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SAHS One-Act Play In Zone Competition Thurs.

This year's Santa Anna High School's one-act play "I'm A Fool" gives perfect expression to a place and time in America. It has been seen several times on national television with the original production starring James Dean as a stable hand who tries to pretend to the most beautiful girl he's ever met that he's actually a wealthy horse owner. The play is taking part in the One Act Play South Zone Competition (today) Thursday in Brownwood. Members of the cast and crew pictured are back row, Gary Geeslin as Wilbur; Chris Powell as The Dude; Devin Brand as Burt; and Chris Cheaney as George; and front row, Edgar Mullins, crew; Randa Watts as mother; Darby Neff as Mildred; Devin Cook as Lucy; Esther Almgren as Elinor; and Mackenzie Johnson, crew. Not pictured is crew member David Almgren. Stephanie Ford is the director for this year's one-act play.

Photo by Polly Wamock

School Board Extends Contracts, Discusses Construction Project

The Santa Anna ISD Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 11 with board members Roddy Dean, Marty Donham, Dickie Horner, Barbara Simmons, Gay Abernathy and Sharon Guthrie present.

Others present were Superintendent of Schools Dean Bass, Business Manager Judy Hartman, District Principal Lee Coffman and Assistant Principal Debbie Bacon.

Visitors attending the meeting were Sybil Eubank, Sandra Guthrie, Ray Findley, Lois Harper, Sharon Cheaney, Montie Guthrie, David Robinett and Mike Marrs.

Mike Marrs of Marrs Architect firm spoke to the board about changes to be made in the construction project. The board approved re-routing the sewer line to avoid the lines which run under the Home Economics building.

The following students were presented with certificates of achievement from their performance in basketball and the Coleman County Stock Show: Colt Martin, Darbi Neff, Chris Cheaney, Bennie Bible, Devin Brand, Gary Geeslin, Shyler Farley, Briana Horner, Amy Beal, Kristen Keeney, Amanda Lishka, Jennifer Johnson, Kristi Wade, Yolando Frausto, Chris Cheaney and Tim Abernathy.

Board members cast their ballots for Region XV Education Service Center Board of Directors.

The recommendation of the

Workday Saturday At Baseball Field

A workday has been set for Saturday morning, March 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at the baseball field.

Everyone is urged to come out and help get the field ready for the start of the baseball season.

Textbook Committee was approved as presented for textbooks for the 1997-98 school year.

Coyita Bowker was appointed as Election Judge and Judy Hartman was appointed to serve as Early Voting Clerk for the upcoming Trustee election.

Update 53 to the Localized Policy Manual was approved.

A second year probationary contract was extended to Alfonso Gonzales, Teri Jones, Mark Burress, Anna Bozarth and Amy Kading Rhoads.

One year term probationary con-

tracts of Stephanie Ford and Tom Nixon were renewed.

The following personnel were offered one year contracts, Ray Findley, Sandra Guthrie, Montie Guthrie, Rebecca Martin, Roland Nicholas, R. C. Smith, Gary York, Debra Dean, Mike Wetsel, Roland Driggers, Carla Billings, Sharon Cheaney, Dena Fortune, Sharon Greenlee, Lois Harper, Dee Dee Hudson, Gail Loyd, Janet Neff, Debbie Nixon, Betty Smith, Susan Snipes and Sandra Stith.

Cristy Isenhower was offered a one-year contract as teacher/coach.

Area People Respond To Volunteer Fire Department Associate Membership Drive

The Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department's 1997 associate membership drive is currently underway.

Associate memberships have been received Ludy Jane Bryan, Mrs. Dick Baugh, Rankin McIver, Warren and Marion Aldridge, Mrs. A. D. Donham, Tom and Barbara Kingsbery, Steve and Carol Voss, Avants Farm Whon, Jerry Ellis, Mrs. Frances Pearce, Eugene Allen, Minnie J. Bray, George D. Wheatley, Georgia Lynn Dalton, Mrs. C. P. Wenzel, Hershell Ballard, Bobbie Guthrie, Ruby and Charles Hosch, Sandra and Matt Ferrara, Luther May, Elgean Harris, Thelma Fleming, C. A. Scarborough, LaVista Ranch, Robert T. Smith, Raymond Jones, R. W. Cupps, Rob Cheaney, Tony Rehm, James Steward, Shoppin Basket Food Center, Inc., Gaythal Fleeman, William F. Rutherford, John Hensley, Jewel Anderson, Lewis Miles Guthrie, Joe Wallace, J. N. Buse, Darwin Lovelady, Derk Wristen, Texas Ranger Motel, Santa Anna Farms, Santa Anna National Bank, Steve Malaer, Allen Gann, S. D. Key, Billy McCrary, W. D. Garrett, Dorothy Lomax,

Eric Lomax, A. R. Neff, Marshall Campbell, Day Farm--Virginia and Gene Rice, Mrs. Vernon Parker, Letha Martin, Carroll Hodges, Omer Cullins, Stanley Hartman, Alta Bengel, Wendell Sparkman, David and Margaret Karthaus, John Wolf, R. W. Balke and Bob Turner.

Hall's Grocery Opens in S.A.

Residents of Santa Anna and the area will be pleased to know we again have a full line grocery store which opened Wednesday, March 19 at the location which was formerly Thrift Mart and previous to that, H & H Food Mart.

We welcome owners Sonny and Nora Hall, formerly of Winters, to

Council Appoints City Boards Talks Possibility of City Hall Being Open During Noon Hour

The Santa Anna City Council met Tuesday, March 11 with Mayor Danny Kellar, and council members Jim Spillman, Mike Pritchard, Jean Findley, Karen Morris and Bobby Morgan present.

Others present were Kevin

Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Slated For Saturday - Citizen Of Year To Be Recognized

Final preparations are being made for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet which will be held this year on Saturday, March 22. The affair will be held starting at 7:00 p.m. Saturday at the school cafeteria.

Highlight of the evening will be the recognition of Santa Anna's Citizen of the Year chosen from nominations taken earlier by the Chamber. The honoree will be introduced by last year's Citizen of the Year, Alice Anna Spillman.

Theme for the Banquet will be "Hand in Hand for the Future". Guest speaker will be Paul Ellsworth, manager of Heartland Mall in Early.

A resident of Blanket, Ellsworth has 25 years of chamber of commerce experience. He is a former member of the United States Air Force. He a graduate of Institute for Organization Management with five years post graduate study and has authored numerous articles. He is a motivational speaker and

understands the problems of rural America entering the 21st Century.

Entertainment will be provided by Lois Harper's third and fourth grade music classes.

Tickets for the banquet are \$6.50 and are available in advance from any chamber director or at the Chamber of Commerce office. The meal will be roast beef and all the trimmings including a dessert.

Make your plans now to be present for this important event in Santa Anna.

Full Slate For School Board Election, City Ballot Still Shy Mayor Candidate

At press time there were four candidates for two places up for election on the school board. Jerry Ellis had joined Becky Ramirez, Mike Pritchard and incumbent Sharon Guthrie as candidates for positions on the Santa Anna Independent School District Board of Trustees. With Wednesday, March 19th being the last day to make application as a candidate, there was still time beyond our press deadline. Barbara Simmons, the other incumbent whose term is expiring has chosen not to seek reelection.

Currently serving on the board are Roddy Dean, Marty Donham, Dickie Horner, Edwin Hipsher, Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Simmons.

There are no new candidates for the City Council election since we reported last week.

That slate of candidates for two full term places includes David Powell and Ellen Goodwin along with incumbent Jim Spillman.

Mike Pritchard, the other incumbent whose term will be expiring, has chosen not to seek reelection to the council. Jean Findley and Rick Grissom are candidates for an unexpired term to which Mrs. Findley was appointed in late 1996 until the position could be filled by election.

The current City Council consists of Jim Spillman, Mike

Pritchard, Karen Morris, Bobby Morgan and Jean Findley

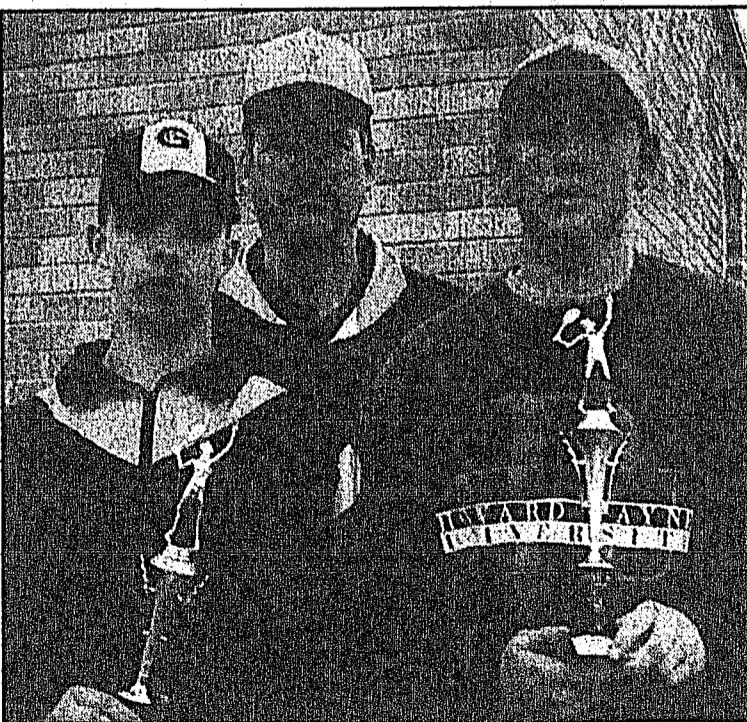
Mayor Danny Kellar has not indicated if he will seek reelection and no one else has, as of Wednesday morning, shown an interest in running for the spot.

The elections will be held Saturday, May 3. Early voting will be conducted from April 14 through the 29th.

SAHS Boys And Girls Tennis Doubles Teams Place In Local Tournament



SAHS seniors Briana Horner and Ami Beal are pictured with Tennis Coach David Robinett after receiving their first place trophy in the local tournament held last weekend.



Santa Anna High School sophomore Chris Boyet and junior Josh Daniel are pictured with Tennis Coach David Robinett following the presentation of their second place trophy in the local tennis tournament.

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Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying Hello To
Dr. & Mrs. Burgess Sealy, Ft. Worth

Obituaries

Roylynn Neal

BROWNWOOD—Services for Roylynn Neal, 79, of Brownwood, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 1997, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Hetzel officiating. Burial was at Eastlawn Memorial Park.

She died Thursday, March 13, 1997.

She was born April 2, 1917, in Osborne, Kan. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church. She was married to J. W. Neal in 1972; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Faye Yazell and Phillip and Cindy Yazell, all of Brownwood; a stepson, David Neal of Chandler, Ariz.; a brother, Leland Thompson of Santa Anna; a sister, Ethel Kesler of Bangs; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

H. G. Welch

Hulan G. (Stunt) Welch of San Antonio, died at his home on March 2, 1997 at the age of 75.

Services were held at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 5, 1997 at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South with Rev. Mark Simpson and Rev. Allan Randolph officiating. Burial was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

He was born Nov. 21, 1921 in Santa Anna, to the late Sam and Edna Welch. He was a sergeant in the U. S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-one years, Oleana Wells Welch of San Antonio; three sons, Mike, Pat and Jack and their wives of San Antonio; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; one sister, Vera Ford of Seminole; and one brother, Dub Welch of Fort Worth.

John W. Hunter

John Wesley "Dub" Hunter, 89, died Sunday, March 16, 1997 at a Coleman nursing home.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at Walker Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kermit Sorrells officiating. Burial was in Coleman City Cemetery.

He was born in Rockwood and had lived in Coleman County all his life. He was a farmer and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He married Ruby Fae Holder in 1932 in Valera; she preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sisters, Helen Koehl of Coleman and Ruby Migyette of Virginia Beach, Va.; one son, Kenneth Hunter of Coleman; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Dear Editor

I read in the obituaries that Louise McCaughan had died on March 3, 1997, at the age of 90.

After reading this, my mind flashed back about forty-five years at which time I was sitting on the front porch of a house located one block north of the Santa Anna High School and one block to the left situated on the right hand corner. Here, I was listening to Ed McMinn reminisce about the days gone by in Santa Anna.

He said, "I remember L. D. Boyd coming to town with a whole flock of young daughters following him. He had lost both his wife and a son. He had nine daughters."

Of the flock of daughters, I was fortunate enough to have known four of them while growing up in Santa Anna.

I suppose the first of the Boyd ladies that I crossed paths with was Miss Lena. She was a missionary in India. But when I was about four years old, she returned to Santa Anna to visit her sisters and their families. While there, she spoke at the Presbyterian church about her experiences as a missionary. My family, along with our cousins of the Jim Lovelady family, all trooped over to the Presbyterian Church to hear this wonderful missionary speak. On our way back home after hearing her, I remember my nine year old sister, Ruth, was so inspired by Miss Lena Boyd that she declared she was either going to be a missionary or a movie star when she grew up. Several years later Miss Lena retired and came back to Santa Anna, but she decided that she would like to go back to India to live the rest of her life. Her friends in Santa Anna helped her gather up the money to return to India, and she did, but after a period of time she must have had a change of heart for she returned to Santa Anna. After her final return to Santa Anna I remember a humorous story that she wrote for the Santa Anna News about two young sisters who acquired the first bicycles in town. The citizens of Santa Anna thought these two young ladies were unlady-like, missing around town on bicycles. Miss Lena Boyd, born in 1883 and died in 1972, is buried in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

The next of the Boyd women that I knew, to my great pleasure, was Miss Blanche who ran the candy store at school. I probably loved

candy more than any kid in Santa Anna. Every time I was given a nickel, it was off to Miss Blanche's store where I pointed out through her screened-in counter top which candy bar I craved. When she was younger Miss Blanche had taught school. M. L. Guthrie told me that when Miss Blanche was a young woman, she had gone to New Mexico and homesteaded land.

In 1949 there was a large cotton crop, and the farmers were paying \$2 per 100 pounds to pull their cotton. Miss Blanche, 73 years of age, decided this was too good to turn down, and she rode with my family and our Lovelady cousins to farms where we pulled cotton. On the way to the cotton patch, I remember her saying, "I spread my cotton sack out under my mattress in the winter. It makes my bed a lot warmer." Her thrifty Scottish ancestry was showing.

The third Boyd lady I knew was Mrs. Jennie Oakes. I had a paper route in Santa Anna when I was a boy, and I often talked to her when I delivered her paper. She was a woman who loved her family and had a strong love of poetry. Her daughter, Gwendolyn Walker, has been a life-long friend of my cousin, Alice Jane Lovelady Couch.

Louise Boyd McCaughan's mother died when she was a baby and her father did not live to see her grown. Nevertheless, she said, "I had eight sisters who were my mothers." While the family suffered pain and loss, there was much love and closeness which enabled her to grow up, get a good education, become a teacher, and marry Ted McCaughan, a banker, a trustworthy man to handle one's money. She had two wonderful daughters, Betty and Margaret. Louise Boyd McCaughan was the last of one of Santa Anna's old pioneer families. We can all be thankful that because the Boyd family lived, Santa Anna and the world is a little better place.

Most Sincerely,
Tom Hale
Fort Worth, Texas

OOPS!
In last week's article concerning Santa Anna student Samantha Ramirez being a contestant in a teen pageant, we mentioned her mother but failed to include her father. Samantha is the daughter of Bill and Becky Ramirez. Bill is a hometown boy having been reared in Santa Anna.

The Postal Service sent a well done pamphlet *Women on Stamps*. There are 85 individual women honored. That doesn't count those in groups such as music, Olympics, etc. It would make an outstanding collection. Any school child could learn a lot of history.

Boys and girls might like to know that Lyle the Crocodile is now 35 years old. Author Bernard Weber is still working and his croc is known all over the world.

I'm always learning new facts about Texas. Have you ever heard of Frank Reaugh (ray)? He was an outstanding artist often called "the dean of Texas Artists". Most of his works are in the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. If you would like to see 50 of his 54 works, plan to visit the Grace Cultural Center in Abilene April 12 to June 14. I mentioned that Kelly Blue, another well known artist, was from Blanket. Has anyone ever seen one of his paintings? They resemble Grandma Moses works. Wouldn't it be exciting to find one.

Ovella and Nell Hipp cleared our old books off some shelves. Betty joined them in beginning to re-arrange some sections of the library. Don't let it put you off—come look around us. Soon now ya hear!



By Alice Anja Spillman

New paperbacks arrived this week from Mrs. Carmen Donham, Carol Herring and John Hensley, Sr. One of these is *The Three Musketeers* Alexander Dumas. Also *So Big* Edna Ferber. These join others in our classic section. Look these over and determine how well read you are!

Another box of books came from Abilene, the loan library. I didn't have an opportunity to study them before most were checked out. Would you like to be a potter? There is a good how to book. A new book on increasing your life's value is from Dr. Schuler. A nicely illustrated book of animal stories. There are westerns, romance and mystery.

The library is so happy to receive a subscription to the *Santa Anna News*. Mrs. Lonella Roesch donated this paper. Now you can read three different papers. Several people stop by just to do that. It is comfortable and you are welcome to sit and read anytime the library is open. There are also many good magazines like *Good Housekeeping*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Modern Maturity*, *Smithsonian*, *Yankee Collector*, *Newsweek* and *Coin News*. Come read or just look. Sylvia Herring's two granddaughters from Oklahoma City dropped in just to read a children's book!

Mrs. Frances Pearce Jones Strauss sent a generous donation to be used to purchase books. One is in memory of Mr. Gene Watkins and one to remember Mrs. Annie Louise Watkins. I'll tell you more about these when we have purchased them.

Thank our friends who remember the library. Several have mentioned seeing on TV the destruction of a library by flood waters. How terrible!

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Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received the following memorials:

In memory of Louise McCaughan from Robert and Reba Jongema and

In memory of Max Reinbach of Jerry and Cathy Ellis.

Gary Absher Returns To Santa Anna Post Office

Santa Anna postmaster Gary Absher has returned to the local post office following his temporary assignment to the Fort Worth District.

Absher expressed his thanks to Aaron Lemond, postmaster at May and Kathy Wagner, postmaster at Bangs for their assistance in acting as officer-in-charge while he has been away.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mr. and Jack Cooper, Vivian Steward, Mr. Gary Sims and four children, Claudia Rutherford and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brusenhan.

Make plans now to be at our next supper on April 19. Everyone is invited.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH 20
Max Eubank
Loyd Taylor
Nap Watson
Marguerite Kingsbery
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Galloway*

MARCH 21
Audra Hubbard
Marie Lancaster
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pritchard*

MARCH 22
Sherry Torres
Kayla Cloer
Rita Keeney

MARCH 23
Chance David Horner
Bill Tucker
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Lawhon*
Bob Barstow
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Torres*

MARCH 24
Joey Cheaney
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kirk*
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Dillard*
Randy Long
Carlos M. Torres
Colby Lee

MARCH 25
LaDell Morris

MARCH 26
Cassie Lea Philipot
Kevin Morris
Keith Morris
Saydie Bradley

MARCH 27
Shaney Brand Foord
Sandra Ferrara

Never fear the shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.
—Ruth E. Renkel

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Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, cake and ice cream

MONDAY, MARCH 24
BBQ brisket on bun, ranch style beans, potato salad and peaches

FRIDAY, MARCH 28
Chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, broccoli and pudding

Rockwood Supper Enjoyed By All

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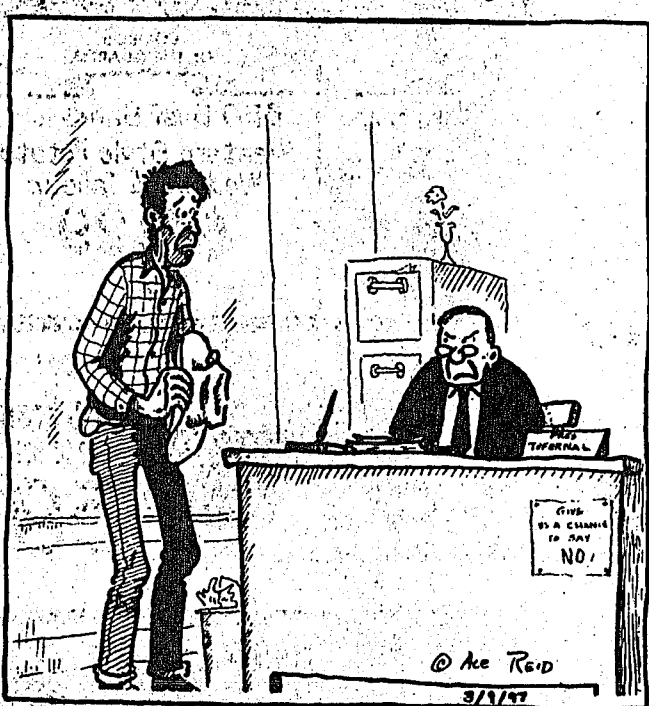
March 15 was cold and windy but we met at the community center and had a very good supper and a lot of visiting with family and friends.

We were happy to have so many visitors and hope they can come back for our next supper.

Those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Day, Mrs. Bud McClellan, Connie Taylor and Raymond S. Espitia, Sr., all of Coleman; Doris Stearns of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Abages of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rutherford and Allene Rutherford, all of White and Nell Nancy of Bangs.

The home folks were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duus, Robert Duus,

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Louise Boyd McCaughan

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We wish to thank all those who have shared our joy in her life and our sorrow at her passing. We thank all those who have sent their sympathies in cards, visits, and phone calls, those who sent flowers and food and shared friendship with us during this difficult time. Though we mourn our loss, we have been blessed all these years that we have had her love and boundless spirit to grace our lives.

May the Lord bestow His blessing on each of you who helped with making the last years of her life a little better and her passing joyous. May His peace be with you all.

The Family of Louise McCaughan

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Self Culture Club Learns About Foreign Exchange Student Program

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Self Culture Club met Thursday, March 13, at 3 p.m. in the home of Alice Anna Spillman. The meeting was opened with the reading of the club collect lead by president Gale Brock. Minutes, treasurer's report and roll call were given by Cathy Ellis.

During the business meeting several membership issues were discussed. The resignation of Cam Slagle was regrettably accepted. Konjana Weaver was asked to be relieved of her duties as secretary-treasurer. New members will be elected next month. Following committee reports, the May luncheon for elementary and junior high ULL winners was discussed.

Cathy Ellis introduced Gary Absher, who presented the program. He is Central Texas Coordinator for the foreign exchange student program. In six years he has placed over 200 students from about 30 countries. He told about the exchange student program and shared some of his experiences with exchange students. He would like to have two exchange students in the Santa Anna school next year. One student has been placed for next year and he is currently looking for one more host family. Anyone interested in hosting a high school student from another country during the next school year should contact Absher. A question and answer period and group discussion followed the program.

Hostesses Alice Anna Spillman and Konjana Weaver, used a St. Patrick's Day theme for their refreshments and decorations. The ladies were greeted by a green derby hat on the door and some of Nell Myers' leprechauns with their pot of gold in the entry hall. Other St. Patrick's Day decorations were throughout the house. A very clever arrangement of Irish potatoes, and leprechauns centered the green cloth on the serving table. Refreshments of corned beef party sandwiches, Irish speckled bread, fruited gingerbread, apple cake, green dip and crackers, nuts and mints were served.

Attending the meeting were Era Walters, associate member of Abilene; Noyelle Boylston's sister Carol McClellan, also of Abilene; Suzie Bass, Noyelle Boylston, Gale Brock, Cathy Ellis, Billie Gatlin, Oma Dean Horner, Betty Key, Trudi Rutherford, Alice Anna Spillman, Konjana Weaver and speaker Gary Absher.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10.

Rockwood Women's Club Plans Meeting

The Rockwood Women's club will meet Tuesday, March 25, at the Rockwood Community Center at 2 p.m. Skeeta Cooper will be hostess.

Fishing Lake Ivie

We have been expecting the bass to turn on and they have. Thanks to the warm weather! A new lake record was set last week by Bobbie Gayle. She brought in a bass weighing 12.75 lbs. She was fishing with her husband, Butch, who had already caught a 10.11 and they caught several others from 7.8 to 9.5 lbs. Bobbie caught a 10 lb bass last August.

Bass fishing is excellent right now. Keepers are shallow, bigger fish in about 30 feet water. Main lake crappie are about 35 feet deep at night. They are beginning to be caught in the Concho.

Catfish are good up the river.

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Building Stronger Communities

By Glenn English
Chief Executive Officer,
National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association
Submitted by Coleman County
Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For more than sixty years electric cooperatives across the country have been making a positive difference in communities they serve. As Congress and various state legislatures consider new laws to change the electric utility industry, it is appropriate that electric cooperatives across the country point to their strong commitment to community. Co-ops and the communities they serve will face new challenges as the industry continues to change.

Electric cooperatives are meeting those challenges by forming new business alliances with each other to increase their buying power and lower the cost of the electricity you buy from them. For years your co-op has offered a variety of services to help you use electricity more efficiently.

Whether it is an "energy audit" to evaluate the insulation in your home and how effectively your appliances are working or providing information in co-op publications on how you can lower your electricity bill, your co-op is committed to providing you with a superior level of service.

The added benefit of co-op service, however, comes in the local commitment the co-op and its employees make to building stronger communities. The large impersonal corporate energy companies are too far away from their customers to be able to understand these needs or respond to them. Because your electric cooperative is a local company, staffed by local people, it is in a much better position to be able to listen and respond to you.

I am continually impressed when I hear reports of what electric co-op employees are doing beyond their jobs to help strengthen the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Co-op employees are involved in a wide variety of activities that include coaching Little League to help local children, working at a local food bank to feed the less fortunate, and volunteering in local schools to help your people learn. Co-ops are also working to attract new business and jobs to the community. They participate in local crime watch programs to keep streets safe, and even put up

Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see.
—Martin Luther

'Round & About

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Tammy Feller, who was injured in a one-vehicle accident last Thursday morning has been released from San Angelo's Shannon Medical Center where she was taken by CCMC ambulance following the wreck.

Derék Little of Brownwood visited on Saturday with his parents Dale and Carol Herring and attended Casey Wade's track meet in Cross Plains. Sunday Pete Herring and two friends of Brownwood visited.

We are pleased to report that Grace Short is back at home after having spent several days last week as a patient in Coleman County Medical Center.

We are also pleased to report that Othal Warnock, who has been a patient since last Thursday in Brownwood Regional Medical Center, is expected to be home by the time this news is published.

Visiting with Eddie Wayne and Mary Ann Hartman over the weekend were James and Tanya Hartman, Magan and Katie of Midland.

Stanley and Judy Hartman were visited by daughter and granddaughter, Stephanie and Hannah of Cedar Hill over the weekend!

Delta Omicron Preparing Community Calendar

The Delta Omicron Sorority is currently working on the Community Calendar.

If you have any birthdays or anniversaries you would like to have placed in the calendar please call Pat Vance at 785-4221 before April 1.

Delta Omicron Hears Program On Genealogy

Delta Omicron Sorority of Santa Anna met Monday evening at 6 p.m. at the Coleman County Telecommunications Office. Bernadine Watson lead the opening ceremony and presided at the meeting.

During the new business discussions it was agreed and voted to issue a donation to the Santa Anna Little League Association.

Bernadine announced the numerous awards for donated goods, money, mileage and service hours that our local sorority had won at the District 7 meeting held in Comanche last Sunday.

A special program on Genealogy and How To Get Started was presented by guest speaker Geneva Garrett and her associates Juanita Naron and Freda Stephenson. After the discussion program everyone went to the computers set up by Rod Musick and looked at various web sites that will help in searching for genealogy information.

Closing ritual was observed by members Sharon Greenlee, Dorothy Harris, Patti Musick, Pat Vance, Susie Voss, Bernadine Watson and Debbie Wheatley.

Guests attending were Montie and Billie Guthrie and Rod Musick.

After you've heard three eyewitness accounts of an auto accident, it makes you wonder about history.

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.
—Doug Larson

Santa Anna Police Report

Santa Anna Chief of Police Carlos Torres has reported that during the month of February two criminal mischief and a theft occurred with both under investigation at this time.

A breakdown of calls for the month were as follows:

Calls answered 35; written warnings 3; wrecks 1; family disturbances 9; criminal mischief 2; trespassing 1; theft 1; juvenile runaway reports 2; prowlers 1; assist motorist 5; livestock on highway 3; reckless drivers 4; assist ambulance 2; dog problems 1; civil disturbances 1; assist CPS with investigations 1; welfare concern checks 1; and suspicious vehicle 1.

CCMC And Rehab

By Billie Mercer
COLEMAN—Coleman County Medical Center announces its affiliation with West Texas Rehabilitation and invites you to an open house at the Coleman County Wellness Center on Friday, March 21, at 219 Commercial Ave. in Coleman.

Pati Barton, Director of the Wellness Center stated the Rehab has been offering its services for the past three weeks and in that length of time patients have gone from three to now more than fifteen.

Jim McCurdy, public relation for Rehab along with Jim Pethis, president, Kevin Hanna who assisted in setting up the program in Coleman along with Danny Hyde, president of the Rehab board, and Julian Pabalo, physical therapist for the center who is working with Coleman County people, will all be on hand to greet visitors to the open house on Friday.

Report Suspected Drug Activity To DPS Toll-Free

If you have information about illegal drug trafficking anywhere in Texas, the Department of Public Safety would like to hear from you.

Beginning March 1, you can help fight illegal drug sales in Texas by calling the DPS toll-free at 1-800-525-5555 to report suspected drug activity anywhere in the state. A headquarters communications officer in Austin will relay your information to the appropriate Highway Patrol or Narcotics officer in your area.

If you believe a drug shipment is being transported, provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible about the vehicle, its location, direction of travel and license plate number. If the drugs are being stored at a building or residence, provide the location and any available information about when the drugs might be moved.

Please contact your local police or sheriff's department if you would like to report individuals possessing small quantities of marijuana or other drugs.

The main DPS 1-800 number also may be used to report erratic or drunken drivers or to seek assistance if you become stranded on the highway. When calling for these purposes, make sure to pinpoint your location and direction of travel using mile markers, crossroads or other landmarks.

To report marijuana under cultivation, contact the DPS Narcotics Service at 1-800-868-6274.

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Track Teams Participate In Pioneer Relays

The Santa Anna Junior High and High School track teams traveled to Cross Plains on Saturday to compete in the Pioneer Relays.

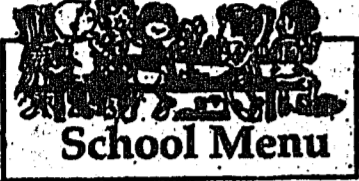
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS:
400m relay, 3rd;
Andrea Siller, 3200m, 3rd;
Amanda Lishka, shot put, 3rd;
Abrianna Collins, 100m, 1st

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS:
Albert Dixon, 3rd, discus

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS:
400m relay, 3rd;
800m relay, 3rd;
Chrystal Pelton, long jump 1st and triple jump 2nd

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS:
Casey Herring, 800m 3rd

This week will find the high school at the Bear Relays in Baird with the junior high traveling to Menard for the Silver Mine Relays.



MONDAY, MARCH 24
Breakfast: Donuts
Lunch: Bowl of chili, pinto beans, toss salad w/dressing, crackers or cornbread and peppers

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
Breakfast: Pancake/sausage and syrup
Lunch: Corn dog, baked beans, oven potato wedges, mustard and spice cake

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, english pea salad, hot rolls, gravy, fruit cobbler and catsup

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast and jelly
Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, burger salad, tator tots, cookie, catsup and musard or mayo

Santa Anna Tennis Does Well In Local Tourney

Santa Anna was well represented in the local tennis tournament last weekend.

Rachael Guerrero advanced to the quarterfinals.

Chris Boyet and Josh Daniel played to a 2nd place finish.

Ami Beal and Briana Horner took the first place trophy in the tournament.

This week the local tennis team will be in Breckenridge for a tournament.

Harmony Herring Omitted From Perfect Attendance

Harmony Herring should have been listed in the article about the students receiving recognition for Perfect Attendance last week.



Briana Horner Receives Carr Scholarship

Briana L. Horner, a senior at Santa Anna High School, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1997-98.

Over 300 Carr Scholarships for 1997-98, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000 have been awarded to qualified high school seniors. During the current year approximately 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, students must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

Santa Anna Second Graders Write About Their Best Surprises

Editor's Note: Santa Anna second graders recently wrote about their best surprise and their writings follow.

By Kaylee Hayes
I was six years old when I got it. She was a little puppy. Yesterday we gave her a bath. Her name is Sis. She is a border collie. She sleeps with me. We play fetch, she chews up my Barbies.

by Jelisa Kirven
My best surprise is a bike. I got that bike at my house. It cost \$28.00. My Meme gave it to me. When I rode it I fell down. When I rode it again I didn't fall down. It kept riding on it. The color on it is green and black. I ride it fast and slow. I like my bike. We play games like race. I won the game.

By Daisy Bold
The best surprise I ever had was getting to see my mother. She brought me a pair of skates. She got to stay for 3 days. She came on December the 22, 1996. We talked and opened presents.

By Kimberly Lawhon
One day I came home. My dog was dead. He got run over. On Monday my cousin put a box by my door. It was a dog. It was real dirty so we got the soap and the towel. And then we went to bed. My dog hopped in bed. Then I said good night. And the next morning we got toys for the dog. I made a pan for him.

By Tracy Hale
I got my best surprise. It was a little dog named Reddog. It was from my dad's friend. Then we got a white dog. I like to play with the dogs. They were so pretty. I love them. The got very big and fat. We let them be in the house. Then we let them run all over the yard. Then we lost our red dog. So we have not got that dog back. But Reddog was so fat. He got out of the house. We got sad.

By Ben McIver
Jeffrey is coming to my house tonight. I found out about it the other day. I called him in Hamlin. We are going to hunt for birds. I am hunting with a 7 Mag rifle. We are going to have lots of fun.

By Crystal Comacho
I got a little puppy for my birthday from my Aunt Gracie. He was so little. I would not leave him alone all night long. My mom said she was going to get me another one for my birthday gift. I told her to give me one. She did.

By Josh Rivera
When Christmas came, I got a skateboard. It was all different from my other one. It is different colors. My mother gave it to me. I can do alot of tricks with it. I take it to the streets. I go on the sidewalks so I won't get hit.

By T. J. Johnson
One day I went to my Dad's house near Waxahachie. I saw some longhorns. They were big. Then I saw a heron. I shot at it but it flew away. Then we went backhome. On the way, I saw a really big moose. It looked like a big elk. I was really surprised.

By Monica Cortez
The best surprise happened when my mom said we were going to mom's sister's house. I could play with my cousins so I wouldn't be alone.

By Priscilla Guerrero
Last year my best, best friend came to visit me. She came all the way from Grand Prairie. We had a lot of fun. When my brother came to pick me up from school we saw my dad. In the back was my friend Billie. Then I screamed because I was so happy that I saw her. Then we went to my house. She gave me a dollar. We had alot of fun. We played ball. She stayed for two days. When she left I said mom I could have gone with her.

By Chris Guerrero
My very best surprise is a Sega. My mom gave me the Sega on my birthday and I was happy. I hugged my mom and I asked my mom can I stay with you and my mom said yes. But it is put a way. But sometimes I get it out.

By Michelle Wetsel
One day we were going to Coleman to see my mom's brother. That same day we got a cat like I always wanted. He was my cat. He was so, so, cute and samll. I loved him very, very much. We had so much fun together. I got to hold him. however, I wanted to and the others didn't. He stayed at my friend's house because Crystal had a dog. The dog would get made at my cat. One day my cat died. I miss him alot. I still think about him alot too. Crystal's dog ranaway. But now I have a new puppy. His name is Casper. I may get a new cat too.

By Audrey Hubbard
Mrs. Fuller came today and I was so surprised. I never thought she would come. She said she was going to come. When she said she was moving, I cried a whole week--7 whole days. I finally stopped. Today I gave her a hug. She came like I knew she would. She said in her letter she needed some second graders arqund. so we went around her. She meant at her house. It is very quiet at her house. She is my best friend. I like her very much. I wish she were here today! She is funny.

By Jimmy Grissam
I am glad that I got to go to my grandma's home. It was the best day of my life. I got happy because we had not seen her in a long time. She lives in Oklahoma. I did play with the toys. Then I walked on her treadmill. We stayed until Monday. We got to visit my dad's brother Jimmy.

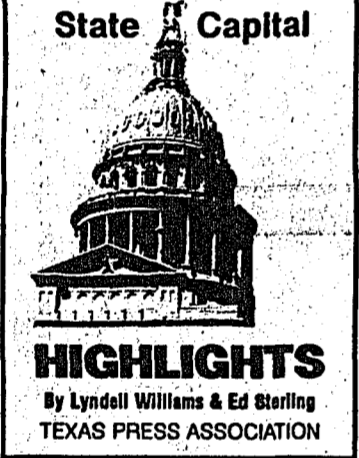
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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate passed a bill that puts teeth in a 1995 "zero tolerance" law designed to rid public school campuses of drugs, alcohol and violent and disruptive students, while guaranteeing due process.

The legislation is one of three "safe schools" bills by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, passed by the Senate last week. The bills move on to the House for consideration.

Under Bivins zero tolerance legislation, school officials would have the authority to expel students for misdemeanor alcohol and drug offenses committed on campus or at school events. Current law requires schools to expel for felony offenses.

Reacting to concerns that in districts that have no alternative education programs, zero tolerance would turn students out into the streets, Bivins said, "... It is worse to tell a school district you've got to keep the kid in school even though he may bring cocaine to school."

Only 22 of Texas 254 counties would be required to offer expelled students an alternative education program operated by the school district or a county-run juvenile justice facility. Those 22 counties have a population of 125,000 or more.

Panel Oks \$83.3 Billion Budget
The House Appropriations Committee has approved, 25-0, an \$83.3 billion budget for the next two-year budget cycle that begins Sept. 1.

The budget does not include funds for Gov. George W. Bush's proposed spending for elementary school reading programs, a pay raise for state employees, money to keep more prisoners in jail longer and funds for a state water conservation program.

"I hope that when (this process is done) we will have been able to address those issues," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the committee.

But a one-time, \$100-a-month pay raise for state agency workers is included in a budget package by state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Higher education employees would not receive the pay raise.

"I put the \$100 per month for each employee in as a kind of a floor," Ratliff said. "We ought to start there. I hope we can do a little more than that."

State employee groups say they will continue to push for a \$200-a-month raise in 1998 and another \$200 raise in 1999.

Water Legislation Urged

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week underscored the need to pass water management legislation, saying, "To me, there's no bill more important to our state."

Bullock, who presides over the Senate, testified at a Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing for a water conservation bill filed by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Bullock said Texas has had five major droughts in the last 60 years, and five failed water management bills. And he warned of future water shortages that could hit every county in the state.

Brown's bill would create a statewide drought management plan combining existing city and county plans and includes provisions for the sale or lease of a property owner's water rights.

Brown said 95 Texas counties sought federal disaster assistance for last summer's drought, and the drought cost Texas farmers \$2.1 billion and the entire state \$5 billion.

Other Capital Highlights
Gov. Bush underwent arthroscopic surgery last week to repair loosened cartilage in his left knee.

Margaret Hensley MSN, RNCS
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TRICKHAM TIDBITS

By Anna York

Visitors over the weekend with Elvis and Reba Cozart were Phillip, Cindy and Kellye Cozart and Glenn and Sharon Ford and children Eric and Jacquelin, all of Round Rock.

On Thursday Verna Bolton and Mary Jo Dozier of Coleman met Elsie Jones in Abilene and the three attended the Religious Women's Club at the country club.

Britt and Sandy McIver of Buffalo Gap spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his parents Royce and Wanda McIver, on Friday Doyne and Wanda Lou McIver and their daughter Tammy of San Angelo, Gayla and J. W. Sellers of Joshua and Betsy Jones and Genia Mae of Santa Anna visited. Saturday they met their daughter Sabrina Smith and family of Midland in Abilene to attend a soccer game between Midland Lee and Brownwood. Phillip Smith was playing. Sabrina and Artie Smith and family along with Kyla Smith from Kerrville spent the weekend.

Kit Dean of Comanche spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and son Wyndham and attended church Sunday at Bangs with them and saw Wyndham baptized.

Novella Stearns visited on Saturday afternoon with Pat and Edna Stearns of Fort Worth at their

place on the farm. Grady Clay McIver of San Angelo spent the weekend with his dad Terry and Helen and Ben.

Billy Roy and Mildred Laughlin had Sunday lunch with his mother Mrs. Edna Laughlin, joining them in the afternoon were Darla Kay and Donnie Barnum and children Amy and Kimberly of Brownwood.

Justin Seale of Brownwood spent several days last week with Talmadge and Laverne McClatchy and Nicholas Drienhofer. Dinner guests Friday were Jeannie and Fred Drienhofer and Merrilee McClatchy and Bob Anderson.

Reba and Elvis Cozart visited Sunday evening with Nikki and I.

Bettie Miller and Mr. and Mrs. James Mock of Austin, Seal Gilliland of Lubbock, Lea and Loyd Mock of Post, Angelia Swan and Becky and Cris and Josh Cabaya of Buda and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mayberry of Gatesville spent the weekend with Mrs. Mary Lea Mitchell.

There were three ladies that quitted on Monday at the community center and nineteen were present Thursday night for the eighty-four club meeting.

Rodney and Cellena Guthrie and Mason of Bangs and John and Earlene Dockery and Wesley

Rockwood Report

By Sandra Wilson

St. Patrick's Day! It looks as if the rains are going to let us have not only a green St. Patrick's Day but a very green spring.

Club meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at the community center. Skeeta Cooper will be hostess.

Vivian Steward was a business visitor in Coleman.

Cecil and Pat Vance vacationed in Las Vegas last week. Sunday Pat spent the day in Comanche at her district sorority meeting.

Minnie Bray was in New Braunfels Tuesday until Sunday visiting with Kim Whitton, Clay and Katie.

Dockery were Tuesday visitors with Annie Lou Vaughn. Roberta McShan and Erica of Brownwood visited Thursday and Reba and Elvis Cozart visited Sunday evening.

Lynn and Sherrie Rice and Dillon of Arlington spent the weekend with Lynn's mother Lorene Rice. Saturday night they Wendell and Jeannie Rice. Sunday afternoon Wendell and Jeannie visited with them at Lorene's.

The rainy weather keeps holding on. I recorded four-tenths of an inch of rain that fell on Wednesday night, since then it has been mostly mist.

Thursday Jack and Skeeta Cooper were in Temple for Jack's doctor appointment. He got a good report. Elec, Colt, Cade and David Cooper, Kyla and Katy visited Saturday afternoon. Bill and Sadie Bryan, Claudia Rutherford and Faye Wise joined them for Spinners Sunday night.

David and Jane Pearson came Tuesday night to pick up Coleta Pearson. They left Wednesday morning for Windover, Nevada. They had a wonderful time. They spent Friday night in San Angelo with Billy and Nancy Patterson, returning to Coleta's Saturday night. David and Jane returned home Sunday night.

Wednesday evening Jr. and Nell Brusenhan held Bible study. Bro. Jeff, Loma and Sara Dean and Blake Williams joined them. Friday they were business visitors in Brady, also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull. Baily got out of the hospital. They were business visitors in Brownwood Monday afternoon.

Elec and Rose Cooper met David Cooper, Kyla and Katy in Brownwood and had supper. David and girls came to Rockwood and spent Friday night, returning home Saturday. Sunday morning Denny and Louise Densman visited.

Cleveland Chats

By Clara Cupps

It is cloudy, cool, looks like rain and spring out.

Stephanie and Brittany, daughters of Danna and Bill Smith of Fredericksburg visited with grandparents Tex and Pat Wright from Tuesday until Sunday while on spring break.

Bryce and Jamie Ellis were home from ASU in San Angelo over the weekend. Bryce visited his grandparents the Cecil Ellis Sunday. Jerry Ellis visited Tuesday and Friday. Tammie returned to Richmond Wednesday after spending a few days of spring break with her parents. Nona Bell's brother-in-law Emmet Williams' sister-in-law passed away Friday in Austin.

Mary and Johnny McDaniel of Carbon visited Margie Fleming Saturday afternoon.

Virgil and Darrel Cupps visited with the Thelma Fleming over the week.

Carmilla Baugh ate Sunday dinner with Dixie Joe and J. C. Bible, Deborah and Kile and then went to Bangs to visit Nancy Lee Lowry and children.

Lee Ray and Syble have been seeing about Hardon at the Brownwood hospital. He is doing well. Danna and P. J. Hammond visited Thursday. Other visitors have been Amber and Monty and Lucille

Sorrells.

Jessica Pelton spent the weekend with her grandparents A. C. and Lou Pierce.

The Jerry Ellis' visited in Lipan last Sunday with her brother and sister's families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor of Washington visited Wednesday afternoon with the John Narons. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Naron of Abenath dropped by Thursday and David Plemaster visited Friday.

I talked with Ladell who said her mother wasn't up to coming to church.

Emitt Terry was at the farm this week and at church.

Edd and Ruby Hartman went to Bangs Monday to visit Daryl and Cindy Boyle, Shannon and granddaughter Taylor and Sandra and Harry walker. Charles and Molly Sears visited Friday night.

Kathleen Avants went to rest home to visit her mother Mrs. Ruth Hibbits Tuesday and Thursday. She is doing pretty good.

Our Cupps Reunion will be the 29th and 30th of March, as you know always on Easter weekend. All you come to see us.

Hope all you have a nice week.

Whon Picnic Committee To Meet Saturday

The Whon Picnic Committee will meet on Saturday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the picnic grounds to formulate plans for the 1997 Picnic. All interested parties are invited and urged to attend. The needs are cleanup, purchase of brisket, barbecuing and the delegating of other duties.

Since the Picnic will take place as in other years, on the first Saturday in April barring inclement weather, there will also be a report of last year's picnic in the upcoming issue of the Santa Anna News to keep you up-to-date so that your interest will impress you to come see us on Picnic Day!

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Alys Pelton, City Secretary.

Kevin McMahan representing West Texas Utilities reported to the council on the resolution for the Coalition for Affordable Power in Texas. Electric utilities are going to be deregulated and the coalition is a group of people joining together so that the "little man" is not taken advantage of with higher rates and the big user companies receiving lower rates. The resolution was approved.

The city election will held on May 3. Position up for election are mayor, two full-term council seats and one unexpired term council seat.

The council discussed with Freddie Dodson of the fire department the possibility of receiving a monthly report and also if the department could begin paying vehicle insurance on the trucks again. Dodson said he did not see a problem with either request but would check with the fire department members.

A discussion was held about keeping the City Hall open during the noon hour. The possibility of having the municipal judge at City Hall 1/2 days, five days a week. The item will be on the agenda for next month.

The following appointments to City Boards were made:

Housing Authority Board: Linda Wilson and Gary Patterson;

Library Board: Alice Spillman, Betty Key, Barbara Simmons and Patsy Starr;

Economic Development Board: James Pelton and Armando Mata. Both will be appointed if the state approves the president as a non-voting member of the board.

With the city crews doing the repairs at the park and everything going well, no one was appointed the park board.

City Supervisor Doug Watson reported two water leaks for the month.

The council agreed to borrow \$10,500 against the City's Certificate of Deposit in order to pay bond payments on the 1966 Water and Sewer Bonds and the 1991 Sewer System Bonds.

Sunday afternoon Elec, Rose, Colt and Cade met Ronnie, Nola and Cory in Brownwood and visited a

while before returning to their homes.

Betty Lowrence and Doris Richardson of Hillsboro attended to business in Coleman and then visited with Blake Williams Wednesday night and Thursday. Blake has visited with Carolyn, Lillian, Donald and Douglas Estes via telephone. Douglas reported that Boss is doing good.

Guy and Dorothea Whisenant were in Brownwood Friday visiting with Jim and Cathy Fraser.

Visiting with the Jimmy Hafner family during the weekend were Claudia and Jennifer Rutherford, Jetta and Hanson Stokes, Bob and Megan Rutherford, Amber Huggins and Monty Bouldin.

Claudia Rutherford spent Friday at Bangs with Nell Yancy. Jennifer Rutherford came in Friday night to spend her spring break. Drop in visitors Saturday afternoon were Sybil Eubanks, Beth Steele and Pauline Eubanks of Santa Anna. Bob and Megan Rutherford spent Saturday night and Sunday. Monday Claudia played Forty-Two with the Gouldbusk Forty-Two club at Wanda Hagan's. Monday evening Faye Wise and Claudia attended the little dribbler game at Panther Creek.

Friday night Bill and Sadie Bryan hosted the Spinner gang, Jack and Skeeta Cooper, Faye Wise and Claudia Rutherford joined them.

Last Tuesday Gayle and Burgess Stewardson met Billy Don Cupps of Beaumont at Noretta's for supper. Wednesday Ginger Sneed and Gayle met Ann Qsburn and Linda Slusher for lunch in Brownwood. Thursday Burgess and Gayle were in Abilene. Saturday night they met Bill and Ginger Sneed at Noretta's for the Sneed's wedding anniversary. Monday Tyler and Sloane Stewardson stayed with Burgess and Gayle.

Tuesday Emily Taylor and I were in Coleman where we visited with Gladys Slayton, Fredna Horton and Denise McDonald. Wednesday we went with Big Daddy (Bo) to Abilene and Carlsbad, New Mexico,

returning home Thursday. Thursday afternoon we all went to Waldrup and visited with Charlie Smith. That night Emily and I met Tammy Casey in Santa Anna and Emily spent the night with Trey, Cheyenne, John and Tammy Casey. Emily spent Friday and Saturday nights with Chase, Maegan, Mindy and David Avants. Friday night Charlie Smith, Frances McAllister and Bo and I had supper in Santa Anna at Tammy's. Saturday John, Trey and Cheyenne Casey visited. Sunday I visited briefly with David, Mindy, Maegan and Chase Avants when I picked up Emily Taylor. Christy Taylor and Richard Ybarra visited briefly when they picked Emily up Sunday noon.

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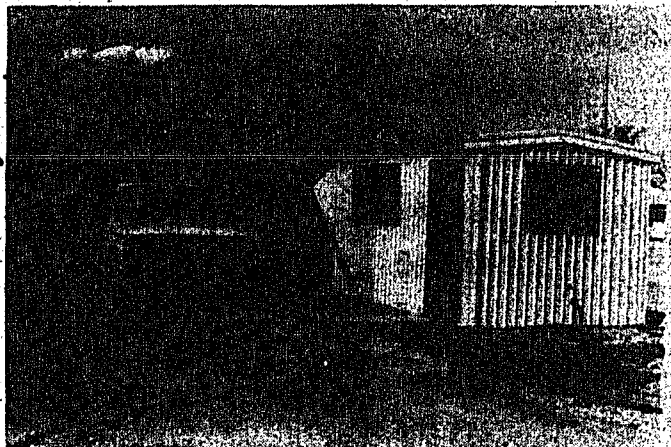
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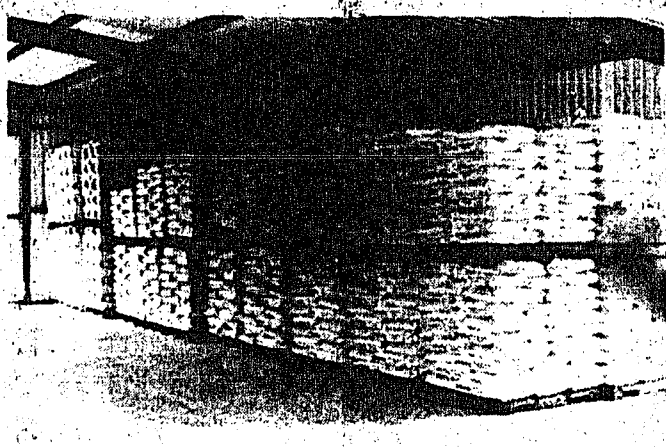
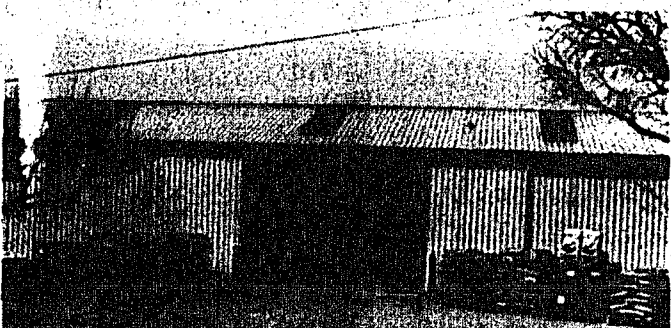
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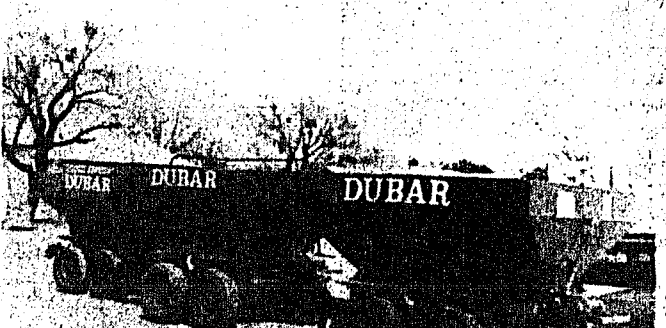
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