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This & That



Rain!!

Unofficial report of rainfall on Sunday was 2". Another 1/2 inch fell over Monday and Monday night.

It started off slow but became a steadily falling rain that provided good soaking moisture for the dry, parched lawns around town and for the fields and pastures of the farmers and ranchers of the area.

Residents in Southern Coleman County received the largest rain amounts, with Monday's report showing 3.50 to 3.60 inches.

Intermittent rain continued to fall through Tuesday night.

Congratulations!



Karen Wetsel Smith

Karen Smith was among the 1,571 Southwest State University students who were candidates for degrees awarded in spring commencement ceremonies recently in San Marcos.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wetsel of Santa Anna, she received a bachelor of science in education with a major in elementary education. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, education honor society.

Karen attended Santa Anna High School and is married to Dick Smith, son of the R.C. Smith's. The couple and their two children, Dana and Rynne, pictured here with their mother, reside at Wimberley, where Dick is a member of the coaching staff of the Wimberley schools.

Pled Piper Anniversary

Sunday, July 22, is the anniversary of the famed "Pied Piper" incident. According to 16th century accounts, on July 22, 1376, citizens in the rat-infested German town of Hamelin bargained with a pied piper to lure the rodents out of town with his music.

The rats followed the piper and his charming music and drowned in the Weser River. When the townspeople then refused to pay him, the piper lured the children out of the town and into a hole in the hill, never to be seen again.

Later historians suggested that the tale of the pied piper actually referred to the departure of Hamelin's young men on colonizing adventures in 1284.



Memories gone up in smoke

Photo by Steve Tulcas

Sewer & Sanitation Will Go Up

City Forced To Raise Rates

When the Santa Anna City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night of last week, Mayor Brock called the meeting to order with all council members present. Also present were City Secretary Alys Pelton, Sup. of Operations, Derriel Warnock and Police Chief Carlos Torres.

An unpleasant task rested with the council, that of raising the

sewer and sanitation rates in Santa Anna. According to Derriel Warnock, Supt. of Operations, much deliberation and weeks of research went before the action the council was forced to take in order to keep the sewer and water system in operation under the control of the City of Santa Anna.

The dilemma the city officials faced was due to the fact that the

rates charged in the past few years had not kept the system self sufficient as is required by General Electric Credit Corporation, who purchased 1966 and 1979 City of Santa Anna bond notes from Farmers Home Administration.

A rate covenant agreement with GECC requires "sufficient revenues be generated each year to cover

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Coleman Loses Old Landmark

A fire that destroyed a 100-year-old building in downtown Coleman early last Friday morning was still under investigation Monday by Coleman Fire Marshall Joe Watson and the State Fire Marshall. The fire toll took three buildings. All three, located on Commercial Ave., were entirely gutted.

Watson said that the State Fire Marshall's office had sent representatives to the burned out buildings Friday and they were expected to return on Monday.

Flames discovered around mid-

night at the Johnson, Jones & Autry Law firm, spreading to the Coleman County Title Co.. Both business are owned by attorneys Don Johnson, Ross Jones and Steve Autry. The vacant Henning building adjacent to the title company was also destroyed. All three were considered a total loss, according to Watson.

He explained that the buildings which housed the law offices and the title company were owned by

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Annual CCEC Meeting Friday

Coleman County Electric Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting will be held Friday night, July 20, at the Ballinger High School auditorium. Registration and entertainment will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the business meeting to begin at 8:00 p.m.

This will be the second time for the Cooperative to hold its annual meeting in Runnels County. When the meeting was held their last year, it was one of the largest crowds in some time. Everyone seemed to enjoy the air-conditioned auditorium

Every member attending will receive a door prize package and will be eligible for other nice prizes to be given away at a drawing at the

and the nice facilities. At the conclusion of last year's meeting, 50 nice prizes were given away. Come rain or shine, you are invited by the board of directors and management of CCEC to be in Ballinger once again for this year's meeting.

conclusion of the business meeting. Each person present will receive free homemade ice cream, cookies and punch prepared by the Runnels County 4-H.

There will also be available, free blood pressure check and rural TV satellite information, and there will be a video presentation and an electrical arcing demonstration.

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Public Hearing Saturday— City Applying For \$195,000 Block Grant

The City of Santa Anna held its first of two public hearings last

Wednesday evening to gather input for the purpose of applying for a Texas Community Block Grant. The second and final public hearing on the proposed grant application will take place Saturday, July 21, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The City of Santa Anna will be applying for a grant of \$195,000. It is expected that approximately \$60,000 of the grant, if awarded, will be earmarked for renovation of the City Hall and Fire Station with the bulk of the funds being used for upgrading of the water system, including work on fire plugs to assure more fire protection. As is required by law, some of the funds will be designated for engineering and administration costs.

Boosters Will Meet Friday

The Santa Anna Athletic Booster Club will meet Friday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Varsity Lounge at Perry Gym. This will be a very important meeting as the club will be discussing projects for the upcoming school year. All persons interested in the athletic programs of the Santa Anna schools are urged to attend and get involved.

Summer Reading Program Continues Thurs...9:30 a.m.



Junior Cowboys and Cowgirls trot their horses before events begin at last week's Junior Rodeo at the local Santa Anna Rodeo & Youth Association arena. We were unable to obtain results of the events before deadline time, but will try to have them next week.

Photo by Polly Warnock

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