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HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — The growing number of needy Texans means the Legislature will have to find more money — about \$2.2 billion in its 1995 budget session — to pay for the state Medicaid program in 1996-97.

Last week, state Medicaid Director DeAnn Friedholm told the legislative health committee, "The basic problem is that we have a disproportionate number of low-income, uninsured people who qualify for Medicaid aid."

"This demand is coupled with medical inflation and higher reimbursement for institutions, such as nursing homes and hospitals," she said.

Cindy Rugeley, a spokeswoman for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, said, "We are going to have to meet the request (for additional funds). It's going to be a tough, tough budget year."

The committee also heard a list of proposals that would shave an estimated \$237 million from the Medicaid budget, including the cutting of provider payments and services and restricting eligibility.

But Friedholm said the cuts were not "palatable" and committee members agreed with her that carrying out the proposed cuts would only be a "Band-Aid" approach.

Friedholm said the best way to save money would be through a federal waiver — which would take 10 months to receive approval — allowing the state to restructure its Medicaid program. The waiver, if granted, would require that the state form partnerships with Texas counties and consolidate local hospital districts and indigent care programs in order to receive matching dollars from the federal government.

In support of the federal-waiver plan, state Sen. Judith Zaffrini, who chairs the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said, "We don't want to make cuts at the state level that would simply shift costs to the local level."

Schools May Outweigh Taxes
Taxes won't be an issue in the upcoming legislative session unless the Texas Supreme Court overturns the current public school finance law, according to Brad Reynolds, an aide to Lt. Gov. Bullock.

Reynolds said the Legislature's focus will shift to finding a new way to pay for schools if the high court rejects the finance system — one that is being challenged for the fourth time since 1989.

Presently, funds used to run the state's public education system are taken from a mix of property taxes, and state and federal aid. Reynolds said that if the high court once again declares the school-funding system unconstitutional, lawmakers may have to look at new sources of revenue, such as a value-added tax on manufactured goods.

But Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, have promised that there would be no tax increase in the upcoming biennium.

Junior High Basketball Tournament Saturday

The Santa Anna Junior High Basketball Tournament will take place on Saturday, December 10 beginning at 9 a.m. in Perry Gym. Boy and girls teams participating will be Santa Anna, Rising Star, Cross Plains and Blanket.

You may find a bracket of games to be played on page four.

Rockwood Christmas Party Set For Saturday

Contributed
The Rockwood Community will have a Christmas Party this Saturday, December 10 at the Rockwood Community Center at 6 p.m.

Those attending are requested to bring sandwiches, dips, chips or Christmas goodies. Drinks will be furnished.

If you are a woman, bring a gift to be exchanged with a woman, for a man bring a man's gift. Children should bring children's gifts to be exchanged.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy visiting with friends and family.



Little Mr. And Miss Spirit Of Christmas

Crowned Little Mr. and Miss Spirit Of Christmas at a pageant held Saturday in Coleman were Torie Williams, daughter of Danny and Cassie Williams of the Shields community and Tyler Chamberlain, son of Tuyarita and Bobby Chamberlain of Santa Anna.

Other Highlights
A bill has been pre-filed for the 1995 legislative session that would allow repeat child molesters to volunteer to be surgically castrated as a form of treatment. Senate Bill 40, co-sponsored by state Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and Bill Sims, D-Point Rock, stipulates that state prison inmates who choose to undergo surgical castration would not reduce their prison sentence by doing so.

Holiday Happenings

Carol of Christmas.....Sunday, Dec. 11
Presented by Community Choir
First Baptist Church - 6 p.m.

Instrumental Caroling.....Wednesday, Dec. 14
Throughout City - Youth Ensemble of Northside Baptist - Starts about 7:30

Christmas Concert.....Thursday, Dec. 15
School Band & Elementary Music Classes
High School Auditorium

City Hall Open House.....Friday, Dec. 16

Coleman County Telephone Cooperative Open House.....Friday, Dec. 16

Coleman County Broadcasting Open House.....Tuesday, Dec. 20

Santa Anna National Bank Open House, Wed. Dec. 21

The Best Christmas Present Ever...Wed., Dec. 21
Presented by Children of the Community
Presbyterian Church - 6 p.m.

Community Choir To Present Christmas Program Sunday

By Barbara Kingsbery
The annual Santa Anna Community Choir Christmas cantata will be presented Sunday, December 11, at First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Mary Donham, FBC music director, is directing the cantata, "Carol of Christmas". Thirty-four vocalists from several local churches are taking part with Gail Loyd as pianist. Mike Efrid of First Methodist Church is narrator. Soloists and ensembles include Pauline Armstrong, Kay Gay, Cathy Hale, David Powell, Robert

Robinett, Cathy Ellis, Lois Harper, Gail Homer and Dickie Homer. Other singers in the choir are Kasinee Bourpair, Novelle M. Boylston, Edith Dodson, Leanna Hartman, Barbara Kingsbery, Shirley McEwin, Pam Messer, Linda Moore, Deborah Long, Mike Hosch, Rickey Jones, Lee Moore, Troy Tomme, Nikki Donham, Pat Efrid, Billie Gatlin, Sandra Guthrie, Yvonne Kuykendall, Mary McPherson, Marion Aldridge, Freddie Dodson, Marvin Hale and Waide Messer.

Benefit Will Be Held Here Friday For Heart Patient

A group of people from Santa Anna, headed by Al and Opal Bomba, are sponsoring a benefit Friday night for Sonny Musick of Lake Brownwood.

Well known here, he is a musician who has played with bands appearing locally at various functions and has many friends in the Santa Anna area.

Musick suffered a heart attack some time back and has had related surgery and faces more surgery. He has no insurance and the benefit Friday night is planned to raise money to help defray some of the medical costs that keep building up.

The event, which will be held at the armory starting at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9th, will feature dancing to the music of *Texas Country*. Chili and stew with

cornbread will be served and the group will hold a white elephant auction. You are not only encouraged to buy something in the auction, but also to contribute something to be auctioned.

There will be no admission charge. Cost of the chili or stew will be \$2.25. Soft drinks will also be available. Everyone is invited.

Library Will Be Closed Thurs.

The Santa Anna Public Library will be closed Thursday, December 8, so that staff members can attend a workshop in Brady.

Usual hours will be observed Friday.

Christmas School Concert Set For Thurs. Dec. 15

The Santa Anna school bands and elementary music classes will be presenting their annual Christmas music program on Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Band director David Powell and the fourth grade, fifth grade, sixth grade and high school bands will be heralding the Christmas season.

Elementary music teacher Lois Harper and grades K through fourth and sixth will be performing "Tis The Season".

Stock Show Showmanship Clinic Saturday

A showmanship clinic for steers, swine, sheep and rabbits will be held on Saturday, December 10 at the Coleman Rodeo Grounds.

Showmanship techniques will be discussed and members will be allowed to practice these skills with animals.

Steers will be a 9 a.m.; followed by swine at 11 a.m., sheep at 1 p.m., and rabbits at 2 p.m.

Participants should bring steers and lambs but swine and rabbits will be provided.

Scenes From SAHS Basketball Tourney

Tournament Results On Page 4



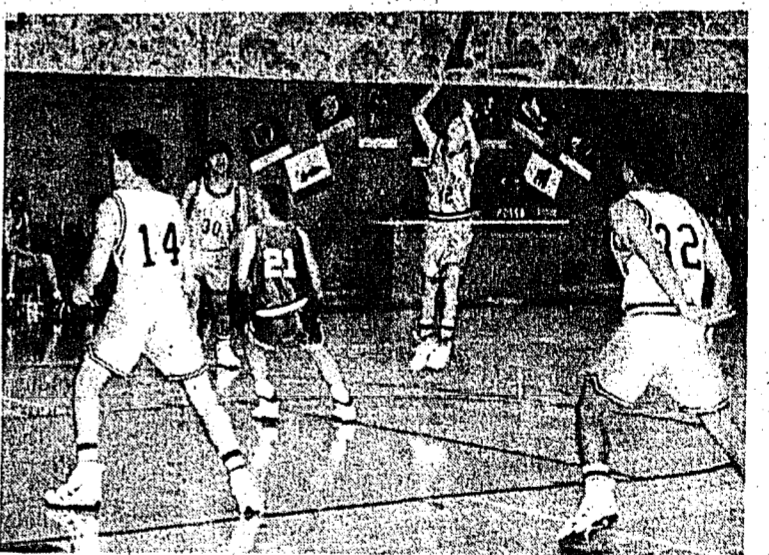
Brandi Martin moving in for shot. Ami Beal in other light uniform.



Ami Beal shoots free throw. Catrina DeLeon, Melonie Smith and Rene Guerrero at lines in light uniforms.



Bobby Malaer and Chris Lewis (light uniforms) change course for down court.



Chris Cheaney taking long shot. Teammates Tim Abernathy (14), Manuel Frausto (30) and James Balderas (32).

Elementary Students To Have Visit From Author

Dave Sargent of Ozark Publishing, Inc. will be at the Santa Anna Elementary school on Wednesday, December 14.

He is the author of many books including the "Animal Pride" series, which local third graders have been enjoying.

Sargent has invert-mirrored vision, a severe form of dyslexia and throughout his childhood and most of his adult life was unable to read

or write. He will be speaking to students about "where there's a will, there's a way".

A small Book Fair featuring his books will also take place and students will be bringing home more information regarding the book fair.

Each student is working on a short story and the winning story will be published.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER 9
Bill Garrett
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DECEMBER 10
Josh Eubank
Gale Brock

DECEMBER 11
Richard Homer
Amanda Lishka
Jimmy Row
Elwayne Taylor
Shirley Taylor

DECEMBER 12
Mr. E. O. Rider
Cindy Wristen
Mary Haynes

DECEMBER 13
Ron Wainock
Scott Valdez
Judy Hartman
Mr & Mrs Frank Reed*

DECEMBER 14
Renee Castillo
Selina Cook Tomlinson

DECEMBER 15
Benny Joe Gerrero
Mary West

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread and fruit cobbler

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
Creamed chicken, buttered noodles, peas and carrots, tossed salad and peaches and cookies

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Oven fried chicken, creamed gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and yellow w/peaches

Obituaries

Virgil Kelley

MCGREGOR—Dr. Virgil Knight Kelley, 72, a McGregor dentist, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994, in Waco.
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1994 at First United Methodist Church in McGregor with Rev. Judy Sands, Monsignor Mark Deering and Pastor Charles Parnell officiating. Graveside services with full military honors were at 3 p.m. in Santa Anna Cemetery, under the direction of Cole Funeral Home, with Rev. Mike Efrid officiating.

He was born May 19, 1922 in Kirksville, Missouri, the son of the late Dr. V. A. and Mary Lucille (Moore) Kelley. The family moved to Waco in 1925, where he was a 1939 graduate of Waco High School. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Education from Baylor University in 1943.

He enlisted in the United States Navy and attended Officers Training School in Chicago. He served in the South Pacific area on the Mt. McKinley.

He attended Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, where he was a December 1950 graduate. On July 8, 1946 he married Dorothy Jones in Waco.

Kelley, an Eagle Scout, was active for sixty years in the Heart O' Texas Council. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association. He retired after thirty-three years in the Naval Reserve with the rank of Commander.

Kelley was a member of the McGregor Rotary Club. He was a member of the Bryant Oliver Post 273 of the American Legion in McGregor, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a life member of the Order of Daedalus, an organization of military aviators. He was a member of the Waco Lodge 484 of the Knights of Pythias and served twenty-five years in the McGregor Volunteer Fire Department. He was a lifetime member of the McGregor Chamber of Commerce.

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Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of McGregor; six children, David of Davis, California, Key Thomas of Denver, Colorado, Marilyn Huntsucker of McWhitt, Pat Layerty of Waco, Dan of Austin, and Mike of Houston; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and a cousin, Julian Kelley of Santa Anna.

J. W. (Sleepy) Ray

J. W. (Sleepy) Ray age 85 of Santa Anna passed away Monday December 5, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. at the Brownwood Regional Hospital. He was born John Winford Ray in Bell County, Texas on September 10, 1909. Sleepy was raised in Bell County where he attended Schools moving to Coleman County around 1927.

He married Jewel McDonald on November 17, 1935 in Santa Anna and they celebrated 57 years of marriage. Jewel preceded him in death on October 25, 1992. Sleepy was a carpenter and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter & son-in-law, Martha and Don Pritchard of Santa Anna; a granddaughter and husband, Gayla and Terry Lishka of Santa Anna; three grandsons and their wives, Mike and Maribee Pritchard of Santa Anna, Doug and Karen Ray and Derek and Sonya Ray all of Austin; and two great grandsons.

He was preceded in death by son Donald Ray in 1992.

Services for J. W. (Sleepy) Ray were held Wednesday, December 7, 1994 at 2:00 P.M. at Henderson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Waide Messer officiating with burial at the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

Robert Rust

Graveside services for Robert "Bob" Rust, 62, of Santa Anna were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 1994, at the Rising Star Cemetery with the Rev. R. D. Williams officiating. Davis-Morris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1994 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center following a short illness.

Born July 10, 1932, in Fort Davis, he had been a resident of Santa Anna for the past 10 years. He was a father, rancher and a member of the Church of Christ. He married Dora Moreno Lee on July 6, 1974 in Juarez, Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Kevin Rust of Stephenville and Jeff Rust of Rising Star; one stepson, Kirk Sanders of Irving; two stepdaughters, LaJean Wolfe of Breckenridge and Barbie Clapp of Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. C. F. Yearwood of Pasadorles, Calif.; two brothers, E. W. Rust of Cisco and Leonard Rust of Boonesville, Ark.; and two sisters, Helen Lewis of San Diego, Calif. and Alice Clements of Santeo, Calif.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Joe Rust; his wife Rowena Sue Rust; two brothers; and his father, Joe Rust.

Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received the following memorials:

In memory of Ollie Wristen by Raymond and Doris Cupps; and In memory of Mrs. R. O. White by Mae Blue and Lucile Balke.

Rockwood Club Plans Community Christmas Party

Contributed
The Rockwood Club met Tuesday, November 27 at the Rockwood Community Center with Bettie Duus as hostess.

The meeting was opened with the pledges to the U. S. and Texas flags. Bettie Duus read the minutes of our last meeting, gave the treasurer's report and read the thought of the day.

A Christmas party was discussed and tentatively set for December 10 at the community center at 6 p.m. It was decided to bring sandwiches, dips, chips or Christmas cookies. Gifts will be exchanged.

Bettie Duus directed the crafts which were trains made out of Peppermints, candy kisses, carnal squares and life savers.

Refreshments were served to Minnie Bray, Dorothea Whisenant, Claudia Rutherford, Sandra Wilson, Faye Wise and La Nell Brusenhan by the hostess.



Did you see the Self Culture Club float with the dream catchers? Since this club was responsible for the original library back in the early 1900's and since they continue to support us, we are going to display their tree. If you want to purchase one of the catchers, let's talk.

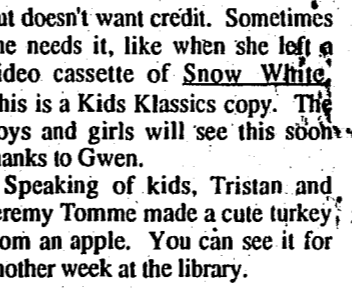
Take a look at the beautiful angels and the baby Jesus on the round table. Nell Myers made the figures. Thank you Nell. There are books on the table that are appropriate to the Christmas season. Some are for children and some for adults. Do come check one out.

While in the library, take a look at the outstanding magazines that Anna Puckett gave us. To name a few: *Wild West* this has been published for many years but they continue finding stories about the west and those who lived there; *Both Indian and white man*. You can still get a subscription to this magazine. If you, your husband, sons, etc. love westerns--this would be the perfect gift. How about *The Civil War*? There are still untold stories of that time. *Heartland* has information from America's mid-section. If you love good cooking try *Best Recipes*. Maybe you are on a diet, so try the *Cooking Light Magazine*.

Those of you who love nature or have children would be interested in *Texas Parks and Wildlife*. The photographs are outstanding. *Natural History* is another book that is strong on conservation for all areas of nature. Many classes in school use this information. There are also *Texas Highway Magazines*. I can't part with my own because I keep referring back anytime we go out of town. Anna brought a few *Collector Editions* for those who collect glassware figures and dolls. *Craftwork and Quilting Today* would please the person who does handwork. Notice that word, person, because many top athletes do handwork. Finally there are a few *Photo Pro* for anyone who aspires to take fine pictures with a camera. A subscription to one of these fine magazines would give a year of pleasure to someone. YOU can come look at copies any day we are open. A big thank you Anna.

More people were looking through the material that Gene Caton gathered. People can find dates of birth, marriage and death as recorded in the *Santa Anna News*. The fact that these are being used would please Gene. She worried that no one else would be interested or try to save this information. Gwen Walker often leaves books but doesn't want credit. Sometimes she needs it, like when she left a video cassette of *Snow White*. This is a Kids Klassics copy. The boys and girls will see this soon thanks to Gwen.

Speaking of kids, Tristan and Jeremy Tomme made a cute turkey from an apple. You can see it for another week at the library.



David and Betty Key have returned from a two-week visit with their son and family, Robert and Debbie Key and Joshua, in Loudenville, Ohio which included the Thanksgiving holidays.

Other than their visit with the young family, they also enjoyed seeing the pretty country between here and there and Betty reported she especially enjoyed visiting with Amish neighbors of the young family.

Thoughts From Our Pastors

Waide Messer
First Baptist Church

Let's Get It Right

I have fond memories of the children's annual Christmas program at Church. In fact, I look forward to watching the children's Christmas program because there is always a little bit of truth taught that a whole lot of us need to learn. One year the children's Christmas program went something like this: The Sunday School teacher lined up the four boys backstage for their part in the Christmas play. Each boy carried a large letter cut from cardboard and covered with aluminum foil. Together they would spell out S-T-A-R, and each in turn would recite a short verse suggested by the letter he carried. The lights dimmed, the audience hushed, and the boys walked proudly to the center of the stage. They turned to face the audience and held up their letters for all to see--R-A-T-S.

As I think about this upcoming Christmas season, I quickly come to the realizations that it would be very easy to be like the four little boys in the Christmas play and get Christmas all backwards. With all the Christmas shopping, Christmas parties, Christmas lights, Christmas cards, Christmas candy, Christmas presents, Christmas trees, etc., it would be easy for us to get the idea that Christmas is for us. It's not! If Christmas was for us, we would be celebrating "Usmas" rather than "Christmas". Remember the three me from the East who came to see the newly born baby Jesus? Remember what they did when they found Him? Luke wrote that when they found the baby Jesus they "fell down and worshipped Him" (Luke 2:11). This Christmas, I pray that we can get it right and Worship Jesus Christ.

About Your Health

By Bud Isbell, P.A.
Santa Anna Medical Clinic

Pleurisy

Pleurisy is the term for any inflammation; regardless of the underlying cause, of the pleura, the membrane that lines the inside of the chest wall and covers the lungs.

The pleura is moist and has as one of its functions, the allowance of the expansion and deflation of the lungs without causing friction between the lung and the chest wall. Many diseases can cause areas of the pleura to become inflamed or "dried out", and result in pain at the effected area of the pleura.

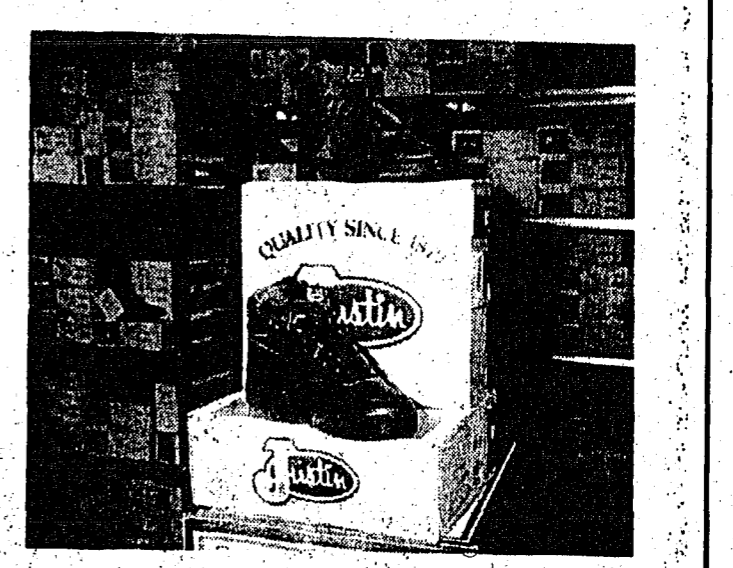
The patient with pleurisy will complain of pain on breathing that may be minimal or extremely severe. It is increased with coughing, sneezing and deep breathing. Sometimes manual pressure applied over the area may decrease the pain. Shortness of breath will sometimes as present as possibly will be fever, chills, or a cough. The presence of other symptoms will be dependent upon the underlying cause.

The causes of pleurisy are many: pneumonia, inflammation of the heart itself, cancer, rupture of the esophagus, spontaneous collapse of the lung, inflammation of the pancreas, abscesses; the causes are many. Taking a "head in the sand," or "if I ignore it, it will go away" attitude is comparable to "if I step on that snake and ignore it, the snake won't bite me." Yes he will and if you ignore the pain of pleurisy, it will.

Pleurisy just cannot be ignored. There is a reason for it; the cause is not going to "just go away". It will stay and it will become larger. Should you ever have pleurisy, have it seen to. Failure to address the problem will only cause larger problems.

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Traveling With The Karthausers



David and Margaret Karthausers standing beside a roadway with the Austrian Alps in the background.

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 V of a Series

The next morning we woke at 8:30 and had breakfast at 9. We visited around the breakfast table until 10. They gave us more presents. The most notable were Royal Copenhagen Christmas China plates. They also gave us wedding presents for Dave and Martha. We hurriedly packed the cars and left amid tears about 11 a.m. We were going to have to rush to meet Dave and Martha at Vienna on Tuesday.

We drove hurriedly toward the ferry. We barely got to the ferry to catch the 12 o'clock boat. While on board we had bratwurst and bread and bought a few more items from the duty-free shop on board. The weather was very clear and sunny, and the normally rough sea were almost as smooth as glass. We took many pictures of both German and Danish shores from the boat. As soon as the boat docked in Germany, we drove off and headed toward the nearest autobahn. Once on the autobahn, we drove at very high speeds, heading south. Even though we thought we were driving extremely fast we were passed by many more cars than we passed. The sun soon disappeared and it became increasingly cloudy. It did not rain, but got cloudier as we drove. We stopped for the night in Remscheid, the town was between David's grandparents' homesites.

Our favorite hotel is the Linden. We think that it may be owned by some distant relatives. We bought gas as drove into the hotel and the cost cost about \$30. This was for a little less than 10 gallons. We were getting very good mileage considering the high speeds. Just before dinner, we called David's mother to wish her happy birthday. This was the second time she had heard Happy Birthday sung to her on a transatlantic call. She was in very good spirits but complained that no one had come to see her on her birthday. We had heard she had warned everyone not to make a fuss on her 91st birthday. Sometime between the call and nightfall she began to feel poorly and called one of her grandsons to come and take her to the doctor. We did not find out that she had entered the hospital until the next Sunday when we called again.

Margaret and David really looked forward to dinner. We had been dreaming of wienerschnitzel for two years. The food was as usual excellent. We savored every bite. It was quite early yet, but since the last two days had been quite busy, we went to sleep early in preparation for our long drive that we would have the next day.

After a good breakfast at the Linden, we bid our host farewell, and said we would return in about 10 days. We left at 9 a.m. with a full tank of gas and a lot of miles to cover between here and Vienna. We spent almost all day on autobahns even traveling at 80 plus m.p.h. We never got out of Germany that day. We made one side trip to Zweisel to see a glass factory. As we approached the town from the south we saw a beautiful visitors' center. We

stopped here and got excellent directions to the glass factories. Margaret was disappointed, but Dave was elated that we were too late for the tour of the factory. We both like to tour glass factories, but we still had a long way to go. We were overwhelmed by the vast selection and high prices of the crystal. Out of all the places we've been, we think this is where we would go to buy "unique" crystal. We did not buy much here because we had already had an awful lot. We had purchased quite a bit in Denmark and the car was getting quite full. The main purchase we made was some exquisite Christmas ornaments. We bought one for each of our children and one for ourselves. Ours will have a prominent spot on our Christmas tree. This glass factory was only a few miles from the Czech Republic border and we should have gone the few extra miles just to cross the border, but we did not. After the glass factory, we continued driving heading toward Vienna. We probably had more trouble finding a place to stay this evening than usual. We rejected the first two places we stopped at because they just didn't seem "right" to us. We did stay in a small town called Waldkirchen, very close to the Austrian border. Before dinner we walked through this quiet little town. It was such a joy to see this neat and well-kept town. No litter, no loud music, just a beautiful place to be. It had been cloudy most of the day, but the sun peeked through in the evening to cast a golden hue on the town and its surrounding countryside.

While we walked, we saw a sign pointing to the next little town that advertised a Model Railroad Museum. David would have loved to make detour there the next morning but we still had a lot to do the next day. But we may well add this to a future itinerary.

After our walk we ate the restaurant of the gasthaus where we stayed. We had schnitzel again. This time it was jagerschnitzel which was pork covered with mushroom gravy and the best noodles you have ever tasted.

To Be Continued

Tell Our Advertisers You Saw It In The Santa Anna News

Dear Editor

Thank you for placing the pictures of the different Santa Anna school buildings in a recent Santa Anna News. They bring many memories.

I entered the Santa Anna schools in the fall of 1919 as a fourth grader. We were in the older building. The porticos on the building afforded us a place to sit and eat our lunches. Our lunch boxes were tin syrup buckets or paper sacks. Lila Bell Smith White and Olivia Land Carrell are two classmates I remember eating with. Cora Rothermel Green, Gail Ervin, Lucille Lowe Balke, Otho and Ola Polk, A Richard Hooper, Wendell Campbell, Frank Brannan, Tom Sealy and Tom Simpson were other 1919 and 1920 classmates I remember. Teachers I remember in the older building were Mr. H. L. Livingston, Miss Kittie Baxter, a Mr. Sparks, Kate Phillips, Lura Vinson Williamson, Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett and Mrs. Mac Allen Blue.

These were the days before school buses. I, with other members of my family came to school in a buggy. There was a stable north-east of the school building where we left our transportation. This was an interesting place, but no hot-rodding or loud music!

In the fall of 1922 we moved from the older building into the adjacent red brick building. The main entrance to the building was on the south side. Immediately inside there was a stairway leading to the top floor. The lower floor was used as a study hall and library. The top floor was divided into classrooms. It was in these classrooms that teachers prepared us for the future. Some of the teachers who influenced me were B. T. Withers, Roy Land, Roy Holt, Kathleen Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett, Cora and Undine Stockard. Buildings can't talk but they surely lend to bringing back memories. Thank you again for publishing the pictures.

In 1935 I returned as a teacher in the older building which had been renovated to make it safe. I also taught in the two existing buildings. I look forward to receiving the Santa Anna News each week. Please keep up the good work and keep us informed.

Leta Ragsdale Parker
1905 W. Morton #12
Denison, Texas 75020

I'd hate to try to count the number of years I have been a subscriber to the Santa Anna News which my grandfather, William Gates Hubert, sold the year I was born. He moved to Coleman and bought the Coleman Voice and The Democrat. He combined them into the Democrat Voice.

Imagine my surprise when I received a recent issue of the Santa Anna News and saw a picture of my basketball team on front page. The Annie Phillips on the top of the pyramid was my cousin. She would have enjoyed it, too, to have seen the team (picture) in the newspaper. That team (1915) was fortunate enough to have the school superintendent as our coach. He was great and made us the winning team that we were!

Camille Shield Wallace
Fort Worth, Texas
EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs.



Our Little Cowboy rode off into the future before we hardly realized it!

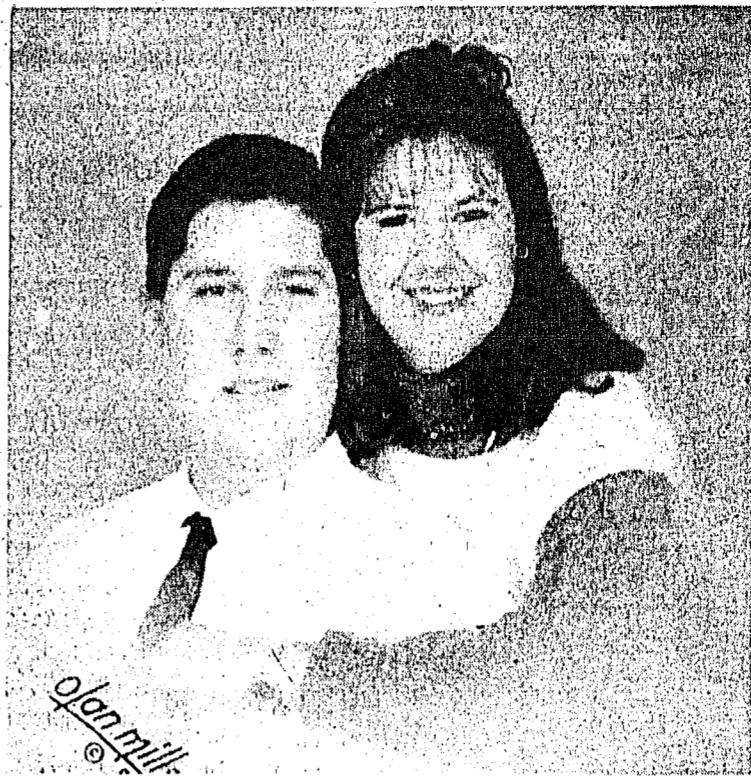
Happy Birthday To A Fine Man!

From Mom & Dad

A trophy smile if we ever saw one, but then we always considered you a prize! On the 16th you'll rack up another trophy.

Happy Birthday!

From Mom & Dad



Phillips To Wed Cox In Arlington

Jerry and Priscilla Phillips announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rachel Victoria, to Shawn Cox of Arlington. The bride is the granddaughter of Jesse Phillips of Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Dean of Vernon. She was a 1989 graduate of Santa Anna High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. She is currently employed as a Systems Analyst with Allegro Development in Dallas. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cox of Mandeville, La., and the grandson of Ms. Helen Green of Burleson. He was a 1988 graduate of Cleburne High School and also attended UT Arlington where the company met. He is currently the owner of C&S Servicing Company. The wedding will be on Jan. 21, 1995 at Woods Chapel Baptist Church in Arlington with a reception immediately following. All friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

County Crime Stoppers Crime Of The Week

During the night-time hours of Nov. 28, 1994, person or persons, unknown took the lock from a storage box on a welding trailer and removed the following items: Aircor cutting torch, set of Victor gauges and hoses, welding hood, sixty pounds of welding rods, and a Wildcat grinder with 7" Pacific disc. The trailer was located near a construction sight south of Valera on FM 503.

If you have information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this theft, you could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 625-BITE OR 348-BITE.

REMEMBER YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS.



The first frogs appeared on earth about 180 million years ago.

Wallace went on to say she had a number of old pictures she would be glad for us to publish. We will certainly look forward to that opportunity. We are sending her a copy of the basketball team pictures to be included in her memoirs which are soon to be published. Mrs. Wallace turned 97 on November 14 and believes she may well be the "oldest living native-born Santa Annian".

Community Club Meets In Coleman

Contributed
The Community Club met on Sunday, December 4 in the home of Joy Benjamin in Coleman.

The president opened the meeting with the singing of "Silent Night", Ivera Byrd read scripture from Psalms 104 verse 1 through 5. Prayer was led by Mary Trimble.

The group sang "Glory, Glory". The only person reported in the hospital was Mary Gilbert's sister.

Each member spoke on the goodness of God. The group then discussed the church services for the month of December and gifts were exchanged. The next meeting will be the 1st Sunday in January in the home of Mrs. Trimble in Coleman.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 16
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Santa Anna Grades 7-12 1st Semester Test Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Black Day
Test Periods 2nd, 3rd and 4th

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
Gold Day
Test Periods 5th, 6th and 7th

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Test Period 1st: 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Break: 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
8th: 10:15 a.m. to 12 noon
Lunch: 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.
Christmas Program: 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ALL STUDENTS K-12 DISMISSED AT 2 P.M.



School Menu

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
Breakfast: Donuts, orange or apple juice, raisins and milk
Lunch: Steakfingers, whipped potatoes, carrot and raisins salad, fruit cup, hot rolls, milk, catsup and honey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, orange or apple juice, raisins, milk and syrup
Lunch: Fish fries, blackeye peas, chilled pears, orange or apple juice, milk, macaroni & cheese and catsup or tartar sauce

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Breakfast: Cherry muffins, orange or apple juice, raisins and milk

Lunch: Burritos w/chili & cheese, whole kernel corn, mexican salad, chilled pears, orange or apple juice, milk, and picante sauce or peppers

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, orange or apple juice, raisins and milk
Lunch: Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, orange or apple juice, hot rolls, milk, giblet gravy, cranberry jello and cranberry sauce

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast, orange or apple juice, raisins and milk
Lunch: Bar b que on a bun, tator tots, fresh apple wedge, orange or apple juice, milk, slice pickles, christmas cake, catsup and mayo or mustard



Third Grade Wins Accelerated Reading Contest

Students of Santa Anna Elementary were busy during the month of November participating in an Accelerated Reading contest. Sharon Greenlee's third grade were declared the winners following a close race with the sixth grade classes of Joan Jones and Janet Neff. The winners will receive a movie and popcorn party. The grades were neck in neck until the last minute. Greenlee's class had a total of 302 points with second place receiving 297 points. The third grade class, Librarian Margaret Mobley and Accelerated Reading teacher Phyllis Fuller wish to thank Home Video #2 for donating the movie and Thrift Mart for the donation of the drinks. Members of the winning class are Steven Blanton, Mandy Boyet, Zackery Carter, Kindi Cloer, Tracy Davis, Christina Enriquez, James Frausto, Peyton Johnson, Timothy Messer, Talon Miner, Tyler Morgan, Stacie Rankin, Jaryd Salazar, Duane Sikes, Caleb Spivey, Amber Squyres, Micheal Way and Krystle Henson.

Deadline For Stock Show Entries Dec. 16

Entries for the Coleman County Stock Show are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 16. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Fees for the show this year will be Steers \$7.50 per animal; pigs and lambs \$5.50 per animal; and rabbits \$5.50 per pen. For more information contact the county extension office or Santa Anna Ag teacher Gary York.

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Mountaineer Basketball News

Results of SAHS Basketball Classic Dec. 1-3, 1994

Girls	Boys
First Round:	First Round
Rising Star 37	Rising Star 68
Brookesmith 35	Brookesmith 50
Blanket 53	Blanket 74
Trent 26	Trent 62
Novice 50	Novice 54
Abilene Sophomore 42	Bangs JV 37
May 49	May 81
Santa Anna 30	Santa Anna 63
Championship Bracket	Championship Bracket
Rising Star 46	Rising Star 63
Blanket 56	Blanket 61
May 50	May 81
Novice 30	Novice 32
Championship Game	Championship Game
Blanket 55	Rising Star 55
May 36	May 52
Consolation Bracket	Consolation Bracket
Brookesmith 46	Trent 58
Trent 27	Brookesmith 47
Santa Anna 59	
Abilene Sophomore 44	
Consolation Game	
Brookesmith 42	
Santa Anna 36	

Northcutt Trent: E. Hollingsworth Abilene Sophomore: Amy Arthur

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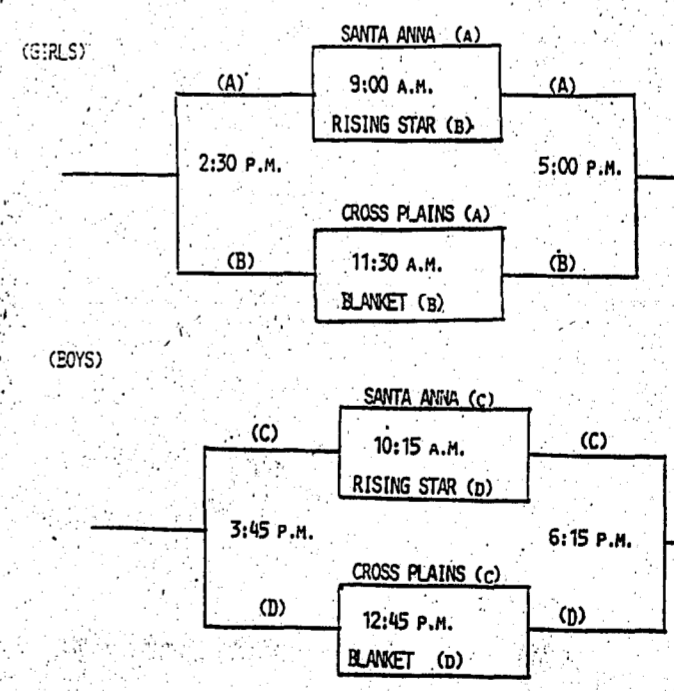
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Junior High Basketball

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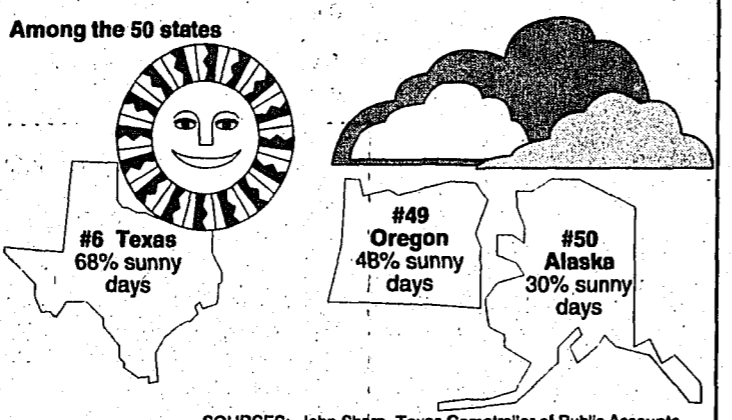
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by JOHN SHARP
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Fishing Lake Ivie

By Durwood Strickland

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White bass fishing has been pretty good the past week, especially in the mouth of the Colorado and near the bridge on the Concho. Use a rattletrap lure and have fun!

Night fishing for crappie is still picking up considerably. Best spots are near the dam in about 30 foot of water suspended at 7 feet. Minnows are preferred bait.

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Rockwood News

By Sandra Wilson

The Rockwood Community will host their Christmas party Saturday night at 6 p.m. at the community center. Please bring either sandwiches, chips and dips or Christmas goodies. Also bring a gift, per person, to be exchanged. Come and join us!

Korky Wise spent Friday and Saturday with Faye Wise. Hank Wise had supper Friday night with Faye and Korky.

Weekend visitors with Jimmy and Jimmie Gail Hafner were Jennifer and Claudia Rutherford, Gay and Tony Abernathy, Becky Brown and Chris. Visiting on Monday evening with them were Mark and Regina.

Claudia and Jennifer Rutherford attended Santa Anna basketball tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday to watch Tim Abernathy participate. Tony Abernathy spent Saturday night and Sunday Claudia and Jennifer.

Burgess and Gayle Stewardson were in San Saba Saturday to visit with Raymond Ellis and to work some livestock.

Dick and Johnnie Deal visited with Norene Winstead Wednesday and Saturday in Coleman.

Ethel Horton and Jamie Ray are giving Johnnie Steward's house a face lift for the holidays. Visiting over the weekend with Johnnie were Olin and Ethel Horton, Mike, Jamie, Casey and Lauren Ray. Visiting on Sunday afternoon were Wendel and Linda Rehm of Abilene. Drop-by visitors during the week were Curtis Bryan and Bo Wilson.

Royce and Wanda McIver visited two different days with Bill and Lois Bryan. Curtis Bryan stopped by almost every day.

Tuesday Minnie Bray attended club meeting. She hosted Bible study Wednesday night. Those attending were Bro. Jeff, Lonia and Sara Dean, Jr. and Nell Brusenhan and Blake Williams. Minnie enjoyed the Christmas parades at Santa Anna and Coleman.

Visiting with Coleta Pearson Sunday afternoon were Billy and Nancy Patterson of San Angelo, Vivian Steward and Faye Wise.

Nell Brusenhan attended club Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday she was in Brownwood for an eye check-up. It is doing well. Wednesday night Jr. and Nell were at Minnie's for Bible study. Thursday afternoon Nell quilted. Saturday Jr. and Nell were at Simpson Lake visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull and their guest, Freddie Polk.

Denny and Louise Densman visited Sunday morning with Elec and Rose Cooper.

Thursday Jennifer Rutherford, Jimmie Gail Hafner and Julie visited and helped Darla Wise finished her Christmas decorating. Saturday Darla and Shelly Dobbins attended Christmas at Old Fort Concho and just enjoyed the day shopping. Sunday afternoon Janet Barker and Hettie Scarbrough visited. Faye Wise had supper with Hank, Darla and boys Sunday evening.

Blake Williams spent the week-

end in Brownwood with Donald and Lillian Williams. He talked to Chris and Carolyn via telephone during the week. Elec Cooper and Blake have visited back and forth during the week.

Tuesday afternoon I attended club meeting. Thursday Bo and I were in Coleman. We were also in Coleman Saturday where we had lunch with my mother Gladys Slayton and her other seventy-nine guests for her Christmas lunch. Saturday supper and overnight guests with Bo and I were Trey Casey, Emily Taylor, Randy and Holly Casey. Johnnie Casey visited briefly Sunday morning picked up Trey and Emily. Holly and I joined Randy in Brady for his Company Christmas party. Captain Casey is company commander of the Brady National Guard. Sunday evening Charlie Smith and Frances McAlister stopped by for a while.

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Phillip and Cindy Cozart and Kellie and two of Kellie's cousins Courtney Prince and Kimberly Johnson of Round Rock spent the weekend with Reba and Elvis Cozart. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCulley of Fort Worth.

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Happy Christmas And A Fire-Safe Night To All!

Are you tired of the traditional holiday sayings? Here's a new saying for the holiday season to share with your family and friends: Water your Christmas tree, and don't forget to turn out the lights!

The suggestion comes from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, a state agency involved in various aspects of fire prevention and fire suppression.

"When you consider the tens of thousands of natural Christmas trees sold in Texas each year, there are amazingly few Christmas tree fires," said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the Commission on Fire Protection. "However, because dried-out trees are so combustible, it's like keeping a six-foot stack of kindling in your living room. When a fire does start in a Christmas tree, it is usually devastating, occasionally fatal to anyone at home."

In 1993, about 75 fires started in Christmas trees, according to the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System. Five people died in those fires, one of the highest death rates for a single fire cause.

To assure that your Christmas tree will still be standing safely when Santa arrives and to prevent other common holiday fires, the Commission on Fire Protection recommends the following steps:

1. Keep natural trees well-watered and moist. Natural trees require special care.

2. Use electric lights safely. Faulty or unattended electrical lights cause about half of all accidental Christmas tree fires each year, according to fire statistics. Be sure someone is at home and awake whenever decorative lights are on. Turn off all of the lights before going to sleep.

3. Dispose of natural trees and decorations safely. The largest number of Christmas tree fires occur during January when the trees have been put out for trash collection. Take used trees and branches to recycling centers or landfills. This will keep children from being tempted to experiment with matches and the dried "greenery."

4. Be careful with candles in holiday decorations. Fire statistics show that candles are a common cause of holiday-decoration fires. The best option is to replace wax candles with battery-operated candlesticks. If wax candles are used, be sure that someone is in the room

whenever the candles are burning. Use glass mantles with all candle holders. Put out all candles before going to sleep or leaving the home.

5. Remember home fire safety. Be sure there are working smoke alarms near all bedrooms. Give smoke alarms as gifts to those who don't have smoke alarms or who need to replace old smoke alarms.

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According to fire statistics, natural trees used as decorations in the home are three times as likely as artificial trees to be involved in fires.

Water the tree daily. Letting the water supply run out even once can keep the tree from drawing any more water through the trunk. Heaters dry the air, which dries natural trees. Use a humidifier to replace air moisture.

As the trees dries, don't leave lights on for extended times. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.

Read and follow the directions that come with the light set. The directions on the box usually tell how many sets can be connected together safely. Hint: Use a permanent marker to label the cord. For example, if the package says "Do not connect more than six light sets," mark the plug with "6".

Don't overload extension cords. Use a separate extension cord for each group of connected lights.

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The couple was married at Whon November 16, 1924 and were residents of the Whon and Rockwood areas until moving to Killeen.

Odus Bible of Killeen was present for his parent's celebration as were A.C.'s brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Bible and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Westmoreland of Grand Prairie. Also present for the party were the Turney's children and grandchildren.

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