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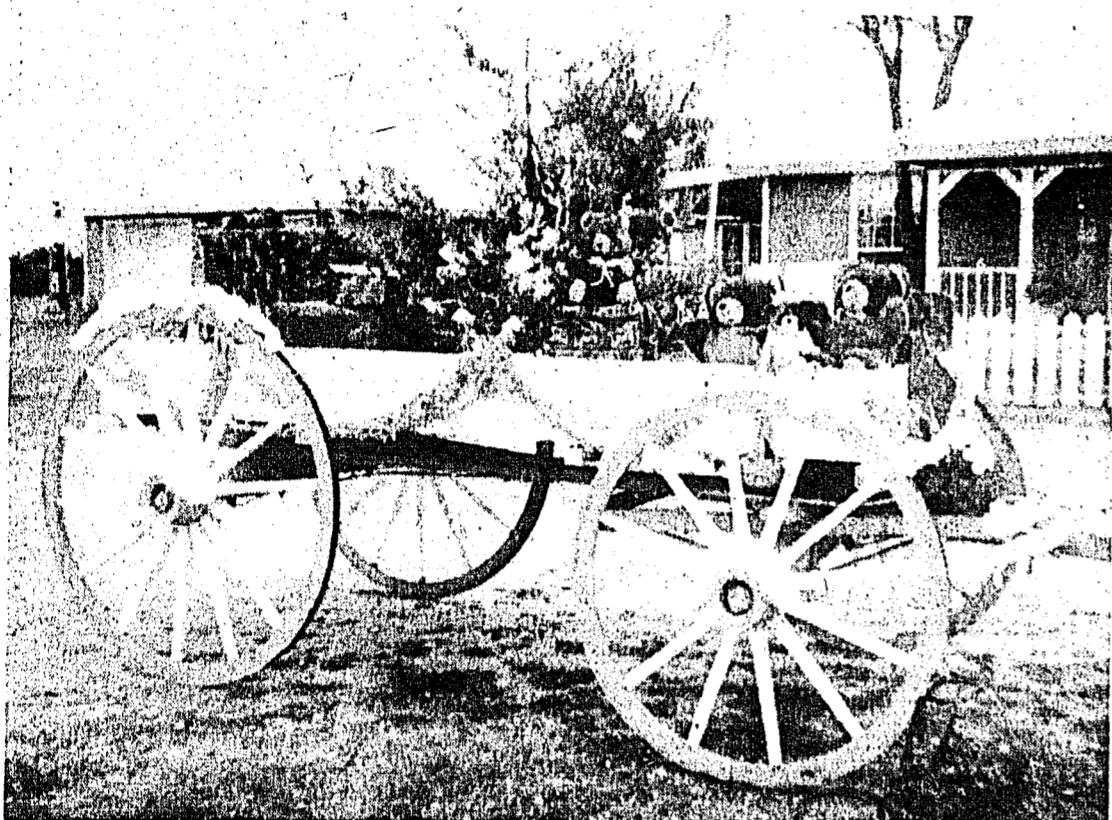
Santa Anna News

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It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go around Santa Anna and outlying areas. This wagon loaded with a teddy-bear family, Christmas tree and packages sits in front of the Arvil Bolton home in Trickham. It seems as if folks have outdone themselves this year in decorating for the

season. You can see many lovely and entertaining decorations by taking a drive thru the streets of Santa Anna. We would not attempt to name them all, but encourage you to take time to enjoy this special part of the holiday season.

Christmas Parade Winners



The Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that two floats in the recent Christmas parade were declared co-winners of the cash prize offered by the Chamber for parade floats. The prize money will be split equally between the two sponsoring organizations. Santa Anna Self Culture Club sponsored the float, "Dream Catcher", shown above and Delta Omicron Sorority sponsored the float, "Reason For The Season" shown below.



School Christmas Concert Tonight (Thursday)

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

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

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



In the first drawing on Monday, Buster Gandy, center, was the recipient of a gift from the Chamber of Commerce "Rewards for Shopping at Home." Chamber president Clint Day is presenting a gift certificate while Chamber member Robert Noriega looks on.

Shopping At Home Rewards

Enjoy the pleasure of shopping at home and get rewarded for doing it! Can't get much better than that. Avoid the holiday crowds of larger towns and be welcomed with a big, friendly hello from hometown folks. Can't get much better than that!

The Chamber of Commerce has announced that when you visit local merchants between now and Christmas, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a drawing at various local businesses. A box for deposit of drawing tickets will be moved from business to

business throughout the city, each day at a different location. The schedule of its day-by-day location is noted on the box. The box was at Simmons Feed & Seed on Monday, Santa Anna National Bank on Tuesday, WTU on Wednesday. The location today, Thursday, is Coleman County Telephone Cooperative. Friday it will be located at the City Hall open house.

The rest of the schedule is as follows:

Monday, Dec. 19, the box will be at Western Auto; Tuesday, 20th, Home Video; Wed., 21st, Phillips Drug; Thursday, 22nd, Holt's General Store; and Friday, 23rd, Thrift Mart.

Be sure to visit these local businesses and sign up for a free gift.

A drawing will be held at about 4 p.m. each day. The gifts are being furnished by area businesses.

Local Cotton Harvest Underway

The Santa Anna Co-op Gin has been busy the past two weeks as the 1994 cotton harvest is underway. The first bale of cotton was brought to the gin on November 30 by Alfred McCrary. The cotton was from his place in the Leedy Community south of Santa Anna.

G. W. Loyd of Mozelle is manager of the local gin, and has reported approximately 150 bales processed through last week. The wet weather postponed stripping but several bales on the yard were being ginned Friday.

The ginning season has just begun, with better yields than in recent years reported by most farmers. The price of cotton ranges from sixty-nine to seventy-three cents per pound, which is also better than last years.

The local gin is the only facility in Coleman County, and also serves farmers in Callahan and Brown counties. The other nearest gins are at Lohn in McCulloch County and at Ballinger.

Director, and CTO staff will be available on December 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Armory to assist in filling out the applications.

Proof of identity, residency and income must be provided. A new requirement this year is that any individual who wishes for someone else to pick up their commodities to submit proof that they are handicapped. Exceptions may be made for elderly shut-ins.

Volunteers are to receive training and recertifications on December 29.

Christmas Party To Honor Senior Citizens Friday

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held at the Mountain City Community Room (Hi-Rise) on Friday, December 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All senior citizens are invited to come join the fun with goodies and gifts for all.

Delta Omicron Sorority will be sponsoring this party.

Holiday Happenings

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

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

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

Coleman County Broadcasting
Open House.....Tuesday, Dec. 20
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

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

The Best Christmas Present EverWed., Dec. 21
Presented by Children of the Community
Presbyterian Church — 6 p.m.
Public Invited

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.....Dec. 24
First United Methodist Church—7p.m.
Public Invited

Community Christmas Tree Forest To Be Set Up Sat.

Shannon Enriquez and the Santa Anna Park Board are spearheading a drive for a Christmas Tree Forest. They are enlisting the help of other community organizations to create the forest on Saturday, December 17.

Organizations, businesses, individuals or groups of individuals are being asked to join in the holiday activity by volunteering to furnish and decorate a tree with lights and inexpensive decorations.

The trees will be placed at the Veteran's Memorial Park adjacent to Holt's General Store. Volunteers

will gather at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 17 to position and decorate the trees.

When all are ready, power will be furnished for the lighting of the trees while onlookers join in the singing of Christmas Carols.

The public is encouraged to be present for this special event of the Christmas season and help establish a tradition for Santa Anna.

The trees will be illuminated throughout the Christmas season. For more information contact Shannon Enriquez at 348-3224.

Commodity Recertification Set

It is that time of year that Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. must recertify those who participate in the commodity program.

Texas Department of Human

Services guidelines state that to receive USDA commodities, households must apply once a year in the area in which they live.

Margaret Burkhart, CTO Center

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying "Hello" To
Ann Lawson of Giddings

Holt's General Store

DELI SPECIAL — Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich & Fries.....\$1.99

See other specials page 3

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Emergency Numbers For City Utility Problems

To report a city utility emergency call City Hall at 348-3403 24 hours a day. The city crew member on call may also be reached by calling the mobile phone 348-7950.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Hamburger, hamburger fixins, tater tots and banana pudding

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
Ham or turkey, dressing, whipped potatoes, giblet gravy, english peas and cranberry salad



The workshop that Betty Key and I attended in Brady was about storytelling. Belinda Boon from the Texas State Library in Austin was the presenter. Mrs. Boon was a wonderful teller of tales and she gave out much material for future study. Our purpose in going was to improve skills for the children's programs. We think we achieved that goal.

Joe Green and Mr. Dumer from the bookstore in Brownwood have been helping us again. We haven't even had time to sort eight boxes and sacks yet. One book that came a couple of days late to help this year but next year the library will have one book on leaf identification. Its the *Guide to Field Identification Trees of North America*. If any one has other tree books or insect books to spare, we could use them for the children.

Mr. Dumer sent several hard backed books on many subjects. Thank you for your faithful support.

Another faithful friend brought in several magazines. These include some of the recent *Daughters of the American Revolution*. If you are working on credentials these could help. Mrs. Robert See is moving into her restored home this week. Best wishes to our friend.

The Library received its first Christmas

Obituaries

Marion Stuart

AURORA, COLORADO--Marion Polk Stuart died in Aurora, Colorado on Sept. 18, 1994.

Graveside services were held at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso with E. Barnard Polk, a nephew, officiating.

She was born in Santa Anna on June 9, 1912. She had been a teacher in the Socorro, Ysleta and El Paso Public School districts.

Survivors include two sons, John A. Stuart of Brookville, Maryland and Gary B. Stuart of El Paso; one daughter, Cynthia Stuart Watkins of Houston; a cousin, Lucille Wyle of Grapevine; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ernest E. and Mamie Baxter Polk and five brothers, Gene Polk, Sam Polk, Frank Polk, Baxter Polk and Hubbard Polk.

Special friends of the library, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Richter of Shoestring Ranch sent the card and a donation. Friends like this couple make our efforts seem worthwhile.

The renewal of the *Readers Digest* magazine both regular and large print have been confirmed by cards. Do come by and check the library's good magazines. The latest Abilene and Coleman newspapers are on the coffee table.

The newest statistics show that more U.S. people own cats than dogs. Perhaps that explains the explosion of cat stories. *James Herriot's Cat Stories* has been on the non-fiction top ten books for several weeks. A new book *The Secrets of Highly Successful Cats*, by Catherine and Michael O'Shea is written from the cat's point of view. It is funny and yet right on the mark with our family's spoiled cat. January issue of *Good Housekeeping* magazine has a good review of this book.

And—have you heard the latest? Here Comes Santa Claus is the second record of singing cats. Well, if barking dogs and chipmunks can make successful records! Mike Spalla says cats have a good ear for music. Last years album sold 115,000 copies.

For the cat loving family these books or records would make ideal Christmas gifts.

Do come early next week. The library will be closed on Friday, December 23 until Tuesday, December 27.

Thoughts From Our Pastors

James Ford
Assembly of God

Give A Gift That Lasts

As we enter this Christmas season our mind turns not only to the birth of Christ, but of giving gifts to others also. I can remember many gifts that I have received in my lifetime, some that I really liked and some I did not think that much of. All material gifts that people have given to me have been things that did not last forever. I remember when I graduated from high school my Dad and Mom gave me a used car that I was very proud of but it did not last too long as I have had about 13 cars since it. That did not keep it from being a good gift, it just did not last forever. I am sure that you can think of many gifts you have received that fall into the same category, some we would like to receive over and over again. Some of the gifts we liked the best may have been the least expensive but had lasting value because of what they were or who they were from.

There are good gifts and bad gifts. We want to try to give only good gifts. To do so we have to give in the right spirit. Some of the good gifts we can give that cost nothing or very little are LOVE, JOY and PEACE. These are things we often take for granted until they are gone, then we wonder where they are and why they left.

Some things we thought would last forever are now gone, things that were made of concrete have been torn down to make room for more modern things. There is only one thing I know of that will last and that is what is given by GOD.

In John 3:16 we read "For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is the reason for the season, not just another holiday. Let us give thanks for this gift from the bottom of our hearts because this gift will last.

About Your Health

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

Giardiasis

The organism, Giardia, is a protozoan parasite that is found in contaminated water sources. The organism is found in many mammals to include deer, beaver, raccoons, sheep, antelopes, rats, dogs and cats.

This disease has increased in incidence over the last two decades to the point where some consider it epidemic in the United States. The increase is attributed to the increased strain placed upon water supplies by a steadily growing population at a time when monies to improve, or simply repair, existing systems is increasingly more difficult for municipalities to fund.

The disease can present in two different forms. The acute form and the chronic. Although intestinal parasites are usually easily demonstrable by microscopic stool examination; Giardia is the exception. The protozoa sheds its eggs at variable times; and repeated search for this evidence is successful only 33-50% of the time. Such a situation brings about circumstances that in today's medical world is unusual. The circumstance is: the clinician must rely upon clinical skills alone to arrive at the diagnosis.

Utilizing the clinical presentation of the illness, the index of suspicion for infection by Giardia is aroused. With this suspicion aroused, other causes for the illness are addressed and only if the other causes "fail to pass muster" is a diagnosis of Giardiasis given and treatment administered.

Should an individual acquire Giardiasis and fail to seek treatment, the long term consequences are weight loss, symptoms of malabsorption, at its advanced state, severe illness secondary to malabsorption.

As our society enlarges and increasingly demands are made upon water supplies that each year become increasingly harder to maintain, Giardia contaminations will become a more frequent problem.

The overall high standard of health evident in the United States is dependent upon three factors: childhood immunizations, improved diet and clean water sources. We, as citizens, must not allow our communities to slide back into 19th century standards due to our lack of support for those steps necessary for clean dependable water. Other parasites than Giardia lurk, and given the correct circumstances, they too will find a home in the water we drink.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER 16
Marty Warnock
Joey Cupps
Elizabeth Taylor

DECEMBER 17
Shawn Kerr

DECEMBER 18
Brandon Fitzpatrick

DECEMBER 19
Katharine Simmons
Chris Cheaney
Krystal Head
Liz Warnock

DECEMBER 20
Gayla Pritchard Lishka
Amy Beaver
Rodney Duus
Adolph (Doc) Kelley

DECEMBER 21
Charles Hosch
Frankie Gregg
Christi Wade

DECEMBER 22
Lois Avants
Blake Williams

Pecan Show Winners Are Named

By: Marty Gibbs
County Extension Agent
Agriculture

The Coleman County Pecan Show was held Saturday, December 3rd, at Johnson's Feed Barn in Coleman. Several excellent entries were submitted and top placing entries are as follows:

Champion Commercial Pecan, Shoshoni - Don Rhone; Reserve Champion Commercial Pecan, Mohawk - Charlie Avants; Champion Classic Pecan, Variety Seedling - Bob Collier; Reserve Champion Classic Pecan, Variety Seedling - B.J. Deal; and Champion Native Pecan - Anthony Strawn. 1st place - Burkett-Anthony Strawn; 1st place Choctaw-Don Rhone; 1st place Comanche-Ruby Watters; 1st place Kiowa-R.D. Wiljetts; 1st place (See upper right)

Pecan Show Continued

Mohawk-Charlie Avants; 1st place Shoshoni-Don Rhone; 1st place Variety Seedling-Bob Collier; 1st place Native-Anthony Strawn.

Pecans in Coleman County this year were not as productive as year past, most likely due to the dry weather conditions during July and August which prevented pecans from filling completely. Insects, such as the pecan weevil, were also a major factor, as weevil numbers were very high this year. Pecan producers should pay special attention to clearing their orchard floor this year, since many weevils will over-winter in the pecans and shucks left on the ground.

'Round & About

Lec Ray and Syble Huggins and Mildred Cammack were in Brady last Friday for a holiday get-together with Joe and Leta Faye Elliot. Mildred prepared a complete Christmas dinner which the group enjoyed in celebration of Leta Faye and Lec Ray's twin birthday as well as Joe's birthday.

Jim and Mary McPherson were at the bedside of their son in Texarkana the end of last week. He was injured in an accident and had to undergo some corrective surgery. They report he is doing fine now.

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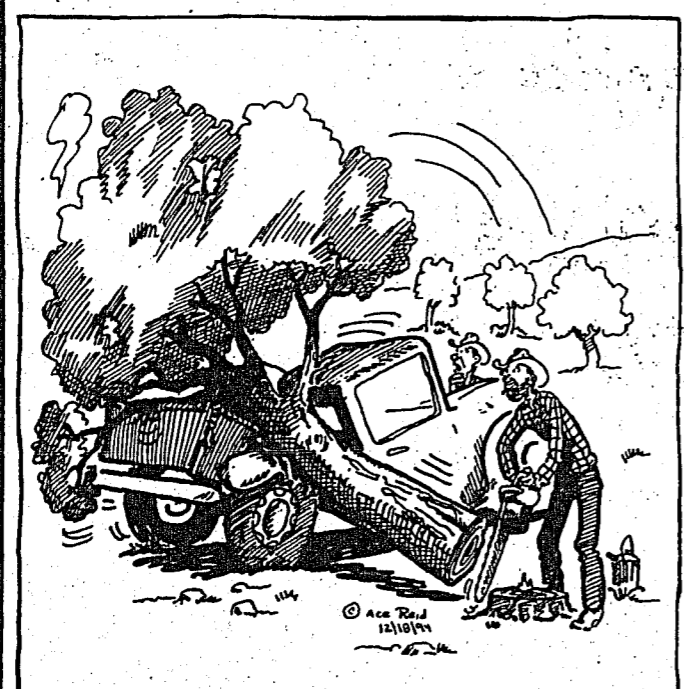
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Lana Korzenewski, Funeral Director

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh gosh, the boss wanted a pickup load of fire wood — wul, there it is!"

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Brownwood Regional Offers Weekly Diabetic Diet Classes

Brownwood Regional Medical Center will continue in 1995 its successful weekly series of diabetic diet classes, which are offered free of charge.

The classes are held each Tuesday, from 2-3 p.m., in room 342 on the third floor of the main hospital building. Registered dietitians on the staff of Brownwood Regional Medical Center offer information and instruction on menu planning, timing of meals and other issues of vital importance to both Type I and Type II diabetics. The classes are appropriate for those recently diagnosed with diabetes as well as those who have been under a physician's care for the disease for some time and need an occasional refresher on the need to eat properly as part of a diabetes management program.

More information of the diabetic diet classes offered at Brownwood Regional Medical Center is available by contacting Darla Osburn at 649-3472.



Wishing you the Best of the Holiday Spirit!

In sincere appreciation,
Charlie Stehnom & family

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SAHS Class Of '49 Donates To Scholarship Fund

Members of the Santa Anna High School Class of 1949 have made a donation to the Ex-Student Association Scholarship Fund that is being established to benefit SAHS graduates.

The group met at the last homecoming, and agreed to contribute to the fund in memory of deceased class members. Those being remembered are Britt Brown, Stanley Cobb, Earl Gill, Jr., Bryan Hodges, Herbert Straughan, Kenneth Vance and James Frank Watson.

Dewey Dunn of Granbury, president of the 1949 Senior Class, has collected the funds and submitted the money to the Ex-Student Association officers.

First Baptist Church Adult IV Sunday School Class Holds Christmas Social

Members of the Adult IV Sunday School class of First Baptist Church met Wednesday morning, December 7, for a Christmas social. Curly and Billie Gatlin hosted the party at their country home.

Those attending enjoyed a gift "trade", games and entertainment. Refreshments included a buffet of chips, dips, salads and desserts, punch and coffee. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Present were Warren and Marion Aldridge, Robert and Mary Smith, Carlyle and Evelyn Howard, Royce and Wanda McIver, Tom and Barbara Kingsbery, Freddie and Edith Dodson, Lula Havner, Joyce Brannon, Sam and Alwyn Jacobs, and Waide and Pam Messer.

Commissioners Make Appointments For 1995

The Coleman County Commissioners handled several items of business which they met on Monday.

JoAnn Hale, new elected county clerk, was appointed as the new Registrar of Births and Deaths and Kay LeMay, newly elected County Treasurer, was appointed as representative for health and retirement insurance. Both appointments were necessary due to the retirement of County Clerk Glenn Thomas.

Commissioners agreed that re-

tiree's may stay on the county's group insurance but at the retiree's expense.

It was agreed that a \$50,000 bond for Kay LeMay would be necessary since she at times handles a great deal of money out of control of the bank.

Bills reviewed and approved included general fund-\$41,923; road and bridge-\$2,944. Total amount of bills paid for the four precincts was \$7,626.

"Lights On For Life" To Be Observed Friday

In a symbolic nationwide observance to focus attention on the impaired driving issue, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) employees are joining law enforcement, businesses and private citizens throughout the country in keeping vehicle headlights on as they drive during the day on Friday, December 16.

Linda Godfrey, Brownwood District traffic safety specialist, said the observance is dubbed "Lights On For Life" in remembrance of persons killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes and serves as a reminder of law enforcement's watchful eye on drunk drivers. The event is part of National Drunk and Drugged (3D) Prevention Month, held in December and the prelude to "National Holiday Livesaver Weekend" (Dec. 18-18). Law enforcement, anti-DUI groups and other are participating in various activities throughout the month to

call attention to the continued drinking and driving problem in our country, she said.

"This sends a positive message to the community and reminds the public that during the holidays, law enforcement will be cracking down on those who choose to drink and drive and place innocent people's lives in jeopardy," she said.

District Engineer Lynn Passmore said TxDOT's responsibility to the public goes far beyond building and maintaining highways. "Our day-to-day operations put us in contact with such a large percentage of the population—the traveling public—that it's as much our duty to promote safe, unimpaired driving and safety belt usage as it is to ensure a safe roadway."

For information on how you can support "Lights On For Life" in your community, contact Linda Godfrey at 915-643-0467.

Police Report The Gift Of Fire Safety Shows That You Care

Santa Anna Chief of Police Carlos Torres reported that during the month of November there were 39 called answered.

Two burglaries were investigated with one still under investigation. In the second burglary a suspect has been interviewed and confessed. The victim has allowed the suspect to make restitution with the possibility of no charges being filed.

An injury to a child was investigated with the case turned over the district attorney's office. The DA believes that the injury was not severe enough to file charges.

A breakdown of calls answered are as follows:

Tickets written 10; written warnings 6; harassments 2; wrecks 2; burglaries 2; family disturbances 2; injury to a child 1; juvenile problems 2; dog problems 3; reckless driving 2; assist motorist 6; live-stock on highway 12; loud party and noise 2; assist ambulance 1; dog bites 1; burglary of vehicles 2; and prowlers 1.

Dorcas Sunday School Class Enjoys Christmas Luncheon

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church were guests in the home of Carmen Donham, teacher of the class, for a salad luncheon on Thursday, December 8. Those present enjoyed the beautiful decorations for Christmas and exchanged gifts and cards.

Those present were Edna Adian, Etta Earl Buse, Annette Clark, Ila Drake, Dorothy Harris, Syble Huggins, Virgie Morgan, Winnie Rutherford, Opal Langford, Frances Pearce, Aurlia Brown and Pearl Wilson.

Winners

Dick and Virginia (Stocard) Powell of Coleman were winners of the electric grill given away by the Santa Anna Lions Club at their recent Pancake Fiesta.

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century.
—Mark Twain

Finding a gift that is practical, yet shows that you care is a difficult task. The solution is the gift of fire safety, and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection has several suggestions.

First, consider giving a smoke alarm. National and state studies report that eight out of every 10 homes have smoke alarms, but that only three out of every 10 homes that experience fires have smoke alarms and that half of those do not work properly. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection asks Texans to bridge this gap by giving smoke alarms as gifts this holiday.

"Perhaps the home next to yours is one without a working smoke alarm," said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the Commission on Fire Protection. "Because most homes where fires occur don't have smoke alarms, those of us who do have smoke alarms must help. The gift of a smoke alarm, consider giving a second alarm this holiday. "Adding smoke alarms increases your protection against fires," he said.

For stocking stuffers, buy batteries for the smoke alarm. Most smoke alarm use 9-volt or AA batteries.

For protection for the entire home, consider interconnected smoke alarms. In this type of fire alarm system, all of the fire alarms go off if one alarm goes off.

Another type of alarm that makes

a thoughtful gift is a carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide is a byproduct of incomplete combustion. This means that the burning process does not have enough oxygen to completely consume the fuel. Heating equipment that uses a burning process, such as a natural gas heater or a fireplace, can release carbon monoxide if it is not vented properly. Carbon monoxide is odorless and invisible, and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the flu or a cold.

Several types of carbon monoxide detectors are now marketed to the consumer. You can choose from battery-operated or plug-in models. All models sound an alarm when carbon monoxide levels reach a pre-set level; some models also give a digital readout of carbon monoxide levels.

Finally, consider giving fire extinguishers to those you love. Who could use an extinguisher? A young driver with a new car, a new homeowner, a college student on his own for the first time. Be sure to match the fire extinguisher with its intended use. The label on the extinguisher will tell whether it is rated for use in an automobile or a boat, for the whole house or just for kitchen use.

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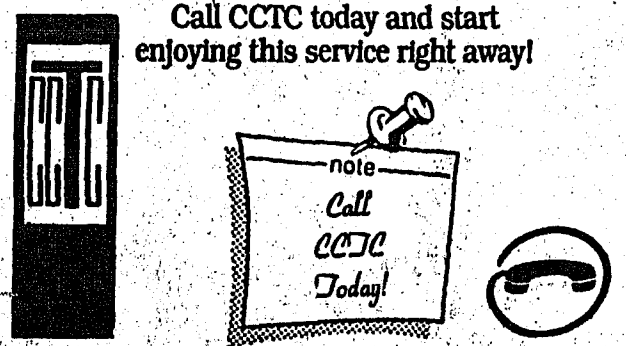
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Shurfresh Whipping Cream....3/1.00
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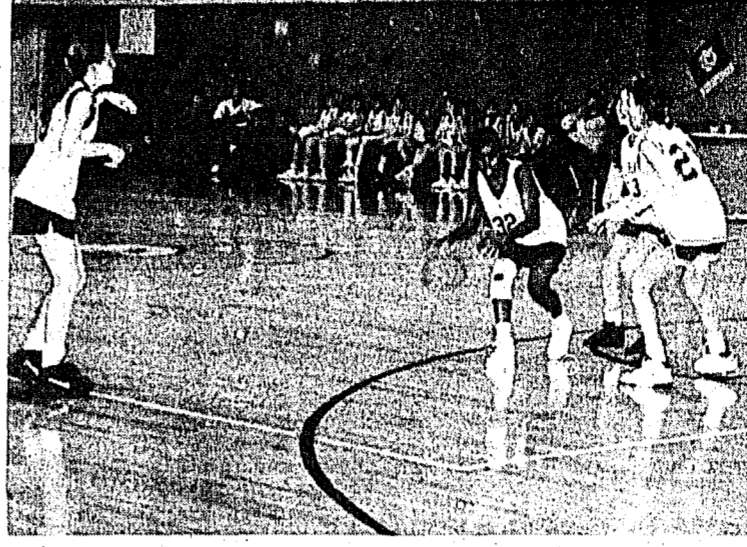
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Junior High Basketball Tournament Action



(52) Andrea Siller's shot just misses as Kristi Wade (50), Randa Watts (12) and Tasha Lewis move in for a rebound against Rising Star, Santa Anna's first opponent in last Saturday's Junior High Tournament held at Perry Gym.



Tasha Lewis (32) moves in for a shot. Ready for a possible pass is Jennifer Johnson to the left.

Mountaineer Basketball News

SAHS Varsity Girls

Santa Anna	39
Mullin	45
Horner 6; Beal 6; Ellerbe 2;	
DeLeon 10; Frausto 9; Martin 2;	
Lishka 4	

Boys

Santa Anna	48
Mullin	55
Guerrero 2; Cheaney 2;	
Abemathy 6; Thomas 18; Lewis 3;	
Frausto 14; Balderas 3	

Junior High Girls

Santa Anna	16
Gorman	24
Santa Anna	16
Eula	32

Santa Anna Tournament December 10, 1994

Santa Anna	21
Rising Star	9

Championship Game:

Santa Anna	21
Cross Plains	38

All tournament: Tasha Lewis and Jennifer Johnson

Junior High Boys

Santa Anna	41
Rising Star	23

Championship Game

Santa Anna	35
Blanket	18

All tournament: Chris Boyet and Clay Crossley.

Monday Night Game

Santa Anna	18
Eula	43



Down with a rebound is Santa Anna's Chris Boyet. Also scrambling for the ball is Boone Cook at the right and other unidentifiable Junior Mountaineers.



Fighting for rebound position are from left to right in dark shorts are Junior Mountaineers, Adam Garza, Dustin Maedgin, Dusty McCrary and Clay Crossley.

Fishing Lake Ivie

By Durwood Strickland
Fishing in general continues to be a little slow, but a patient angler can pull in a nice string of fish. Crappie fishing is your best bet right now, especially at night. Some pretty nice stringers of 10 to 12 inch crappie are being caught on minnows. Best location is along beside the dam.

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Trickham News

By Anna York

Rev. Mike Elrod, the Methodist pastor from Santa Anna, preached Sunday at our church and brought a good sermon.

Britt McIver of Buffalo Gap spent the day Thursday with his parents, Royce and Wanda McIver. On Friday Royce and Wanda were at Rockwood for this Christmas Party and enjoyed being with everyone and Saturday night they visited in Santa Anna with Mrs. Millford Harris and her guests Bill and Loraine Harris of Plano and Elgean Harris.

R. C. Stearns of Cross Cut spent Tuesday visited with his mother Mrs. Florence Stearns and helped around the place with some chores.

Annie Lou Vaughn visited on Saturday with Mrs. Gertrude Martin.

Dr. Clyde Major and his wife and Roger Boshu and son Colby of Brownwood visited on Saturday with Felton and Betty Martin. Mrs. Margaret Barton and a friend Evelyn Myres of Waco came by briefly and Tiffany and Ryan Snow spent the night with their grandparents.

John and Peggy Eufebio of McGregor spent Saturday visited with Novella Stearns.

Mrs. Natalie McIver visited her sister Jane Young of Brownwood on Thursday and they along with a friend had lunch out. On Saturday Natalie and Sherrie Blake were shopping in Abilene.

Laverne McClatchy and her mother Gertrude Martin attended a Christmas dinner at the Church By The Lake at Brownwood lake on Saturday, Sunday afternoon Laverne attended a choir and band concert at the coliseum put on the schools as a Christmas gift to the community which she said was real nice.

The rains that fell Tuesday night was nice and added more moisture to the already wet ground, we received six-tenths while some folks recorded more. We really do have the weather change tho' as you know Tuesday our temperature was seventy-four degrees, the rattlesnakes were out, our dog tread one near the barn and was bit on the nose before my son could kill it so perhaps we all had better be on the alert, especially on warm days. Lois and Frank Wallace visited a while on Tuesday afternoon with Nikki and I.

The ladies of the quilting club met on Tuesday afternoon at the community center and are working on a quilt for Annie Lou Vaughn, those present were Novella Stearns, Tony Watson, Edna Laughlin and Lou Vaughn.

The eighty-four club met Thursday night with seventeen present. Mrs. Margaret Barton and Evelyn Myres of Waco visited with Mrs. Annie

Ranger Park Inn

By Dorothy York

Friday afternoon was the shopping spree at Ranger Park. Our residents look forward to this each year. They have been talking about it for a couple of weeks now. They enjoy shopping for items for themselves or for one of their family members. There were so many exciting items to pick from this year that it had to be hard to decide just what to get.

After the shopping spree the residents enjoyed cake, cookies and punch also furnished for their afternoon of love.

We want to thank Helen Carrasco and Juanita Hameriz from Primera Church in Coleman, Minnie Bray, La Nell Brusenhan, Claudia Rutherford and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper from the Rockwood Baptist Church in Rockwood, Marion Aldridge and Mary Smith from the First Baptist Church in Santa Anna, and Helen Laws, Jeannette Mullan, Lillie Clinton, E. L. Clinton, Glenda Gassiot and the Rev. Bob Hays of Valera Baptist Church in Valera.

Everyone at Ranger Park wants to congratulate Ms. Gail Sanders upon receiving her certification as Food Service Supervisor. Gail has just completed her schooling as required by the State of Texas and received her certificate this past week. Congratulations Gail, we are all very proud of you.

Rockwood Enjoys Christmas Party

Contributed

The Community Christmas party at Rockwood last Saturday night was well attended and everyone had a very good time. There was lots of good food, as there always is, and the decorations were wonderful. Gifts were exchanged by those attending.

Attending were Bro. and Mrs. Jeff Dean and Sara of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Royce McIver of Santa Anna; Nell Yancy of Bangs; Marcie, Monica and Chris Mueller of San Antonio; Billie Gaye Abernathy, Maegan and Margot Rutherford, all of Santa Anna; Cody, Haley and Travis Slate and Julie Halner of Gouldbusk; and from Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duus and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brusenhan, Vivian Steward, Coleta Pearson, Blake Williams, Johnnie Steward, Vera Faye Wise, Claudia and Jennifer Rutherford, Minnie Bray, Sandra Wilson and three grandchildren, Emily Taylor, Maegan and Chase Avants.

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Traveling With The Karthausers

Editors Note: David and Margaret Karthausers have been traveling abroad again. This time to a number of European countries. We hope our readers will enjoy sharing the Karthausers' travels over the next several weeks.

By David and Margaret Karthausers

Part VI of a Series

In the morning after another good full German breakfast, we went to the bank and cashed some travelers' checks to get some German Deutschemark Marks for our return to Germany later on in the trip. We had almost spent our last DM and German DM can be spent almost anywhere in Europe. We crossed the border into Austria and spent most of the day driving within sight of the Danube. The day was in general cloudy but frequently the sun would break through to light up the distant scenery. The road along the south bank of the river was shaded by very large trees and the beauty of the river was enhanced by looking out of the darkness to the sunlit scene. One of the impressive sights was an excursion boat coming up-river in the sunshine. The road for many miles was paralleled by bicycle paths. Frequently we would see signs that the bicycle path was going to cross the highway and for motorists to reduce their speed. When we got to Passau, we bought our bicycling on an annotated cycling map that went from Regensburg, Germany to Budapest, Hungary along the Danube. The map contained places to get your bicycle repaired as well as food and lodging information. Even though it was early fall, we saw hundreds of cyclists touring their way down the bicycle path beside the river.

We arrived in Linz sometime around lunch time. Linz was a beautiful city, however, the one way streets almost convinced us you cannot get to anywhere from here. We parked downtown and walked to many places. We were attempting to find a glass factory which is downtown. We spent considerable time crisscrossing the city trying to find a street that would take us there. We eventually got to the street, a few blocks from the factory location, but there were no parking places and all the streets seemed to be one way away from the factory. So in two days we have added two sights that we want to see on a future trip. The model trains near Waldkirchen and the glass factory at Linz.

We continued our drive down the Danube arriving in Vienna about 2 p.m. We had no trouble finding Schloss Schonbrunn. Even parking the car was easy. We were now where we were to meet our daughter, Martha, and her husband, Dave. This castle (Schloss) is very large and the grounds are enormous. It is probably closest in size and splendor to Versailles as any castle that we have seen. We waited and waited for Martha and Dave and then decided to buy our tickets for the tour. Being somewhat impatient we didn't read the signs (and these were even in English). We started to follow a tour that was speaking English. At the entrance door we were notified that we were in the wrong part of the castle. We traced ourselves back to where our tour that was speaking English. At the entrance door we were notified that we were in the wrong part of the castle. We traced ourselves back to where our tour started only to find a large room filled with many people. Here we discovered that a French tour was to start in a few minutes and an English tour in about 20 minutes at 3 p.m. As the French speaking people gathered for the French speaking tour David understood every word that was said. David decided to join the French tour. After all, we had spent a week in Paris and had done well. As soon as we got the first exhibit, the French became untranslatable to the novice. David did

not understand one word from that point on. We essentially took the tour like we normally would, examining the paintings, articles and settings. The explanation of the history and use of the articles was lost.

As we were finishing the tour Martha and Dave were starting the English speaking tour. While we were outside the castle, they were inside purchasing tickets. While we were inside, they were outside viewing the gardens. We looked around till after 4 and never saw Martha and Dave. We decided that since it was getting close to rush hour we would drive to the airport, as it was the backup site where we were to meet. (You must realize that we were not sure if they had gotten to Austria yet and had not spoken to them for about 5 days.) As we attempted to leave the parking lot, the credit card that has opened the gate to let us drive in would not let us out of the parking lot. Several cars and a bus were lined up behind us waiting for us to leave. Finally the attendants came and opened the gate for us. We feel that he saved us from being pushed through the gate by the waiting vehicles. We had very little trouble driving through the freeways as we were at the early edge of rush hour traffic. We got to the airport and parked the car and made our way to the gate that would bring passengers in from Athens, where Martha and Dave were supposed to be. We waited and waited. The plan from Athens came and they didn't get off. We then starting checking the car rental agencies to see if they had gotten in early and rented a car. We checked all the companies we thought they would use to no avail. We then walked back to the arrival gate and were wondering what to do next when Martha and Dave walked in the door. They had left the Schloss 10-15 minutes later than we had and it had taken them an extra 45 minutes to make the distance.

It was then that we found that Martha and Dave had not been able to get to Greece and after having spent a day in Brussels, they had flown to Vienna and rented a car from Eurocar and had driven into the Czech Republic and all around Vienna waiting for us to arrive. It was here that we found out that we should have taken the English tour. Not only would we have understood the tour, but we would have met Dave and Martha there. We then drove a few miles from the airport to the "Stop and Sleep" Motel. Not only was the name in perfect English, but it was almost truly American. Had we not found Dave and Martha at the airport, our last resort was the motel. Martha had made these reservations as sort of a fail safe plan, so that if we missed one another, we would eventually meet here.

After we checked into the motel, we took a car and found a nice restaurant. We spent a long time comparing our vacations to this point. Martha and Dave had a lot of enjoyable experiences in Austria and the Czech Republic. David and Margaret told them about their visit in St. Augustin and Naestved, Denmark plus our trip down the Danube. Over dinner we planned the trip for the next day. We would leave the motel in Marth and Dave's car and drive through Slovakia on our way to Budapest, Hungary. We also made plans for lunch for the next day. We put together the breads and things that each family had for a common meal the next day. After pleasant visit in the restaurant, we went back to the motel and washed clothes. Since we would stay here for two nights, everything would have time to dry before our departure.

We got up very early the next morning and went to breakfast. Since we were going to drive to Budapest and back in one day, we felt we had to leave very early. The Americanized Hotel served an Americanized breakfast. It was good and wholesome but by far the worst we have ever had in Europe. This was a help yourself buffet consisting of bread, cheese

spreads, jams, coffee and tea. The facility was so crowded that finding a place for four people to sit was almost impossible and tables were not able to be cleaned between groups. We had plenty to eat, but the hell yourself and the limited menu was what we didn't like. Even the coffee and tea was instant. We hurried and got in Dave's car since our car was not able to cross the border into Slovakia or Hungary. Martha and Dave's car was specially equipped to be able to drive in these countries. A special ignition was installed to deter car theft.

When we reserved our car we were informed that we could not take our car into the Eastern bloc. Only cars rented in Austria could be taken in Eastern Block countries. That was one of the reasons we met in Vienna, so they could rent a car there and be able to take it to Hungary. Dave's car had a computer chip that attached to the key ring that had to be installed into the dashboard before putting the key into the ignition. We left and drove toward the Slovakia border, taking a northeast direction that would allow us to drive along the Danube on our way to Budapest. We had a wonderful time driving along the Danube in Slovakia. The Slovakia border was much more difficult to cross than any other border that we had been to since we went into East Germany the last day before unification several years ago. There was a separate road for trucks and a zigzagging road for cars. The road was designed so you could not get a high speed run for either direction to cross the border. The border guards were heavily armed and seemed more ready to take action, than any others that we have seen on any trip. Most of the other borders are mere formalities. Once inside Slovakia, the landscape was very beautiful. You could see the evidences of the large collective farms. In one large field, we saw a horse drawn wagon being loaded by men on foot. They might be large farms but whatever they were driving was not mechanized.

We stopped for lunch in the middle of a vineyard. A narrow road wound through the vineyard on its way down to the Danube River. We simply pulled off the road into the edge of the vineyard and had a tail gate party. Our lunch consisted mainly of bread, fruit and a little cheese. It was a bright sunny day and the pastoral scene on each side of the Danube was truly beautiful. A feeling of timelessness possessed all of us. The quiet farmlands were very well maintained and looked very productive.

After lunch, we stopped driving the little back roads and drove directly to Budapest. Budapest is made up of three towns: Buda, Pest and Obuda. We drove into Pest and parked our car beside the Danube and walked on the west side of the city. In the river were floating hotels and restaurants. The large buildings across the river were beautiful and we did get a few pictures of the beautiful church bathed in sunlight while the rest of the city was under dark cloudy skies. When we got through looking on the west bank, we crossed the river and drove through a fairly prosperous city. People were well-dressed and since it was late afternoon, they were getting on the public transportation to head home for the day. Parts of the city that we saw were very clean and neat. Not quite up to the German standards, but far exceeding American standards. It was getting rather late, so we had to head back to Vienna. The border between Hungary and Slovakia was easy to cross in both directions, as these were both eastern block countries. We stopped at a very large gas station that looked a little like a mall. We bought gas and went into a few shops to see what was for sale. Before we got to the Slovakian/Austrian border, we stopped at a shopping area that lined the north side of the highway. There was almost a mile of shops that were from 20' wide to 100' wide that sold all kinds of merchandise. The merchandise did not seem to vary from shop to shop. There was considerable overlap of articles sold by adjoining stores. Some had more of one and some had more of another. We did make a few purchases from some of the shops. One of the popular items from a taxidermy shop were red foxes. Red foxes seem to be the rage. In addition, there were a large number of pellets that looked like wool. This was more like a country store with products fresh out of the garden, canned or manufactured during the long winter. David picked up several items to see if there was a "Made in Taiwan" sign on them. Evidently, these were all made locally. It was almost dusk when we got to the border. From there it was a short drive to Vienna.

When we drive through the passport check points at the borders between countries, we hold up our passports and are usually waved on through. It is interesting to note how some cars are quickly pulled over to one side and the passports are taken inside a building to be checked and possibly the cars and occupants are searched thoroughly. The border guards are familiar with all kinds of passports and recognize ours as USA passports immediately. Since we all wanted our to be stamped with each of the different countries' marks we usually have to ask very politely "could we please have our passport stamped?" The

Rockwood News

By Sandra Wilson

While Jimmy and Jimmie Gail Hafner were out of town on business, Jennifer Rutherford kept the home fires burning. She, Cody, Haley, Travis and Julie attended Rockwood's Community Christmas Party. They visited with Gay Abernathy and Margot and Megan Rutherford in Santa Anna after the party. Saturday afternoon visitors with Claudia Rutherford were Bob, Margot and Megan Rutherford. Nell Yancy spent Saturday night and attended the Christmas party with Claudia. Sunday Claudia and Minnie Bray were in Santa Anna at the Community Choir Christmas Cantata.

Dick and Johnnie Deal visited with Norene Winstead on Wednesday. Alene Rutherford of Whon and Patsy Smith of Abilene visited with Dick and Johnnie Thursday afternoon. Johnnie Deal visited several times during the week with his parents spending Sunday afternoon with them.

Visiting with Johnnie Steward during the weekend were Olin and Ethel Horton and Jamie, Casey and Lauren Ray. Saturday night Johnnie attended Rockwood's Christmas party.

Bill and Lois Bryan attended the Christmas party Saturday night. Sunday Royce and Wanda McIver visited with Bill and Lois.

Vivian Steward attended the Christmas party Saturday night. Sunday Coleta Pearson had lunch with Vivian. Faye Wise visited a while Sunday afternoon.

Saturday night Minnie Bray attended the Christmas party.

Jack and Skeeta Cooper attended the Rockwood Christmas party.

Saturday night Coleta Pearson attended the Rockwood Christmas party. Monday Coleta, Faye Wise and Vivian Steward were in Brownwood shopping.

Jr. and Nell Brusenhan hosted Wednesday night Bible study. Those

guards will either reach in their back pockets for the stamp or ask us to pull over and go inside a building where the stamp is kept. In some circumstances where it is obvious that there is trouble at a particular crossing, we don't ask, we just drive on through. Frequently we have seen people with every big of their possessions scattered all over the tarmac. They were having everything searched.

As we approached Vienna, we drove to the hotel, unloading Martha and Dave's car. We took their car back to the airport, where we turned it in. For the next week, we'd share our car. On the way to and from the airport, we looked for a place to eat but did not see anything that looked good, so we stopped where we had eaten the night before, which is fairly uncommon with us. We returned to the motel, finished our laundry, and got things ready for the next day before going to sleep.

To Be Continued

Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Really nice that we can report a portion of our community received pretty good rain as far as here where we live the most in sometime. I really think it was Friday we received an inch and three tenths. A pretty good rain for us here seemingly we have not been on the receiving line too often.

We are glad to report Mr. Floyd Morris states he is feeling a little better but still does a lot of suffering in his neck. So thankful to be home and not in a hospital.

My daughter Patsy Smith of Abilene was with me Wednesday and Thursday. So nice to have her come and spend some time with me even though she too has a home and husband to care for and also does work in Abilene although not steady at times.

My son Loyd was over and had dinner with us one day while Patsy was here.

Mr. Lonnie Carter was to see his sister Lorene Black in Brownwood on Sunday.

I enjoyed a nice telephone visit with my son Thomas in New Hampshire on Sunday. They are having cold weather but apparently not a lot of snow just where he is at this time. He and wife Trudi are well. He has not been fortunate enough to sell his property in New Hampshire so he can move to Texas but looking forward to coming home to live.

Mr. Floyd Morris' on Jamie Lee and a friend Kim Johnson from the Dallas area were with Jamie Lee's father Mr. Floyd Morris during the weekend. His son Joa Floyd from the same area was here with his father Sunday.

I was in Coleman Saturday afternoon briefly and drove by me son Hilary and Belva's house and visited briefly. They were all well.

I am asking you if you live in our community please let me have your weekly news. If you have company or visit neighbors would love to hear from you.

I talked with my daughter Lynda at LaGrange Sunday. So good to learn they are all well.

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