

Santa Anna News

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

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68 Years Of Public Service To This Area

With this issue of The Santa Anna News we enter the 68th year of publication for this newspaper. During the 68 years The Santa Anna News has been published it has served the Santa Anna and surrounding area as no other public servant has. We hope to continue this public service during the ensuing years, and with this issue of The News we extend our sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to each of our readers.

The Santa Anna News is one of the oldest business establishments in Santa Anna. It has been owned since 1920 by J. J. Gregg and operated most of that time by him. Since 1946 it has been operated by his son, John C. Gregg.

During the time previous to 1920 it seems the paper changed ownerships several times, but because we do not have any files back of 1919 we never have been definitely able to establish exactly who the former owners and editors have been, and what years they were here. We have many varied stories of the history of the local newspaper, but do not know which ones are true.

Earl Hardy Seeks Re-election As Commissioner

Earl Hardy, now serving his third term as Commissioner, Precinct 2, Coleman County, has authorized The Santa Anna News to announce that he will seek re-election to this office again this year.

Hardy stated that he has enjoyed serving the citizens of this precinct during the past few years and hopes that his service has been of such a nature that the citizens will return him to this important office for another term. He expressed appreciation to all the people in the precinct for their cooperation during the time he has served as Commissioner.

In asking for re-election, Hardy stated that his platform was the same as it has always been, "to serve the precinct and county to the best of my ability, always with the thought in mind of betterment to and for the people of Precinct 2 and Coleman County".

Hardy said he would have another statement for the citizens of this area later in the campaign and in the meantime, he would appreciate the continued support and help of his friends.

Advertising Rates To Increase With Next Issue

Effective with the January 8, 1954 issue of The Santa Anna News, all display advertising rates will increase to a minimum of 5 cents per column inch. Classified advertising rates will increase to a minimum weekly charge of 40 cents per insertion with the word rate being 4 cents per word for the first insertion and each additional insertion being at the rate of 2 cents per word. Cards of thanks, resolutions of respect etc., will increase accordingly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Priddy had a family reunion in their home last week end. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Bickley and sons of La Porte; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin, Nancy and Arthur of Temple; Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Shipp and Mrs. Ray M. Cahow of Moody; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spivey and Frank of Morgan; Mrs. Max Ford and Diane of Dallas; Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shipp of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shipp of Brownwood; Mrs. Lillian McGregor of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vercher of Ft. Worth.

Another Political Year Opens With The New Year

1954 will give all the qualified voters of Texas the opportunity to express themselves again as to who they want to hold public offices for the years 1955 and 1956, from the Justice of the Peace in precincts all over the state to the Governor and U. S. Congressmen. From now until the first primary election the last of July a lot of politics will be discussed.

Every person 21 years of age and older has the privilege of casting their vote if they qualify themselves by paying their poll tax if they are under sixty years of age. Persons over 60 years of age get the opportunity to vote without paying the poll tax.

No person has any right to make any complaint about the manner in which their government is operated unless they exercise their privilege of casting their vote.

Because this is not a presidential election year, it is expected that a lot of people will not pay their poll taxes. Let us urge every person to take into consideration the fact that you are directly affected by what goes on in the Texas Legislature, the same as in the national picture, and pay your poll taxes and make a detailed study of all candidates seeking office. Then when you go to the polls in July you will be qualified to vote for the person you think is best suited to fill positions they are asking for.

One of the hottest races expected this year will be for the governorship of Texas. As of this time only one man has definitely said he was seeking the office, but there are several others who have their eyes on the job, and most of them are just waiting until the middle of January to say what they are going to do. We personally do not think we will have the same governor next year as we have at the present time. The race for governor will see many topics discussed at length during the next few months.

But regardless of who you want for the office, you must pay your poll tax to help put him there.

Congressman O. C. Fisher Visits In Santa Anna Dec. 22

O. C. Fisher of San Angelo, 21st Congressional District Representative, was a pleasant visitor in Santa Anna last Tuesday afternoon. The Congressman visited with your editor for about 2 hours and we discussed a number of important matters of legislation that are due to come before the Legislature in the coming months. During the afternoon he visited a number of his other friends here.

Congressman Fisher plans to seek another term of office and plans to make the announcement sometime soon after the first of the year.

Rockwood BTU Elects New Officers

The B.T.U. of the Rockwood Baptist Church met last Sunday, December 27, 1953, in regular session. The new business was electing the following new officers:

President, James Steward; Vice-Pres., Patsy Bryan; Secretary-Treas., Bobbie Rehm; Group Captains, Jay Steward and Morris Straughan; Song Leader, Neva Rhem; Reporter, Kay Steward.

An interesting program was enjoyed by the eighteen members present and Mrs. Ray Steward, B.T.U. Sponsor.

Reba Hardy of Dallas came Saturday night and visited until Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Temp Fiveash got moved recently to their home on East Walls Ave., which they have lately acquired. They did considerable improvements on the place before moving in.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee Hunter and Anne of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hunter and Edd Lee of Coleman were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Starnes and children, Tommie, Barbee and Ruth Ann, returned to their home at Odessa Sunday, after a Christmas visit here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Garrett.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Harold White of Tatum, New Mexico, spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Mills and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White at Burkett.

Mrs. Floyd Hale had all her family together at home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale and son of Brownwood, Elva Adele of San Antonio, Ruthie and Shirley of Ft. Worth and Tom Boy of Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wallace and their 4 children of Progresso were Christmas visitors with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Wallace and other members of the family here.

Miss Kathryn Baxter of Waco, came in early last week to spend Christmas at her home here. Enroute here she visited in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wylie Baxter at San Saba.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian deGraffenreid and Bert, returned home Sunday night from San Antonio from a Christmas visit with members of their family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clifford left for their home in El Paso, Monday after a holiday visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Woodward.

Dr. Grocer Shoaf of San Antonio, brother of Mrs. Stafford Baxter, died suddenly Tuesday of a heart attack. Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday in San Antonio.

Mrs. J. E. Watkins had as Christmas visitors her two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Standley and Mr. and Mrs. Audas Smith and sons Dickie and David of Odessa, Mrs. Hester Bridges and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jackie Watkins and Jill of Corpus Christi. The Smiths also visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith.

Mr. Clinton Lowe visited with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Balke and family at Christmas. Rodney was there from Dallas and Bonnie Jean from San Antonio. She visited here with her grandfather Monday night and left Tuesday for San Antonio where she teaches.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owen had all their family together for dinner on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Owen were here from Hobbs, New Mexico, and their little granddaughter, 3 year old Debra Spradley of Abilene, and his son, George Owen of Dallas, and their children living here, Mr. and Mrs. Othar Owen, Ray Owen and family and the I. O. James family.

Rev. E. H. Wylie, who has not been well for a long time, became much worse at the week end. On Tuesday afternoon his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sikes of Bangs took him to a head specialist in Dallas. Mrs. Wylie went with them. She will be staying part of the time with a sister there. Their daughter, Mrs. A. P. Peetre, visiting them from Abilene, and Mrs. Norval Wylie went with them to Bangs.

Members of the family and other relatives visiting with Mrs. Lula Taylor during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brimbery, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Taylor and daughter, Hazel, Brady; Mrs. Annie Bowen, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Richardson and Denise, Childress; Mr. and Mrs. Melo Mellichar and children of Caldwell, Kans.; Mrs. E. C. Lawrence and son, Jerry of California; and Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Richardson of Santa Anna.

Dollar Days Set For Next Week; Holiday Friday

The merchants of Santa Anna who participate in the monthly Dollar Days program decided early this week to postpone the monthly feature one week, due to Friday, January 1, 1954, being a holiday observed by the local business firms. Also most of the merchants will be taking inventory at this time and postponing the bargain day event will give them an opportunity to offer a number of better specials the following week.

January first is one of five days during the year the local merchants have agreed to close their places of business and observe it as a holiday. It is expected that most of the stores will be closed for the entire day.

Be sure to watch next week's Santa Anna News for the Dollar Days specials.

New Daughter For The Jack Payne's

A daughter named Shauna Kay, weighing 8lbs and 4 ozs., was born to Rev. and Mrs. Jack Payne in a Waxahachie hospital at 10:05 a. m. on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Galloway visited with the Paynes Sunday and report all to be getting along all right. The Galloways also met Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Kentner, visiting in the Payne home, who will be leaving soon as missionaries to India for a five year stay.

Class of 1946 Has Reunion

Miss Alice Anna Guthrie home from Sherman for the holidays, was hostess at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Guthrie on Ave. C on Christmas Eve night for a reunion of the graduating class of 1946. No special entertainment was necessary as the group, with some of their husbands and wives, found conversation interesting. Decorations in the Christmas theme were carried out in the features of the evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray McSwain, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean, College Station; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Webb Golston, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cash, Texarkana; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pruitt, Dallas; Mrs. Charlie Scott (Melba Earl Johnson) and sons, Odessa; W. H. Blake, Biloxi, Miss.; Willie Calicote, Texarkana; Mrs. Jack Kingsberry, Batesville; and Pat McClatchey of Tolar.

Another reunion is planned for Homecoming next year.

Lions Den

Two visitors were present for the weekly meeting of the Lions Club. One is a former member, Rev. Harry C. Wigger, now of Midland, Texas. Rev. Wigger reported his work progressing nicely in his new location. Rev. Henry Jongema, pastor of the Cimmaron, Kansas' Methodist Church, was a guest of his brother-in-law, Lion Ted McCaughan, president of the club. Lion Womack assigned Lions Harry Crews and O. J. Albro the program for the next week, their topic to be the lumber business.

The club enjoyed a very interesting and instructive talk by Lion A. D. Pettit on vocational agriculture.

Lion Tilden Jones made a report on the Christmas Baskets delivered, stating that 52 well filled baskets were distributed to the needy and worthy families of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Henderson and Ora Beth of Snyder, Texas, were Christmas visitors here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Blue and John Hardy, who was home from Camp Carson, Colorado, for the holidays.

ROGER W. BABSON'S FORECAST FOR FIRST HALF OF THE NEW YEAR

I do not now believe in the theory of most economists that business will fall off 10% in 1954, with a greater decline in net earnings. My feelings is that everyone will unite forces to hold up business, at least during the first half, to its approximate 1953 average. This can be done by expanding research, increasing advertising appropriations, extending further credits, and obtaining labor's co-operation.

But, I say something much more important than the above; namely, if business should slump 10%, the decline would probably not stop at 10%. Too many business concerns and individuals are working on a very narrow and slim margin. The decline in employment, with resulting business losses which a 10% decline in gross would cause could result in millions of families being unable to pay their bills and installment obligations. This could set off a chain reaction, which could send business down 10% to 30% more, with a corresponding decline in the stock market, commodity prices, and real estate. In this latter case, the Eisenhower Administration would suffer as did the Hoover Administration.

In view of this possible serious alternative, I have contacted the leading newspaper publishers as to the attitude of their respective communities. Of these over 970 have replied as follows: The people of 30 communities are discouraged and want to liquidate; 297 communities are optimistic and want to buy and invest more; 643 are now content and in a strong position, but are waiting until they see how 1954 develops. Due to the results of this survey, I believe the chances are ten to one that at least the first half of 1954 will be fairly good.

Below are 25 definite forecasts which, in any case, should prove correct for the first six months of 1954. My forecast for the second six months will appear in this paper next June.

1. There will be no World War in the first half of 1954.
2. The Dow-Jones Industrial Stock Average will be less on June 30, 1954, than on January 1, 1954.
3. Taxes will be lowered by expiring laws.
4. The price of most commodities will be lower on June 30, 1954.
5. The Eisenhower "Honeymoon" is fast ending and he will have a hard time controlling Congress during the next six months.
6. Retail sales can be kept up by manufacturers and merchants spending more money on advertising, selling, and developing new products.
7. The U. S. population will continue its present growth and the best prospects for sales in 1954 will be the "teen-agers."
8. Interest rates during the first six months of 1954 should average about as at the present, except on the renewal of low-rate loans.
9. Farm lands, except near cities, will sell for less during the first half of 1954, when farmers' profits will begin to decline.
10. The Central and Southwest will not suffer drought as in 1953.
11. There will be more fear of World War III as years go on. People will gradually move out of certain large cities. Nearby farm land will be split up. A rise in the price of such fringe farm land is certain.
12. The U. S. Government will give less money to the European and other nations direct; but will help them through the United Nations.
13. There will be fewer employed next June — the total

take-home-pay will be less than last June. This, however, may be a good thing for the morale of the nation.

14. The present Administration will suffer much opposition to attempts to reduce tariffs if profits decline or unemployment increases.

15. The Administration and the Labor Leaders will try to re-vamp the Taft-Hartley Bill during 1954; but bad strikes are coming.

16. I am no weather prophet, but experts expect a warmer winter for the eastern portion of the U. S. and a colder Florida.

17. Canada will continue to boom during the first half of 1954; but this may be a good time to take profits on Canadian investments.

18. The above forecasts apply to Southern California and its airplane and movie industries. Both may have reached their peaks for the present.

19. Automobiles will be harder to sell and easier to buy during the first half of 1954. Both the automobile stocks and the cars will be in less demand. There will be more bargains in used cars, discounts on new cars, especially of the "independent" manufacturers.

20. Florida may have killing frosts during the next few months. This will cheer up California, Arizona, and Texas.

21. The Korean situation will remain about as is — as the Chinaman says, "much talkie, no shootie."

22. There will be one or two resignations from the Eisenhower "businessmen's cabinet," replaced by "politicians." All is not going too well. The President is not used to being pressured by lobbies.

23. The first half of 1954 should be your best time to get out of debt or at least reduce your debt. Remember that most bankers are in the business of "loaning umbrellas when the sun is shining, and calling them in when it rains." Moreover, you cannot blame them because the umbrellas really belong to the depositors, who also will want them on rainy days! Operate so you can clean up bank loans once during 1954.

24. The companies which will prosper most are those which have inaugurated effective labor-saving programs. Most manufacturers are learning that they cannot beat labor through mere strikes. They are winning only as they purchase new labor-saving machinery, spend more money on research and on well-directed advertising.

25. There may be some further inflation in 1954; but percentage wise to the total national output it should not help the stock market.

WHAT WILL EISENHOWER DO?

I Have Promised To Answer The Following Four Questions:

1. Is Eisenhower to take the advice of Assistant President Adams, representing certain Republican leaders, and turn to the left? Or will he stick to his conservative election platform?

ANSWER: He will stick to his election platform.

2. To put the question in a more practical way: Will 1954 be a year of reform and economic adjustment as promised by President Eisenhower, or will he give the country more inflation, and further play Santa Claus to labor, farm, high tariff and other groups?

ANSWER: He is learning that "economic reforms" must be gradual.

3. Will he run the risk of losing Congress in 1954 and the election in 1956 for a matter of principles, as did Hoover in 1932? Or, will he succumb to the temptation of changing his policy with an attempt to "save his party"?

ANSWER: He will run the risk of losing Congress in 1954, and the chance to run again in 1956.

4. Is a "middle-of-the-road" policy practical? Will it serve both groups, or no group?

ANSWER: Yes, it is practical for working a gradual change, and it should serve both groups.

Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER



ROCKWOOD, TEXAS

PHONE 1003

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Estes of Chino, Calif., and their son, A/3c Coy D. Estes of Mississippi, came to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Drury Estes. Coy goes to South Carolina for further assignment. Other Christmas dinner guests in the Estes home were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Mankins and Gaylon, Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Mrs. James Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Estes and Phyllis of

Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Estes of Abilene, being all of the Estes children and grandchildren present for the dinner. C. F. Nevan of San Angelo and his son-in-law, George Chapas of Rio Grande City, spent Saturday on his farm and visited the John Hunters. Visiting at different times during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Richardson were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dudley of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cooper and children of Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Richardson and boys and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Richardson and Betty of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryan went to San Angelo Christmas Eve for the tree and dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Black, Gary and Elaine. Friday afternoon they visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Whetstone at Santa Anna. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holmes, Marcellene and Cardene of Plains, Kansas, attended Church School at the Methodist Church

Sunday as they were enroute home from a vacation in Mexico City. Spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richardson and family of Ft. Worth, Jimmy Richardson of Brownwood and Elzie Abernathy. Mr. Abernathy, Mrs. Richardson's son, had a car wreck on the way, wasn't hurt badly, but can't walk yet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garner, Gene, Randy and Diane of Amarillo, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crutcher and family Thursday and Friday. Mr. and Mrs. James Bell and Sheila Kay were guests Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Morris, Dorinda and Darrell of South Houston came Saturday and are spending this week with the Crutcher's.

The Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Estes and Mike of Elbert and Weldon Estes of Abilene spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowers and Cora of Edgewood and Mr. and Mrs. Cecl Curry of Santa Anna visited in the Estes home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shuford spent Christmas in San Antonio with Amos Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness were in Brownwood Christmas Eve and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maness and spent the night with Mrs. Ara Ripley. They attended a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Parker in Brownwood on Sunday.

R. W. Nevans and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Maxey and Lowell in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kelley of Santa Anna were also guests of the Maxey's.

We are surely happy that Wess Wise was home for Christmas. He has been hospitalized since his leg was broken when the brakes went out on his car, causing a wreck, and will be in a cast until February 6.

Christmas dinner guests with Mrs. J. W. Wise were Mrs. Julia Box and Miss Jerry of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Wise and children of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Reddy of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pearson and boys of Eola, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Valicek of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wise and family of Brownwood, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Mildred Howard and children of Ft. Worth, Miss Billie Wise of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steward, Sony and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan and Patsy and Evan Wise.

Mrs. Oren Wise, Frank and John of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brookman and Denise and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker of Lubbock came Friday afternoon to visit with Mrs. Wise, returning home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Brookman of Waco, Jimmy's parents, visited at the Wise home Saturday morning. All of

Mrs. Wise's children and grandchildren were present for the Christmas tree Friday evening but Mrs. Hilton Wise and Wess. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith and Miss Cooleen Wise of Ft. Worth spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Wise and family. Miss Dolores Wise, a student in Southern State Teachers College at San Marcos is also home until Sunday.

Miss Pearl Castleman wishes to express her appreciation for the many kindnesses shown her

during her recent illness by the wonderful people in Rockwood. Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller were Mr. and Mrs. Lum McQueen of Gruver on Wednesday and Thursday. Christmas Day guests were Mrs. Fannie Pike of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Mosler of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Selke and Rhoda Gale of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport and La Nelle of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Will McQueen of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McQueen

and children of Gruver spent Saturday and Sunday in the Miller home. Mrs. Hóp Cheatham and Richard of Eldorado spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fondren. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Taylor of Ontario, Calif., spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steward. Mrs. Taylor is the former Alta Cheatham. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steward and family spent Saturday in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. L. V. (Continued on Page Three)



**Lois Henderson
Laundry**

BEST WISHES

for the New Year

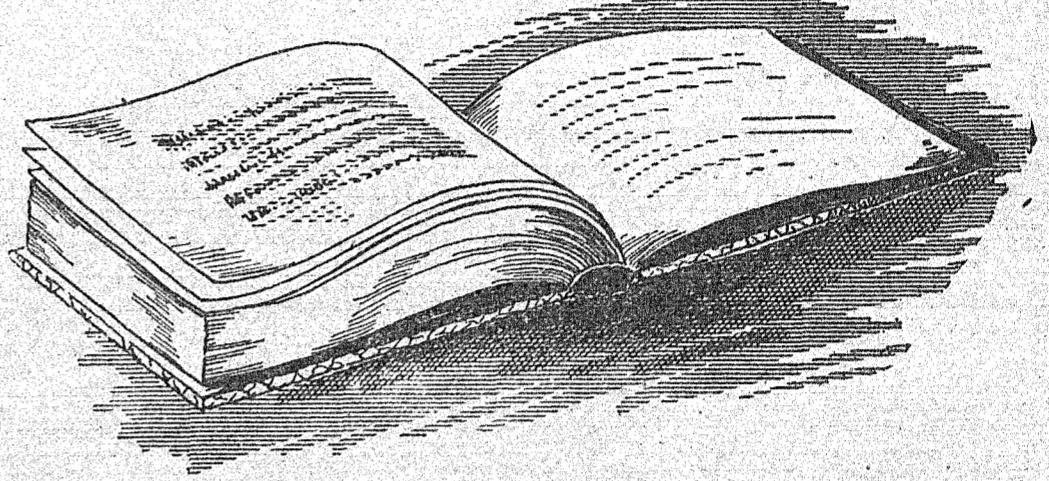


We just want to stop for a moment to wish you all the joy and success possible for the coming year. And, while we are at it, may we add our sincere thanks for all past favors.

L. E. Abernathy

TEXACO SERVICE STATION

ANOTHER YEAR CLOSES

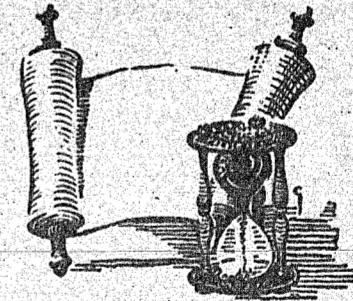


The last chapter of the book of the old year has just been concluded and now, as we turn to the first page of the New Year we say to you, "Thanks for everything."

It is our wish that next year Will be one of health, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

YOUR FRIENDLY
Santa Anna National Bank
Member FDIC and Federal Reserve System

PRIDE of Achievement



Looking backward over the past twelve months we see many things for which to be thankful... many achievements to which all can point with justifiable pride. With such success as a background, we can see only complete success for the people of this community in the future.

Santa Anna Hospital

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The Santa Anna News is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons for elective offices, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries in July and August, 1954.

All political announcements must be paid in cash before they are published and no exceptions will be made. All political advertising must also be paid in advance.

A maximum of 400 words is allowed for political announcements. All over 400 words will be charged for at the rate of 2 cents per word.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2:

EARL HARDY
(Re-election)

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haynes and Nancy during the holidays were: Patsy McIver of Dallas; Burney Royce McIver of Oklahoma City; Nelda Richardson of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Holland and Joy Dean of Brady; and Evelyn Oakes of Santa Anna.

Irene Castle was the first to start the bobbed hair fashion.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment. Mrs. J. F. Simmons, Phone Black 312. 49tfc

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment, Frigidaire and hot water. J. Ed Bartlett. 1tfc.

FOR RENT: Nicely furnished apartment. Kathryn Baxter, phone 335. 1tfc.

FOR LEASE: 147 acres of land 7 miles east of town. 120 acres in cultivation. Joe Mathews. 1-3c

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom house near schools. See Carl Benton, Phone 379. 3tp.

FOR SALE: Young Registered Hereford Bull. See Hillburn Henderson. 3tp.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 20 unit modern court on highway 180. Prefer trade for farm. Contact C. E. Minnick, Roby, Texas. 50-1p

FOR SALE: Well located house on pavement. Pat Hosch.

MISCELLANEOUS

BOOK your baby chicks at D & D Feed Store. tfc.

MAKE OLD FLOORS look like new — Rent our high-speed floor sander and edger — low rates. Santa Anna Hardware Co. 15-22c

FOR PLUMBING call D & D Feed Store, Phone 83. 52tfc.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 12th day of January, 1954, at 2:00 p. m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

s/O. L. Cheaney
Executive Vice President
51-1c.

Visitors with Mrs. R. S. Stearns on Christmas, other than members of her family were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Holland and Joy Dean of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lykins of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Stearns of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. B-K. Riggs of Ft. Stockton are here visiting through the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Milton House and family.

Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest President ever inaugurated.

Buffalo News

By MRS. JOHN LAUDER



ROUTE TWO

SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

W enjoyed a very nice Christmas program and tree at the Baptist Church on Wednesday night

Mrs. Leona Graves had Christmas dinner in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourn Graves. Mrs. Graves reports that Mrs. Dave Bell is doing fine and is expected to be up in about five weeks. She is staying with Mrs. Graves while confined to bed with a broken leg. Mrs. Graves had a dinner guests Sunday her son, Mr. Wilbourn Graves and family and Mr. and Mrs. Will Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. David Graves of Ft. Worth have a new daughter, Marsha Ann, who arrived December 22 at Brownwood. Mrs. Leona Graves visited them on Thursday.

Those on the sick list Sunday were: Mr. Garland Powell, Mr. John Lauder and Mrs. Roney and son. We missed them at church.

Visitors in the W. J. Curry home on Christmas Eve Day for the family tree and supper were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Curry and family of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Brimer and family of Goliad, Mr. and Mrs. Odus Curry and family of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curry and sons.

Visitors in the E. W. Gopher home on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curry and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Pricer and family of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. West and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Floyd, Kenneth, Gary, Mrs. Calvin Blankingship had Christmas dinner at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Jackson of Coleman.

Mrs. Floyd Lattimer of Crowell visited in the Floyd home on Saturday.

Mrs. John Lauder and Jack were accompanied by Mrs. F. G. Gaines of Coleman on Thursday to Abilene where they visited

in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman. Four of the five Chapman's had flu. The Lauder's visited Christmas Eve night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gaines. They had Christmas dinner at Melvin in the home of Mr. Lauder's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alsord. Visitors in the Lauder home Sunday were: Mrs. W. W. Layman, Mrs. Eula Nicholson and Miss Myrtle Gaines of Eangs, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gaines and sons, Max and Don, of Coleman. The Lauder's visited late Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Brooke.

Don Gaines and Johnnie Brooke spent Sunday night with Jack Lauder. Jack's cousin, Miss Donna Grimes and her friend, Maxine Cude of Brady arrived at the Lauder's Monday for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forbes of San Antonio also visited Monday night with the Lauder's. Jack, Miss Grimes and Miss Cude visited Tuesday at Rockwood at the Homer Schulze home and in the Lee Byron home near Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bouchillon and children visited Christmas Day in Lexington with his sister, Mrs. Charlie White and brother, Mr. Harvey Bouchillon and their families. He also saw the first school that he attended. It is now a dwelling. Mr. Bouchillon hadn't been back to Lexington since he left there in 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bouchillon and children had Sunday

dinner with Mrs. W. C. Casey in Coleman. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown of Burkett; Mrs. J. Fox Casey of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Casey of Coleman; Patsy and Jimmie Casey and Pvt. Johnnie Casey of Ft. Bliss, El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lovel and boys of Alvin visited with his sister and family, Mrs. Erwin Casey during the holidays.

Mrs. Joe Millender and Larry visited in Bell County with relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson and children visited his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Payne Henderson, in Cleveland Community and her folks at Ranger during Christmas holidays. His brother, Bobbie Henderson and family

from New Mexico, were also visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Neal and David visited from Christmas Eve Day until Saturday with their granddaughter and niece, Mrs. Bill Wheeler and family in Ft. Worth.

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Faye Brannan, Afton Pieratt Exchange Vows

On December 26, 1953, at 5 p. m., Miss Faye Brannan of Dallas became the bride of Afton L. Pieratt of Amarillo, with Jack Howard of Coleman officiating at the double-ring ceremony. Only relatives and a few close friends of the couple attended the rites.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Brannan and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pieratt, all of Santa Anna.

Miss Elizabeth Thames of Dallas, aunt of the bride, was her only attendant. Billie Pieratt of Killeen, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride wore a light grey wool suit, a white hat with pearl and rhinestone trim, and white gloves. She also wore a corsage of white camellias.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and her

brother, Porter Brannan, ushered.

Mrs. William Brown sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because" with Miss Elsie Lee Harper playing the organ accompaniment.

The newlyweds are descendants of pioneers of this vicinity.

The bride attended Sul Ross College and the University of Houston, is a member of the Desk and Derrick Club of Dallas and a member of the Dallas Athletic Association.

Liberty Home Dem. Met At Community Building Dec. 22nd.

Eight members of the Liberty Home Demonstration Club attended the regular meeting at the community building on Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd, notwithstanding the cold, blustery day.

They had a short Christmas program with Mrs. Olin Strange reading a Christmas story, then all sang "Jingle Bells" after which gifts were exchanged.

After a short business session, Mrs. W. H. Pittard turned the meeting over to Mrs. Truman Fletcher, the incoming president, who appointed her committees for the coming year.

The New Year books were distributed and each made a resolution to attend regularly and work harder the coming year.

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Annabelle Price Elvis Selman Exchange Vows

Miss Annabelle Price of Abilene was married to Elvis Selman of Brady on Christmas Day in the First Methodist Church of Santa Anna. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price of Bay City, formerly of Santa Anna. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Selman of Brady.

Rev. J. D. F. Williams of Coleman performed the double-ring ceremony before the altar rail banked with greenery and fern. An archway behind the rail was formed by candelabra and white tapers. The kneeling bench was covered in gold material.

Best man was S. C. Engdahl of Brady and matron of honor was Mrs. Al England of Abilene, sister of the bride.

Ushers were Eugene Selman, brother of the bridegroom and Paul Boldt of Brady.

Mrs. Harry Crews organist, accompanied Sandra Shields, who sang "I Love Thee". Melvin Pollock sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer".

Candles were lighted by Annette Johnson and Carolyn Lovelady.

Evelyn Oakes presided at the register in the vestibule.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white shantung faille gown, fashioned with a wide scoop neckline, outlined with narrow bertha, which was edged with drop pearls.

The elongated, fitted bodice came to points at front and back. The waltz length skirt was worn over hoops. Her veil of French illusion fell from a pearl enchusted tiara. She carried a bouquet of holly and poinsettias, atop a white shantung faille muff.

A reception followed at the church. The couple were assisted in receiving by the bride's grandparents, Mrs. H. F. Waldrop and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Price of Coleman.

Serving were: Mrs. Billy Campbell, Mrs. W. C. Price, Jeanne Marie Hefner of Santa Anna, and Alma Rae Law of Abilene.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will live in Abilene. The groom will report back to Denver, Colorado, Jan. 3rd, where he is stationed with the Air Force.


The bride is a Santa Anna High School graduate. Employed in the oil industry, she is a member of the Desk and Derrick Club. The bridegroom is a graduate of Brady High School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne of Conway, Ark., came early last week and visited until Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McClanahan. Then all four went to visit Mr. Payne's people at Hale Center. The McClanahans returned home Sunday night. They report they never saw such a cotton crop as is being harvested in that area with gins running day and night.

Members of the family visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodgion at Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Goodgion and Jeanne of Mineola, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yates of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jongema and Ronnie of Fowler, Kansas.

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Mrs. A. L. Oder had as holiday visitors, her son Clifford and wife and their three children, Virginia, Jimmy and five weeks



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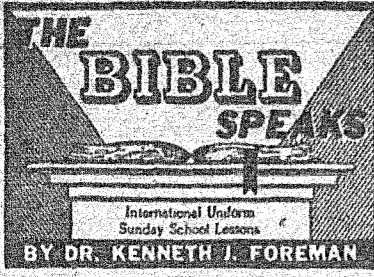
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Scripture: John 1: 20-30-31. Devotional Reading: Hebrews 1:1-9.

God in Christ

Lesson for January 3, 1954

IT IS easier for some people to believe in icicles than to believe in God. That's true. You will hardly find anybody except savages in the hot belt along the equator who won't believe in icicles. These winter days you can perhaps see them for yourself. But many people believe in icicles who don't believe in God. In a way this is not surprising. An icicle is right there before your eyes, you see it being made, you know what it is made of. But God is not before your eyes, you can't see him made and you can't say what he is made of except "Spirit" and that isn't nearly as easy to understand as plain water and ice. It would be dishonest not to admit it—it is harder to believe in God than to believe in little things.



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Now God knows that. We can say, without irreverence, that God is faced with a kind of dilemma. If he lets things take their natural course, most men will not believe in him, and that will be bad for them. But if he so to speak bursts on mortal men in his full glory, no human mind could endure it.

Suppose a very curious and skeptical person who did not believe in atoms because he had never seen one, insisted on a close view of an atomic explosion? He would be vaporized before he knew what hit him. A full view, so to speak, of the Infinite and Omnipotent God, would be insupportable by our small minds. It is the glory of God that he has solved this dilemma. He, the Unreadable, has translated himself into the life of man. He the Indescribable has "become flesh" as John puts it—has become the Christ who can be described. He who is infinitely beyond us has come to live beside us. The God who dwells in Eternity's silence has spoken in many "forms and fragments" in ages past, but now has spoken the perfect Word in Christ. When the church calls Christ the "Word" of God we mean that Christ is what God has to say.

Concern

As has often been said, it is more helpful, and just as true, to say that God is like Christ as that Christ is like God. Christ, we may say, is the knowable, the believable God. God apart from Christ is like an inscription left on a great rock in an inaccessible desert, an inscription in an unknown tongue. God in Christ is written in our own language. It has been said (with pardonable exaggeration) that Christ is the only God the Christian knows. Surely this much the Christian church has always believed; that any notions of God that are out of line with what we know of Jesus are out of line with truth. Now there are many things we want to know about God, and some of these things we really do not need to know. But some things we desperately do need to know—everything hangs on it.

One question is this: Does the high God have any concern for, or concern with, the affairs of our little planet? Is he so great that our prayers never reach him, or if they do, give him no concern? Jesus is God's answer to that question. Everything human interested Jesus. Sad things like funerals, glad events like weddings—people's ordinary problems and their great crises, — wherever people were, however obscure and "unimportant," there Jesus of Nazareth was concerned. We cannot believe in Christ as God's Word and still fancy an indifferent God.

Power

Another thing that we seriously want to know, is whether God has real power; and if so, what kind it is and how he uses it. There is a notion abroad, strange as it seems, that God is not really the ruler of all, but a sort of candidate for the throne of the universe; a celestial "Bonnie Prince Charlie" who is doing the best he can to gain control but who so far has not succeeded. If we understand and believe that God is like Christ, we can believe that he is in charge of every situation. Men called Jesus "Master" and with good reason. God is master of his universe. And yet we also see that Christ exerted his power in different ways. (More of this in later lessons in John.) He did not act on men in the manner of a lightning bolt.

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NEWMAN REUNION

Fifty-two members of Mrs. J. Tom Newman's family had Christmas dinner, served buffet style, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newman of Santa Anna.

Families attending included those living in the surrounding area, Dallas, Fort Worth, and San Angelo. After dinner the group enjoyed games, music and singing.

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Mrs. W. M. Morgan, who was in the Santa Anna Hospital several days and quite ill, has been convalescing at her home, and is able to be up and about some.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Donham and children were Christmas visitors with her people at Erick, Oklahoma.

Christmas visitors with Miss Alta Lovelady and Guy were: The Howard Lovelady's of Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lovelady of Freeport and their daughter, Mrs. Edd Stearns and her four children of Trickham, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Lovelady of Coleman and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodson (Ruth) and Jimmy of Magnolia, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Barton and Janice were Christmas visitors with relatives at Beaumont and Buna.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. H. M. Smith were: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Watson, Ronnie, Tommy, Mrs. Rues, Barbara and Diane of San Antonio; Mrs. Frank Relfanyder and Linda of Bryan, sisters of Vernon Watson; Mrs. D. L. Thigpen, Durwood, Joyce, Karan, Sue of Monday; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Priest, Jim and Joe of Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Bob White, Bobbie and Carolyn of Ft. Worth, also Mrs. Gene Griffin, Anne and Gayle of Killeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rouse of McCamey were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. Wamon McClure.

All their children and grandchildren, except Darrell Richardson with the Navy in Korean waters, were Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stephenson and Rilda of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pruitt and Kenneth of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Richardson, Barbara Ann and Eula Marie, all of Abilene.

Mrs. C. L. Daniel of Lubbock and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCoy and daughter, Ann, of Abilene, have been visiting Mrs. Daniels' sister, Mrs. C. J. Deer and Mr. Deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Spence and Linda of North Hollywood, California, arrived last week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Taylor. Others of the family from a distance visiting in the Taylor home were the Sudduths and the Ray Taylor family from New Mexico, and the Cliff Williams family of Eastland.

Members of the James family present for Christmas Eve dinner in the Ray Owen home last Thursday night were: Mr. Charles James, H. B. James and Cleo James and their families, all of Trickham, and the Milton Johnson family of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stiles of Brownwood were Sunday night visitors in the Owen home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Cheaney Jr. and their children, Robbie and Nancy of Denver, Colorado, visited through the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Cheaney.

Reuben Howington of Dallas spent last week end here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howington. Mark Howington, who has been visiting in the home of his brother, J. B. Howington, for several weeks, returned to his home at Lavadas, Nevada on Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Kirkpatrick, who has not been so well lately at her home, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. A. D. Hunter had all her family home for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean Hunter and Elizabeth from Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cash and Linn of Texarkana; Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter and Deborah of Abilene and Harper Hunter of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Speck visited from Christmas Eve Day until Sunday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Speck, in Houston.



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Mr. and Mrs. Oran Lewellen and little daughter, Anna Lois, born October 29th, of Denison, were here for the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lewellen. Others of the family home for Christmas were Geraldine from Abilene and Shirley from Howard Payne College.

Out of town visitors in the C. D. Bruce home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Banis-

ter and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robin of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kingsbery and Ann of Batesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker Jr. and children of Albuquerque, New Mexico, visited Wednesday with his aunts, Mrs. Ella Stiles and Mrs. Blanche Grantham.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cochran visited on Christmas Day with his children in Ft. Worth.

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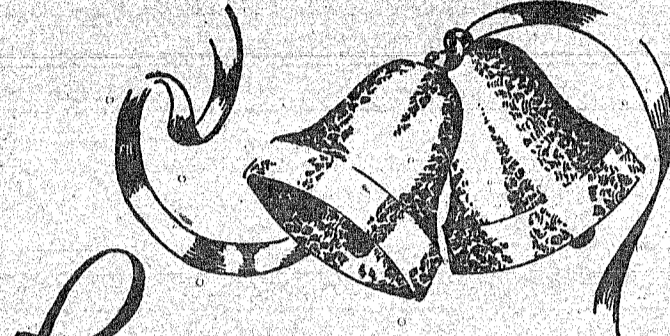
The Tilden Jones family were holiday visitors with relatives in San Antonio.

Christian Church Comments

Our pastor, Bro. Glen Briggman, who has been visiting during the holidays with his parents at Columbia, S. C., is expected to be back in time to preach both morning and night next Sunday. Why not have every member present for both Sunday School and church that is able to be there? On Wednesday, January 6th, at 2:30 p. m.

the Woman's Council of the church will have their first missionary meeting of the New Year, when a new study will be started, with Mrs. Preston Bailey directing. Why not more women of the church attend these meetings and learn more of the work around the world the local women are having a part in?

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REVIEWING the year just closing, we are reminded of your loyal support which has contributed so much to our success, and of the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed since last January 1st.

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Mrs. Duane Williams and sons of Pecos and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton, Tommy and Ann, returned from Fayetteville, Ark., Monday, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Myers and family of Andrews also met them there. Snow fell while they were there and the weather was down to 8 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woods of Oklahoma spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Drisco Woods and Carolyn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips of Pecos were visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Terry and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cupps.

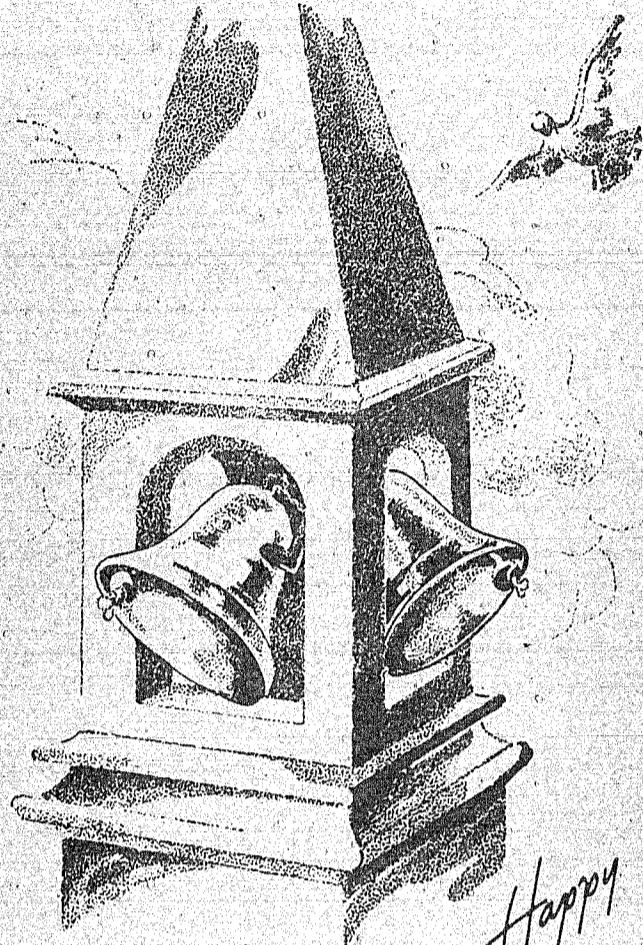
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams and family Christmas Eve night.

We would like to say thanks to John for Christmas gift and wish all The News staff a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Earl Schrader Is Completing Training At Lackland AFB

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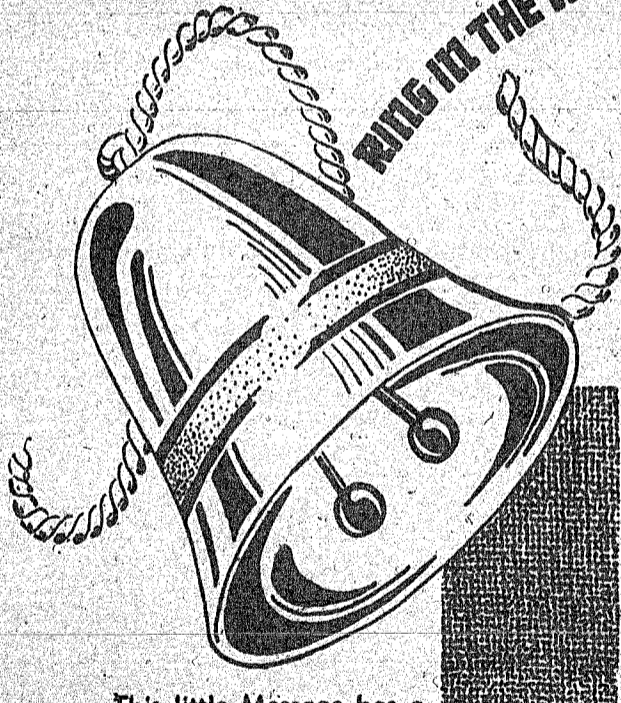
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By MRS. TOM RUTHERFORD



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We were deeply saddened Saturday morning when Mr. George Rutherford and Mrs. Jim Carter received the message of the sudden death of their brother, Mr. Dolph Rutherford of Lockhart, who had been in failing health for several years. But his death was very sudden, enjoying Christmas Day with the presence of all his children. He called his wife about 5:30 a. m. Saturday and in a matter

of a very few minutes his life came to an end. We extend sympathy to the wife and each of the 5 children, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Those attending funeral services for Mr. Dolph Rutherford Sunday at 2:00 p. m. at McCurdy Funeral Home in Lockhart from this community were: Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford and Dumpy, Mrs. Wagle Montgomery and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and children, Thomas Ray, Hilary and Patsy June. Pallbearers were nephews, Tom and Dumpy Rutherford, John Steward, Jim Rutherford, Ernest Rutherford and Carl Peoples. A large crowd attended with many beautiful flowers.

Sgt. Bill Bryan, who is stationed in Louisiana is home for the holidays with his wife and daughter, Mrs. Ann Bryan and Francis. Christmas Day dinner guests with the Bryan's were Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Williamson and Mr. Zack Bible.

A/2c Bobbie Stewart was visit-

ing his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Radle and family during the holidays.

Those to visit Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelady during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lovelady of Velasco, an aunt, Mrs. Ollie Pillows and daughter, Mrs. Charley Gilmore and daughters of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stearns and children of Trickham and Joe Lovelady.

Lt. and Mrs. Roy England and children, formerly of California, were here during the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill. Lt. England has returned to California, where he will in the very near future be assigned to overseas duty. Mrs. England and children will live in Santa Anna.

Those to visit in the George Rutherford home during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hanev and children of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Smith and boys of Iraan, Mrs. Wagle Montgomery and son of San Angelo, Mr. Dumpy Rutherford from Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper of Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis of Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and children and Seaman John Henry Rutherford.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Paul Tackett a patient in the Santa Anna Hospital. We trust her condition isn't serious and she will soon be dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart spent Sunday with relatives in Goldthwaite.

Sammy Shields spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Avants in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earp of Houston and their son, Charles Donald Mitchell, who is in service, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vinson and children of Abilene and Hollis, Dean Bible of Santa Anna visited Mr. Zack Bible during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Switzer have as guests in their home, a sister of Mrs. Switzer, and her family, who live in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Childan and son, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Turney and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bible and son, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney during the past week.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields and boys during the week were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Prouse and daughter of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strickland, Mrs. Mell Shields and boys of Cross Plains and possibly others.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Deal and children spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Etelle Cozart and Dwan.

Mr. Roy Harvey spent Christmas with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fuller.

Mrs. Lefty Moss and Mrs. Jackman of Dallas visited during the week with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart.

Ronald Wynn is visiting his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avant and James and Mr. and Mrs. Sean Radle and children.

Mrs. Ed Jones of Trickham and Mrs. Elzie Jones and daughters of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avant and baby of Brady visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avant and James on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Gardalner spent Sunday with relatives of Mrs. Gardalner at Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Will Fowler and son of Austin spent Christmas with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart.

Those to enjoy Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Gill and son

were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gamble and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gamble and children of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kempeon and children of Morencia, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill, Jimmy and Earl Wright, and Lt. and Mrs. Roy England and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schulze and son, Wilfred Ray, who are teaching school in San Antonio visited Christmas night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and children. The Schulze family are liking their new home in San Antonio fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady returned to Midland Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith, where they are visiting a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Abernathy and children had Christmas with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carter in Lubbock.

Mrs. Fannie Ellis is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal and family.

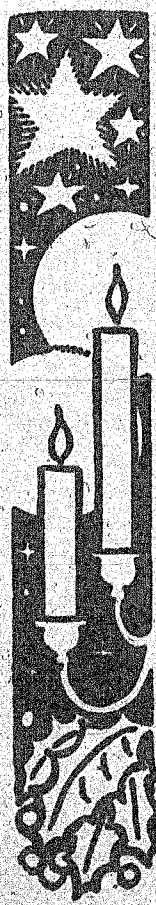
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldridge, Van and Pvt. Winston Ray Aldridge from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, spent Christmas Day with Mr. Aldridge's mother, Mrs. D. D. Aldridge at Lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil Grantham of Stephenville were Christmas visitors with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Grantham. J. Cecil has a program over K.S.T.V. Stephenville each Sunday afternoon at 2:15. He alternates his stage band, concert and chorus.



and Best Wishes for the coming Year...

SANTA ANNA
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R. R. Terry, Manager



*Holiday greetings
and best wishes
for the New Year...*

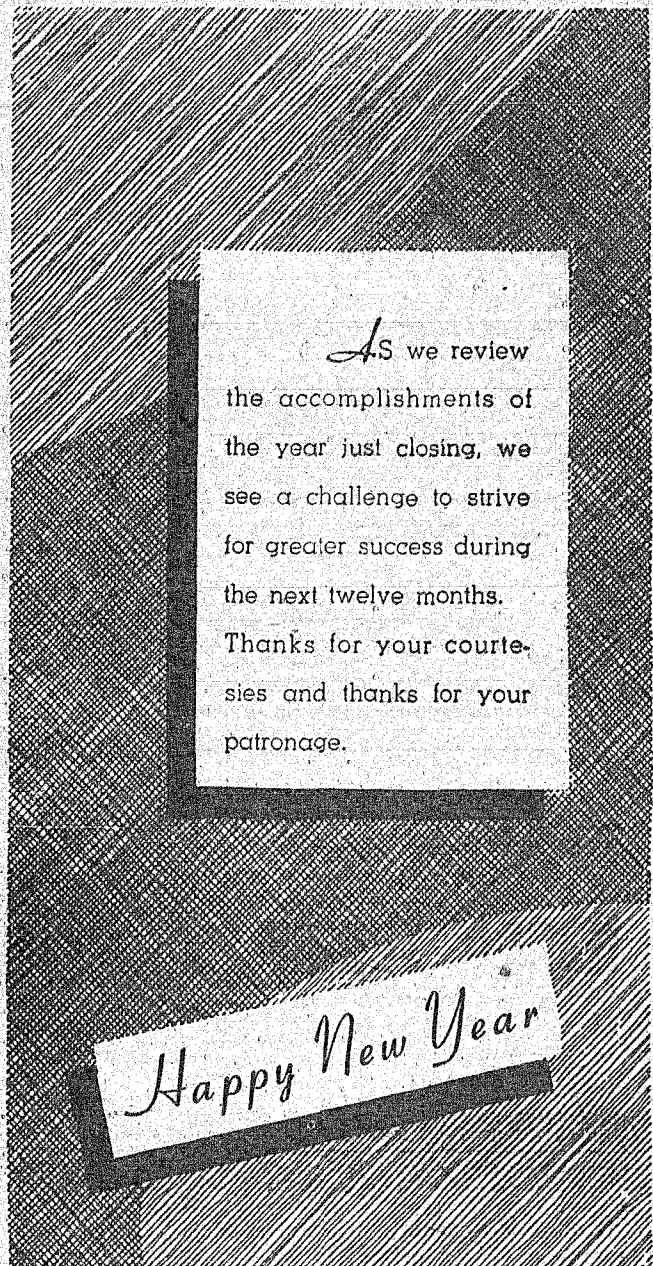
*Confidently and eagerly, we
look forward to the New Year.
We realize the possibilities before
us and it is our sincere belief that
the next twelve months will reveal
many happy days for the people
of this, the finest community in
the nation.*

Happy New Year to you.

C. R. (Ray)

Owen Gulf Service Station

Phone 75



*As we review
the accomplishments of
the year just closing, we
see a challenge to strive
for greater success during
the next twelve months.
Thanks for your courtesies
and thanks for your
patronage.*

Happy New Year

Bland Grocery
AND DRUG STORE

Ernest Bland

Phone 70

*As the old year draws to a close, amid the good
cheer and fellowship of the Holiday Season, we
wish to express again our gratitude for the manifold
courtesies received, for the cordial relationships
we have enjoyed, for the new friends made and the
old friendships more closely bound. Please accept
our best wishes for the New Year.*



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Coleman, Texas

Rockwood News—

(Continued from Page Three)

Mrs. Travis King and Vince of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King, Colita and Clyde Edgar of Weatherford came Saturday for the week end. They all enjoyed a tree and holiday dinner on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Willie King of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. James W. King of Lubbock were Saturday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bostick spent Christmas in Lampasas with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Simon and other relatives. Alvin Bostick of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bostick and children of Houston joined them.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rehm, Shirley, Pete and Jimmy of Sabin visited relatives during Christmas. They, with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rehm of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rehm and family and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Steward and family, visited with Tony Rehm and family Saturday night.

Christmas Day guests with Mr.

and Mrs. Johnny Steward and James were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rehm, Shirley, Pete and Jimmy of Sabin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter of Utopia, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Bills of Junction, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Jo Beth and La Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry Thursday to Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Halmon were in San Angelo Sunday while Jerry Carl continued his visit with his grandparents. Mr. Halmon attended the San Angelo Business Men's Bible Class and was installed as a Director for the ensuing year.

Thursday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Buttry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rehm, Patsy and Wendell and Shirley Rehm. Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan were also Saturday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness and Billy visited in the Buttry home Saturday afternoon.

Christmas Day guests with Mrs. J. W. Box and Miss Linnie

were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box, Mr. and Mrs. George Maxwell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russ and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Box and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith, Miss Billie Wise, all of San Angelo; Mrs. Gussie Wise and Mrs. Miller Box and Miss Jerry of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mueller of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Valicek of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jake McCreary all enjoyed dinner and a Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Snider of Purdon announce the birth of a son, Ray Dean, December 11. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Patricia and Judy spent Christmas at Killeen and enjoyed a family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McCreary and girls of Memphis spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCreary. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Payne and children of Ft. Worth came Monday to visit through New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Day and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Leffel Estes visited Monday in Breckenridge with Mrs. Janie Conner and family.

Capt. Noble McSwane, who is stationed in Utah visited last week with the A. N. McSwane family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell came home Monday after spending Christmas with their children in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Caldwell were up last week and they accompanied them home.

Mrs. Polly Straughan and Eldon and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Straughan visited Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Straughan.

Melvin Avants received minor surgery at the Brady hospital last Saturday.

The Christmas news will be continued next week. Best wishes for the New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Santa Anna P-T. A will meet in regular session on Tuesday, January 5th, at 3:40 in the Elementary School Auditorium. All members urged to be present and visitors always welcome.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Standley were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rainbolt of Ft. Worth and their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott and children of Brownfield, who left for their home Sunday. Mrs. Standley has recovered from her recent illness sufficiently to take care of Mr. Standley, who is up and down, better some days and not so well on others.

Mrs. Tennie Campbell had all her family together for a

Christmas dinner on Saturday at her home. They were her sons, W. L., Calvin and Marshall Campbell and their families of Santa Anna, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sims of Ft. Worth, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Billy Joe

Sims of Brownwood. Billy Joe who is in Korea, is expected home soon. All the above had dinner in the Calvin Campbell home on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner returned to their home at Den-

ison Sunday after a Christmas visit here with their parents, Mrs. Fred Turner and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vanderford. Mr. and Mrs. Walker Stovall and daughters, Judy and Gale of Meadow, were Monday visitors with the Vanderfords.

CONFIDENCE
in the FUTURE



It is with complete confidence that we look forward to the future of this community. The people of this area have every facility to make the New Year one of happiness and prosperity and it is our belief that the New Year will be one of record achievement. May you have a most successful and profitable year, our wish for you.

Delma Johnson

IMPLEMENT and MOTOR COMPANY
Coleman, Texas



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Season's Greetings To Our Friends Everywhere

The 1953 Christmas season was our first to spend in Rising Star, since 1919. We saw lots of familiar faces, many of them we have renewed acquaintance with since our moving back here early in June of this year, others, were among those we had not seen since moving from here in May, 1920.

May we take this opportunity to extend our warmest greetings to our former friends, and to those we have chanced to make since moving back here last June. We consider our friends our greatest asset, the accumulations of this world's goods next. The prayer of our heart, often expressed in our petitions to God, our Creator, was in effect that we may be able to accumulate a sufficiency of this world's goods while we were in the productive age so that when it came time for our retirement, should we outlive our strength to continue to labor in the fields of industry, we could retire without embarrassment to ourselves, our family or our friends. Glad to say that the Lord heard our prayers and we are now on the retirement end of a life of toil and hard labor. We doubt if there is anyone living here who put in more hours of work than did we, and we are so grateful that we can now take our retirement and live without worry or embarrassment, except for having to exist under a cloak of poor health. Glad to say that our physical condition is somewhat improved, thanks to the advise of good doctors and answer to fervent prayer.

We enjoyed having with us during the Christmas season several of our married children and their families. Editor John C. Gregg and wife, Billie, of the Santa Anna News, and their children, Darlene, Juanell and John Wayford, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson See and little son, Jim, also of Santa Anna and W. E. Schulle and wife, Mary Jo, and their two children, Jackie and Wilene of Watonga, Okla. All were here Christmas day and some of them remained over Saturday to be with us on our 43rd wedding anniversary. We were married in Pecos, Texas, December 26, 1910, and lived the first ten years of married life in Rising Star. For health reasons we were advised by our doctors to return here and take a chance of regaining a portion of our health and returning to a more normal state of health and strength. Glad to say, we think we are making progress. Best wishes for a pleasant, healthful and prosperous 1954. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snodgrass and Jerry spent Christmas with his brother, Percy Snodgrass and family at Donna, in the Rio Grande Valley. They had a very pleasant trip.

Mrs. Frances Adams and Ruby Volenthe of Austin and Mrs. A. R. Brown of Santa Anna, spent Christmas in the home of Mrs. Adams' daughter, Mrs. Lester Boone and family of Odessa.

Santa Anna Hospital News

Patients admitted and discharged from the Santa Anna Hospital during the past week are as follows:

ADMITTED

Mrs. T. O. Meador, Coleman
Mrs. Roland Williams, city
Mrs. E. B. Hall, Bangs
Wayne Wristen, city
R. E. Cooper, Jayton
Mrs. W. M. Morgan, city
Mrs. James Garner, Coleman
Lane Dillard, Coleman
Tommy Marsh, Stafford
John Wesley Dockery, Trickham
Alvie Fuller, city
Mrs. G. Stanley, Coleman
Mrs. W. R. Singleton, city
Inez Burleson, Coleman
A. D. Dewbree, Winters
Mrs. W. C. Gilkerson, Pyote
Virgil Newman, city
Mrs. Jesse Latimer, Bangs
Mrs. Jo Ann Stevens, city
Fred Murray, city
Mrs. Paul Tackett, Whom
James A. Stevens, city
Mrs. Ruben Sinks, city
Mrs. Joe Bateman, Midland
Glen Norwood, Coleman

DISMISSED

Mrs. T. O. Meador, Coleman
Mrs. Roland Williams, city
Mrs. E. B. Hall, Bangs
Clarence Hipps, city
Wayne Wristen, city
R. E. Cooper, Jayton
Mrs. W. M. Morgan, city
Mrs. James Garner, Coleman
Lane Dillard, Coleman
Tommy Marsh, Stafford
John Wesley Dockery, Trickham
Alvie Fuller, city
Mrs. G. Stanley, Coleman
Mrs. E. B. Rice, city
Allen Lancaster, city, deceased
Mrs. W. R. Singleton, city
Mrs. M. W. Vance, city, deceased
Inez Burleson, Coleman
Mrs. W. W. Trammell, Gouldsburg
A. B. Dewbree, Winters
Leo Shields, Midland

BIRTHS

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens, December 29, named Sherry Yvonne, and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morris and Mrs. W. D. Stevens of Santa Anna.

Roger Dale was the name given the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Sinks, December 28. His weight was 9 pounds and 13 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilkins of Santa Anna and Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Sinks of Amarillo.

Paul Bivins, who was quite ill for a time, and a patient in the Overall Hospital, was moved to his home Saturday, where his condition seems somewhat improved.

Before you decide to go around with a married woman, be sure you can go two rounds with her husband.

Spring Term Is Last Opportunity For Some Korean Vets School

The spring school terms, starting early in 1954, mark the last enrollment opportunity under the Korean GI Bill for thousands of post-Korea veterans, Dr. George T. McMahan, Manager of the Veterans Administration Center in Waco, said today.

The reason, Dr. McMahan explained, is that the law's cut-off date of August 20, 1954 (exactly eight months away) applies to Korean veterans separated from service before August 20, 1952. If they want GI training, they must begin by the 1954 deadline in order to continue afterwards.

The deadline, however, comes before next fall's school term gets under way. Therefore, except for the summer session, the school term starting early in 1954 will offer many veterans their last opportunity to get started under the Korean GI Bill.

Veterans who left service after August 20, 1952, need not concern themselves with the forthcoming 1954 cut-off date, VA said. Instead, they have two years from the date of their separation in which to begin GI training.

Under the law, a veteran actually must "enroll in and begin" training before his deadline, if he wants to go on with it afterwards. The mere filing of an application beforehand, with the intention of starting afterwards, is not enough, VA pointed out.

Generally, the veteran will be expected to be in the classroom or at the training bench on his deadline date. But so long as he started in time, he may be permitted to interrupt his course because of the summer vacation, or for other reasons beyond his control, or for any circumstances that VA deems to be excusable.

VA emphasized that these cut-off-date rules apply only to veterans training under the Korean GI Bill. They do not pertain to those enrolled under the original World War Two GI Bill.

Social Security Taxes Increase To 2% Effective Jan. 1st

The Social Security tax rate for persons whose work counts toward old-age and survivors insurance will increase on the first of January, manager of the Abilene, Texas, social security office, reminded employers, employees, and self-employed people today.

This increase in tax contribution is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law, and was enacted by Congress in anticipation of future obligations of the program.

Employees in jobs covered by

the law will have a 2 percent instead of the present 1 1/2 percent deducted from their pay beginning with the first of January up to earnings of 3600 a year; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self-employed will increase from the present 2 1/4 percent to 3 percent, for the period commencing January 1, 1954. Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2 1/4 percent social security tax on their 1953 income that counts toward social security.

This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the increased rate of 3 percent will be due March 15, 1955, for the calendar year 1954.

In the meantime the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers are being furnished with income tax withholding tables and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) tables reflecting rates applicable next year.

The next scheduled increase, six years from now, in 1960, will be to 2 1/2 percent each for employer and employee, and to 3 1/2 percent for self-employed.

Mrs. Ola Niell of Temple and her daughter, Miss Florence Niell of Baytown, who has been visiting her, came Tuesday afternoon for a visit with members

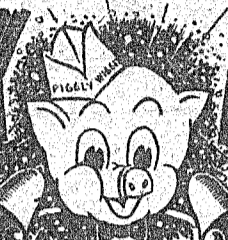
Driving with one arm around the girl friend is sure to end in a church ceremony — either a wedding or a funeral.

Overheard on a street corner: "You all don't know nobody that don't want to hire nobody to do nothin', does yuh?"

Liquor may be a slow poison, but some fellows must think it's a good way to die in a hurry.

It may be a monologue when one woman is talking; but when two women converse it's a catalogue.

Man devotes half of his life to ruining his health, seeking wealth; and the other half spending his wealth to regain his health.



HAPPY 1954!


May Good Health and Happiness Be yours Throughout the New Year

PIGGY WIGGLE

JUICE	Pineapple	3 46-oz. Cans	\$1
	Orange		
	Grapefruit		

Pork & Beans	12 300 Size Cans	\$1	
			Black-Eyed Peas
			HOMINY Pinto Beans

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Frozen Foods

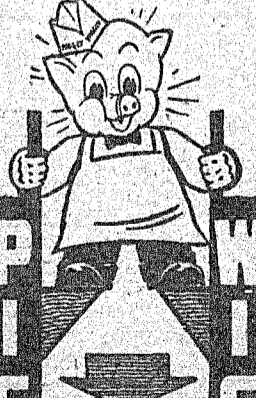
Thomas Brand

PKG. 19c	GREEN BEANS	OKRA
	CAULIFLOWER	PEAS
	LIMA BEANS	CORN
	BROCCOLI	SPINACH

HOME MADE SAUSAGE	100% Pork	Lb. .49
Ground Meat	100% Beef	Lb. .23
Short Ribs		Lb. .22



DELICIOUS MEATS



OLEO Golden Brand

OLEO	Golden Brand	Lb. .17
RATH'S LUNCHEON MEAT	12 oz. Can	.39
COLORADO PINTO BEANS	5 lb. Bag	.59
3-MINUTE POP CORN	2 Pound Bag	.39
RUSSET POTATOES	10 Lb. Bag	.39

HIGHEST QUALITY ALWAYS

Queen Theater

Friday and Saturday
JANUARY 1 and 2

Edmond O'Brian
Helen Westcott

—IN—
"Cow Country"

Sunday, Monday
And Tuesday
JANUARY 3, 4 and 5

Marilyn Monroe
Jane Russell

—IN—
"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"

COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

Wednesday-Thursday
JANUARY 6 and 7

John Wayne - Lloyd Nolan

—IN—
"Island In The Sky"



NEW YEAR GREETINGS

and the best of good wishes to each of you.

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