

Santa Anna News

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\$405 In Prizes To Be Given Dec. 24

Mozelle Girls And Bangs Boys Win Annual Basketball Tournament

In the final game of the Santa Anna Invitational Basketball Tournament the Bangs boys beat the Santa Anna boys by a 43 to 27 score to win the tournament. The Mozelle girls beat the Santa Anna girls by a very close 35-34 to win the girls division.

The Mozelle boys won the consolation bracket by beating the Burkett boys 45 to 43 in the semifinals. The Bangs girls won the consolation bracket by beating the Early "B" girls 31 to 24.

The tournament opened Thursday night with Mozelle girls winning over the Bangs girls 34 to 22. In the second game the Bangs boys won over the Santa Anna "B" boys 44 to 31. In the final Thursday night game the Santa Anna girls won over the Early "B" girls 39 to 18.

In the Friday night games the Brownwood "B" boys won over the Mozelle boys 39 to 33. In the second game the Burkett girls won over the Santa Anna "B" girls 40 to 21. In the final Friday game the Santa Anna boys won over the Burkett boys 40 to 27.

The results of the Saturday morning games were the Bangs girls over the Santa Anna "B" girls 36 to 17 in the consolation bracket and the Mozelle girls over the Burkett girls 39 to 29 in the championship bracket. In the Saturday afternoon games the Mozelle boys won over the Santa Anna "B" boys 37 to 24 in the consolation bracket and the Bangs boys won over the Brownwood "B" boys 38 to 33 in the championship bracket.

Saturday night were the final games with the consolation brackets being played off first with the Bangs girls winning over the Early "B" girls 31 to 24 and the Mozelle boys winning over the Burkett boys 45 to 43.

The championship brackets were the finals with the Bangs boys beating out the Santa Anna boys 43 to 27 and the Mozelle girls beating the Santa Anna girls 35 to 34 in the thriller of the tournament.

Last Tuesday night both teams

lost to Burkett with the boys score being 37 to 35 for Burkett and the girls game being 51 to 20 for Burkett.

Monday night of this week the teams played Early at Early and the boys won by a 49 to 33 score with the girls losing by a 25 to 17 score for Early.

These games conclude the basketball games until after the Christmas holidays when both teams will play Mason here on Tuesday night, December 30 and then on Friday night, January 2, both teams will travel to Mason to return the games.

Bill McHorse To Put On Fireworks Display Monday

Bill McHorse of Coleman is going to fire a large display of fireworks from atop the Santa Anna mountain Monday night, December 22, beginning at 8:00 p. m. The display will be fired from the mountaintop directly above the street running between the Santa Anna Bank and the Santa Anna Hotel. McHorse said the first one would be fired exactly at 8:00 p. m.

The display will consist of firing about 30 large exhibition pieces. Most of the display fireworks will go from 300 to 500 feet in the air before they burst into beautiful displays and they should be seen as far away as Rockwood and Bangs.

McHorse said he would put on another display in Coleman on Tuesday night, beginning at 8:00 p. m. on the vacant lot at the corner of Commercial Avenue at the 1400 block. About 30 or more pieces will be fired in Coleman.

Four members of the Santa Anna Fire Department and some of the members of the Coleman Fire Department will accompany McHorse for the Santa Anna firing. He urges that people do not try to get on top of the mountain, as the displays can be seen better from here in town or in the residential section.

This display of fireworks will be similar to the ones fired at the Dallas Fair and at the Fort Worth Exhibitions. McHorse said all the pieces would be fired in rapid order and it should take about 30 to 45 minutes to fire all of them.

The entire area is invited to Santa Anna to witness this most unusual display on Monday night.

Santa Annan Heads Tenn. Gas Co.

A recent issue of Who and What, a magazine published in Chicago by the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Industry, had an interesting article and contained a picture of James S. Jones, Santa Anna born and reared.

Jim, as we call him, has recently been elected president of the Tennessee Liquefied Gas Co., of which he was formerly Vice-President and manager of operations in Memphis. He has been with the Association since its organization in 1946, and the magazine states he "is a man familiar with the opportunities and problems of the industry in the state of Tennessee." He is a brother of Edd Jones of Santa Anna, and the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones of this city. Jim and his wife and their 4 children live in Memphis.

Reba Hardy of Parkland Hospital, Dallas, came Sunday for a weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardy. She is taking this time off instead of Christmas, as she will have to work then.

EARLY EDITION NEXT WEEK

Once again we must call on our correspondents and others who turn in news items for The Santa Anna News to get all your copy in as early as possible and not later than the rural mail deliveries on Monday. Deadline on all copy will be 1:00 p. m. at noon, Monday, December 22.

This will be our annual Christmas Greeting Edition and will contain a large number of season greetings from professional and business men. It will also contain all the Letters to Santa Claus we have received up to the deadline.

The paper will be printed on Monday and Tuesday and mailed late Tuesday evening, December 23, in order that it will be delivered to all local and rural subscribers on Christmas Eve, an opportune time to send Christmas Greetings.

In case anyone would like to publish a Christmas Message to their friends and customers and one of our representatives have not called on you, please telephone 45 and a representative will call on you promptly. Deadline on all advertising is at noon on Monday also.

Annual Ward School Xmas Play Thursday Night

James A. Harris, principal of the Santa Anna Ward School, said the annual Santa Anna Ward School Christmas Play would be presented at the high school auditorium Thursday night, December 18, at 7:30. No admission charge will be made. The first three grades will present the play, under the direction of the sponsors, Mrs. J. Frank Turner, Mrs. Rankin McIver, Mrs. Jim Harris and Mrs. Harry Crews.

Band Concert Well Attended

The second in a series of 4 concerts to be given by the Santa Anna High School Band was held in the High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance of appreciative listeners.

With the director, Carl Gilkerson, conducting, band members looking fine in their nice uniforms really put on some fine music.

From the opening number, The Star Spangled Banner, to the finish, all was well done.

The program featured a collection of Christmas carols, with the group singing Silent Night. There was also a modern version of Jingle Bells.

The on-sight rendition of Beethoven's 3rd Symphony was something extra. J. Cecil Grantham, a Santa Anna reared boy, now the band director of Winters High School, was present and directed one number, which was well received.

Mrs. E. K. Blewett for many years a resident of Santa Anna, is now living in Coleman. Her house on Ave. A, was moved to a lot in Coleman, last week, near the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Boardman. Her other son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richards here from Stambaugh, Mich., will remain through the winter with her in her new location.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughan of Ft. Worth were recent visitors here with her people, members of the Hosch family.

53 Renew Livestock Assn. Membership

So far only 53 members have renewed their membership in the Santa Anna Livestock Association. In the past 100 and more citizens of this area have been listed as members of the organization.

The organization is the basis for the annual Santa Anna Livestock Show. For the past several years the Santa Anna Show has been growing and has paid larger premiums than any other show in this part of the country. Membership dues go to pay these premiums and to help defray other expenses of the show.

Membership dues are only \$5.00 per year. Everyone who might be interested in the future of the local FFA boys and the area 4-H Club boys and girls should make an effort to belong to this organization.

During the spring of each year the boys who receive the benefits from the organization give a barbecue chicken supper that is worth most of the amount of the dues, and then your dues are going to help build the livestock, swine and sheep industry in this part of the county.

The annual Santa Anna Livestock Show has been set for Friday, January 9, and will be held at the livestock show barn, near the high school. Directors of the Santa Anna Livestock Association will meet this week to organize the show and set up the rules and regulations.

American Legion Wants Merchants To Buy New Flags

Members of the local American Legion Post are requesting business men of the town who do not have flags to purchase new ones. They want the town to honor the days when flags should be flown by every business house flying the American Flag.

Soon after the first of the year members of the Legion will call on each business man and ask him if he wants a new flag. The ones they have in mind are 4 feet x 6 feet and are heavy cotton bunting with double stitched stripes and printed stars. This flag is especially recommended for sidewalks in business districts. This flag sells for \$5.55 in dozen lots or for \$5.85 each. Poles are also available.

The first day in 1953 that flag should be flown is George Washington's Birthday, February 22, and the Legion would like for every business house to have a flag out on that day.

Lions Den

A very interesting picture, "The Federal Reserve Bank" was shown for the program at the regular meeting of the Lions Club this week. The program was in charge of Lions R. K. Green and W. B. Griffin.

The Lions Club voted to purchase a new flag for their meeting hall during the business session. Visitors present were A. B. Carroll and Lester Newman, guests of Lion Ford Barnes. Every member present brought a dollar bill to help with the Lions Club and Fire Department Christmas Cheer Fund.

The program next week will be in charge of Lions Jim Harris and Norman Hosch.

Chicago's great fire occurred in 1271.

Merry Christmas

BY MRS. JOHN LAUDER
BUFFALO CORRESPONDENT

(Editor's note: The following article was composed by our Buffalo Correspondent, Mrs. John Lauder, soon after she was involved in a traffic accident. This is her article, just as she wrote it and we feel it expresses a lot of thought for those who are planning to be driving during the holiday season.)

Don't cross that stop sign without coming to a complete stop and looking twice, unless you are rich, tired of living, or don't care what happens to your fellowman. I've just had my first collision. I ran into a car. As far as I can figure it out no one was at fault. The driver of the car that I hit stopped and looked but didn't see the light blue car I was driving. I was in the shadows (it was just after sunup) and I guess the color of our car blends better with shadows than any other color could. The way I feel now it should be painted yellow with big black stripes on it.

The point that I would like to drive home to you, just before that holiday trip is, "you have a blind spot in your vision", according to the people who have made a study of the eyes. I found that out about twenty-five years ago by experience. I was at the intersection of Tenth and Concho Streets in Coleman. I looked to my right and to my left, saw that the way was clear, and started across Concho. After I was out in the street I saw a car coming from my right and there would have been a wreck there, except the oncoming car managed to stop, inches from me. That liked to have scared me to death and I learned my lesson well. You had better look twice. That oncoming car may be at just the right angle to be in your blind spot. If your eyes are normal you have the blind spot and glasses won't change it. If you don't believe it, ask your optometrist.

For airplanes they have what they call a traffic pattern, operated from a control tower. It is evident that pilots watch and obey it closely for you seldom hear of two planes crashing in mid-air. There is a "dispatcher" who personally directs the traffic of trains. For cars there are rules and regulations visible to the eyes of the driver; speed limits, stop signs, dashes in the highway, signs that tell the condition of the local road and in town, stop signs, signal lights and restricted speed zones. Barring mechanical defects there just wouldn't be collisions if traffic regulations were followed. There is that well worn phrase "the life you save may be your own."

At stop signs it is a good plan to make a mental list of the traffic and "check it twice" or Santa Claus may not be coming to town as far as you are concerned.

STOP, LOOK AND LIVE. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

Last Call For Letters To Santa

This is the last call for children to write their letters to Santa Claus and have them published in The Santa Anna News. Letters should be mailed to Santa Claus, Santa Anna, Texas, in time to be delivered before noon on Monday, December 22.

All the letters will appear in the annual Christmas Greeting Edition of The Santa Anna News, which will be printed and mailed on Tuesday, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upton and their son, Randall Wayne, of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Upton.

The merchants of Santa Anna are going to give away \$405.00 worth of prizes Wednesday afternoon, December 24. Any merchants in Santa Anna will be glad to explain how you might participate in the free program.

Prizes that will be given away are all on display in the building next door west from the Service Cafe.

Every business house in Santa Anna is participating in this Christmas Program, and several of the merchants are giving extra prizes from their stores.

First prize will be a Stoneville Dinette Set with four chairs, valued at \$159.50. Second prizes will be a Sunbeam Mixmaster, valued at \$46.50; third is a \$40. Westinghouse Electric Cooker; fourth is a Truetone Alarm Clock and 6-tube radio combination valued at \$35.00; fifth is a \$21. set of Aladdin Lamps; and sixth prize is a \$19.50 Garton Velocipede (tricycle). These prizes are valued at \$321.50.

Prizes given by individual merchants are: a set of \$10.95 sheets and pillow cases from the Ladies Shop; \$10.00 worth of groceries from Piggly Wiggly; \$10.00 worth of groceries from Harvey Grocery; \$10.00 worth of groceries from Hosch Grocery; a \$9.95 dresser set from Phillips Drug; a five-year subscription to The Santa Anna News, valued at \$7.50; a 50-foot garden hose from Burton-Lingo valued at \$6.50; a \$6.00 rod and reel from the Santa Anna Hardware Co.; a nice blanket valued at \$5.95 from Purdy Mercantile Co.; and one gallon of Gulf insect spray from C. F. Campbell valued at \$2.35.

Everyone is eligible to participate in this give-away program except owners and operators of business houses in Santa Anna. Visit the Santa Anna stores and learn how you might be one of the lucky winners on Christmas Eve.

Reward Offered For Return Of Street Markers

The Community Chamber of Commerce is offering a reward for the return of two street markers that disappeared sometime near Halloween night. The markers disappeared from the corner of Parker Street and Ave. A and the corner of North 2nd Street and Avenue A. Anyone who has these street markers or knows where they are are requested to please see that they are returned to the Community Chamber of Commerce office, and collect a reasonable reward. No questions will be asked and no complaints will be filed.

These street markers are the property of individual owners. On each corner property owners paid their appropriate parts of the cost on each marker and the Community Chamber of Commerce ordered them. Each marker cost \$12.00. It will be appreciated if whoever has them will return them.

Dewel T. Mathews Cooking In Japan

Pfc. Dewel T. Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Matthews, born and reared in this vicinity, is back with the 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, stationed at Camp Hagin in Japan. He is a Korean veteran and was wounded while fighting during a five months period on the front. He is pictured in a recent Texas daily with another soldier receiving tips on food preparation at the XVI Corps Food Service School in Japan, which they are attending.

Miss Ina Bouchelle of Fort Hood, came Saturday and visited until Monday with her sister, Mrs. Joe Griffin and Mr. Griffin.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Thoughts

OF A COUNTRY EDITOR

BY JOHN C. GREGG

FIREWORKS

Last week the Santa Anna City Council requested parents to see that children quit shooting fireworks in the business district of Santa Anna through an advertisement in The Santa Anna News. This is strictly a violation of the law and anyone convicted of shooting fireworks in the fire zone is subject to a fine in any amount up to \$25.00.

The request did not seem to have much effect on some people, because there are several boys still doing it. The city is again publishing the request that parents see that their children do not shoot fireworks in the city fire zone.

Fireworks are dangerous where groups of people gather. They are likely to cause someone to hurt themselves. Every Christmas there are a number of persons injured from fireworks, some losing eyes, fingers, hands, etc.

The city council has no intention of attempting to stop anyone from enjoying the holiday season, but they do request that would-be pranksters do not interrupt the pleasure of others by shooting fireworks in the city fire zones. They are also a fire hazard and could cause a disastrous fire. Parents are again urged to caution their children not to shoot fireworks in the fire zone.

Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER



ROCKWOOD, TEXAS

PHONE 1003

M/Sgt. A. W. Box, who is stationed at Fort Wordan, Wash., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Box.

Mrs. Marshall Campbell and son, Pat, of Santa Anna, are also guests in the Box home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bryan and Kenneth attended workers conference at Gouldbusk Monday night.

Cpl. Chester Bryan is spending leave with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bryan and family before reporting at Camp Gilmer, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McSwane and Mrs. Jake McCreary spent Saturday and Sunday in San Angelo with relatives. They report Bill McSwane who suffered a stroke November 1, as "possibly weaker."

Mrs. J. C. King is a patient in Santa Anna Hospital and is reported improving.

Olivia McIntire was in Brady hospital several days last week with a "strep" throat.

Evan Wise is home after being in Santa Anna Hospital several days because of pneumonia.

We are happy to report Mr. Hyatt Moore is improving after several weeks of illness following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crutcher and Ludy Jane visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Hodges and Eddie Joe and other relatives in Coleman Sunday.

Alvin Bostick of Ft. Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bostick.

Herman Estes of Bovina was Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Estes. They were celebrating his Dad's birthday. Dinner guests with Mr. and

Mrs. Boss Estes Sunday were, Mrs. Claud Box, A. W. Box, Mrs. Marshall Campbell and Pat and Weldon Estes. Weldon, a student in Hardin-Simmons U., was a week end guest with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schultze of Devine, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Avants and boys. All of them went to Hamilton and were supper guests with Mrs. Mary Avants and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryan were in Santa Anna Monday evening to attend the OES annual Christmas Banquet held at the Masonic Hall.

Mrs. Eulah Hardy of Midland spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bryan and Kenneth.

Mrs. E. D. Black, Gary and Elaine of San Angelo were Saturday guests in the Bryan home.

Mrs. George Hobson, Gary and Sharon, of Big Spring are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halmon and son, Jerry Carl, of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. U-less Maness were afternoon callers with the Buttry's.

The Halmons also took their son, Jerry Carl, for his first visit with his great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Buttry.

Mrs. Jack Bostick and Mrs. J. C. Hunter were guests of Miss Bernice Johnson Monday evening at the Wesleyan Service Guild Christmas Banquet at Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan had a Christmas dinner at their home Sunday. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland McMillan, Mrs. Florine Speegle and Sammie Lou and Leroy McMillan of Rochelle, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crutcher and family of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Clemmie Brock of Gouldbusk, Bill Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gray spent several days last week on their hunting lease in Mason Co.

Miss Colleen Wise of Fort Worth spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Box and Miss Jerry of Ft. Worth were week end guests with relatives. Mr. Box, Joe W. Wise, Elec Cooper and Mr. Ed Tisdale enjoyed a hunting trip during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bray and Franklin of Waldrip spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan and Patsy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sluder,

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Day and Sherry visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Day in the Buffalo community.

Mrs. L. L. Bryan and Mrs. Eulah Hardy were shopping in Brownwood Friday.

Cleveland News

By MRS. MANLEY F. BLANTON



TRICKHAM ROUTE
SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

PHONE 3705

Those visiting over the week end in the M. F. Blanton home were Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and Kay and Tomye from Killeen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Phillips in Santa Anna.

We are happy to report Mrs. Virgil Lancaster, who was operated on in Santa Anna Hospital,

is getting along fine. We are hoping she will soon be at home.

Mrs. J. D. Howard and daughter, visited Friday in Coleman with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shulle.

Grandmother Neve, Mrs. Drisco Woods' mother, is feeling some better, but she has been seriously ill the past 2 weeks. We hope she will soon be well again.

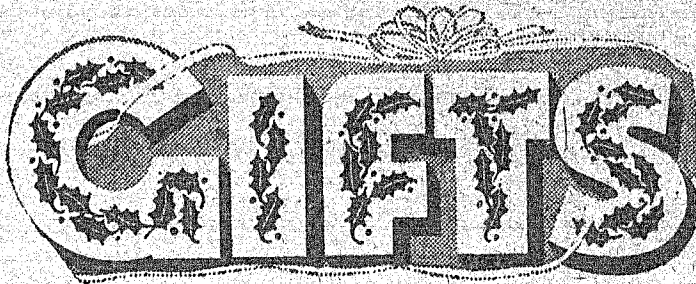
for us Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mrs. Clarence Drennon spent Monday with Mrs. Drisco Woods. Sunday visitors in the Woods home were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hanley and Mrs. Lure Mitchell of Brady.

All the demons are said to have lived in Pandemonium.

Night blindness is caused by a deficiency of vitamin A.

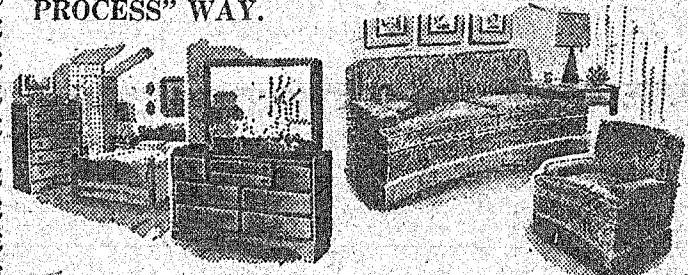
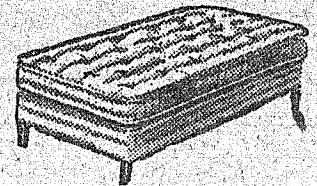
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NOTICE

Due to error and misunderstanding in the acceptance of original bids, Coleman County will accept new sealed bids up until January 12th, 1953, at 10:00 a. m. for 4,000 right of way fence posts. The posts are to be graded as yard posts, have 5" tops and be 6' long. Bids should be made on per post basis, and the County reserves the right to reject any and all bids made.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
COLEMAN COUNTY,
TEXAS

Convalescent Hospital Service

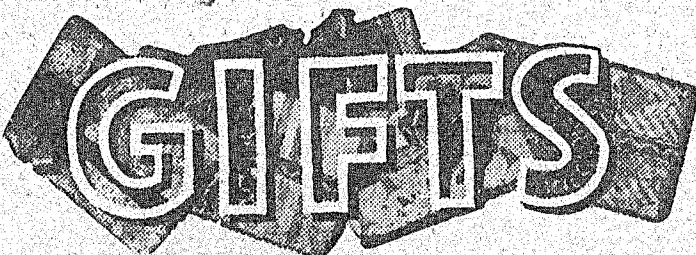
The Santa Anna Hospital Is Now Open For Convalescent Elderly Patients, and Bedfast Patients Who Cannot Receive Proper Treatment At Home.

Rates Will Be Adjusted To The Status of The Patient

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Complete Medical Supervision At All Times
Registered Nurses On Duty 24-Hours Daily

For Further Information Inquire At The
SANTA ANNA HOSPITAL
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For Christmas

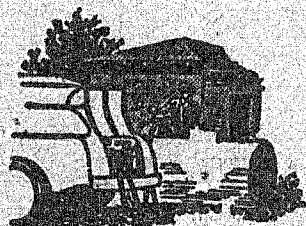
- Metal Waste Paper Baskets . 59c
- Rubbermaid Stove Top Mats . 98c
- Hunting & Fishing Knives . 1.25
- Kleencut Scissors . 1.75
- Steak Knife Sets . 3.95
- Basketballs . 3.25
- White Bath Room Heaters . 3.95
- Plastic Dominoes . 4.25
- G. E. Electric Irons . 9.95
- White Mountain 3 Quart Ice Cream Freezers . 6.95
- 1 Gallon Madison Electric Ice Cream Freezer . 14.95
- 20 lb. Pull Archery Sets . 9.95

Santa Anna Hardware Co.

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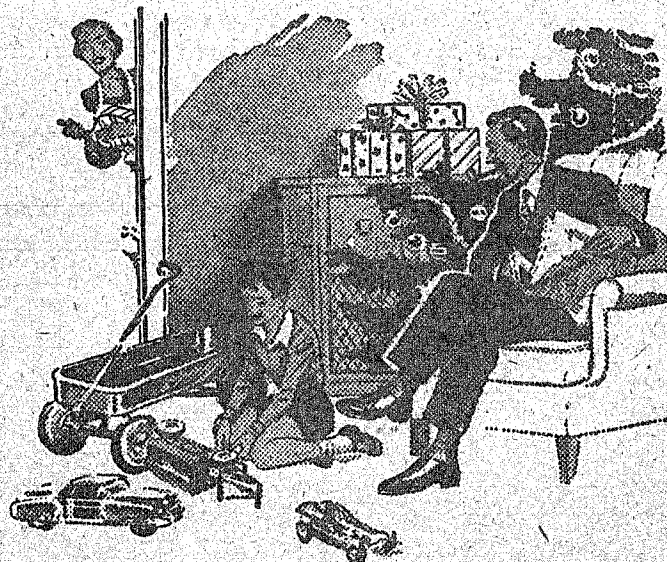


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Santa Anna National Bank

"THE FRIENDLY BANK"

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Whon News

By MRS. TOM RUTHERFORD

WHON, TEXAS



PLEASE LEAVE NEWS ITEMS AT WHON POST OFFICE

Everyone is invited to the Christmas tree at the Whon Baptist Church, Sunday night, December 21st.

By the time you read this it will be almost time for another year to be closed. Christmas will soon be come and gone again, for many of us it will be coming around too fast. But that is something no one can control is "time". I am taking this means by which to wish every reader of the Santa Anna News a Merry Christmas and may each of you have a prosperous Christmas and not indulge in things of our day and time that are un-Christ-like. Since we are supposed to be celebrating the birth of our Savior. For reasons of my very own, I am not sending so very many Christmas cards this time. But again let me say as correspondent for the Whon Community, A Merry Christmas to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Gill and son and Mrs. Bert Turney returned home from Houston Sunday night, where they have been visiting. Mrs. Gill with her parents, Mrs. Turney with her daughter.

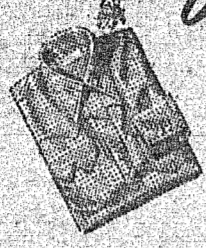
Sorry to report Mr. Babe Gardainer a patient in the Brady hospital. He has been very sick and reports are he still isn't feeling so well.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson and son of Abilene, spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse and Earla have recently been visiting and transacting business in Ft. Worth.

Mr. Zack Bible made his annual deer hunt during the past week, and as always he got him-

CHOOSE HERE THE Gifts that are Tops FOR YOUR TOP MEN!



Western Shirts
ALL SIZES AND COLORS
4.98 up



PARIS and PIONEER BELTS
1.00 up



Men's Gloves
LEATHER and FUR LINED
2.98 up



TIES
1.50 up



Sport Shirts
WINGS — ARROW
SEA ISLAND
2.98 to 4.98

LUXURIOUS Gift Slips

Frosted With Lace . . . Designed With A Lovely Lady In Mind . . .

For inspired Christmas gifting, a lavish array of feminine lingerie in a wealth of styles.

SLIPS — Tailored with nylon net bodice, gored skirt
White and Pink 6.95

PANTIES — White and Pink nylon, laced trim or tailored . . . 1.75

BRASSIERES — Nylon Lace
White or Pink 3.98

GOWNS — Net and Lace Nylon Trim 3.98



GRAMMERS DEPT. STORE

self a buck. He also visited during the past week with old friends and boyhood stamping grounds at Marble Falls. He accompanied Dennis Kelley of Santa Anna on the trip.

Mrs. Henry Smith has been on the sick list again the past week, feeling better Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. DeWitt of Ft. Worth were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse and Earla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimpy Watson and her brother, Capt. and Mrs. Jim Davis of Laredo were deer hunting Wednesday of last week. Thursday they visited in Abilene. Capt. and Mrs. Davis returned to Laredo Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill are sporting a new 1952 Mercury since last Thursday. Mrs. Gill states she still believes in Santa Claus.

Mr. Walter McFarlin and daughter, Jimmy Lee, of Blanco, Texas, spent Saturday night with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart received a letter last week from Mrs. Howard Lovelady of Gatesville and told them they were expecting their son, Lt. Howard Lee Lovelady home for Christ-

mas from the front lines in Korea, or will arrive soon afterwards. He leaves Korea the 18th. Lt. Lovelady is a nephew of Oscar Lovelady, Earl and Etelle Cozart of our community.

Rev. Cloud, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Blanco, Texas, was guest in the Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin home Saturday.

Mr. Orval Bible of Houston has been visiting his father, Zack Bible. Orval stated his mother was doing very well, able to be up walking some. She is still in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin spent Thursday night with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Daniel Wheatley of Shield. Mrs.

Wheatley returned home with them and stayed until Sunday. George came Saturday.

Mr. Charles Bengé attended the funeral services in Brady Monday for Wayne Price, who was killed in a Corsicana Air plane crash. Price was raised in the Millersview community. His present home being in Austin.

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Geo. Stewardson, Sr., tonight (Monday). Mr. Stewardson has recently been a patient in the Santa Anna Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimpy Watson visited Mr. and Mrs. Booker Watson of Shield Sunday and attended funeral services for Mr. McClain Sunday afternoon at Shield.

Little Mr. Mike England of College Station is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill. He came home with Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Gill Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith were dinner guests with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith in Brownwood Saturday and were also

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LEGAL NOTICES

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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TO: Gilbert Blue McMahan
Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 119th District Court of Coleman County at the Court House thereof, in Coleman, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21st day of January A. D. 1953, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 2nd day of December A. D. 1952, in this cause, numbered 7651-B on the docket of said court and styled Gene McMahan Plaintiff, vs. Gilbert Blue McMahan Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

That the defendant was extremely jealous, and often accused plaintiff with associating with other women for immoral purposes, and was guilty of harsh, cruel and tyrannical treatment of plaintiff to the extent that such acts injured her health, compelling her to leave defendant, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Coleman, Texas this 3rd day of December A. D. 1952.

Attest: T. H. Corder, Clerk,
District Court, Coleman, Texas

W. P. West and his daughter, Mrs. Calvin Pierce of Brownwood visited several days, last week, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. West at Buckholts, where they are staying with a daughter and getting along about the same.

Donie Oakes of Winters was here Sunday and played in the concert with the Santa Anna High School Band, of which he was formerly a member.

Mrs. E. K. Thompson of Coleman, was here Monday, greeting old friends and doing some shopping.

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Trickham News

By MRS. BUCK MITCHELL

Rev. Gilbert, pastor of the Methodist Church, filled his appointments here Sunday, and he and his family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burney and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy.

There will not be church here next Sunday as was previously announced. Brother Allen writes he isn't able to come and has not been able to get anyone else to.

Visitors with Mrs. Kingston Friday and Saturday nights were: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wilson, Mrs. Lonnie Bledsoe and Johnny of Mt. View, and Mrs. Bettie Cole of Brownwood.

A group of the members of the Nazarene Church from Brownwood surprised Mrs. Sam Miller here with a birthday supper last Saturday night.

Mrs. J. S. Laughlin's children honored her with a birthday celebration Saturday. She is now our oldest resident here, being 83 years old.

Mrs. Lee Vaughan, who has been in a Brownwood hospital since October 22, was able to be brought home yesterday, (Monday), and is improving right along and so glad to be home.

Her daughter, Mrs. Ona Robertson and grandson, Bill Proler, of Houston are here visiting with her now, but they plan to return to their home Tuesday.

We also hear Mrs. John McClatchey will be able to leave the Coleman hospital Tuesday.

The Trickham Home Demonstration Club met last Wednesday at the Club Room.

Dock Mathews and Bill Williams of the Cleveland Community visited last Wednesday night in the Buck Mitchell home.

Mrs. Harry Wilson attended a Home Demonstration Council meeting held in Coleman last Thursday afternoon.

H. B. James has been quite ill for the past ten days with the flu. At present he seems to be better.

Mrs. Delbern Rice has been on the sick list also. She is up and going now.

C. B. James returned home last Saturday after about a weeks visit with relatives of Plainview.

Visitors in the Marion Ford home last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and Teddy and Betty Mitchell.

Miss Betty Stevens visited with Roberta James Sunday.

There will be a community Christmas tree and Christmas Program here next Wednesday evening, December 24th, at the church building. Everyone is invited.

What would make a better all the year Christmas gift than a subscription to the Santa Anna News. For your gift subscriptions see your Trickham Correspondent or better still go by the Santa Anna News office.

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**Do You Know
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Is your fire insurance stale? Do you know your own insurance worth? Do you have too much insurance? Do you know what your policies cover?

In a recent article on "How to Avoid the 10 Biggest Insurance Mistakes," the American Weekly puts these questions and six others on life, accident and health insurance to its readers.

On the subject of the insurance, the author — Richard L. Frey — points out that among other things many homeowners fail to keep the insurance on their dwellings abreast of rising market values.

Then, too, some people keep no household inventory of possessions. As a result they cannot, after a fire, recall correctly their losses.

Sometimes there's too much insurance on dwelling contents. This comes about as a result of parents giving things to married children no longer living at home. The grand piano, for instance, went to daughter a year before, but father still pays insurance on it.

Of course there's no sense in paying premiums for a greater amount of fire insurance than you can collect, because you never can recover more than you lose, the author points out.

And, he advises, always know what your policies cover, other-

wise you may lose out by thinking you're covered when you're not, or be fully covered for a loss and not know it.

In the latter case, he points to the advantages of extended coverage in the event of winstorm damage.

But the biggest insurance mistake of all, he concludes, is that of failing to seek the benefit of the cost-free service that can

bring you better protection for your premium dollars, that is, the services of a local agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blanton went to San Angelo Sunday and met their son, Edmon and wife and children, from Odessa. The children, Margaret and S. E. came home with them. Their parents will visit here Christmas and take them home.

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Self Culture Club Has Christmas Program Friday

The Self Culture Club met with Mrs. Norval Wylie on Friday afternoon, December 12th, when a Christmas program was given. Mrs. Gay, the president, was in charge of the short business session. Interesting responses to roll call were given.

Miss Dora Kirkpatrick read from Luke the second chapter, the story of the birth of Christ. Mrs. Klittle Walker told interesting stories of Christmas plants and flowers and exhibited same or their picture.

Mrs. Oeder discussed Christmas Customs and Legends of European countries.

A social period followed in which refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream was served with coffee, by the hostess and her sister, Mrs. Henry Newman of Coleman. They were

wearing beautiful Christmas aprons of red organdy trimmed with green ribbon and Christmas bells. The Christmas motif was carried out in living room decorations. Others present besides the ones mentioned were: Mrs. Preston Bailey, Mrs. Hardy Blue, Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mrs. C. L. Eeds, Mrs. Joe Mathews and Mrs. Nona Woodruff.

Rockwood WSCS Holds Yule Party At Mrs. J. C. Hunters

The home of Mrs. J. C. Hunter of Rockwood was scene Monday of a Christmas party for members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church with Mrs. W. G. Williams and Mrs. Jack Bostick as co-hostesses.

Seasonal arrangements decorated the party rooms. Guests registered on a Christmas card and were presented Christmas corsages. Mrs. Cora Bryan presented the group with a large box of home made fudge.

Mrs. Jake McCreary directed the recreation hour. Secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree.

A refreshment plate was served to Mrs. Bob Johnson, Mrs. Leon McMillan, Mrs. A. L. Crutcher, Mrs. Jake McCreary, Mrs. Aubrey McSwane, Mrs. Cora Bryan, Mrs. Willie Bostick, Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Fox Johnson, Mrs. Marcus Johnson and Nikki, Mrs. Grace Richardson, Mrs. Bill Rehm, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. Don Jopling and Mark, Mrs. Tom Bryan, Mrs. Sam Estes and the hostess, Mrs. J. C. Hunter.

Mrs. J. W. Fulton was notified Friday, of the death of a half sister, Mrs. W. P. Ross, who was buried at Bridgeport, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ross, who was 81 years old is survived by 10 children and 10 grandchildren. Being sick with a cold, Mrs. Fulton was not able to attend the services.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson and little son of Abilene, were week end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stephenson in Santa Anna, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace at Whon.

Mystic Weavers Club Enjoys Turkey Dinner

On Friday, December 12th, the Mystic Weavers Club met in the annex of the First Baptist Church and had a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings. In connection there was a Christmas tree and gift-exchange. The table arrangement was a silvered tumble weed with colored balls, holly and piracantha berries.

Music was furnished by Mrs. T. J. McCaughan and the group sang Christmas carols.

Those present were: Mrs. Otis Bivins, Mrs. Arthur Casey, Mrs. C. A. Crump, Mrs. Lovell Richardson, Mrs. C. M. Moseley, Mrs. Mark Davis, Mrs. Jess Howard, Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, Mrs. Harry Caton, Mrs. O. J. Albro, Mrs. L. G. Eobo, Mrs. A. B. McClanahan, Miss Mamie Turner and Miss Charlotte Moseley.

Delta Omicron Has Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Delta Omicron Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority met on December 8th at 7:30 p. m., in the home of Theola Stewardson for their Christmas party. A business session was held first. Next gifts were exchanged after which games of Samba were enjoyed by all.

Autumn leaves and candles decorated the mantle. The buffet held an electric manger scene, which played "Silent Night."

Individual bell shaped cakes, red fruit punch and candies were served. The table was laid with a green and red cloth.

Members present were: Jo Ann Allen, Patricia Davis, Daphne Dockery, Billie Guthrie, Sadie Richardson, Sammy McCreary, Theola Stewardson and Mrs. E. L. Markland, Social Director. Guests were: Mrs. Ted Stewardson, Edna Wristen and Bobbie Fuller. The next meeting, January 12, 1953, will be held in the City Library.

W.S.C.S. Has Meeting At Church Monday

The W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church had their December social meeting in the Church parlors on Monday afternoon, December 15th.

Mrs. Dan Blake and Mrs. George Wells were hostesses. The attractive Christmas decorations included a manger scene.

Mrs. M. D. Pinkerton, Mrs. Jack Payne and Mrs. Arch Hunter brought a good program on Women of the Bible. Miss Elsie Lee Harper played background music for the program and accompanied the singing of carols.

Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake and coffee were served.

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Oranges Choice Grade 5 Pound Bag	35c	Pork Roast Fresh, Semi-boneles, lb.	49c
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Hospital Shower Almost A Downpour

The shower given for the Santa Anna Hospital on Wednesday of last week, and sponsored by the recently organized Hospital Auxiliary, was a great success. The affair was given in appreciation to Dr. Henner, who has shown his confidence in this vicinity, by the extensive improvements he has made on the hospital, and the fine work he and his helpers are doing.

When the gifts were taken to the hospital late Wednesday afternoon, they were tabulated as follows: and we understand some other donations have been received since: 80 sheets; 206

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wash cloths, 24 pairs of pillow cases, some with hand work, 15 dresser scarves (hand monogrammed with the hospital initials), 33 tea towels, 114 towels, 1 woolen blanket, 3 nice quilts, an assortment of pot holders, and several small cash donations. An assortment of groceries including canned goods, were also given. Mrs. Edd Jones, Auxiliary president, in putting the

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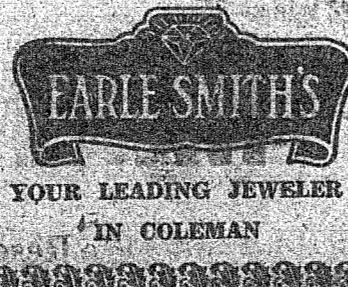
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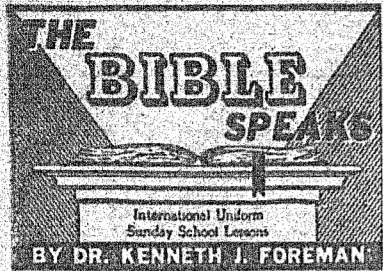
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God With Us

Lesson for December 21, 1952

WHAT does Christmas mean? It is all wrapped up in one of the words describing Jesus, one of the less familiar names: Emmanuel.

The Christian religion is not the only religion that believes in God. Many authorities believe that without belief in some kind of god, there is no religion.

To Live Where We Live

However, some of the higher religions have had sublime ideas about God, indeed many ideas which a Christian will agree are true.



Dr. Foreman

In contrast to all this, the coming of Christ means that God is with us, not against us.

The bare belief, "God is," brings little comfort. Mount Everest is, and so is the South Pole.

his home in the hearts of men of good-will.

Spelling God Out

When we say "God is a person" we can be misunderstood, and we can quickly get into thought-tangles.

We needed that translation, too. Jesus was not born into a world of atheists; far from it.

He Shall Save His People

Emmanuel means more than that God has visited his people. Your old aunt may come for a visit and stay for two weeks.

Some people think God is like that, a sort of handy deity around the house, a god who will hand out anything we care to ask for.

But that is a long way from the truth. For another name of Emmanuel is Jesus, and that means Saviour.

He is with us to do what we can never do by ourselves or for ourselves; namely to save us from ourselves.

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APPLY COMMON SENSE RULES WHEN MAKING CONTRACTS

Since contracts may be entered

into quite informally, many people fall into serious difficulties by binding themselves to agreements which they do not fully understand.

Contracts are absolutely essential to the functioning of modern business. In order to plan for the future — to set up a business, insure a steady supply of necessary materials and goods, set a price and a delivery date on what we have to sell, etc. — we must know that the courts will, if necessary, enforce the contracts we make with others.

How can we minimize the possibilities of litigation over our contracts? How can we protect ourselves in event we should later wind up in court? A clear understanding of all terms of every agreement entered into may prove the best answer to both these questions.

First, let's take a look at the ordinary verbal agreement. Any terms about which you do not reach a specific agreement will probably be supplied by the customs of the particular business, or by a pattern set up by your previous dealings with the other party.

We need countless small dams and check dams in the tributary of the big streams. This sort of a specific agreement will probably be supplied by the customs of the particular business, or by a pattern set up by your previous dealings with the other party.

The practical idea is to strive for a good balance between large dam projects and soil practices which would restore our underground water. Our most valuable mineral is not oil or gas. We must use our most precious resource, water, in a wise manner — and take steps to replace it whenever possible.

with him in spite of doubts, try to complete your oral agreement in the presence of other, disinterested persons. Their version of the terms may be helpful later.

One of the greatest difficulties with verbal contracts is that of proving exactly what agreement was reached when an argument over terms later winds up in the courthouse.

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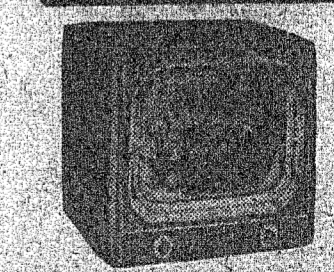
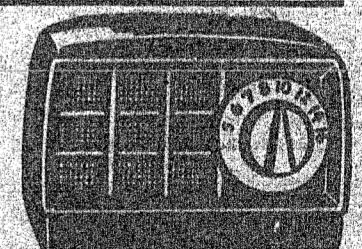
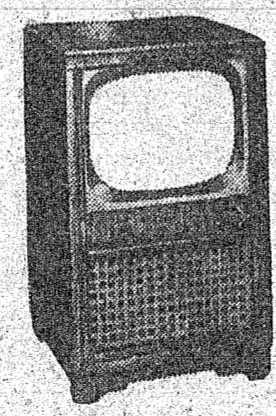
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waste of water which nature has already stored in these subterranean reservoirs. Conservation of surface water is the saving of water that nature would otherwise waste.

Most of the municipal supply in Texas is still coming from underground. Among the 700 or more municipal systems in the state using this source are those of Houston, San Antonio, Beau-



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Buffalo News

By MRS. JOHN LAUDER

ROUTE TWO

SANTA ANNA, TEXAS



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Curry, Roland and Danny spent the week end in Sweetwater with their son and uncle Pete Curry and family.

Mr. Leroy Curry and Harvey spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gober who live near Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. White of Blanket and boys, spent the day Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odie White and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Terry and family were Sunday evening callers in the Joe Brooke home.

Mr. Wald Rosser attended the "Second Sunday Singing" in Coleman.

Mrs. Cora Gaines from Bur-

kett and Mr. Ceel Gaines of Victoria, Texas, spent the week with Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and family.

Mrs. Elma White and son, Billy and daughter, Fannie, of Lexington, Texas, were luncheon guests in the E. D. Bouchillon home the past Wednesday. The Bouchillons visited Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. Bouchillon's sister, Mrs. Docia Robinson in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Solan Wilson and grandchildren Rita Joy and Eddie Bo visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Wilson's father, Mr. Burns of Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bouchillon and children spent Sunday in Brady with Raymond Bouchillon and family.

There will be a Christmas tree and party for the school children Friday afternoon, Dec. 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Jackson and children of Coleman visited over the week end with Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Floyd and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schulze of Bangs were supper guests in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schulze.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Morgan were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie

Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smiley of Grosvener were Sunday afternoon callers in the E. Z. Casey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burton, daughter and family of New Mexico, who were formerly of this community, made brief calls in the Hauford, Owens and Mitchell homes.

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Smith were Sunday dinner guests in the George Hauford home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooke and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gaines of Coleman were Sunday dinner guests in the John Lauder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gaines and son, Don, were Sunday afternoon callers in the Lauder home.

The members of the MYF, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Garland Powell went to Mullen on Monday night for a district meeting.

The community Christmas tree will be held in the Methodist Church on Dec. 23. Program to start at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

Fire Kills Hundreds Of Children Every Year

It is a tragic fact that 11,000 persons die every year as a result of fire. But still more tragic is the fact that at least 600 — possibly 1,000 or more — are children between the ages of 5 and 14.

How do we know this? By statistical analysis of records carefully compiled by the Federal Government, independent research organizations, insurance companies, and other fact-finding organizations.

For instance, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company reported recently that according to its records, fire last year accounted for close to 10 per cent of all fatal accidents among children (age 5-14) — motor vehicle accidents accounting for 40 per cent; drownings for 30 per cent, and various combined other causes for the remaining 20 per cent.

The report was based on 476 claim records of children insured in the company's industrial department.

This "sampling" supported findings of the Office of Vital Statistics that 6,000 lives (age 5-14) annually are claimed by such accidents in the approximate percentages which the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company arrived at in its research.

On the other hand, neither the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company nor the Office of Vital Statistics in its tabulation include as deaths resulting from fire those that occur in transportation accidents (airplane

and automobile), mining accidents and others, preferring to count such deaths in separate classifications. As a result, some confusion exists as to the true total of the number of deaths actually resulting from burns and fire.

Because of this some statisticians regard the 600 figure as relatively conservative, estimating that 1,000 or more children (5-14) die every year as a result of fire and accidents thereof.

A large part of yuletide decorations are a fire hazard when unattended. Children may be careless when helping with Christmas decorations and not know they are fire hazards, thus causing a fire. Everyone is urged to be especially observant during the Christmas season and make this another year without any fire loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Farris and Nancy of Coleman were week end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Fuller, and her brother, Calvin and family. The Farris family will soon be moving to Stratford, where he will be employed by a tractor firm. On December 20th, they will attend the wedding in San Angelo, of Billie Hiatt, formerly of Santa Anna, and Jane Rabern, in the First Baptist Church of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boardman returned home last week from a vacation trip visiting with members of their family at Abilene, San Antonio and Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark and children, visiting here from Larsen, Wis., and her mother, Mrs. Vera Shield, visited Tues., with friends in Dallas and Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Balke and daughter, Linda, of Cisco, visited Sunday with her father, Clinton Lowe, and with her aunt, Miss Mollie Lowe.

Be Ready FOR THE Christmas —AND— New Years HOLIDAYS



By Letting Us Clean and Press Your Clothes Now. Just A Few More Days Until The Holiday Activities Will Be Going Strong . . . And, Of Course, You Will Not Want To Be Left Out.

LET US HAVE YOUR CLOTHES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

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Government Wants More Flax

Coleman County farmers are being asked to grow more flax.

The new government planting goals for Texas call for 170,000 acres of flax. This is a 43% increase over last year's crop, and reveals official concern over the dwindling supply of this vital crop.

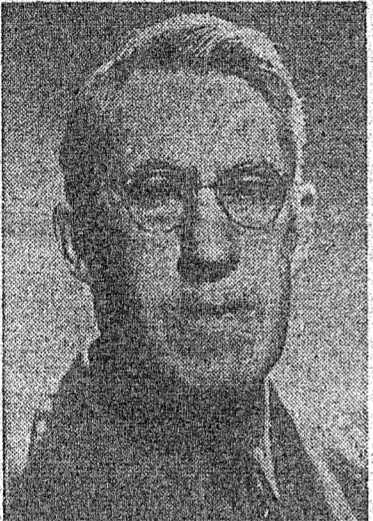
For three consecutive years the U. S. has failed to raise enough flax to take care of its own needs. Supplies on hand are the lowest in five years.

To encourage a big increase in 1953 flax production, the government has increased its average on-the-farm support price by 2c per bushel. Average flax yields this past season were 8.5 bushels per acre in Texas.

But experienced flax growers say that price is not the only attractive feature of the crop. It is unusually resistant to drought, disease, and insect pests. It also takes relatively little labor, and has thus permitted many farmers to keep a larger share of their land in a high-return crop.

With all these advantages, it is easy to see why flax has become so popular with the farmers. Latest acreage figures show Texas now in fourth place among flax growing states.

Free copies of a 16-page book on raising flax may be secured by writing Texas Flax Improvement Association, Kenedy, Tex.



A. C. DILLMAN

DILLMAN TELLS WHY FLAX STANDS DROUGHT

A. C. Dillman, Texas Flax Improvement Association and former USDA expert, tells why flax does so well in dry years. First: the flax plant grows during the cool season when less rain is needed. Second: it has less leaf surface from which moisture can evaporate. Third: its root system penetrates as deep as 3 or 4 feet in its search for moisture. Fourth: flax can survive long periods of drought and still make a good yield when rains come.

Fireworks NOTICE

The Shooting Off Of Any Kind Of Fireworks In The Fire Zone In The City Of Santa Anna Is A Violation Of City Ordinance No. 19 And This Must Be Stopped Immediately!

The Fire Zone Includes All Of The Business District Between The Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. and The South Texas Lumber Co., and From Avenue B (City Hall St.) South To The Railroad.

A Number Of Complaints Have Been Received Concerning Children Shooting Fireworks Within These Fire Limits And Parents Are Requested To Caution Their Children Not To Shoot Fireworks In These Fire Limits.

Persons Found Guilty Of Such Acts May Be Fined In Any Sum Not To Exceed \$25.00.

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Social Security Representative In Coleman Tuesday

A representative of the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration will be at the State Dept. of Public Welfare office in Coleman on Tuesday, December 23 at 1:00 P. M. Persons wishing assistance in connection with retirement or death claims under the Social Security Act should call at that time. This announcement was made today by Ralph T. Fisher, Manager of the Abilene office.

Fisher called attention to the fact that students, housewives, and others who expect to work during the Christmas holidays will need social security account numbers. Persons who are self-employed should also see that their social security cards are available, as they will be needed when income tax returns are filed after the first of the year. Any person needing a social security card can get an application blank at his local Post Office. The blank should be completed and mailed to the Social Security Administration, Abilene, Texas. In cases where the card has been lost, this same application form may be used to apply for a duplicate card.

Firemen Have Annual Chili Supper

Last Friday night members of the Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department observed an annual affair with a chili supper, served in the club room of the Service Cafe. The occasion was George Johnson's birthday. Johnson has been a member of the department longer than any other member.

In the past, Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. D. J. Johnson, always honored the department with a chili supper on his birthday. Since her death the department has carried on the annual affair in honor of the member with the longest service record.

Mr. Johnson was in the local hospital at the time and was unable to attend, but sent a box of cigars for the members and their guests. About 16 firemen were present and 25 guests were present.

Rev. E. H. Wylie, chaplain of the department, gave the invocation and after everyone had enjoyed the supper, the group was dismissed in an informal manner.

Fire Chief, A. D. Pettit, was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Farnham Dies In California

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Florence Lafferty Farnham in a VA hospital in Long Beach, California. She was a Wave in the U. S. Navy in World War II. She was reared in Texas, but had lived in California since 1923. The husband and two small children of El Monte, California, survive her. Among the four sisters and six brothers who survive her are: Mrs. Roxie Nettleship and Bill

Queen Theatre

Friday and Saturday

DECEMBER 19 and 20

Jack Beutel - Mala Powers

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Sunday - Monday And Tuesday

DECEMBER 21, 22 and 23

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"Everything I Have Is Yours"

COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

Wednesday- Thursday

DECEMBER 24 and 25

Myrna Loy - Jeanne Crain Jeffrey Hunter

"Belles On Their Toes" COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

Lafferty of Richland Springs, was brought home Sunday, and both were well known here, and Mrs. Nora Goen of Santa Anna, who was with her sister at time of death, and has returned home.

Cpl. and Mrs. Billy J. Scott and baby have returned to El Paso, where he is stationed at Ft. Bliss. They came to be with his mother, Mrs. Bernice Scott, before she went to a Ft. Worth hospital and were with her part of the time there. Mrs. Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Gregg and children, Helen and Joe, visited Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

Melvin Brandon, who got his left foot injured recently while working at an oil well south west of town is still not able to work. No bones were broken but

the place has been very painful. The accident happened when heavy pipe being unloaded, rolled onto his foot.

Neely Evans was taken to the Santa Anna Hospital Tuesday afternoon, after a very painful accident, when he caught his hand in a grain drill.

Clifford Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson visited at the week end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Prutt,

and their new son. Mrs. Stephenson, who had been there since Thanksgiving, returned home with them.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Instead of having the H. D. Christmas program and gift-exchange on Friday afternoon, the time has been changed to 12:30, when a covered dish luncheon will be served in the home of Mrs. Edd Jones. The program and gift-exchange will follow the luncheon. All mem-

bers urged to attend.

Mrs. Roy Stockard and daughter, Mrs. Joe McCluskey, of Brownwood, made a business trip to Temple last Thursday and also visited with friends and relatives. Mrs. Stockard attended, as guest of Miss Cita Niell, a meeting of T. G. Nurses Association of District 7. They also visited with Mrs. Ola Niell, and report she is getting along quite well.

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Seasons Greetings to All!

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LIBBY'S Pineapple Juice 46 Oz. Can **.29**

HEART'S DELIGHT Fruit Cocktail Tall Can **.25**

POPULAR BRANDS Cigarettes Carton **1.99**

Miracle Whip Pint **.33**

Chocolate Covered Cherries lb. **.53**

Diamond Napkins 2 Boxes **.25**

PILLSBURY'S - THREE FLAVORS Cake Mix Box **.35**

OCEAN SPRAY Cranberry Sauce Can **.25**

WRIGLEY'S Chewing Gum 3 for 10c



Hershey - Mars CANDY BARS 6 for **.25**

Kimbells CHERRIES No. 2 Can **.25**

Heinz SOUPS Any 3 Cans **.49**

Pipe Tobacco

PRINCE ALBERT SIR WALTER RALEIGH GRANGER

1 Lb. Xmas Can **.98**

Fancy Delicious Apples lb. **.15**

Pascal Celery Large Stalk **.18**

Fresh Coconuts Ea. **.15**

Florida Oranges 5 Lb. Bag **.33**

Yellow Onions lb. **.09**

Eatmore Cranberries Pound **.35**

Fresh Tomatoes Pound **.19**

Roasted Peanuts 10 Oz. Pkg. **.25**



Lean - Sliced BACON lb. **.39**

Fresh Ground Hamburger lb. **.45**

Ballard Biscuits 2 Cans **.27**

Young - Fat HENS lb. **.55**

Christmas Wrapped Cured Hams

Sparkman's Pure Pork Sausage lb. **.49**

Pabst-ett Cheese 2 lb box **.89**

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