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Melonie Smith, Briana Horner, Brandi Martin and Ami Beal, recent inductees of SAHS chapter of National Honor Society. Staff Photo

National Honor Society Inducts Four At SAHS

The Santa Anna chapter of the National Honor Society recently held 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 Coleman Junior Rodeo 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 judging teams.

Melonie Smith, also a Junior, is 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, sentinial in FFA and vice president of Sophomore Class. She has been recipient of the National Science Award, and taken part in district competition in FFA Radio Team, various athletic

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 daughter of Dickie and Gail Horner. She is a member of FHA, Science

Club and Student Council. She served on the Youth Council of First Baptist Church and plays in 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.

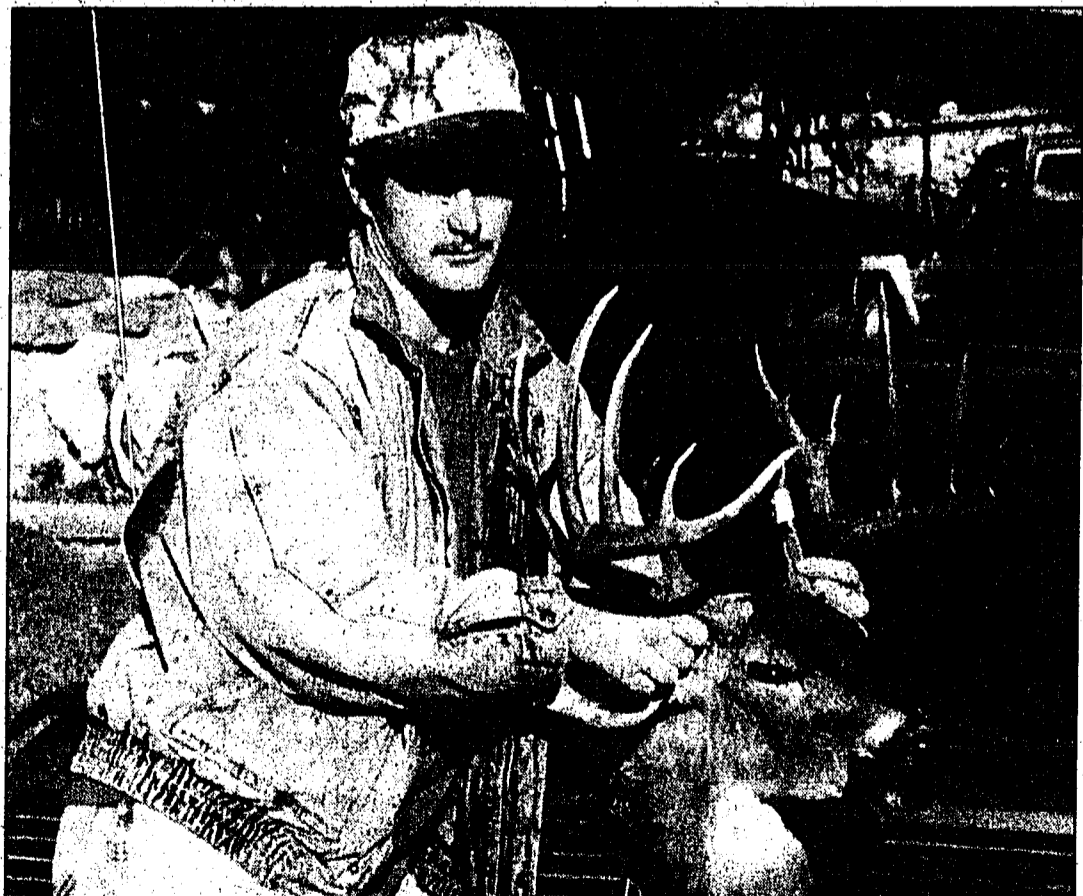
Six County Officials Take Oath Of Office

January 1, 1995 found four new officials being sworn in to their offices and two officials being sworn in to offices they had been re-elected to.

Kay Harris administered the oath

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. Staff photo

Santa Anna Project Show Sat

Santa Anna's Project Show will be Saturday, January 7th, at the Show Barns on the Santa Anna ISD campus.

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 a.m.

The show will begin at 8:30 a.m. with lamb judging, followed

immediately by swine. Rabbits will be judged at 9 a.m. Swine judging will continue following 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 be Lynn Starnes of Bangs, rab-

bits and Chandra Scott, Ag. Science teacher from Sands-Ackerty ISD, lambs and pigs.

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 theme for the homemaking division at the local Project Show on Jan. 7, 1995.

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

Anna High School.

Skill areas for competition will 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 skills.

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. All parents of elementary students and concerned citizens of the 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.

Well Said

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



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

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

County Commissioners Honor Retiring Officials

The Coleman County Commissioners met for their final meeting of the 1994 year last Friday. Three of the officials at the 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 Thomas.

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

Davis as County Commissioner Precinct 4, Kay LeMay as County Treasurer, and JoAnn Hale as County Clerk.

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

James Watson was hired as County Jailer as of Dec. 23, 1994. Watson was given the jailer position vacated by Mac McKinney. Watson was previously employed at the City of Coleman in the Animal Control Department.

Commissioners also approved a

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 from lack of funds, the agreement will end at that time.

County Auditor Shirley Sansing gave the final report on various county offices including county clerk, district clerk, justice of peace, tax assessor-collector, county attorney and county sheriff. As of Sept. 30, 1994 each office had a cash balance remaining even though some were small.

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Holt's General Store

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Beef, Ham, Chicken, Turkey

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Emergency Numbers For City Utility Problems

To report a city utility emergency call City Hall at 348-3403 24 hours a day. The city crew member on call may also be reached by calling the mobile phone 348-7950.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

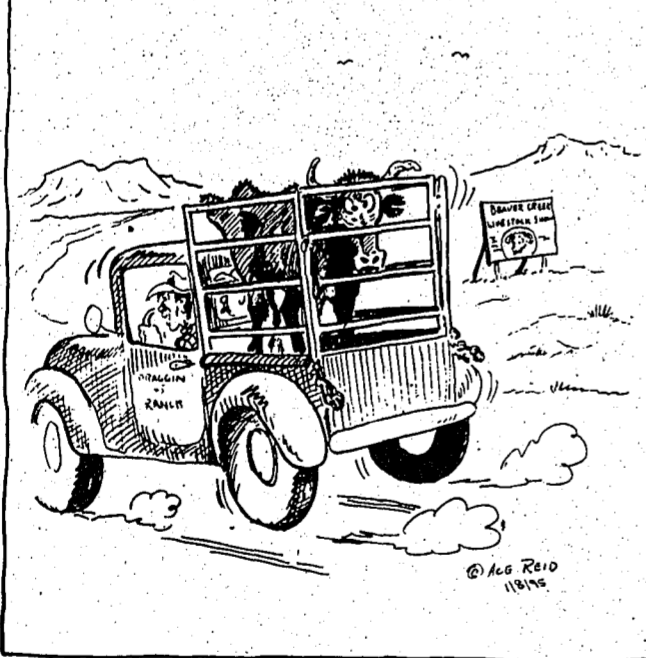
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Rhonda Fleeman Davison
- JANUARY 6**
Ramon Castillo
Lane Guthrie
Sharon Guthrie
- JANUARY 7**
Alfred McCrary
Laura Thornton
Liz Morris
- JANUARY 8**
Grace Short
Jay Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Terry McIver*
Larry Rutherford
- JANUARY 9**
Shyler Robinett
Mr. & 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 Center.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



"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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Obituaries

Richard Matassa Gertrude Brewer

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 Eford 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.

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 Cemetery.

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, LaVene 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, Colo.; one sister, Ida Niell of Santa Anna; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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 rites 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 married 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

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

Library Receives Books From Abilene Library

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 Lord;
Poodle Springs by Raymond Chandler;
Possessions by Judith Michael;
Rio Desperado by Gordon Shirreffs;
Sundown Jim by Ernest Haycox;
Voices in a Haunted Room by Jean Plaidy;
Winston Churchill by Piers Brendon; and
Gorky Park by Martin Cruz Smith.

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

Check It Out

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 overdue.

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 years 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 women.

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!

the gate to protect us from oncoming trains.

We are advised no one was injured in the accident, although considerable damage was done to the vehicle and the crossing gate.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
Hearty turkey soup, saltines, tossed salad, fresh orange sections and congo bars

Thoughts From Our Pastors

Joe M. Frausto Cordero Baptist Church

VERDADES DE LA NAVIDAD.
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En cierto pueblo, durante una temporada navideña, dos niñas se encontraban junto a una vidriera de un almacén. En eso se acercó a ellas un caballero y observó que una de las niñas le explicaba a la otra las cosas que había en la vidriera. Le describió los juguetes, le hablaba de las muñecas, de los trasteros, de los trencitos, era fin de todo. La niña escuchaba y de vez en cuando exclamaba: "Qué lindo, que pudiera ver yo todo eso! El hombre lleno de curiosidad, se inclinó 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 está explicando con sus palabras lo que la otra no puede ver con sus ojos.

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

El acontecimiento cumbre de toda la historia es, sin lugar a dudas, el nacimiento de Jesús. Con el comienzo 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 humana.

En segundo lugar, la Navidad nos revela la presión de Dios. Esto quiere decir que Jesucristo vino al mundo a la hora señalada en los arcanos del Padre. La Biblia dice: Pero cuando vino el cumplimiento del tiempo, Dios envió 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 Mesías fue anunciado desde tiempos antiguos.

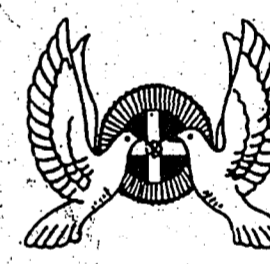
En tercer lugar, la Navidad nos revela la misericordia de Dios. Jesucristo vino al mundo y se vistió con el traje de nuestras miserias por la razón de que Dios nos ama. Un padre cristiano llevo a su hijo al campo. Cuando estaban allí le dijo: Mira a los cuatro lados, así es de grande el amor de Dios. Entonces el niño le respondió: Quiere decir, pues, que yo estoy en el centro del amor de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros estamos en el centro de ese amor de Dios.

El hecho de que Jesús nació indica de que Dios está en la buena disposición de entrar en arreglos con el hombre pecador; El es quien primero nos busca. Entre los hombres hay discordia, desconfianza 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 Jesús el unigenito hijo 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

You Are Invited To Attend The Church Of Your Choice



- Assembly of God
Brady Hwy.
James Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Sunday Evening - 6:30
Wednesday Evening - 7:00
- Northside Church Of Christ
310 Ave. B
Aaron Lemon - 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 Eford - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
UMYF - 5:00
Fellowship Dinner Each 5th Sun.
- Cordero Baptist Church
Ave. C & South 6th
Joe M. Frausto - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Evening Worship - 6:30
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
R.L. Brown - Pastor
Sunday Worship - 11:00
- New Hope Community Church
Brady Highway
D.C. McNeal - Pastor

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Mayberry Weds Mock In Nevada



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 Kroll of San Antonio was bridesmaid. They wore long, fitted skirts of black taffeta with white off the shoulder jackets. 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 groomsmen.

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

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 Austin.

Rose Bass Named Winner Of Aghan At Delta Omicron Christmas Party

Contributed
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 hour.

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 915-646-2052.

'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 Haffin 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. Joe 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 Derriel and Polly Warnock and Othal Warnock. Christmas afternoon Derriel and Polly left for a week's stay of sightseeing and "gouging off" in Big Bend National Park. It was interesting to note they met within their campground other visitors from the countries of Switzerland, Scotland, Germany and Canada, and the states of Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming, New Mexico and Louisiana as well as Texas.

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 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 Cafeteria.

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.

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.



Longoria To Wed Ruiz

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

Portions of two farm-to-market roads in Coleman County and a short section of roadway near the Brown and Coleman county lines 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 engineer for Coleman County.

The same procedure will be repeated in Coleman County on FM 2131 from US 67 to FM 568 and on FM 1176 from FM 567 to FM 586.

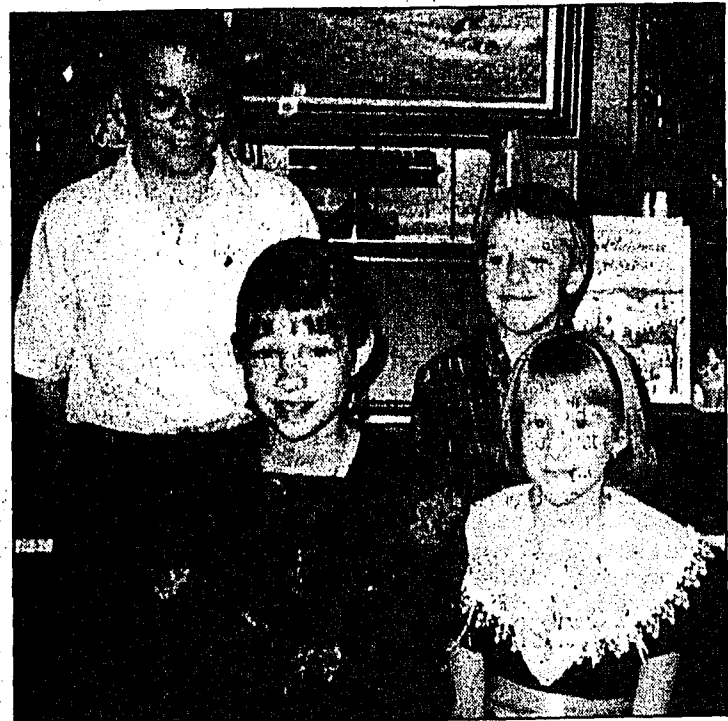
Joe Richards, Inc., of Belton is scheduled to complete the project by the end of April. Total cost is approximately \$896,000.

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: Brownwood, Coleman, 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



Piano Students Participate In Recital

Piano students of Patsy Starr were presented in recital on Tuesday, December 20. Students participating were Timothy Messer, Sabrina Martin, Jenna Hensley and Robert Pearce. Following the program, students and guests enjoyed refreshments, gifts and Christmas carols.

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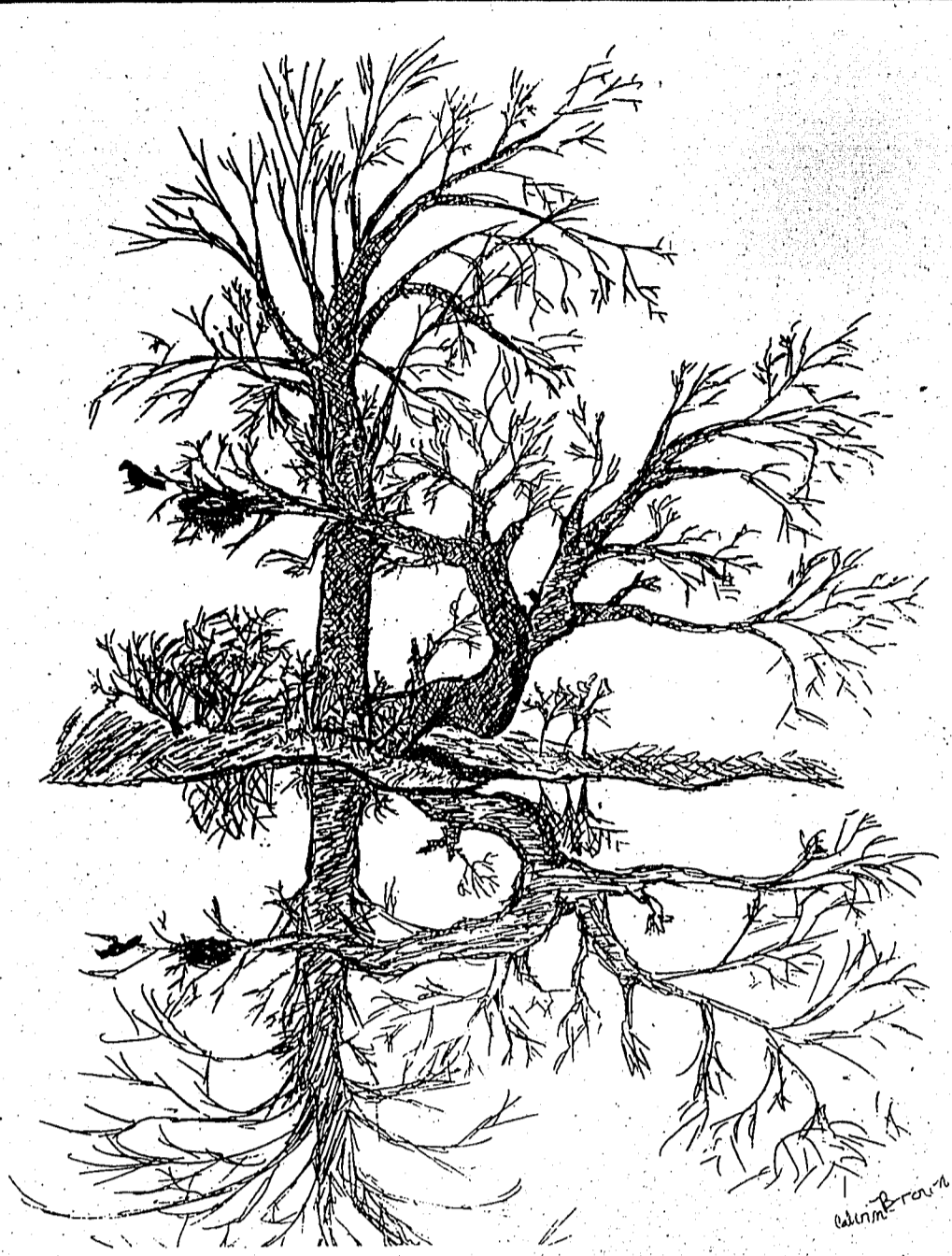
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Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, hamburger bun, burger salad w/pickles, french fries, orange or apple juice, milk, pickles, cookies, catsup and mustard or mayo



While we prefer roast turkey, roast goose is the main course of choice for Christmas celebrations in the British Isles. Austrians eat baked carp and Norwegians dine on a dry cod called lutefisk.



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.



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, treasurer.



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.

sion were their only means of support.

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 comply with state guidelines for "age-appropriate" 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.

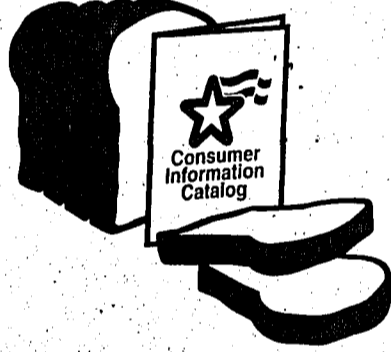
According to statistics maintained by the Texas Department of Health, about 42 percent of the state's 2-year-olds have been immunized, and according to the Texas Department of Human Services, about 225,500 children under age 5 are on the state welfare rolls. A maximum AFDC grant for a family of three (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 third-largest 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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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

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 pending contracts through a computer bulletin board.
- Training and certification of all state purchasers.
- 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 accounting practices, Sharp said.

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 Sunset Advisory Commission, and that's why the matter will be taken up in the upcoming legislative session.

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 pen-

Schools To Dismiss Early Friday; No School On Monday

Students attending school at Santa Anna Independent School District will be dismissed early Friday, January 6 at 1 p.m.

Students will also be out on Monday, January 9 when the staff will have a Staff Development meeting.

January 16-17 will also be holidays for students during the county stock show events in Coleman.

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.

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Rockwood News

By Sandra Wilson

Arriving to visit with Burgess and Gayle Stewardson Friday was Ward and Karen Stewardson 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 holidays.

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 cards.

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 Billy Porter of Utopia, James and Myra Steward, Mike, Jamie, Casey and Lauren Ray of Coleman and G. T. England of San Angelo.

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 Wanda McIver and Curtis Bryan visited with Bill, Lois and guests. Lynn Uistad of Brady and Frank and Janice Edwards of Killeen visited on Thursday. Thursday afternoon Bill and Lois's guests 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 Judy 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 Hilary visited with them on Friday. 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 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 Norela'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 Wyatt 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 afternoon 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 Bryan 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 guests.

Visiting with Guy and Dorothea Whisenant December 22 were LaFrída 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 better now.

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.

Traveling With The Karthausers

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

By David and Margaret Karthausers

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

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 we 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 said, "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 Karthausers?" 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 in our car and followed them to their house.

Margaret and David had frequently wondered what kind of accommodations 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 outside 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-agers. 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 the border, our navigator selected smaller and smaller roads. As we 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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