



A Parking Lot Full

This photo shows a full parking lot at First Baptist Church in the early 1920's. One reader suggested this picture as well as the one we published last week of seven ladies standing in front of the church, may have been taken at the dedication of the church building in 1921, although we do not know that for sure. This reader also tentatively identified some of the ladies in that picture. Looking from left to right are Lee McCorkle Lamb, Mary Cruger, unknown, Thelma Kelly, Mrs. W.R. Kelly, unknown, Susie (Mrs. Dennis) Kelley. Why the Kelleys at the Baptist Church? Seems they were attending the Baptist church while a new Presbyterian Church building was being erected. Thanks to Mrs. Sammie Powers for loaning us this picture.

Council Discusses Possible Purchse Of Computers, Patrol Car

The Santa Anna City Council met on Tuesday evening, February on new systems and \$545 for up-17 for their regular monthly meet- grade ing

R&B Computers: \$1,250 each

Judge Bill Worley told the couna possibility he can get Bobby Morgan, Jim Spillman, a quote from someone local for an "at cost" price direct from the factory. The matter was tabled until Worley can get the information.

Possible Rabid **Cat Found** In Santa Anna

According to an official of the City of Santa Anna, a cat found at Rainbow Signs one day last week was suspected to be rabid.

Due to the large number of possibly rabies cases at the present, the only time an animal is sent to be tested is if human contact has been made. Citizens are reminded to be on the alert for stray animals.

Time Running Out For "Citizen Of Year" Nominations

The deadline for nomination for the Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year is nearing. All nominations must be received by Tuesday, March 10 to be considered for the honor.

The Citizen of the Year will be named at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday, March 21.

Automotive Shop Opening Soon

Darrel Cavanah will soon be opening DC's Automotive here giving Santa Anna a complete automotive repair shop equipped with computer analysis. Another service will be turning rotors and drums

cleaning and detailing and will have a flat machine.

Fire Department Associate Membership Drive Underway

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to maintain and update fire fighting equipment used by the department.

In the Spring of 1997, the department applied for a 2-1/2 ton GI truck from the Texas Forest Service. The truck was delivered on February 4 of this year and will be outfitted with 1,000 gallon water tank and new pump unit. It is planned to have this unit in operation by the beginning of summer.

The new building is approximately 80% completed. It is planned to be completed between now and the first of May.

Everyone is encouraged to support the local fire department in

Logan Brown Takes 2nd Place Science Award In U.I.L. Competition At Lake View

Several Santa Anna students traveled to Lake View High School in San Angelo last weekend to

compete in a UIL competition. Santa Anna freshman Logan

> students in each grade who competed coming from 1A through 5A schools Competition took place in

calculator, science, number sense and mathematics with participants taking part in at least three of the four events.

Others from Santa Anna who took part were seventh graders. Nathan Nicholas, Heather Sims and Evan Jones; and eighth Crystal Isbell and Jenna Hensley.

Cavanah has a good many years in this type business starting as an areo-space ground equipment mechanic in 1974. He has purchased the property formerly

occupied by Vern's Auto Salvage, at the east end of Santa Anna on DC's will also be doing vehicle Highway 67. He was most recently associated with Jack's Garage in Coleman.

The Santa Anna Volunteer Fire order to help them better serve the Department has began their annual community, the surrounding rural Associate Membership Drive. The area and provide fire fighting supdrive provides vital funding needed port for other fire departments in the area.

Current officers of the fire department are David Huggins, chief; Marty Donham, assistant chief; James Morris, president; Clint Day, vice president: Freddie Dodson, secretary-treasurer; Donald Strickland, captain; Paul Martin, captain; Rick Reese, assistant captain; Bill Gilbreath, assistant captain; Edith Dodson, reporter; and Marty Reed,

Other members are Dale Bradley, Roddy Dean, Donald Carter, Nikki Donham, Ricky Grissom, Dickie

chaplain.

Horner and Mike Wetsel.

Brown placed second overall in

Science, first in Biology and 8th in

Calculator. Logan is the son of

There were approximately 150

Randy and Elaine Brown.

Council members present were David Powell Jean Findley and Mayor Karen Morris.

Others attending were Carmen Donham, Rose Bass, Evelyn Cliett, Joe Wallace, Raymond and Lodema Jones, Richard Watson, Rusty Wells, Thomas Watson, Municipal Court Judge Bill Worley, Police Officers Carlos Torres and Wayne Robbins, Director of Public Works Doug Watson, and City Secretary Alys Pelton.

The Police Report was reviewed by the council. Municipal Court Report was given by Judge Bill Worley. A new fine schedule was presented to the council.

The Senior Citizens Nutrition Center has several options to keep the program operating. Options include continuing with Coleman and moving to an approved site; get meals only from Coleman at a cost of \$3.00 per meal; transport persons to the Coleman Center; or separate from Coleman and operate the nutrition center. After some discussion between the council and representatives of the Senior Citizen's program, more investigation will take place on finding a new site and possibly a different food source. A called meeting may be held to finalize the findings of the investigation.

The City Council reviewed the following bids for computers and updates:

Excelerated Technologies: \$1,100 each for computers and \$550 for upgrade on current computer;

Gammon Technologies: \$1,235 each on new computers;

BCI: \$1,125 each new computers and \$463 for upgrade;

Computex: \$1,125 each on new computers and no cost on bid for upgrade;

COMPUSA: \$1,163 each on new computers with upgrade and networking on total system for a total of \$3,290:

The City Election was set for May 2 with Henri Gilbreath appointed as the election judge.

Director of Public Works Doug Watson reported two small water leaks for the month but there is still a 33% water loss. City crews will continue changing out old meters that are not registering right and finding and killing out "hot" taps (illegal unmetered taps).

The Council considered changing the dates of meetings in an attempt to get all council members at the meetings. After some discussion, it was agreed to leave the meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

A motion was made and carried to implement the Simple IRA retirement plan at the request of current employees as discussed as the January meeting. All retirees on the current Texas Municipal Retirement Plan will continue on that plan at this time.

Officer Carlos Torres discussed the junk car ordinance. A few citizens have expressed concern and are not happy about the enforcement. The police department was given

full support in getting compliance of the ordinance.

Both police officers have gotten cellular phones and are using them mostly for police department calls. They asked if the City could assist with the phone bill. The City will pay \$25.00 per month on the phone bills plus any additional costs related to the police department.

Officer Torres also reported to the council of an opportunity to purchase another police car. The auto is a 1994 Mercury with striping. All that would be necessary would be to change sheriff to police and put in a radio and lights. The council agreed to purchase the car for up to \$5,000.

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Santa Anna Cemetery Gets New Water Lines Jama Ama

In past months some roads were paved in the Santa Anna Cemetery and now in a project just completed new waters lines were been laid and faucets installed.

No School For

Students Next

Two Mondays

March 9.

service days.

Students in the Santa Anna ISD

will have holidays next Monday,

March 2 and again on Monday,

Teachers will be observed in-

In the accompanying drawing you can see how involved the water pipe work was. It shows the main lines circling through the cemetery and the feeder lines branching off. The. small circles indicate the placement

of water spickets throughout the cemetery.

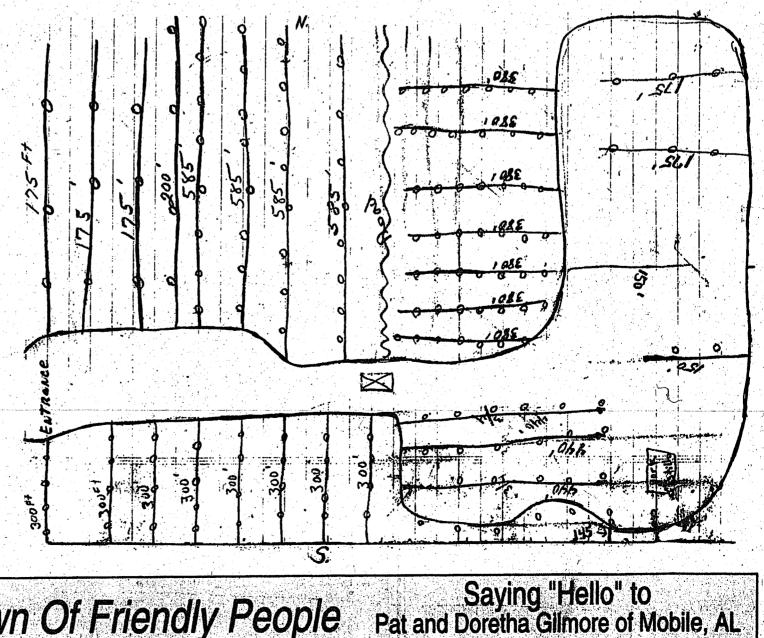
Even though Cemetery caretaker Mike Pritchard did much of the work, he had to hire help. That along with all the supplies were an expensive outlay for the Cemetery Association which has to shoulder all the costs of the project.

To add to the cost of the project some of the pipe and some of

Pritchard's digging tools were taken theft. one day while the work was going on. Mike and other workers looked up in time to see a vehicle leaving. the site where the pipe and tools were. Upon checking they found the items missing. Pritchard was able to give local law officials information on the vehicle but the officials have been unable to come up with anything on the alledged

All that coupled with the fact that the City of Santa Anna no longer supplies water without cost to the cemetery, those with loved ones buried there will probably want to help out the Cemetery Association. Outright donations are always welcome and memorial gifts are

also greatly appreciated.



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Obituaries

George Bell

George Bell, 65, of Santa Anna, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998 in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Santa Anna with Rev. Marty Reed and Rev. Raymond Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

He was born July 6, 1932 in Dallas to the late Glenn and Zula Zong Smythe Bell. He was a United States Army veteran serving in the Korean War. He attended college at the University of Texas. On Dec. 28, 1962 he married Patricia Williams in El Paso. He was a salesman and a tour bus driver for several years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, George Bell Jones of Atlanta, Ga.; one daughter, Georgeanne Bowman of Columbia, Miss.; two brothers, Glenn Bell of Houston and Howard Bell of Blanchard, Okla; three sisters, Beverly Bubak of Lewisville, Betty Pruitt of Dallas and Chanson Warren of Lanning, NJ; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Roger Eugene Bell in 1976 and one step-brother, J. Robert Bell.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Federation.

Pallbearers were Lance Bowman, James Jones, Kenny Kampf, Bill Long, Dwaine Long and Jacob Long.

The blue of heaven is larger than the clouds.

Mary Frances Oakes Mary Frances Oakes, 76, of

Santa Anna, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998 at 2:15 p.m. at the SCCI Hospital in San Angelo.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 23, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Art Allen and Rev. Mike Efird officiating. Burial followed at the Santa Anna Cemetery directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

She was born to the late Arthur and Alice Anna McMeans Talley in Nixon, Texas on Feb. 19, 1922. She was raised in Santa Anna and graduated from Santa Anna High School.

She married Jesse Carl Oakes, Sr. on May 4, 1944 in Santa Anna they celebrated thirty years of marriage. He preceded her in death in 1974

She lived in Corpus Christi for 20 years moving back to Santa Anna in 1963.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a homemaker, salesclerk and dietician.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Charles Pyburn of Santa Anna: a son, Jesse Oakes, Jr. of Santa Anna; a sister, Allene Allen of Coleman; a brother, Luther James Talley of Farmers Branch; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by brother, Arthur Dean Talley in 1987 and a grandson, Christopher Don Oakes of 1974.

Pallbearers were Alton Atkinson. Darren Wells, Monte Brown, Doug Gilder, Billy Diaz and Joe Ed Wise. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Oakes, David Oakes and Dustin Beard

Check By Alice Anna Spillman,

Our out of town friends continue their generosity. This past week the library received paperbacks, children's books and magazines.

If you have a garden or are thinking of making one, come check out the magazines. Douglas Avants brought a box. These may not be 1998 issues, but most of the information is still correct. More food is being brought to market that is organically grown. People select these foods because no pesticides are used. From Organic Gardening. You can learn ways to stop insects and disease with natural ways. Texas Gardening is written with our climate and soils in mind. National Gardening covers this country in general. I found lots of information that pertains to us. Flowers and Gardening especially shows the mixture of these and new varieties. We left these in a box near the new paperbacks. come by, take a comfortable chair and

dream of a beautiful garden this vear

Betty Key returned from a visit with her daughter Linda Miller and family. They sent a sack of books. Most are for children. There are several books from National Geographic Young Explorer Series. Koko's Story -- a gorilla who speaks using sign language? Animals and Their Hiding Places. What Happens at the Zoo. Baby Bears. Raccoons. If young people are doing papers about places or animals, we could help. There are Sunshine Story Books for younger children and even a I Can Read mystery Big Max.

All About Rabbits is written is younger language and could guide a child owner

One book for adults would help the entire family. Ten Mistakes Parents Make With Teenagers (and How To Avoid Them) by Jay Resler. This is everyday advice. You may not agree with everything but choose those that help your family.

Suzie Bass had a visit with Mrs. Lucille Wylie over the weekend. She sends greetings and likes to hear from her friends. Nancy Wylie Pinkerton sent a box of new paperbacks for the library. Nearly all are mysteries by authors like, Kellerman, Patterson, E. George, J. A. Jance and Elliot Roosevelt. I. found a new cat mystery. Not the New England writer with the two Siamese. Do you know Rita Mae Brown? Her character is Mrs. program, toll-free at 1-888-367-Murphy's at the post office with her tiger cat. I'll rush reading it so you can be next.



Methodist Church Holds Valentine Banquet

Members of Santa Anna Methodist Church were honored with a Valentine Banquet held in the Church Annex on Sunday evening, February 15 at 5:30 p.m. Red and white valentine decorations made by the children and youth of the church adorned the fellowship hall. The United Methodist Youth Group decorated the room and the tables, which were covered with red tablecloths and centered with hearts and roses. Members were treated to a meal of ham and an assortment of salads, casseroles, breads and desserts. A special program of praise and love songs was presented by youth of church under the direction of Cathy Ellis. Approximately 30 youth participated in the presentation of the banquet. Pictured above are Tim Ingram, Michael Malaer, Sheena Nickerson, Valentine Sweetheart Elleen Dunn, Thomas Malaer, Ben McIver and Alicia Ellis.

Free Income Tax **Assistance Sites**

DALLAS--Need help in filling out those tax forms? A total of 70,802 North Texans received free tax help at more than 300 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites last year.

VITA/TCE offers free tax help to people who cannot afford to pay a tax preparer. Both programs also give free tax help to disadvantaged people and to those who cannot speak the English language. The TCE program generally offers free tax help to people over age 60.

IRS Acting Director Ellen Murphy encourages anyone needing help from VITA/TCE volunteers to bring all their income information, including Forms W-2 and 1099; social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers for all dependents; and any other useful documents and forms. Those items could include: lists, receipts, bills or statements of medical, taxes, home mortgage interest, contributions and miscellaneous expenses and a copy of last year's tax return. The site in Coleman is located at

the Senior Citizen. Center on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To find out-more informationabout the nearest free tax help site and hours of operation, call the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at 214-767-1428 or the Tax Counseling for the Elderly

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 27 David Robert Coyle Nathan Drienhofer **Barbee Hoffman Eddie Tomlinson** Gary Voss

FEBRUARY 28 Wanda Bible Joe Guerrero, Sr. Claudia Rutherford **Connie Turner**

FEBRUARY 29 Tai Musick

MARCH 1 Mike Pritchard Mr&Mrs. Gary Boss* Mr&Mrs. Roy Haynes*

MARCH 2 Sadie Allen Teresa Carter Veronica Frausto Bessie McDonald Phillip James Wristen

MARCH 3 **Richard Cupps** Mr&Mrs Rick Watson*

MARCH 4 Wanda Daniel Mr&Mrs. Bob Barstow*

Trickham Cemetery Memorials

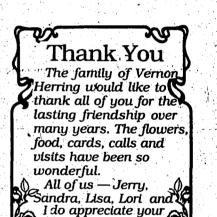
The Trickham Cemetery Association has received the following memorials:

In memory of John Houston and Opal M. Flores from Mrs. Dick Baugh: and

In memory of Peggy Ford Miller from Rankin and Natalie McIver, Billy Roy and Mildred Laughlin, Pat and Edna Stearns, Moya Cole and family, Anna Lou Vaughn, Tom and Sue Stacy, Melvin and Mary Lou Storm, Patricia Grubbs, Gertrude Martin and Arvil and Verna Bolton.

HOT ELECTRICIAN

I once had a neighbor named Peter, who was fixing a short in his heater; things got pretty hot, 'cause poor Peter forgot to pull the main switch, near the meter.!



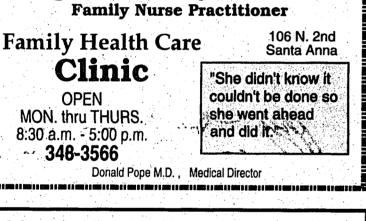
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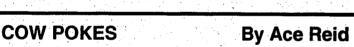
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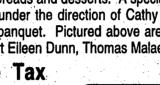
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Margaret Hensley MSN, RNCS







"No, you block heads, I'm out here to doctor this ole bull -- not every hand on the place."

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This library is a live because you all are so generous. Our sincere appreciation.

Several times, I've mentioned the Orphan Trains that were run across this country in the early 1900's. It tears my heart to think that 200,000 children were picked up in cities and simply given to families. An Arkansas lady has founded the Orphan Train Heritage Society. She has a newsletter with 400 members and helps orphans learn their origins. She has started a museum with memorabilia. If you or anyone you know need this: The address is Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, 614 East Emma Av. #115, Springdale, AR 72764-4634.

Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials, Donations

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received the following memorials:

In memory of Vernon (Snow) Herring from Doris Griffin, Gwendolyn Walker, Gladis Barnes, Virgie Morgan, Joe Wallace, Raymond and Doris Cupps Lewis Miles and Lera Guthrie and Richard and Suzanne Bass.

Donations have been received from Richard P. Richards and Rubye Holland.

You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit on.

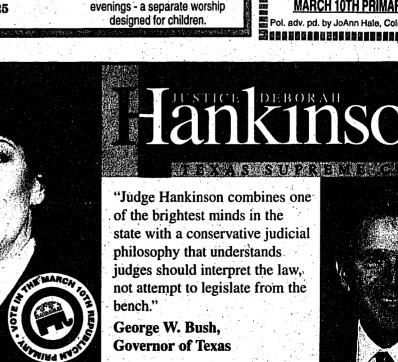
WALKER FUNERAL HOME

Pre-Arranged Funerals Phone 625-4103 Coleman, Texas

A STORY TO CURL YOUR HAIR I'm held quite breathless with suspense, absorbed in an adventure. tale, eager to learn how it ends, when suddenly and without fail, a voice is saying cheerfully, "Your hair is dry. Please come with me."

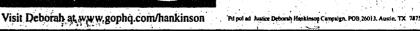
MARCH 5 Mike Hosch Eddie Jones Irene Matthews Virgie Morgan Irene Matthews Mr&Mrs Steve Cullins* Mr&Mrs Edwin Hipsher*





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"Judge Hankinson combines one of the brightest minds in the state with a conservative judicial philosophy that understands. judges should interpret the law, not attempt to legislate from the



Bringing a New Perspective to The Supreme Court





Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tuskan, Jr.

Daughter Of Santa Anna Exes Weds In Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Hawkins. Jr. wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Hawkins Wilson to Ron Tuskan, Jr.

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Ron is the son of Mrs. Carol Minor of Homestead, Pennsylvania and Mr. Ron Tuskan, Sr. of Severn, Maryland.

The wedding took place in the home of friends in Colorado Springs, Colorado on January 30, 1998 at 7:45 p.m. in the evening.

Kyra Neff Listed on A Honor Roll At Tarleton State

STEPHENVILLE--The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 1997 semester has been released by Tarleton State University.

Dr. B. J. Alexander, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the fall semester which ended in December.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and be taking a minimum of 12 hours. Distinguished Students include Freshman and Sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and junior and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Kyra Neff has been named to both the A. Honor Roll and

The Rev. Earl Heflinger performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Allen (Joe) and Patricia Hawkins.

Also in attendance was Stephanie's son Tyler James Wilson, 6, and the couple's daughter, Kathrine Elizabeth, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuskan and children will reside in Colorado Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins are Santa Anna natives.

Becky Watts Named To A&M **Dean's Honor Roll**

COLLEGE STATION--Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1997 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. Rebecca Ann Simmons Watts a Kinesiology major was named to the Dean's Honor Roll. Becky is the daughter of Barbara Simmons of Santa Anna.

DICTOR During the West Texas

Rehabilitation Center Telethon on January 10, members of Santa Anna's Delta Omicron Sorority, led by Bernidine Watson, and assisted by the Santa Anna High School National Honor Society, hosted a phone bank. Almost \$2,600.00 was raised to benefit those served at the Rehab Center.

The generosity of Santa Anna folks, coupled with the dedicated efforts of Delta Omicron Sorority, is certainly to be commended. Last year over 17,000 people received services at the Rehab Center, regardless of their ability to pay, including 181 from Coleman County. On behalf of all those whose ives will be better because of the generosity of Santa Anna citizens and Delta Omicron Sorority--THANK YOU!!

Nell Wadsworth Donor Relations West Texas Rehabilitation Center

"New Life Excitement!" **Coming To First Baptist Church**

"New Life Excitement!" is a series of meetings designed to foster a renewed sense of excitement in. God's people.

It is time that the Christians of the Santa Anna area tell the world what Jesus Christ has done for them.

This is not "church as usual". Don't let the thought of boring preaching services keep you from coming. Come instead for energetic music and relevant, hard hitting messages.

The events start Sunday, March 15 and continue through Wednesday, March 18. Sunday morning the message will begin at 10:45 a.m. Each evening will begin at 7 p.m.

On Sunday and Wednesday the emphasis will be on the youth. For more information call 348-3745.

FBC Has Changed Time For Saturday Praise & Prayer Service To 7:00 p.m.

Self Culture Studies Home Economics Education

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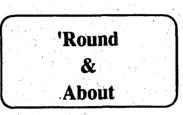
Self Culture Club met Wednesday, February 11 at 1 p.m. in the Home Economics Rooms at Coleman High School. Home

Downtown Bible Fellowship Meets Sunday Mornings

The Downtown Bible Fellowship invites everyone to study God's word on Sunday mornings. The group is currently studying the Book of Joshua. This Sunday's text will be taken from Joshua 5:13-15 and entitled "The Commander of the Lord's Army".

Anyone who wants to understand more about the Bible and God's greatness is invited to come study with the group. The Fellowship Group is not a church and no church doctrine is taught.

Meeting time each Sunday morning is 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Building. Raymond Jones is the Bible Study Leader.



The NEWS received a call recently from Santa Anna native Marilyn Baxter Williams, Bethesda, Maryland who identified another from the group of "Sealy nurses" whose picture we published. According to Marilyn, the nurse seen at the far left, 3rd row up, was Juanita Fletcher whose brother Carl Freeman Dillard was also well known here. She said many would remember Mrs. Fletcher's daughter, Elizabeth (Fannie) Fletcher. Marilyn (Mrs. Arthur Williams) will be remembered here as the daughter of Stafford and Effie Baxter. Mr. Baxter operated a wholesale gas agency here in the 30's and 40's.

Since the picture was published, we have learned that Opal Stockard, seen right behind Fletcher, was an instructor rather than a student. She received her degree at Scott and White

Also got a call from another Santa Anna native, Pat (Beard) Hawkins of Pasadena, Maryland. She said she and husband Alan (known here as Joe) were through here on a whirlwind tour sometime back and filmed some sites around town. She was asking abou obtaining some City/County maps available through local businesses and advertised in the newspaper.

Brown, presented the program. She talked about home economics education of the present times and

where they are headed in the future. The basic cooking and sewing classes that club members remem-Economics Teachers, Mrs. Bonnie ber are a thing of the past. The classes now have names like Family and Consumer Science and the content of the courses have changed to keep up with the times. Cooking and sewing taking up only a few weeks and more time is spent on the science technology of food and clothing and preparing the students for independent living. Interior Design and Parenting and Child Development are also classes in the Home Economics Department.

Mrs. Brown has a banking project in almost all of her classes. Students are paid (on paper only) for the hours they spend in school. Each month they write checks to pay rent, utilities, a teacher's fee and other expenses. They are required to put some money into savings. They pay fines for breaking rules and can buy privileges such as leaving the room during class. Money left at the end of the year can be used to pay for not taking parts of the final exam. Students learn to think about where their money comes from and how to use it wisely.

After the program a short business meeting was held. The nominating committee gave its report. Proposed officers for the next term are Suzie Bass, president: Cathy Ellis, vice president; and Oma Dean Horner, secretary-treasurer. Elections will be held at a later meeting.

Valentine refreshments were served by hostesses Alice Anna Spillman. Lodema Jones and Betty Key. Attending the meeting were Gladis Barnes, Suzie Bass, Novelle Boylston, Billie Gatlin, Oma Dean Horner, Lodema Jones, Betty Key and Alice Anna Spillman.

The next meeting will be in the home of Oma Dean Horner at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11. The program will be presented by Margaret Hensley.

Doris Griffin To Be Honored With 90th Birthday Party On March 8

Doris Griffin will celebrate her Mach 6th birthday on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Methodist Church Annex. She will be 90 years of age.

All friends are invited to drop by and celebrate with her.

Coyita and Ken Bowker, Debbie, Danny and Christopher Wheatley and Scott, Karen and Trent Bowker

would appreciate everyone making plans to attend.

Your presence is your gift for the occasion.

Sacred Heart Chili Supper Sat.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman will be holding a Chili Supper on Saturday evening, February 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Church Parish Hall.

The supper will be sponsored by the Holy Name Name and Guadalupanas of the church.

Cost will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. Take out chili will be available at \$4.50 per quart.

Free Iris Available

Raymond Jones has informed us that he is thinning out his iris flower beds.

Anyone who would like some should stop by 208 South Third or call Raymond at 348-3738.

They are mixed colors and there will be plenty for everyone.

MAN had been looking for a A church to attend and he happened into a small one where the congregation was reading with the minister:

"We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done" » »

The man sighed with relief and dropped into a pew. "Thank the Lord," he said, "I've found my crowd at last.



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Distinguished Student list. Kyra is the daughter of Donnie and Janet Neff of Santa Anna.

Norita Hallum To Demonstrate **China Painting At Porcelain Art Club**

The Heart of Texas Porcelain Art Club will meet Saturday, February 29 at the Texas Electric Building in Brownwood. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m until 12 noon.

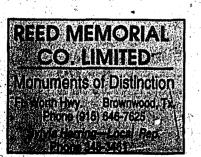
Norita Hallum, a member of this club, will be demonstrating china painting on jewelry and small boxes.

· She has been a past president of the Heart of Texas Club and held several other offices. She has been china painting for about 25 years. She has studied under Ora Davis and Alma Graves, plus seminars with Joy Ray, Betty Biddy, T. Eddins and Paula White.

She enjoys painting porcelain jewelry, bisque eggs and miniature boxes.

Currently she is busy painting antique reproduction dolls, which she began doing in 1990. This being the only type of dolls she does. She also judges competition at doll shows. Her dolls have been on display at the Citizen National Bank and at various other places in Texas and Louisiana. She won "Best of Show" in Lafayette, Louisiana. She teaches dollmaking classes in her home, where she also has her own doll molds, that she pours for herself and her students.

If you are interested in china painting you are invited to attend the meeting and demonstration.



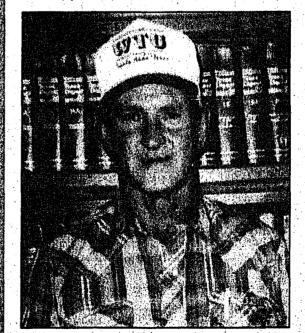


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TUESDAY, MARCH 3 Breakfast: Cinnamon roll Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, tator tots, lettuce and tomatoes, cake, catsup, mustard or mayo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly

Lunch: Chopped turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, english pea salad, and hot rolls

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage gravy and jelly

Lunch: Taco bowl w/meat. cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, brownie, peppers and picante sauce

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 Breakfast:

cinnamon toast Lunch: Hamburger on bun

w/burger salad, french fries, cookie, catsup, mayo or mustard



READING READINESS

Teaching Your Child The Alphabet Can Build Reading Skills

Long before children are of-ficially "taught to read," parents teach them lots of things that help with reading. One of them is how to use the alphabet. Here are some good ways to do it:

Make an alphabet book. On each page, draw a letter and let your child find pictures to represent it. He can take them from magazines or even draw them himself. Read the book together.

Play with magnetic letters. Keep them on the refrigerator and spell fun words. For example, spell your child's name or ask, "What would you like to spell?"

Look for letters. Point them out wherever you go. Sometimes pick one letter to look for. See how many places you can find it.

• Sing about the alphabet. Teach your child the alphabet song and other songs about letters. Sesame Street is a good place to hear them. • Talk about the alphabet. Say

"Jane's name starts with the same sound as yours, Jason. They both start with J."

Source: "Successful Readers...Learn About The Alphabet," San Francisco School Volun-teers, http://www.maximov.com/sfav/ read5.html



School (Mason) March 13-14: Santa Anna March 20-21: Breckenridge March 27: Brownwood April 3-4: Mason April 14-15: District (Brock)

DUAL MEET March 3: Miles (Here)

Mountaineer Golf Schedule March 16: Comanche March 23: Rising Star District--Mineral April 6:

Nells April 13: District--Abilene

Mountaineer Track Schedule March 7: Panther Relays at Panther Creek March 14: Wildcat Relays at Cross Plains March 21: Pioneer Relays at Cross Plains March 28: TBA April 3: Hawk Relays at Wall April 9: Cross Plains Relays at Cross Plains April 16: District Meet at

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Karthausers Make Return Visit To Africa By David and Margaret Karthauser

runway now was flowing with

water from a recent downpour.

Neither the buffalo nor the running

water hindered our approach and

landing. We bade good-bye to our

new-found friends from North

Carolina and were told that we

could tour their zop anytime we

were in town. When we mentioned

that we were members of the Fort

Worth Zoo Association, the

invitation became more insistent.

They were a lovely group to travel

Kevin turned the plane around and

in a short time we were airborne

again. Kevin flew slow and low

zigzagging across the Mara show-

ing us even more animals than we

had seen before. We were sorry that

we didn't have a camera sufficient to

take pictures from the plane.

Margaret's camera did not have

enough power to focus at this dis-

tance and the small plane was too

bumpy for the camcorder. All too

soon we made a low pass over our

runway to clear the stray animals

with.

After lunch we left the pavilion and sat in some lawn chairs under the overhanging trees. We asked Abigail how she had met Kevin. She told that she had spent a few vears in Tanzania studying volcanoes. Shortly before their wedding, Abigail was awarded her Ph.D in "VOLCANO?" We asked her what that meant but she didn't give us much of an answer except that it was in the field of geology. Also during the course of the conversation, she stated that she was a gemologist. She asked Kevin to get her case out of her luggage. When Kevin retrieved the case, Abigail opened it and displayed a large number of precious and semi-precious stones. Among the stones was a matched pair of tanzanite about the size that Margaret was looking for. Kevin once again was sent to get the charge card machine so Margaret could complete her purchases. We also mentioned that several people in our group were looking at tanzanite but unfortunately Abigail was unable to meet with them.

News For And About Santa Anna Mountaineers

It was soon time to board the plane for our trip back to the Mara. Both planes would fly to the far side of the Mara and leave off the group from North Carolina. Kevin would then fly us back to our landing strip. During the afternoon the clouds began to build and the flight back was not as smooth as our flight coming over this morning. When we landed the first time, water buffalo were still grazing in the The

us set out on our third or fourth point but they were a lot closer and made better photographic subjects. That night the balloon riders and how the fishing expedition was.

2 Guys & Gals You'll soon be dashing to the swimming

pool or lake. Let Shan's Tan help you get ready for Fun in the Sun!

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

We described the day including the tour of the spacious accommodations that were available. We said that if we returned to Kenya we would like to spend a night on the island. It seems the balloon riders had a wonderful time themselves. However, it appears that one of the intended balloonists fro our group was detained and missed getting into the basket before takeoff. His \$350 balloon ride consisted of a champagne breakfast and a ride in the chase vehicles. It seems everybody including the non-balloonist thought the story was hilarious. We are not sure whether it was an accident that he missed the takeoff or it was intentional. The balloon pilot offered a free flight to him the next day. It seemed as though there were not enough people willing to pay for a ride the next day to stabilize the balloon, but enough to make it financially viable. At least four people from our crew had their second balloon ride gratis the next morning, but one of them wasn't the "almost balloonist".

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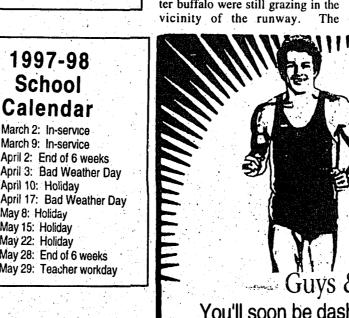
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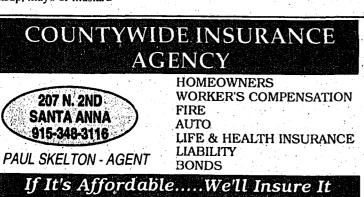
away and then came into a nice landing. Jonathan and Jeannie were That night for dinner Sammie, our matre'd, served fresh caught waiting there with the land rover for our return. Bidding Kevin good-Nile perch to all fifteen of us as an appetizer. He made much ado about bye, we carefully placed our Nile perch in the cooler and the four of David's prowess in supplying the fish. By this time many of our game run of the day but the first on group had grown weary of Nile the land. We did not see near as perch as it had been on the menu many animals from this vantage many times (David and Margaret had it prepared at least three ways at lunch). However, all agreed that it was the best that they had eaten and everyone else except Jeannie asked certainly the freshest! Considering the cost of the flight, it certainly should be the best they had ever tasted. David thanked everyone for their compliments and used this moment to explain Margaret's prowess at bartering. Even in a fish camp miles from the nearest store, she was able to buy tanzanite using her credit card. We think that they will probably had debit cards in the land rovers next year to make payments much easier. Margaret bought David a T-shirt which says. "I caught mine at Rusinga Island Resort". Let's see David caught a fish and got a T-shirt and Margaret got jewelry. Maybe that is fair. David was wondering how much now it will cost to get the stones set.

The next day was our last day on safari. Game runs were good and we did manage to see our balloonists several times. The balloon landed within fifty feet of us. A few hundred feet after the balloon landing site, we ran across a pride of lions that evidently had a kill somewhere nearby: A half dozen



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POLITICAL ALENDAR The following people have asked Santa

Anna News to announce their candidacv in the March primary for the offices stated here. They solicit your consideration when voting for these offices. (Pd Political Adv by those listed)

Robert Turner (D) **Candidate for**

Jo Chapman (D)

Billy Don McCrary (D) Candidate for Coleman County Commissioner, Prct. 2

Roy Keeney (D) **Commissioner**, Prct. 2

Candidate for



The Graying of America: Can We Afford to Get Old? #3 in a series of 8 columns about Social Security By **CHARLIE STENHOLM**

As a nation we are getting older. People are living longer. The national birthrate is declining. This has some longterm side-effects we will not be able to ignore much longer.

In 1900, 4.1% of our population was aged 65 or older. In 1940, it was 6.9%. In 1995, it was 12.5%. Scientists tell us that this is only the beginning. Some predict that by 2025, the percentage of elderly Americans will increase to almost 20%. Said another way, today about 24 million Americans are over 70. As those born between 1946 and 1964 (also known as the Baby Boom generation) move into their retirement years, that number will double.

What does all this mean? On the positive side, we will be able to spend more time with our families and friends, enjoying our grandchildren, or (if you happen to be a younger person) enjoying the wisdom and advice of older relatives. On the negative side, there will be a greater demand for senior services such as specialized health care. nursing homes and assisted living centers. One author recently said that we



today's beneficiaries. (By the way, it has been this way ever since the first Social Security check was issued in 1937.) When we realize that birthrates, which were high in the Post-World War II years, have declined substantially since the mid-1960s, it is not too difficult to see what the future holds for Social Security.

According to the Social Security Administration, in 1955 approximately nine workers were paying Social Security taxes to provide benefits to each recipient. With a ratio like this, Social Security taxes could remain fairly low because so many workers were paying into the system. In 1995, the ratio was 3.3 workers to each beneficiary. By 2040, it is predicted the ratio will be 2 to 1 or worse.

To sustain the current system, then, some people see just three options: 1) Raise payroll taxes of current and/or future workers; 2) Decrease benefits of current and/or future beneficiaries; or, 3) Increase the level of our national debt to continue funding the system. I do not believe any of these options are adequate or sufficient.

Lots of people refuse to believe that the crisis can be stated so simply. Many point to the Social Security Trust Funds as the real culprit in this crisis. As a matter of fact, several organizations that supposedly represent the interests of seniors have made millions of dollars frightening older folks with tales of Congress "stealing" from the

Saturday At

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Trickham Tidbits By Anna York

the week with measurements up to a little over one inch. The ground is really muddy but so far we still haven't had running water.

Bettie Martin and two sisters, Ellen Williams of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Maxine Tongate of Brownwood returned home on Monday after spending a week in Cave City, Arkansas with their sister, Roberts Cruthis and family. Roger Busche of Brownwood visited Friday with Felton.

Mrs. Mary Lea Mitchell and daughter Lea Mock of Post visited in Brownwood at a rest home with Mrs. Fay Whitley, Adella Wristen and Mrs. Allene Rutherford Monday and were pleased to find all doing pretty well. Those that visited with Mrs. Mitchell during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirk on Tuesday and Mr. Ray and Clydene Workman of Hoe, Arizona. Her weekend guests were Jay and Debbie Miller and daughter Ashley of Austin.

Royce and Wanda McIver attended the Rockwood Community Supper Saturday night.

Kit Dean of Comanche spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and son Wyndham. Donna and Karl Bencke of Waco and Laverne and Talmadge McClatchy visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Gertrude Martin.

Ladies that met and quilted at the

We here in this community re- community center Monday afterceived a pretty good rain through noon were Tony Watson, Novella Stearns, Helen McIver, Annie Lou Vaughn and Roberta McShan. Roberta had her two grandsons, Chase and Vance McShan with her as visitors.

Joyce Kirk and Tona Holland and her daughter Charity visited Tuesday with Annie Lou Vaughn and Mary Lea Mitchell was a Wednesday afternoon visitor.

Ruth Whitley of San Angelo spent three nights last week with Leona Henderson and her grandson Ted Nicholas and a friend of Texas Tech at Lubbock visited with her Sunday afternoon.

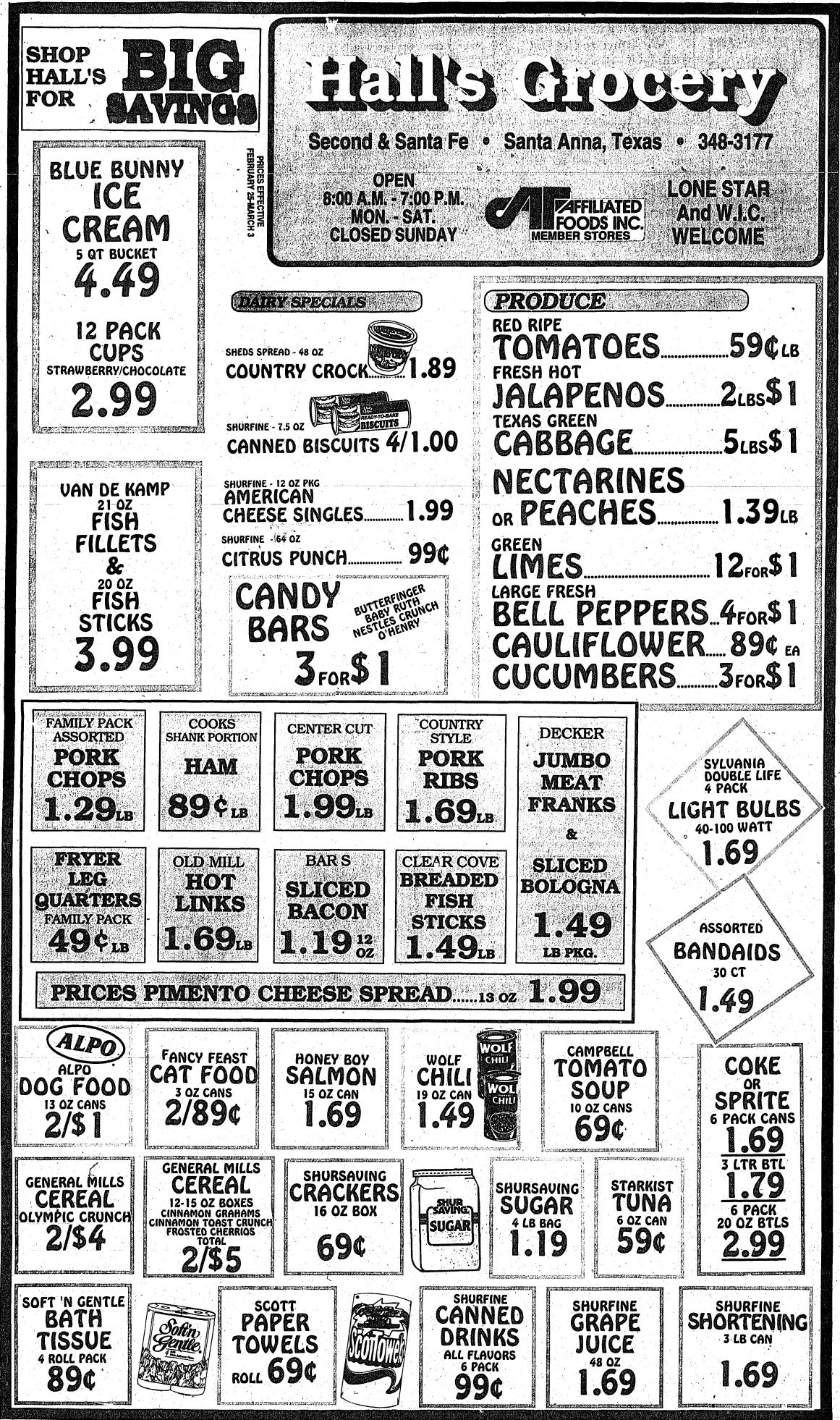
Sherrie Blake and Megan visited Thursday afternoon with her dad Rankin and Natalie McIver. Friday evening the McIvers and Robert and

Marilyn Kerr enjoyed a fish supper at Tammy's in Santa Anna. Saturday they were in Brownwood shopping.

John and Earlene Dockery and Wesley and Candi Dockery visited the past weekend at Paint Rock with Linvel (Tinker) and Barbara Dockery. Saturday afternoon Earlene and Candi were in Coleman to see Lexie DeLeon play ball. After the game they along with Tonya Anderson and Harlie visited with Sonny and Belle Johnson.



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