

HAPPY NEW YEAR

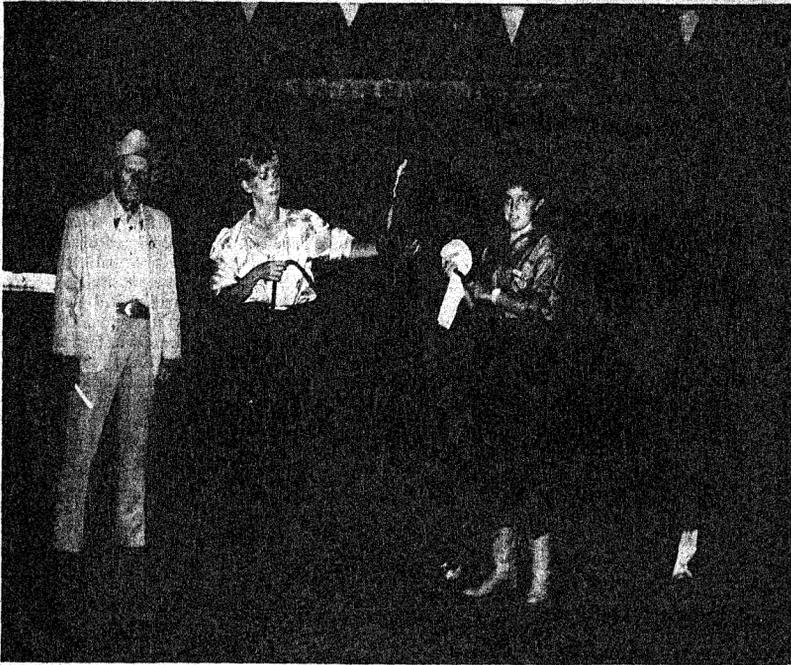
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WINS ARABIAN HORSE... Amy Scarborough, right, is shown with Mystique Memory, awarded as prize for an essay on Arabian horses. The filly was third place winner in the West Texas Fair show in September, prior to the presentation. Also pictured are L.A. Richardson of Cross

Plains and Michelle Hunt of Clyde, members of the big country group of Arabian Horse Club of Texas. Amy is the daughter of Glen and Betty Scarborough of the Shields Community southwest of Santa Anna.

Texans Face Tax Maze

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is reprinted from the December 1987 issue of Fiscal Notes for the benefit of local readers.

Major tax changes enacted by the Legislature take effect January 1, 1988, compounding Texas taxpayers' difficulties with a sales tax rate structure that was already more complicated than other states'.

For example, most people think Texas' total rate due on taxable goods and services is set by the state's six percent and a local tax or two. But actually, Texas will have a crazy-quilt system of sales taxes that can add up 31 different ways, with 24 of those combinations in effect January 1.

This is a far cry from the simple two-percent state sales tax enacted by the 1981 Legislature. Now, combined state and local rates range from six to eight percent.

The hodgepodge of local sales taxes throughout the state will make it even more difficult to pay the correct tax. Even though most merchants know the current rate in their own location, it will take a computer to keep track of the sales tax maze in Texas' 1,000-plus cities, 247 counties and six transit districts that have or

are eligible for local-option taxes.

Most of the confusion January 1 will result from a new local-option sales tax adopted in April and August by 136 cities and counties to lighten their property tax burden. This optional one-half percent tax will apply to all goods and services covered by state sales tax.

As many as 60,000 businesses that do \$14 billion in annual taxable sales ship merchandise into or perform services in other taxing jurisdictions. These firms likely will have to figure when and where some 24 different combinations of sales tax rates apply.

But taxpayers will find some consistency among the local taxes. Goods and taxable services will be treated alike, no matter which local tax is involved.

For example, goods delivered and taxable services performed outside the boundaries of a Metropolitan Transit Authority by a firm located inside the MTA will be exempt from the transit tax.

And, because a recent tax reform limits local sales taxes to two percent, some combinations of the new city and county tax that could push the total of state and local taxes

Fire Destroys Sharp Home

An Early morning fire completely destroyed the home of Melvin Sharp on Tuesday.

The fire dept. was called to the scene at 4 a.m. The house, located on the south side of town just off the Rockwood Highway, was completely gutted by the time the trucks arrived.

Mrs. Sharp was in the house when the fire broke out but managed to break a window to get out. She received minor cuts trying to escape and was treated at a hospital for the injuries.

Mrs. Sharp will reside in the home of Larry Fry until other arrangements can be made. She will need everything to start housekeeping again as all her household and personal belongings were destroyed in the fire.

Mrs. Sharp is an employee of Ranger Park Inn.

to nine percent will not be valid.

In addition, among Texas' 322,500 businesses that use the short-form sales tax return, one in every six firms will have to switch to - and grapple with - the more complicated long-form sales tax return. These firms that will be driven to the long form account for about \$4 billion in

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Local Girl A Winner

A long-time dream came true for Santa Anna area girl when Amy Scarborough of the Shields Community was given a registered Arabian filly during the West Texas State Fair activities this fall.

Amy, the daughter of Glen and Betty Scarborough, was judged winner of an essay contest sponsored by the Big Country Arabian Horse Breeders group of Arabian Horse Club of Texas. The Panther Creek sixth grader wrote the essay on the history of the Arabian horses, the

care of a horse and her desire to own an Arabian horse.

The 18-month-old-filly, Mystique Memory, was presented during the awards ceremony at the Arabian horse show at the Abilene fair. Bred by Jim and Libby Teigen of Abilene,

the bay filly is now at home on the Scarborough place southwest of Santa Anna. Amy plans to have the filly, nicknamed Shasta, as a 4-H project.

Members of the area Arabian Horse Club are planning to help Amy with her project as the filly is trained.

Although Amy has lived all her life on the family stock farm, she has never had a horse of her own. She has been a member of 4-H since the age of nine, showing lambs in the stock shows and participating in other projects. At school she is in the Junior High Pep Squad and a member of the basketball team. She has also taken part in the Interscholastic League ready writing contest three years, a talent that played a part in writing the winning essay for which the Arabian filly was awarded.

The Year In Review

The Leston Cozart Grocery at Trickham was bulldozed down during the first week of 1987. The Trickham Landmark is now history. Trickham's last store, it closed in the late 70's but the building stood as a reminder of better times when the local gentry gathered there to swap tales and discuss farming and ranching.

On Jan. 13, 1987 the Santa Anna School Board extended the contract of Superintendent Gerald Brister, giving him a three year contract.

Jan. 23, the largest U.S. Army field exercise in Central Texas in the past 22 years began to unfold. The operation known as Roadrunner '87 was aimed at testing the communication and organization capabilities of the U.S. Army. Thousands of troops moved into and through the area for the activity. Approximately 300 troops were located in the immediate Santa Anna area during the exercise.

During the City Council meeting of Feb. 5, the Gary James Park Board was appointed. Those selected to serve one year terms were Thelma Brooker, MARY GARZA, Susie Voss, Pearl Wilson, and Earlene Scott.

During Feb., the all-district basketball teams were announced. Those named to the honor squads from Santa Anna were girls: Irma Castillo and Melissa Buse, first

team. Second team selections were Amy McGough and Shannon Brown. On the boy's first team was Reece McIver. Second team selections were James Hartman, Fernando Castillo and Kendall Davison.

R.C. Smith was named Citizen of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held March 7. Smith had been named to the Texas Tennis Coaches' Hall of Fame in late 1986. He was described as a "molder of lives in a positive manner". Over the years he had received many honors related to his profession as an educator.

The Santa Anna High School one act play advanced to Area competition. Named to the all-district cast were Rex Harper, Sonny Guthrie, Jeremy Hartman and Jetta Rutherford.

On April 4, 1987, Santa Anna elected it's first woman mayor. Thelma Brooker was elected with a clear majority over her opponents in the race. Jim Spillman was re-elected to the city council. Newcomer elected to the council was James Keeney.

In the School Board election, Terry McIver was re-elected for another term and newcomer Ronnie Hertzman captured a seat on the board.

Danny Keller was elected School Board president when the board met to reorganize in it's first meeting following the election. Roddy Donn was chosen vice-president. Dickie Hornor, secretary.

Stacy Guster and Irma Castillo, the Santa Anna High School girl's tennis doubles team advanced to regional competition with a win over Sidney in the finals of the district tennis competition.

The boys doubles team of Gregory Vanquon and James Hartman defeated the other South Area doubles team of Dennis Abshire and Stanley Wain in the district final. Both teams advanced to regional competition.

In district track competition the Santa Anna team swept the district

meet. Shannon Brown won four events merging as the star of the girls division while Santa Anna's Lonie Kirven captured the boy's 400 and 200 meter dash. Others placing in competition and advancing to regional were, Melissa Buse, Carrie Keeney, girls 400 meter relay, Jodi Watson, Sylvia Castillo, girls 800 meter relay, Fernando Castillo, Alonzo Hernandez, boy's 400 meter relay, Reece McIver, David Tucker, Bobby Pritchard.

Fun-ter Day was held April 2 with a large turnout of people joining in the fun. Paula Blanton took first place honors in the ice cream freeze off with her Strawberry Bannana Nut ice cream. Debbie Dean too the second place trophy with Strawberry Pecan ice cream.

Shannon Brown advanced to the state track meet in the long jump competition after winning the regional competition. The talented athlete won fourth place in the state meet. The tennis duo of James Hartman and Gregory Vasquez also made the trip to Austin carrying on the 12 year tradition of Santa Anna Tennis. The tennis doubles team brought home the third place trophy from the state meet.

Ground was broken for Stacy reservoir on Saturday, 16.

High School graduation was held Friday, May 29. Melissa Buse was named valedictorian of the graduating class and Sonny Guthrie was named salutatorian.

Honor students of the Jr. High were Jeffrey Hartman, valedictorian, Chris Simmons, salutatorian and Alan Frensch, ranked third in the class.

John Stanfield, pastor of First Baptist church made a trip to the Japan and Korea on a preaching mission in June. The annual Country Club Stealing was held in June at the Flying H. Home between Santa Anna and Coleman with cowboy "Lute George Brown".

Also in June, members of the post office worked in the closing of the post office in Santa Anna. See TAX page 3

County Races Shaping Up

Coleman County residents can now choose from three candidates in the race for sheriff.

Republican Eddie Odom of Coleman has filed to run for Sheriff. Democrats Wade Turner and Corky Chapman, also of Coleman are in the race.

Republican Roger Thate of Burkett has filed for the position of County Commissioner of Precinct 1. His only opposition is Democrat Jack Strickland of Burkett who has filed for re-election to the commissioners seat.

Democrat Vernon Slate of Goukbusk has filed for re-election as County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

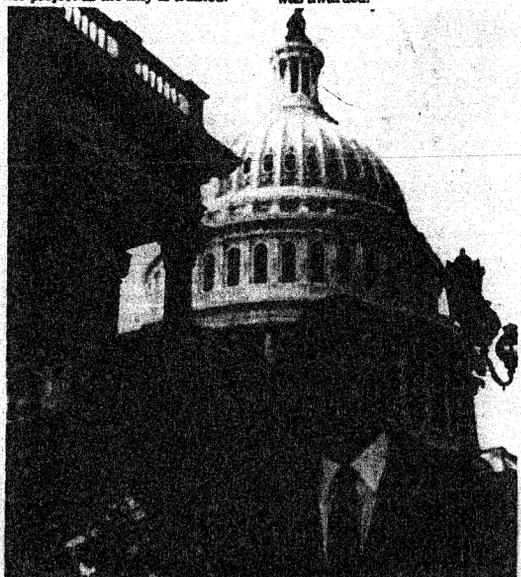
Democrat Billie Baker of White Chapel has filed for re-election as county tax assessor-collector.

Democrat Roudoe Horton has filed for re-election to the office of Constable of Coleman County. The post originally covered only Precinct 1, but has been expanded to take in the entire county.

Post Office And City Hall Closed Friday

The Post Office will be closed on Friday, New Year's Day and there will be no Saturday window service, according to local postmaster, Gary Absher.

The City Hall will also be closed on Friday as will most businesses in town including the News Office.



Clady and Charles Stenholm

Stenholm Seeks Re-election

Congressman Charles Stenholm last week announced he has filed for re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

Stenholm will be seeking his sixth term as the representative of the 17th Congressional District, composed of 16 counties in West Texas and parts of North Texas. On Monday,

December 21, Stenholm received official notice that his application for the 1988 election had been received in Austin.

First elected in 1978, Stenholm has served on the House Agriculture Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee during his last six

years in office. He is currently chairman of the Subcommittee on Dairy, Livestock, and Poultry.

"I look forward to continuing the challenge of representing the 17th Congressional District," Congress Stenholm said. "I have learned much during my time in Washington. Through my experiences and growing seniority, I feel I will have a greater opportunity to represent and respond to the needs of the area."

Clady and I are grateful for the support we have had while in office," he said. "Our next goal will be to continue to work for the help and improvement we have had from our constituents. We have had many accomplishments and we will continue to work for the help and improvement of our constituents. Thank you."

Letter To The Editor

I hope the person who steals my Brownwood Bulletin also reads the Santa Anna News.

In the past three weeks or longer, my "Sunday" paper has been stolen. I have it delivered to the Coleman County telephone Cooperative building, Dec. 27th I came to get my paper and found that this person had left my Thursday and Friday papers but there was no Sunday paper.

Thank you, whoever you are, for leaving me something to read, but from now on, please don't TOUCH MY PAPER!

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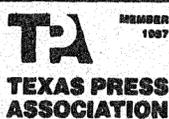
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FUNERALS

Jim Rutherford

Services for Jim Carter Rutherford, 67, of Rockwood were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 at the Rockwood Baptist Church with the Rev. John Stanislaw of the First Baptist Church of Santa Anna officiating. Burial was in the Rockwood Cemetery under the direction of Santa Anna Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Dec. 24 at Shannon Medical Center Hospital in San Angelo. He was born March 6, 1920, in Rockwood, the son of Ebb and Jennie Bowden Rutherford. He graduated from Rockwood High School and entered the armed forces in 1938. He married Claudia McCreary, February 22, 1948. He was a stock farmer and a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry D. and Linda Rutherford of Brownwood and Bob and E.J. Rutherford of Santa Anna; three daughters and a son-in-law, Billie Gay and Ricky Abernathy of Whon, Jimmy Gail Rutherford of Rockwood, and Jennifer Rutherford of San Angelo; one brother, John Rutherford of Fort Worth; one sister, Fannie McGee of Millsap; and 14 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Graham Rutherford, Wade Rhem, Earl McGee, Jr., Steve Camp, Bobby Lee, and Mickey Davidson. Honorary pallbearers were Elec Cooper, Lawrence Brudnenhan, Jr., Joe Wesley Wise, and Rodney Dean.

Burtons Visit In Santa Anna

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton of Big Lake were holiday visitors with friends in Santa Anna recently. The Burtons are former residents of Santa Anna, living here when Mr. Burton was local manager of West Texas Utilities Company.

Gilberts Have Holiday Visitors

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Gilbert during the holidays were Steve and Jami Chance of Abilene; Dale and Esther McHalek of Fredericksburg; Nathan and Ruby Blaylock of San Angelo; and Homer and Laverne Wiems of Rockwood.

"Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length," according to poet Robert Frost.

FUNERALS

Frances Dicey Dawe

Mrs. Frances Dicey Dawe, age 90, of Santa Anna passed away Tuesday, December 29, 1987 at Ranger Park Inn Nursing Home.

Services will be Thursday, December 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Anna, Rev. Claude Davison officiating. Interment will be in the Santa Anna Cemetery, directed by the Santa Anna Funeral Home.

She was born December 19, 1907 in Coryell County, Texas, the daughter of Richard and Josephine Arrawood Powell. She was the widow of Joe Stephen Dawe. She had been a resident of Santa Anna for the past 2 1/2 years coming here from Killeen where she lived for 25 years.

She was a retired school teacher and had taught school in Coleman County for 20 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Anna.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, Garland and Annie Mae Powell of Santa Anna and several nieces and nephews.

Program Presented By Youth Choirs

The youth choirs of the Santa Anna First Baptist Church presented a Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 20, during the evening worship service.

Entitled "Arch, the Angel," the musical was directed by Gail Loyd. Barbara Paterson was the assistant director.

Jason Dean was cast as Arch, the angel. Ray Jones was narrator. Parents assisted with the stage setting and decorations.

Members of the first through fifth grade group were Ami Beal, Misty Bradley, Devin Brand, Shamey Brand, Michael Donham, Amy Ellerbe, Briana Horner, Danna Jones, William Loyd, Brandi Horner, Amy Miller, Sally McIver, Darbi Neff, Cynthia Patterson, Melonie Smith, Katrina Tomlinson and Tara Tuttle. Nikki Donham and Marilyn Collins are adult leaders of the group.

Members of the sixth through eighth grade choir were Christy Beal, Dan Benton, Ross Bradley, Shelly Carter, Jason Dean, Julie Dean, Glen Donham, Lana Harvey, Brandi Horner, Darla Jones, Karen Lewis, Betsy McIver, Kyra Neff, Joannie Patterson, Stephanie Smith, Jaun Villereal and Sandy Watson. Leana Hartman is director of the junior high group, assisted by Jo Jones.

Following the program, parents of the choir groups hosted a reception for the children and their families and others attending the program.

Couples Will Wait 72 Hours To Tie The Knot

Effective Jan. 1, 1988, there will be a change in the Marriage law which may have a major impact on persons planning to be married.

The new law requires a 72-hour waiting period from the time the couple purchases the marriage license until the couple may "tie the knot".

This is quite a change as many couples now go to the County Clerk's office, purchase their license, go to the county or district judge, justice of the peace or the clergy and are married right away.

After January 1, there will be a full 72 hour waiting period. This may not necessarily mean three days.

The date and the hour of applying will be written on the marriage license. It will be up to the judges or the clergy to abide by the law.

When the license is returned to the County Clerk's office for permanent recording, the time limit will be checked. Any of the marriage licenses not within the law with regard to the 72-hour waiting period will be null and void. The couple will then be notified that they are not legally married. A copy of each marriage application is mailed to the Bureau of Vital Statistics will all the information listed.

The cost of a marriage license these days is \$25.00. Of that fee, \$12.50 remains in the county and \$12.50 goes to the state.

New Year's Eve Party

Members of the First Baptist Church and their families and friends will gather Thursday, December 31, for a New Year's Eve party at the Christian Life Center.

Games and entertainment will be provided for all ages at the fifth annual event: Volleyball and other games will be held in the gymnasium, and forty-two, scrabble, Trivial Pursuit and other games will be played by the less athletic people attending.

Activities will start at 6:00 p.m. and continue until midnight when a short devotion period will conclude the event. Sandwiches and assorted refreshments will be served all during the evening, with each family to bring something for the buffet. Coffee, punch and cold drinks will be provided.

A nursery will be open for infants and small children, and people of all denominations are invited to meet with the group for the family celebration.

Thoughts From Our Pastors

Linwood E. Bishop
Northside Church Of Christ

NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

The apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore if any man (person) be in Christ, he is a new creature. "old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

Dear reader, have you ever reached the point in life when you really wanted to just bolt out all of the old unpleasant, unprofitable and sinful things in your past life, and start life over again with a brand new slate? Perhaps you did not realize that this was possible, or how it might be accomplished. The Holy Scriptures teach that it is possible and that it can be accomplished or realized by every responsible person who so desires.

This holiday season which has been designated by men (not God) as a time to celebrate the birth of our Lord is to many a very sentimental and emotional occasion. A time to remember and to reflect, and a time to correct and to plan for the future.

The end of an old year and the beginning of a new year is a good time for us to take inventory; to look back over the past and take stock of both our liabilities and our assets...to correct whatever needs correction, and to re-evaluate and re-enforce our assets. In doing this, one sometimes finds that there is much to be discarded and little to be retained. But how does one rid himself of these spiritual liabilities? How does one become a new creature? "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." Notice that he said, "in Christ" and not of Christ. But how does one get into Christ? Not by lip service alone. Luke 8:48 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Not by faith alone. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" James 2:17.

How does one get into Christ? Repentance is necessary to one's salvation as Jesus clearly taught in Luke 13:3, 5, 24:46, but repentance alone will not put one into Christ. It is true that one must repent, and that in repentance one turns away and separates one's self from sin, but that alone does not put one into Christ. Confession of one's faith in Jesus as Christ and Lord is also necessary, Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10. But confession alone is not enough to put one into Christ. How, then does one actually get into Christ? Based upon scriptural faith (produced by hearing the word of God), and upon genuine repentance, and a scriptural confession of one's faith in Christ, one is actually baptized into Christ. Romans 6:3-4 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death "that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Please friend, carefully and prayerfully study this entire chapter in Romans and see how one may have a brand new life in Christ.

Santa Anna Native Receives Honor

David Horner, head coach at Tom Bean High School in northeast Texas, was recently named Coach of the Year by sportswriters at the Sherman, Texas Democrat. The selection was made from schools of all classifications in the Texomaland area.

In his first year at Tom Bean and also his first head coaching post, Horner took the Tom Cats to the playoffs, winning 8-2 in regular season and taking the district title. It was the first winning season since the 70's and the first trip to the playoffs since 1964.

A graduate of Santa Anna High School and Southwest Texas State University, Horner started his coaching career at Silverton, then coached at Meridian and Giddings before taking the Tom Bean post this year.

Before being named to the Coach of the Year Honor, Horner was three times selected as Coach of the week by the area newspaper. Very modest about his selection, Horner gives credit to his coaching staff that includes former Santa Anna coach, George Fuller, who was an assistant here in the late 70's, and to the fine group of athletes at the school.

A 1973 graduate of Santa Anna High School, Horner received many athletic honors while a student here. He was named to the all-area football team his senior year. He was also an honor student and was named the top ranking boy of his graduating class and was selected to the Society of Outstanding American Students.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horner, he is the husband of the former Melinda Dean of Santa Anna who is also a teacher. The couple are parents of two children, China Beth and Chance.

Holiday Visitors With Warnocks

Holiday visitors in the home of the Derriel Warnocks have been Mike Warnock of Lake Jackson and his fiancée Angela Glover of Clute. Also Dwayne Warnock of College Station and Barbara Cozy of Franklin and Doug Warnock of San Angelo. Marty Warnock and Stephanie joined the group for Christmas dinner and visiting off and on during the holiday weekend. Terri was ill and unable to join in the festivities.

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY: Although legumes have enormous potential as sources of food, many of them are overlooked as major crops. According to INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE magazine, many legume seeds are two to four times richer in protein than cereal grain. And one kind of South American legume, called mmas, can be popped like popcorn and provide a highly nutritious snack.

Up until 1830 when anyone purchased a bar of soap, the grocer simply hacked off a chunk from a large block.

Santa Anna News Deadlines

Articles Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Advertising Tuesday Noon

Regular articles that are run each week should be in the office on Thursday or Friday prior to the week they are to be used.

We can not guarantee that news articles brought in later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday will appear in that week's edition.

Thank you for observing the deadlines and helping us to serve you more efficiently.

Office hours are 8-5 on Monday and Tuesday.

Thursday office hours are 9-2. Friday 9 to noon.

COWPOKES By Ace Reid



"Looks to me like that ole boy is gonna hafta quit watching them late T.V. shows er get into some other kind of work!"

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Cranberry-Orange Salad

- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) lemon gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 jar (16 oz.) cranberry-orange relish
- 1 unpeeled apple, chopped

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add orange juice and let stand until almost jelled. Combine cranberry-orange relish, chopped apple and pecans; fold into the almost-jelled mixture. Pour into a 1-qtart mold. Chill until firm. Yield: 10 small servings

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Cranberry-Orange Salad Nutritional Analysis per Serving

189 Calories	0 mg. Cholesterol
1.7 g. Protein	37.7 mg. Carbohydrates
14.8 g. Total Fat (est.)	13.2 mg. Calcium
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1.1 g. Polyunsaturated Fat	44.6 mg. Sodium
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Billie Wright Retires From Appraisal Board

The Coleman County Tax Appraisal District presented a plaque on recently retiring board member Billie Wright. Mrs. Wright of Novice has served on the board for two years with her term expiring this month.

Barbara Kingsbery, Chairman, made the presentation in appreciation for the service to the Appraisal District. Office staff members prepared refreshments for the group on the special occasion.

In the monthly session at the Tax District office, minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Wright, secretary, and routine business was on the agenda.

Chief Appraiser Bill Jones reviewed bills and accounts which were approved for payment, and a financial report was given.

The Tax District is again ending the year with excess funds in the budget that will be refunded to the eight taxing entities in the county.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Steven Blanton
Hilario Hernandez
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Paulie Vasquez

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Karen Bowker
Thomas Nixon
Pete Simmons
Cathy Gene Strother
Mr. & Mrs. John Naron

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Nora Castillo
Chris Simmons

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Vernon Valdez
Heather Jackson
Patsy Starr

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Cindy Harding
Pam Morgan
Michelle Malone
Angelica Hernandez

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Rhonda Fleeman
Farra Strength
Leslie Slayton
Sharon Alvey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Ramon Castillo
Karen Key Fritz
Sharon Guthrie
Lane Guthrie

Keys Entertain Holiday Visitors

Visiting in the home of David and Betty Key for the week between Christmas and New Years were Robert and Debbie Key and their son Joshua from Vergennes, Vermont and Linda and Gary Miller and children, Alisha, Jeremy and Michelle of Snyder.

Joining them for Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 26 were Betty's father and sister, Clarence Jordon of Abilene and Lila Jordon of San Antonio. It was the first time in four years that this group had been together.

Year In Review Continued

and evenings. The annual Buffalo School reunion was held with hundreds attending.

July saw the first annual Alumni Tennis Classic under the leadership of Dick and Karen Smith of Rotan. The Santa Anna Mets were crowned the Coleman County Little League Champions and the school board hired Jack Burns as the new elementary principal.

In August county voters said yes to an ambulance subsidy referendum, although Santa Anna voters did not go along with the idea. Also in July, Ronnie and Donnie Lappe opened law offices in downtown Santa Anna.

Also in August, the Chamber of Commerce held its first annual "Old Fiddler's Contest" which was a rousing success.

In September, the Santa Anna school opened with an enrollment of 394. All the bustle and bustle of football season began and plans were being made for the annual homecoming.

October was a busy month with the annual Ex Students Homecoming and the Methodist Lord's Acre Harvest Festival. It was also announced that Santa Anna students scored above average on the TEAMS test.

Also in October was the beginning of new state taxes passed by the

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Fannie's Funnies

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take two fine full grown months. See that they are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness and in short see that these months are freed from all the past. Have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of time.

Cut each month into 30 or 31 equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time. (So many people spoil the whole lot in so doing). Prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put faith, courage, work (some persons omit this ingredient and spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest, (leaving out rest is like leaving the dressing off the salad, don't do it), prayer, meditation, and Bible reading. Be sure to include a generous quantity of consideration, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, and a bit of play.

Don't forget to add a pinch of the salt of candor, season with grace, not forgetting a sprinkling of good humor. Pour into the whole, love without measure and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat.

Garnish with smiles of thankfulness and sprigs of joy. Serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. Do this and a Happy New Year is yours!

Christmas Visitors In Rutherford Home

Christmas visitors and through the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutherford were Mr. and Mrs. Don Rutherford, Kevin and Holly of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rutherford, Julie and Shanna of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rutherford, Stacie and Jackie of Anson.

Joe and Ann and daughters also visited with her parents, the Omar Collins.

cent legislature. Property tax statements went out.

Kallie Gray, a senior at SAHS was named Homecoming Queen. Rosalee Niel Strickland was the Ex Student of the Year. Marguerite Horner Gilbreath was named Coming Home Queen and Carlton Watson was Coming Home King.

The Santa Anna High School Band earned an Excellent Rating in the UIL marching competition.

In November the Jr. High Mountaineers were crowned district football champs. The High school lost its bid for the second place spot in the district race, but promises to be back in the running next year.

City Councilmen James Keeney and Joe Taylor resign. Quinton Daniel and Alex DeLeon are appointed to fulfill their terms.

In December the County Commissioners were told to expect increased costs of insurance and Worker's Compensation.

Bill Martin is selected for a leadership program, Texas Agricultural Leadership.

Bangs Attorney, Charles McDonald, announces he will run for a seat on the State Board of Education and races are shaping up for county offices.

TOP PRIZES PAID FOR PRIZE FOR
Sign up to be in South West of Christmas. Prizes \$1,000 to \$500 to \$100 on Wednesdays, beginning Dec. 23rd.
Last Day to Sign Up
December 23, 1987

Refunds from the 1986 budget have already been returned to the entities in proportion to their share of the operation budget.

Tax collections for the 1987 year are still ahead of the same period last year. The City of Coleman leads with 63 percent collected by the end of November. The overall average is 56.33 percent, with October being a record month with property owners taking advantage of the discount.

A visitor at the meeting was Richard Johnson of Novice, who was recently elected to take the place of Mrs. Wright.

The next meeting of the group will be Monday, January 11, when new officers will be elected and members given the oath of office. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the Tax Appraisal District.

Full Gospel Church To Hold Seminar

The Full Gospel Church will have an Inner Healing Seminar to begin Thursday, Dec. 31 from 8 to 12 p.m. The four day seminar will continue

with services at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Everyone is invited to attend the services with emphasis on biblical healing of emotions, hurts, distrust, and marital problems. Evangelist will be Julie Smith.



CHRISTMAS CARD OF 1911. Shown above is a copy of the first Christmas card ever seen by local writer, Gladys Hunter. The card is in the form of a postcard. At the bottom is a small 1912 calendar sewn to the card. The Christmas greeting was sent to Mrs. Hunter's Aunt, the

late Hattie Prentiss who resided in Winchell, for Christmas of 1911 by a Mrs. McNeil of Llano. Mrs. Hunter describes her aunt as being to Winchell what Linnie Box is to Rockwood, that interesting person everyone wants to visit and talk with when in the community.

Texas Cotton Crop May Set Record

As of last week, all the cotton at the Santa Anna Co-Op Gin had been ginned, the first time in several weeks that the gin had been idle. Up to Friday the 18th 779 bales had been ginned.

G.W. Loyd of Mozelle had the first bale of cotton this season. Quality of the cotton is very good, according to gin manager J.T. Avants. Yields are averaging approximately one-half bale per acre.

Avants said there should be three to four hundred more bales processed at the local gin this year.

The cotton season last year was not over until late spring because fields were too wet to harvest.

The Santa Anna Co-Op gin is the only gin in the Coleman and Brown County area. Cotton has been brought in from as far away as Cross Plains.

Statewide it's all but in the bag, the 1987 Texas Cotton crop. And it should be a record for the state.

Latest estimates place the crop at 469 pounds per acre on 4.2 million harvested acres. That would surpass the previous high yield of 430-pounds per acre in 1979, Points out Dr. Bob Metzger, Cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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"This year's cotton crop survived a shaky start to get in position to reach the projected record," notes Metzger. "There was some freeze damage to the south Texas crop in early spring, late plantings in the plains, and monsoon rains in parts of West Texas."

But summer brought a dramatic turnaround in crop conditions, points out the cotton specialist. Cotton plants fruited quickly, especially the late planted crop. And the favorable summer weather continued throughout September and October, months that often tend to usher in cold weather to stop fiber development in the plains.

"This was one of the best falls in some time as far as cotton development is concerned," says Metzger. "Moderate temperatures allowed fiber development to continue. Early reports indicate that cotton in the High Plains is grading good, with almost 70 percent of the crop in the premium micronaire range."

With both excellent yields and a good market price this year, cotton should be Texas' leading cash crop, Metzger adds.

TAX continued

annual taxable sales. "A No. 2 lead pencil just won't get the job done anymore," warned Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock about the huge task facing taxpayers and the state's tax agency.

"Texas merchants better be prepared to have sophisticated equipment to collect this tax."

As far as can be determined now, not only does Texas have one of the highest sales tax rates in the country, but the large number of rate combinations possible from numerous local-option taxes makes the state's sales tax system the most complicated in the U.S.

The paradox is that Texas' single largest source of revenue for government activities - sales tax provided 45 percent of 1987 tax revenue - is by far the most difficult for taxpayers to collect and remit.

Multiple tax combinations will require consumers to pay one amount of tax at their neighborhood drugstore, another at the hardware store across the county line and many other rates throughout the state. Merchants will have to keep up with dozens of rate combinations to collect the correct taxes.

For instance, an armored truck company with customers in other taxing jurisdictions will need to know the local taxes in these places. Merchants who ship goods to other Texas locations face the same problem.

Here's how complicated tax collecting can get for these businesses. Say the armored truck firm is in a location with the one-percent city tax and the one-percent MTA tax. The firm may have clients in a

neighboring city and county with the new one-half percent local-option taxes. To collect all the local taxes that are due, the firm will need to know the rates in effect in both its and the customer's locations.

Now consider the case of an armored truck firm that's located outside a city but is in a county with the new one-half percent sales tax. If this business has customers in a city that's located inside an MTA, the armored truck company will need to know about these local taxes, as well, and which ones are due.

Sometimes the situation involves a business located in one city that makes taxable purchases in another city. Depending on the local taxes in both locations, several different total tax rates can result.

Or, look at the confusion caused when a customer in one county telephones a store in another county to order a new refrigerator. The store may need to collect tax from the customer's location as well as taxes in effect in the store's place of business.

It's obvious that businesses shoulder a heavy burden in complying with our sales tax laws. The January 1 changes will require them to implement costly new accounting procedures and seek the answers to thousands of questions about how to collect and remit the proper tax.

"Imagine the difficult task we face in explaining all this to taxpayers," said Comptroller Bullock.

Expenses for the state's tax agency will mount, too, as more computers and tax administrators will be needed to implement the multitude of new tax combinations. The January 1 changes will further complicate the process of auditing tax collections and distributing to

Christmas Is Official

This little article and the following about the Yule Card was submitted by Gladys Hunter and is taken from a newspaper clipping from many years ago.

Alabama in 1836 was the first state to grant recognition to Christmas. By 1860 all states and territories acknowledged Christmas, including the District of Columbia in 1870.

Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this official commendation.

local governments their share of the sales tax revenue.

In fact, Texas' sales tax audit and revenue distribution system is by necessity the most complex in the country.

But rules adopted by the Comptroller of Public Accounts will help limit taxpayer confusion and frustration and will prevent the total of the state's six percent and local taxes already adopted from climbing beyond eight percent.

The Comptroller's new rule backs up Senate Bill 58 passed by the Legislature to limit the combined total rate of local-option taxes - such as city, county and MTA - to two percent.

So whether the tax is due on a soda in Dime Box or diamonds in Highland Park, the local portion of the sales tax will not be higher than two percent.

But this doesn't solve the problem of a sales-tax structure that's the most complicated in the U.S. Even with the two-percent local-rate cap, Texas taxpayers still will have to contend with 24 different combinations of state and local sales tax.

While total relief from the current labyrinth of multiple tax rates can

The First Yule Card

The first printed Christmas card, produced in 1843, lacked snow, Santa, Reindeer, Christmas tree and ornaments. It showed a victorian family at a feast lifting wine glasses in a Yuletide toast.

The card drew protests from the nondrinkers, but sparked the tradition of sending cards instead of letters at Christmas.

John Alcott Horsley, A Royal Academy artist, created the card at the request of his friend, Henry Cole, whose bulging Christmas list called for a new approach.

only be granted by the Legislature, the Comptroller will implement the changes in a way that ensures taxable items will not be subject to local-option tax combinations above two percent.

Businesses will no longer collect any taxes owed from the purchaser's location when that additional local-option tax would push the total tax above eight percent. This rule is based on the intent of SB 58 to limit local-option taxes to no more than two percent.

Of course, purchasers will continue to remit any taxes still due on merchandise bought in another taxing jurisdiction, except when the additional tax in their location plus the state's six percent would raise the total tax above eight percent. And they'll still owe use tax due on merchandise bought from out-of-state sellers.

These procedures allow the greatest number of taxpayers to deal with the least number of local sales tax rates and continue to use the most simplified versions of Texas sales tax forms.

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"My Mother Couldn't Do It"

AUSTIN—Early this year, sixteen senior teacher education students from Concordia Lutheran College, under the direction of Concordia Vice President, Fred Bleeke, surveyed 1,500 Texas high schools in search of the MOST CREATIVE EXCUSES given by students for tardiness, absence and missed homework.

The data collected served to prove that high school students are still very creative and their excuses will change to meet the available situations.

Consider the following, deemed by professional Texas teachers to be the MOST CREATIVE EXCUSES.

"Someone super-glued my car to the ground," claimed one student.

A note brought to class by another student read, "Mary was not at school for a reason I can not mention in this note. But she was not playing hooky." The note was signed "My Mother"...

Using inescapable logic, a student said, "I would have been on time but the bell rang." Another just asked, "Have you ever tried to find toilet tissue in this school?"

The modern age has brought new excuses. "I had jet lag," said one. "My water bed leaked and I spent two hours mopping up water," said

another. By far the most used of the new excuses was "My garage door opener broke and I couldn't get my car out of the garage."

Students have strange illnesses, report the teachers. One boy claimed "morning sickness" and another had an uncontrollable stomach. "A girl said she was absent because she had 'Hot contacts', her teacher was uncertain if it was a medical or business-related excuse.

In a case of betrayal by an inanimate object, homework can disappear because "my locker ate it". Also the favorite, "My truck drove itself into a pothole and couldn't get itself out".

Three students were so completely honest that their explanations warranted mention by their teachers:

For being tardy: "Total Ir-responsibility on my part".

For being absent: "Just lucky".

For missed homework: "My mother couldn't do it".

"We've learned in education classes that a sense of humor is necessary for a teacher," says Donna Metzler, a Concordia student teacher who helped compile the test results. She went on to say, "It's been fun...and educational...to be forewarned about the kinds of excuses we will be getting."

Trade-offs May Help Control Over Eating

High calorie temptations are especially prevalent as the holiday schedule gets busier. If you don't want to cancel but progress you've made on a weight reduction diet, look at your food for the day. Evaluating only party refreshments is a short-sighted approach. However, by saving some calories throughout the day, you will be able to splurge on special occasions.

Janet Carroll, R.D., L.D., Clinical Dietitian, Olin E. Teague Veterans Administration Center in Temple, Texas suggests "eating a low calorie breakfast and lunch; you will be able to approach a holiday buffet with less apprehension." Suggestions for a low calorie breakfast include cottage cheese and fruit or cereal with milk or yogurt and whole wheat toast.

A low calorie lunch might include a two ounce portion of lean meat and a salad or vegetable or fruit, cottage cheese and toast, or soup and one-half sandwich (easy on salad dressing).

Another test of will power is the buffet table. Look for lower calorie, lower fat foods, such as fruits, vegetables, lean beef, breast of turkey, rolls, rye or pumpernickel bread. Many hostesses load their party tables with vegetables and fruits with dips or fondues. Go lightly on the dip or fondue; that's where the calories are. Turkey or lean beef on a meat tray is a better choice than the lighter fat cold cuts. Rolls

IRS Wants Numbers For All Dependents In 1988

Those who intend to list dependents age 5 and older on their 1987 Federal income tax returns must show Social Security Numbers for those dependents. This is required by the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

You are urged to apply now for the numbers while there is ample time. The longer you wait, you will find that the process will take longer due to heavier workloads, and you may be unable to file your tax return early.

A person can apply for a Social Security number at any Social Security office. If a person is 18 or older, he or she must apply in person.

Applications may be obtained at the local post office.

and novelty breads (rye, pumpernickel) will almost always have fewer calories than chips, most crackers and sweet breads.

Don't forget that choices you make at the party table may count for the basic servings from the food groups. Fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, cheeses and meats (turkey, lean beef) are often among selections on many holiday tables and among low calorie choices from the

Parents applying for children, can do so by mail. In fact, they can start the application process by phone.

When applying, the person will need evidence of age, U.S. Citizenship or lawful alien status and identity. If a person was born in the United States, usually an original copy of a public record of birth established before age 5 can be used as evidence of both age and citizenship. For school children, school, medical, or day care records can be used for identity.

Approximately two-thirds of all young people already have a Social Security number, and will not have to get another.

For more information, contact the Social Security office in Brownwood.

School Menu

Monday
BREAKFAST: Cereal, juice and milk.
LUNCH: Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, cream potatoes, English peas, peanut butter and syrup, hot rolls, milk.

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: Glazed donuts, juice, milk.
LUNCH: Fish with tartar sauce or catsup, macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, peaches, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: Biscuit, peanut butter and syrup, juice, milk.
LUNCH: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, buttered rice, green beans, pears, hot rolls, milk.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: Buttered toast with jelly, juice, milk.
LUNCH: Turkey pot pie, cheese chunk, sweet potatoes, apple, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: Cereal, milk, juice.
LUNCH: Chili dogs with cheese, French Fries with catsup, pork and beans, cookies, milk.

4-H News And Dates

We are fast approaching stock show time for county youngsters and following is a schedule of shows in the county.

Panther Creeklocal show will begin at 1:00 p.m. on January 15th. Animals will arrive the night before or starting at 7:00 a.m. on the 15th.

The Santa Annalocal show will be January 16th, starting at 10:30 a.m. Animals will arrive..swine..Friday afternoon. steers and lambs on Saturday morning.

The Coleman show will begin at 8:00 a.m. January 16. The animals will arrive Friday evening.

THE COLEMAN COUNTY SHOW is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 17.

Animals must be in the county barns by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Sifting will be at 6:00 p.m.

The swine show will start at 1:00 p.m. Sunday followed by the rabbits. Lambs will shown at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, JAN. 18 and the steer show will follow the lamb show.

The sale will be held beginning at 12:00 noon, Jan. 19.

Anyone having lambs or swine and needing to use a pair of scales may use the scales at the show grounds, Saturday, January 9 between the hours of 9 and 10:30 a.m. Someone will be there to assist.

If you have any questions on rules or time schedules or if you would like a copy of the rules, you may contact the County Extension Office.

THE SANTA ANNA 4-H was named club of the month for December. Runners up were Panther Creek and Coleman Elementary.

The next meeting for the Santa Anna Club will be January 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center at the First Baptist Church.

NO PASS, NO PAY! Stay in school and graduate!



A message from this newspaper and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety

Holiday Beauty Starts With Simple Preparation

Beat the burnout! Looking a bit ahead can help you avoid the syndrome called "holiday burnout."

The best way to beat burnout is to set priorities and stick to them. Use the extra time to take care of yourself. Indulge in a facial, manicure or massage as your holiday present to yourself. Cut make-up time in half by having the right accessories on hand before the first party night. The beauty experts from Duray recommend keeping a colorful sprayer filled with water, fresh make-up applicators, make-up sponges, and fresh make-up brushes.

Sensational hair is the cornerstone of every look, but you don't need to spend lots of precious time at salons to achieve elaborate, eye-catching styles. Beauty consultants for Goody advise using hair accessories to create beautiful styles at home, many of them beginning with the basic ponytail. Secure a ponytail high on the crown, and add one of the colorful satin Ruffle Wraps, this year's hottest hair accessory. Pin ends under for a variation on the elegant chignon. With longer



hair, secure the ponytail at the nape, and fasten several faux pearl clasps down the length of the ponytail at one-inch intervals.

For shorter hair, dress it up with a narrow headband, using mousse on bangs, and scrunching them as you blow-dry for fullness. A good choice is a sleek, narrow headband in gold or silver lamé. If the look of bows appeals to you, fabric-covered headbands with a small bow attached blend the best of both worlds. With a little planning ahead, you can be the shining star throughout the entire holiday season.

Two Courses Added To HPU Mini-Term

Two courses have been added to the Mini-Term schedule for Howard Payne University, to be held Jan. 4-15.

Introduction to Computers 1379, and Children's Literature 4345 will be offered as two of 26 courses available for the two-week session.

The computer course will be taught by Gerald Pitts, who currently is on the staff at Trinity University and scheduled to join HPU in the spring. The course will cover the basics of several computer languages using hands-on experience.

Dr. Evelyn Tomig will teach the literature course, designed especially for teachers and those who like to read children's literature. A variety of topics will be covered, including poetry, fairy tales, early childhood, animal books, and family reading.

Registration for the Mini-Term is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 4, from 8:15 to 9 a.m. in the Packer Administration Building. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday each week.

SANTA ANNA BASKETBALL

1987-1988

BOOSTER OF THE WEEK!



Glenn's Car Sales is our featured business of the week. Located on the corner of Wallis and 8th, the business is owned and operated by Glen Harod and his son Johnny Herod who is a graduate of Santa Anna High School and former Mountaineer football player. Johnny is shown here with a 1983 Mustang being featured this week. It has a 5.0 liter

engine with 60,000 miles. Johnny says the car is in good shape and he will make someone a good deal. Go by and visit with Johnny and Glen and see the many values found on the lot. They have sold several cars during the holiday, so you need to check right away if you are interested in anything they have right now.

CONSUMER ALERT
by **Jim Mattox**
Attorney General

Replacement Resolutions Will Save Money

If you've already given up on some of those resolutions you made for 1986, you might be ready to make some more. These are relatively painless and can save you hundreds of dollars. Here are a few we recommend:

- Resolve to do less impulse buying and more comparison shopping.
- Resolve to check out warranty information on every purchase you make.
- Resolve to deal with reliable, established businesses who have reputations to protect.
- Resolve to use credit wisely, not get carried away by someone who wants to sell you something above your credit limit.
- Resolve to ask about return and layaway policies.
- Resolve to take contracts seriously. Never sign anything you haven't read and understood thoroughly, even if it means not purchasing something.
- Perhaps most important: Resolve to complain if you're dissatisfied with a product or service.

COMPLAINTS
When you do complain, have a clear idea of exactly what the problem is and how you want it resolved. This will make the transaction go much more smoothly.

FOR MORE HELP
If you need more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, and San Antonio. The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. Write here to help you.

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RANGER PARK INN

By Annie Mae Brimer

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The Volunteer Fire Dept. Aux. gave gifts to the honorees of the December birthday party.

Santa Anna Funeral Home gave Christmas Corsages to the residents. Dorothy Eisenhower and Vera Wies pinned them on the residents.

Opal Riley made twenty four lap throws and gave them to the residents. This is one of the most used items in the home. They are appreciated.

Douglas Estes played the piano for the residents to sing hymns and Christmas songs. This was an enjoyable time.

The Christmas Party December 23 was the best we ever had. There were gifts for every resident under the tree. Santa visited the residents and his helpers helped him get the packages to the right person. Refreshments of cake and punch were served to over one hundred residents and guests. We appreciate each person for helping make this such a wonderful and successful party.

Mr and Mrs Rodney McCarty gave a box of bananas for the residents to eat.

Rev. James Ford Conducted the fourth Sunday service Sunday afternoon. Helping with the singing were Mildred Ford, Ludy Jane Bryan, Jack Huges and Bessie Parish.

The 42 games were Monday afternoon. This is always a fun time.

LIVING CENTER
Edna Wells visitors were Steve Hale, David Hale, Bozie Wells.

Thelma Whitehead visitors were Stena Mitchell, Arris and Pat Whitehead. Mrs Whitehead spent Christmas in Dallas with her nephew and his family.

Preston Cude spent Christmas in Abilene with his daughter Cleo Cude.

The weather was so bad Minnie Greer visited with her family on the phone. She talked to Nealta Ellis on Christmas day. Her packages came through the mail.

NURSING HOME
Estelle Todd visitors were Amy Sauveur, Ashley Rieger, Ben Taylor, Hubert Todd, Jerry and Helen Todd. Mrs Todd spent Christmas in her son Jerry's home with his family.

Mary A. Phillips visitors were Tommy Hamm, Don Walker, Laura Angell, C.W. and Angell Hamm.

Thelma Ballinger visitors were Chuck Ballinger, Martha Ballinger, Beth Sweiven, Shaana Sweiven.

Opal Maples visitors were Annelle Clark, Helen Taylor, Amy Sauveur, Duston Fulton, Jennifer Fulton, Dina Day Chrane, Ruby Streak Turner, Billie Simons, Kim Simons, Michale Simons, David Thompson, Michelle Thompson, Ben Taylor.

C.D. Bruce visitors were Edwin Hipsher, Mary Lela Clifford, Margaret Bruce Robins, Tom Robins, Walter Robins, Evelyn and Jack Kingsbery, Sue Porter, Diane and Molley, Barbara and Tom Kingsbery.

Faye Casey visitors were Laura Smith, John Founding, Mel Newborn, Barbara Kingsbery, Lucile Smith, Lois Haines, Joy Sheffield, La Verne Davis, Ruth Mayner.

Melvin Lamb visitors were Gail Brock, Mary Lela Clifford, Barbara Kingsbery, Molley Porter, Gladys Hunter, Lois Haines, Bill Conner, Vera Wise, Ruth and Earl Irick, Annelle Clark, Sue Porter, Angell Hazman, Lori Joyner, Tom Robbins and son, Bessie Parish, James and Mildred Ford, Ludy Jane Bryan Gladys Day, Ben Taylor.

Carrine Story visitors were Ken Stary, Billy and Kim Keen, Durwood Strickland.

Jim Daniell visitors were Helen Toloy, Amy Sauveur, Re. Clayde Davison, Jimmy Eisenhower, Joe Taylor and Mike Luera.

Iva Leist was visited by Woodrow Baxter.

Cleo Canady visitors were Stena Mitchell, Sandra Leammons, Pama Leammons, Michelle and Andrea Howell.

Lucy Billings visitors were Clovis and Claris Billings, Penny and Carla Billings, Eleanor Taylor.

Myrtle Estes visitors were Lois Haines, Gladys Hunter, Sam Estes, Boss and Blanch Estes, Douglas Estes.

Octa Orr visitors were Nancy and C.J. Barnes, Amber Airwood, Mickie and Dirk Lemkuil.

Jessie Thate visitors were Hugh and Nell Thate, George Thate, Alma and Chester Laird, Chester Junior Laird.

Dols Wagon was visited by Candi and Josh Daniel, Fawn Wagon, Wanda Daniel, Charlotte Gardner, Jim and Beverly Brown.

Velora Jackson was visited by Doris McFadden, Ray Lewman, Tiffany, Elton and Pat.

Clarenda Menges and Nancy Menges visitors were Dorothy Alsobrook, Joe Taylor, Louise Taylor, Kim Gunter, Helen Williams, Nancy Connoe, Tammie Alsobrook.

Cora Mikeaka was visited by Dell Mikeaka.

Lorena Pepper was visited by Bubba Rider, Sharon Rider, Maxine Crenshaw, Kelly Crenshaw, Donna Crenshaw, Michael Hamlin, Christopher Hamlin, Mattie Brown and Gladys Hunter.

Lena Ingram visitors were Nelda Davis, Imogene Powers, Era Lee Hanke, Joe Hanke, John Hanke, Paula Hanke, Micheal Powers, Donna Cummings.

Jim Dixon was visited by Myrtle Dixon and Ray Martin.

Elva Cope visitors were Milton and Carline Burns, Maggie and Robert Robinett, Jiggs and Allene Cope.

Marie Hill visitors were Faye Whitley, Julian Whitley, Mary Lela Clifford, Kathy Downey and family and Bessie Parish.

Jimmy Watson visitors were Ray Martin, Archie Tusker, Henry Sorrell, Murrell Shield.

Red Cupps visitors were Raymond, Doris, and Jerry Cupps. Mr. Cupps spent Sunday in the Raymond Cupps home.

Wilma Spencer was visited by Ken Schulze. She spent Christmas in Brownwood and Mason.

Pearl White visitors were Grace and Dean McGregor, Donna Cummings.

Dona Estes visitors were Betty Busby, Bill Connor, Betty Day, Louise McClellan, Jennifer Kerbow, James Estes, Boss and Douglas Estes, Eleanor Taylor.

Hubert McCarty was visited by his son Rodney McCarty.

Vida Hodges visitors Leah Ballard and Woodrow Baxter.

Vera Shield was visited by Mary Lela Clifford, Annele Clark, Barbara Kingsbery, Pauline Eubank.

Christine Sanders visitors were PAI and Peggy Johnson, Horace and Bertrice Suedegar, Mary Clifford, Lynn and Ken McClung, Mandy and Micheal McCling.

Frances Tucker was visited by Amanda Perry and Archie Tucker.

Mae Tyson visitors were Ben Taylor, Lindsey and Frances Tyson.

Millard Thomason visitors were Mary Clifford and Lucile Smith.

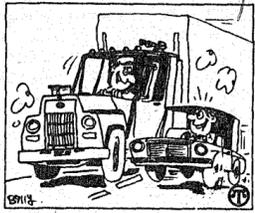
Morgan French visitors were Joe Deal, Boss Estes, Murrell Shield, and Aubrey French.

Billy Egly, on December 9, 1842, designed and offered for sale in England what is now regarded as the first Christmas card created for mass circulation. It is preserved in the British Museum. Billy was only 16 at the time.

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Sharing The Road With a Truck

Everyone is concerned about highway safety—especially professional drivers. So, here are some tips for sharing the road with a truck, courtesy of the van operators at United Van Lines:



* When passing a truck, let the driver know by blinking your headlights. The driver will make it easier for you by staying to the far side of the lane.

* If the driver blinks his lights after you pass, it's a signal that it is clear to pull back in.

* When you follow a truck at night, always dim your headlights since your bright lights could temporarily blind the truck driver.

* If you need directions, ask a truck driver for help by using channel 19 on your CB radio.

Remember, though, whether you're sharing the road with a truck, car, bus, or other large vehicle, it's important for safety's sake to obey traffic laws, abide by the rules of the road, and drive defensively. The roads are there for all of us. Let's learn to share.

Political Column

The following persons have authorized this newspaper to announce their candidacy for the offices indicated, subject to action of the Democratic primaries. This is political advertising paid by the candidates listed unless otherwise indicated.

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Charles Stenholm

Card of Thanks

We and our children would like to thank each of our friends and relatives who helped us celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Thanks for the phone calls, cards, and gifts. Dick and Carmilla Baugh

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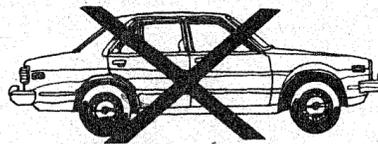
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CLEVELAND NEWS

By Mrs. Clara Cupps

Christmas afternoon the Dick Baughs went to Bangs to visit her mother, Mrs. Mae Flores. They dropped by the Lonnie Lowrys for a while.

Christmas day brown and Jeffrey came and brought his parents, the Coy Brookes Christmas dinner, others calling were Sidney Sackett, and Loraine Beeler.

Ruth Hibbits spent Christmas with the Charlie Avants family. Saturday, Ruth went up to Joe Wallace's and visited the family, Warren Bruce and family, JoAnn Goodwin and Mat of Early, Mark and Lezie Goodwin and Austin of Early. They all had Christmas dinner with Joe Wallace. The Dick Baughs visited Ruth Hibbits Sunday afternoon.

Those visiting the R.W. Cupps Sunday afternoon were the Browne Brookes and Jeffery and the Glen McDonalds all of Comanche.

The Cecile Ellis' and Tammy had dinner with the Jerry Ellis family Thursday. Friday, Grace Ellis had dinner with the Cecile Ellis' and Tammy.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McDaniel and Lynn of Carbon, the Charlie Flemings and Phyllis visited Mrs. Bula Fleming and Margie. Christmas visitors were Max and Donna Mapson and Jason.

Christmas day visitors with the Charlie Flemings were Dovey and Darla Molden and Debra, Tom and Margie Molden, Kelly, and Sandy, Randy and Diane Sikes all of Fort Worth; Randy and Ann Sikes, Sam, Kenneth and Peggy Sikes and Roger, all of Bangs; Ronnie and Iris Seaton and Jeremy of Brownwood.

Kelly and Sandy will be spending a few days with their grandparents, the Charlie Flemings.

The Calvin Campbells had Christmas dinner with her daughter the Dallas Houston family. Mavis and Marshall Campbell dropped by for a short visit Thursday. Sunday, Dena and Lance Rasch and Kris spent the day.

Christmas Eve, the Bill Lowrys went to Bangs to visit the Lonnie Lowrys and children.

Visiting the Casey Herrings over the Christmas holidays were the David Morgans and boys of Stephenville, Peter and Jeffrey Herring of Brownwood, and the Dale Herring family. Max Herring visited Sat. night.

Having Christmas dinner with the Doyle Evans were Mrs. Winnie Haynes, Linda of Austin, the Dana Evans and girls of Kempner. Clara Cupps dropped by on Sunday evening and there have been others by.

The Emil Williams visited the J.E. Williams Sunday evening. Frank Williams had Christmas dinner with the J. E. Williams and Russell.

Mrs. Velda Mills spent the Christmas holiday with her daughter, the Bill McDonald family. Susan Daniel and children visited Sunday night. She had Christmas calls from her family.

Hardon Phillips had Christmas dinner with the Lee Ray Huggins Friday. He was down at Bruce Alsobrooks a while and dropped by the Halmos Thursday.

Kasha Don Cupps is spending the Christmas holidays with the Billy Don Cupps and Ryan and Reed in Beaumont.

Those spending the Christmas holiday in Odessa with the Monte Cagles and Rachel were the John Narons, Jennifer of Dallas and J.T. Narons and boys of Merkle.

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of the Adolph Kellys were the C.E. Wises, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Eisenhower and Beth, the Hendry Kellys and Susan of San Antonio, the Chick Vaughns and boys of Porter, the Sact Wrights and David, the Doris McCormicks of Fort Worth. They all returned home.

Spending Christmas day with the Lee Ray Huggins were Phil and Gwen Huggins, Dana, and Adam of Coleman; David Huggins and Amber, Mildred Cammack and Hardon Phillips.

The James Perrys and girls and Amanda Perry went to Odessa and had Christmas dinner with the Daniel Reno family. Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Perry also were there.

Amanda Perry and Mildred Cammack and Byrdie Miller went to Brownwood Sunday evening.

The Curtis Fellers, Bryan and Betty Joyce Cupps spent Christmas day with the Denny Walkers and Tonya in Abilene. Tonya came home with Betty to spend a few days with grandma. They came for her Sunday evening.

Spending the Christmas day with the Edie Hartman, were the Edie Hartman, Mike and James; the Edie Hartman and Joseph; the Denny Walkers and Betty.

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Ronnie Hartman, Jeremy and Jeffery; the Daryl Boyles, Stephanie and Matthew of Bangs; the Harry Walkers, Stacy and friend, also of Bangs; Scotty and June Walker and Jarvin of New Braunfels.

Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Moore went to Hurst to spend the Christmas Holiday with the Melvin Pollock family and Terry Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Henderson had dinner with the Billy Hendersons in Bangs.

Thursday, Tavy Ford had dinner with the James Ford family. Visitors during the week were Clay and Peggy Miller, Debbie and Micheal Lancaster and Shelly of Austin and Wesley Jackson of Childress.

The James Fords had all there children there Christmas Eve and Christmas day. The Ted Fords and Scotty and Brent of Lingleville; the Joe Fords, Tonya, Vivki and Barbi and Mrs. Tavy Ford. Mildred and Tavy went to San Angelo to see her eye doctor and afterward they went by to visit Fred Wagner at the rest home.

Holiday visitors in the C.E. Wire home were Jimmy and Toni Lovelace, Jerry and Jeff; Raymond and Altar Haynes, Sharon and Tallion; Shannon Taylor; Grady Haynes; Margaret and Emit Simmons; Billy Williams; Leman Lowry; Trine Villereal and family of Amarillo.

The only wise speed at which to live is Godspeed.

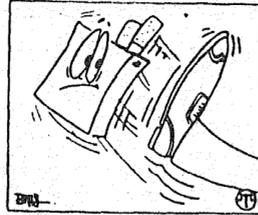
Hope all have a great new year. Happy 1988. Will see you then.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The English started the custom of cleaning the chimney on New Year's Day. This was supposed to bring good luck to the household during the coming year. Today the expression we use is "cleaning the slate." This means making resolutions to correct faults or bad habits, and resolving to make the new year better.



One good New Year's resolution many people will make this year



will be to give up smoking. That resolution may be easier to keep with the help of a product called Nicorette, a nicotine-containing chewing gum. Available only by prescription, it can help the body get over its craving for nicotine, while breaking the habit of handling, lighting and smoking cigarettes. Ask your physician for more information. It could help you stay smoke-free in 1988.

WHON NEWS

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Another Christmas Day is now history. I really do trust every one had a nice Day. The weather did not cooperate very well. Best wishes for all and may each one have a nice New Year Day and many Blessing will come your way in the New Year. A Big Thanks for every act of kindness shown me. "Happy New Year."

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris had their children with them for Christmas Day. Also Mr. Norman Floyd Morris and his son Ronnie and a friend of Brownwood. Then on Dec. 28, the family celebrated the birthday of Mr. Floyd Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have three grandchildren this week, Janet, Jeffery, and Jennifer Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Lovelady and girls of Brownwood were with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady in Santa Anna on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Kenny and daughter and Mrs. Kenny's mother, Mrs. Neff have recently visited with Mrs. Maye McFarlin in Santa Anna. These folk are from Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Johnson of Coleman came by for Mrs. McFarlin in Santa Anna Christmas morning and all enjoyed a bountiful Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Daniel Wheatly and son Danny.

Mrs. Louise Moore of Santa Anna and Mrs. Carry Cupps of Bangs have recently visited with Mrs. Mae

McFarlin in Santa Anna.

Was a nice Christmas day at our house. Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wheeler and daughter Erica of LaGrange, Mrs. Bob Smith of Abilene, her son Barry Smith of San Angelo. Loyd Rutherford and his son Todd of Bangs and daughter Tonya of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Rutherford of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boatright and girls Dena and Paige of Brownwood. We were glad to have the Rex Turney to stop by Christmas afternoon to say hi to the family.

Mrs. Darwin Lovelady visited one day the past week with her sister, Mrs. Elva McDaniel in Brownwood.

Hilary Rutherford was with me today. We worked with the cows and hauled wood.

Mrs. Bobby Beardon of Brownwood, Mrs. Lesa Bequette and daughter Eren from a northern state and Jaunita Minica of Santa Anna visited with Mrs. Darwin Lovelady this Monday afternoon.

Janet Morris spent Sunday night with Angie Fenton of Gouldbusk. Angie Accompanied her to her grandmother's house Monday afternoon and visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Amon Ott and son Yancy were with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Leon and Billy Griffin at Gouldbusk for Christmas day. Mrs. Griffin's sister, brother and parents from Fort Worth area were with the

family for Christmas day and Saturday.

Dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. James Avant in Coleman on Christmas were Jame's mother, Mrs. Pearl Avant of Santa Anna, Mrs. James Avant's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Welton McKinney of Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rider and Clay of Coleman, Blanch Green also of Coleman. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avant of Brady joined the group for an afternoon of visiting. Also Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avant and daughter Jacky Lynn of Midland was present. All enjoyed the afternoon together.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Bullion and Michelle of Glen Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Halmon of Grand Prairie and possibly others visited with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick during the holidays and Christmas day.

Guests with Mr. and Mrs. Amon Ott and Yancy Christmas night were Mrs. Ott's cousin, Skeeter Reaves of Fort Worth, her brother, Bryon Griffin of Gouldbusk and Jamie Bishop of Dallas.

Paula Anderson of Coleman was a dinner guest with her grandmother Mrs. Pearl Avant in Santa Anna one day during the Christmas week.

Our sympathy is certainly with the family of Mr. Jim Rutherford who was laid to rest in the Rockwood cemetery Saturday. May comfort come their way. The family needs all the encouragement that can be given.

A Happy New Year 1988.

TRICKHAM NEWS

By Mrs. D.R. Boenicke

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday. Rev. F.B. Suttle the Baptist minister will preach at 11 a.m. Sunday morning.

The 84 party will be held Thursday night at the Community center.

Vernar Bolton visited Lou Vaughn last week. Lou Vaughn ate Christmas dinner with Mary Ola and Elmer Woods at Bangs, also Joanna and Bill Smith and Bruce of Duncanville were there. Rodney Guthrie and Michael and Canrine DeLeon visited Sunday evening.

Rankin and Natalie McIver had Sherrie and Jim Blake eat Christmas Eve Dinner with them, and Christmas Day Rankin and Natalie ate dinner with Darla and Terry McIver. Sherrie and Jim Blake visited Sunday evening.

Tuesday Gayla and J.W. Sellers and family came. They stayed Tuesday night and went home Wednesday night. Mindy and Tami went home Thursday morning. Orabeth McIver and Genia McIver had dinner Christmas Day with Doyle and Wanda McIver and family at San Angelo. Royce and Wanda McIver spent Saturday night with Genia and had dinner with her Sunday.

Visitors from Margaret and Warren Barton during the Holidays were Mary and Brian Lingel of Austin, Fran and Randy Barton of Houston, Edther Jackson of West Palm Beach Florida, Kathy Bull of Goldthwaite, Keith Ro and Ben Bilbrey of Goldsmith, Elizabeth Bilbrey of Goldsmith, Keith, Maureen, Keith Wayne, Chris and Kelley Bilbrey of Waco.

ROCKWOOD NEWS

By Mrs. John Hunter

Mrs. Amanda Perry visited Nora Brushenhan Thursday afternoon.

Christmas visitors with the Wayne Brays were Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg, Lucy and Carla of Coleman; Debbie and Larry Smith of Austin and Kim Bloom of San Angelo. The Brays and Kim visited in Coleman Christmas day with the Max Hambrights.

The Bill Bryans spent Thursday and Friday with the Charles Greenlees and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Surlis and Serena Bryan.

The Wayne Brays visited Sadie and Bill Bryan Sunday afternoon. Judy Surlis of Arlington came Saturday to visit til Thursday.

Christmas visitors with the Junior Brushenhans were Jerry Don Gleaton, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gleaton and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory amilton and children, Carolyn Sue Smith of College Station, Mrs. Mary Etta Morris of Brownwood, Ella Gray and Mary Emerson. All had Christmas dinner with Junior and Neil Brushenhan.

Mrs. Robert Perry and Chad of Baton Rouge, La. and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaulty and Greg Perry of Jackson, Miss. came Sunday to visit her parents, the Deals and Mrs. Ricky Perry in Santa Anna.

Visiting during the holidays with the Dick Deals were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deal and Belinda of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thompson and Josh and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Deal

of Brownwood, Mrs. Don Hargrove and Jo Dodson of Fort Worth, Mrs. Leno Siller and Mrs. Georgia Turner of Melvin.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Steward were Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Porter of Utopia; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Horton of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. James Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ray, Casey and Laren of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rose and girls of Odessa; and Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis of Santa Anna. other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper and their guests, Mrs. Arlen Allen and Elizabeth Ann of Temple.

Ronnie Clooper and family of Coryell City came Thursday visiting to Sunday with his parents, the Elec Coopers. Other Christmas day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Denny Denaman and Bryon of Brady and Dorinda and Dalton Yung of San Angelo.

Elec and Rose Cooper were in Hico Monday before Christmas, visiting the David Cooper family.

Spending the holidays with Vivian Steward were Pat, Kay and Paige Patterson of Shreveport, La., Collins and Barbara Steward and girls of Katy and Jerry Stamford of Fort Worth. Visitors dropping by were Joyce and Bill Mueller and Bobby and Eddie Valicek of San Antonio, Joe and Faye Wise. Coleta Pearson

Christmas Day I ate dinner with Mr and Mrs Ray Kirk and family.

The week before Christmas, Mr and Mrs Bill Hutz and jboys Andy, Ronnie and Ricky from Garland came to see Joe and Ora Stacy. Christmas Day their son Martin and Nancy Stacy from Cleburne came and went home Saturday. Last Sunday Sammie La Doucer visited.

Sunday evening Annelle Clark and Pauline Eubanks visited me. and later Florance Stearns visited me. My brother Charle Shield went to Tempe, Arz. to visit his daughter and husband Billie and John Triber also to get his car fixed. He has a wreck with it at Tempe before he came here, so he did not get to stay long with me.

Mary Lea Mitchell had all her family with her during Christmas, Lea and Loyd Mock and family of Post and Betty and Damon Miller of Austin and family, all were here.

Donnie and Sherry York of Ozona spent the Holidays with his mother Mrs. J.E. York and Nikki.

Roberta McShan and Russie James went to Abilene Christmas Eve to Wanda James for Christmas Dinner with the James family, All went to Roberta and Pat McSham Thursday night and Friday the Hoffmans had all of Russie family at the Lake House for dinner.

Alice Wells of Coleman visited her mother Florence Stearns Monday also Moya Cole brought Florence a big bag of peanuts. Tuesday Verna Bolton came early and stayed until Christmas. she and her husband burned brush and did some cleaning up on the property she and Arvil bought here. Novilla and Sabrina visited Verna and Florence. They went to Brownwood to meet Arvil. Christmas Day they went to Mr and Mrs R.C. Stearns and Family for Christmas dinner with Alice Wells of Coleman also Stan Calcate of Cross Cut. Vrena and Arvil went home Christmas night and make the trip safe.

TENDING YOUR OWN GARDEN: Living inside giant clam shells are millions of tiny plants. According to RANGER RICK magazine, the giant clams provide a nice, safe home for these houseplants and even fertilize them with their own wastes. In return, the plants give off chemicals that the clams need for energy. And as the plants die, the clams digest them. Without the food the giant clams get from their "garden" they couldn't survive!

came with her guests Sammy and Barbara Pearson and girls of Virginia. David and Jayne Pearson and David, Jr. of San Antonio; Geyer and Sheffield Wise Brownwood were overnight guests Sunday.

Cash Your Government Checks!

Do you have any old government checks? A new law places limits on how long you'll be able to cash them.

There are currently more than 5 million government checks valued in excess of \$1 billion that have been outstanding for more than one year. The good news is that a recently passed law will save taxpayers' money on the bookkeeping costs caused by those outstanding checks.

Here's information on how to be sure you cash your government checks in accordance with the new law.

According to William E. Douglas, commissioner of the Financial Management Service, a bureau of the Treasury Department, the current payment system hurts efforts to keep track of the 650 million new checks issued every year. The new law—the Competitive Equality Banking Act of 1987—will allow "stale dating" checks starting in late 1988. That means if you have old

government checks, you should cash them as soon as possible.

The new law establishes a system to promote the orderly payment of Treasury checks by placing a one-year deadline for cashing them. Although a Treasury check will be cancelled if not cashed within 12 months of issuance, the new law doesn't affect the underlying obligation of the government to any person or the entitlement of any person to the issuance of a replacement check for a check that has been lost, stolen, or cancelled.

The new law would also put a one-year—instead of six-year—limit on the time the government can go back to a bank and recover improper payment. Considering that this procedure recovers \$30 million to \$35 million for the government annually, it may mean more change in the pockets of American taxpayers.

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