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Notice To The Public

The Santa Anna National Bank, being owned by the people living in the communities which it serves, we think that its stockholders and customers are entitled to know all the facts concerning any rumors that might be started in regard to the Bank, or any of the personnel of the Bank.

We take this method of advising the public, that there is absolutely nothing to the rumor of our Mr. Oscar Cheaney's quitting the Bank after January 1, 1950. We know, and we want you to know, that he has no offers for any other position, and that he has never had any intention of severing his connection with this Bank.

Signed:

- W. T. Stewardson
- Clinton Lowe
- V. L. Grady
- J. L. Boggus
- Ozro Eubank
- Mrs. B. Weaver
- O. L. Cheaney

Tom Stewardson Homes Destroyed By Fire Friday

Two ranch homes valued at 25,000 and located only a few feet from each other, burned to the ground Friday night on the Tom Stewardson place near Santa Anna.

Stewardson, a Coleman County ranchman said he would build again.

Stewardson's homes were located about 12 miles south of Santa Anna.

The fire presumably started in a stately new nine-room home which was not quite completed. Stewardson was building the new home only a few feet from his old residence.

Witnesses said the new house, which the Stewardson family had expected to move in before Christmas, was the first to catch fire. Origin was unknown. Opinion was expressed that it was caused by spontaneous combustion.

Mrs. Stewardson was in the old home at the time. She was aroused by passing neighbors who saw the flames in the new home and told her of the fire.

The fire started about 7 o'clock. It apparently caught at the north end of the new house, burned to the south end, then jumped to the old residence. Both were complete losses.

Stewardson said both structures were insured.

Linda Stewardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewardson and a Santa Anna High School student, was playing basketball in the Santa Anna gym at the time. Santa Anna girls were playing Mozelle.

News spread fast through the gymnasium. Everyone in the gym knew about the fire but the girls on the court. When the game was over and Linda was informed of the fire she collapsed.

She said she thought she had left an iron on in the old home. The belief proved false, however, by the fact the fire began in the new structure of rock veneer. The old home was a six room bungalow.

Stewardson said he plans to rebuild the same specifications of the new home. It will be erected at the same site, located between the highway and a twenty acre lake.

All furniture in the old home was burned.

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A Merry Christmas



From The Santa Anna News and Staff

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gregg and family

Joyce Peyton

Cleo Rushing

Santa Claus To Be At Christmas Tree For Children Friday Night, December 23

A Christmas tree for all the children in this trade area will be held on the street between the Bank and the Hotel on Friday night, December 23. Santa Claus will be here to hand out the gifts on the tree and all the children are invited to be present. There will be a gift for each child present.

The Christmas program, under the sponsorship of the Santa Anna American Legion, will start at 6:30 p. m. and an attempt will be made to have most of it completed by or about 7:30. If the weather is bad the tree will be set up in the National Guard Armory building.

The Chamber of Commerce said that all the Santa Anna stores intend to remain open until 8:30 Friday night. After you take your children by the Christmas tree you are invited to visit the stores and see the Christmas windows and other decorations.

No holiday programs are planned for Saturday morning, December 24. However, in the afternoon there is a number of different activities that all of you will want to attend. The Fall Fun Festival will have their regular activities at 4:00 p. m. Then the crowning of the Santa Anna Christmas Queen will take place at 5:30, between the Bank and the Hotel. If the weather is bad this will also be held in the Armory building.

Everything is being done to show you you are welcome in Santa Anna. There is a large

number of entertainments that you will want to attend. Be sure to be in Santa Anna all day throughout the remainder of the holiday season.

Town To Be Closed Monday

The Chamber of Commerce announced this week that the town proper would be closed all day Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas Day. This is due to the fact that Christmas day comes on Sunday. It is not known just what all the service stations and cafes intend doing. However, a number of them will also be closed.

Please remember there will be two full holidays this week end, rather than the usual one.

Annual Stockholders Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas will be held on the 10th day of January A D at 2:00 o'clock P. M. for the election of Directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

O. L. Cheaney, Cashier 50-1c

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ferguson of Venus visited Rev. and Mrs. Smith Sunday and Monday.

Wreck Injures 5 Saturday Evening

A pick-up car collision about 6 p. m. Saturday afternoon near the Ex-Texas Ranger Park sent 5 persons to the Sealy Hospital. Mr. J. L. Dodgen and Dale Dodgen are still in the hospital, with Dale being seriously injured.

Raymond Scott McCutchen, 35, Big Lake mail carrier, was headed east in a new GMC pick-up and apparently pulled across the highway into the Dodge Chevrolet. The Dodge car, driven by Dale Dodgen, turned a summersault backwards on the impact. The pickup turned and headed back west.

Occupants of the Dodge car were as follows: Dale, 18, driver, suffered a badly broken leg, head injuries and bruises; J. L. Dodgen, 39, suffered possible internal injuries and cuts and bruises about the face; the twin girls, 15, Juanita Bell and Juanda Nell, suffered bruises and, after remaining in the hospital overnight were released. McCutchen suffered a crushed shoulder blade and bruises about the face. He was also released after one night in the hospital.

The Dodgens live north of Santa Anna about 8 miles and were bringing the girls here to play in the basketball tournament that was in progress. The Dodgen girls are members of the Bangs girls basketball team. The Bangs girls were to play the Early girls for the consolation bracket of the tournament.

The wreck was investigated by the Sheriff's office and McCut-

chen was charged with driving while drunk.

Early Boys And Mozelle Girls Win Cage Tournament

The Early High School boys beat the Santa Anna boys by a score of 32-18 in the final game of the Santa Anna annual Basketball Tournament last Saturday night to win the boys bracket of the three day tournament. The Mozelle girls outscored the Zephyr girls 29 to 19 to win the girls bracket.

The Mozelle boys won over the Zephyr boys 40-23 to win the consolation bracket for the boys and the Early girls won over the Bangs girls 27 to 16 to win the girls consolation bracket.

The games started on Thursday night and continued through Saturday night. Eight schools were represented.

Queen Contest Ends Thursday

At the last count Wednesday morning Jeannine Holland was still leading the Santa Anna Christmas Queen contest. The contest will close at the close of business Thursday, December 22.

Following is Wednesday's standing of contestants: Jeannine Holland, 25,266; June Parker, 18, 654; Sandra Shields, 13,071; Ann Blanton, 7879; Lonetta Watson, 6598; Venita Joy Allison, 4992; Leona Shield, 4271; Jo Ann Morris, 2813; Frances McClellan, 2373; and Sue Holmes, 2151.

The Birth Of Christ

Mrs. A. L. Oder

Once again Christmas is here, and we are observing the birth of Christ, the greatest event of all time.

There is not a sad word in the whole story of Christmas. It is good news to all ages, all classes, all races.

The first time the message of Christmas was ever borne, it was good news to those who bore it, as well as those who heard it.

Angels told the story to fearful, wondering shepherds; they went and saw and worshipped and returned to tell others.

Later, the wise men came bearing precious gifts and they also had good news to tell upon their return.

The birth of Christ in Bethlehem was a fulfillment of prophecy, and this occurrence, made the little town to become one of the most famous in the world.

It is thought to have had no more than 1,000 persons when Jesus was born, but being on a caravan highway from Jerusalem to Egypt, it contained an inn in which "There was no room" for Joseph and Mary. Hence Jesus was born in a stable, and cradled in a manger.

Bethlehem is known for other interesting things that happened there.

Jacob's beloved Rachael was buried near there and here Ruth and Boaz met, loved and were wed, and their descendant the great King David was born, who became an ancestor of Christ.

Herod the great, died there, the murderer of infants. This was perhaps good news to the inhabitants.

But the greatest thing that ever happened in Bethlehem or elsewhere took place there 19 centuries ago when God's only begotten son was born.

Children and aged persons, alike, love to hear the story. The angels said "unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The world was waiting for the message, and this is still what future generations must hear and heed.

Mountaineer Cagers Play at Brooksmith

Monday night of this week the Santa Anna Mountaineer basketball girls and boys journeyed to Brooksmith for another of a series of practice games before the conference season starts. The girls lost by a score of 32-17, while the boys won by a score of 36-28.

High point boy for the Mountaineers was Billy Joe Scott, scoring 15 points. Brooksmith high point boys was Beasley, scoring 10 points. High girl for the locals was Mathews, scoring 10 points, and the high point Brooksmith girl was Connaway, scoring 18 points.

The next game for the local boys and girls will be at May on Thursday night, December 22.

Hospital Notes

The following patients have been admitted to the Sealy Hospital within the last week:

- Mr. A. E. Clevenger, Coleman
- Miss Vernell Newman, City
- Mr. W. M. Yates, Coleman
- Mr. J. L. Dodgen, Santa Anna
- Dale Dodgen, Santa Anna
- Mr. R. S. McClutchen Big Lake
- Charles Johnson, Leaday, Tex.
- Mrs. A. J. Black, Coleman Tex.
- Miss Wanda Dodgen, Santa Anna, Texas.

Miss Juanita Dodgen, Santa Anna, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bates are parents of a son born Tuesday, December 13 at 1:40 a. m. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs. and has been named Johnny Ross.

Subscribe for The News.

Whom News Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Rev. Maurice Smith filled his appointment at the Baptist

Church Sunday and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Hext and children. Rev. Smith spent Friday and Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill.

Everyone is invited to the Whom Baptist Church Sunday morning at 7:30 for Sunday School, instead of 10 o'clock.

Little Miss Norma Jo Eubank of Santa Anna is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengt.

Jerry Albert was on the sick list last week with strep throat. Eiji was able to return to school Monday. Eddy Albert spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adkins and Mrs. Bert Turney were Christmas shopping in Brownwood Monday.

Rev. Glen Terry preached at the Nazarene Church Sunday and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Ina.

Mrs. Addie West and Mrs. Vernon Herring of Santa Anna were Sunday dinner guest with Mrs. Kate Holmes and Sue.

35 purses reduced to \$1.98 and up at Sturges and Gibbs in Coleman.

Dr. and Mrs. Cheatham of Millersview, spent last Tuesday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengt.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin and daughter of Athens, Texas spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and Elder Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Frank.

Billie Kitchen and Barbara Terry of Brownwood were Sunday night supper guest with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Ina and attended the Christmas program at the Nazarene church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bluster Wynn and boys of Santa Anna were supper guest with the Tom Rutherford family Sunday night and attended services at the Nazarene church.

Mrs. H. Gardiner spent the week end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence of Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Kemp of Santa Anna spent Sunday night with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gill of Brownwood spent Monday in the Warren Gill home and was looking over ranch property also. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp attended the Christmas program at the Baptist Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Walters of Gouldsburg visited with Mrs. Kate Holmes and Sue Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and Mr. Sanny Shields went to Coleman Saturday night to hear the Missionary Rev. Green from India speak at the Coleman Nazarene church.

Earl Wright Gill of Howard Payne is home with his parents for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Edna Smith of Brownwood visited her sister Mrs. Zack

Bible and Mr. Bible last week.

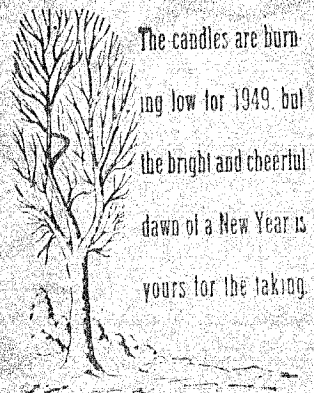
James Avant has received his discharge from the Army and is back in our community and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron

Avant after spending one year in training.

Let me wish each and every reader of the Santa Anna News a Merry Christmas.



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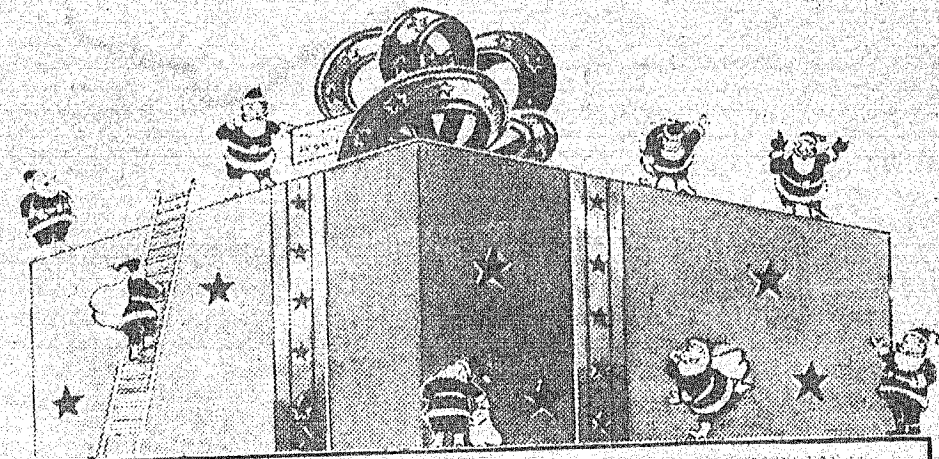
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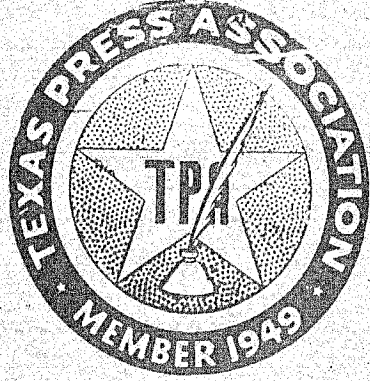
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Trickham News

(By Lea Mitchell and Mary Catherine Fellers)

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bearden and girls of Hereford are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bradley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cozart visited with Mr. and Mrs. Etelle Cozart Sunday night.

Mrs. Gene James and Mrs. Beula Kingston visited with Mrs. Loudermilk and Mrs. Buster Wynn of Santa Anna Monday.

Mrs. Vernon and Frank Wells visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brien of Waldrip Sunday.

Nancy Jo Haynes, Betty & Lea Mitchell and Peggy Ford spent Sunday with Lois Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester James and children are here visiting with friends and relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Oscar Boenicke Nancy Jo Haynes, Roberta James, Mary Catherine Fellers and Lea Mitchell attended the 4-H Christmas party at Coleman Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ford visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. York Sunday evening.

Trade in Santa Anna.

Shield News

(Mrs. J. B. Weathers)

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Milligan went to Denton on Tuesday to get their daughter, Sue who is attending North Texas State Teachers College. She will spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDonald spent the week end at San Antonio with his mother and sister.

Mrs. L. E. Page is spending a few days this week with her daughter Mrs. J. B. Weathers.

Mabel Williams is working at the store this week helping the McDonalds.

Douglas Milligan who has been sick for several days is back at home and we are glad that he is feeling much better.

We were sorry that the Tom Stewardson's had the misfortune of losing their home by fire on Friday night. Both the new and old houses were a complete loss.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haynes

visited on Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weathers. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wood and daughter of Fort Worth are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McDonald.

The Band went to Trickham on Friday night where they played some music and enjoyed the social sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club.



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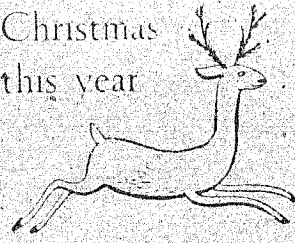
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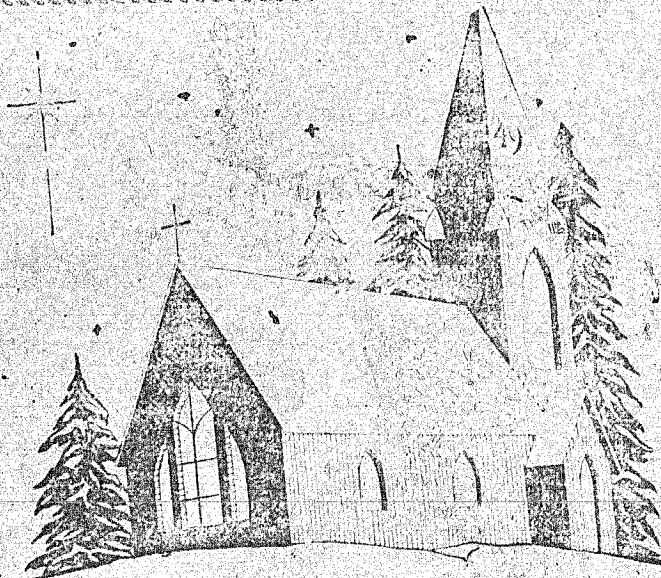
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Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7 | H. F. FENTON, JR.
County Sheriff |

Garden Club Has Meeting

The Garden Club had its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. S. H. Collier Friday afternoon. Instead of the usual gift exchange, cash donations were made to the fund the club is collecting for their cemetery work. Christmas decorations were featured throughout the party rooms, with a beautiful madonna scene on the piano with pink roses and seneca. Also some very pretty poinsettias grown by one of the members, Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Ford Barnes in her delightful way, told two Christmas stories, carols were sung by the group, accompanied by Mrs. Jasper McClellan at the piano, who also played for two high school girls, Misses Paula Holt and Joan McClellan, who sang

some carols as a duet. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. T. A. Mills and Mrs. J. R. Gipson served refreshments to about 25 guests and one visitor, Mrs. M. L. Womack.

Nylon Petticoats, \$3.98 and up. \$5.98 and up. Sturges and Gibbs, Nylon Briefs, \$1.69 and up. Robes Coleman.

Trickham 4-H Club Organizes

The Trickham 4-H met at Mrs. Oscar Boenicke's home Wednesday afternoon of last week at 4:30 o'clock, for the organization of the Club.

The following officers were elected: President, Roberta James; Vice President, Lea Mitchell; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Catherine Fellers; Reporter Nan-

cy Jo Hanynes; Recreation Leader Cloda Ann Stearns; Clothing Demonstrator, Lea Mitchell; and Food Demonstrator, Mary C. Fellers. The leaders are Mrs. Cleo James and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke.

The club will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 4:30. Miss Beth Rawlings will meet with the group. An all day meeting will be Thursday of this week at 10:00 a. m.

Mrs. Boenicke served refreshments to the following members: Wilma & Winona Bradley, Cloda Stearns, Judy Ford, Mary and Allie Fellers, Lea Mitchell, Roberta James, and Nancy Jo Haynes.

All members are urged to be present at each meeting.

—Reporter

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Rushing - Sparkman
Miss Bonnie Rushing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rushing, of Santa Anna became the bride of

Mr. Frank Sparkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sparkman of Coleman, Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock in a candlelight ceremony in the home of her parents. The marriage vows were read before an improvised altar of blue and white chrysanthemums.

The bride was attired in a dress of bronze colored satin, with black accessories. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias and stephanotis on a white Bible. She wore the traditional something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue and a lucky penny in her shoe.

Miss Cleo Rushing, sister of the bride and Clifton Sparkman, brother of the groom were the couples only attendants.

Others present for the ceremony were: Mrs. H. B. Sparkman, Mrs. Claudia Sparkman and Barbara all of Coleman Mrs. Burt Sparkman, Mrs. Marilyn Richards and Miss Patsy Fulton of Santa Anna.

After a brief wedding trip the couple will make their home in Coleman where the groom is employed.

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Mrs. A. E. Campbell, of Santa Anna and Wendoyln, Campbell of Slaton are visiting friends and relatives in Miami, Florida. They plan to be gone about two weeks.

W. Carl Williams, Jr., of Santa Anna was one of 30 recently initiated into the Alpha Delta Sigma advertising fraternity of the University of Texas.

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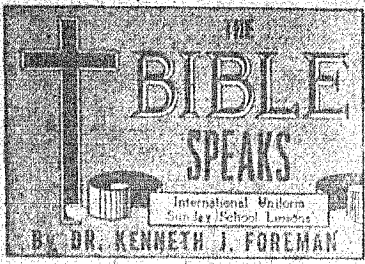
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DEVOTIONAL READING: John 1:1-14.

'Mine Eyes Have Seen'

Lesson for December 25, 1949

WHAT can the old man see in the baby? There must have been some to ask that question, as the old, old man Simeon took the little six-weeks-old Jesus in his arms. To most eyes he was just another baby; but at the touch of him, Simeon broke out into words so filled with hope and ecstasy, so rhythmic with emotion, that his words, even to this day, are used as a hymn in all the Christian churches of the world. "Mine eyes have seen..."



Dr. Foreman

The aged man, already moving across the thin line dividing this world from heaven, could see with the eye of the spirit what was hid from the eye of many a practical man. The Simeon's mind, troubled with the spirit of the ancient prophets, the child in his arms was a center of light.

All the rays from the dim and ancient prophecies came to a focus in this child; and from this child again there shone out to all the future years of man the hope of a better world. What the prophets have foretold, is now to be; this child is the hope of mankind.

They have seen a great light THE CHRISTMAS PROPHECIES. Our Old Testament lesson text, sing the hope of the Hebrew people. It was a hope that spread beyond themselves, their tiny hill-country, landlocked and harborless, out to the "Circle of the Nations," on to the world of vast peoples beyond their ken.

In a leaderless world, where men went blindly through life, smothered by the smoke of torches in the wavering hands of the blind, the prophets sang of the Coming One, the Messiah, God's chosen Leader, who would bring men out of darkness into light, the Divine Counselor.

In the centuries when the servants of God were enslaved by those who worshiped only the sword, the prophets pointed confidently to the time when the leadership of the world would at least be in the hands of those who knew and understood and obeyed God.

Eyes of Flesh NOW THE PROPHETS did not always fully understand their own prophecies, as we are told by Peter (1 Pet. 1:10, 11); and certainly most of the Jews did not. When they heard the word "Messiah" or "King" they could think only of the kings they had known and admired, some now David, great in battle, or another Solomon, in a greater and more golden palace.

So when the little boy Jesus born in the dark stable under the hill, it was not everyone who could see what Simeon saw, that now the hopes of the prophets were coming true, now the Kingdom of righteousness and peace, the Realm of All Nations, was to begin.

What Simeon's fading human eye could see was no great thing—a helpless infant from a peasant carpenter's home. It was only Simeon's inward eye that saw the truth.

Eyes of Faith YET THE EYE of faith can see more. The salvation God is bringing to the world has only just begun. As in Simeon's day the salvation and the light were barely at the horizon, so now it is still but sunrise. The colors of sunrise may be mistaken for those of sunset, by those who have been long asleep. It is only those who have watched through the night who know the sunrise for what it is.

The songs of Christmastide are songs of hope, and not only songs of remembrance. It is not the hope of fools, for the world of today is brighter than the world into which Christ was born, and the brightness shines from him.

Who would turn back this world, for all its wretchedness and frustrations, into what it would have

Letters To Santa Claus

December 20, 1949 In Santa Anna Texas

Dear Santa, I will have my mother write as I cannot.

Tommye wants a brand new tractor and I want a new toy truck. I also want a steam shovel like the one a little boy in my Sunday School got.

Carol is my little sister and she gets candy and a 'baby' with a bottle and nipple.

We haven't been too good this year, but we are trying and I haven't run away this year.

I love you Santa. Richard Yancy Age 5

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 3 years old the 9th.

Please bring me a doll and my doll a bed.

Some fruit and candy. Don't forget my brothers and sisters.

I have been a good girl. Linda Sue Rutherford

Dear Santa, Please bring me a new bicycle and a bulldozer and a cattle truck and I could use a football.

Your friend Roland Curry

Dear Santa, Please bring me a basket ball and some tinkie toys and a little toy snake and a little air plane.

I would like a police car. Please don't forget because I have been an awfully good boy.

Yours truly Danny Curry

Dear Old Santa Claus, Want a rubber ball a tractor, a rubber dolly, a wagon and tricycle if you have them.

Thank you Harvey Ray Curry

Santa Anna Texas December 1949

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy this year.

Please bring me a football, filling station, erow set, Coca cola truck and anything else you want to bring me.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls and don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Turner.

Thanks. Gary Lynn James

Dear Santa, I am a little boy almost four years old. I have been a good little boy the last couple of weeks especially.

Santa please bring me some little house shoes. You can bring any toys you like but please no sissy dolls.

Love, Terry Lynn Blanton.

Bangs, Texas December 19, 1949

Dear Santa, I am a little boy five years old, I have been a very good little boy this year. Please bring me a bulldozer wrecker and a cap gun and some fruit and candy. And don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

A little friend, Jerry Pennington Route 2, Bangs, Texas

Santa Anna, Texas December 16, 1949

Dear Santa Claus: I'm six years old and a pretty good girl. I want a doll with pig-tails, a sewing machine and an electric iron.

Don't forget my little year old sister, Susan, and my little cousin, Cynthia.

Thank you, Joan Pye.

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to be a good little girl this year, so please bring me a pretty doll and doll buggy.

Thank you, Santa, for coming to our church Sunday night. You said you would see me in a week Santa, so I will be looking for you.

Thank You Santa, Deanne Hext Whon, Texas P. S. Please remember my little brother, Butch.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

been had Jesus never been born? At Christmas time we rejoice, not that all things have been accomplished or that all the prophecies of good have come true; we rejoice rather that the God-sent Leader, the Messiah, the Saviour, has come, and that with his coming salvation and light and glory have begun.

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All-District Football Teams Named for 11B

Billy Joe Scott, Santa Anna end was the only all-district man the Mountaineers placed on the all-district team. The Mountaineers placed six men on the second team.

The selection of these teams were made by the coaches of the district, with each of them sending in an all-opponent team. Votes were tabulated by the district chairman, O. B. Chambers of Early and district secretary, A. D. Pettit, of Santa Anna.

Buck Gipson of Rising Star was the only unanimous choice on the team. Scott and Rawls of Gorman, received the same number of votes, and so were both placed on the first team. McClatchey and Criswell also received the same number of votes, thus five backs, on the team.

The tabulation of votes were as follows:

FIRST TEAM Ends

Damon Miller, Early; Billy Joe Scott, Santa Anna; and Roy Rawls, Gorman.

Tackles: Ronald Hicks, Rising Star; and Keith Coburn, Cross Plains.

Guards: Murray Flowers, Early; and Bobby Roberts, Rising Star.

Center: Howard Lee Need, Cross Plains.

Backs: Buck Gipson, Rising Star; Ben Doyle Sudderth, Early; Robert Finloe, Gorman; Don Criswell, Rising Star; and Garner McClatchey and Criswell.

SECOND TEAM Ends

Carroll Chambers, May; Dennis Brown, Bangs; Homer Guthrie, Bangs and Harold Clifton, Santa

Anna. Tackles: Duane Moredock, Santa Anna; James Lewis, May; Buster Storey, Early; Bill Mills, Santa Anna; Lewis Burleson, May; Billy Drew, Bangs; Charles Young, May; and Jerry Maheffey, Gorman.

Guards: Don Maynard, Rising Star; and C. W. Stephenson, Santa Anna.

Center: Roy Don Hickman, Rising Star.

Backs: R. D. Hartman, Santa Anna; Craig Douglas, Santa Anna; Jack Harris, Gorman; and Jack Weems, Bangs.

The last three named on the end positions all received the same number of votes and all the tackles listed received the same

number of votes. New patterns in 1947 Rogers and Community Silverplate. Service for 8 with tarnish-proof Chest. Turners Drug

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Good will created by this joyous season inspires us to send you a word of cheer. May the Yuletide spirit spread throughout the coming year and make this community a better place in which to live.



R. J. Fulton Watchmaker



to our numerous friendly patrons is best expressed by our sincere wish that next year may bring you even greater success and happiness. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

W. W. Evans Shoe Shop

1949 all through the house The near-sacred hush of late Christmas Eve is a precious thing brimming with the promise of a glorious day to follow.

Guthrie & Wise Grain Company M. L. Guthrie O. L. Wise

To Our Friends and Customers in SANTA ANNA Merry Christmas The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men. Merry Christmas. Blackerby Motors Studebaker Cars and Trucks Elm and Concho Coleman, Texas

CLASSIFIED ADS.

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: Several good used cars. See Arthur Talley. 211c

FOR SALE OR TRAVEL

FOR SALE: Bundle Hegerl at .05c a bundle. See Milford Harris. 50-51p

FOR SALE 300 bales peanut harvested in Bangs. Nobel Co. 52p

SPECIAL NOTICES

POSTED: Hunting, fishing, or trespassing are prohibited on all lands owned and controlled by me in Coleman County by Sean Shield. 32 1/2c

MISCELLANEOUS

XTMAS Cards, Pies and Cookies. Take Special Orders. See Harvey's Food Store. Mrs. M. Herring. 49-27p

EMENT WORK: Sidewalks, curbs, porches, steps, foundations and also rock, tile, stucco or white coat sand finish, all plastering included. Call Sam Jones. Phone 114. Santa Anna, Texas. 161c

REAL ESTATE

ANTED: Listings on ranches, farms and town property. W. V. Priddy and Ed. Guchrie. 211c

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our father, Elmer Wright. We also thank you for the lovely floral offering. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wright, William B. Wright.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Joe Dennis Crow Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 35th District Court of Coleman County at the Court House thereat, in Coleman, Texas at 10 o'clock A. M. on the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of January A. D. 1950, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1949, in this cause, numbered 7275-A on the docket of said court and styled Geneva Elaine Crow Plaintiff vs. Joe Dennis Crow Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to wit: This is a suit for divorce by the plaintiff, Geneva Elaine Crow against the defendant, Joe Dennis Crow, on the ground of abandonment by the defendant. The petition alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married September 9th, 1944 and that defendant left plaintiff about December 15th, 1944. That no children were born of their marriage, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, my office in Coleman, Texas this 7th day of December A. D. 1949.

Attest: T. H. Corder Clerk, District Court, Coleman County, Texas (Seal) 50-1c

Cub Scouts Entertained

Mrs. J. C. Price entertained Den No. 1 of the Cub Scouts, Thursday night with a Christmas tree and party.

Games of Bingo and pinning arms on Santa Claus were played. Gifts were distributed as each boy had previously drawn names. Mrs. Paul Penbrooke is Den Mother and she presented each boy with a gift. The boys then presented her with a gift to show their appreciation for her untiring efforts for her work with the boys. Mr. Paul Penbrooke is Den Dad and will be presented with a gift at the next meeting. Refreshment plates were served by Mrs. Marie Cox and Mrs. Sylvia Herring, who served as co-hostesses, to Lowell Penbrooke, Joe Riley, Maxie Lee Price, Bobby Joe Densman, John Dean Cox, Roy John Payne, Jerry Herring

Mrs. Paul Penbrooke, Mrs. J. W. Riley and the hostesses.

Open Until 8 p. m. Each Night This Week at Sturges and Gibbs in Coleman for the Out-of-Town Shoppers.

W.S.C.S. Christmas Social At Rockwood

Mmes. M. A. Richardson, J. O. Baugh and Charles Porter were hostesses when the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Rockwood Methodist Church Monday afternoon for the Christmas social, which is last meeting of the year.

Mrs. Charles Porter directed the program, assisted by Mrs. Fox Johnson, Tom Bryan, Aubrey McSwane and J. C. Ferguson. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Baugh rendered a special song. Mrs. Baugh directed the recreation hour during which gifts were exchanged.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the refreshments which were served to Mrs. Tom Bryan, Mrs. Charles Porter, Mrs. M. A. Richardson, Mrs. Leffel Estes, Mrs. H. E. Dutton, Mrs. Uless Mance, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. J. P. Richardson, Mrs. Aubrey McSwane, Mrs. John Baugh, Mrs. Veoma Jackson, Mrs. Blake Williams, Mrs. J. C. Ferguson and Mrs. Fox Johnson.

35 purses reduced to \$1.98 and up at Sturges and Gibbs in Coleman.

Blue Bonnet Club Has Meeting

The Blue Bonnet Club met in the home of Mrs. E. Z. Casey for their Christmas party and covered dish luncheon. Miss Rawlings helped with the trays and Secret Pals were made known by gifts. The tree was very pretty and everyone present enjoyed the day.

50 New Spring Coats and Suits, \$22.98 and up. Children's Coats, \$12.98 and up. Sturges and Gibbs in Coleman



Happy
CHRISTMAS

Sincere good wishes for continued happiness—our Christmas wish to each of you.

Queen Theatre

Friday and Saturday
DECEMBER 23 and 24
Alan Curtis - Tom Neal
Russell Hayden

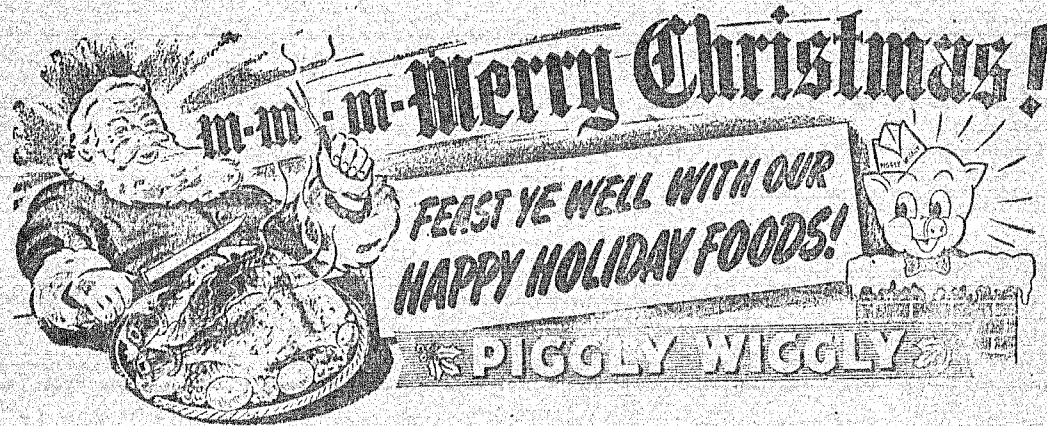
"Apache Chief"
Sunday & Monday
DECEMBER 25 and 26
Lois Britten - Bill Goowin
Gene Hervoy - John Sutton

"Mickey"
IN CINECOLOR

Tues., Wed. & Thurs.
DECEMBER 27, 28 and 29
Cary Grant - Ann Sheridan

"I Was A Male War Bride"

From all of us - To all of you



We will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 26

CRISCO 3 lb. can only .75	HUNT'S PEARS PACKED IN HEAVY SYRUP 2 1/2 Can .33
Sugar Imperial Pure Cane 10 lb. sack .89	FRUIT - HUNT'S Cocktail, 2 1/2 Can .33
OCEAN SPRAY Cranberry Sauce can .15	HUNT'S - HALVES Peaches, 2 1/2 Can .23
EVERLITE Salad Dressing Pint .25	TENDER LEAF Tea, 1/4 Lb. Pkg. .27
	SCOTT COUNTY Pumpkin, 3 Cans .25
	FARGO BRAND Milk, 6 Cans .25
	TEXSUN ORANGE Juice, 46 Oz. Can .29
	PENNICK - White or Golden Syrup, Pint .10

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Xmas Wrapped Carton **\$1.73**

Walnuts
Thin Shell Pecans
Almonds
Roasted Peanuts
Brazil Nuts

PITTED DATES
Lb. Cello Pkg. **.39**

BAKERS
COCONUT, Box **.15**

INSTANT-SWANSDOWN
CAKE MIX, Box **.38**

DOMEDARY
CORN MUFFIN MIX, Pkg. **.15**

SAVE TIME
PI DO, Pkg. **.15**

LARGE KRISP HEADS
LETTUCE, Each **.12**

PASCAL-KRISP TENDER
CELERY, Lge. Stalk, Each **.15**

RED DELICIOUS
APPLES, Lb. **.12**

TEXAS SEEDLESS Pound Bag **8c** 8 Pound Bag **45c** 1/2 Box Size Sack **\$1.95**

CRANBERRIES **EATMOR**
Lb. cello bag **.23** **FRESH COCONUTS** Each **.15**

ASSORTED FLAVORS
KREMFL PUDDING, Pkg. **.05**

PECAN VALLEY
MINCE MEAT, Pkg. **.18**

MARKET DAY-SEEDLESS
RAISINS, 2 Lb. Pkg. **.33**

POP CORN, 2 Cans **.25**

FAT AND TENDER
YOUNG HENS, Lb. **.59**

SMALL SIZES-HALF OR WHOLE
XMAS HAMS, Lb. **.55**

GOOD AND LEAN
PORK ROAST, Lb. **.39**

DECKERS IOWANA
SLICED BACON, Lb. **.53**

CHOICE HOME KILLED BABY BEEF
BEEF ROAST, Lb. **.49**

