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School Board Discusses New Library Building, Perry Gym

The Santa Anna ISD Board of Trustees met Tuesday, December 9 in their regular monthly meeting with board members Roddy Dean, Marty Donham, Edwin Hipsher, Dickie Horner, Sharon Guthrie and Mike Pritchard present. School officials attending the meeting were Superintendent of Schools Dean Bass, Business Manager Judy Hartman and District Principal Lee Coffman.

Others present included Mike Marrs, Mike Wetsel, Montie Guthrie, Don Pritchard, David Robinett, Sandra Guthrie, Manuel Salazar, Jr. and Jody Brusenhan.

Mike Marrs of Marrs Architects spoke about the brick work on the exterior of the new library building. Discussion was held but no decision was made.

The payment of bills for December 1997 was approved along with the minutes of the November 11 meeting.

Superintendent Bass informed the Board that the final appraisal report for the construction/repair of Perry Gym has been received along with an insurance payment from TASB Risk Management Fund.

District Principal Coffman presented the District/Campus plans for review and approval. The plans were prepared by the Site Based Committees and school administration.

The Board approved the open campus policy for the senior class during the second semester.

Roy Dean Keeney Files For Precinct 2 Commissioner

A race has developed in the Precinct 2 Commissioner's race with Roy Dean Keeney filing to run against incumbent Billy Don McCrary.

Keeney, 42, of Santa Anna has filed for the position of Coleman County Commissioner Precinct 2. A native of Coleman County, he is married to Santa Anna native Glenda Strickland. They are the parents of two boys, Zane, 23 and Lee, 19 and a daughter Kristen, 17.

Billy Don McCrary has held the position for two full terms (8 years).

for a maximum class size for the third grade.

Mike Wetsel spoke about the Universal Service Fund. The board gave approval to sign a contract for Universal Service funds.

The contract with the Coleman County Appraisal District was approved.

Voting on Local Policy Update 57 resulted in a 3-3 tie with Board members Donham, Horner and Dean voting for and Guthrie, Hipsher and Pritchard against. Update 57 was approved by changing the purchase costs for purchasing authority from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Local Policy EL was unanimously passed.

Superintendent Bass reminded members of Board Training on December 16.

Students To Be Dismissed Early December 19

Students and teachers in the Santa Anna ISD will begin their Christmas holiday at noon on Friday, December 19. The buses will run at that time.

School will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998.

Presbyterian Church Plans Candlelight Service

The Santa Anna Presbyterian Church will hold a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

SA Library To Host Monthly Breakfast And Open House Thursday

The Santa Anna Library will host the monthly breakfast for Thursday, December 18 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Library Building.

Everyone is invited to stop by for coffee and sweets, visiting and touring the library.

The library will be hosting an Open House throughout the day and invite everyone to stop by.

NEWS Office To Be Closed For Vacation; Early Deadline For Christmas Issue

With Christmas Day being next Thursday, the NEWS will be published on Tuesday morning in order to allow our readers the opportunity to read Santa letters before Christmas. All news must be in no later than noon on Monday.

The NEWS office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, January 2 for staff vacation.

While we are closed, you are asked to drop news items through the slot to the left of the door.

You will receive a paper dated Thursday, January 1, however, since the paper is actually being printed earlier, some of the current events may not be included. Anything which may occur during the time we are closed will appear in the January 8 issue of the NEWS.

The staff of the Santa Anna News is taking this opportunity for some vacation and spending the holidays with family.

News Items? - Call 348-3545

Methodist Church Announces Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve Services

The Santa Anna First United Methodist Church will be holding a Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

On New Year's Eve the Church a

Covenant Service with communion will be held followed by bringing in the new year. This service will begin at 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited to these services.



The Sealy School of Nursing was established in 1926 by Dr. T. Richard Sealy who had also built Sealy Hospital. In 1928, according to "A History of Coleman County and its People", he personally built, with his own money, a nurses home that would accommodate 16 nurses and their superintendent. Shown here are a group of "Sealy nurses" including the late Opal Stockard, shown second from top at the left. We have no identity of the other ladies and would appreciate your help in identifying them. We at the NEWS received a telephone call Monday from Lorena (Burriss) Monte of San Antonio who said she was the first student nurse in the Sealy school, beginning on October 2, 1926. We have no way of knowing until she sees this picture if she is among this group.

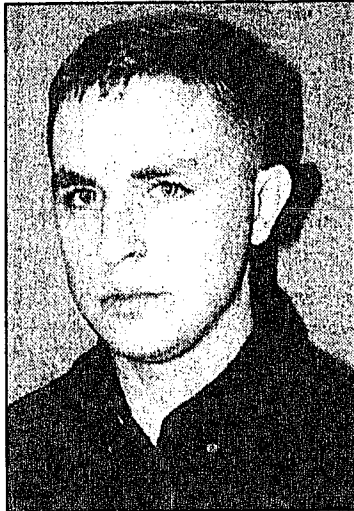
Additional Police Officer On Duty

The Santa Anna City Council met on Tuesday evening December 9 with Mayor Karen Morris and council members Bobby Morgan, Jim Spillman, Jean Findley and David Powell present. Others attending were Montie Guthrie, Wayne Robbins, Jason Lemond, Jerald Johnson and City Secretary Alys Pelton.

The council interviewed police applicants Jerald Johnson, Jason Lemond and Wayne Robbins. Following an executive session Wayne Robbins was hired at the COPS grant salary of \$1,300 per month to work with Officer Carlos Torres who has been with the City for a number of years.

Robbins is a November graduate of West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene. He is 21 years of age, unmarried and moves here from Bangs where he has lived most of his life and graduated from Bangs High School. Robbins' mother, Sarah Robbins, is employed as a jailer at Brown County Sheriff's Department.

In an interview Robbins told us



New Police Officer Wayne Robbins

he is anxious to get to know the people of Santa Anna. Along with other law enforcement duties, he intends to be very visible and will work diligently on traffic control. Robbins indicated he is looking forward to working closely with the

school on various programs that address preventative measures.

Montie Guthrie discussed the possibility of moving the Bison Cook-off/ Frontier Heritage Festival to the Santa Anna City Lake. A lot of work would need to be done but Guthrie spoke of getting a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for some of the work. Guthrie was told to proceed with looking into this.

The council voted to decrease the take of water from the Brown County Water Improvement District #1. Presently the City is paying for 10,000,000 gallons but with the decrease will pay for 5,000,000.

Director of Public Works Doug Watson reported four water leaks during the month of November. One of the city pickups needs to be replaced.

The City Christmas party will be December 18 at the school cafeteria.

A meeting with Collier Watson will be scheduled after the first of the year to discuss retirement options for city employees.



Grand Opening And Ribbon Cutting Held At Mountain City Mercantile And Cellular One

A grand opening and ribbon cutting were held recently at Mountain City Mercantile, local dealer for Cellular One. The business is owned and operated by Donna Reed. Reed also runs her Rainbow Signs business from the same location at 1002 Wallis Avenue and has a good selection of gift items. Pictured during the ribbon cutting are Jean French representing the Chamber of Commerce, Synda Smith, Christy Simmons, Mayor Karen Morris, Alys Pelton, Joe Ed Wise, owners Marty and Donna Reed, Paula Blanton, Kevin McMahan and Sid Richards, a chamber member.

City and County Maps Available At Local Businesses

Through a project of the Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce, various local businesses are making available free of charge or at minimal cost, maps of Santa Anna and Coleman County. Be sure to pick one up.

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People Including Virgie Morgan

Obituaries

Leonard Arnold

COLEMAN--Services for Leonard "L.D." Arnold, 91, of Odessa were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 1997 at Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman with Jim Charles Havlik officiating. Masonic graveside services followed at Voss Cemetery. Richard W. Box Funeral Home of Odessa and Stevens Funeral Home of Coleman were in charge of arrangements.

He died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997 at his home.

He was born July 4, 1906, in Coleman County. He was married to Estelle Davis on Aug. 21, 1934, in San Antonio, and they moved to Monahans in 1950, and then to Odessa in 1964. He was a sales representative for R. J. Reynolds Company and Martin Glover Company. He later operated a used furniture store in Odessa.

He was a member of Odessa Masonic Lodge No. 955, holding a life-time membership, and was also a 32nd degree York Rite Mason. He had served in the U. S. Army. He graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1925. He was honored in the Hall of Fame of the H. J. Heinz Company.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Brillhart of Perryton; two sons, James L. Arnold of College Station and Jesse Arnold of Canyon; one sister, Ketta Havlik of San Angelo; and three grandchildren.

E. W. DeBusk

CROSS PLAINS--Services for E. W. "Jack" DeBusk, 84 of Burkett were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, at Higginbotham Funeral Home with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997 at his home in Coleman County.

He was born Jan. 26, 1913, in Coleman County, and was married to Zora McDermott on Aug. 12, 1932, in Santa Anna. She died Jan. 9, 1994. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Burkett, and was a stock farmer.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Suanna DeBusk of Houston; two sisters, Lois Garrett of Cross Plains and Jo Davee of Rising Star; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, gravy, herbed green beans, cake and ice cream

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Oven fried fish, tator tots, coleslaw and vanilla pudding

Daryl A. Lowder

Word has been received of the recent death of Daryl A. Lowder of San Antonio. Burial was in Wichita Falls.

He was born July 23, 1918 to the late Addie Ardius and Lillie Mae Knott Lowder in Thrall, Texas.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, served in the U. S. Army during World War II and was retired from oil production work.

He was married to Santa Anna native Mary (Oakes) Miller on Sept. 23, 1940 in Hebronville, Texas.

Survivors include his wife and one daughter of San Antonio; two sons and several grandchildren.

Glen Berry

Glen Berry, 81, of Coleman died Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, 1997 at his residence.

Graveside funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1997 at Coleman Cemetery with James Bailey officiating, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

He was born April 16, 1916 in Bell County, Texas, the son of the late Henry W. Berry and Bertha Rae Berry. He moved to Santa Anna at age 11 and attended Santa Anna school.

On Dec. 7, 1935, he married Daphnea Croft in Coleman. He moved to Coleman in 1941 from Santa Anna. He was an auto mechanic at Berry Ford for many years and attended the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Barbara Dawson of Coleman; a son, Billy Glen Berry of Odessa; a brother, John Berry of Abilene; a sister, Mary Ann Wade of Coleman; seven grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers.



By Alice Anna Spillman
In last week's column we mentioned the gift we had received from the Baucom family members in lieu of exchanging Christmas presents. The letter we received read as follows:

"Merry Christmas. The family of the late Buna and Mack Baucom is honored to present to the Santa Anna Library the enclosed money for the purchase of new books and or expenses of the library. Our mother, Buna, spent many enjoyable hours reading your books, sometimes reading some of them over and over again. Also, as we you know Uncle Nowlin and Aunt Nell continue to enjoy your services on a daily and weekly basis.

"We present this in loving memory of our mother, Buna and father, Mack. Thank you all for providing a much needed service for the community of Santa Anna.

"God Bless you all and indeed have a very Merry Christmas.

"The family of Mack and Buna Baucom--Leon and Patsy Jones; Theresa Baucom; Frank and Mary John Burns; Lucy and George Baucom; Billy and Maxine Morgan; and Glenda and Brian Baucom; and Larry and Barbara Osborne.

My information about the Baucom family seemed slightly mixed up. To clarify: the donation was to honor mother and father Buna and Mack Baucom.

Another relative Nell Myers created the centerpiece on our round table. Please look in at the beautiful angels and baby Jesus. No one else has the touch to make such faces.

Come by on Thursday. The library will have punch or coffee and a Christmas sweet for everyone. Hour will be 9:30 to 4:30 on the 18th. Just to wish you a Happy Christmas Season.

By the way, the library will be closed Wednesday, December 24 until Monday, December 29. Come early and get lots of books. There's nothing worse than free time and nothing to read. Pat Vance donated three romance and mystery paper backs. Several other books just walked in.

Congratulations to Chris

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Rockwood Christmas Party Enjoyed By All

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Last Saturday evening, the Rockwood Community Center was the scene of a lot of laughter, visiting and good food among friends and relatives. After refreshments and Christmas carols, gifts were exchanged among the 25 attending.

Those from out of town were Monty Sheffield of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Royce McIver of Santa Anna rural; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hodges of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rutherford of Whon; and Mrs. Jeff Dean and Sara, Mrs. Archie Phillips and Taylor Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg, all of Coleman.

Home folks were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Lois Bryan, Minnie Bray, Claudia Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duus and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brusenhan.

John Gregg announced the sink cabinet that he and Thad Sansing worked on was a gift to the Community Center. They took a cabinet and built drawers, doors and put a stainless steel sink in it, then brought it out here and put in-in for us.

We think that is a very wonderful gift from them and they are thanked from the bottom of our hearts.

Claudia Rutherford did the decorating for the party.

Weather permitting our next family supper will be Jan. 19, 1998. Will write more about it next month.

Cheaney, Chris Boyet and Devin Brand. The new *Who's Who Among American High School Students 1996-1997* issue arrived this week. It's interesting to see how they were selected and their accomplishments.

One of the books that just wondered in is a novel by Marge Piercy *Gone to Soldiers*. Pearl Harbor Day just passed and this book could remind you about what you did during the war. It's more about the homefront.

Betty Key and Ovella just about covered the table in the children's area with Christmas books. Give your child a little love and a story to remember. Notice that our Christmas tree is decorated with bookmarkers and pictures of books. Gifts under the tree are books. You can have any of them for a dona-

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER 18
Brandon Fitzpatrick
Jeff Lee

DECEMBER 19
Katharine Simmons,
Chris Cheaney
Liz Warnock
Krystal Head

DECEMBER 20
Gayla Pritchard Lishka
Rodney Duus

DECEMBER 21
Charles Hosch
Frankie Gregg
Christi Wade
Peyton Kuykendall
John S. Hensley

DECEMBER 22
Lois Avants
Blake Williams
Suzette Wristen

DECEMBER 23
Fernando Castillo Jr.

DECEMBER 24
Manuel Salazar
Mr&Mrs. John ZuZu*

DECEMBER 25
Christy Noel Strother
Bob Runyan
Mr&Mrs O.H. Watson *
Mr&Mrs. Guy Whisenant*

Former Resident Marie Shocklee Honored On 93rd Birthday

Marie Shocklee's birthday was celebrated December 13 with a family luncheon in Brownwood. Attending were her husband, Rev. D. U. Shocklee and her children, Flora Young of Texas City; Claud

Barrington of Lake Brownwood; and Reta and husband Chester Faught of Big Spring. Children Margaret Day of Fort Stockton and Ray Barrington of Washington, DC were unable to attend. Also attending were great-grandson Ronnie Mosher and wife Becky of Howard Payne University.

A surprise letter shower brought greetings from relatives, friends and dignitaries, recalling shared pleasant memories.

She was born Marie Evangeline Bell on Dec. 13, 1904 in Fall River, Kansas. She remembers living in a sod hut on the treeless western Kansas plains where they burned buffalo chips because there were no trees for fuel. There was no school near so she lived with her grandparents in Fall River for one year. The family moved to Texas in a covered wagon so all the children could go to school.

She spent most of her childhood near Rising Star, Texas before marrying C. M. Barrington of Brownwood in 1922. He was in the oil business, mostly in Coleman County and died in 1979. They had six children who attended school at Shields, Santa Anna and Coleman. A daughter Biha Ann McReynolds died in 1975. Marie

was active in Methodist, Baptist and Nazarene churches and belongs to the DAR. She and Rev. D. U. Shocklee, a Nazarene pastor, were married in 1987 and reside in Coleman.

tion. Give a book for anyone you know.

Free magazines have been out front this week.

A memorial was received to honor Mrs. Katherine Anderson, mother of Mrs. Roy J. Harvey from Mrs. Gale Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen.

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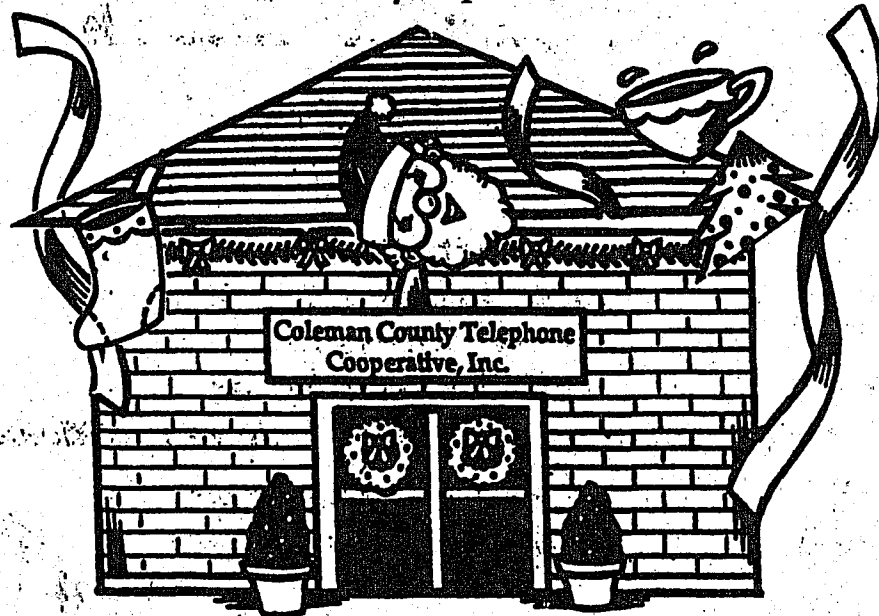


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Self Culture Club Tours West Texas Rehab Center

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On Wednesday, December 10, members of the Self Culture Club made a trip to Abilene to tour West Texas Rehab Center. The group first visited the reception and office area where they recognized the names of several Santa Anna and Coleman people on the wall honoring people who have donated their homes to the Rehab Center.

The tour included visits to several therapy departments and workshops. The Pediatric Physical Therapy Department looked like a large playroom where the children find therapy a fun experience. The Adult Therapy Department had a large amount of equipment for strengthening the body and making it more mobile. The Occupational Therapy Department is concerned with helping people regain their independence. It includes a complete kitchen so patients can learn to live with their disabilities. The

Assistance Technology Shop can fit vans and lifts, adapt cars and wheelchairs to fit a person's needs or, if need be, custom build a wheelchair. The Orthotics Department fits and builds braces and other devices to support a weakened body. The center also provides speech therapy and hearing services.

A doctor's recommendation is required for most services, however, it is not required for a hearing evaluation. As a general rule, services are provided for what a person's insurance will pay with no additional cost to the person.

One of the newest programs is the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. This is a pilot program in association with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. It has funding for the next three years and is aimed at getting injured or disabled workers back on the job as soon as possible.

Additional information about the West Texas Rehab Center is available at the Santa Anna Library.

After the tour the ladies went out to lunch and spent the afternoon Christmas shopping. Those taking part in this trip were Suzie Bass, Camilla Baugh, Novelle Boylston, Cathy Ellis, Betty Key and Alice Anna Spillman.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14 at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church. The program will be presented by Mike Weisel and Dean Bass and is scheduled to include a tour of the new library/learning center at the local school.

Centenarian Mother Counts Her Blessings, Not Her Years

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1997 issue of the Fort Worth Star Telegram. It was written by Staff Writer Perry Stewart in his "Hometown Heroes" column.

Camille Shield Wallace chuckles when she recalls her horoscope of seven autumns ago. "Rich and famous, that's how you're probably going to act this month," the in-flight magazine predicted. "So come out on the balcony. Wave to the crowd."

By the time she read the prediction, she had already lived it. She was returning home to Fort Worth from New York—where a symphonic/choral work written by her grandson in her honor had been performed at Carnegie Hall. Conductor Skitch Henderson had introduced her to the crowd, and the spotlight found her as she stood in the balcony.

Earlier this month, composer Randol Bass conducted the *Gloria* he dedicated to his grandmother during a performance at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth. It was part of a celebration of Mrs. Wallace's 100th birthday.

On the clear, cold November day when Camille Shield was born above her father's dry goods store in Santa Anna, her horoscope probably was something like: "You will live a long, fruitful life and be surrounded by loved one."

Indeed, she was enveloped in a loving throng this Nov. 14 as her six children and their various progeny, most of them draped in the colorful Wallace clan tartan, joined friends in saluting a woman whose numerous accolades include Texas Mother of the Year.

Visiting with R. W. Balke over the weekend were his grandson and family, Lane and Sylvia Balke, Courtney and Hailey. Visiting this week is his son Rodney Balke.

Veva Cockerell, Carol McClellan, Era Walters and Fred Oakes, all of Abilene, and Jasper and Jean McClellan of San Angelo were all in Santa Anna Sunday evening to attend the community choir cantata at the Presbyterian Church. They visited afterward in the home of Novelle Boylston who was one of the choir members.

That honor was conferred in 1975. But Camille Wallace had long been prized by Beryl, Karl Jr., Wayne, Lynn, Niki and Bruce. This Wallace offspring converged on Fort Worth from various distant points and gathered around their mother for what has become a cherished photo ritual. They assumed the poses they took almost they took almost seven decades ago, when the *Star-Telegram* published a photo of Mrs. Wallace and her children as part of a holiday feature about family life.

Fort Worth is one of many cities that the Wallaces have called home. Camille Shield was married to Col. Karl E. Wallace, who died in 1975, after serving in two world wars and working in peacetime as a senior official in the General Services Administration.

Col. and Mrs. Wallace kept the family together even when his military career took him from post to far-flung post. Once, during World War II, that meant driving from Texas to Massachusetts. Camille Wallace packed her brood and their belongings into a vintage Oldsmobile and pointed the car northeast. To save rationed gas and rubber, she observed the 35 mph speed limit.

Despite the leisurely pace, a tire blew out and caught on fire. Mrs. Wallace used a jar of spiced peaches to extinguish the blaze.

Years earlier, nothing could quench the flames that destroyed the five cotton gins operated by her husband.

"Dad was at the end of his rope," daughter Beryl Wilkinson remembers. "Mother said, 'Don't be silly. We'll get back on our feet.'"

That was during the Depression, when farmers and merchants in Coleman County turned to barter in lieu of cash.

"Mother stopped buying toothpaste," Beryl said. "We used salt and soda instead. Mother cooked lots of red beans and macaroni."

"There were unemployed men wandering the country. If they found a home where someone fed them, they marked that house so others would know to stop there. Our house had a chalk mark on it. Mother never turned away a transient."

Camille Wallace recalls the good and bad times of old. And, bless her, she knows how to stay informed about the present.

"I'm not much of a TV watcher," she said. "I keep up with things through the newspaper."

Ranger Park Residents Enjoy Shopping Spree

By Dorothy York
The residents had a very enjoyable Friday afternoon this past week at the Shopping Spree given by the various churches in our area. The residents look forward each year to this very special day. Along with the wonderful items they could choose from, they also enjoyed a variety of cakes, cookies and candy.

Volunteers who graciously baked goods and came and helped with the shopping spree were Warren and Marion Aldridge, Ruth Aldridge, Amanda Ellerbe, Lee Brashear, Lodema Jones, Helen Cavorasco and Juanita Ramirez. Mrs. L. Brusenhan provided for the banana bars but was unable to come. The Glen Cove Baptist Church provided gifts but they were unable to attend.

The staff and residents of Ranger Park appreciate everyone efforts in making this a very special day for all.

God Bless.

Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received a memorial in memory of Barbara Baker Erwin from Sam and Joy Allen and Gale A. Brock.

Her succinct appraisal of Back Then vs. Right Now is: "There's too much trouble going on in the world now. Everything's a little bit worse than it was."

About four years ago, perhaps anticipating her centennial birthday, Mrs. Wallace began compiling a memoir of her long and well-traveled life. As its title, she chose the nickname given her by one of her first grandchildren, then added a bit of description. The full name of this treatise, published privately, last year, is *Mam-Mah: Spunk and Grit Gets Your Everywhere Out of West Texas—Into the Twentieth Century*.


No one who knows her will be surprised if Camille Wallace decides to welcome the 21st century with another book.

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Thanks for your quick response in putting out the fire in my County pickup and trying to save it. You have my deepest gratitude.
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'Round 'n About

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Local Post Office Announces Hours For Christmas Eve

The Santa Anna Post Office will close at 11:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 so that postal employees may be with their families.

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Mountaineer Basketball News

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Santa Anna 71, Paint Rock 37

Boys
Paint Rock 11 11 8 10-37
Santa Anna 23 12 17 19-71
Paint Rock — Martin 9, Torres 4, C. Ruiz 7, R. Ruiz 2, Guiley 6, Mathison 4, Toungat 1, L. Ruiz 4
Santa Anna — Crossley 10, Boyet 11, Jones 2, Guerrero 17, Pyle 6, Goodman 9, Daniel 18
Records — Santa Anna 6-2
JV score — Santa Anna 56, Paint Rock 29

Santa Anna 34, Paint Rock 28

Girls
Paint Rock 0 8 8 14-28
Santa Anna 7 5 5 17-34
Paint Rock — Carre 5, Lieber 2, Lovell 5, Mathison 10
Santa Anna — Wade 2, Johnson 1, Siler 3, Frausto 11, Keeney 6, Lishka 9
Records — Santa Anna 5-3, Paint Rock 5-3
JV score — Santa Anna 28, Paint Rock 15

ROUGH CREEK CLASSIC TOURNAMENT—NOVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Baird 51, Santa Anna 32

Girls
Baird 9 17 13 12-61
Santa Anna 16 8 8 2-32
Baird — Kowal 18, Neal 11, Herley 10, Marzelle 10, Riddle 2
Santa Anna — Frosto 9, Wade 6, Kenney 5, Lisa 6, Martin 4

Santa Anna 60, Bronte JV 44

Boys
Bronte JV 14 8 8 14-44
Santa Anna 14 18 18 12-60
Bronte JV — Gibbs 14, McCoville 10, Shoemaker 8, Wyatt 3, Graves 2, Green 8
Santa Anna — Crossley 3, Boyet 6, Guerrero 12, Powell 4, Goodman 12, Daniel 22, Castillo 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Santa Anna 39, Novice 6

Girls third place
Santa Anna 2 16 16 4-39
Novice 0 0 0 2-6
Santa Anna — Siler 10, Lishka 12, J. Johnson 9, M. Johnson 2, Elberbe 2, Keeney 2, Frausto 2
Novice — Toothaker 2, Gray 2, Dunaway 2

Cross Plains 60, Santa Anna 36

Boys championship
Cross Plains 14 13 21 12-60
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Cross Plains — Turner 25, Blackstock 15, Smith 10, Ricci 2, J. Richards 6, C. Richards 2
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Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

Rev. Mike Efrid preached a good sermon Sunday morning when he spoke at church.

Several in the community received a call on Sunday from Rev. James Gilbert of Fort Worth, an old friend and former pastor, he wanted to hear from folks here and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Edith Huebner of San Antonio and Buddy Windham of Beaumont visited during the past week with their sister and her family Bobbie and Ray Dean and Wyndham, Kit Dean of Comanche was a weekend visitor.

Recent visitors with Leona Henderson were Verna Bolton and Sherrill McIlvain.

Thursday Melvin Storm of Brownwood visited with the Rankin McIvers and Saturday Rankin and Natalie along with Sherrie Blake and Megan were in Abilene shopping. Terry McIver visited Saturday night.

Earlene Dockery was in Coleman Saturday to visit her dad Mr. S. H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carnes. In Santa Anna she visited with her daughter and granddaughter Tonya Anderson and Harlie.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge McClatchy were Lara Meckfessel of Lubbock, Aaron Friedman of Denton, Bob Anderson, Merrilee McClatchy and Jeannie Drienhofer. Last Monday evening Laverne and Talmadge met his brother and wife, Joel and Diane McClatchy of Rockwall at Underwood's in Brownwood for dinner and visiting.

Doyle and Wanda Lou McIver and daughter Tammy and little granddaughter Torie of San Angelo were Friday night visitors with Royce and Wanda McIver. Saturday night Royce and Wanda attended the Rockwood Christmas dinner.

Bettie Martin spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with her

mother Mrs. Mary Crawford and her guest a granddaughter from Arkansas who was visiting her in Brownwood. Felton was in Dallas on business Tuesday and Wednesday and visited with his son Bill Martin in Fort Worth. Saturday Felton and Bettie along with Maxine and Jerry Tongate of Brownwood were at Fort Hood shopping.

Mary Lea Mitchell visited on Friday with Annie Lou Vaughn. Earlene Dockery was in and out several times during the week and Helen McIver visited Sunday.

Terry McIver was in Ballinger on Sunday where he met Grady Clay and Brandi McIver for lunch and visiting.

Cleveland Chats

by Clara Cupps

Starting my news off, we lost my brother, Marty Genz. He was buried in Lenora, Kansas Saturday at 2 p.m. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Genz. He was 84 years and I am sure lots of you new him.

Jerry Ellis has been in and out helping the Cecil Ellis.

Peggy and Kenneth Sikes visited Thelma Fleming Friday.

David Huggins visited his parents the Lee Ray Huggins Sunday. They had lots of company.

Bryce Ellis came home over the weekend to visit his parents the Jerry Ellis and Alicia.

Toni Watson visited Winnie Haynes last Friday. Winnie had Sunday dinner with Dana and Lavanda Evans. The girls went shopping with Laverne in Abilene Sunday.

Margie Fleming and Donna Mapson visited Debra Boyet and new baby, son.

Edd and Ruby Hartman went to Bangs to their granddaughter's concert Sunday afternoon.

Emitt Terry was at farm the past week and at church this morning.

Kathleen and Charlie Avants went Tuesday to visit her mother. Kathleen and Sabrina went shopping in Brownwood.

Ladell Morris said her mother is doing pretty well now.

Carmilla Baugh's visitors have been Joe, J. C. Bible, and Mike Payne. She had Sunday dinner with Dixie Joe Bible then visited Mrs. Ruth Hibbits and Grace Short and Hardin Phillips.

Virgil Cupps visited Rachel and I a while Friday.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

FFA Members Participate In Munday Swine Show

Santa Anna FFA members Shyler Farley and Gary Geeslin participated Saturday, December 6 in the Munday Prospect Swine Show. This show was open to any FFA or 4-H member in Texas.

Both swine exhibitors had good success with their pigs.

Shyler placed 1 in Hampshire; 3rd in Chester White; 5th in Hampshire; and 5th in Yorkshire.

Gary placed 3rd in Crossbred; 5th in Yorkshire; and 7th in Duroc.

Shyler also placed in the top six in Senior Swine Showmanship.

Both FFA members did a fine job and they learned much that will help them as they participate in future swine competitions.

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Enjoy West Texas' Open Spaces, Tall Tales But Avoid Pancho Villa

By Mike Estes
(A reprint of an article in the Nov. 2, 1997 edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.)

I'm glad we have few trees in West Texas. We see farther. We appreciate the ones we do have. West Texas trees are individuals. Dense, large trees almost killed me once.

Roy Joe Harvey is a childhood friend from Coleman County, West Texas.

We worked in the 1969 summer at a Fort Worth steel foundry. One evening we enjoyed a cold beverage at a Fort Worth park.

Two other thugs sneaked through a grove of oak trees, jumped from behind a huge tree trunk, and leveled a large pistol at us. They lifted our billfolds. Now they wanted my friend's wristwatch, too.

Roy Joe yelled, "This is the only keepsake I have from my dead daddy." Billy Joe, Roy Joe's dad, was probably cleaning his shotgun then.

I wasn't wearing a watch but Roy Joe was getting an edge here. "My momma died when I was four years old and that's no darn lie," I countered.

One thug cursed and aimed his gun at Roy Joe's chin. But a car drove near, and the thugs fled. Roy Joe lives at Lake Brownwood. He wore that watch on a bass boat three days ago. Don't call him collect—he'll get mad at me again.

When you are doing the world's best bird or deer hunting in West Texas, thugs don't surprise you from behind skinny mesquites.

Despite the humidity and stillness, you'll see stars in rural East Texas.

But those tall, obnoxious pine trees limit the view.

In Fort Worth, you must go to the Noble Planetarium and settle for make-believe stars.

Even in Lubbock and Midland, you see stars.

Once I gazed upward near the McDonald Observatory, in the Davis Mountains. A quarter moon shown in October. A nice breeze parted my hair. A million stars twinkled.

An Englishman gushed non-stop about his love for this part of West Texas.

I agreed with him. "But you have to watch for our four-footed jackalopes.

"They are tall rabbits with sharp

teeth and long horns. It's their mating season, and they charge small, foreign cars."

The Englishman eyed me. I looked sincere. After all, I dodged a spotted, buck jackalope an hour earlier.

Writer John Steinbeck lamented 40 years ago that, except for Texas, our nation was losing its regional differences and accents. I wonder if Steinbeck met Ernesto Santiago.

When I was a teenager, Santiago was an old, toothless, crinkled-up man who lived in Sonora, Texas.

In Acuna, Mexico, Roy Joe and I first heard of him. We located Ernesto in a dusty, quiet Sonora cantina on a Sunday afternoon. Our interview cost us a beer, in advance.

"Did you really know Pancho Villa?" we asked.

Ernesto answered, "I was crouching by my campfire. A man on a big, black horse rode up. He said, 'I'm Pancho Villa.' He pointed his pistol at me. He threw a dead lizard at me. He said, 'Eat the lizard.'"

"I looked at his pistol. I bit the lizard. The man laughed so hard he almost fell off his horse."

Old Ernesto is now standing, gesturing, roaring.

"Then I pulled my pistol. I said, 'Now you eat the lizard.' He looked at my pistol. He bit the lizard."

"And you ask if I knew Pancho Villa? We had lunch together!"

Ernesto would have loved lunch with girls in New York City. Next to West Texas, New York's girls are prettiest.

I attended the play "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" at Manhattan's Forty-Sixth Street Theater.

After the play, a woman said, "I wonder whether Texans really talk that way."

"We sure do," I butted in. "I've been busier than a one-legged man in a rear-kicking contest up here. But, I'm fixin' to smoke butt like a new cigar back to Texas."

I have a great, rich West Texas accent, too. I would not trade it for anything. The book, "Friday Night Lights" flatters West Texas. Oh, the writer missed on several points. You expect that when an Easterner writes about Texas.

But H. G. Bissinger correctly states that West Texas social life, and recreation, evolve around football, church, family and school. Beyond that, he says, you go stargazing or hunting.

Sounds like my kind of place. Mike Estes, a former Rockwood native and 1972 Texas Tech University graduate, operates Estes & Associates, a Fort Worth accounting firm.

FBC Dorcas Class Enjoys Christmas Luncheon Party

Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met recently for its Christmas Luncheon Party in the home of Carmen Donham.

Mrs. Donham's home was beautifully decorated using an early day country Christmas theme.

Class members present other than the hostess were Dorothy Harris, Winnie Rutherford, Opal Langford, Katherine Horner, Bita Earle Buse, Frances Pearce, Lódemá Jones, Edna Adian and Virgie Morgan.

The ladies exchanged Christmas cards and made gifts for shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Katherine Horner Wins Afghan At Senior Citizen Christmas Party

Delta Omicron Sorority's annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party was held December 10, at the Mountain City Center with approximately 27 guests served.

Katherine Horner won the drawing for the Afghan that was made and donated by Debbie Wheatley.

Sorority members present were Gayle Stewardson, Coyta Bowker and Pat Vance.

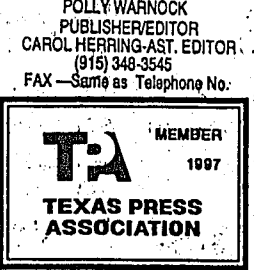
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Everyone is invited to attend this special Christmas event. The students will be donating all proceeds to the Santa Anna Ministerial Alliance.

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BOSTON BUTT PORK ROAST...LB 1.19

BONELESS RUMP ROAST...LB 1.99

VO5 HAIRSPRAY
.....8.5 OZ 1.59



10 OZ
VICKS NYQUIL
COLD & FLU RELIEF
4.99

SHURFINE 15 - 16 OZ CANS
FRUIT COCKTAIL PEARS, PEACHES PINEAPPLE
79¢ EACH

WESSON OIL
48 OZ 1.99



CHRISTMAS TREATS FROM OUR FREEZER

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| BLUE BUNNY ICE CREAM ASSORTED 1/2 GALLON ROUND CARTONS 2.99 | SARA LEE - 11 OZ BUTTER STREUSEL COFFEE CAKE 2.59 | SARA LEE - 11 OZ DELUXE CINNAMON ROLLS 2.59 |
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- SHURFINE POWDERED SUGAR OR BROWN SUGAR...2 LB BAG 89¢
- SHURFINE APPLE OR CHERRY PIE FILLING.....21 OZ 1.09
- SHURFINE - 16 OZ CRANBERRY SAUCE..... 2/89¢
- SHURFINE PUMPKIN.....15 OZ 3/1.00
- SHURFINE - 11 OZ CAN MANDARIN ORANGES..... 59¢
- SHURFINE CHICKEN BROTH.....14 OZ 59¢
- SHURFINE - 32 OZ WHITE CORN SYRUP..... 1.19
- UNCLE BEN'S WILD RICE.....6 OZ 1.39

SHURFINE CANNED **VEGETABLES**
CUT GREEN BEANS CORN SWEET PEAS
3/\$1

HILLSBROS. **COFFEE**
39 OZ CAN 689

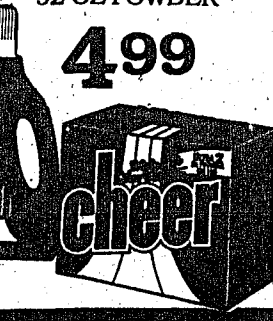


GOLDMEDAL **FLOUR**
5LB BAG 79¢



C&H. **SUGAR**
4LBBAG 1.39

CHEER
100 OZ LIQUID OR 92 OZ POWDER 4.99



ELLIS **PECAN PIECES**
6 OZ 1.99

JELLO PUDDING
SMALLBOX 2/\$1

JELLO
3 OZ 3/\$1



- BETTY CROCKER LAYER CAKE MIX.....18 OZ 79¢
- BETTY CROCKER FROSTING.....16 OZ 1.39
- SHURFINE PAPER TOWELS...3 ROLL PKG 1.49
- SHURFINE - 18 X 37 INCH HEAVY DUTY FOIL.....1.29
- SHURFINE - 4 ROLL PKG. BATHROOM TISSUE..... 79¢