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National Honor Society Inducts Four At SAHS

The Santa Anna chapter of the National Honor Society recentlyheld an induction ceremony for four new members. Inducted into the NHS were Brandi Martin, Melonie Smith, Ami Beal and Briana Horner.

Martin, a Junior at SAHS, is the daughter of Bill and Becky Martin. She participates in FFA, FHA, Student Council, Science Club, 4-H and Junior Rodeo Association. She has served as Student Council Historian, class secretary, class vice-president, class president, 4-H club president and director of the Junior Rodeo Coleman Association. She received the FFA Star Greenhand Award, class awards in Algebra I, World Geography, English I, and was chosen Miss West Texas Rodeo Teen. She plays volleyball, basketball, track, participates in stock shows locally, county and state-wide, and competes in both land judging and horse judg-

the daughter of Edwin and Janice Hipsher. She is a member of FFA, FHA, Student Council and Science Club. She serves on Heartland Mall Teen Board, class president of Freshman class, secretary treasurer as sophomore, junior class vice president, treasurer of Student Council, and president of Mountaineer Band. She has received various class awards and participates in band, band flag corps, volleyball and tennis.

Sophomore Ami Beal is the daughter of Darla McIver and Rick Beal. She is a member of the FFA, FHA and Science Club. She has served as Science Club reporter, Science Club reporter, Science Club treasurer, sentinenal in FFA and vice president of Sophomore Class. She has been recipient of the National Science Award, and taken part in district competition in

Melonie Smith, also a Junior, is awards and "A" honor roll each six weeks in high school. She has participated in UIL competition, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. She is currently serving as head cheerleader for Santa Anna High School. Sophomore Briana Horner is the

> She is a member of FHA, Science Club and Student Council. She served on the Youth Council of First Baptist Church and plays in

daughter of Dickie and Gail Horner.

the Mountaineer Band. She is currently serving as high school cheerleader and plays volleyball, basketball and tennis. She received the

Delta Omicron Cup for the highest girl's GPA and has received class awards in English I, Spanish I and Band I. She received the National Science Merit Award as a Freshman and has been on the "A Honor Roll each six week since she has been in high school.

Santa Anna Project Show Sat

Show Barns on the Santa Anna

Animals are scheduled to begin arriving on Friday with pigs weighing in from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday morning, beginning at 7 a.m., lambs should arrive, followed by rabbits at 8

The show will begin at 8:30

be Saturday, January 7th, at the will be judged at 9 a.m. Swine judging will continue following Ackerly ISD, lambs and pigs. the noon lunch.

> At noon a community barbecue lunch will be served to anyone who wishes to attend. Donations will be accepted to help support the Santa Anna 4-H and FFA project program and exhibitors.

Judges for this year's show will a.m. with lamb judging, followed be Lynn Starnes of Bangs, rab-

Santa Anna's Project Show will immediately by swine. Rabbits bits and Chandra Scott. Ag. Science teacher from Sands-

Superintendents of the show are Michelle Morgan, rabbits; Danny Kellar, lambs; and

Roddy Dean, swine. 1994-95 officers for the Santa Anna Livestock Association are Donald Carter, president; Rob Cheaney, vice president; Shirley Rankin, secretary; and Gary York, advisor.

"Skills For Life" Homemaking Division Theme

"Skills for Life" will be the Anna High School. theme for the homemaking division

In keeping with the theme age classifications will be up to 6 years old, 7-12 years old, adult and senior citizens according to Lois Wise, Home Economics Teacher at Santa

Skill areas for competition will

at the local Project Show on Jan. 7, be general arts and crafts, paintings, photographs, shop and tack, ceramics, clothing construction, decorated clothing, needlework, cakes, candy, decorated cakes, pies, cookies, breads and demonstrated project

Where Do We Go From Here?

one evening last week to talk about "Where we go from here", concerning revitalizing downtown Santa Anna.

representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, City Council. Historical Society, the Santa Anna Historical Development Organization and several other interested individuals.

more self initiative comes forth, the working together.

About 20 interested citizens met group was batting around ideas for projects that would put them on the right track.

It has been decided that work on the Dr. Jones building recently Present at the meeting were acquired by the Historical development organization, would begin with restoration of the face of the building.

Ideas were exchanged on how to best encourage Santa Anna citizens to become concerned and interested Since the Main Street Program in helping ourselves. In order to All parents of elementary students has decided not to award any grants make anything work, it will take and concerned citizens of the to Santa Anna at this time until everyone getting involved and

There year there will be a special section for people to share their skills, family heirlooms, talents and such. This section will not compete in the various divisions. Among the ideas for entries are old family pictures of life in Santa Anna, needlework, weavings and collections.

Whether exhibiting or competing, all items must be in the Ag Building between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Saturday, January 7. There will be a \$1.00 entry fee for each item in competition. All food entries must have a copy of the recipe attached.

Jan. 12 Meeting To Discuss Fate Of Local PTO

On Thursday, January 12, there will be a 6 p.m. meeting in the cafeteria of the elementary building. community are encouraged to be present at this meeting.

The meeting will be to discuss and make a decision concerning the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at Santa Anna Elementary.

PTO is a vital communication link between parents and children but for it to succeed it takes not just a few parents, but all parents and teachers getting involved. PTO is a way of communication between parents and teachers. It's where parents and teachers can work together to make better opportunities for the young children of the community.

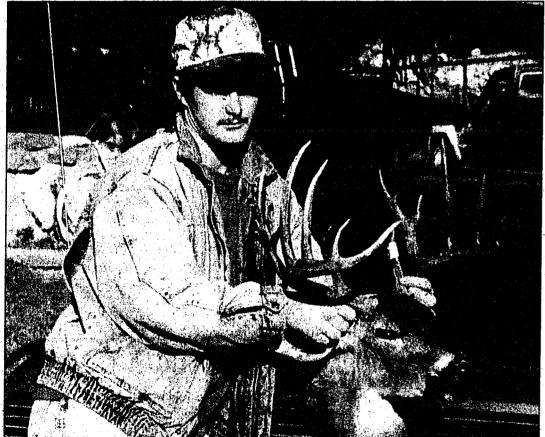
Six County Officials Take Oath Of Ofice

officials being sworn in to their offices and two officials being sworn in to offices they had been

Kay Harris administered the oath

January 1, 1995 found four new of office to County Judge Sherrill Ragsdale, County Commissioner Precinct 4 Alan Davis, County Clerk JoAnn Hale, County Treasurer Kay LeMay, who will be serving their first terms in offices.

Also taking oaths were incumbants District Clerk Louise Thompson and County Commissioner Precinct 2 Billy Don McCrary.



Kevin Blanton shot his trophy 18-point buck in northeast Coleman County just before Christmas. Estimated to be about 7-8 years old, Blanton said the buck would field dress about 150 lbs. The rack measured 18 inches. Kevin was headed for the taxidermist and will probably soon have a fine trophy on the wall of his home.

Horner And Dean Receive 20-Year Placque From Volunteer Fire Dept.

Dickie Horner and Roddy Dean were presented with placques recognizing the 20-years of service they have given to the Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department. The placques were presented during the annual Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

County Commissioners Honor Retiring Officials

Friday. Three of the officials at the County Clerk. meeting were present for this last meeting in an official capacity.

The three retiring individuals made short statements. Retiring officials were Judge Pete Skelton, Commissioner Max Horner and Clerk Clerk Glenn

The first item on the agenda business-wise was approving the adjusted salaries of Sherrill Ragsdale as County Judge, Alan

The Coleman County Davis as County Commissioner Commissioners met for their final Precinct 4, Kay LeMay as County meeting of the 1994 year last Treasurer, and JoAnn Hale as

> At the same time, approval was given for Jamie Trammel to begin from lack of funds, the agreement work in the the offices of the county clerk and appraisal district.

> County Jailer as of Dec. 23, 1994. county offices including county the City of Coleman in the Animal 30, 1994 each office had a cash bal-

Control Department. Commissioners also approved a were small.

Well Said

One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tonque.

request by County Sheriff Wade Turner to place a privacy fence and top at the recreation area adjoining with jail standards. Total amount requested was \$1,800 to \$2,000.

A final report was presented to commissioners of expenses and inventory of the County Treasurer office from 1977 to 1994. The report indicated that interest earned from investments amounted to \$486,250 and expenses incurred for the same period amounted to \$285,500. Profit totaled \$200.750. The report was approved as filed.

There was an agreement with the Texas Animal Damage Control Program to continue paying two trappers as required by the state. They will continue to be paid from the fund as long as possible. Should they have to stop paying will end at that time.

County Auditor Shirley Sansing James Watson was hired as gave the final report on various Watson was given the jailer posi- clerk, district clerk, justice of peace, tion vacated by Mac McKinney. tax assessor-collector, county attor-Watson was previously employed at ney and county sheriff. As of Sept. ance remaining even though some

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Birthdays & **Anniversaries**

JANUARY 5 Rhonda Fleeman Davison

JANUARY 6 Ramon Castillo Lane Guthrie **Sharon Guthrie**

JANUARY 7 Alfred McCrary Laura Thornton Liz Morris

JANUARY 8 Grace Short Jay Morris Mr. and Mrs. Terry McIver*. Larry Rutherford

JANUARY 9 **Shyler Robinett** Mr. & Mrs. Don Bible * Mr. and Mrs. Newel Rose*

JANUARY 10 Don Carter **Betty Martin** Raina Ann Walker Garland Powell

JANUARY 11 Tonya Anderson Laura Lawhon Tammi Morrow Castillo Theresa Baucom

JANUARY 12 **Betty Ann Barton Thomas** Rodney Guthrie Scott Patterson Mr&Mrs Judd Stewardson. Patti Musick

Santa Anna Cemetery **Association Annual Meeting** January 20

The annual meeting of the Santa Anna Cemetery Association will be held on Friday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the High Rise Community

All interested persons are elcome to attend

COW POKES

Obituaries

Richard Matassa

Richard H. (Dick) Matassa, 51, of Austin, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994 in an Austin hospital.

Private graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 30, 1994 at 3:30 p.m. at Whon Cemetery with Rev. Mike Efird officiating, directed by Santa Anna Funeral Home.

He was born March 20, 1973 in Dallas. He had lived in Austin since 1973 and was a self-employed landscaper. He married Jan Buckley July 31, 1979 in Austin. He was an Episcopalian.

Survivors include his wife, Jan of Austin; one son, Neil Matassa of Austin; one daughter, Jennifer Matassa of Austin; his parents, Leonard and Virginia (Turney) Matassa of Dallas; and two brothers, Danny Matassa and Martin Matassa, both of Dallas.

Local survivors include an aunt and uncle, Tincy and Rex Turney of Santa Anna.

Thomas C. Crews

COLEMAN--Thomas C. Crews. 98, of Coleman, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1994 at Holiday Hill Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, 1994 at Walker Funeral Home with Rev. Pat McClatchy of Brownwood officiating, assisted by Lloyd Sansom of First Methodist Church of Coleman. Burial was in the Coleman City Cemetery with Masonic graveside riates from Lodge #496, under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Coleman.

He was born March 16, 1896 in Ellis County, Texas to Jim H. and Lula Amanda Pitts Crews. He maried Raymond Jarrell in Coleman on Oct. 17, 1918.

A veteran of World War I, he was a retired Assistant Postmaster and a member of Coleman Masonic Lodge #496. He was raised a Master Mason in 1920, and served as Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden and Master of Lodge in 1946. He was a member of the Lodge for 74 years. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Coleman.

He was preceded in death by his wife Raymond Jarrell Crews in 1992, as well as one sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Frances Kiker of Coleman and Marjorie Crum of Dallas; and one brother, Harry Crews of Santa Anna; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Memorials

"I'm bound to win somethin' in at least one

class at this stock show on account of this

steer is in a class of its own!"

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Recent memorials to the Santa Anna Cemetery Association have been received from Derriel and Polly Warnock in memory of Sleepy Ray.

By Ace Reid

Gertrude Brewer

COLEMAN--Services for Gertrude Brewer, 91, of Coleman were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1994 at Stevens Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Boyd officiating. Burial followed in Coleman

She died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1994 at Holiday Hill Nursing Home. Born Oct. 31, 1902 in Sanger,

she had lived in Coleman most of her life. She attended school at Junction in Coleman County. She married the Rev. A. W. Fechner at the Junction Church; he died on Feb. 19, 1948.

She married Lee Griffin on April 2, 1952; he died on May 14, 1968. She later married Frank Brewer and he died on March 27, 1980.

She was a homemaker and had lived at Holiday Hill Nursing Home for the past four years where she was active in craft classes and activities at the home. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Cecil and Thelma "Honey" Fechner of Parker, Colo.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth and Hal Benner of Lake Coleman and Della Walker of Breckenridge; three stepdaughters and sons-in-law, LaVerne and Jim Patrick and Inez and David Davis, all of Abilene, and Dorothy and Clifford Johnson of Jacksboro; two brothers. Truett Hipsher of Coleman and Paul Hipsher of Longmont, Color.; one sister, Ida Niell of Santa Anna; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Library Receives **Books From** Abilene Librarv

The Santa Anna Library has received the following books from. the Abilene Public Library InterLibrary Loan Program: A Small Town by Hearon

Shelby; Blizzard Pass by T. V. Olsen; Driving Force by Dick Francis;

Empire by Patricia Matthews; First Claim by Luke Short; The Memoirs of Sarah Bernhardt

by Sarah Bernhardt: The Murder Book by Tage LaCour;

The Night Lives On by Walter Poodle Springs by Raymond

Possessions by Judith Michael:

Rio Desperado by Gordon Sundown Jim by Ernest Haycox:

Jean Plaidy; Winston Churchill by Piers Brendon; and Gorky Park by Martin Cruz

Meals On Wheels Monthly Schedule

January 2-6: First Presbyterian January 9-13; Methodist January 16-20: Northside Baptist January 23-27: Seventh Day Adventist

January 30-February 3: Church of Christ

Railroad Crossing Gate Disabled In **Auto Accident**

Officials caution motorists to be aware the railroad crossing gate on 1st Street is temporarily not in working condition.

The gate was knocked over by a vehicle Saturday night. We are told it will take several days to repair the damage to the gate, so we are asked to be especially observant when driving over that crossing since we are accustomed to having

Santa Anna

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 Macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruited jello, combread and onions

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets and peaches/cookies

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 tossed salad, fresh orange sections and congo bars " "

injured in the accident, although considerable damage was done to the vehicle and the crossing gate.

HOME VIDEO OUTLET # 2

Latest Movie Releases WW

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Donkey Kong Country-Madden '95 Timeslip-Axelay-Dig & Spike Volleyball



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I received a beautiful book about angels for Christmas. It seems that Nell Myers heard that I collect such things, books and figurines. Jim and I gave several books as Christmas gifts: Did you give or

receive books? Oh! and I found out about one of the books I had loaned and I discovered a book that belongs to Betty Key. Some of you still need to look for books that belong to the library. We still have books over-

Texas. Tears and Texas Sunshine. Voices of Frontier Women by Jo Ella Powell Exley is the name of Betty's book. Her sister gave it to her and I recommend it as a gift or for your own shelves. It took five vears of research by the author to gather the stories of 16 women. These stories are from 1823 with Stephen F. Austin's colony to the 1870's and the last Indian raid on the High Plains. There are pictures of each lady. Anytime you feel that you life is hard, read what happened to our ancestors. The name of this book came from the names given to quilt patterns by early Texas

The InterLibrary Loan sent a box of books. There are several westerns by your favorites: Haycox, T. V. Olsen, Dick Frances, Luke Short, Gordon Sheriffs. There are romance, mystery and biography. Two that seemed special are The Murder Book, LaCour and Morgensen. This is a study of how the mystery store developed from Chinese short stories (7th to 17th century). The last authors received were popular in 1971. If you ever wondered about the writer of your favorite mysteries, this book has a picture of him and excerpts. The authors are Scandinavian and I found it interesting that they did not mention The Spy by Nathaniel Hawthorn. It was one of America's first about the revolutionary war. Does anyone have my paperback copy? I've never seen another copy.

The Night Lives On is the second book that Walter Lord wrote about the sinking of the Titanic. A Night to Remember has stories of people who were on the ship and of some who survived the tragedy, The new book is an investigation into the building, the possible short comings, the cause of the sinking, and who was responsible. Why did only one ship come to the rescue?

Some new western paperbacks were given by Naylon Myers. Mrs. Brashear was there when these arrived so wait a week. John Pearce gave several paperbacks and Jim gave a couple. There are the military and spy type of paperbacks.

Start the new year off right, come read a good book. One a week will keep your mind more happy!

Nutrition Center Menu

Hearty turkey soup, saltines,

the gate to protect us from oncoming trains.

We are advised no one was

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Thoughts From Our Pastors

Joe M. Frausto Cordero Baptist Church

> VERDADES DE LA NAVIDAD Lucas 1 • 26-38

En cierto pueblo, durante una temporada navidena, dos ninas se incontraban junto a una vidriera de, un almacen. En éso se aserco a ellas un caballero y observo que um de las niñas le explicaba a la otra las cosas que habia en la vidriera.Le describia los juguetes, le hablaba de las, munecaas, de los trastecitos, de los trencitos, eri fin, de todo. La ninas escuchaba y de ves en cuando exclamabaQoue lindo, que pudiera ver yo todo eso! El hombre lleno de curiosidad, se inclino para mirar de frente a las dos niñas y se dio cuenta que una de ellas era ciega."Ya comprendo"se dijo para si mismo, esta niña esta explicando con sus palabras lo que la otra no puede ver cori sus ojos.

En la Navidad, valga decir, en el nacimiento de Jesus, hay verdades sublimes que el hombre no siempre las ve a simple vista;necesita.por tanto, de la luz de Dios para comprerider los designios de su sabiduria y los misterios de su poder.

El acontecimiento cumbre de toda la historia es, sin lugar a dudas, el nacimiento de Jesus. Con el comenzo una era nueva: El es el acercamiento del cielo a la tierra, el mayor impacto de bien que la humanidad ha recibido; Esto nos revela en primer lugar la omnipotencia de Dios. Cristo el Verbo eterno, para poder redimir a los hombres tuvo que tomar forma humaria.

En segundo lugar, la Navidad nos revela la presion de Dios. Esto quiere desir que Jesucristo vino al mundo a la hora senalada en los arcanos del Padre.La Biblia dice:Pero cuando vino el cumplimiento del tiempo,Dios envio a su Hijo,nacido de mujer y nacido bajo la ley"(Gal.4:4)Dios todo lo hace a su debido tiempo. El advenimiento del Mesias fue anunciado desde tiempos antuiguos.

En terser lugar, la Navidad rios revela la misericordia de Dios. Jesucristo vino al mundo y se vistio con el traje de nuestras miserias por la razon de que Dios nos amo.Un padre cristiano llevo a su hijo al campo.Cuando estaban alli le dijo:Mira a los cuatro lados,asi es de grande el amor de Dios. Entonces el nino le resporidio: Quiere desir, pues, que yo estoy en el centro del amor de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros estamos en el centro de ese

El hecho de que Jesus nacio indica de que Dios esta en la buena disposicion de entrar en arreglos con el hombre pecador, El es quien primero nos busca. Entre los hombres hay discordia disconfianza y envidias.En Dios lo que hayes Amor, buena voluntad, deseos de perdonar, planes para redimir.

Al celebrar la Navidad pensemos en esta verdad tan hermosa, y no dejemos pasarla sin rendir nuestra vida a Jesus el unigenito hiho de Dios Y el Salvador del mundo(Hechos 4-1 2).

Smokers and non-smokers cannot be equally free in the same railway carriage.

-George Bernard Shaw

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Aaron Lemond-Minister Sunday Bible Classes - 9:30 Sunday Worship - 0:30 Sunday Evening - 6:00 Wednesday Evening - 6:30

First Baptist Church 106 S. Lee Waide Messer - Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 Worship Service - 10:45 Sunday Evening - 6:00 Mission Organizations - 6:00 Wednesday.

All Age Groups Bible Study - 6:00 Northside Baptist Church

708 Ave. B Marvin Hale - Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 Worship Service - 10:50 Sunday Evening - 6:30 W.M.A. 1st & 3rd Mon. - 2:00 Wed. Nursing Home Service-10:00 Wednesday Prayer Service- 6:00

First United Methodist Church 405 South 1st Mike Efird - Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 Worship Service - 11:00 UMYF - 5:00 Fellowship Dinner Each 5th Sun.

Cordero Baptist Cnurch Ave. C & South 6th Joe M. Frausto - Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 Worship Service - 11:00 Evening Worship - 5:00 Wed, Bible Study - 6:30

Presbyterian Church 1001 Willis Dr. Richard H. Wood - Pastor Sunday School -9:45 Worship Service - 11:00 Family Night Dinner - 3rd Wed. Fellowship Dinner Each 5th Sunday

Seventh Day Adventist Church Ranger Park Robert L. Stumph - Pastor Saturday Sabbath School - 9:30

Worship Service - 11:00 Vespers - SDA School - 4:00 Tuesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 at school

St.: Willow Baptist Church Brady Highway A.L. Brown - Pastor Sunday Worship - 11:00

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Santa Anna News



Mr. and Mrs. James Lynn Mock

Andrea Jill Mayberry and James Lynn Mock were united in marriage at Caesars Palace Wedding Chapel in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada at 1 p.m. December 18, 1994.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mayberry of Gatesville and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mock of Post.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters of Moffat and grandmother of the groom is Mrs. Mary Mitchell of Trickham.

The bride wore a gown of white satin designed by Demetrios. It featured a sweetheart neckline and long fitted sleeves. The fitted bodice was heavily beaded with appliques of beaded alencen lace, seed pearls and iridescent sequins. The dropped waist flowed into a full skirt decorated with lace, pearls and sequins. The back was highlighted by a bow at the bustle and extended to a full semi-cathedral train. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of a dozen red roses and white lilies.

Mrs. Tilli Dean of Gatesville, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and Tammy Knoll of San

Antonio was bridesmaid. They wore long, fitted skirts of black taffeta with white off the shoulder iackets. They carried red, long stemmed roses.

Damon J. Miller, II of Austin, cousin of the groom, served as best man and Kirk Stevens of Post was groomsman.

Jordan Dean, niece of the bride, was flowergirl and Ryan Stitt, nephew of the groom, was ring-

A reception consisting of a buffet dinner was held in the Augustus room at Caesars Palace. Guests also enjoyed a rehearsal dinner Friday night at the Planet Hollywood Restaurant.

The bride attended Texas A&M University and is employed by Austin Independent School District as a school counselor. The groom attended South Plains College and is a consultant for JF Filtration. Inc. of Austin.

After honeymooning in South Lake Tahoe and San Francisco, California, the couple is residing in



Delta Omicron Sorority held a Christmas Party for senior citizens of the community on Friday, December 16 in the Mountain City Community Center.

Thirty, five attended with a corsage and party favor given to each person attending.

Drawings were held for door prizes with Rose Bass the winner of the afghan made by Debbie Wheatley.

Refreshments were served and old and new friends visited during the afternoon.

The Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders group provided can goods which were given to each person to take home. Shut-ins were taken party favors

and can goods.

Potpourri jars were delivered to 52 patients in the Ranger Park Inn for Christmas by the Sorority for their enjoyment.

Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting Set Jan. 5

The Alzheimer's Support Group at Brownwood Regional Center will meet Thursday, January 5 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 342 of the hospital's main building.

The January meeting will focus on validation therapy and the meeting will last approximately one

The support group is open to the caregivers and family members of Alzheimer's patients and there is no charge to attend.

For more information contact Susan Mendoza, R. N. at 915-646-

> 'Round About

Christmas Eve guests of Pete and Winnie Rutherford were Mr. and Mrs. Don Rutherford and Holly of Deer Park; Kevin Rutherford of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rutherford, Julie and Shanna of Grape Creek, Kathy Rutherford and Jackie and Mr. and Mrs. Steven King, all of Anson. Ice and Ann and children also visited with her parents and family, the Omer Cullins.

Monday Kathy and Jackie Rutherford and Stacy King, all of Anson visited.

Glenn, Laura, Kimberly and Zackary Lawhon were in Blanco for Christmas. They were visiting with their son and brother, Johnie Lawhon and Glenn's mother Emily Lawhon and other family members and friends. The family also traveled to Audie Murphy VA Hospital and enjoyed celebrating Christmas there with Leonard Lawhon who is a patient.

Burgess V. Weaver, a student at New Mexico Military Institute, has been a Christmas break visitor here with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Weaver and Connie. The Weavers and their children were in Dallas to spend Christmas with Burgess' mother and other relatives.

Marty and Cathy Warnock of Mesquite and Stephanie Warnock of Quanah were Christmas Eve visitors with Detriel and Polly Warnock and Othal Warnock. Christmas afternoon Derriel and Polly left for a week's stay of sightseeing and "goofing off" in Big Bend National Park. It was interesting to note they met within their campgrounds other visitors from the countries of Switzerland,

Dear Editor

This past holiday season proved that a small community, or town, can work together for our benefit, both physically and spiritually. Thank you, citizens of Santa Anna, you made yourself proud.

When all the fan-fare was over the expression overhead was, "What's happening?" I cannot answer this question but I can see more cooperation and attendance at the special events.

The old armory building was filled for the joint community Sunday Worship Services where the Pastors of various churches and the community Choir out-did themselves. The noon meal served at the Baptist Family Center gave everyone a good feeling about themselves.

The school choir and band concert was very well attended, with standing room only, this has not happened in years. Lois Ann Harper's student choir made me very proud of our younger generation. I did not intend to use names for fear of leaving someone out but Lois Ann has brought back an activity in our school that I thought was gone forever. Thank you, Lois Ann.

The Church was full of people for the Christmas Cantata. Our small community is blessed with talent that could be in competition with anyone. I am not prejudice, they are just good.

The community play was another activity with a standing room only audience. During the practice sessions you could take the 30-40 children, 3 to 11 years of age and say "They will never make it". But came the time to show it was a perfect performance. The singing was remarkable. Thanks for the patience of our young adult groups from several Churches. The refreshments afterward and a visit from Santa Claus during the fellowship hour made it a perfect day.

We could give a lot of credit for this revitalization to the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, the Historical Development Organization and the various Pastors of our Churches. They have given us a "push" and a feeling of wanting to do something

for our community. During the season the lighting of the Christmas trees at the Memorial Park gave passerbys the opportunity to see an active, lively town and perhaps they will remember engineer for Coleman County.

Santa Anna, Texas. Billie Guthrie.

Delta Omicron To Host Alzheimer Seminar Jan. 9

Delta Omicron Sorority will host a seminar January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Anna Elementary

The seminar will be presented by Sue Davis and Pat Morgan of West Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

The program will last approximately 45 minutes and a question and answer session will follow. Everyone is encouraged to attend and refreshments will be served.

Pat Morgan has had a family with the illness and is also a caregiver to people with Alzheimers.

Scotland, Germany and Canada, and the states of Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming, New Mexico and Louisiana as well as Texas.

Christmas holiday visitors with Tom and Ruby Hays were Tommy and Kay Hays of Austin who also visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Haynes in Coleman, and Lonnie and Terri Baker, Stephanie and Luke of Quanah.

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Mr. and Mrs. Israel Longoria of Santa Anna and Lilia Ruiz of El Paso announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Elizabeth Longoria and Ricardo Ruiz. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Santa Anna High School, attends Texas Tech University and is employed by J. C. Penney in Lubbock. The future groom, a 1990 graduate of El Paso High School, is also a Tech student and is employed by Builders Square in Lubbock. The couple will marry Jan. 7, 1995 at 3 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman. All friends and relatives are invited to the wedding and the reception to follow in the church Parish Hall.

Coleman County Roadways To Receive Work From TxDOT In 1995

Safety lighting will be installed

February, at the intersection of

farm-to-market roads 2632 and

2125; in Coleman at US 283 and

Texas 206; in McCulloch County

at Texas 71 and FM 2309. Work is

expected to begin in January in

Lampasas at the Hancock Park en-

trance and FM 2657. The cost to

install the lights to approximately

Portions of two farm-to-market ramp construction is almost roads in Coleman County and a short section of roadway near the Brown and Coleman county lines in Brown County, beginning in will be smoothed out and widened beginning this month.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin widening almost one mile of FM 1176 in Brown County from the Coleman County line to FM 586 the first of January. In addition the old base material will be treated with lime to strengthen the road. new base material will be added and a new smoother surface applied, said Bryan Raschke, acting area

The same procedure will be repeated in Coleman County on FM 131 from US 67 to FM 568 and on FM 1176 from FM 567 to FM

Joe Richards, Inc., of Belton is scheduled to complete the project by the end of April. Total cost is approximately \$896,000.

Also in January construction will begin on ramps for the disabled at intersections in 17 towns throughout the nine-county Brownwood district. Overhead lights will soon illuminate and make safer, several intersections in Brown, Coleman, McCulloch and Lampasas counties.

Brownwood District Engineer Lynn Passmore said almost 600 ramps will be installed at intersections along the state highway system as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition to modifying pedestrian facilities, TxDOT buildings are also being modified to provide access to the disabled.

For the next four or five months, two contractors, Robert L. Carroll, Inc., of Eastland and Zack Burkett Co., Graham will be installing ramps and crosswalks in some locations in the following towns: Coleman, Brownwood, Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Goldthwaite, Lampasas, San Saba, May, Bangs, Santa Anna, Brady, Rising Star, Gorman, DeLeon and Comanche.

Motorists won't face any detours during construction but should be alert to flagmen and possible, temporary lane closures, said Bryan Raschke, acting area engineer for Brown County. The total cost for

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, orange or apple juice, raisins, milk and

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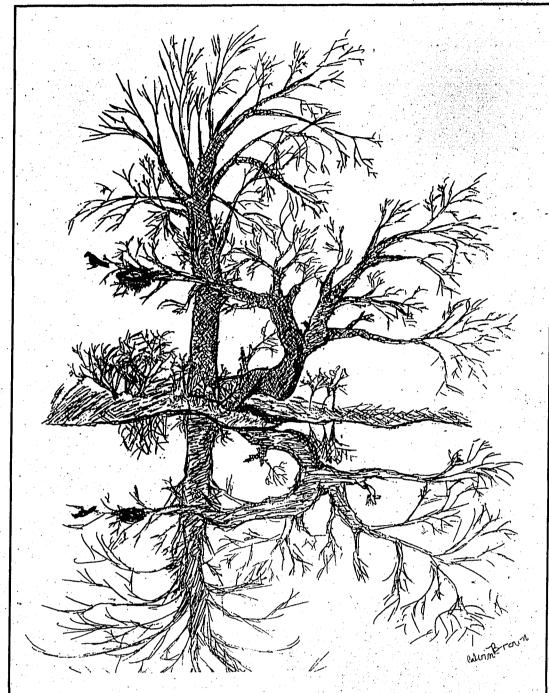
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SAHS Artwork

Santa Anna High School freshman Calvin Brown is the artist of the pencil drawing above. The detail in this drawing in very precise including birds flying out of their nest and the tangled limbs representing and old, weathered tree.



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1995 College Information Hotline.....

The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-829-4599 will be available on January 7 and 8, 1995, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to call questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid. The phones will be answered by professional college admission counselors, high school college counselors, and financial aid



1994-1995 SAHS National **Honor Society Officers**

The Santa Anna Chapter of the National Honor Society recently elected officers for the 1994-1995 school year. Officers pictured above left to right are, Danna Jones, president; Manuel Frausto, vice president; Laura Howze, secretary; and Jamie Ellis,



1994 Junior High Football Beau And Sweetheart

Chris Boyet, son of Mac and Debra Boyet and Amanda Swingle, granddaughter of John and Ruby Moody were named the 1994 Santa Anna Junior High Football Beau and Sweetheart at the final home game of the season. Boyet and Swingle are eighth graders.



By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A study released last week by the state comptroller's office and General Services Commission shows how \$52 million can be saved over the next five years by tightening up the state's purchasing practices.

State Comptroller John Sharp said the current system encourages waste, makes state employees' jobs difficult, costs too much and fails to eliminate vendors who sell shoddy goods to the state government. Some of the recommendations in

the report include:

- Implementing automated ordering and invoicing.
- Informing vendors about pendbulletin board.
- Training and certification of all
- Allowing the state to consider "best value" standard when considering purchases, rather than buying from the low bidder. ■ Allowing the General Services
- Commission to prohibit companies from doing business with the state. If enacted, the list of proposals would be the "final link" needed to improve the state's purchasing and

Sub-Poverty Teacher Pensions At least 6,000 of Texas' 138,000 retired teachers receive pensions at or below the federal poverty line, according to a study by the Texas

accounting practices, Sharp said.

that's why the matter will be taken up in the upcoming legislative

Sunset Advisory Commission, and

The poverty line is \$580 a month for a single person.

Although there are no estimates of the number of retired teachers who rely solely on their income from the retirement system, the study shows that 35,000 retired teachers and their survivors receive less than \$1,000 a month in benefits, and thousands more would be close to the poverty line if the pension were their only means of sup-

In a report by the Associated Press, Glen Porter, head of the Texas Retired Educator Dividend Association in San Antonio, made this point about the need for a pension boost: "If the free-lunch program were available to Texas teachers and school employees, 54,106 retirees would qualify."

The Legislature will consider raising the minimum monthly pension for teachers to \$34 for each year they taught school. A teacher who taught for 30 years would receive at least \$1,020.

Immunize or Else

Welfare recipients whose children are not immunized by age 2 may not receive some benefits under a proposal by the Texas Board of Human Services.

The board, which is the governing arm of the Texas Department of Human Services, has asked the federal government to withhold Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits to recipients who ignore or otherwise do not com-

ply with state guidelines for "ageappropriate" immunizations.

Withholding benefits was proposed by board member Bob Geyer, who said data from a November report showed little progress in raising immunization rates among children receiving state and federal assistance.

According to statistics maintained by the Texas Department of Health, about 42 percent of the state's 2-year-olds have been immu-

nized, and according to the Texas Department of Human Services, about 225,500 children under age 5 are on the state welfare rolls. A maximum AFDC grant for a family of three (which usually consists of a mother and two children) is \$188 a month. Under the board's plan, up to \$92 could be withheld.

The board's proposal was criticized by advocates for low-income families, who said that withholding benefits would only hurt children.

Breast-Feeding Bill Mothers would be entitled to breast-feed their infants in public places under a bill filed for the 1995 legislative session by state Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston.

Danburg said the bill was inspired by an incident in which she and a friend were asked to leave an Austin restaurant because her friend was nursing her baby.

In addition to deeming that breast-feeding should be encouraged for the health of mother and child and for family values, the bill would launch a test project allowing Travis County employers who provide child-care services to promote themselves as "baby friendly."

Other Highlights

■ Texas, with an estimated 18.4 million people, has edged New York out of second place in population, according to U.S. Bureau estimates released last week. The estimates are based on the number of births and deaths recorded in each of the 50 states between July 1, 1993 to July 1, 1994. In 1973, Texas outgrew Pennsylvania to become the thirdlargest state. California remains the most populous state.

■ Gov.-elect George W. Bush has announced that his twin daughters will continue to attend private school when the family moves to Austin from Dallas. According to a Houston Chronicle report, Bush said a private school in Austin would give 13-year-old Jana and Barbara a "nurturing" environment ... and take some of the pressure off them from moving to a new city with a father who will be governor.



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By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

with my son, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Anna and other friends. Mr. Knox and Linda Rutherford and Linda's is recovering from major surgery. daughter, Stephanie who lives in He has been very ill but is Brownwood. She was with her improving, although he can't drive mother and Loyd over the weekend. his car. Friends wish him a speedy A very pretty young girl, she is recovery. employed in Brownwood. Loyd's son, Mr. and Mrs. Todd and Kim Rutherford of Early visited with them Christmas p.m. and enjoyed Christmas supper together. They visited with me before returning home. With Loyd and Linda during the past week was Linda's sister, with him during the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Darold Horn of Muldrow, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Pearl Avant of Santa Anna had visits from her children during Christmas Week. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avant of Brady and their daughter Jacky Avant of Midland, Mr. James Avant of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Dougy Avant and two boys of Austin. Some of the group were on the Avant farm during the and their families in the Fort Worth week. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith area on Christmas. He had and daughter of Houston visited past Friday with their aunt, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lee Morris and Avant. They were enroute to Rotan to visit with Mrs. Smith's parents and other relatives. They also Ethel Radle. Wayne is the son of Christmas and New Year season. Mrs. Radle's and Mrs. Avant's deceased. Both ladies were really before Christmas Season. I wish thankful for the visit.

Mrs. Lorene Black of Brownwood was here with her brother, Lonnie Mrs. Leonard Matassa of Dallas, Carter on Wednesday before whose son was buried with family Christmas. I really enjoyed having a phone call from her.

I enjoyed a nice phone telephone visit with Mrs. Wimpy Watson before Christmas. They are doing well and having a nice Christmas Christmas Eve with a grandson and family in San Angelo and Christmas dinner with her sister Waco.

Enjoyed a short visit with Mr. Bob Knox and his son-in-law Mr. Farris both of San Angelo on Friday before Christmas. They also

We really trust everyone had a visited with Leon Carter. Were nice Christmas. Was beautiful enroute to visit with his brother-inweather, I enjoyed Christmas Day law, Clarence Gilbert of Santa

We are thankful to report Mr. Graham Fitzpatrick is doing well and is at home here. Says he still has his crippled knee but doing very well. He reports a nice New Years Day. His son Don and wife Julie and son Brandon of Austin were

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stewart and granddaughters of Arlington were dinner guests with Bob's mother. Mrs. Ethel Radle on Thursday. Also for lunch was Mrs. Radle's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ruth and Nick Poldrack of Coleman.

Floyd Morris was withhis sons. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Floyd Morris and Mrs. and Mrs. Jamie Lee Morris Christmas dinner in the home of family. Floyd Morris drove to Buchannan Dam and enjoyed New Years with friends there, Mr. and visited in Santa Anna with Mrs. Mrs. Jernigan, Reports a nice

Pleases accept a special thanks to sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stella and all who remembered me during the Dennis Gaines of Rotan, both Christmas season and in time everyone a better year in 1995.

Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and graveside rites in the Whon Cemetery Saturday afternoon. He was 52 years of age and a resident of Austin. His mother is Virginia who called from Brownwood Friday Bill Turney, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert and Hettye Turney of our community. He is season. They were having survived by his wife and two daughters, his parents, two brothers and a host of other relatives.

A special thanks to all who have Faye, I am not sure but I think in been so nice to me during the year of 1994. I wish for everyone a good year in 1995 and a big thanks for remembering me in any way. I

Fishing Lake Ivie

By Durwood Strickland

Bass are running deep. We are finding them at about 40 feet. We are finding occasional schools of white bass running about 17-38 feet deep. When you find these schools, there will be some blacks running with them. The white bass have been good size, about 2 lbs. Jiggin' spoons have proved to be successful bait.

Crappie have been running real deep also, 50 - 54 feet deep in 90-foot water. We have caught some good sized ones the past week or so, about 14 Surface water inches. temperature Monday was 51 degrees. This cold front will bring that on down considerably and we can expect the crappie to come up shallow in the next week or so. They will tend to be suspended about 7 - 20 feet as the surface water cools down. If it happens like last year, we can expect to find them mostly up the Concho and Colorado rivers.

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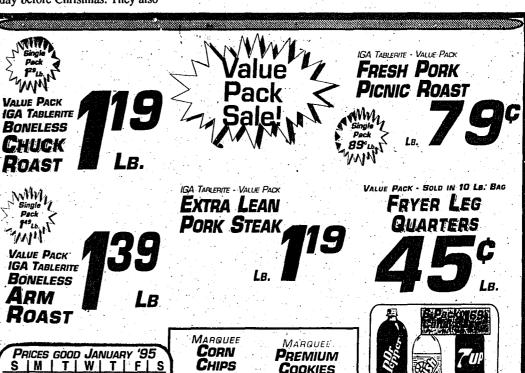
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Rockwood News

By Sandra Wilson

Arriving to visit with Burgess and Gayle Stewardson Friday was Ward and Karen Slewardson and Hilary. They had their Christmas tree with on Saturday with Gary, Kim, Clay and Audra Hubbard visiting. New Year's Eve night Ward, Karen and Hilary visited with Judd, Toni, Tyler and Sloane Stewardson. Ward and family will be visiting through the week with the family. Cecil Vance of Lake Jackson has been visiting during the

During the holidays visiting with Dick, Johnnie and Roland Deal were John and Shirley Deal, Terry and Elaine Thompson, Josh and Emilee, Alene Rutherford, Gregg and Marilyn Perry and Stephen of Atlanta, Ga., Dixie Perry of New Orleans and Jr. Brusenhan. The visitors were also helping Dick celebrate his birthday. He received lots of nice cards and telephone

Visiting with Johnnie Steward during the Christmas and New Year holidays included Olin and Ethel Horton of Brady, Johnnie, Susan and Rebecca Horton of Austin, Jim, Denise, Jenny and Emily Rose of Odessa, J. E. and Billye Porter of Utopia, James and Myrna Steward, Mike, Jamie, Casey and Lauren Ray of Coleman and G. T. England of San

Last Friday Bill and Lois Bryan drove to Dallas to spend Christmas with Charlie and Pat Greener, Judy Bryan, Frosty Robinson, William and Serena Hendryx. Monday Judy, Frosty, William and Serena, Bill and Lois and Maureen Robinson returned to Rockwood. Tuesday Lynn Armstrong and Nick Curtis joined the others. Wednesday Royce and and Wanda McIver and Curtis Bryan visited with Bill, Lois and guests. Lynn Ulstad of Brady and Frank and Janice Edwards of Killeen visited on Thursday. Thursday afternoon Bill and Lois's quests returned to their homes.

On December 16 Vivian Steward traveled to Hillsboro where she stayed the night at the home of Collins and Jean Wise. Saturday Pat and Kay Patterson of Shreveport, La., came and picked Vivian up and they returned to Shreveport where Vivian spent the week. Saturday, December 24 they traveled to Rockwall to visit with P. A. and Judye Patterson and boys. Christmas Day they traveled to Fort Worth to visit with Doyle and Jerry Stanford where Vivian stayed until Tuesday visiting. Vivian returned to Hillsboro where she visited briefly with Collins and Jean before returning home. Vivian joined by Coleta, Sammy, Barbara, Siri and Tracy Pearson for a trip to San Antonio for David Pearson, Jr.'s wedding to Kathy Miles.

Gary, Kim, Clay and Audra Hubbard were in San Saba at Chad and Kathy Oliver's for Christmas Day. Ward, Karen and Hillary visited with them on Fridav.

Charles and Sharon Greenlee traveled Friday to Vega to the home of Jeff, Anna and Sarah Greenlee. There they were joined by John and Cindy Zuzu and Jason Greenlee for the Christmas holidays. The Greenlees returned home Monday.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richter, Randy and Mason of Mesquite arrived for the Christmas holidays with Homer and Betty Richter. Mrs. Heidi Thomas of Azle better now. also arrived Friday night to join her children, Lauren and Hunter, who were already visiting with Homer and Betty. Sunday joining the family for the tree and dinner were Mr. and Mrs. John Sage, Matthew and Samantha of San Angelo. Homer topped the celebrating off with a hay ride for the grandchildren. Also joining them for the hay ride were Heather, Brandy and Carl Wayne Sims.

Wednesday, December 21 Kim Whitton arrived and she and Minnie Bray went to Coleman to Noreta's Cold Water to help Frankie Gregg celebrate her birthday. Also helping with the celebrating were

John, Carla and Lucy Gregg. Thursday Minnie spent the day in Brady at the nursing home with a sick aunt. Thursday night they had the tree at John and Frankie Gregg's. Those enjoying the tree with their hosts were Minnie, Kim, Lucy, Carla and John and Billie Gregg. Friday Carla left to join her husband Ben Bradberry in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Saturday Minnie, Ted and Debbie Kennett, John, Frankie and Lucy Gregg and Kim Whitton attended the funeral of Mrs. Pearl Bray. Clay and Katie Bloom arrived at Minnie's in time for Christmas supper and gift opening Saturday night. Kim, Clay and Katie returned home Saturday night. Christmas Day Ted and Debbie Kennett and Minnie visited Mack and Pat Hambright and their family Sunday evening. Sunday evening Ted and Debbie returned to Austin.

Jack and Skeeta Cooper were in Temple December 24 for Christmas dinner and tree at the Arlen Allen's Other

joining them were Beth and Charles Sheffield, Gil, Elizabeth, Justin and Jordan Gregory of Temple, Mike, Tracy and Wytt of Wimberly, Monty Sheffield of Austin, Wesley, Debra and Drew Allen of Waco. Sunday on the home from Temple Jack and Skeeta visited with Elec Cooper in the Brownwood hospital. Sunday alternoon Arlen, Quincy, Wesley, Debra and Drew visited with Jack and Skeeta briefly. Arriving Thursday to visit with Jack and Skeeta were Arlen, Quincy, Gil, Elizabeth, Jordan and Justin. New Year's Eve Jack and Skeeta and their guests were joined by Gene and Bertha Allen of Santa Anna for a trip to Lowake for a steak supper. Jack and Skeeta's guests returned home Sunday. Clinton Blezinger of Industry visited with Jack and Skeeta Sunday.

David. Jane and David Pearson, Jr. of Brvan arrived Christmas Eve to spend Christmas with Coleta Pearson. Also arriving that day were Sammy, Barbara, Siri and Tracy Pearson of Fairfax, Va. David, Jane and David, Jr. returned home on Thursday. Sammy, Barbara, Siri and Tracy returned home on Saturday. Sunday Coleta and Faye Wise had lunch with Vivian Steward. Coleta visited with Bill and Joyce Mueller Sunday afternoon.

Christmas Eve Jr. and Nell Brusenhan visited with Elec Cooper in the Brownwood hospital: Christmas Day Jr. and Nell were at Simpson Lake enjoying Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull. Wednesday Jr. and Nell had appointments with the eye doctor, Nell has been released and is waiting for a new lens. Wednesday night they were at Minnie Bray's for Bible study. Thursday night Jody, Rhonda, Ashley and Jennifer Brusenhan arrived from Carrollton and stayed until Saturday morning. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull and Freddie Polk visited with Jr. and Nell and their quests.

Visiting with Guy and Dorothea Whisenant December 22 were LaFreda Kilburn, Eric and Tiffany of Bangs. Saturday Jim and Kathy Fraser, Jimmy and Tammy of Brownwood visited. Christmas Day Guy and Dorothea were in Brownwood with the Fraser family. Dorothea's mother fell and broke her hip but made it through surgery and is doing

Rose Cooper with help from Sandra and Bo Wilson sent Elec to the Brownwood hospital where he stayed from Christmas Eve until Tuesday. David Cooper, Denny and Louise Densman, Ronnie and Nola Cooper came Saturday morning, David, Brenda, Dina, Brandi, Kyla and Katie Cooper visited Christmas

Day at the hospital. Ronnie, Nola, Cari, Casi, Cory, Cade and Colt came and stayed with Rose and also visited with Elec in the hospital. Denny, Louise, Dorinda and Byron Densman came by Christmas Day on their way to Coleman.

Editors Note: David and Margaret Karthauser have been traveling abroad again. This time to a number of European countries. We hope our readers will enjoy sharing the Karthauser's travels over the next several weeks.

By David and Margaret Karthauser

Part VII of a Series

Our Americanized hotel was somewhat of a disaster the next morning. A bus load of tourists evidently awoke before we did and used all the hot water. Shaving in cold water was bad, but the shower was worse. In the breakfast area we had to

They also visited with Elec in the hospital. Mrs. Arlen Allen, Jr. and Gene Allen also visited with Elec. Others visiting have been Curtis Bryan, Blake Williams and Bill McGill. December 30 Elec and Rose went to Ronnie and Nola's. Saturday they traveled to McGregor and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Estes and had dinner. They returned Saturday night to Ronnie and Nola's and following Sunday dinner returned home. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cody Cooper and great-grandson Logan Lee.

Hank, Darla and Hayden Wise hosted a fish fry at the Lodge for Hunter's seventh birthday December 21. A host of family and friends attended. December 22 Hank: Darla, Hunter and Hayden were at Faye Wise's to celebrate Christmas. Saturday Hank and Darla attended a traditional family gathering at Lake Brownwood at the home of David and Jean Williams. Sunday, Hank, Darla, Hunter and Hayden had Christmas in Coleman with Janet Barker. New Year's Eve night Hank, Darla, Hunter and Hayden were joined by the Kevin Allen family and Jimmy Hafner family for supper and ringing in the new year.

Blake Williams rode to Houston with Baker Rudolph Wednesday before Christmas to spent Christmas with Chris and Carolyn Williams. Joining them were Blake McWherter, Robert and Veronica Frever and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wolfe. Blake returned home Monday after Christmas with Ruth and Bill McGill. They visited with Blake until Thursday returning to Hillsboro.

Jimmy and Jimmie Gail Hafner, Amber, Cody, Haley, Travis and Julie were at James and Martha Hafner's for lunch and tree Overnight guests with the Halner's during the holidays were Tony Abernathy and Angel DeLeon.

Spending Christmas Day with Claudia and Jennifer were Larry and Linda Rutherford, Todd, Mark and Emily, Bob, Margot and Megan Rutherford, all of Brownwood, Randy and Christy Rutherford of College Station, Jetta Rutherford of Abilene, Taffy Rutherford, Olivia and Trevor of San Angelo, Gay Abernathy, Tim and Tony, Troy and Shannon Abernathy, Jimmie and Jimmie Gail Hafner, Amber, Cody, Haley, Travis and Julie. Drop in holiday visitors were grandsons Tony, Tim, Todd and Mark.

Wednesday and Thursday Claudia and Jennifer attended a holiday basketball tournament in Brownwood. Grandson Mark Rutherford was a member of the Brownwood team and they Weatherford for the championship. New Year's Eve Tony Abernathy spent the night with Claudia. Sunday Claudia and Jennifer and Julie. Monday Gay and Tony Abernathy, Claudia and Jennifer were in San Angelo getting Jennifer settled in her apartment. Monday night David and Maegan.

Avants came over and picked up Emily Taylor to visit with them for a days at Gouldbusk. Tuesday night Darlene McElrath and Michael Robinson came and we made Christmas decorations. Friday I exchanged presents with my mother Gladys Slayton and sister Fredna Horton. Bo picked Emily up from Gouldbusk and brought her to our house. Bo, Emily and I joined Charlie Smith and Frances McAlister at their house at Waldrip for supper. Christy Taylor joined us there then she and Emily went to Gouldbusk to visit with the David Avants family. Christmas morning Bo and I joined Christy, Emily, David, Mindy, Kevin, Josh, Maegan and Chase for the tree at their house. Those joining us for Christmas lunch were John Casey, Ollie Malaer, Frances McAlister, Charlie Smith, Eddie Monroe and Lynn Burlield. Christy. returned to Burnet Christmas night, Emily stayed with us. Tuesday evening Emily went back to Gouldbusk to visit with the Avant's. Friday afternoon George and Martha Whitaker visited for awhile. Randy and Holly Casey stopped by to say hi Friday evening. Saturday evening Bo and I had our Christmas tree. Those joining us were David, Mindy, Maegan and Chase Avants, Kevin Hale and a friend Jason, Josh hale, Logan McDonald, Leslie (Tiger), Tammy and Wesley Wilson of Forney, Randy and Holly Casey of Pflugerville, Johnnie, Tammy, Trey and Cheyenne Casey of Coleman, Emily Taylor, Francis McAlister and Charlie Smith. Bo and I returned with Charlie and Frances to Waldrip. Mike and Jenny Sue stopped by on their way home.

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Traveling With The Karthausers

fight through this bus load of Italians to get our breakfast. As with the hot water, the breakfast area was not equipped to handle a bus load. We had gotten up about 6 because we had along drive planned for the day. We left the Stop and Sleep* about 7:30 and drove in a westerly direction toward the town where Martha spent a summer as an exchange student. In our many trips this was the first time we had attempted to make contact with the family. The little village of Turnitz, Austria is situated in a lovely valley surrounded by high peaks. The village has probably fewer than 100 residents except during ski season. As drove into the town, there had been some changes since Martha was here eleven years ago and Martha was somewhat misplaced as we drove into the town. As we got to the center of the village marked by the usual church Martha sald. "That looks like Mrs. Sackel going into the meat market." Martha and Margaret got out of the car and went into the market. Mrs. Sackel was busy making her purchases and as she turned around Martha said (in German), "Do you remember an AFS by the name of Martha Jane Karthauser? Mrs. Sackel shrieked with joy and began hugging Martha. Martha, Mrs. Sackel and the shopkeeper had a few words all around and then they introduced Margaret. In the ensuing confusion, Mrs. Sackel forgot many of the things she planned to purchase as well as what she'd already purchased, as the three women left the store. Martha and Margaret were led to the family car where the father and one of the recent grandsons were waiting for the shoppers to return. Mr. Sackel seemed to be as overjoyed at seeing Martha as Mrs. Sackel had been. Dave and David were summoned and they were introduced to the Sackels. The Sackels insisted that we follow them to their house for a visit. Martha rode with the Sackels back to the house a few hundred feet away and the rest of us got our car and followed them to their

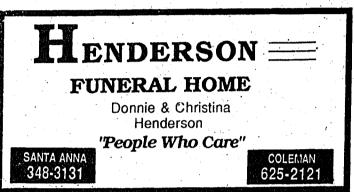
Margaret and David had frequently wondered what kind of accomodations Martha had during the summer she spent in Austria. As we looked around the beautiful well-kept gardens and we saw the very large house, we wondered why Martha had returned at the end of the summer. The inside and ouside of the

house was like a scene taken out of a fairy tale. Martha must have had a wonderful time with this very lovely Christian family and their four teen-age sons. We visited for over an hour in their family drinking juice and eating the customary snacks that they set before us. We had a very wonderful time and it was with great difficulty we forced ourselves to leave. We all have been invited back to spend more time with this lovely family. Martha and Dave thought that maybe coming back to ski during the winter would be best time to visit them.

AS we left this alpine village, we drove deeper and higher into the Austrian Alps. Each turn in the road revealed a panoramic scene more beautiful than the last. The tops of the mountains were covered with snow. As we drove, the weather began to deteriorate and we could see snow falling on the high peaks

while we drove through the cold rain. As we drove, we discussed the plans for the next few days. At the Sackels, they had tuned in to the weather and found out that the weather was getting worse for the next few days as we would be making our way to Zurich. We drove in a southwestern direction just north of the Slovakia border. We would find out that evening that fighting had broken out the day in Slovenia. Since our car could not go into Slovenia, we had planned to stay in Austria until we reached the Italian border. As we approached the Italian border there were long lines and things appeared to be very busy. We were motioned out of the line we were in and thought that possibly we were selected to be searched down to the last contents of our luggage. As we drove slowly, we found out to our amazement we were

back on the highway leaving the border. No stamp on our passports from Italy yet. As we drove deeper into italy, the weather got worse and worse. We could see some snow on the higher elevations. The rain was getting heavier and there was some fog. We had only planned to drive about fifty miles into Italy, so we headed northwest at the first intersection. As we got close to th border, our navigator selected smaller and smaller roads. As wound our way up the very narrow road, we expected to run into snow at any minute. At the very top of the hill, we found a very small building with a gate blocking our way. This was the border station and it was shared by both Austria and Italy. We were able to get our passports stamped leaving Italy and entering Austria. Evidently this type of cooperation has been taking place for many years between the various common market countries at the low traveled border crossings. We were delighted to get both stamps and told ourselves that probably very few Americans had stamps from this border station. The climb to the border station had been very slow and laborious. As we got back into our car, we started down the other side of the pass into Austria. We had to drive in a very low gear and let the engine do most of the braking. From the looks of the road, we had come up the easy side. Even in the mist and rain, this was a very beautiful drive. It sometimes seems that the smaller the road, the more spectacular the scenery.





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