also visited.

Ima Boenicke had a number of visitors during the holidays. They included Mr. and Mrs. Newt Cooper and Bro. Ruben Packer of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzgerald, Kenneth Fitzgerald, Mrs. Carl Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hickey, all of Bangs; Mary Boenicke, Pam Anderson and Casey and Liz Siller of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. David Acenado and Casey Ann of Victoria.

Harold and Lucille Paschal of Winters visited their grandmother, Mary Hoffman.

Those visiting Mary Cruger have been her children, Velma and Willard Hinkle of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sauveur, Amy and Jeff of Llano, Mr. and Mrs. Plezz Turnbow, DeAnna and David of McKinney, Curtis Franklin of Abilene and Joe and Mary Hazelwood of Irving.

Lois Teague of Brownwood, Joyce Krause of Winters and Karen Walker of Pecos visited their sister-in-law and aunt, Pearl Lewis.

Visiting Bessie Thomas have been grandchildren, Wayne and Donna Morgan of Houston, Kevin and Jonie Morgan and son of Weatherford, Laverne Simmons and Doris Morgan of Santa Anna, Shirley Crawford of Lampasas, Karen Simmons of Dallas, and Linda Simmons of Littlefield.

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First Rock Building Constructed in Santa Anna

The Stockard Building

Work is almost complete on the exterior of the Stockard Building in downtown Santa Anna and a great deal of interest has been shown in the new awning and sign.

The bright new sign reads "W. R. Kelley & Co." which is a copy of the original one.

Jim Laubhan, owner of the building, used an early

photo - thought to be from the 1890's - for the restoration. The old photo shows several horses and buggies, and even a cow, in the street near the building. A large sign on the side of the building reads W. R. Kelley & Co., Dealers in General Merchandise (& Bankers), and at the rear, L. V. Stockard, Land & Ins. Office.

On the back of the old photo is written, "Kelley Hardware in front; Stockard Land Office in rear; Opera House upstairs."

In her book, "Into the Setting Sun" by Beatrice Grady Gay, she wrote that W. R. Kelley came to Santa Anna from Brownwood in 1889 and established a

general mercantile business and organized and operated a private bank which was the only kind of bank in Coleman County at that time. The Kelleys were in business in Santa Anna for over 50 years, in later years moving to the building where Bailey Lumber and Supply was most recently located.

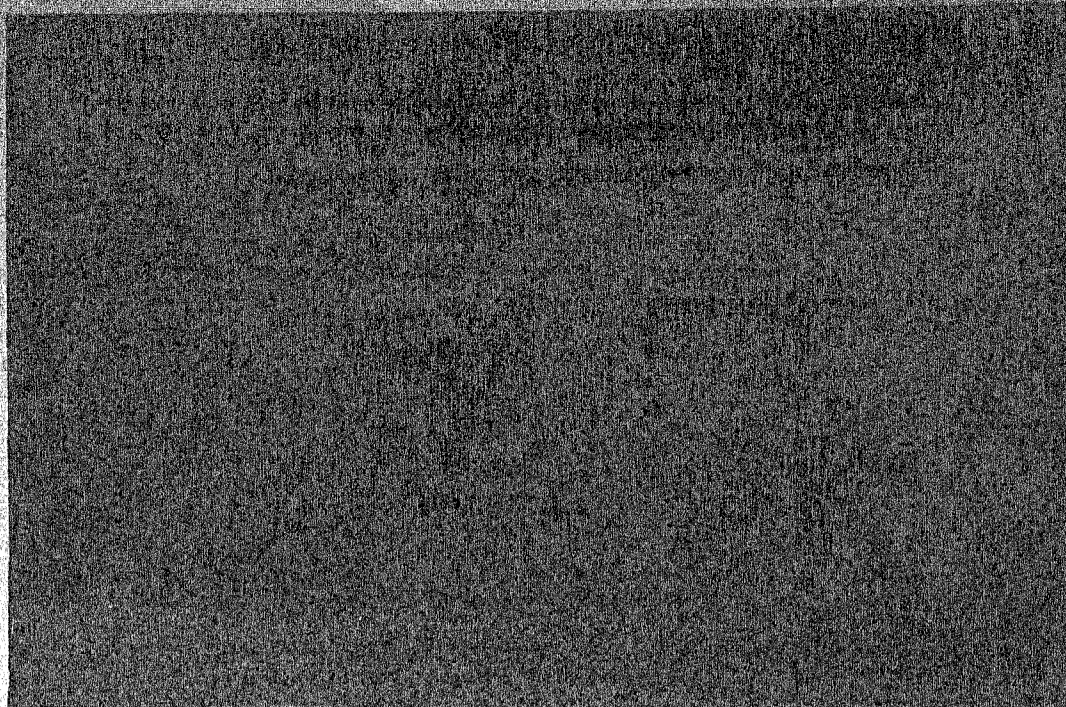
The Stockard Building was the first rock structure in Santa Anna, built soon after the Santa Fe Railroad came through town in 1888. The pressed metal trim on the building is inscribed with the patent date of 1867.

Laubhan, owner of Art Fabrics and a Santa Anna City Council member, bought the building several years ago and has gradually restored it. An antique shop was housed there briefly, and now it is available to what ever business might find it attractive and convenient.

Mrs. John Hunter told of the local landmark in her book, "Historically Speaking: Coleman County, Texas". Besides the earliest businesses, the Masonic Lodge met in the upstairs portion at one time, and Opera House was frequently used.

C. A. Walker had a drugstore downstairs, and in the World War II days it housed a pool hall. Latest use was as storage by Santa Anna Tile Co.

Regardless of the use of the old building, the renovation has helped the appearance of the entire area and is appreciated by those who enjoy the architecture and charm of earlier years.



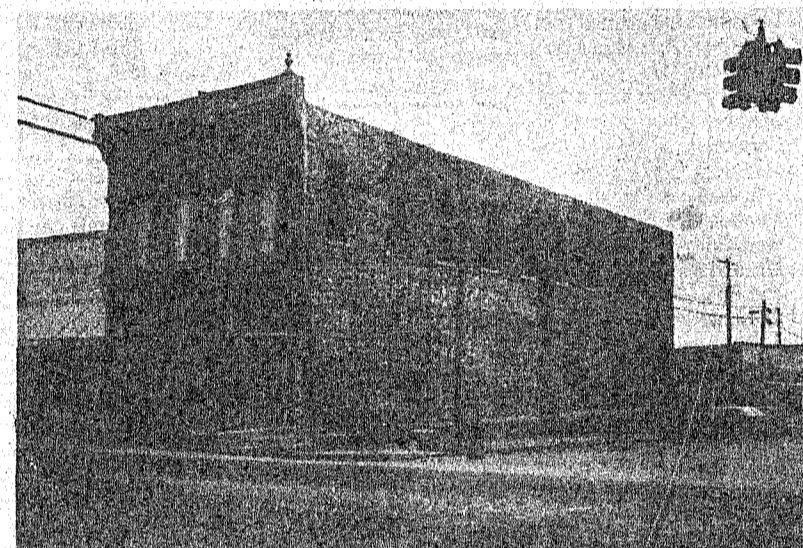
W. R. KELLEY & CO. is shown here in a 1907 photo. The ornate awning and sign had been replaced and a concrete porch constructed. Employees identified include, second from left, Otho Kelley, Charles Oakes, Eron Boyd, W. R. Kelley, Mrs. Laird, unidentified,

Josie Baxter, two unidentified, and V. L. Grady, far right. Grady is in front of the door leading to the W. R. Kelley Bank upstairs which was later the start of First National Bank. (Photos courtesy of Gwendolyn Walker)



COPY OF ORIGINAL SIGN on the Stockard Building was painted by Jack Knowles of Lake Brownwood, shown here after putting the finishing touches

on the inscription. The awning was also reproduced to match the original structure.



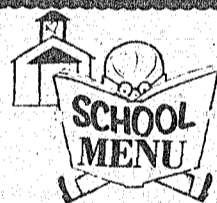
BEFORE THE RENOVATION the old Stockard Building had been abandoned and neglected for several years. Rock masons are shown here in the early

stages of the work as they put mortar between the rocks. The building has been a Santa Anna landmark since the late 1880's.

Santa Anna

January 4 - 7

MONDAY- School Holiday



HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allison were in San Angelo for the Christmas weekend in the home of their daughter and family, Joy and George Gehring. Joining them there were the granddaughters, Larry and Bennie Jean Keisling, Lyndee and Leslee of Eden and Allison Gehring of San Angelo.

The Allisons were in Eden recently where the Keislings entertained with a birthday party honoring Mr. Allison and Lyndee Keisling. Mr. Allison enjoyed the party and received many nice cards and gifts.

TUESDAY- Corn dogs with catsup, pork and beans, potato salad, plain cake and milk
WEDNESDAY- Enchilada casserole, Mexican salad, crackers, poaches and milk
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