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Major renovation going on at Kelley building.

Staff Photo

Clean Up - Paint Up - Fix Up?

Townsppeople have been watching with interest at what seems to be a "Clean Up - Paint Up - Fix Up" campaign going on here in Santa Anna. Actually some individual business people and at least one organization have been involved in renovating and/or sprucing up buildings in the downtown area. The building shown in the picture is in for some big time renovating by its owner, Gary Patterson, who purchased the property from the Santa Anna Historical Development Organization. The former "Kelly Building", as it has come to be known, has housed many businesses in its long history,

among them a "Ghost Town Trading Post and Museum" as the sign across the top reads. That sign has brought up the image of "Ghost Town" far too long and Patterson, a local building contractor, is undertaking to make the building one Santa Anna can be proud of again. When the renovation is completed the building will house Patterson's woodworking and cabinet making operations. The Lions Club is doing some major repair to the windows on the front of its building with the able work of Lion Danny Wheatley. A building in the same block next door to Dub's Opera House, that has been used primarily for

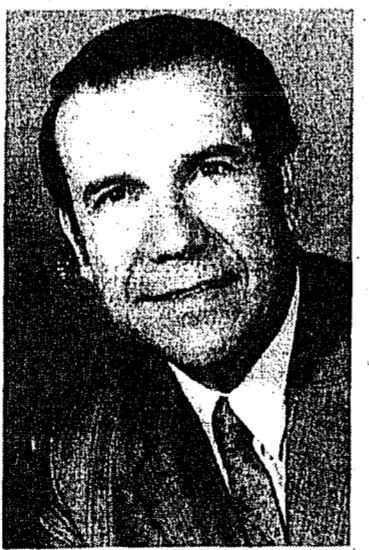
storage in the past few years, is being given a face lift. Dub says look for a special announcement in the future concerning his plans for the building. Coleman County Telecommunications building has been given a new paint job and new signs. Next door, The Taste Of Texas cafe is being spruced up with a new paint job. Although the renovation of the Kelley building is a major undertaking, even the lesser repairs and sprucing up of downtown buildings make for a more pleasant atmosphere and are appreciated by the townspeople and passers by.

Cowboy Camp Meeting Continues, Spanish Speaking Camp July 30 Thru July 4th

The Little George Havens Cowboy Camp Meeting continues thru Saturday at Flying H Acres between Santa Anna and Coleman. Services are held daily at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Special music begins at 7:30. Potluck supper is at 6:00 each evening except Saturday when a Chuckwagon meal is served. The public is invited. The third annual Cowboy Camp Meeting for the Spanish speaking will begin Sunday June 30th and continue thru July 4th. This is a bilingual camp. Everyone is invited. July 4th, there will be a barbecue supper. Fireworks will follow the preaching service. Following is a letter, in Spanish, from Sammy Fuentes and Rudy Hernandez, two Spanish evangelists, and Lucy Havens, widow of the late George Havens who founded the Cowboy Camp Meeting.



Rudy Hernandez Evangelist



Sammy Fuentes Evangelist

los dias JUNIO 30 a JULIO 4, 1996--de Domingo a Jueves. Empezaremos el Domingo por la mañana a las 10, tendremos comida, luego a las 7 PM daremos principio a la reunion nocturna. El Jueves, JULIO 4, terminaremos con una cena inolvidable de "Carnes Azadas" al estilo Vaquero, etc. Luego tendremos una celebracion de "4 de Julio" incluyendo un concierto Musical Cristiano, y un servicio poderoso evangelistico. El Campamento de Vaqueros está situado por la carretera #54, entre Santa Anna, Texas y Coleman,

Texas. Si vienes de Coleman estará al lado izquierdo, si vienes de Santa Anna, estará al lado derecho. Allí verás los huallines (covered wagons), la carpa y un rotulo. La matricula es gratis! Sólo pedimos que se registren para tener un archivo de la asistencia. Recibirémos ofensas voluntarias de amor en las reuniones evangelisticos, y por fe, dependerémos en la Suficiencia de nuestro Dios para suplir lo necesario. Traigan sus cotochonetes de campo (sleeping bags) y ropa de cama. Los que se registren primero tendrán la

Queridos Hermanos en Cristo: Saludos en el precioso nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo! La presente es para empezar nuestra correspondencia en pro del "TERCER CAMPAMENTO ANUAL DE VAQUEROS". Sin duda será el Campamento mas sobre-saliente que hemos tenido. Vendran de Mexico, Texas, y aun de California. No te lo pierdas! Recuerda! Es Gratis! El Campamento se llevará a cabo

Coleman's 59th Annual Rodeo July 4-6 Will Memorialize Two Longtime Members

The 1996 PRCA Coleman is produced in memoriam to C. E. Kingsbery of Santa Anna and Earle Smith of Coleman, both deceased long-time rodeo association members. Coleman's 59th annual PRCA Rodeo will be held during three night performances beginning at 8 p.m. on July 4, 5, and 6 at the rodeo grounds in south Coleman. Bleacher seating for 6,000 people, free parking and a dust-free arena are all located on 33 acres of land used for the rodeo, county livestock and other Coleman County activities. The 1996 rodeo, approved by the Professional Cowboys' Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, will allow contestants to compete for some

\$5,600 in prize money in the following events: bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, girls' barrel race, bull riding and single steer roping. A kids' goat scramble will also be held each night. Queen for this year's rodeo is Tonya Hipp, daughter of Barbara and Tommy Hipp of Coleman. Stock will be furnished by the Terry Walls Rodeo Company of Stephenville and announcer will be Don Endsley of Drasco, Arkansas. Music will be provided by Donnie Neff of Santa Anna. Bullfighters are Chris Anstad and Barry Hankins. Brother Taylor will serve as barrelman and will also perform entertaining specialty acts. Dances will be held at the open

air pavilion each of the 3 rodeo nights beginning at 9 p.m. with S.W.I.G.'s of San Angelo providing the music. The parade on Saturday afternoon begins at 5 p.m. and will feature floats, decorated vehicles or special cars or bicycles or go-carts, walkers, out-of-town riding groups and many local riders. Deadline to enter the parade in July 3 and entry forms are available to the Chamber of Coleman office in Coleman. Current officers of the Coleman Rodeo Association, Inc. include Tim Parrott as president; Russell Johnson as vice president; Paul Wheat as treasurer; and Brent McMullan as secretary. There are 12 association directors and over 120 active members.

Youth Rodeo Here Friday, Saturday

The Santa Anna Youth Rodeo will be held this Friday and Saturday nights, June 28-29, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa

Anna Youth Arena located on the San Angelo Highway. Events are scheduled for ages 19 and under, with three age divisions.

Rough stock events include steer riding for 12 and under and "Mutton Bustin" for 8 and under.

Other activities will include roping, speed events and team roping. Buckles will be awarded to high point girl and boy in each age group and this is a KXYL qualifying rodeo.

For more information, call Billy Don McCrary at 348-3327 or Becky Martin at 348-3444.

Santa Anna Marlins Are League Champions

The 1996 Senior League baseball season ended with a double-elimination tournament spread out over a nine day time span. Entered were the eight teams which played a ten game regular season schedule for seeding in the tournament. It began June 14 and ran through June 22. But, an interesting story played itself out through that period of dates.

Santa Anna's Marlins entered the tournament as the second seed with a 7-3 record. The Coleman Rockies took the number one seed with an 8-2 record. Keep this in mind as the story unfolds.

The Marlins drew the Coleman Cubs in the first round game on Friday, June 14 and lost by a score of 10-8. This game was shortened by darkness and a light failure at Santa Anna's field to five innings. It must have been bad luck.

The remainder of the tournament continued on Coleman's field with the Marlins facing the Cross Plains Buffaloes next and defeating them 5-4 on Saturday, June 15. Then on Monday, June 17, the Marlins beat the Cubs by a score of 9-7. Tuesday, June 18 Santa Anna crushed the Coleman Pirates 13 to 4.

Now the story gets better because Cross Plains best team (the Texans), Santa Anna's Marlins and the Coleman Rockies are all that remain. On Thursday, June 20, the Marlins and Texans faced off in a

sudden death match for the right to play for the championship. To make a long story short, the Marlins eliminated Cross Plains by a score of 20-10.

These wins put Santa Anna in a position where they would have to beat the Coleman Rockies two games in a row on Friday the 21st and Saturday the 22nd. The plot thickened by the fact that of the Marlins nominated for the 14 and 15 year old All-Stars only one gained the honor. But the Coleman Rockies landed five players on the All-Star Team. By this one would think that the Rockies were the better team. Knowing these facts made the Marlins a team on a mission.

On Friday night the Marlins beat Coleman 9-5 forcing a final game because now both teams had one loss in the double elimination tournament. Therefore, Santa Anna traveled back to Coleman on Saturday night and defeated the Rockies by a score of 15-10 to claim their sixth victory in a row and the league championship. Great job men!!!



Twenty Years Service To VFD

Edith Dodson has served twenty years as a member of the Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and a good many of those years as a full fledged member of the Fire Department. She is shown here with a plaque presented in recognition of her service to the VFD. The plaque was presented by her husband, Freddie, who is a 38-year member of the VFD.

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Saying Congratulations To
Dick and Johnnie Deal — 71 Years Together

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The Art Of Building A House

By Trudi S. Rutherford
Some of you may be planning to build a new home somewhere in the sometime future, so I have accumulated some helpful hints that might facilitate your experience to a certain degree, assuming your problems similar to ours which a hundred to one they won't be, but this writing may alert you in a general, overall way.

Since I am nearly finished waiting for our house but am by no means a professional builder, a mere peon in the scheme of painters, roofers, brickers, glaziers, carpenters, my advice is neither technical nor professional, I simply want to share the view of the buildée rather than the builder!

You will need a plan, a plot, and a palette of ideas, but before anything at all you need to sit down with your mate and discover the assets that you can set aside for this dream home. How much is it worth to you?? How much can you afford to spend? This is crucial because without a definite figure neither one of you will have any idea where to draw the line. And for those who need to depend on outside sources such as a lending facility, they may indeed require a concrete limit. As for us, we had been planning this for some time and had squirreled away some funds, but we failed to have an amount on paper and we didn't estimate the value of every stick going into its construction. We soon became paralyzed with apprehension, not a comfortable condition at any time, but even less in the traumatic time of house-building.

However, you'll also need to visit hardware and lumber stores to better estimate prices of desired materials to the nearest penny; plus remember to include all the labor costs. Then you must total all these figures. Weeks later, when you've gotten over the shock of the gargantuan amount, multiply by three. This is the figure that will be the cost of your dream home.

No longer a dream?? More of a nightmare, you say?? Why, we haven't even started yet!!!

Next, the plot of land. A dream house usually includes a front lawn, a back yard large enough for a garden, and even a picket fence for some. Our plot of land is atop a knoll, no, strike that; in Texas it's a hill, where there will never be a lawn to the street, merely cascading terrain down to the Farm to Market Road. I'd seem Thomas drive up with his farm truck but wondered if I'd ever make it to the top with my car. In fact, the first time I went, after gathering my courage and trying to imagine my car moving smoothly forth aloft in a cloud of dust, and failing, I parked the vehicle at the foot of the hill and walked up!! Some delivery trucks bringing materials for the house were astonished to see the entire load slowly slide down to the end of the flatted and slam onto the ground from the steepness of the drive. Makes for a long working day!

So it's important for you to evaluate the parcel of land that is attractive against one that is practical to your needs.

Another important step is to have the ground tested to make sure there is a good depth of soil beneath the surface. Especially if you anticipate having a sub-floor, a basement, or a storm cellar underneath where you plan to site your home. We didn't and we did. We didn't have the soil tested and we did want a basement underneath the house which caused a great deal of consternation and reconsideration not to speak of destruction! The hill we'd viewed as the ideal site for our home had growth: trees, grass, wild flowers. In no way did we foresee that the entire hill was formed by one huge boulder.....solid rock which necessitated a blaster coming in from sixty miles away with loads of equipment to blast for three days until the rock was fractured and ruptured into manageable movable chunks, enabling the digger to remove the boulders from the site of our critical

area. It was exciting, though, almost like a contained war-zone, with the detonations, like bombs, going off every so often. Wonder if our neighbors thought the country was at war, being attacked??!

I alluded to the fact that numbers and figures inadvertently slide up the scale with relative ease. The time element is a very close second in this contest. Our contractor estimated a span of four months in which to complete the house. I was cynical and added another month, figuring we'd be in our new home by the end of April. We were renting a house by the month, figuring we could stop paying our rent after April allowing our budget some leeway for new home decor. It was after April. It was after May! It was after June!! So it's critical that you not depend on a contractor's deadline estimate since he undoubtedly will have internal problems that he cannot foresee and does not allow for.

I'm not pointing fingers or trying to embarrass anyone with these figures. I've discussed this with a number of people who have new homes here and in other parts of the country and it seems that contractors are famous for ameliorating their estimates of time and staying in the conservative corner of currency calculations to enhance their position. Sounds like a regular business tactic and who am I to hinder progress? However, for green persons who have no clue of contracting practices, it places them in a very unstable and insecure tunnel. Financially as well as emotionally. (If you see me today you'll notice a tic that's erupted above the right eye, a constant glaze in the eyes, and an occasional stutter over and above what I usually exhibit).

Next there is the plan, mentioned above. If you have an idea in your head, a drawing on paper or a design once seen of another home, ditch it as fast as your brain can execute it!!

Your house will never look like anything you've imagined. Why?? Because there is the matter of ideas and tastes between spouses; of carpenter measurements which differ exceedingly from regular-people-measurements! To explain the former, I've become convinced that there are no two people in the world who have such divergent tastes than two who are married. The compromises made when both want a perfect dream home are infinite and, if the relationship isn't stable, could cause a wounding rift in an otherwise sound union. One want a hip roof, the other naturally a contrasting ridgepole. One want light brick, the other dark. It goes on and on, the likes of which siblings would be in awe!!

The upshot of all this is unless you and your mate have the same tastes in everything, it might be better if you purchased a ready-made house. That is the only advice I can give on this particular aspect....except maybe, grin and bear it??...patience, patience, patience!...Bite your tongue...keep your eye on the goal?...Remember your blood pressure!!...give them the benefit of the doubt...patience, patience, PATIENCE!!

Enter the carpenter and his helpers. Their counsel, although well-intentioned, sometimes confuses the already confused couple. They are the professionals, after all, what does a couple know about building a house. It's more natural for these builders to go for the familiar, tried and tested building procedures than to attempt innovation, diversification. Therefore, it's essential that your houseplan be explicit and thoroughly understood by the carpenter; not just a drawing on paper or an idea in your head. He's not equipped with ESP, able to pick your brain to the point of seeing what your brain sees. It

needs substance to depict your plan, for the contractor to see and look at when he has the need: one way that could prevent misunderstanding. We, as you may have guessed, lacked on architectural plan! A booming oversight.

Along those lines, don't allow your aspirations to be such that your builder finds them impossible to formulate. Don't demand niches and sconces if he has no idea what they are or has never seen them. I fear my expectations were too high because the house I see today is not the house I saw in my mind's eye. So, be flexible enough with your plan to flow with the changes that will inevitably arise and that you will have to eat 99% of the time.

Regardless, 'our' dream home is near completion and we are on the verge of moving in. It has running water, electricity and a view that would blow your mind. And once you reach this plateau of seeing your home take shape to the point of living in it, there'll be a sense of proud ownership, humble accomplishment, in spite of the entire spectrum of emotions that befall these strange people who wanted their home built.

In fact, I'm sure the builders, one and all, see me as the ogre who stood by the sidelines suggesting, recommending, advising, DEMANDING!! In other words, I was a hindrance to their progress, a fly in the ointment, a pain in the butt to put it bluntly!! There's always one of those in any enterprise, isn't there? And if you should see yourself become an ogre, be confident because you'll be spurred with the idea that YOU will be living in that house, that you will be experiencing the shortcomings and under-commitments of the creators for a long time to come, and you will be dishing out your hard-earned cash for it to be to your liking. One of my arguments was that I could better live with my own shortcomings, I've had plenty of experience with it, and I was certainly not under-committed! Now you see why I'm called the ogre!!

To sum up, if you plan to build, plan step by step physically and financially. Come to terms with the fact that one must be realistic in bringing a dream home to fruition. The path is very narrow and getting lost in its labyrinth of pitfalls extremely costly.

For those of you who were planning to build a home and have decided to buy instead after this reading, I applaud you!! But you could always hire a contractor, give him the plans, show him the site then leave the country for a year. You'd return to a new home without the headache! That's our plan next time, but do we dare do it??!!

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años, y sierva fiel del Señor Jesucristo, sigue ofreciendo el lugar y comida.

Habrá cantos de alabanza, estudios Bíblicos, Mensajes evangelísticos; recreación y un compañero que ganará amistades perdurables. Usted y los suyos están invitados. El año pasado tuvimos como oradores: SAMMY FUENTES, RUDY HERNANDEZ JIMMY GARCIA III, MICHAEL GONZALES, y otros.

Esta vez además de oradores unidos de Dios anticipamos cantantes quienes Dios está usando con gran impacto en el mundo hispano. Escribenos hoy! Haznos saber si vienes a través de ta tarjeta que aqui incluuyo VEN! Serás bendecido por Dios!

Esperando Verles A te nte, Sammy Fuentes Rudy Hernandez Lucy Havens

Dear Editor

I am enclosing my check for renewal of my SA News subscription. I enjoy the paper very much and find it the best way to keep up with friends and events that happen concerning my hometown.

I was so pleased with the article about Tom Johnson. I had the great privilege of being present when he received this award and it was a wonderful experience. I was fortunate to be a runner-up for the same award several years ago and it was like a dream come true to be in the audience when this was presented to a fellow Santa Annan and all-round great guy. He and Wanda have worked long and hard in the hospital auxiliary and are a great blessing to Odessa and the surrounding area. All of us who share "roots" with them can justifiably be very proud of them. I feel honored that I can share our "2nd" hometown with them.

My best to you and yours and thanks for the great job on the News.

Julia Bailey Hartman
Odessa, Texas

In reply to Eris Gregg Muennink's letter of last week, let me say "Thank You, but who could she have mixed up with?"

True, I have done some of what I was credited with, but nothing to deserve more than I have already been accorded--and besides--I'm just selfish enough to have "done my do" for my own pleasure as well.

The grins and smiles of passers-by and knowing something I've done has given a life of the spirit to others is all anyone could wish for in return for such a little contribution.

In case you are wondering--yes, Eris and I were neighbors when I was seven or eight years old and Frances was my playmate and John and my brother, Joe, and Bert were chums.

I do appreciate the kind words--they "made my day".

Sincerely,
Nell Myers
Santa Anna, Texas.

Many accomplished American women have been Girl Scouts and believe their Girl Scout experience had a tremendous effect on their lives.

March 12, 1997, marks the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the U.S.A. The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council is now on a search for women living in our area who were Girl Scouts. We are planning a reunion for former Girl Scouts of all ages. We will celebrate this special 85th anniversary and, more importantly, demonstrate our concern for tomorrow's leaders by being advocates for today's generations of young girls.

Girl Scouting has provided millions of girls with confidence, leadership skills, fun and lifetime friendships since 1912. The upcoming reunion will be an opportunity to network, build new contacts, and rekindle old acquaintances. Each of us has the chance to embrace the values, the spirit, and the unity of Girl Scouting in our lives once again.

The changing demographics and the restructuring of the family are critical challenges facing Girl Scouts today. For contemporary

July 11 Date Set For First Published Listing Of Persons Having Outstanding Fines & Warrants In Municipal Court

Effective July 10, 1996 the Santa Anna Municipal Court will submit for publication the list of individuals that have unpaid fines and/or warrants for their arrest due to unpaid fines or failure to comply with a court order. Attempts to collect fines have been successful.

According to Municipal Judge, Barbara Kingsbery, if your name appears on this list and you wish to have your record cleared, you must appear in person or writing at the Santa Anna Municipal Court. The office is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Only the amount owed will be given over the phone -- no other information regarding the warrants or delinquent fines will be

given. The telephone number is (915) 348-3176.

Mrs. Kingsbery advises no personal checks will be accepted. If you know the whereabouts of any of these individuals, you may notify the Court or individual named on the list. Failure to appear and dispose of these fines and/or warrants will mean that these individuals are subject to being arrested at any time.

The Court states "The information to be listed in this publication is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. This information was given by the individuals using these names and addresses at the time the citations were issued".

Girl Scouts, the opportunity to re-connect with former Girl Scouts and learn from their experiences will create a link that will ensure the continuing positive evolution of the Girl Scout movement.

Former Girl Scouts include women such as journalist Barbara Walters, champion skater Kristy

Yamaguchi, champion golfer Nancy Lopez, opera diva Jessye Norman, and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council is developing a list of former Girl Scouts in our area. We ask that all former Girl Scouts please call the council office at 800-346-3215.

Sincerely,
Tany Gene James
Council President
Brownwood, Texas


Another Tax Better Than Income Tax? Discussion Sun.

Flat tax? Consumption tax? National sales tax? Value added tax?

Would one of these be better than the Income Tax?

All interested persons are invited to hear an informative discussion on Sunday, June 30, 1996 at the Brady Civic Center beginning at 2 p.m.

Sponsors of the discussion will be McCulloch County Property Owners Association and the Central Texas Conservative Coalition.



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We've had a great season and want to say a big "Thank You" to all the fans and supporters who have been there for us in so many ways. Your efforts have been rewarded by Santa Anna having the

1996 Senior League Champions

Bruce Goodwin *Carl Zoller*
Marlin Coach/Manager SACS President

and
Santa Anna Community Services Baseball Association

On An African Safari

By David and Margaret Karthaus

We all gladly got out of the vans in that since noon yesterday, we had spent almost all of the daylight and part of the night, driving over very rough roads. The five from the Kenya trip thought that the trip was a little uncomfortable but considering the five we had picked up from the airport in Nairobi their first two days was one large series of jolting rides. We quickly went into the lobby where we were served our choice of either manjo or orange juice. Jeanie made sure that we were getting the rooms that she requested. The switched rooms in Arusha made us a little nervous. We made our way back to our rooms with our hand luggage and most people would have to decide whether to wash two days' accumulation of dirt and dust from themselves before or after dinner. We chose to find a chair that wasn't bouncing and eat first. We made our way up the pathway—the boulders to the glass enclosed lions' den. This was one time we carried our bottled water with us because we wanted to at least wash down the dust. The meal was excellent as usual, the large selection of fruit seemed extra appealing this evening. About half way through dinner, Jeanie caught our attention and explained our itinerary for the morning. Of course it involved getting back into the vans but there would only be game runs. She also explained how to adjust our windows in our rooms. The rooms that she had chosen for us were on

the outside of the buildings closest to the wilds. We were to leave our windows open so that we could hear the night noises of the animals. What a change! Two nights ago we heard the hippos, last night, the dripping shower and now tonight the lions.

On the first morning, we were awake early before daylight. In the pre-dawn light we saw an impala walking within twenty feet of our window. We quickly dressed and fond our way to the vans. There was no one bringing our hot drinks and biscuits to our door. There were coffee and pastries available in the lobby that would help tide you over till breakfast after you can back from your first game run. We would spend four nights here and three full days. It was pleasant to think of the only riding we would do would be for our game runs. On the second morning we would take a balloon ride and the last day our game run would take us to Lobo Lodge near the Tanzanian-Kenyan border around four miles from the Mara River. Too bad there wasn't a border crossing near here in that the five of us from the Kenya expedition could have easily drive the fifty miles in a couple of hours rather than take an eastern bound flight to Nairobi south to Arusha and a hard day back west to the Serengeti Lodge. We noticed an airfield near Lobo Lodge and thought if we ever came back we would check to see if Air Kenya had a scheduled stop here. It could sure save a lot of driving.

The game runs and the general terrain of the Serengeti was very similar to the area around Mara River. The distance between the two is less than a hundred miles and the vast plain is divided by a political boundary. A major difference that we noted, was that the drivers in Tanzania stayed on the roads rather than cutting across the fields. There was a lot less erosion in Tanzania. The balloon ride that we took on the second morning was quite a thrill and quite expensive. The balloon ride was really an experience. Drifting over the plains was very interesting and some of the best video was taken on the hour long ride. We saw a large herd of wildebeest from the air. There were several hundred animals traveling together. I assume that balloon ride over the American plains in the 1700's would have been similar except the animals would have been bison.

The morning after our trip to Lobo, signaled the beginning of the end of our safari. We were now heading back toward Nairobi and the airfield. We still had three more nights in Africa but our course was east to Arusha and then north to Nairobi. After a great breakfast, we loaded up into the vans again. This time we had our sack lunches. Our trip today would be a long game run back to the eastern edge of the Serengeti Park. In that we had a long distance to go we drove much too fast to see many cats or larger animals. The drivers did detour frequently to examine a kopjes looking for lions or other cats. We were fortunate enough to see a leopard close to one. We were basically traversing a short grass plain where the main inhabitants were wildebeest and antelope. We stopped at one kopjes near the edge of the park and had a wonderful "picnic on the rocks" lunch. Our guides were very careful to make sure that we would not surprise or be surprised by a hungry lion.

After lunch, our speed picked up and we drove faster and faster stopping only to check out the park. The next time we stopped was at the Olduvai Digs in the Olduvai Gorge. We were very fortunate to be able to stand on the spot where Mary Leakey found her world famous skull. The terrain here reminded us of the eastern edge of the caprock near the Prairie Dog Fork of Red River near Canyon, Texas. Heavy rains had carved out deep canyons through many layers of geological history. The small museum there was extremely interest-

Texas Championship Bison Cook-Off Saturday At Early

World Championship Event Slated Here In The Fall

The Texas Championship Bison Cook-off will be June 29-30 at Early, Texas, with the Early Chamber of Commerce serving as hosts. This event, sanctioned by the North Texas Areas Barbecue Cookers Assoc., will attract cooks from several states. The National Championship Cook-off will be hosted by Santa Anna, Texas and other cook-offs will be held throughout the year in Missouri and Tennessee.

The Early Chamber of Commerce has dubbed their event the "Early Fun Fest"

and expect a crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 people is expected, with many attending from outside the area.

Trans Texas Southwest Credit Union will be providing free ice water with donations, going to the American Cancer Society. Also, there will be plenty of food, snacks and soft drinks available. Live entertainment will feature some of the top names in Bluegrass music on Saturday and gospel music all afternoon Sunday.

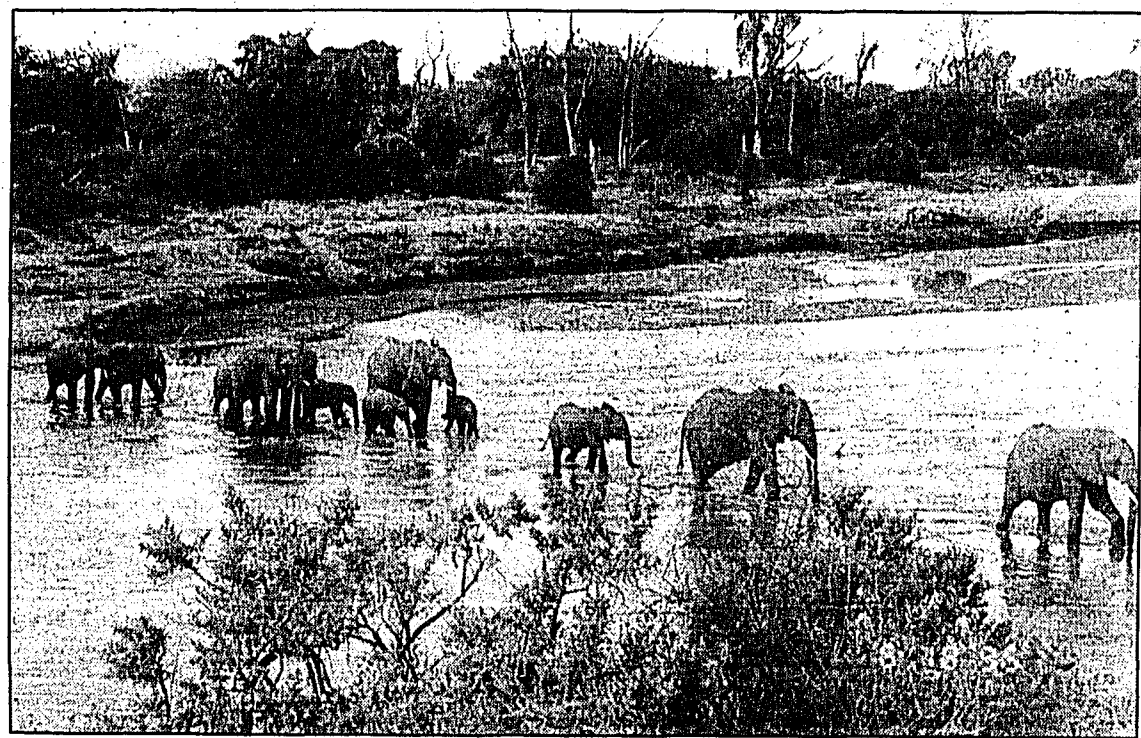
The Chamber has include room for 50 artists and craftsmen from different areas

of the state to sell their wares. Hours for the Fun Fest will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to dusk and Sunday from 12 noon to 5. Gate admission is \$3.00 for anyone over 12, and \$1.00 for children under 12. Early Fun Fest will be held on the Bayou behind Arby's. Plate suppers of barbecue bison and brisket will be available at \$5.00 a plate on Saturday evening.

The World Championship Bison Cook-off will be held at Santa Anna in the fall.



Lioness with their hartebeest kill in the Africa countryside.



Elephants crossing a river in Africa.

ing and had many items from each of the geological periods represented in the canyon. Our four wheel drive vans were able to descend into the floor of the canyon and drive right up to some of the digging sites including the sites of Mary Leakey's discovery. It was mid-afternoon and very hot and dusty so we were not too upset when it became time to

load into the vans and head for our final destination of the day.

We arrived at the Ngorongoro Lodge for the second time this week. We would spend two nights here and eat breakfast and supper twice. We never did get to eat

for many days was very painful.

During our fantastic dinner, we heard the arrangements for the next day. We would get up very early and leave before dawn. We would spend the whole day on the floor of

the crater. We would take box lunches and cold drinks with us. After dinner we went back to our rooms and took a long, hot shower and washed our hair. We also did a little laundry since the clothes would have a chance to dry over the next day. We went to bed fairly early, but with our supper starting around 8 p.m., early is a relative term.

lunch there again as we had on our way to Serengeti. Since today was extremely hot and dusty we contemplated getting clean before dinner, but the love of watching the sunset over the Crater from the "Bird Nest" lookout place outweighed most of our desires for cleanliness. The view was beautiful and worth the effort and if you are ever there, we must caution you that there are a large number of steps down from the lodge to the Bird Nest that must be climbed to get back to the Lodge. The climb back up the stairs for bodies that have been jostled over rough roads

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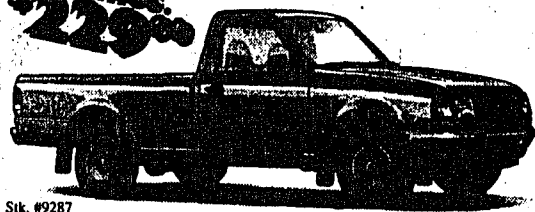


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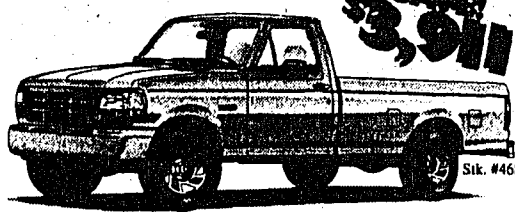
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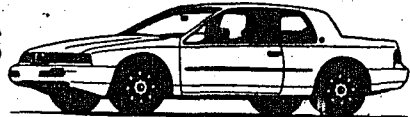
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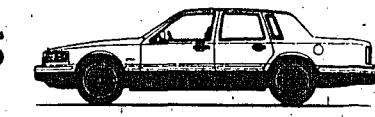
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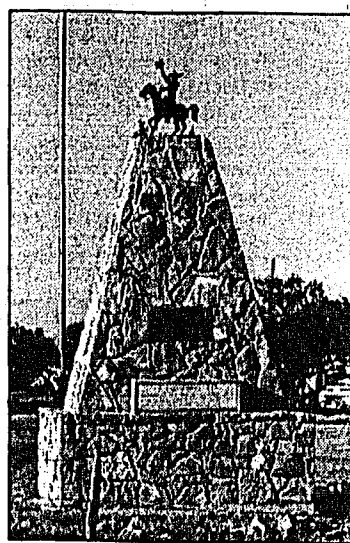
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Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

I truly wish I had lots of news for you this week. Do hope all is well and all the news readers are enjoying good health. Has been a busy week in our community. The hay baling season is on. That means work.

Mrs. Linda Rutherford and her daughter Stephanie have spent some time enjoying being on the coast. They left Thursday afternoon and will be back home Monday. Each of the ladies are employed in the Brownwood hospital and took a little time to go to Corpus. My son Loyd Rutherford reports that she has lived on the coast a lot of her life and gets hungry for the coastal water baths. They that are having a very nice time.

Mrs. Ruth Poldrack of Coleman and her two little granddaughters have been with their grandparents in Coleman this week and visited with Ruth's mother Mrs. Ethel Radle in

Santa Anna on Monday and Thursday. The little granddaughters returned to their home over the weekend accompanied by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Poldrack.

Mr. and Mrs. Randel Lovelady of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Wardene Keeney of Santa Anna visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick and family.

I have not been able to contact Floyd Morris. He has had help this past week in getting his house repaired. That was very badly damaged from the storm not long back. Men have been working on it the past week. don't know if completed or not.

Mr. Leon Carter visited with his sister Lorene Black in Brownwood Sunday.

We are proud to report Thomas and Trudi Rutherford's new home is

The descendants of the late Horace and Homer Goodgion families held their annual reunion at the community center on Saturday and Sunday with a large crowd attending. The group enjoyed being together once again.

We only had ten in our Sunday School for the service but did have two visitors LeRoy Smith of Granbury, who was raised here years ago, brought his guitar and played along with the piano as we sang and Catherine Thompson of Brownwood who was visiting Natalie and Rankin McIver. Come again folks.

Ted Nicholas and a friend of Plano came down on Saturday and visited with his grandmother Leona Henderson and enjoyed fishing and camping out until Wednesday.

Verna Bolton and her mother Florence Stearns attended the cowboy camp meeting on Friday night and enjoyed the service very much. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stearns of Cross Cut and Alice Wells of Coleman visited with their mother Florence Stearns on Saturday afternoon.

Ruby Yates and husband of

coming along just pretty good. Really doesn't seem will be too long until the new home will be completed. Of course they are looking forward to being permanently settled. We are all very proud of them.

Abilene were brief Sunday afternoon visitors with Mrs. Gertrude Martin.

Natalie McIver visited her sister Jane Young in Brownwood on Tuesday and the two of them attended a ladies day luncheon at the country club. Catherine Thompson spent a couple of days last week with her grandmother Natalie and Rankin McIver.

Joel and Diane McClatchy of Rockwall were Wednesday evening visitors with his brother Talmadge and Laverne McClatchy. Their Sunday dinner guests were Jeannie and Fred Driehofer of Brownwood lake, Lara Meckfessel and Merridee McClatchy and Bob Anderson.

Dana and Lavonda Evans of Kempner visited a while on Saturday with his grandmother Mrs. Winnie Haynes, and Laverne and Doyle Evans of Santa Anna visited briefly on Sunday.

Felton Martin spent Thursday night in San Antonio and attended the Miss Queen Rodeo Contest where his granddaughter Brandi Martin was competing and was chosen as the no. two runner-up. Congratulations Brandi.

Weekend visitors with Ray, Bobby and Wyndham Dean were Casey Dean, Tommy Johnson, Bear Warwick, Ken Sidewinder, Bobby Hassel and Wade, all from the Dallas area, Kit Dean and Jennie of Comanche and Bud and Jerry Windham from Beaumont. The men folks hauled and stored hay for Ray.

Donnie and Sherry York of Ozona were Thursday dinner guests of Nikki and I and Leona Henderson visited briefly Sunday evening.

Rodney and Cella Guthrie and boys Gary and Mason of Bangs visited Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Lou Vaughn and ate supper with her. Earlene Dockery also visited a while.

There were fourteen present Thursday night for the eighty-four

Happy Belated Anniversary Dick and Johnnie Deal. The couple celebrated their seventh anniversary June 24, 1996.

Jennifer Rutherford, Margot and Megan Rutherford spent the weekend with Claudia Rutherford and attended the Wise Reunion Saturday at the Rockwood Community Center. Bob Rutherford picked up Margot and Megan Sunday morning.

Gayle Stewardson attended Amy Scarbrough and Hank Parker's wedding at the Gouldbusk Baptist Church Saturday night.

Those visiting during the past week with Johnnie Steward were Olin and Ethel Horton, Emily Rose and a friend, Lauren, Jamie and Casey Ray, Billy and Emily Maness, Charlie Smith, Blake Williams and Bo Wilson.

Sunday afternoon Zelle Hodges of Abilene and her grandson Taylor visited with Bill and Sadie Bryan.

Vivian Steward had has guests during the week were Pat and Kay Patterson and Paige of Shreveport, Collins and Barbara Steward of Katy, and girls Annette, Lynette and Suzette, Jim and Jeanette Mortenson of Houston, Doyle and Jerrie Stanford of Fort Worth, P. A. and Judy Patterson and boys, Jeremy and Austin of Rockwall and Collins and Jean Wise of Hillsboro and daughter-in-law Huarelon Wise and daughter Stephanie Wise of New Orleans. The family attended the Wise reunion Saturday and in the evening enjoyed a hamburger supper with David and Coleta Pearson joining them. Faye Wise and Joyce Mueller visited during the weekend.

Mark and Tammy Alberthal of Boerne visited Saturday and picked up Nikki and took her home for a week.

Kim Whitton, Clay and Katie of New Braunfels, Debbie Kennett of Austin and John and Frankie Gregg of Coleman were all with Minnie Bray to attend the Wise reunion Saturday. Mack and Patsy Hambright and Jan Yates and Curtis and Tedye and Trenton Hambright visited after the reunion.

Elec and Rose Cooper visited Saturday with Jack and Skeeta Cooper. Jack and Skeeta hosted the Spinner gang Sunday night Bill and Lois Bryan, Faye Wise and Claudia Rutherford.

Visitors with Coleta Pearson have been David Pearson, Collins and Jean Wise, Huarelon Wise and Steffy Wise. Coleta and guests at

party. Sunday visitors with Mrs. Edna Laughlin were Charlotte and Billy Lee and two children Susan and Clifton.

tended the Wise reunion at the Rockwood Community Center. Saturday evening Doyle and Jerrie Stanford, Collins Steward and girls visited.

Wednesday Jr. and Nell Brusenan hosted Bible study for Bro. Jeff, Loma and Sara Dean, Minnie Bray and Blake Williams. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull visited. Saturday afternoon Jr. and Nell visited at Simpson Lake with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Underwood of Navasota, Mrs. Steve Grant of Fort Worth and Gretta Parris of Richardson. Monday they were in Coleman to wish Dick and Johnnie Deal happy anniversary.

Thursday morning Faye Wise visited with Guy and Dorothea Whisenant.

Sunday morning Denny and Louise Densman visited with Elec and Rose Cooper.

Darwin and Billie Lovelady of Brownwood along with Elec and Rose were in Mason Sunday for lunch. Garland McSwain visited with Elec Monday morning.

Thursday Hank, Darla, Hunter and Hayden Wise were in San Angelo and Saturday attended the Wise reunion. Saturday evening they attended a fish fry at the home of Winford Short.

Lyndie Jo Wise spent Saturday and Sunday with Faye and attended the Wise reunion Saturday. They had supper with Bill and Joyce Mueller later Saturday. Hunter spent the night Saturday. Joe Ed, Ruth Ann and Nathan Wise and Amanda Lawrence visited Saturday afternoon. Hank, Darla, Hunter and Hayden Wise visited Saturday night.

This past week was quite a trying one for us. Tuesday a dear cousin, Frances Kay Olson was buried in Arizona. Friday we buried my oldest brother Kimp Musko Slayton and Saturday we buried a dear friend B. R. Hargrove.

Circle C Cowbelles Sponsoring Property Rights Program July 9

The Circle C Cowbelles will sponsor a Property Rights Program on Tuesday, July 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman High School Auditorium.

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Fishing Lake Ivie

By Durwood Strickland

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