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BLOCKED SHOT A Bangs player blocks a shot by Doug Warnock in the recent game in Bangs. The Mountaineers lost 47-44 to the Dragons.

Teams Lose to Bangs In Recent Games

Santa Anna basketball teams will be idle for the next two weeks, taking advantage of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

In recent games for the High School teams, the boys and girls have won one and lost one.

In Bangs on Tuesday of last week, the Lady Mountaineers lost 52-41 to the host team, with Connie Culpepper scoring 27 points and having 10 rebounds. Yolanda Kirven scored four and also had 10 rebounds for the local team.

The Junior Varsity girls won over the Bangs team 27-24. Sheri Gunter led the local scoring with 12 points.

In the December 16 game with Blanket, Connie Culpepper led the Varsity squad to a 33-17 victory, scoring 16 points and getting 10 rebounds. Kirven led with 15 rebounds.

The varsity squad has a 9-2 record this season, both losses to the Bangs girls.

The Mountaineers, who are also having a good season, lost for the second time this season to the Dragons last week, 47-44. John Casey scored 12 points to lead the local team, with Paulie Vasquez scoring 10.

The boys Jayvees also lost 40-38 to the Dragon squad, with Ike Garza

scoring 24 points for the SAHS team.

The District competition starts Tuesday, January 3, when Santa Anna hosts the Talpa teams at Perry Gymnasium, the games starting at 6:30 p.m.

S-Anna Postmaster Retires After 20 Years Service

John C. Gregg, Santa Anna Postmaster for the past 20 years, retired this week. Succeeding him as Officer in Charge at the Santa Anna Post Office is Clifford (Cliff) Graham of Coleman. Graham will serve here until a permanent Postmaster is named by the Postal Service.

Gregg was appointed to the Postmaster position in March 1963, succeeding the late Lee Strother.

A Santa Anna native, Gregg is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg, long time owners and publisher of the Santa Anna News with whom he worked since childhood.

After graduating from Santa Anna High School in 1938 Gregg worked in the newspaper business in Coleman, Midlothian and Ranger, and was working in Tucuman, New Mexico when he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force at the beginning of World War II.

Gregg served at Chanute Field in Illinois and at Randolph Field in San

Antonio before serving in the South Pacific theatre, a period of almost five years.

Upon his return to Santa Anna in July 1945, he took over operation of The Santa Anna News, continuing as publisher and editor until receiving the appointment as Postmaster.

He married the former Billie Mercer of Coleman in 1947. She assisted in the newspaper business and continued as advertising manager and bookkeeper until 1975.

Gregg is a long-time member of Santa Anna Lions Club, having served in almost every office and maintaining a perfect attendance record for many years. He and Mrs. Gregg are members of Northside Baptist Church.

The Greggs are parents of three children, Darlene Pirrello of Carson, California, Juanell Stiles and John W. Gregg of Coleman, and they have nine grandchildren.

Retirement for the former Postmaster will include fishing and gardening, and spending as much



JOHN C. GREGG

time as possible at the couple's cabin at Lake Brownwood.

Mr. Graham, a native of the Midland area, has been with the U. S. Postal Service for ten years, having worked in Mail Classification in Midland until being transferred to Coleman last year as Superintendent of Postal Operations. He and his wife are parents of three children and will maintain their home in Coleman while he is working in the local office.

WTU Rate Increase Starts on January 1

Electric rates in Santa Anna - and much of the surrounding area - will increase about January 1. The retail rate increase totaling \$12 million annually was recently granted West Texas Utilities Company by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The overall increase amounts to 5.1 percent, much less than the 11 percent the Company had requested. WTU had asked for \$25.6 million in its request to the cities and the PUC.

The exact amounts assigned to various customer classifications and the effective date of the new rates awaits PUC approval of rate tariffs which will be filed early next week.

Interim rate hikes had already been charged to customers in 32 of the WTU cities, meaning those customers will be receiving refunds and will see their rates lowered slightly for a few months. Santa Anna City Council denied the initial rate increase and no interim rate was charged, therefore they will have no refund and the new rates will go into effect as planned.

Approximate effects of the rates

changes on a typical residential customer's bill are as follows, based on 600 kilowatt-hours of electric usage and including fuel costs:

Proposed rate _____ \$46.85
Present rate _____ \$44.16
Increase _____ \$2.69 (6.1 percent)

Interim rates were placed in effect October 22 in 32 cities within the WTU area, giving them an approximate \$2.71 per month credit until the interim payment is refunded. However 30 cities had denied the rate increase proposed by WTU and their cases had been appealed to the PUC. This group included Santa Anna.

News Office Closed For the Holidays

The Santa Anna News office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week for the holiday weekend. The office will open as usual on Monday, December 26.

Livestock Assn. To Elect Officers Monday Night

A meeting of the Santa Anna Livestock Association has been called for Monday, December 26, at the Vocational Agriculture Building. All interested persons are requested to attend the meeting to make plans for the 1984 Santa Anna Livestock Show.

Donald Strickland is president of the group, and parents of all local 4-H and FFA members have a special invitation to attend. Fund raising for the association will be discussed, officers elected and committees appointed for the January 14 stock show.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Open House Set At S-Anna Bank

A special open house will be held Friday, December 23, at Santa Anna National Bank from 10 a.m. until noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Everyone in the community is invited to go by to visit and enjoy refreshments and plenty of Christmas cheer with officers and employees of the local bank



MAURICE CASTILLO AND JAMES BASS

Area Super Team Includes Two From Santa Anna

Two Santa Anna football players received honors on Thursday, December 15, when they were

recognized at the All Central Tex. Super Team banquet and program in Brownwood.

James Bass, a senior at Santa Anna High School and a recent All-District selection in Class A, was named to the first team as linebacker. He was presented a trophy and certificate. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bass.

Maurice Castillo, also a senior and District 8-A choice, was named to the second team and awarded a certificate as an outstanding defensive lineman. Maurice is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Castillo.

Sponsored by The Early Bank, outstanding football players from the central Texas area were recognized at the banquet. Brownwood coach Gordon Wood was speaker.

Accompanying the young men were their parents and other friends and relatives.

The annual event was held at the Travelers Steak House in Early and attended by several hundred athletes, coaches and others.

Brief ISD Meeting Held Last Week

The Santa Anna Independent School District Board of Trustees had a meeting Tuesday, December 13, that probably set a record for brevity.

Polly Warnock, vice president, led the session in the absence of Donnie Neff, president.

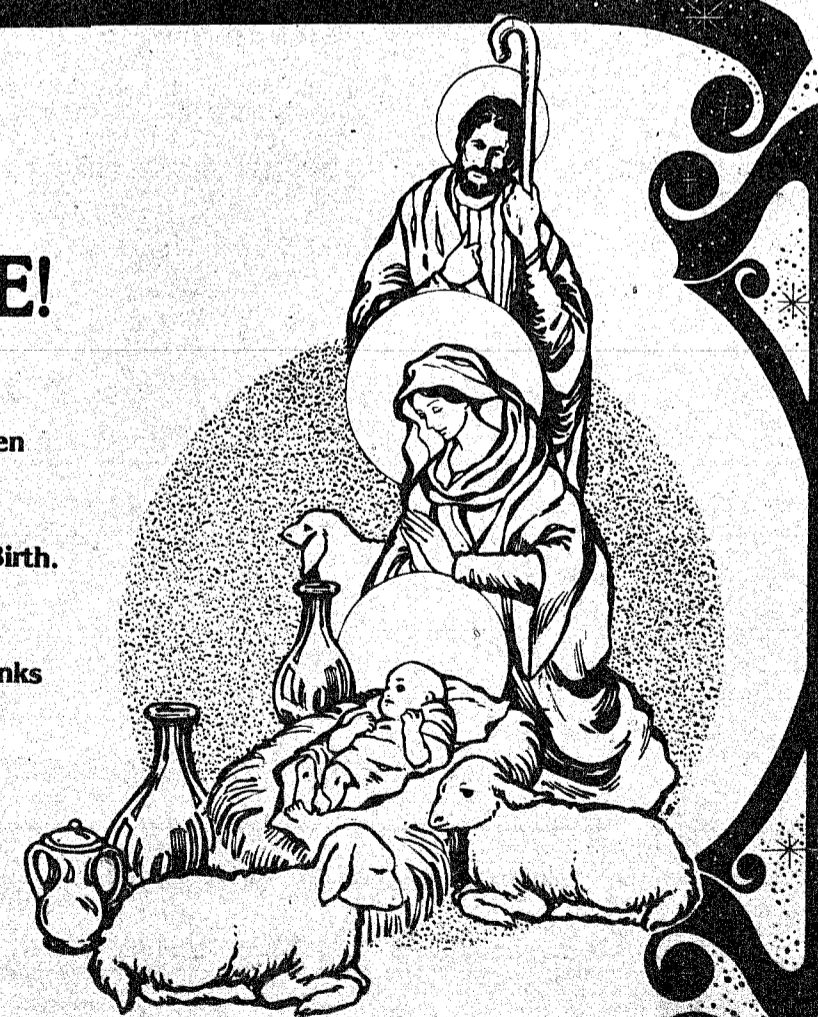
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and bills and accounts for the month were reviewed and approved for payment.

Holidays Set For Christmas

Santa Anna school students were dismissed for the holidays at the end of school Wednesday. They will return to classes on Tuesday, January 2.

The first semester of school was completed this week, with examinations given Tuesday and Wednesday.

Teachers will report for duty on Monday, January 2, for a workday.



REJOICE!

A Blessed Spirit touches heaven
and earth recalling a
miraculous story of Love and Birth.

In reverence we pray
for your happiness and say thanks
for the gift of your friendship.

From the Staff
At
The Santa Anna News



Mountain Echoes
By Barbara Kingsbery

Although Winter officially starts today, WINTER arrived last weekend. And it arrived in style. Like temperatures at the ten degree level.

Seldom do we have such cold weather in December, and few were ready for such a change.

There was very little moisture with the cold spell other than light snow. Some church services and programs were cancelled by the cold weather, but school was held as usual this week.

Several businesses are making plans to be closed next Monday, December 26, for an extra holiday, and there will be no mail service of any kind at the local Post Office on Monday, December 26 or January 2.

Local people should make note of the holiday schedule in our community.

With very few events and activities going on in town during the next week, we'll depend on personal news for the next edition of the paper.

Be sure to call or come by the office with news of your visitors or out of town trips to be included in the December 29 issue. Our office will be open as usual on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

S-Anna FFA Group Sausage Sales Leader

One lucky Santa Anna FFA member will receive a belated Christmas gift - the result of outstanding salesmanship of a recent FFA fund raising project. The Santa Anna FFA Chapter was one of 14 groups who will receive a Honda A.T.C 110 three-wheeler cycle as a reward for outstanding sales of

RECOVERING WELL
Mrs. Ruby Stephenson was dismissed from the Coleman hospital this week and transferred to a convalescent home in Austin, near her daughter and family, Mrs. Charles Scarborough and family. Mrs. Stephenson was injured in an accident recently but is recovering well and will be back at home when the broken bones heal.

Tal-Cen Voters Reject ISD Bond Proposal

Voters in the Talpa-Centennial Independent School District rejected the proposed \$1.2 million bond issue by a vote of 177 to 94 recently.

Voters in the Centennial box favored the proposal 82 - 67, but those in Talpa voted against by a count of 110 to 12. Sixty-eight percent of the eligible voters were said to have participated in the election on Saturday, December 10.

The proposal was to build a new high school building at the Centennial campus, located a few miles north of Valera, and renovate the other two structures there and tie the three buildings

together into one large facility.

The proposed project would call for the closing of the Talpa facilities.

Under the present system, the elementary students in the school district attend school at the Centennial campus; junior high and high school students attend classes at the Talpa campus, 13 miles away.

The proposal for one campus was favored by the School Board over renovating both campuses or abandoning both and building completely new school facilities at another location.

City Police Report

High School Principal Gerald Brister reported an apparent burglary of the school building Wednesday, December 14. Mr. Brister said that someone entered the typing classroom and stole a grey metal cash box from a desk.

Chief Russ Ellis said the loss was estimated at \$30 in cash, plus some damage to the desk lock.

An employee of Allsup's convenience store reported the loss of a ring of keys Thursday, December 15. Danny Shubert said someone apparently took them from a counter while he was working. He said

there were two car keys and one house key on the ring, plus a small calculator. The loss was valued at \$20.

Chief Ellis reports only one traffic accident in Santa Anna following the snowfall on Friday. A 1974 Chevy pickup, driven by 18-year-old Richard D. Wilkes of Irving, went out of control and slid into the guard rail on the overpass on U. S. Highway 67 on the west end of town. No one was injured and damage was estimated at \$400.

Mr. Ellis wishes all our residents a safe and happy Christmas weekend.

Retirement Plan Chosen For Tax Dist. Employees

A retirement system for employees of the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District was approved at the Monday, December 12, meeting of the Board of Directors. Kemper Insurance Co. and Data Plan Employee Benefit Plan of

Austin was selected to go into effect on January 1, 1983 for the full-time employees of the District.

Harold Pittard, chairman, presided at the monthly session at the Tax District office in Coleman last week.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and bills and accounts were reviewed for payment.

Chief Appraiser John Skelton reported that the 1983 tax collections were 53 percent completed for entities for which the district collects.

Skelton announced that there will soon be an on-site review of property by representatives of the State Tax Board in compliance with regulations.

Collection contracts for the taxing entities will be revised and updated, according to Mr. Skelton.

Attending the meeting were all members of the Board of Directors. The next session will be Monday, January 9.

Corn Gold Sausage. The local chapter sold 1,000 pounds of sausage during the recent fund raising project. Approximately 100 schools qualified for the drawing, with 14 three-wheelers given away. After the Christmas holidays, the names of the seven top Santa Anna salespersons will be placed "in a hat" and the winner of the cycle drawn. Scott Patterson, FFA Advisor, said there are six boys and one girl in the group, with names to be announced prior to the drawing. The cycle awards are made periodically by the company, and the local chapter may participate when another sausage sale is held.

Safety Urged by Motorists During Weekend

Holiday Traffic Watch

The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated that 51 persons will be killed on Texas Streets and highways during the Christmas holidays. The estimate is based upon previous holiday death statistics and the number of hours during which motorists are anticipated to travel.

"Last year, 44 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the actual holiday period. However, persons injured in various accidents across the state brought the final death toll to 52," said Colonel Jim Adams, director of the DPS.

Adams said while Texas is experiencing a significant decrease in traffic deaths statewide this year, the holidays can reflect a deadly time for motorists.

"As of noon Friday, December 16, we had an 11 percent reduction in traffic deaths, and that is 412 fewer people killed. We attribute this to increased DWI enforcement, widespread attention to the drinking driver and a renewed effort by drivers to obey traffic laws."

The DPS director said that holiday weekends

are dangerous times to travel as volume of traffic increases. Also some drivers insist upon drinking and driving and others who exceed speed limits.

DPS statistics show that DWI and speed are the two main factors contributing to traffic accidents in Texas. Additional troopers will be on duty to assist motorists and be watchful for the drunken driver and those who speed, Adams added.

Col. Adams praised local police authorities for their work in reducing the traffic death toll and applauded the various local programs to help keep the drinking driver from getting behind the wheel.

The DPS "Operation Motorcade" program begins at 6 p.m. Friday, December 23, and ends 78 hours later at midnight on Monday, December 26. The program is designed to inform motorists of the number of traffic deaths occurring during the holiday in an attempt to increase public awareness of the dangers of holiday driving.

JHS Teams Have Games

The Santa Anna Junior High basketball teams will return from the holidays and take part in a JHS tournament January 5 - 7 at Bangs. The boys and girls teams will participate in the event.

In recent games with the Brownwood Eighth Grade teams, the boys lost 43 - 31 with Corey Tuttle and Paul Anderson each scoring eight points.

The girls team also lost to the Brownwood team 28 - 22 with Teresa Bates scoring 14 for the local girls.

In other games last week, the Novice JHS boys won 43 - 35 over Santa Anna, with Reece McIver scoring 10 points and Paul Anderson scoring nine.

Diana Castillo led the JHS girls to their 20 - 17 victory over the Novice girls, scoring 15 points.

S-Annans' Granddaughter 1984 Junior Rodeo Queen

Sabrina Avants, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Avants of Gouldbusk and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts of Santa Anna, has been chosen Coleman County Junior Rodeo Association Queen. She will serve as Queen at the 1984

Junior Rodeo in August. Sabrina is a student at Mozelle High School.

Junior officers elected at the November 21 meeting include Danny Allen, president; Donny Allen, vice president; Cheryl Brooks, secretary; Bryan Griffin, treasurer; and D. J. Bollinger, arena director.

Senior officers are Jerry Allen, president; Charles Bollinger, vice president; Kay Hubbard, secretary; Dwight Janny, treasurer; and Roy Alexander, arena director. Senior directors are Tommy White, Rusty Ryan and Max Jamison. Junior directors include



SABRINA AVANTS
Dwin Nanny, Dee McClure, Melissa Hargett, Jennifer Jamison and Wesley Crye.

Water Service Disrupted Here

Much of the town was without water Tuesday, the result of a break in an eight-inch main on Wallis Avenue. Water service was disrupted from about 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in most areas of the city.

Pat Rutherford, City Secretary, said Wednesday that the breaks in the water lines can be expected during severely cold weather as the soil shifts as it freezes and later thaws, causing the pipes to break.

Santa Anna residents are encouraged to draw up water in case of a break in the neighborhood.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Out of town friends and relatives attending the service for Alice Gilbert Rode were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knox of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Penney of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Box of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moore Jr., Nina and Wendy of San Antonio, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Gipson of San Antonio and Mrs. Virginia Moore Driver of Denver, Colo.

Others were Luther Talley and Kimberly of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rode, Bruce Boyer and Denise English of Houston, Mrs. Morris Straughan of Conroe and Scott Ropp of Spring.

HERE FOR PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hancock and children and Mrs. Leta Parker were visitors in town last Thursday and Friday. They attended the Christmas party at Ranger Park Inn with Mrs. Pearl Abernathy, a resident there, and visited with friends in the community.

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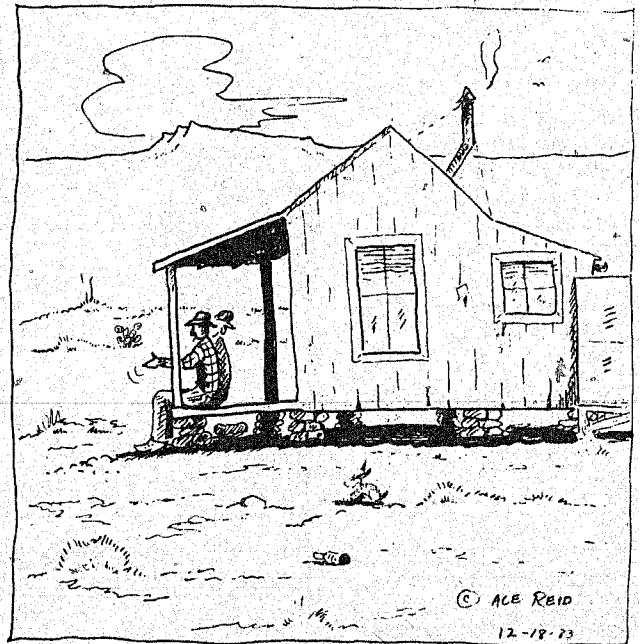


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By Ace Reid

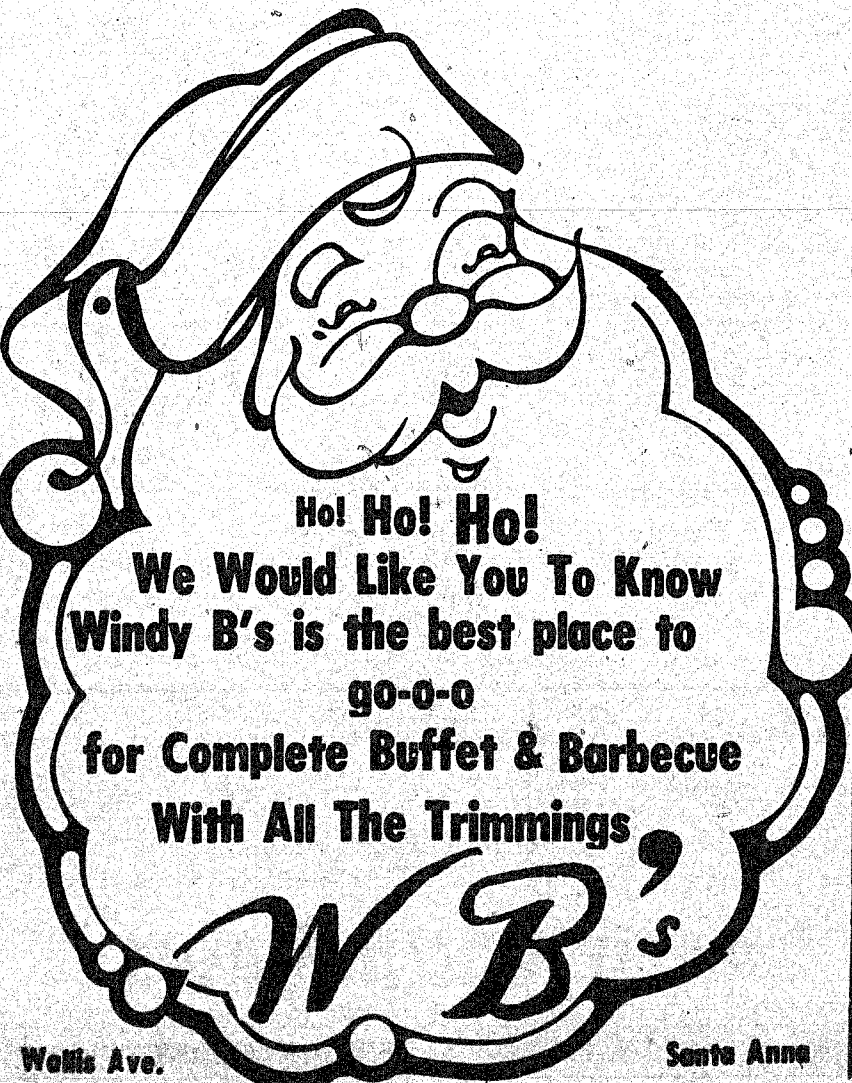


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Husband of Former S-Annan Named to Southwest Texas Post

SAN MARCOS- Gordon McCullough, sports information director at Southwest Texas State University since 1970, has been named associate athletic director. McCullough will continue to serve as SID.

McCullough is a native of Coleman and a 1960 graduate of Coleman High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh McCullough of Coleman.

He will assume administrative responsibility for the athletic department's development projects, including the Bobcat Club and special events, the operation of Strahan Coliseum and continue supervision of the sports information operation.

"Gordon has been moving more and more into the administrative part of our program," Athletic Director Bill Miller said, "and he will provide administrative support for men in all aspects of our program."

SWT, which has completed more than \$14 million in new athletic facilities in the last three

years, including a 14,500-seat stadium and a 7,200-seat coliseum, will move into Division I of the NCAA in 1984 and Miller said, "McCullough will assist in planning, evaluation and implementation of department policies as our program grows."

The Bobcats have put together one of the best college division athletic programs in recent years as members of the Lone Star Conference. Since 1979, SWT has won five national championships - two in football, one in golf and two in tennis. The Bobcats have also finished second in NCAA Division II tennis in 1983 and second in golf in 1982 before winning the title in 1983. The 'Cats have won an unprecedented four straight LSC all-sports championships. Also, since 1979, SWT has won 13 LSC titles - five in tennis, four in football, and two each in golf and basketball.

SWT has put together the best college football record in the nation in the '80s, winning 44 or 50 games and



GORDON McCULLOUGH

four straight LSC crowns.

McCullough, 41, also served as assistant professor of journalism at SWT until 1977 when he became a full-time member of the athletic staff.

He is married to the former Linda Sudderth of Santa Anna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Turney. The McCulloughs have a daughter, Denise, a sophomore student at SWT.

ESA Sorority Program On Holiday Decorations

Cindy Tuttle was hostess for the Monday, December 12, meeting of the Delta Omicron Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Jan Keel was guest speaker for the Lone Star Gas Christmas program, showing holiday packaging and sharing recipes and ideas for Christmas.

During the business meeting, appreciation was expressed for the help that made the Christmas pageant a success. Over \$400 was raised for the

sorority projects from the event.

Attending the meeting were Donna Bradley, Jo Ashworth, Betty Lewis, Bernidine Watson, Deborah Vance, Betty Martin, Lois Ann Harper, Cindy Tuttle, Geneva Garrett, Patti Musick, Gail Horner, Gay Nell Martin, Darla Otts, Gayle Stewardson, Becky Martin, Debra Boyet, Darla Beal, Pam Morgan, Coyita Bowker, Susie Voss, Ruth Ann Wise, Sharon Greenlee and Debbie Dean.

Rockwood Methodists Enjoy Supper Party

The Methodist Church folks met at the Rockwood Community Center Saturday evening, December 17, for a covered dish Christmas supper. All appreciated and enjoyed the Christmas decorations at the Center.

Mr. McCutcheon gave the invocation before the meal.

The Rev. Vaughn Baker, pastor, conducted a Christmas worship service,

followed by a group discussion and expressions of regret the pastor is moving to another assignment.

Gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree, to the pleasure of all.

Attending were Dr. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McSwain, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whittenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCutcheon.

Rites Held Wednesday For Leo Deal

Funeral services were held at Henderson Funeral Chapel Wednesday afternoon, December 21, for Leo E. Deal, 84, who died Monday, December 19, in Ranger Park Inn nursing home. The Rev. Ricky McClatchy, pastor of Rockwood Baptist Church,

officiated at the services, with interment in the Rockwood Cemetery.

Mr. Deal was born in Brown County September 6, 1899, the son of the late William and Annie (McMinn) Deal. He was reared in the Rockwood community and attended the Rockwood schools and was a retired stockfarmer. He had resided in Santa Anna since 1981.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. Ruby French of Bangs; one brother, R. J. Deal of Rockwood; and a number of nieces and nephews.

VISITING IN S-ANNA

Mrs. Jim (Annelle) Clark of Larsen, Wisconsin arrived last week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Vera Shield. She will spend the winter with her mother.

STILL IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lillian Herndon is still in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She has been a patient there for several weeks and is still very ill.

accompanied Mrs. Kenny Day who sang several Christmas selections, concluding with "O Holy Night."

Mrs. J. W. McClellan read the selection, "Let's Keep Christmas" by the late Peter Marshall.

Members of the club brought gifts to be distributed to shut-ins or friends in the community who were not taking part in other Christmas activities. The meeting and party were attended by 18 members.

The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday, January 11, in the home of Mrs. Hardy Blue, with Mrs. Ethel Williams as co-hostess.

VISITING FAMILY

Mrs. Louise McCaughan left early this week for Del Rio where she will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Betty Ann Henderson, and family.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Christmas dinner guests in the Darwin Lovelady home on Sunday were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randel Lovelady, Stephanie, Melanie and Alicia, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Corkey Dupree and Chad, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bequette, Erin and Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bearden and Matt, all of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bearden of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Minica of Blanket and Juanita Minica of Santa Anna.

Matt is an exchange student from Sweden, staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bearden of Brownwood.

Horner Family Gathers for Christmas

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Horner met for their annual Christmas get-together on Saturday, December 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Horner in Santa Anna.

The historic home that formerly belonged to the Lee Hunter family was decorated in traditional Christmas style, with the Christmas tree decorated in red using poinsettias, apples and velvet ribbon bows.

An old fashioned wicker basket filled with pine cones centered the dining table that was covered with a red lace cloth. Turkey, dressing, and ham were served with many other homecooked foods and desserts on Saturday night. Family members

gathered around the Christmas tree for the gift exchange and visiting during the evening.

Those present were the host couple and their children, Rita, Heather and Shawn Kerr of Abilene, Gary Horner of Waxahachie, Don, Teresa and Shelly Carter of Santa Anna; Dennis and Nadine Smith of Hobbs, N. M. and their grandchildren, Sherry Smith of Edmond, Okla. and Mark Smith and his wife of San Antonio;

Emmett and Vada Smith of Lovington, N. M. and their son, Lee Smith, Scott and Kenneth of Brownfield, W. A. and Vera Byrum of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horner and their son and family, Dickie and Gail Horner, Brandi and Briana of Santa Anna. Joining the family for the

dinner and get-together were Lester and Eufala McCullough of Brownwood and Elton and Bessie McDonald of Santa Anna.

Family members took supper and visited with Katherine Horner, who was unable to attend the get-together due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Manley.



SEASON'S BEST

We wish to everyone a most joyous holiday

Staff of the First Baptist Church

John, Patrick, Edith & Ross

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Each year it means still more, And our gratitude behind it Is warmer than before.

Texas Ranger Motel

Mrs. McCary Hosts Party For Self Culture Club

Mrs. Frank McCary was hostess for the December meeting of the Self Culture Club on Wednesday, December 14. Co-hostess for the Christmas event was Mrs. Jim Spillman.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the McCary home, with refreshments of punch and

coffee served with a large assortment of Christmas candies, cookies, sausage balls and other treats.

Roll call was answered with "The best gift I ever received" or "My most memorable Christmas."

Mrs. Earl Chapman was pianist for group singing of Christmas carols and ac-

Alice Gilbert Rode, 23 Buried Here Saturday

Funeral services were held at First Christian Church in Santa Anna on Saturday, December 17, for Mrs. Alice Gilbert Rode, 23, of Houston, who passed away Wednesday, December 14, in Herman Hospital in Houston after a lengthy illness.

The Rev. Anthony Thibodeaux, pastor, officiated at the services that were directed by Henderson Funeral Home. Burial was in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

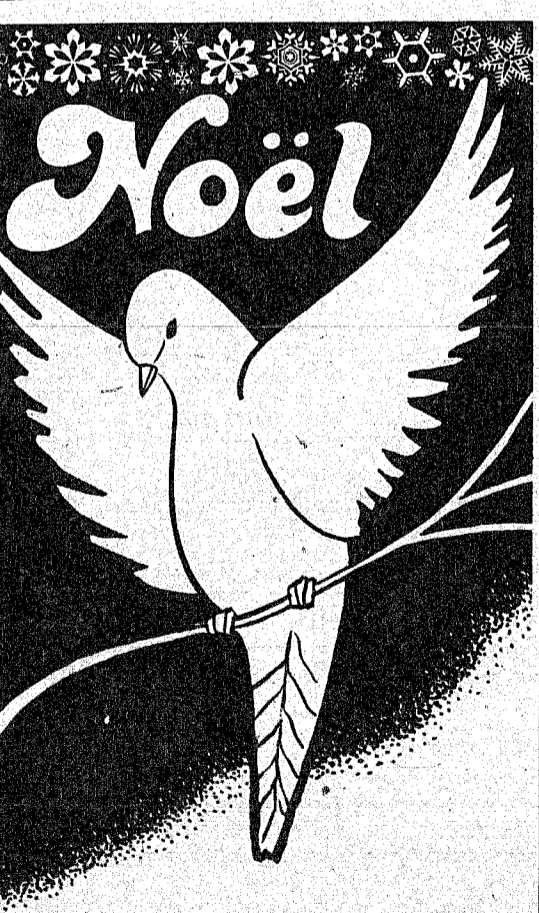
Memorial services were also held December 15 at Earthman's Funeral Chapel in Houston.

Mrs. Rode was born in Andrews July 3, 1960 and

had lived in Houston since early childhood. She married Ronald Rode and was a housewife.

Survivors are her husband; a daughter, Rebecca Lynn Rode, aged three and one-half months; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ropp of Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gilbert of Houston; a brother, Mike Gilbert of Houston; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gilbert, all of Santa Anna; several uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were Richard Rode, Bill Gipson, Michael Gilbert, Scott Ropp, Bob Knox and Bruce Boyer.



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Early Settlers Celebrate the Holiday

Christmas on Home Creek

By Leona Bruce

In September of 1876, Richard and Tye Overall and a small nephew, Ezra, arrived at a 200-acre holding on Home Creek; they came in a wagon drawn by a horse and mule, and leading a pony they had bought for Ezra. The shack which was their new home was a picket hut with a roof of sod and no door at the one opening.

Overall had bought the small place for \$200 in the spring, and had gone to Northern Mexico to buy cattle which were loose-herded by three young men. These were Frank Sharp, nephew of Overall's partners in the ranch, and Charlie Burton and a man named Kelso.

Winter had been early and bitter; the cattle had run before the storm of sleet and rain from the north, and the four men had ridden hard for days, bringing the OS cattle back from the Colorado River and the Brady Mountains time after time. With no shelter and no feed, the cold and hungry herd would drift southward again and again. This blizzard had caused Burton to put up a door, a frozen cowhide, which kept out some of the sleet and rain.

The young men used the

hut for sleeping on their bedrolls, which were rolled up during the day out of the way of the cooking and eating. The Overalls and Ezra had pallets in a small tent which was floored with wide boards, and here they were warm enough under many blankets and comforts.

Coming from Missouri, Richard and Tye Overall had left a small city of prosperous and aristocratic people, many of them their cousins or brothers. Richard had been prosperous as well, and Tye had had a girlhood of ease and pleasure, but after their marriage they had had several financial reverses which had left them penniless. Now they had come to the far frontier where there were opportunities to build an estate and they would be away from the sympathy of their many kin.

With not a house nearer than Brownwood, except the little vacant rock cabin west of the Santa Anna mountain, with no friends or companionship, they were stoically determined to succeed in their efforts to regain their place in life.

Raiding Indians still came through the area at times; Burl Brown had been killed by Comanches

20 miles south of Elm Creek the year before, and on Christmas Eve of 1876 two boys were overrun at Junction and slain.

The Overall hands went armed at all times, hoping a deadly raid would never come. They were content with their good spring of water, the sacks of ground corn for bread and the beef whenever it was needed.

Tye could never learn to cook on the hearth of the rock-and-mud fireplace. Stopping over the disorder of ashes and coals was not easy for her, as she was not a young woman and in fact, had never done any housework of any kind in her life until the burning of their large flour mill in Missouri.

Richard would ride to Camp Colorado each week for the mail and to buy the few supplies they could afford. But one day in the Fall he had seen a crew of men working at something where the trail crossed Hords Creek, and on riding there he found that they were surveying for the townsite of the future county seat, to be named Colerah City. Soon a few tents were there, and one of them had a scant stock of groceries. He asked that the mail be brought here, the rider coming from

Camp Colorado, saving Overall many miles of riding.

In December, he went in the big wagon, their only vehicle, to Brownwood, and of course made three days of the trip. He bought Tye two wonderful gifts which she received with joy - a new broom to replace the bundles of weeds, and a handsome Charter Oak cookstove.

Now she was relieved from the stooping over the pots and kettles on the hearth, the shelves above the stove were a place to set a lamp or a stewpan, and the ashes of the fireplace could be swept neatly back in place.

The family all thrived in the open air and wholesome food. As the days grew colder, with the cattle staying better in the home range, Sharp found time to make a piece of furniture they sorely needed; a wooden crate had been the dining table, their nail-keg seats near, but he used the crate of Tye's sewing machine to build a good table which would seat four people. The new stove, the broom and now the table made life seem much better.

As Christmas drew near, Tye thought often of the great dinners and balls which had highlighted their lives in the prosperous city of St. Charles; though she would not speak of them, she recalled the fine clothes, the chandeliers over the tables set for sixteen or twenty, the servants handing around the china dishes of good foods, the laughter and music and good cheer. She could not regret being away from all that, as she and Richard could not return the hospitality, but the dear people and loved faces seemed lost to her forever.

On December 23, Richard rode to the tent town on Hords Creek, as usual, bringing back letters and gift packages from Missouri, among them one of white sugar, precious and rare on the frontier.

When Christmas morning came, Overall and the other men rode out to attend to cattle, as on any other day. One of the little extras they had brought from Missouri was a thermometer, of great interest to themselves and curiosity to the cowboys. The temperature at sunrise that day was zero, but the men in their warm clothes did not suffer.

A little later a man named Miller, who camped alone farther up Home Creek, brought to the Overalls a Christmas gift. He made a little money by hunting and trapping, and this day he brought a fat young possum, nicely cleaned and ready to cook. Tye did not know how to cook a possum, but this was a welcome change from their everyday beef and beans, and she put it into a baking pan with dressing made of the recipe she had always used, cornbread and onion and sage.

Though she longed for sweet potatoes, there were none. A dried-apple pie made without butter, in a crust of talow dough, topped with brown sugar and cinnamon, went into the oven with the possum and dressing.

The men came in at noon, as usual, surprised at the delicious aroma of the dinner and the party air of the cabin. Tye had taken from her trunk a linen cloth for the table, and the possum with dressing and the spicy pie made the day a special one.

In later years, Christmas at the Overall was marked with merriment and attended by loved friends and relatives. The future was bright for them. Just a week after the possum dinner, Overall bought two sections of land adjoining their small place, and as lands nearby became available, he bought, improved, built houses better than their own for his employees. Through droughts, prairie fires, depressions, and other disasters, Richard and Tye Overall were steadfast and resolute, an honorable and noble example to all who knew them. At his death in 1900, they owned 35,000 acres of land on the Home Creek watershed.

This vignette of pioneer hard times is taken from the book *Frat Lady on Home Creek*, now out of print but available from many school, public or university libraries.

Lori Herring, Mr. Snyder To be Married January 7

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Herring have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lori, to Bruce Leroy Snyder of Austin. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Al Chatman of Randolph, New York.

The couple will be married on Saturday, January 7, at First Christian Church in Santa Anna. The Rev. John Stanislaw of First Baptist Church will officiate at the ceremony.

The bride-elect is a student at the University of Texas in Austin. Her fiancé, a graduate of the

University of Arizona, is in the photography business in Austin where they will make their home.



Hoping the rafters of your home echo with the cheer and laughter of your loved ones.

We appreciate your kind patronage and wish you well.

WMS Party Held for Christmas

The Women of the Rockwood Baptist Church entertained Friday evening, December 16, at the Rockwood Community Center, with a family night Christmas covered dish supper. Mrs. Bill Bryan was in charge of the activities.

The Rev. Ricky McClatchy, pastor, conducted the devotional, using the Christmas story, and he led the invocation before the meal. The group sang Christmas carols and exchanged gifts from the lighted Christmas tree.

The Rockwood Community Center is decorated each year with a beautiful tree for the Christmas season, enjoyed by the churches and other organizations using it.

In attendance at the event Friday were the Rev. and Mrs. Ricky McClatchy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yancy, Mrs. Mary Emerson and Mrs. Lon Gray.

Bradley Lumber Dale, Donna & John



We'd like to say thank you for your graciousness in all our dealings and for the opportunity to be of service.

Have a Great Holiday Billy's Texaco Billy & Wanda Morris

Trickham News

By Mrs. O. R. Boenicke

are getting lots of snow at Amarillo.

I believe I had two inches of snow since I came last.

Let Vaughn visited her sister, Mary Ola Woods, on Friday Saturday evening and also attended a Christmas Class party with her.

Visitors with the G. K. Stearns were Darwin Lovelady who visited last week, and others were John Dockery and Nikki York, Jake McCreary, Tommy Watson, Tonic and O. H. Watson, who all visited them.

Visitors with Ilene Haynes were Ruth and Marvin Smith and Oma Lee Dockery. Brad Brewster and a friend, Tommy Faircloth of Abilene, spent the weekend with his parents, the Charles Brewsters. Brad's wife has gone to California to visit her family with their baby and Brad will fly there

The weather made most of the news this weekend. It sure has been cold. We did not get the snow Sunday as some did. Everything was called off -- no Sunday School as usual.

Last report from Grady McIver was he is much better and may get to go home for Christmas. His sister, Ethel Johnson from Fort Worth, visited a few days last week, also visiting in the Rankin McIver home while here. She plans to be in Denver, Colorado with her son and family for Christmas and will go by plane Wednesday.

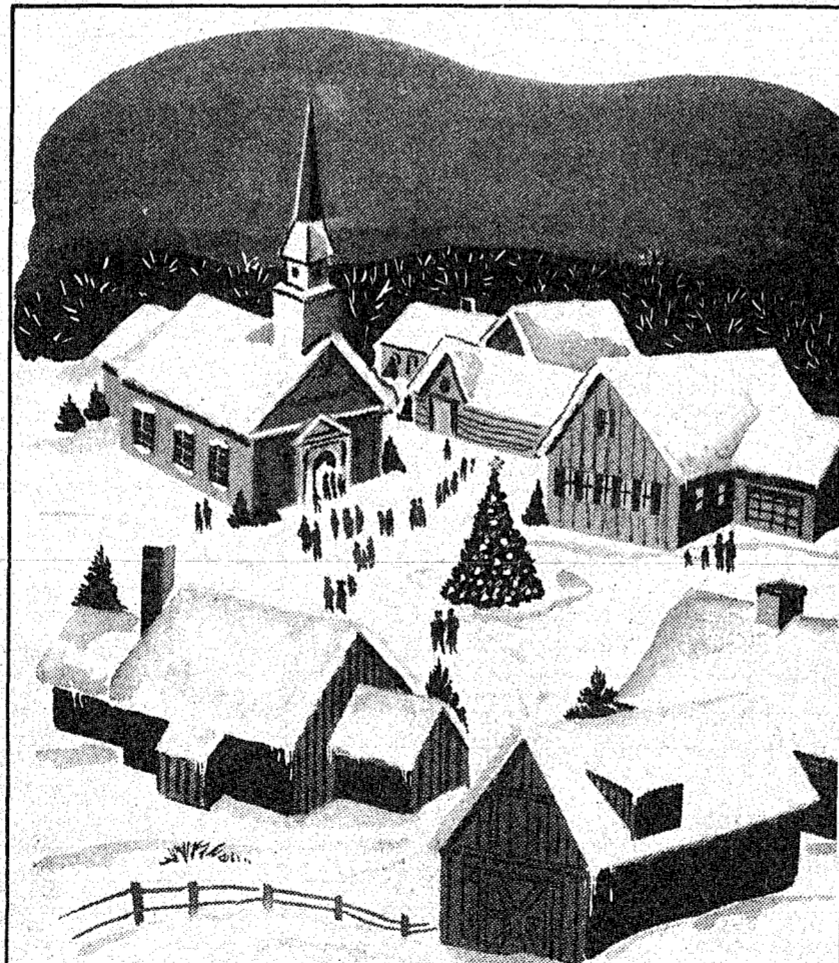
I talked to my sister, Ethel Shield, Sunday night at Amarillo. She wanted me to thank each friend and the cousins who sent her cards. She is not able to write any more. They

Christmas Eve and they will come back the Monday after Christmas.

Oma Lee Dockery attended a Porcelain Arts luncheon at the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood Saturday. Marvin and Ruth Smith visited Oma Lee Dockery Monday evening.

Betty and Damon Miller and Damon J. and their grandson, Christopher from Austin are visiting their mother, Mary Lea Mitchell. The rest of the family will be here Thursday.

Wednesday Vera Shield and her daughter, Annelle Clark, visited me and went to Bangs with me.



Happy Holidays

Always, with the coming of Christmas, we are reminded that the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem brings to all men the promise of eternal salvation.

Hosch Insurance Agency Don & Bettie



The caring of God for his children was shown in the birth of his son Jesus Christ. He cared enough to give his most precious gift of love. His Son

May the joys of the Christmas Season be with you throughout the year.

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J. D. Green
Bud Smith
Lewis Jones

Chris Henderson
Cecil Day
Jimmy Hayes
Roy Knowles
Scott Farley
Martha LeMay

Henderson Funeral Homes

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Santa Anna

The Spirit of Christmas



May your heart be filled with all the joys of our most traditional holiday.

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Ann, Jackie, Carl,
Marsha, Don & Paul

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl this Christmas, so I want a horse called My Little Pony. Belle, and Minty are the ones I want right now and I want Baby Skates. I want baby That-a-Way. Love,
Stephanie Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I have been a real good boy. I want Empire Strikes back toys and I want to give my momma something - like a new car. Love,
Jason Jones
P. S. I forgot, I want a new bike that has training wheels. Also Ewok set and village.

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year and I would like a Clip-Clap Rocking horse, an Alphonse II Robot, watch, Snappy Shot Camera and some play jewelry. Please bring my brother Bryan a ball, some learning toys and books. Bless Aunt Pearl Abernathy and we hope she has a Merry Christmas. Love,
Leann Hancock (Age 4)
Bryan Hancock (10 months)
Denison, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a three wheeler, a radio and a truck for Christmas. I have been a good boy. I also want a gun. Love,
John Myers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll-bed and doll high-chair. I have been a sweet girl. Bubba said we would leave you some cookies and cocoa. Love,
Steffany Fitzpatrick
Age 2

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Barbie Dream Store and a Cabbage Patch kid. I will leave some cookies and milk and we try to have our fire out. Love,
Jeannie Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 4 X 4 and I want a toy car and I want to have clothes and I have been a good boy I want a toy people that are from Starwars and I want a bike thats all I want. Love,
Vincente Frausto

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a record player. Could you please bring me a rifle like Daddy's? I would also like a car to drive. I have been a good boy. Love,
Brandon Fitzpatrick
Age 4

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a mortar cicol, a spirtter man, super man, a toy truck, and clecow. Love,
From Dandy Wells

Dear Santa,
My name is Rebecca Blaine I am nine years old and go to Santa Anna school. I would like a typewriter for Christmas. And please get Julie Dean something to. And don't leave out Betsy there will be cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Have a Merry Christmas! Love,
Rebecca Blaine

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a cabbage patch kid. I would like some clothes, some dishes, and a bottle for her. I would also like some clothes for me, a watch, a cradle and some suprizes. Love,
Betsy McIver

For Christmas
Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I like a baby doll and I like to have a baby crib for the doll and I like to have some candy and I like some shoes and I like some dresses and I like to have some skirts and some pants and I like some presents and I want a little house to go with my baby doll crib and for my baby doll and I like to have a comb and a brush and a blanket and some pamper. Love,
Penny Dancy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Stomper kolekshon and Hot Wheels kolekshon for Christmas. And I am nine years old. My name is Dusty Glen Cannon. And don't forget my big brother Tony J Cannon. He wants a new pair of shoes. P. S. We will leav some cookies for you. Love,
Dusty & Tony

Dear Santa,
I want trucks and dolls and a watch and a jogging suit. Santa how are you? I like you. I have not got my Christmas tree up yet. Love,
Stephanie Morgan

Dear Santa,
I will be down at Grandpa and Grandma Cupps' and Daddy's on Christmas Day. Be sure to take all the little girls and boys presents and other things, and come by and give things you have left to me. Be sure to wait until after dinner. Thank you. Love, your friend,
Kasha Donn Cupps

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin Morris. May I have some candy. Will you get my Morn a watch. May I have a truck. May I have Star War. Please get my Grand-paw some glasses. Your friend,
Kevin Morris

Dear Santa,
I love you. May I have a radio please. May I have a dirtbike please. May I have a he-man please. May I have a puppy please. And a ring for Mother please. Your friend,
Benny Henderson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Skates doll, bicycle, a Cabbage Patch doll, a Glow Worm, and a Cabbage Patch doll for my sister. I've been a good girl most of the time. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love,
Gina Beaver

Dear Santa,
My name is James Scott Watson. I'm 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I would like a bicycle with one wheel in front, one wheel in back, and two little wheels on sides. Santa I love you. Don't forget the other kids. Love,
Scott

Dear Santa,
My name is Jill Denise Weathers. I'm in the second grade. Please bring my sister, Jackie a new jacket. I would like some warm-ups. I do not know what Mom and Dad would like for Christmas. Please bring them something they need. Your friend,
Jill

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. Can you buy me a play car? Would you buy me a baseball mit and a bat? Can you buy me a little John Deere tractor? Love,
Roger Guerrero

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. Baby-That-Away, happy returns, baby skates, baby Alive, Strawberry Short Cake berry cycl, Strawberry Short Cake, Strawberry Short Cake house, A Strawberry Short Cake bike, Barbie house, Barbie swimming pool, and a watch. Love,
Rebecca Ann Simmons

Dear Santa,
I want a Marlene Monroll doll and baby skates doll and skates, and a watch and a crayola caddy and a necklace and a radio cassette recorder player with headphones and a ring and some earmuffs and some clothes and a bracelett and some candy and I will put some cookies and milk out for you. I would like some shoes and an atari and tape recorder and a dress and arin and arin board and a shirt tales tent and some bareletes and a purse and a clown doll and my own telephone and a my pretty pony and play set and a play stove and a chalkboard and a holly hobbie doll and a camea. Love,
Cheree Holman

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a some skates and clothes and a neckless and some crayons and some earrings and a toothbrush and a purse and a Santa Claus color book and bubble bath soap and I want shoes and a Marylon mon roll doll and an atari game and a little car that you can play with and its red but its plastic and a diamond ring and a play stove and it really works with chocklate on it and the color I want is blue. Love,
Honey Dancy

Dear Santa,
I want a watch for Christmas and a dollthat could eat and drink milk and cloths fo the doll, and I want some clothes and earrings, and a ball any kind of a ball, I want some shoes and a colorbook, and some crayons and I want a T.V. set, and a chalkboard with chalk and an erase, to erase the chalkboard and a nickless. Love,
Maria Frausto

Dear Santa,
I want a barbi doll and a tape recorder with a Machel Jakson tape. Also I want a nice golden neckless, and a ring. And one more thing I want, some boots, atari, cabbage patch doll, T.V. set. Bring me those things. Love,
Adel DeLeon

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Maria Frausto



REJOICE
May your Christmas be one of Peace and Joy and Giving. Thanks to all.
Herring Floral
Sylvia & Vernon Herring



Dear Santa,
How is the weather in the North Pole? I hope it is not to cold for you. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want: A Sleep Bag, Bike with T. Wheel, Building Blocks, a New Cap with a peterbelt on it. Like my Daddy has. I will have some cookies out for you when you come to my home. Take care Santa. Love,
Zackary Lawhon

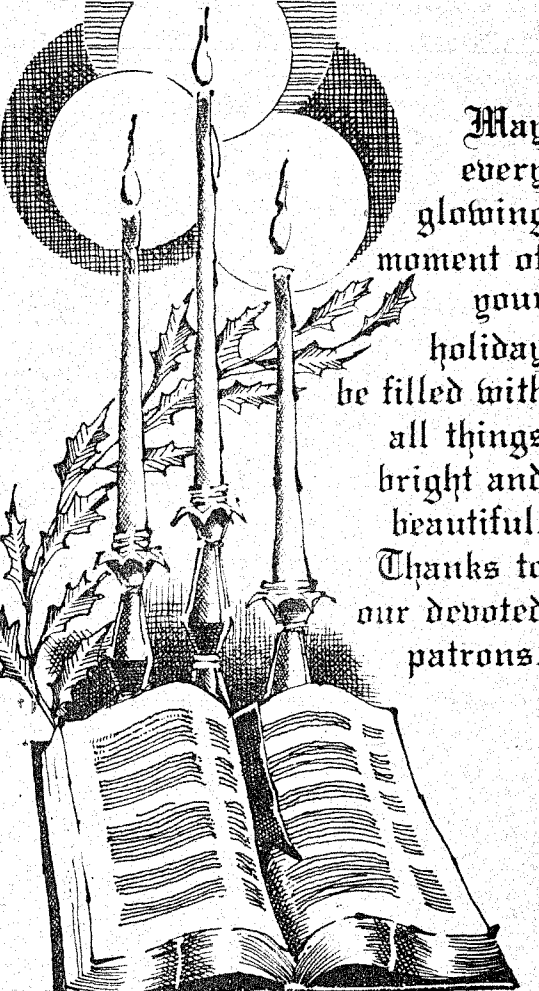
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cabbage patch doll for Christmas. And baby skates for Christmas too. And a table and some chairs to play with. And a babybed for baby skates and cabbage patch doll to play with. And a tape record. And I want you to get my brother a 6 X 6. Love,
Dodie Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a barbi doll and a tape recorder with a Machel Jakson tape. Also I want a nice golden neckless, and a ring. And one more thing I want, some boots, atari, cabbage patch doll, T.V. set. Bring me those things. Love,
Adel DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a talking view master. I want a little piano real one. I want a bow and ar- row, masters of the pare of pants, some univrs, Dallas boots, a game. I hope all Cowboys pajamas and the children get What coleco vision. And a they want. Love,
Benny Guerrero

Dear: Santa Claus
Hope you have had a good year. I have had a good year. I have had a good year. I have been that works just like a pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a watch, a row, masters of the pare of pants, some univrs, Dallas boots, a game. I hope all Cowboys pajamas and the children get What coleco vision. And a they want. I love you vere much. Love,
Stephanie Bates

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Papa's Pizza

Greg & Linda Holmes

Students Present Christmas Recital

Piano students of Patsy Starr were presented in a Christmas recital on Sunday, December 18, at the annex of United Methodist Church.

Music and Christmas songs from around the world were presented during the first part of the program.

The Christmas story from St. Luke 2 was presented during the second part of the program, with Jeremy Hartman narrating the story and music from the students played at the appropriate places.

An ensemble of piano, guitars, harmonicas, melodica and voices combined in "Silent Night" to conclude the program.

Refreshments were served to students and their families and other guests following the program. A candle arrangement featuring angels with musical instruments was the centerpiece for the table from which assorted cookies and punch were served. Gifts were presented to those taking part.

Students participating in the program were Christie Beal, Jeffery and Jeremy Hartman, Alissa and Kim McGee, Betsy McIver, Carrie and Shaine Myers, and David, Laurie and Robert Tucker.

Others helping in the presentation of the program were Rebecca Burton, Stephanie and Tammi Starr and John Taylor.

To wish you joy and happiness for Christmas...and to extend sincere thanks to all our good friends

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22:
School out for holidays
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23:
Open house at S-Anna National Bank
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25:
Christmas Day
Service at 1st Baptist Church, 10 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27:
Lions Club, Lions building, 12 noon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28:
Choir rehearsal, Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
Methodist Men, UMC Annex, 7 p.m.

Welcome New Subscribers

Mrs. D. K. Moore, Brownwood
Jean Alexander, Clarkston, Ga.
Mrs. J. L. Parker, Robert Lee
Damon Harper, APO, N.Y.
Danny W. Johnson, Aledo
Coleman County Farm Bureau, Coleman
Debbie Nixon, Wingate
Glen Scarborough, Gouldbusk
Mrs. Homer Mills, Visalia, Calif.
Melvin Pollock, Hurst
Lily Fox
W. B. Horner
Joe C. Barnes
C. T. Moore

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Mrs. M. A. Ford
G. K. Stearns
Margaret Herring
Mrs. L. G. Jones
Gwen Walker
Jean Irick
Clara V. Shield, Olney
G. H. Close, Austin
Ralph Lemes, Sun City, Ariz.
Carl Flores, Vernon
Mrs. E. W. Gill, Brownwood
Joel Hubbard, Arlington
Daryl Boyle, Bangs
Kenneth E. Heallen, Austin
Terry T. Moore, Ft. Worth
Max R. Woodward, Sherman

Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

For some reason really don't seem it has been but a short time since I was writing my last community letter before Santa Claus made his appearance, but here it is Christmas of 1983. Where does the time go? Through my letter I wish each and every one a very nice Christmas Day and may each day of the coming new year be a blessing to you.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for every deed of kindness shown me during the year. I am grateful for your weekly news. I do realize I become rather boring to you, but without your help we could not keep the news going to our county papers. I do realize any one could keep things going without myself, but for sure I cannot keep the news getting to the papers without you and your help. Please accept my thanks to you for everything. For each subscription to the Coleman paper and in all the many other ways you have helped me.

From our house to your house, "A Merry Christmas to everyone!"

Joe Floyd Morris has recently returned from a tour of California and several other states. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morris of Brady to California.

The past Wednesday Mrs. Darwin Lovelady of Santa Anna and Mrs. Lucille Sorrells of Coleman were shopping in Abilene.

Darwin Lovelady visited during the past week with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Lovelady and girls in Brownwood.

Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Jim Rutherford were shopping and transacting business in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fellers and son of Brownwood visited during the weekend with Loyd Rutherford and son Todd.

Mr. Rutherford and Todd visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fellers Saturday night and Todd remained for the night. The Fellers brought Todd home Sunday afternoon.

Ronnie Morris, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Floyd Morris of Brownwood, is home on leave from the Navy. He will be leaving Brownwood the day after Christmas for his base and will soon be going to Guam for three years. Ronnie is visiting in the Floyd Morris home some during this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady entertained in their home in Santa Anna with a Christmas Dinner on Sunday. This was an occasion for members of Mrs. Lovelady's family. Present were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Lovelady, Stephanie, Melanie and Alicia, Mrs. Barbara Bacher, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moore, Mf. and Mrs. A. L. Minica of Blanket, Mrs. Juanita Minica, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Dupree and Chad, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bequette, Erin and Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bearden, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bearden and a young man by the name of Matt who is an exchange student from Sweden and is staying with the Lowell Bearden and attending school in Brownwood. The group reported a wonderful day together even though the weather was cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford visited briefly with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris Thursday afternoon. Thanks so much for the newspaper subscription, Janie.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick attended the fourth birthday party for their grandson, Brandon Fitzpatrick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick in Santa Anna, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper of Rockwood on Thursday afternoon.

Douglas Avants of Brady was on the Avants farm here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. James Avants of Coleman were also on the farm Monday. Douglas Avants drove to Santa Anna and visited with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Avants before returning to Brady.

Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones of Mrs. Alice Rode, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilbert in Santa Anna, whose service was Saturday in the Christian Church in Santa Anna. Burial followed in the Santa Anna Cemetery. Mr. Tom Vinson attended the services Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Neil of Mason and Mr. Noel Anderson of Corpus Christi visited with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris on Wednesday.

On the second Saturday night of December, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick attended the musical at the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood. This is held each second Saturday night. They report there was an extra large crowd with lots

Funeral Pending For Sister Of Santa Anna Woman

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Eli (Pauline Williamson) Scarborough, 72, who died early Tuesday, December 21, in Big Spring. Funeral arrangements were pending, but plans were being made for burial to be Rockdale.

Mrs. Scarborough was reared in Santa Anna and was a 1929 graduate of Santa Anna High School. Survivors include two

sons, Donnie Simpson of Grand Junction, Colo. and Mike Scarborough of Big Spring. A local survivor is a sister, Mrs. W. D. Scarborough of Santa Anna.

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Merry Christmas



We pray the Spirit of the holiday will grow ever greater in your heart. Warm thanks.

Pelton's Mobil
James, Cindy & Chrystal

Rockwood News

By Mrs. John C. Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deal attended the Christmas party at Ranger Park Inn Friday afternoon.

Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Brusenhan and Mrs. Lon Gray, have visited at different times during the week with Mrs. Mary Emerson.

Mrs. Wayne Bray, secretary-treasurer of the Rockwood Cemetery Association, announces cash donations received from Mrs. J. R. Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. John T. McIlvain, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Campbell and Vivian C. Phillips.

Rev. and Mrs. McClatchy visited the R. J. Deals Sunday morning. Due to the weather, services were cancelled at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bill Steward had her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson of Shreveport, La., with her Thanksgiving and she accompanied them home, visiting a couple of weeks. Pat Artis Patterson brought her home and did some hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Horton of Andrews are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Steward. Mr. and Mrs. Billie Maness of Brownwood visited with them last Saturday.

Mrs. Bill Nevans of Brady spent Tuesday with Mrs. John Hunter and they were in Brownwood

shopping.

Mrs. Gray was Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCutcheon.

Mrs. Milford Harris spent Friday to Sunday in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Glen McNeil, where they were joined by other members of the family for a Christmas family get-together. Joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Don McNeil of El Paso, Howard McNeil of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dahlberg of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Russell of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Harris and Russell of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Dahlberg, Ian and Erick of Plano.

Myrtle Ann Topcliffe of Houston spent Saturday to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Milligan. The group visited in Santa Anna with the Tom Newmans Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper spent Friday to Sunday in Temple with Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheffield, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sheffield and Janice Hollis and girls and the Arlen Allens for a big family Christmas dinner.

Leo Deal, 83, passed away at Ranger Park Inn late Monday. Funeral services were held in Hendeson Funeral Chapel

in Santa Anna on Wednesday, December 21, at 2 p.m. with burial in the Rockwood Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wise spent Saturday in Vernon with Mr. and Mrs. Korky Lyndie Jo and Shawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Margarito Hernandez and Phillip visited Saturday in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Aguirre.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ulstad of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ulstad of Buchanan Lake spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper were in Brownwood Monday visiting with the Ronnie Cooper family.

Having recently passed another birthday anniversary, I think of the words of wisdom of George Burns: "You will naturally grow older, but you don't grow OLD."

Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year wishes for all of our readers.



GREETINGS

May your holiday be filled with the abundant joys of Christmas eternal.

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Phillips Drug

Santa Anna

Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. I love you.
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I want a For Wheels truck, and some candy, and some things for my brother.
Luv ya,
David Diaz

Dear Santa,
When will you bring us toys. I want a some cars. We got a Christmas tree up. I want to say Merry Christmas.
Lori Clifton

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo and a remote control motorcycle. I will leave you Nutter Butter cookies and milk.
Joey Cheaney

Dear Santa Claus,
I want somemore Strawberry Shortcakes. I know I have a bundh. I just want somemore. And I want one more thing. I hope its not to much! I want a Shirt Tale named: Pammy. And a Merry Christmas to you!!
Love,
Julie Dian Dean

Dear Santa,
I want a play gas station and a view-master and a Strawberry Shortcake doll that blow kisses.
Your friend,
Briana Horner

Dear Santa,
I want to go to town on a ride a bike and a go cart and a veto game of Christmas.
Herlean Thomas.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie Doll. I have been a nice girl.
Love,
Amy Miller
1st grade

Dear Santa,
How do you feel. I hope you feel good. All kids have been waiting for you to come.

I want one doll, a whistle, a Cabbage Patch doll.
A Care Bear and a gun for Ross and a Care Bear for Heather.
Love,
Misty Bradley

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I want a trampoline and a Cabbage Patch doll with a snuggle close carrier. Please bring my little neice Krystal a Care Bear.

I will leave you some hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Katrina Tomlinson

Dear Santa,
I want a-race track and I want a 4 X 4 set, a basketball.
Timmy Perry

Dear Santa,
Hi. I would like to have a Barbie Dream Store, Atari, cloths, P.J., baby skates, and me and my brother not to fight so much.
Love,
Catrina DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a G I Joe set, a tonka and a B.B.'s. Want to wish Jesus a Happy Birthday.

Also I would like a ear phone radio.
Your friend,
Corey Brown

Dear Santa,
A Star War's men. Castle Gray Skull. Battle Cat and He-Man.

G. I. Joe men Attak Trak. Strong Heart. Thank you Santa,
Corry Halmon

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a giant coloring book and a watch. But most of all I would like for my dog to get well.
Your friend,
Sandi Diane Watson

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a Baby Alive and a Slinky for Christmas.

I am 7. We have a van and a pickup. I have a very, very good friend. She is very nice. I love Elisha. I would like a little necklace and ring for Elisha.
Your friend,
Lana

Dear Santa,
Hi, I would like to have a hot wheel construction set, I would also like clothes and Atair, and my father to stay home and not on the train. I would also like my mother to have me a baby brother.
Love,
Randy DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a twirly Barbie and play dishes.
Love,
Bertha Frausto

Dear Santa,
I would like a baton and a charmkins set. I have tried to be a good girl. I love you, Santa.
Melissa Stark

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I hope O. K. Santa, I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. It is not very much. But, that is all I want.

And that is a sleeping bag, and a bike. And please bring something for my little brother too. You have a nice Christmas. When you come to my house I will have some homemade cookies waiting for you. Tell Mrs. Santa "Hi" for me.

Good Bye-Bye, Love you,
Johnie Lawhon
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Santa I hope you give me a remote control car.

Santa would you give my brother a little bike. Santa would you give me a Big Foot.
Your friend,
Johnny

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a Big Foot pickup. I wish I had a He-Man too. Please bring the toys. I like Christmas, Santa Claus. I hope you have a safe ride.
Your friend,
Christian

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Me' Bebe Doll and a T. I. computer.
Your friend,
Brandi Horner
P. S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves are being good and learning to work good. I hope Mrs. Claus knows how to fix your gloves. Is it cold at the North Pole?
I want a remote control jeep.
Chris Cheaney

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron Guthrie. I am three years old. I would like for you to bring me a motorcycle, a Forty-Niners Football suit. Please remember my brother, Tom. He would like a Cowboys football suit, a turn-in-turbo dashboard and a new soccer ball. And my new baby sister Shala would like a Teddy bear. Please remember all of the other boys and girls around the world. I will leave you some cereal to eat.
Love,
Aaron, Tom & Shala

Dear Santa,
I have been doing good.

What is your elves names?
Santa I want a five speed.

Santa would you get me a horse?
I want a camera and some films.

I want a Bert Atari game.
I want a Donkey Kong Jr. Atari game.

I want a centipede Atari game.
Bobby Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I could go see you bit you live so far. I wish I could have a color TV and I want a dog named Snowball. We had one but we let it go.

I wish we could have our house bigger. I want my own motorcycle.
I wish I could have a big Christmas.
Carlos Garza

Dear Santa,
I have been good. And I want to tell you what I want.

A watch, a real rabbit, a real cat, a bike, a bell, a Baby That-A-Way, and baby Skates.
Terrie Cheesman

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you feeling? I like Christmas. I want a bike. I want a motorcycle.
J. J. Saucillo

Dear Santa Claus,
What are you doing up there? Is Mrs. Santa Claus doing good? It is fun up there? It is fun in school. We read fun books.

I want a bike for Christmas.
Tammi Carden

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you feeling fine? How many gifts do you have?

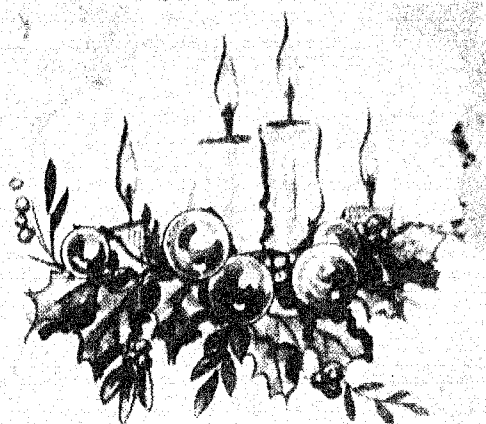
You will find cookies and milk at my house. I do not have a chimney. You will have to go through the door.

My dog is awake all night long and he is by the door but you can use the back door.
Eric Gooch

Dear Santa,
BMX bicycle, Sango AM-Fm Stereo, portable cassette recorder.
Cecil Rameriz

Dear Santa, presents too. I love you and Mrs. Santa Claus.
Jaime Miller

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Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a boy Barbie doll, a heart sleeping bag and a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. I love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Dawna Snipes
P.S. I forgot to tell you that I want a Angle Cake and Soufle (big) Doll and a Care Bear with two hearts on it.

Dear Santa,
I want Care Bear. I love you. Bring Buffy a baby doll.
I love Mrs. Santa.
Brandi Martin
P.S. Bring lots of things.

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Foot. Pickup.
Ricky DeLeon

Dear Santa,
BMX Bicycle, Sanyo AM-FM Stereo, Portable cassette Recorder.
Andy Ramirez

Dear Santa,
My name is Lee Keeney. I live in the country. I want a Castle Greyskull, He-Man, G.I. Joe, Attack Trak, and that's it. Please bring my little sister a Barbie doll, a baby doll. Please bring Zane some Atari cartridges and a gun and bring Kaylyn some cassettes. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Lee Keeney

Dear Santa,
I just want two things for Christmas. May I have a Barbie Dream Date doll and a Merlin. I love you Santa. Have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Elisha Blanton

Dear Santa,
I want a puzzle and some candy and toys. And bring Pete a watch to.

Luz ya,
Ben Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want you to know that we all like you very much. And I was hoping you would bring me a piano and my brother wants a motorcycle.

Love,
Amy Boyet

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a bike, a go-cart, pencils, paper, a play diesel truck, Spiderman puzzle, Knight-rider car, car game, centipede and a lunch pal.
Jackie Kirven

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a Kit 2000, a camera, Castle Gray Skull, a pet chipmunk, G. I. Joe house and three wheeler.
Jeromy Clanton

Dear Santa,
I want a stomper Army vehicle set. I am going to leave some milk and cookies for you. I want a stomper 4 X 4 canyon set. I have a mean dog, watch out.
Your friend,
Mitchell Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus,
Please may I have a Smurf spin-around and a doctor's kit. And a play-horse and a kite. And please bring some things for baby Mollie. We'll be at Nonie's house.
Diana Leigh Porter
Age 3
Austin, Texas

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael Carden.

I would like to have a Big Wheel and a dump truck.
I have a sister older than me and she wants a Barbie doll with clothes and a house for her to live in. And bring something nice for my Mom and Dad.
Michael Carden

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that cries and that can eat. I want some dishes that I can play with and some cards of A B C so I can learn my A B C.
From Leticia Frausto

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good boy this year. Has Mrs. Claus been feeding you alot of goodies to make your tummy fat and jolly. I like when you say Ho! Ho! Ho! I would like a castle gray skull and He-mans stuff, also Lone Ranger gun and mask. I would like a play watch that doesn't have to really work. Could you give my friend David some He-men stuff too?
James Jones

Dear Santa,
Would you please give me a Baby Skates to play with.

Would you please give me a Alarm Clock.

Would you please give me a Watch because we have learned to tell time in school.

I would like to have a Radeo.

Would you give my Mother and Father a trip to Las Vegas.

Santa Have a good holiday.
Your friend,
Tai Musick

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Hasbro G.I. Joe vehicles with figures.

And somethings for my two sister that home.
Love,
Albert Fry

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a ATari 52 hundred. I need a bike with training wheels.

I love you.
Cynthia Patterson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie doll, Bicycle, a game. I have been a good girl.

Love,
Chanda Simmons

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Darbe Doll, Baby doll, fire truck, Bicycle.

I have been a good girl.
Virginia

Dear Santa,
I would like Tonka Crane, Fire truck. I have been a nice boy.

Love,
Jared Aidridge
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a game. I have been a nice boy. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Artie Michon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Baby Returns, skates, and a surprise.

Me, Reece, Betsy, Grady Clay will leave cookis for you. Look at my school papers. They are good.

Love,
Sally McIver

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bicycle and a game. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Tom Guthrie

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Bicycle. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Manuel Frausto
1st grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for my Christmas and a top. I want a doll and a watch.

Eve Painter

Dear Santa,
Santa I am wanting real bad a Cabbage Patch Kid. My sister wants one too. We might have some milk and cookies. Is it real cold there?

Love you,
Christie Beal

Dear Santa,
I want a baby and the Barbie Mac Donald and the new Barbie pink car. And exercise class. I like you and I hope you bring me every thing I want.

Kyra Neff

Dear Santa,
My name is Shauna Martin.

I want a bike for Christmas.
How do you feel?
I like to do math in school.

I feel good too.
Your friend,
Shauna

Dear Santa,
I want a Night 2000 car and a watch.
Pete Diaz

Dear Santa,
My name is LaTosha. I am five years old. I would like to have a bike, umbrella and a bunch of different kinds of toys.

Thank you Santa,
LaTosha Railsback

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a set of cars. I also want a motorcycle with training wheels. My sister wants a new baby doll. We would all like to have some new skates.

We love you.
Chad Barnett

Dear Santa,
I want toys. Would you please bring them to me. Poochie, a doll in a basket, radio, doctor kit, plastic food.

Renee Privitt

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. My name is Elsa. I have try to be a good girl so please bring me a Barbie doll that I can curl her hair, a Ragedy Ann doll and a skate doll. Also I would like a cassette player and some clothes. Please don't forget to bring something for my brothers and sisters and Jason. I will have hot chocolate and cookies for you. See you soon I hope.

Love you,
Elsa Gaye Garza

Dear Santa,
I have an ornament just like you.

I would like the Starwars Collection and five space ships and socks.

I like your elves. They are nice too.
I hope you ride you sleigh and don't forget Rudolph.

I liked the way Jesus was born.

Have a Merry Christmas to you.

I love you Santa Claus. You are my best friend I have ever had. I think you are nice.
Your friend,
Clinton Glen Donham

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a Care Bear. Would you get Timmy a toy pickup truck because he is poor. May I have a coat. May I have a Christmas book for my friend.
I love you.
Your friend,
Shelly Carter

Dear Santa,
May I have a tape player.
Santa you are cute. I do not want many presents. I live on a farm.
My daddies birthday is near Christmas.
Your friend,
Karen



O HOLY NIGHT

Season's greetings and best wishes to all our friends.

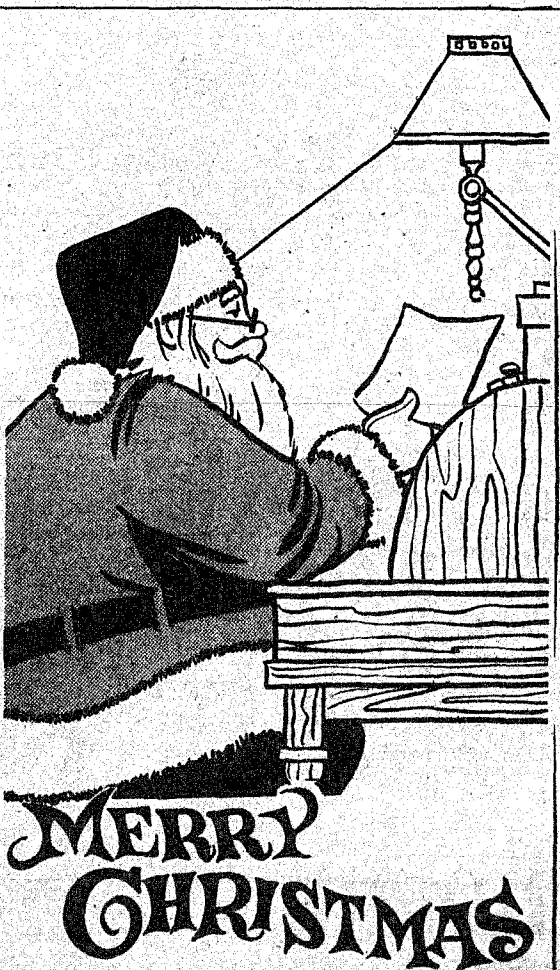
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CAPITOL UPDATE

by Jim Parker



I am sure there will be glee and rejoicing when you discover this is the fourth and last article on courts. I hope I have not addressed any of the courts too lightly as I have said, as a separate but equal branch of government, the court system is very important and much more involved than I have been fully able to address in these articles.

Please accept this in the nature of a "clean up" article in that there are certain, unusual, statutorily created courts that we may come into contact with and you should recognize them for what they are should such contact occur.

All state courts I have discussed up to this point in time have been created by virtue of our State Constitution and, therefore, are called "constitutional courts." The courts I now discuss were created by the Legislature, through statute law hence the name, "statutory courts."

These courts were created by the Legislature to supposedly serve a specific purpose and fill a specific need. They fall into three general categories, namely; (1) civil, (2) probate, and (3) criminal courts-at-law. These

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courts, almost without exception, are urban animals in that they are found in high population, metropolitan areas.

They have been designed to absorb some of the staggering caseload of existing constitutional courts and, especially in the latter two cases, to "free up" the constitutional county judge so he can be "manager" of a large county and not have to be tied down to judicial duties better left to a qualified lawyer sitting as judge.

The basic physical difference in these courts and in constitutional courts is that statutory courts are usually funded by county revenues instead of by state revenues. I suspect most of them were set up because the state would not fund what the localities believed to be necessary courts, so necessary that the counties would pay for them; but, there is now a strong movement to "legitimize" these courts by bringing them into the state court system and allowing the state to pay their expenses.

Since there is not a single statutory court in my Legislative district, it is difficult for me, as your representative, to justify the "legitimization" because it would, in effect, place us in the position of subsidizing courts in metropolitan areas.

The courts pretty well do what their name implies but have a hodgepodge, statewide, of jurisdiction, requirements and criteria. One would almost have to have a copy of the enabling legislation to determine exactly what any given statutory court can, in fact, do.

Hopefully you are a little more familiar with the Texas court system. I would suggest that if you have a specific question about a specific court, you call my office at (512) 475-5941 and if we cannot answer your question ourselves, we will certainly find the person who can and get back to you with the answer as promptly as possible.

Ranger Park Inn News

We extend deepest sympathy to the family of Leo Deal. He passed away Monday, December 19. He will be missed at Ranger Park Inn.

The residents had a delightful time shopping Tuesday evening. They did not go to the store - it was brought to them.

The ladies helping with the shopping were Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mrs. Tom Ulstad, Mrs. T. L. Pond, Mrs. Dovie Garrett, Mrs. Helen Laws, Mrs. Mildred Young, Mrs. R. J. Deal, Carmen Donham, Mrs. Bob Pearce, Letha Saunders, Myrtle Beaver, and Eula McCarty. We thank you and everyone who had a part in making this such an enjoyable occasion.

The residents enjoy the gospel singing each Tuesday evening. Thanks to Bro. and Mrs. P. A. Lindley and Mrs. Don Keeney for being with us.

We are so happy Mrs. Eunice Longbrake gives the birthday party each month. Don Young, Mary Hoffman and Solon Seale celebrate birthdays this month. The honorees and other residents enjoyed punch, birthday cake and holiday candy. Thanks to Mrs. Longbrake for making this a happy and enjoyable time for the residents.

The students of the Seventh-day Adventist School presented a beautiful Christmas program Tuesday morning for a large number of residents and visitors. A special thank you is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burton for bringing the students so the residents could enjoy the program.

It was such a delight to have Santa Claus come visit the residents Friday afternoon. He distributed candy among the residents and a host of visitors. He called every resident's name for a gift.

Our thanks and appreciation is expressed to everyone who had a part in making it possible for every resident to have a gift under the tree.

Thank you, Santa, for making this a happy and beautiful party. We will be looking forward to your visit next year.

Billie Hipp came out one

day last week and put up Christmas decorations for her dad, Jay McCoy. Blanche Harris, Dorothy, Elgean and Tommy Harris visited with Mabel Burrage.

Eva Taylor's daughter, Geneva Wood of California, Amy Sauveur, a great-granddaughter, Lynn and Janet Taylor, Clebert Bohanon, Dorothy Alsbrook and Iva Taylor visited her during the past week.

Mary Cruger's visitors have been Geneva Wood, Amy Sauveur, Dorothy Alsbrook and Iva Taylor. Visiting with Bessie Thomas have been Wayne and Donna Morgan, Mary Ann Coursey, Laverne Simmons, Lori Herring and Ruby DeSha.

Glady Day and Melvin Lamb visited with his sister, Clara Traylor.

Rodney McCarty visits often with his dad, Hubert McCarty.

Lena Howard visited during the week with her husband, Herman Howard.

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

Morgan French of Bangs was a visitor with Leo Deal last week.

Mike Woods of Wickett visited his grandmother, Ethel Matthews.

Mrs. Baxter of Bangs visited with Donna Porter at the Inn.

Bob and Jeannie Bible

were visitors of friends, Jay McCoy and Dave Shields.

Visitors with Pearl Abernathy have been Mary Clifford, Veva McClellan, Leta Parker, Glenn and Cynthia Hancock and children of Denison.

Eula McCarty and Gertrude DeSha visited with Fannie Bullock.

Dorothy and Ray Lyle visited Emma and Solon Seale.

Visitors with Major Mulanax have been Kenneth Mulanax and Karen Shearer, also Grady Laws of Valera.

Annie Barrington's visitors have been Ila and Jack Todd, Brenda Rambo and children, Ofelia Proctor and Glenn.

Edmond McCarrell and his daughter, LaWanda Clark of San Marcos, have visited with their mother and grandmother, Maude McCarrell.



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Section 1. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation at any place where kitchen garbage accumulates, to provide a portable garbage container constructed of galvanized iron, tin or other suitable metal, with tight fitting cover of a capacity of not less than five gallons nor over thirty gallons, and or a closed heavy gaged plastic bag, and the daily accumulations of kitchen garbage shall be placed in the container. Weight of these containers is not to exceed 50 pounds.

Weeds, grass, tree limbs (cut in lengths not exceeding six feet) and grass clippings may be placed in neat piles, and shall be placed for collection by the city garbage trucks.

Section 2. Any violation of any of the terms of the ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor with fines of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Each day of such violation shall be considered a separate offense and the punishment separately.

Section 3. Any and all ordinances of the city which are in conflict with any of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. In order to protect the public health and public interest of the people of Santa Anna, an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed on the 8th day of December, 1983, by affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Santa Anna, at its second reading.

Edd Hartman, Mayor.

50-2tc

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING RESIDENTIAL USE OF NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY FROM ONE PERCENT CITY SALES TAX WHICH WAS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER, 1978

Be It Ordained By The City Council Of The City Of Santa Anna, Texas

That the ordinance exempting residential use of natural gas and electricity from 1 percent City Sales Tax be rescinded as of October 7, 1983.

Passed first by the City Council of the City of Santa Anna, Texas by a vote of 5-0 on the 6th day of October, 1983.

THE CITY OF SANTA ANNA
By: W. E. Hartman, Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE REINSTATING RESIDENTIAL USE OF NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY FROM ONE PERCENT CITY SALES TAX

Be It Ordained By The City Council Of The City Of Santa Anna, Texas

That the 1 Percent City Sales Tax on residential use of natural gas and electricity is hereby reinstated as of December 8, 1983.

Approved the first reading by a vote of 5 - 0, the 6th day of October, 1983.

THE CITY OF SANTA ANNA
By: W. E. Hartman, Mayor

NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HILLIARD EUGENE THORNTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of HILLIARD EUGENE THORNTON were issued on December 14, 1983, in Cause No. 4409, pending in the County Court of Coleman County, Texas to:

MILDRED FORD
The residence of such Executrix is Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas. The post office address is: Mildred Ford Box 65 Santa Anna, Texas

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 14 day of December, 1983.

(Signed) Mildred Ford By Chas. E. McDonald, Attorney for the Estate of HILLIARD EUGENE THORNTON, Deceased. 51-1tc

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Cards of Thanks

It is friends who reach out to make this world a better place and do the nicest things in the nicest way. Thank you all for the many cards, the flowers, gifts, calls and visits during my stay in the hospital. Ruby Stephenson 1c

We appreciate the kind care of the doctors and nurses at Coleman Hospital, and the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, food, cards and donations. We are so grateful, and God bless each of you. Minnie Young Jeraldine Scott 51-1p

The family of Mrs. Alice Gilbert Rode would like to thank their friends and relatives for the acts of kindness and sympathy shown them during their hour of sorrow. The food, flowers, prayers, memorial gifts, calls and visits were deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten. A special 'thank you' to the ladies who served the dinner, also to Carmen Donham who cared for our baby, Rebecca, during the services. May God bless all of you. Ronald Rode & Rebecca Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gilbert Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Ropp Michael Gilbert Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Gilbert Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Moore 51-1p

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Changes Discussed by Amarillo Senator

New DWI Law January 1

New Driving While Intoxicated laws were passed during the 1983 session of the Texas Legislature. The new law goes into effect on January 1, 1984.

In order to insure Texans to know about the changes in the law, the following article has been prepared by State Senator Bill Sarpius of Amarillo, author of the bill, giving a general breakdown of the new law.

PER SE INTOXICATION
Changes the definition of intoxication from a presumption of intoxication to per se intoxication for a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or greater.

DEFERRED ADJUDICATION
Deferred adjudication, the process by which past DWI offenders could remove a DWI charge from their permanent record, is no longer applicable to persons charged with DWI or DWI involun-

REFUSAL TO TAKE INTOXILYZER
A refusal to take an intoxilyzer or blood or breath specimen to determine alcohol concentration will result in a mandatory 90 day suspension of offender's driver's license. This refusal is admissible in later criminal action against offender.

SCHEDULE OF PUNISHMENT
First DWI - \$100 - \$2,000 fine; 72 hours to two years in jail.
Second DWI - \$300 - \$2,000 fine; 15 days to two years in jail.

Third DWI - \$500 to \$2,000 fine; 30 days to two years in county jail, or 60 days to five years in the state penitentiary.
Serious Bodily Injury: If serious bodily injury is caused by DWI, increase minimum jail term by 60

days, and the minimum and maximum fines by \$500.
Mandatory Jail Time: Even if punishment above is probated, the following jail times are required as a condition of probation:
2nd Offense: 72 hours in jail
3rd Offense: 10 days in jail

Serious bodily injury: 30 days in jail
DWI involuntary manslaughter: 120 days in jail

OTHER TOPICS
Requirement of Videotape: Counties with a population of 25,000 or more are required to purchase videotape equipment to record DWI arrests. Failure to video record individual is admissible at trial.
Forfeiture of Automobile: Allows a district attorney to petition for forfeiture of a vehicle from a person who gets a DWI while on probation for DWI involuntary manslaughter, or from a person who gets a fourth DWI related offense.

Friday Funeral Held For Dave Young, 78

Services for Dave Young, 78, were held at New Hope Baptist Church Friday, December 16, with burial in the Santa Anna Cemetery. Holman Funeral Service of Brownwood was in charge of arrangements. The Rev. J. H. Robinson officiated at the services.

Mr. Young died Sunday, December 10, in Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital in Coleman. He was born October 6, 1905 in Montgomery County, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Young. He moved to West Texas as a teenager, and married to Minnie Ola Collins in Reno, Nevada in 1945. He retired from Cotton Cal. in Bakersfield, California in 1970, returning to Santa Anna to make his home. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife; one sister, Mrs. Jeraldine Scott of Oakland, Calif.; two nieces and three nephews of Corpus Christi; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Bridge Luncheon Fetes Mrs. Gilmore on B-day

Mrs. Modora Gilmore was honored with a luncheon and party on Tuesday, December 13, in observance of her birthday. Mrs. Jim Brown was hostess for the party, assisted by Mrs. Norval Wylie, Mrs. Jack Bourland and Mrs. Norman Walters. Christmas decorations were used for the party, with the honoree and guests enjoying a buffet luncheon that featured

chicken spaghetti and concluded with a decorated birthday cake and coffee. Those present visited and enjoyed games of bridge during the afternoon. A gift was presented Mrs. Gilmore by the hostesses. Others present for the party were Mmes. Harry Crews, V. I. Dean, W. B. Griffin and Ethel Williams.

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By Clara Cupps

Mrs. Lucille Blanton had her Christmas dinner Saturday. Those attending were Terry and Dorothy Blanton and Brandi of Dallas, Tommy and Paula Blanton, Kevin and Elisha of Santa Anna, Tammy Blanton of St. Louis, Mo. called to wish the family a Merry Christmas. He was sorry he could not be with the family. He is in the flower business. So Tammy, the rest of the family had a Merry Christmas. Marie Hellman also attended the dinner.

Betty Joyce Cupps had their Christmas tree and supper Saturday night. Regina and Danny Walker and Tonya of Wichita Falls, Janice and Curtis Fellers, Mike and Linda Cupps and Tammy, Sherry and Shane of Brownwood and Aunt Byrdie Miller were present.
Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Ellis went to a Christmas party at the Rockwood Methodist Church Saturday night.

Christmas holidays.
Darrle Cupps visited Haddon Phillips Wednesday. Syble Huggins dropped by Thursday. Haddon visited Loyd Halmon Friday, and Leon Phillips of San Angelo was here Saturday to visit Haddon.
Kasha Donn Cupps spent the weekend with her daddy, and also visited the R. W. Cupps.
Royce Cupps spent part of Sunday with his dad, Virgil Cupps.
Ovela Williams visited Uncle Emil and Aunt Helen Williams Friday night.
Coy Rice spent several days with the C. E. Wises.
Justin spent the weekend with his PaPa, Darrel Cupps.
Hope all of you have a nice Christmas. Thanks to the Coleman News office for the big box of candy. Hope all of you have a Happy New Year 1984. Your Cleveland reporter, Clara Cupps
He who would have nothing to do with thorns, must never attempt to gather flowers.

The Dick Baughs went to Bangs Friday afternoon to visit her mother, Mrs. Mae Flores.
J. B. Brooke of Abilene visited the Coy Brooks Thursday. Don Green of Abilene visited them Saturday. The Brooks visited several times with Sidney Sackett, and on Tuesday visited at the Coleman Hospital with Mrs. Ruby Stephenson. Saturday evening the Coy Brooks visited the E. A. Denmans in Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Brown, Lesley and Todd Davis of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Perkins, Connie and Mike Hanley and baby all of Abilene all had Christmas supper Saturday night with the E. A. Denmans.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moore, their daughter and family and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ray Huggins and David had Sunday dinner with Mildred Cammack.
Jodi and Shane Watson and Lee Ann Musick of Santa Anna spent Friday night with their grandparents, the O. H. Watsons. Tommy Watson and Wynndi of Coleman had Sunday dinner with his parents.
Mrs. Tavy Ford had a family get-together for Christmas Saturday. Those present were James and Mildred Ford, Peggy Lancaster and Debbie of Brownwood, Tiny Lancaster and Michael of Brownwood, Judy Straghan and Jeri of Conroe, Dayton and Mary Jackson, Wesley and Shelly of San Angelo, Sammie LaDoucer of Brownwood visited Tavy Monday.
Bettie Ruth Henderson visited the Benjy Allison Sunday afternoon. The Allison visited the Willie Blairs in Coleman Tuesday.

NOTE:
A conviction for an offense that occurs before January 1, 1984 is a conviction under this article (grandfather clause). A conviction for an offense that occurs on or after January 1, 1984 is a final conviction, whether or not the sentence for the conviction is probated. An offense 10 years old or older cannot be used for enhancement purposes if 10 years or more have elapsed between DWI related convictions.
Insurance Premium Surcharge: Authorizes a three year insurance premium surcharge to be assessed against DWI offenders, and allowing for an additional three year surcharge to be assessed upon each subsequent conviction.
Juvenile License Suspension: The law provides for license suspension of the juvenile DWI offender as follows:
1st Offense: 90 - 365 days
2nd Offense: 365 days or until legal drinking age is attained, whichever is longer.
The juvenile may be ordered to successfully complete a DWI education program.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis visited Jerry and Cathy Ellis and family Saturday night. Nona Belle and Cecil visited Mrs. Grace Ellis Saturday morning.
Phyllis and Eddie Dilard visited Mrs. Beulah Fleming and Margie on Sunday.
Randy Brown and Calvin visited the Charlie Flemings one day last week.
R. D. and Doris Penney visited the Edd Hartmans Saturday while. The Hartmans went to Bangs to attend a birthday party for Shannon, her third birthday. She is the daughter of the Darryl Boyles.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McGahey of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson of Bangs, Mrs. Susie Moredock of Santa Anna and Leta Parker of Denison visited the W. L. Campbells the past week.
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