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School Board Grants Contract Extensions, Approves Changes In Grading System

The Santa Anna School Board met last Thursday, Feb. 12, in its regular monthly session with all members present except one.

Extensions to contracts were awarded to School Business Manager Judy Hartman; Athletic Director John Smith and to Principals Dean Bass and Frank Gray.

Superintendent Jim McPherson had received a contract extension during the previous meeting in January.

Several students were present at the meeting to receive congratulations from the board for their respective achievements.

Vicente Frausto was recognized as having received All-Area honors in football from the Abilene Reporter-News. Chris Cheaney, Ryan Keeney, Josh Daniel and Shelly Carter were congratulated for outstanding performances at the recent county livestock show.

During the open forum time one

parent was present to voice concerns in a couple of areas.

As required by state law, the board set May 1 as the date for school board election. Places to be contested are those currently held by Roddy Dean and Gary Absher.

Budget amendments were approved and an early release was approved for Monday, Feb. 15, so that teachers could attend a drug education seminar sponsored by Region XV Education Service Center.

The board addressed what they felt is disparity in state requirements for passing elementary and junior high students. According to state guidelines, elementary pupils must have an average of 70 or above in Science, Social Studies, English and Math in order to pass. Junior High pupils are required to pass three of the four subjects. The Santa Anna school board voted to stipulate in a local policy that two of the three subjects required for passing must be English (Language Arts) and Math. Since it is too late in the year to put this policy in effect now, it will be enforced in the next school year. It was also noted that the state allows three years for a pupil to be in the 7th and eighth grade. Pupils must be "placed" in high school after that time regardless of grade scores.

In its January meeting the board had approved a change in the procedure for naming honor graduates. They decided upon using the grade point system instead of the percentage system. In the grade point system, students taking the more difficult courses in the honors program can obtain more grade points. Santa Anna High School currently offers three honors courses.

The board went thru the first reading of Update 42, the TASB Policy Service manual. This item will receive more attention at the next meeting.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. McPherson advised the board that enrollment had dropped to 306 from last month's total of 313. Other informational items in his report included:

1. Bank and appraisal district reports and monthly audit.
2. Election procedures for Region XV board members.
3. New TASB updates on school board training.
4. Lions Club Mexican Fiesta.
- 5.

Presented certificates of appreciation to board members in observance of Texas School Board Month. 6. Copies of essential elements for Health Education program. 7. Tentative budget planning calendar. 8. A request from Becky Greaves concerning possible one-act play rehearsals to be held on one or two Sunday afternoons before contest time, March 20, if not enough time

can be allotted between other school activities. Mr. McPherson noted that this is the only U.I.L. activity that has state approval for Sunday participation. After much discussion by the board, the request was granted with two members not in favor, Marty Donham and Sharon Guthrie.

Commodities To Be Distributed Tuesday Morning

Commodities will be distributed at the Santa Anna Armory on Tuesday morning, February 27, 1993 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Items available this month will be butter and peanut butter.

Local Baseball Organization Names New Officers

Will Meet Wednesday

The local organization which sponsors summer baseball for youngsters, Santa Anna Community Services, met recently to elect new officers and get organized for the upcoming season.

Alex DeLeon was elected president; David Yancy, vice president; Debra Boyett, secretary; and Bobby Morgan, equipment manager.

Board members are Jay Rankin, D. Carroll Holt, Lynn Loyd and Lane Guthrie.

The group voted to return to the Coleman League after participating in the Bangs league last year.

Santa Anna Community Services is advertising for bids on operating the concession stand. (See advertisement in the classified section).

The group will hold another meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 at Coleman County Telephone Cooperative. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

Funtier Day Plans Well Under Way

The Funtier Day Committee is in the final stages of preparation for this year's Funtier Days.

They are asking that since all booths will be owned and operated by local groups and individuals, that anyone interested in having a booth contact a committee member by March 1, 1993.

If this year's event is to be a success, your participation is a must.

Booth size and price is as follows:

10 x 10 -- \$10
10 x 20 -- \$15

Electricity -- \$5

Committee members to contact about being a part of this year's Funtier Days are Thelma Brooker, Tex Wright, Billie Guthrie or Pat Wright at Patterson Insurance Co.

The next meeting will be held on March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. meeting room.

Michael DeLeon Coming Home

There is good news for Michael DeLeon, his family, his many friends and well-wishers. He is expected to come home to Santa Anna Friday.

Readers will remember that Michael, teenage son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie DeLeon, was critically injured in a vehicle rollover southwest of Santa Anna the early part of November of 1992.

Also critically injured in the accident was Ruben Guerrero, teen son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Guerrero. Michael and Ruben have most recently been patients at a rehabilitation center in Dallas undergoing therapy treatment for their injuries after being hospitalized in Abilene for several weeks following the accident. Both young men sustained severe head injuries in the incident. Michael also sustained a severely fractured leg for which he had to undergo extensive surgery.

Since beginning therapy both young men have progressed much faster than early expectations.

Ruben is expected to be returning to Santa Anna in the next few weeks.

After his return home, Michael will be taken to Abilene for a regular schedule of therapy treatments. He will be tutored at home in his school work, through a cooperative program.

Michael, his parents, Eddie and Sylvia, and Ricky and Dustin, in expressing their appreciation for all the concern shown since his injury, have said, "Mere words can not



Michael DeLeon in picture taken recently by a family member.

express the gratitude felt by the family. Each prayer, card, letter, visit, poster, banner, picture, flower, balloon, and each inquiry has been a building block to recovery. One more step toward recovery will be realized Friday when at last Michael comes home. Our hearts search for the words to make each person realize how special each individual has been toward recovery."



GETTING READY FOR STAGE DEBUT—Other cast members watch as Scott Watson gets stage makeup applied by director Kay Gray before a rehearsal last week of the Jr. High one-act play. Others pictured are, front: Rene Guerrero and Chris Cheaney. Back: Beth Eisenhower, Tim Abernathy, Briana Horner, Marci Moore and Ami Beal.

Junior High To Enter One-Act Play Competition

Santa Anna will have an entry in the Junior High U.I.L. One-Act Play contest. According to play director, Kay Gray, this will be the first year the local Junior High has entered this competition.

The contest will be held in Menard on Thursday, February 25 at the Menard High School Auditorium beginning at 1:00 p.m. Santa Anna will perform at 1:00 p.m.

Other schools performing will be Menard, Eden, Miles and Veribest.

Santa Anna's entry will be "Oh, What a Tangled Web", a comedy, directed by Kay Gray and Barry Kimball.

Dr. Bill Cook from Baylor University will be the contest judge.

The cast includes Rachel Guerrero as Jan Wilson; Briana Horner as Chris Wilson; Scott Watson as Frank Wilson; Ami Beal as Shirley Wilson; Chris Cheaney as Mr. Quigley; Marci Moore as Mrs. Quigley; Tim Abernathy as Tim Scarlotta and Rene Guerrero as Fran Glowacki. Crew members are Beth Eisenhower, Amanda Lishka and Kristen Keeney.

The play will be presented to the student body on Monday, February 22 at 1:45 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The play will also be presented at 6:00 p.m. on February 22 for parents and friends wishing to see the play.

City Council Looks At Future Landfill Alternatives

The regular monthly meeting of the Santa Anna City Council was held February 9, 1993 at the Coleman County Telephone Cooperative meeting room.

Mayor Gale Brock called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Karen Morris, Jim Spillman and Thomas Hays presents. Others attending the meeting were Carlos Torres, Derriel Wamock and Alys Pelton.

The police report for the month of January was reviewed with Chief of Police Carlos Torres reporting that he had been putting in a lot of

hours trying to work days and nights. Since he has begun being out during the night hours, the burglaries have stopped. He hopes their will be a change in activity for the February report.

A motion was made and carried to order an election be held on May 1, 1993. Places to be contested are mayor and two council seats.

A motion was also made and carried to allow the mayor to enter into negotiations with the Coleman Hospital District to hold a joint

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School Board Members Saluted

February has been designated by Governor Ann Richards as School Board Recognition Month in Texas. The Santa Anna News invites you to join us in saluting those who serve on the board. As the members will tell you, most of that service is very pleasant and rewarding, but on occasion decisions must be made that will make some school patrons unhappy. It is then this group of public servants feel they have a thankless job. We are proud to give them a big "pat on the back" for a job well done. The board members were given a certificate of appreciation at last week's school board meeting and were recognized at the Lions Club Mexican Fiesta on Tuesday night. Santa Anna School Board members pictured here are standing: Gary Absher, Marty Donham (president), and Edwin Hipsher. Seated are Barbara Simmons, Roy Joe Harvey (secretary) and Sharon Guthrie. Roddy Dean was not present for the picture but is seen in the inset.

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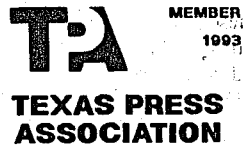
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City Employee On Call This Weekend

The City Crew member on call this weekend is Bobby Morgan, 348-3463 or call mobile phone 348-5019.
Watch the Santa Anna News each week for the crew member to call in case of a city utility emergency.

City Council
Continued from page 1

election with the City on May 1. Both to be held at Mountain City Community Center.

The council agreed to allow the mayor to select the election judge for this election with the council approving the selection at next meeting.

Superintendent of Operations Derril Warnock informed the council that the sewer farm was running smoothly. The city crew is continuing to work at the water treatment plant. Two cement clear wells no longer in use have been knocked in and covered with dirt.

The Subtitle D regulations on landfills was discussed during the meeting. In order to meet the regulations, Warnock said the City would have to obtain about \$425,000 additional funds for operating the landfill. These funds would be necessary in order to keep the local landfill open in the future. Brownwood has offered to allow Santa Anna to dump at their regional landfill for \$7.50 per cubic yard should that become necessary. Warnock has met with BFI of waste systems of Sweetwater concerning contracting that company to haul the garbage for the City. He will meet with BFI again and hopes to have a presentation available at the March meeting.

West Texas Utilities has contacted Mayor Brock about putting in flood lights by the school. The cost would be minimal compared to the benefits. The mayor told WTU to go ahead and install such lights and the council agreed with her decisions.

After a motion was made and carried to pay the accounts payable the meeting was adjourned.

As I approve of a Youth that has something of the Old Man in him, so I am no less pleased with an Old Man that has something of the Youth.
— Cicero

—Obituaries—

Ann Clarke Ellis

Services for Mrs. Ann Clarke Ellis, 76, of Bangs, formerly of Rockwood, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 1993 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don. Elrod officiating. Burial was in the Rockwood Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, February 9, 1993 at Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Born October 15, 1916, in Pineville, South Carolina, she attended school in Cross, South Carolina, where she taught elementary school for two years. She was a housewife and a longtime member of the Rockwood United Methodist Church where she served as secretary/treasurer for many years. She married Ercell Ellis on October 7, 1944, in Columbus, South Carolina.

Survivors include her husband; one niece, Elizabeth Clarke Moore of Pineville; two nephews, Robert Clarke, Jr. and Thomas Lynn Clarke, both of Pineville; one grandniece; and three grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; one sister, Ella Elizabeth Clamp; and one brother, Robert Clarke, Sr.

George M. Cullins

COLEMAN—Services for George Mason Cullins, 73, of Coleman were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 1993 at Walker Funeral Home with the Rev. Clarence Smith officiating. Burial was in the Coleman City Cemetery.

He died at 4:15 a.m. Thursday, February 11, 1993 at Hendricks Medical Center.

Born March 22, 1919, in Coleman County, he had been a resident of Coleman most of his life. He was a stockfarmer and a Baptist. He married Vera Marie McQueen on September 10, 1940, in Coleman County.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Dee Cullins Sitton of Coleman; one son, Mason Cullins of Coleman; one brother, Omer Cullins of Santa Anna; five grandchildren; and several grandchildren.

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Alice Anna Spillman

Same song, second verse; 'the gang' gave most of the new library a second coat of paint. The front inside wall, outside front and the workroom all need the second coat.

How to prepare the base for our carpet is still being debated. Some bids have come in for carpet.

Plans are being made for picking up the bookcases at Mason. The county has been generous in extending the time for pick-up.

Once again, Mrs. Robert See continues to bring information that will be in our genealogy corner. Thanks for the framed map showing early day divisions of Texas.

In looking over the last books from Abilene I noticed these:

A High Old Time Or How to Enjoy Being a Woman over 60. Those who know me realize this couldn't possibly apply to me. But, it did sound like good advice about feelings, frustrations, panics and even delights of turning 60. Most advice is for the young.

Dear Me Peter Ustinov tells of his life from parents, the British Army and theatre life. Written as he talks, it's quite a tale. Large print.

Ellery Queen's Crime Cruise Around the World If you want something to pick up and put down, here are 26 short stories. They come from the Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine.

The Herald When a small plane runs out of fuel and lands at Jefferson Airport, the pilot finds 70,000 dead people. The military finds massive radiation coming from the center of the area. Gradually it begins to spread.

A new book from A & M University is **Bale O' Cotton** by Karen Gerhardt. She is said to have done much research. I haven't read or seen the book but there was a review in the Abilene Reporter News. Either the review chose not to mention Santa Anna or Ms. Britton missed us. There is a picture of Coleman and a gin at Trickham.

Thoughts From Our Pastors

Robert L. Stumph
Seventh Day Adventist

As the new pastor of the Santa Anna/Coleman and Brownwood Seventh-day Adventist churches, my wife and I want to express our thanks for the warm welcome we received during your community Thanksgiving service.

In 1962 I had the privilege of being invited to a tryout with the San Francisco Giants major league baseball club. It was an unforgettable experience.

A baseball player must have good coordination of eye, hand and body. Eyesight is particularly important. No one ever becomes a top-notch hitter without good vision.

It was Babe Ruth's eyes that made him such a fantastic home run hitter. When duck hunting he could spot birds long before they were visible to any one else, including the guide. He could read the license number of a car so far away that the ordinary person couldn't even tell the color of the plate.

Ted Williams, another extraordinary hitter, had exceptional eyesight. During his time in naval aviation he broke many records in vision tests used to examine air cadets.

Rogers Hornsby considered vision so important to his batting that he never watched a movie for the twenty years he was in professional baseball. He avoided any use of his eyes that was not absolutely necessary.

Joe DiMaggio, hit .325 in eleven out of the thirteen seasons he played. One year he hits in fifty-six games straight, setting an all-time record. Three times he was named the American League's most valuable player.

"On my list, keen vision is the first requirement for good hitting," he said. "If you can't see it, you can't hit it!"

This kind of vision is more than just seeing the ball; it is a perception of depth and the ability to judge position in space. This is known as stereoscopic vision. A good hitter can sense where the ball will come and how long it will take it get there. Thus he is ready for it at the precise moment it passes over the plate.

You and I are batters in a game much more important than baseball. We also must know when to swing and when to stand still. We must be able to see whether an experience coming our way is a temptation or an opportunity.

That is why Jesus invites us to use His eyesalve so that we may see. We need to pray for the Holy Spirit to be with us every day to anoint our eyes so that we can see and thus make right decisions.

Perhaps, an invitation to come and worship with us Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. is in order. I am presenting a series on the Holy Spirit and the public is welcome.

Self Culture Club Studies Yugoslavia

Contributed
The Self Culture Club of Santa Anna held its monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, February 10, 1993, in the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

Gale Brock was hostess for the occasion, with Novelle Boylston and May Wallace as co-hostesses. Twelve club members attended the meeting and answered roll call by designating ways by which they receive news.

Mrs. Ruth Dodson (nee Lovelady), a well-known former resident of Santa Anna, presented a study of Yugoslavia. She told about the country's history, ethnic factions, and geography. Also, she showed a series of scenic slides

which were made during her travels in Yugoslavia in 1990.

After conclusion of the study program, refreshments of cake, Valentine candies, candied pecans, cranberry punch, and coffee were served. Table decorations and refreshments depicted a Valentine motif of hearts and flowers in a color scheme of red and white.

After refreshments were served, Betty Key, president of the club, conducted a short business session and the meeting was adjourned.

Members attending the meeting were Mrs. Mae Blue, Gale Brock, Cathy Ellis, Betty Key, Eula McCary, LaRue Morgan, Earlene Scott, Grace Short, Cam Slagle, Alice Spillman, May Wallace and Ethel Williams.

Shannon Abernathy Honored With Wedding Shower

A wedding shower honoring Shannon Abernathy, bride of Troy Abernathy, was held Saturday, February 13 at the Rockwood Community Center.

Decorations of red, pink and white balloons, tablecloths and table accessories were used in a valentine theme. Guests were registered as they entered.

Darla Wise led the playing of several games before gifts were opened by the honoree.

Jennifer Rutherford and Leslie Fields served cake and punch to over 20 guests.

Specials guests attending were Hilda Herrod, mother of the bride and Gay Abernathy, mother of the groom. Also attending were grandmothers, Claudia Rutherford and Trudy Abernathy. A very special guest was Mrs. Lephie Clifton, Troy's great-grandmother of Millersview.

Hostesses for the shower included Mrs. Darla Wise, Faye Wise, Skeeta Cooper, Coleta Pearson, Minnie Bray, Betty Duns, Earlene Dockery, Wilma Williams, Nell Brusenhan and Sadie Bryan.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



"I heard the cow market broke - but I heard it on this cheap ol' radio!"

Santa Anna National Bank

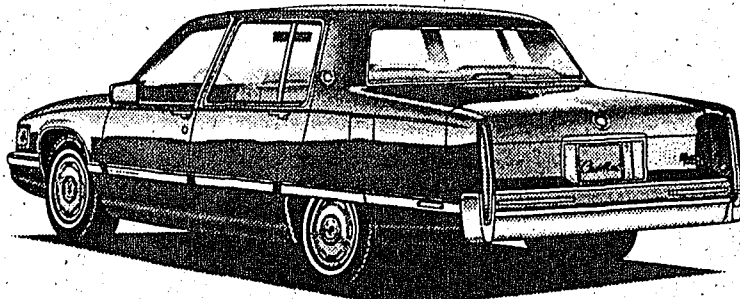
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FHA Makes Valentine Visit To Ranger Park Inn

Members of the Santa Anna High School FHA Chapter visited Ranger Park Inn Nursing Home last Friday, Valentines Day. The students presented residents of the home with individual valentines they had made at school. Some of the residents also received lap robes the students had constructed. Shown in this picture with some of the students is Gladys Hunter, modeling one of the lap robes that had been tied around her waist. At her right is another resident, Estelle Todd. Both ladies are holding valentines presented to them by the girls. The students were accompanied to Ranger Park Inn by their sponsor, Kimberly Prince.

Host Families Sought For International High School Students

Host families are being sought for high school exchange students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Austria, Turkey, Greece, Hungary, South Korea, Netherlands, Poland, Peru, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Portugal, Uruguay, Czechoslovakia, Thailand and Yugoslavia for the school year 1993-94 in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, ages 15 through 18, will arrive in the United States in August, 1993, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June, 1994. The students are fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

Host families may deduct \$50.00 per month for income tax purposes.

AISE has intercultural opportunities available for American High School students to participate in summer homestay or year programs throughout Europe and Australia.

Families interested in either program should call toll free 1-800-SIBLING.

Your local AISE representative is Gary Absher. Please call (915) 348-9106 for an appointment in your home or for any information.



1993 Valentine Sweetheart Named At First Methodist Church Banquet

Grace Short was named the Valentine Sweetheart when the children's department of First Methodist Church honored ladies of the church with a Valentine Banquet last Sunday evening, February 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Children of the church took part in a program presentation including song selections before participating in the selection of the 1993 Sweetheart.

The children made decorations and decorated the fellowship hall of the church annex in preparation for the banquet. They also served the meal of baked ham and an assortment of salads.

Youth department helpers registering guests and assisting in other areas were Jamie Ellis and Chanda Simmons. Mothers of the children involved furnished the food for the party.

Approximately 50 were in attendance.

Children pictured above are back row, Austin Voss, Lisa Hornback, Robert Pearce, Sweetheart Grace Short, Cawlye Luera, Bryan Hosch, Eric Hosch, Kisha Stenbridge and front row, Bryan Fellers, Harmony Herring, Kelly Voss and Alicia Ellis.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards got her revenge last week, running over a bloc of House Republicans who gridlocked her November special session on public school finance reform.

The governor's forces, mostly Democrats, stalled initially, then twisted enough arms to get more than the 100 votes needed to put the controversial "Robin Hood" plan on the May 1 ballot.

But it's not state law yet. Voters will finally decide whether to approve the plan, so named because it would take about \$400 million from property-rich school districts and distribute it among poor ones.

The latest Texas Poll indicates voters are split 51-43 percent in favor of adding the proposed constitutional amendment to the Texas Constitution. Six percent were undecided. White voters were evenly split on the issue, while black and Hispanic voters overwhelmingly favor the plan.

2nd House Vote Risky

The Senate is expected to rubber-stamp the House version this week.

Though senators earlier adopted a much different version, few believe they could muster 100 votes again in the House.

House Republicans had sought to add several choices for voters to consider, including a school voucher system, removal of court oversight of education funding, prohibiting property tax increases without voter approval and abolishing all unfunded state mandates.

Overshadow Senate Race?

As it is, this single amendment threatens to overshadow the original thrust of the May 1 election, to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Lloyd Bentsen.

Last week, Dallas entrepreneur Richard Fisher, a Democrat, announced his candidacy, outlining a platform based on reform and deficit reduction. Fisher was an advisor on foreign affairs to Ross Perot's presidential bid.

Meanwhile, former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox edged closer to formally entering the race, something top Democrats supporting party-designate Krueger had hoped to avoid.

Illegal Offer Considered?

The Texas congressional delegation is reportedly searching for a federal post, perhaps a judgeship, to offer Mattox to keep him from crowding the field and diluting the Democratic vote.

House Judiciary Committee chairman Jack Brooks, D-Beaumont, said: "I wouldn't put it that way. I would recommend him because he is a highly competent lawyer...and they might find a spot for him if they had a place for him."

However, federal law prohibits promising employment in return for political support.

Mattox said: "It's a pretty sad commentary when you have congressmen up there trying to get the strong candidate out for a weak candidate." Some polls show Mattox leading Krueger.

Smart Jobs Bill Passed

A bill creating a program to assist Texas businesses in training workers and provide financial in-

centives for businesses expanding in the state passed the House last week.

Gov. Ann Richards is expected to sign the bill this week. The program will be administered by the Texas Department of Commerce.

"The Smart Jobs Fund Program will help businesses train and re-train workers, building a world-class work force second to none," said Commerce executive director Cathy Bonner.

The fund is created by diverting one-tenth of one percent from the state's Unemployment Insurance Tax. It is estimated there will be approximately \$50 million per year in the fund.

Group to Manage Parks

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced an unprecedented contractual agreement to allow the nonprofit group Texas Rural Communities Inc. to assume management of five state parks facing budget cuts.

The Parks are the Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison, Fort McKavett near Menard, Fort Lancaster near Ozona, Star Mansion in Marshall, and Caddoan Mounds near Alto.

Other Highlights

The Senate confirmed Mary Scott Nabers' appointment to the Texas Railroad Commission with a 27-3 vote. Nabers, who is giving up a seat on the Texas Employment Commission, was sworn into office privately the next day, with a formal swearing-in set for Feb. 24.

In a 30-0 vote, the Senate also confirmed the nomination of Paul Williams to the State Board of Insurance. Williams, until recently, served as Gov. Richards' chief of staff.

The State Board of Insurance began hearings last week into a proposed double-digit increase in the benchmark rate for automobile insurance. Farmers Insurance Group, the second largest auto insurer in

Texas, recommended a 14.6 percent hike, and USAA proposed an 11 percent increase.

State Rep. Ben Campbell, R-Carrollton, was indicted by a federal grand jury on seven counts of conspiracy, bank fraud and making false entries on bank books. Campbell said he was innocent, and that accusations had been made by a long-time political adversary.

Monitoring Supplemental Feeding

By: Marty Gibbs, CEA-AG

Many times we would like to have some sort of a gauge to tell us when, how much, and of what we should supplement beef cow herds. One method that is finding applicability is, in order to decide what to put in the front end of the cow just look at what is coming out the back end.

Manure characteristics can certainly tell us something about the nutritional status of a cow. This assumes, of course, that she is not wormy or otherwise unhealthy. It's all based on nutrient content, digestibility, and rate of passage of the diet. When everything is right, manure patties will be moist and relatively flat. When things deteriorate, manure starts becoming drier and stacks. Why?

Basically, as forage digestibility decreases, typically in late fall and winter but also often in late summer, the rate of passage through the gut slows dramatically. More moisture is absorbed and manure becomes drier, sometimes containing almost no moisture when digestibility drops below 30 to 35 percent and crude protein falls below 4 to 5 percent. When this happens the cow is not getting much nutrition even if she has plenty of this low quality hay or standing grass available. She sim-

ply can't eat much if what she's eating is staying in the gut a long time and she's not getting much out of what she does eat.

Under these conditions, supplemental protein can have a significant effect by allowing rumen bacteria to function effectively. When we first start seeing these manure effects, about a pound of 30% to 40% protein supplement a day will improve intake and digestibility. (This doesn't have to be fed every day. You could feed 2 to 2-1/2 lb. 3 times a week) As forage quality goes down, but is still present in adequate amounts, it will be necessary to increase the level of feeding.

Generally, about 23 lb. a day of high protein feed is about as high as we would ever go. If this amount doesn't do the job we'll have to go to even higher levels of combination protein-energy feed like 20% breeder cubes, whole cottonseed, meal-grain mixes, etc. and/or provide supplemental forage, usually as hay.

While not completely scientific, manure monitoring can be a useful tool to gauge supplemental feeding requirements.

The Way We Were

February 14, 1963

The Coleman County Telephone Cooperative has received an REA loan of \$173,000 for the construction of an exchange at Valera.

A total of 497 persons received the type III Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine Sunday afternoon.

During the past several days the electricity has gone off several times. The weather is blamed for the failure.

Funeral services for Mrs. Eugene D. Taylor, 61, a former resident were held in Edinburg Monday.

The old City Barn is now in the process of being torn down. The job is due to be completed by the end of the month.

The annual observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held around the world in all free nations on Friday, March 1.

Funeral services for Mrs. Joe Clark were held Friday, February 15 at the First Christian Church. She died on Monday.

February 13, 1953

Donald Trull is shown with his Champion Fine Wood Lamb at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Elmo A. Wallace regined as Water Superintendent last week to take a position in Ozona.

Coleman County commissioners have voted to buy a new two-way communication set for the county sheriff's department.

The men of the various churches in town have just about completed work on two all-metal church signs and they are expected to be up in 10 days.

Funeral services for George F. Hunter, of Whon were held in Whon Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 11 in Comanche for Mrs. Samantha C. McNutt.

Miss Anne Moseley became the bride of William Brownlee Ferguson, III of Houston in Fort Worth on Saturday.

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