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Notice To The Public

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

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

Signed:

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

Tom Stewardson Homes Destroyed By Fire Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stewardson said both structures were insured.

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

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

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

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

All furniture in the old home was burned.

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A Merry Christmas



From The
Santa Anna News and Staff

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gregg and family

Joyce Peyton

Cleo Rushing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wreck Injures 5 Saturday Evening

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

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

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

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

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

chen was charged with driving while drunk.

Early Boys And Mozelle Girls Win Cage Tournament

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

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

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

Queen Contest Ends Thursday

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

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

The Birth Of Christ

Mrs. A. L. Oder

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem is known for other interesting things that happened there.

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

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

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

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

Mountaineer Cagers Play at Brooksmith

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

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

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

Hospital Notes

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

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

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

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