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## An Era Ends

By Polly Warnock

An Era ends for Santa Anna as this newspaper edition goes to your homes.

The first issue of Santa Anna News was printed in January of 1886 in a dugout on the west Santa Anna Mountain by Con Rowland.

The last issue of Santa Anna News is the one you are reading at this time, Thursday, January 21, 1999.

According to an old saying, "time and tide" has caught up with us. Times are such that our advertising base has continually dwindled due to customers themselves going out of business or having to cut their advertising budgets. Even though we hear how good the economy is, we are constantly hit with bad news on the business front.

Our subscribers have been wonderfully supportive, but it takes advertising to make any newspaper go. We at Santa Anna News have taken as many business blows as we can and have decided to call it quits. It has come to that time when the past few months we have supported the business instead of the business supporting us and that's the time to bail out.

We must say here that we have enjoyed every minute and our closing is simply because Santa

Anna News is a victim of the times. Small town newspapers are just not what most advertisers are looking for. A newspaper has to have an advertising base in its own community, and there are too few businesses in Santa Anna to keep a newspaper going.

We have agonized over this decision because first of all, we love the business so much and the contact with the people with whom we have been associated. Secondly, but certainly not any less important, is the long history of Santa Anna News, the oldest continuous business in our town, if not in the county.

Working with the newspaper starting in 1985 Polly Warnock assumed the position of editor two years later. In September of 1991 she bought the operation from Brownwood Newspapers, Inc. a subsidiary of Boone-Narragansat Newspapers home based in Alabama as they were closing small papers in their chain.

According to Beatrice Grady in her book, "Into the Setting Sun," Con Rowland, who started the newspaper, came to Santa Anna for his health in the 1880s to recover from "the dread white plague so prevalent on the coast."

Since there was no house on his property on the west mountain, he spent the winter in the dugout.

When his health improved he returned to his former home in the east bringing back his printing press and establishing the Santa Anna News.

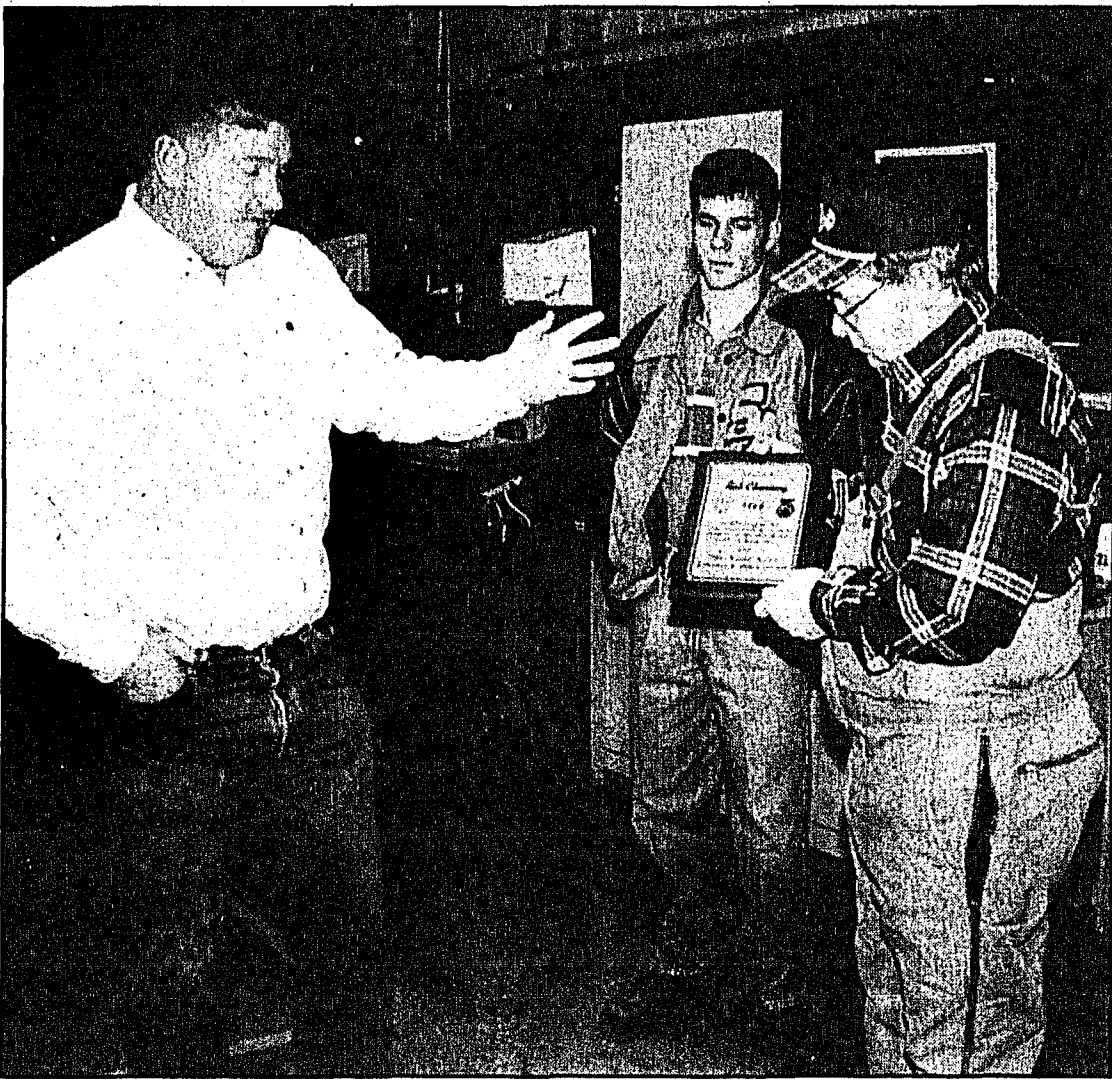
It has seen many changes though its long history, beginning with the coming of the railroad in 1886. It was then the town began moving from the gap of the mountains (a route of the Military Road and a cattle trail) to the railroad right-of-way a few blocks distant.

Rowland sold out to Charlie Spann, who in turn sold to Will Hubert and his sons in the 1890s. They sold to Austin Callan and moved to Coleman to publish the Coleman Democrat.

According to a history of the Santa Anna News, written by Barbara Kingsbery in 1981, when the paper marked its 95th year, a fire in 1919 destroyed early newspaper files and records of ownership, but R.B. Boyle was known to have been editor and manager in 1919 and was listed as owner in 1920. G.W. Faulkner was publisher for seven years before selling to J.J. Gregg who moved here from Rising Star. He later sold to his son, John C. Gregg. From 1920 until 1966 the newspaper was under the Gregg leadership.

Somewhere in those years of lost

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### Cheaney Honored During Local Show

The Santa Anna Livestock Association presented Rob Cheaney with a plaque during the local chapter show to show their appreciation for all the work he has done for years in helping get ready for the event, helping with the show, serving as an officer on the association board, being a major force in fund raising used to help purchase animals at the county show, and being interested in the youth of our community. Pictured are Curtis Fellers, Santa Anna Livestock Association president; Clay Crossley, Santa Anna FFA president; and Cheaney.

### Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast Today, Thursday

The Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce business breakfast will be held Thursday (today) at the offices formerly occupied by Coleman County Telecommunications, 801 Wallis.

The breakfast, which is held the third Thursday of each month, will be hosted Thursday by Delta Omicron Sorority.

Anyone associated with businesses in Santa Anna and area is invited and encouraged to attend.

### Everyone Encouraged To Attend Funtier Planning Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 26

The Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce will have a meeting to begin planning for the 1999 Funtier Days.

Everyone is urged to attend and bring ideas to help make this the best Funtier Days ever.

### School Board Handles Routine Agenda Matters

The Santa Anna School Board met on Tuesday, January 12 with board members Roddy Dean, Mike Pritchard, Paul Martin, Sharon Guthrie, J. R. Salazar and Gay Abernathy present.

Also attending were school officials Lee Coffman, superintendent; Judy Hartman, business manager; and Debbie Bacon, elementary principal. Visitors were Dickie Horner and Mike Wetsel.

The open campus policy for senior students for the second semester of this year was approved.

Debbie Bacon spoke about plans for a Valentine Festival on February 13. Proceeds will benefit the Elementary School and help defray costs for field trips, awards, lunches, parties, and other activities.

Superintendent Coffman presented the second reading of Update 59 (local).

Coffman reported the following during the superintendent's report: Presented certificates and caps to board members in recognition of Board Recognition Month for the work they do.

Mark Burress is attending Professional Development and Appraisal System and Instructional Leadership Training in San Antonio.

Enrollment is up to 301 with the high school enrolling four new students.

Carla Billings is expected to be out six to eight weeks recovering from a fractured vertebra.

Chambers Pump Service has removed the fuel tanks at the bus barn and test holes will be dug in February.

The District has received a TASB training film on Open Meetings Acts. A date will be set for viewing which will provide one hour of continuing education credit.

### Santa Anna Cemetery Association Annual Meeting January 22

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association will hold their annual membership meeting on Friday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mountain City Community Center (Hi-Rise).

Due to the \$20,000.00 spent on roads and water lines plus other expenses the Association is short financially. A discussion will be made on the water usage and the caretaker duties.

Directors whose terms expire are Carmen Donham, Oma Dean Horner, John Pearce and Jackie Watkins.

The Association appreciates any donations and memorials.

### Circle C Cowbells Sponsoring Beef Letter Writing Contest

All junior and senior class members from Santa Anna, Panther Creek, Novice and Coleman are invited to participate in a letter writing contest sponsored by the Circle C Cowbells.

Awards of \$500.00 for 1st; \$300.00 for 2nd; and \$200.00 for 3rd will be given to the winning entries.

The letter should be entitled How Me? and the rules are as follows:

The contest runs through April 15. Entries must be mailed to Circle C Cowbells at P. O. Box 13, Doole, Texas 76836.

Letters must be typewritten and not more than two pages in length. The first paragraph must state the student's age, classification in school and involvement in agricultural.

Address the member of Congress properly, be polite, be specific, be concise and use examples to support your position.

Letters will be judged by area college professors. The original letters will be mailed to particular members of Congress in early May.

Letters should be addressed to "The Honorable (Senator or Representative name)" and the salutation should read "Dear Senator" (last name) or "Dear Congressman/Congresswoman (last name)".

Each producer is encouraged to find a young person to participate in this endeavor. It is important that we in the BEEF industry be willing and able to express ourselves to our elected officials.

### City Looks At Joining Brookesmith Water Line

The Santa Anna City Council met on Tuesday, January 12 with Mayor Karen Morris and council persons David Powell, Jean Findley, Jim Spillman and Bobby Morgan present.

Others attending were David Huggins, fire marshal; Kenneth Wright, Michael Powers, Richard Watson, Police Officer Powell Hammond, Rusty Wells, County Clerk Cindy Pelton, Director of Public Works Doug Watson, Dub Franklin, Bonnie Owens, City Secretary Alys Pelton and Celeste Simmons representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Officer Hammond gave the police report and reported that there were no burglaries or thefts during the month of December.

The council discussed the possibility of issuing permits to allow burning in the city limits. It was agreed that request for a permit will be made to the City Hall with the fire marshal investigating the circumstances and making the final decision. The permit will cost \$10.00 and be good for one year. Of the \$10 fee-\$5.00 will go to the fire department and \$5.00 to the city.

Since Mayor Morris will be out of town on the date of the next meeting, it was agreed that the meeting will be changed to Thursday, February 11.

Brookesmith Water District is planning to lay a treated water line

from Lake Brownwood and the City of Santa Anna has the opportunity to join. Santa Anna would be responsible for laying a line from the Brookesmith line to Santa Anna. Proposed cost to upgrade the line with Brookesmith is \$200,000.00. The estimated cost to lay a line from Santa Anna is \$1,600,000.00. If City obtains a 50% grant, the water bill for citizens would not increase. Doug Watson will check into the possibility of a larger grant to cover more of the cost. Brookesmith needs a formal request from the City before February 1 to meet their application deadline. The City will have until April to back out of the agreement which will give the council time to study the situation and make a decision.

The maintenance report included 10 major water leaks during December, most due to the cold temperatures.

### Kingsbery Ranch To Be Honored By Family Land Heritage Program

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that 102 farms and ranches over the State of Texas will be recognized on Friday, January 22.

The Kingsbery Ranch south of Santa Anna will be included in this group.

The Family Land Heritage Program honors families whose farms or ranches have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more.

A special ceremony honoring the Kingsbery Ranch along with the others will be held at 2 p.m. in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

In all, 102 farms and ranches honored will represent 68 Texas counties. The Kingsbery family has a long history residing on a ranch in Coleman County when the first of this family settled here in 1882. Henry Williams Kingsbery, who was born Feb. 24, 1847 at Carrollton, Georgia had come to Coleman County from Bell County.

According to the Kingsbery Family History written by Sue Kingsbery Porter and Merle Kingsbery Woodward, Henry Williams Kingsbery settled in Coleman County when he and his wife purchased the Pfluger Ranch located south of Santa Anna.

Kingsbery fenced in this land and ran cattle on it. However, according to the story from Maurice Kingsbery, grandson of Henry Williams, cattle rustlers cut the wires, stole all of his grandfather's cattle and this caused Henry Williams to lose the land. The long history of this outstanding family can be found in "A History of Coleman County and Its People" published by the Coleman County Historical Commission.

Henry W. Kingsbery then moved to Coleman and served as sheriff and tax collector of Coleman County from 1882 until 1884. When he chose not to run again for office he returned to Santa Anna, working for the W. R. Kelley

Company.

While there he completed the purchase of the Leedy Property six miles south of Santa Anna where many members of the family still live.

It was also pointed out by Maurice Kingsbery that Henry Williams gave the land for the Leedy School to be built on. The Leedy School remained on this ranch land until the early 1940's when the school consolidated with the Santa Anna school.

Moving there in 1895 he (Henry W. Kingsbery) developed a successful stock farm, which he operated until his death in 1929.

Maurice Kingsbery said in a telephone interview that the ranch has approximately 1,280 acres at the present. At one time there were four sections of the land.

The stock farming operation proved profitable and the Kingsbery are widely known for their fine horses and mules.

Billier Mercer contributed to this story.

# Thanks For The Memories!

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records, Crocket Boone published the NEWS and which was owned at that time by his uncle, D.G. Boone. After leaving Santa Anna they moved to San Angelo and later to the far west part of the state. According to his wishes, Crocket Boone was buried in the Santa Anna Cemetery upon his death. The Boone association with the paper is thought to have been in about 1905 - 1907 or thereabouts.

Bob Parker was editor for a brief period in the 1960s and Johnny Valentine published the NEWS for two years, selling to W.T. Hays of Bangs in 1969. The paper went from letterpress to offset in 1972. Craco Weeklies, a division of Woodson Newspapers bought the newspaper in 1979. Barbara Kingsbery was editor from November of 1968 until January of 1984.

Janera Naron Henderson, Linda Bertoni and Dana Turner each served brief periods as editor with Mrs. Warnock taking that position in

1987 when Ms. Turner married and moved from the community. By that time the typesetting and ad layout was done by computer but printed at the Brownwood Bulletin.

The newspaper was located for 50 years in the downtown building, two doors west of what is now Simmons Feed and Seed, in a building which was recently torn down to make way for storage of a big rig owned by Simmons. A fire in 1982 gutted that building except for the front office space, and the operation was moved to an office on North Second Street. There it stayed until September of 1991 when Mrs. Warnock bought the newspaper and moved it next door to its old 50-year home on Wallis Ave. Carol Herring became associated with the newspaper in 1991 as a typesetter and soon became my right hand. It is association with her that I will miss the most, but no doubt we will remain close friends.

Where To Write

Want to write your state and federal elected officials? Here are their addresses.

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Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, 370 Russell Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (202) 224-2934

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. (202) 225-6605. District Offices: P.O. Box 1101, Abilene, Tx. 79604, (915) 673-7221. P.O. Box 1237, Stamford, Tx 79553, (915) 773-3623

**Austin**  
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Troy Fraser, State Senator, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX. 78711. (512) 468-0124. District Office: Box 932, Abilene, Tx. 79604.

Bob Turner, State Representative, 73rd. District, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX. 78769. (512) 463-0644. District Office: Box 879, Coleman, Tx. 76834, (915) 625-3596.

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### Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe.

#### Stuffed Mushrooms

18 large mushrooms	1 shredded wheat biscuit, crushed
1 teaspoon olive oil	1 tablespoon grated or shredded Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup minced onion	1/2 teaspoon salt-free Italian herb seasoning
1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts (about 1 ounce)	Freshly ground pepper to taste
1 clove garlic, minced, or 1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic	1/2 teaspoon paprika

Preheat oven to 350° F.  
Cut and discard a thin slice from end of each mushroom. Remove and finely chop remainder of stems.  
Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil and swirl to coat bottom of skillet. When oil is hot, add chopped mushroom stems, onion, walnuts, and garlic. Sauté until onion is tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat.  
Stir in remaining ingredients except paprika. Spoon stuffing into mushroom caps, packing mixture firmly. Arrange mushrooms in a shallow baking dish. Sprinkle tops lightly with paprika. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until mushrooms are tender and heated through.  
Serves 6.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

73 kcal	1 mg Cholesterol	1 gm Saturated Fat
3 gm Protein	18 mg Sodium	2 gm Polyunsaturated Fat
7 gm Carbohydrate	4 gm Total Fat	1 gm Monounsaturated Fat

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# Two more added since the first of the new year to those now gone from Santa Anna. Too many!

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## Coleman Hospital District To Receive \$171,000 From Tobacco Settlement

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has announced that the Coleman Hospital District will receive \$171,489.02 from the money the state is receiving from the tobacco settlement. This represents .057163008% of the total settlement.

The checks totaling \$300 million—some as high as nearly \$50 million have been mailed to Texas

cities, counties and hospital districts across the state to help recoup some of the costs of providing health care to the indigent patients with tobacco related illnesses.

"The funds being distributed amount to 'found money' for Texas cities, counties and hospital districts. The money is the result of a clause in the Texas tobacco settlement increasing payments from the

tobacco companies as a result of the 'Most Favored Nation' provision. When the State of Minnesota and the tobacco industry reached agreement, the clause kicked in the extra revenue for Texas," said Comptroller Rylander.

Rylander said that even though the signature on the checks is hers, State Senator Bill Ratliff, House Speaker Pete Laney, Representative Rob Junell, and the Attorney

General's Office deserve credit for negotiating the agreement, that brought the money to Texas. Thanks are also due to the Texas Department of Health for handling the administrative work necessary to distribute the funds to the correct entities.

"Senator Ratliff, Speaker Laney, Representative Junell and the Attorney General's staff negotiated the 'Most Favored Nation' tobacco settlement in mid-summer. Their vision and perseverance is paying off for the State of Texas," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Texas cities, counties and hospital districts that provide care to indigent patients will receive just under \$2.3 billion over the next five years. The checks mailed out are the first down payment," said Comptroller Rylander.

The money from the settlement is in addition to the \$15 billion amount negotiated by the State of Texas with the tobacco industry and is for the benefit of cities, counties and hospital districts. While the Legislature must determine how to spend the \$15 billion state share, they have no control over the distribution and spending of the money designated for the local entities.

Altogether, more than 300 checks were mailed out to cities, counties and hospital districts in Texas. The check amounts were determined by several factors, including 1990 U.S. Census data and the providers' legal responsibility for indigent health care.

The recipients of the largest check include health care providers in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso and Austin areas.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Comptroller's office will distribute another \$100 million in April 2000 and \$50 million in April 2001, using a formula based on unreimbursed health care expenditures.

An additional \$1.85 billion to be received from the settlement over the next four years will be deposited to a Permanent Trust Account. The income from this permanent fund will be distributed pro-rata to the cities, counties and hospital districts providing indigent health care in proportion to their amount of unreimbursed health care expenditures.

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Manners are like the cypher in arithmetic—they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else.

## "Three Days For Change" Set For January 26-28 In Coleman

By Billie Mercer  
At a time when so many uncertainties are facing people locally as well as state and nation wide, the United Christian and Presbyterian Church of Coleman will be offering an opportunity for the people of the area to find a way to confront the challenges.

The UCPC will be hosting "Three Days for Change" on January 26-28 at the First Christian Church located at 1609 Commercial Avenue in Coleman.

On Tuesday, January 26 at 6 p.m. a seminar entitled "Creating a Productive Vision" will be led by Dr. Jack Van Ens, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at the Vail and Beaver Creek Chapels high in the Rockies of Colorado.

Wednesday, January 27th at 12 noon, George Carlson, President and CEO of the Pacific Media Ministry, will offer a presentation entitled, "Coping With Change in Communities: Living in a High-Tech World". Pacific Media Ministries is the production company behind the program Midpoint which airs on cable on the Odyssey Channel.

This program is the number three rated show on the Odyssey Channel and has won three Emmy Awards for programs concerning challenges facing youth all over the nation. A meal will precede the Tuesday and Wednesday presentations.

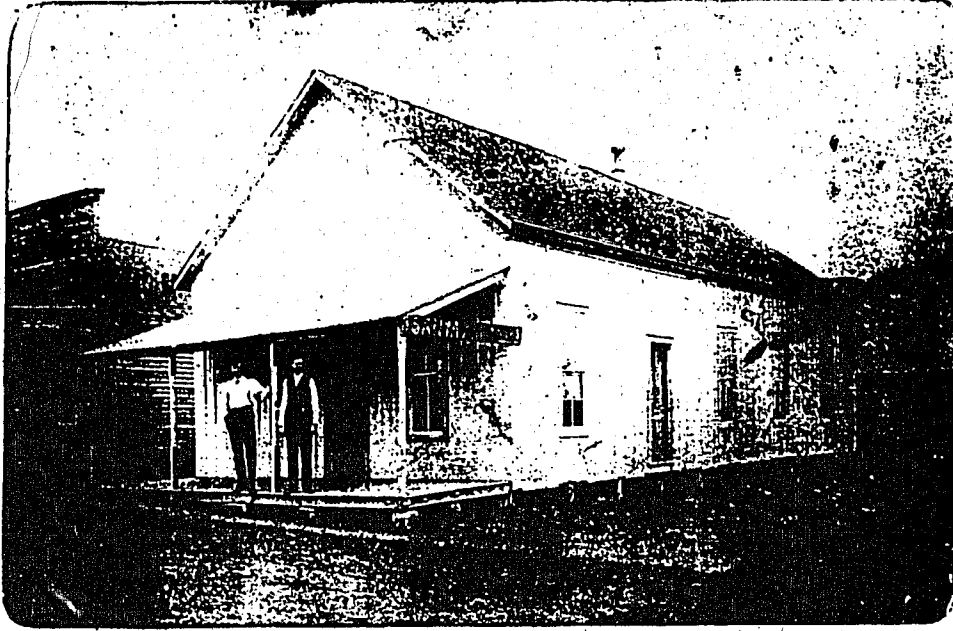
The third and final day of the "Three Days for Change" will be

a day of celebration with a concert offered by the group Majesty. This group's concert is entitled "The Good News in Hymns" and they will be performing both gospel and classical songs of faith. Old favorites such as "It Is Well With My Soul," "Holy, Holy," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and many others will be part of this program of traditional songs of faith. Bob Ravenscroft, jazz musician and Charles Johnson, tenor will sing these songs. A commentary on many of the hymns will be presented by Dr. Ens.

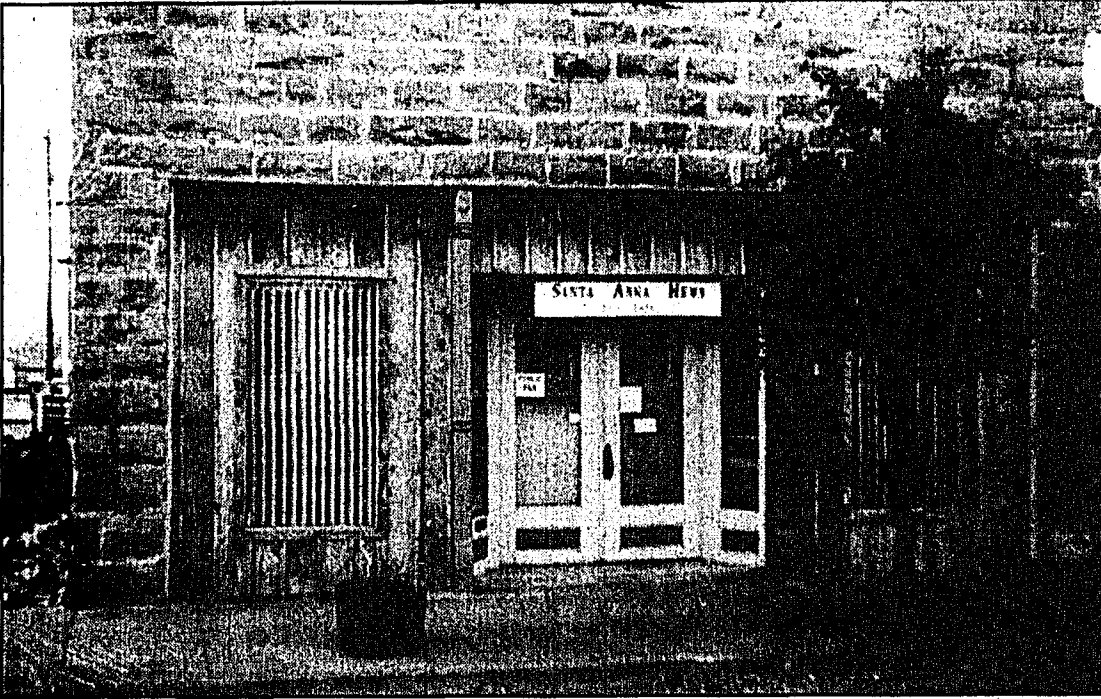
UCPC is asking for a donation of \$12.00 per person to cover the costs of the Tuesday meal and presentation and for a donation of \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the Wednesday event. The Thursday presentation will be free but a love offering will be received. This could be a way to give our area adults and young people new hope and "positive changes by uplifting our values, ethics and faith."

Additional information will be released in days to come but for now mark your calendars for January 26-28 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and call Rev. Jeff Robinett to make reservations at 915/625-2642.

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Itching for what you want doesn't do much good; you've got to scratch for it.



Pictured here in a copy of an early day photo given to M.L. Guthrie by a relative of early day owner D.G. Boone and editor Crocket Boone, is shown Will Mills and D.G. Boone standing on the porch of a wood frame building which housed the Santa Anna News. A sign attesting to that can be seen on the building. It was not stated where the building was located. The picture appeared in a promotional booklet published in 1907.



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