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Mountain Echoes



By
Barbara
Kingsbery

There will be no issue of the NEWS next week, and with this early issue, much news of local interest may be omitted—or at least published late. Our staff—that's Billie and I—will be back on the job on Monday, January 6.

It has been interesting to read the letters to Santa Claus written by Santa Anna children through the past years. One thing that was immediately evident—the children today never ask Santa for candy, fruit and nuts, one of the main items on the gift lists in past years. That is another sign of our changing times—most of us have fruit, candy and nuts on hand the year around.

Be sure to remember the Santa Anna Stock Show that is coming up on Saturday, January 4. This is the last reminder in the NEWS, but please keep the date in mind and attend.

From all of us here at the NEWS, a very happy holiday to each of you.

Annual Youth Fair Slated January 4

The annual Santa Anna Youth Fair will be held next week on Saturday, January 4, on the school campus. The show will include livestock exhibits from local 4-H and FFA members and also exhibits of sewing, foods and handicrafts from the 4-H and FFA members.

Exhibits are to be in place by 8 a.m. that morning. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. The FFA exhibits in the agriculture building will open to the public when the judging is completed.

The FFA will operate a concession stand during the show, and everyone in the community is urged to go by during the morning.

Tom Newman is president of the Santa Anna Stock Show organization and serving as general chairman of the event. Billy Wiley is high school vocational agriculture teacher and making preliminary arrangements.



Christmas joy

Let us take a moment to wish you and yours all the happiness and good cheer that this Yuletide season brings. We appreciate your friendship and generous support.

THE SANTA ANNA NEWS

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AARP Officers Are Installed At December 16 Meeting in SA

The Santa Anna-Bangs chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons met on Monday, December 16, at the fellowship hall of the United Presbyterian Church. About 60 people from Santa Anna and Bangs attended.

The meeting opened with a covered dish luncheon. Eight members were seated at the birthday table and each received a small fruit cake as a gift. Those observing birthdays during

December were Mrs. Lennie Lightsey, Mrs. C. J. Townsend and Mrs. Inez Leonard, all of

Bangs Mrs. Madona Gilmore, Mrs. Opal Little Mrs. J. H. Martin and Rev. and Mrs. Richard

Chaffin of Santa Anna.

The tables were decorated with arrangements of pyracantha berries and ivy surrounding Christmas ornaments. Other

holidays decorations were placed throughout the room. Mrs. Opal Little and Mrs. Vera Scott were in

charge of the decorations and assisted by Madona Gilmore, Lucile Wylie Sally Snook and Era Wallers.

Following the meal a program of Christmas music was presented

by students of Mrs. W. V. Priddy. Those taking part were Deen and Fay Coburn, Lisa and Teron

Rolle, Gay Nell Mosch and Leaha Eubank. Mrs. Priddy also

accompanied group singing led by George Stewardson.

Mrs. Richard Chaffin sang Christmas carols accompanied by Mr. Chaffin.

During the business meeting new officers for the chapter were installed by Mrs. Henry Newman. They include Tom Williams,

president; Harce Shufar, vice president; Lucile Wylie, secretary; and Mary Boenicks, treasurer.

The next meeting of the group will be held in Bangs on Monday, January 22.

City Officials Attend Meeting In San Antonio

Mayor Thomas Wristen and Citywater Supt. Darwin Lovelady were in San Antonio early last week to attend a workshop sponsored by Texas A&M University. The program dealt with solutions to the energy crisis as it affects small towns and cities in their transportation departments.

About 30 communities were represented at the workshop which was held at Holiday Inn.

Town to Close On Holidays

Most Santa Anna businesses will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. The two days are two of six days observed as holidays in Santa Anna.

School students will continue their holiday until Monday, January 6. Faculty members will be back in their classrooms on Friday, January 3 for a workday.

No Mail Service On Holidays

There will be no mail service at the Santa Anna Post Office on Christmas Day or New Year's Day according to Postmaster John C. Gregg. There will be no mail receipts or box service on two holidays with the pickup at the outside drop box scheduled for about 4 p.m.

Watch Night Party Planned For SA Youth

The Young People of the United Presbyterian Church are planning a Watch Night party and get-together at the Fellowship Hall of the church on Tuesday, January 31. The party is planned from 7:30 until after midnight.

Young People of all denominations are invited to be present for entertainment and refreshments and a brief period of observance of the New Year at midnight.

The young people entertained local youth last year and about 50 were on hand. All are welcome to be present on Tuesday night for the annual party.

Early Coleman County Settlers Matthews and Barnett Families

By MRS. C. D. BRUCE
The devastation which followed the Civil War in the South left that section prostrate for many decades. But one far-reaching result was the almost immediate emigration of many of its finest citizens into the states farther west, Oklahoma, Texas and elsewhere. These were highly educated, moral and religious gentlemen, with the treasures in

art, music, literature and tradition, who took with them wherever they went the ideals and daily habits which helped to develop an orderly life in the new homes.

Such a family came to Coleman County in 1890 or early 1891, when John McCamey Wilson Matthews arrived from Tennessee to buy land about fifteen miles west of the new

county seat. He was a Confederate veteran who had served with the famous Nathan Bedford Forrest, and had married in 1873 Amanda Tate Allen, the only daughter of a once-rich plantation owner. Matthews had been a merchant in Tennessee, and Amanda still had the great houseful of fine china, oil paintings, both portraits and landscapes, many pieces of furniture of rare woods, a grand

piano and a new invention a White sewing machine which was run by means of a treadle. Among the things they brought to Coleman were many boxes of books, bound in leather; here were volumes of history, law, science and the great classics of literature, a ready education for their children and enjoyment for themselves.

There had already been three children born to the couple. The

little girl, Mary Tate, was given two family names, as was customary at the time, and the boys were Joe Allen and Knox, who died when a small baby. Bringing the Matthews family west besides the economic state of Tennessee was the health of Mary Tate, whose sinus condition was affecting her eyesight, and their doctor advised going to a dry climate. Born in 1874, she was still a small girl when they moved to the ranch, but the gently-raised Matthews could not bear the thought of an uneducated child, and she was put into school at Buffalo Gap, boarding with a family there.

He went to New Mexico to buy sheep for the ranch, leaving Amanda and the little boys alone for the time. She was very much afraid, knowing that only five or six years earlier this section had known Indian raids; having been reared with a large staff of servants, she was unused to being alone or facing any domestic problem or task. But she learned the life of the frontier, her genteel manners and brave outlook never deserting her.

The house on the ranch was a fine one for the time, with three bedrooms and long room for kitchen and dining. The central hall became their library, the two walls of bookshelves protecting the precious volumes and some of the treasures of china as well. Mary Tate—whom they called Tate—soon recovered from her sinus condition and became strong and sturdy.

Coleman County was settling up fast, and a school was opened across the road from the Oakvale or Oak Vale store, which was then owned by the Bills family. This was the store begun by John C. Averitt in 1878 when he operated the stage stand west of where is now Valera, and also preached in many communities in the county, founding most of the Baptist churches still active here. The school was called Spring Creek, and Tate was brought home from Buffalo Gap and enrolled here, as were the Bills children and others.

Four more little boys were born to the Matthews family at the ranch, and they were named Franklin Sloan, Claude Vincent, Hugh Morton and Walter Lynn. The community life included church services at the schoolhouse, when a preacher could be there, and parties to which everyone would go. The grownups enjoyed their visiting, the babies were put to bed on pallets, and the young people either danced or played singing games and much courtship went on. Coleman friends of Matthews were James Greenlee, H. T. Sims and Frank L. Snodgrass.

Nine years after they came to the ranch, they had a great good fortune when another Southern family came to the headwaters of Home Creek, that of Judge Riel Barnett and his wife, Mary Jane.



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message, we greet our friends
and patrons. Thanks so much!

Silent Night, Holy night

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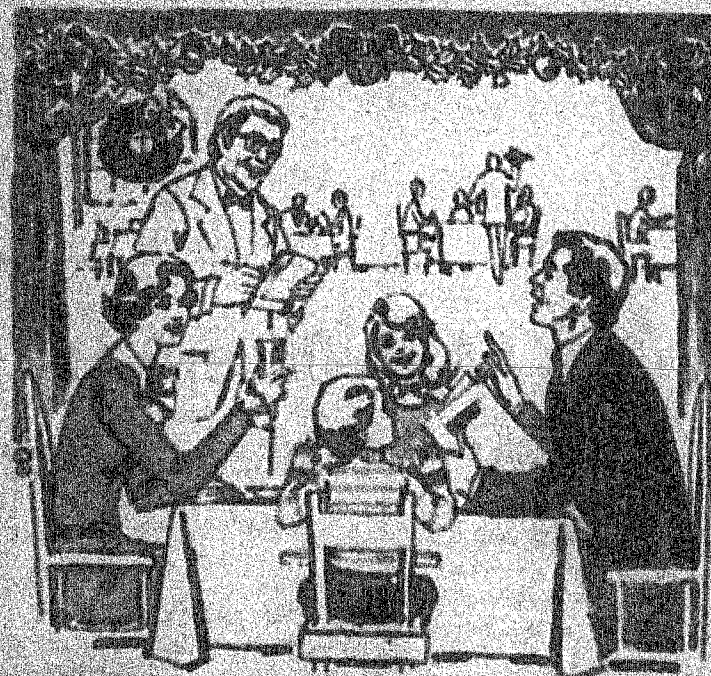
Christmas
GREETINGS



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they had endured the Civil war and the devastation of property and customs in Mississippi. Coming to Kaufman County, Texas, when they had two little boys, Thomas and Harvey. They lived there until 1889. During that time, their family grew to include five more boys, George, Rial, Jr., Henry, Joe and Dick, and two little girls, Mary, who died when a baby, and Eula.

The Barnetts bought a section of land west of the Home Creek community, three miles east of the Spring Creek school and the Oak Vale store. Judge Barnett built a large house for his large family and a smaller house on the ranch for his parents and his brother and sister, Calvin and Cynthia, who never married. Coming west with them was a much-loved Negro, Uncle Jess, who had refused to leave them when he was freed during the war.

John Matthews and Rial Barnett soon became fast friends. Both were Masons and well-educated men, both were Confederate veterans and both had served under the noted General Nathan Bedford Forrest, and both had the difficult new problems of the frontier to face.

But it was not for long. Matthews became very ill at his home, and his friend, the attorney Frank L. Snodgrass, was sent for to write his will and Barnett and two neighbors, C. M. Bond and W. L. Cusenberry, came to witness it. Matthews died on September 9, 1890 and was buried in the little cemetery at the Spring Creek school.

This left Amanda Matthews with a large ranch of many sections of land to manage. Tate was 16 years old, Allen was 14, and of the four younger boys the eldest was only 9. She assumed management of the property with dignity and ability, and she decided that Tate should go east to a finishing school at Lebanon, Tennessee, to complete her education and learn some of the gracious living which was her heritage. Amanda's father-in-law and brother-in-law supervised the hired cowboys and the smaller boys attended the Spring Creek school. Amanda soon learned the value of improving her cattle, and began buying bulls of better and better breeding to this end. Among her closest friends were the Barnetts, whose fine orchards and fields were becoming

profitable and whose sons, especially Rial, Jr., could be counted on to assist in any emergency.

And this was the case when Allen, the vigorous 15-year old son, was killed on the ranch when his horse stepped into a hole and the boy was thrown, dying instantly. Tate was notified of her brother's death, but did not come from Tennessee for the funeral. Somehow Amanda went on with the management of the ranch and the care of her little boys.

When Tate returned home, charming and gracious, it did not take long for romance to bloom. She and Rial Barnett, Jr., were married in the Spring Creek schoolhouse after church, on Sunday morning, Dec. 18, 1892, by Rev. T. J. Lockhart, a Presbyterian minister. Her mother gave her a section of land as a dowry, lying south of the Santa Fe railroad, which had divided the ranch. This section was all grass except about forty acres of liveoak timber, across the road from the Jim Brown farm, and had only a one-room shack and a "dugout," a sort of half-cellar which had been the shelter of some squatter or sheep-herder. The young couple moved into the shack and set up housekeeping.

They had one horse, named Grover, a gift from Rial Jr.'s father, and the first thing to be built was a slide of boards to be used with a barrel for hauling water from the Brown well. Rial used a walking plow to turn the sod



Peace . . . Joy

During this holy holiday, we'd like to wish all our friends a simple, lovely Christmas, filled with warmth and happiness. Our sincere thanks to all.

BERRY'S USED CARS

Coleman, Texas

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Greetings

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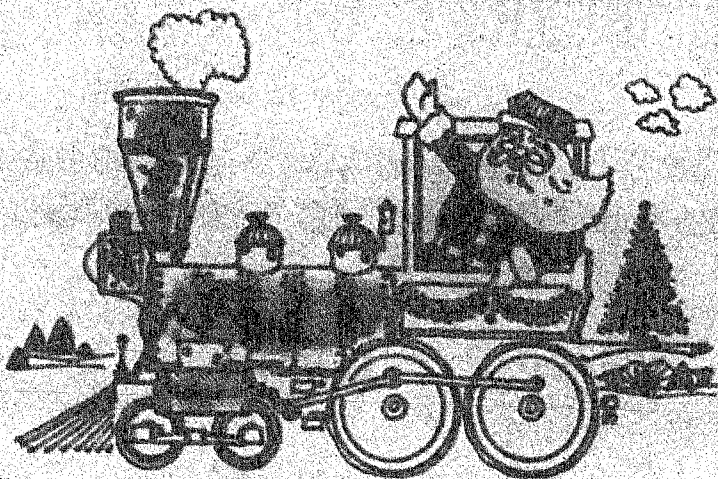
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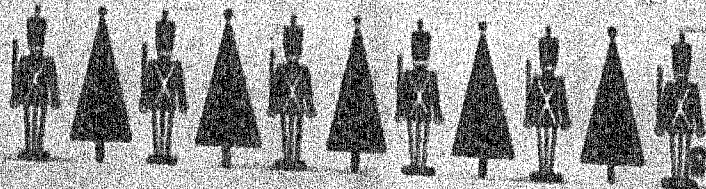
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CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

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HOUSE OF COLOR
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Families . . .

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of a small field, and before spring he planted seedling fruit trees given by some neighbor. They took part in community parties and church services. Tate could walk to visit her mother and mother-in-law, and her many young brothers and sisters-in-law were always near for company.

The Matthews house was quiet, but not the Barnetts. Besides Rial, Jr., there were eight other children; Thomas, the eldest, lost his wife in Louisiana and brought his three little children to his parents' home. Harvey, the second son, became a doctor in Tennessee, but came to Glen Cove to practice for several years before moving to Abilene, where his son, Nigel, became a doctor. Henry, the third son, married May Jayroe in Coleman; he had a lumber business in Santa Anna but moved to Oklahoma. Eula, the older daughter, married Charles Proctor and had two sons, one of whom is Dub Proctor of Santa Anna. Other Barnett sons were Joe and Dick, and a daughter, Marv, died as a small child. The father Rial died at his home on October 19 1893, and was buried in a small cemetery about three miles northeast of Talpa.

Just 11 days later, a baby boy was born to Rial, Jr. and Tate, in the Matthews home the doctor being Harvey Barnett, who came over from Glen Cove in his buggy. Rial, Jr., and Tate soon rented the Givens farm which was near their own and had a better house, but they continued to improve the place her mother had given her. A comfortable house was put up, a well was drilled and a hand pump on it took the place of the barrel and slide, but before long there was a windmill with pipes and faucets everywhere; a washing machine with a wooden tub which had to be agitated by a hand-turned wheel turned out clean clothes for the growing family.

The first baby was named Rial Allen; Ethel Tate came along in March of 1896 Nanie Myrtle in January of 1898 and then Joe Morton in April of 1900, the birth being before the doctor got there, a common event in those days. Another boy was born on February 2, 1902 and was not named until the birth of another boy in November of 1903, when the little yearling was named Henry and the new baby Ernest. Eva Marie came along 13 months later and then the twins began, Vera and Vera in May of 1906 and Edwin and Edith in June of 1908, making six children five years old and less in the household.

The children old enough for school went to Spring Creek, but not straight through Grandma Matthews pasture for fear of the bulls and the fighting cows. They did not like going the longer way but their father, who watched for their safety every moment day and night, insisted on this. He did not know that the daring little Ethel loved teasing the dangerous animals and would go under the fence and dare them to fight, sometimes barely getting back under the fence in time.

There was a church service every Sunday at the school; four denominations alternating, and a neighbor named Resse organized a Sunday school. He was a good man and much liked; his sons, Dixie, Glen and Wesley, also went to the school. Among the young

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people there was some amusement, carefully hidden from their parents, over the emotionalism during the church services, when someone would rise and begin praying in a loud voice, or perhaps weeping or talking. This was called "shouting," and though the Barnetts never did so, they respected the feelings of those who did and would not permit any criticism from their children.

Many were the big community parties to which everyone went and took part in the games and the bountiful foods. On July Fourth there was usually a picnic at Pecan Grove, with a baseball game in the morning and some patriotic speeches after the enormous dinner; in election years the candidates made speeches and promises then as now.

Tate was like a queen to her children. Reared in the best tradition of Southern gallantry and noblesse oblige, she would never raise her voice in discussion, never criticize anyone, never show so unladylike an emotion as anger. A very modest woman, she thought it most unbecoming for girls to ride

astride; she kept her children always cleanly dressed and hair well combed. It irked her for the girls to have to do field work, as they did, and she spent many hours sewing the delicate dresses and petticoats for them to wear to church.

At last someone told Rial about the teasing of the wild cattle, and he sent the children instead to a school a little farther away called Possum Trot, where they went partway along the railroad track. They soon learned to walk the rails and even go across the bridge at the creek, so after one year he moved them back to Spring Creek.

The children loved going to both grandmother's homes, but especially to Grandma Matthews. The big interesting house, the many luxuries and comforts there, the beautiful furnishings and the four young uncles to indulge and spoil them made every visit a joy. Among their great pleasures were the hunting of buffalo horns in the pastures, many of them to be found near the "wallows" where the great animals had taken their dust baths in the hot summer days. Amanda had managed her property well, and as farmers

immigrated to the area she began selling to them, as her sons did not want to do any farm work but liked the life of cowboys. She sold her remaining lands to a man from Georgia, named George Yeager. This family had ten children, adding to the school those named John, Henry Fannie, Lucy and Flora.

The Matthews boys began hearing the call of the ranch life west of the Pecos, and since Coleman County land was now so valuable at \$10 an acre, they had persuaded their mother to sell her ranch and go near Marathon to buy land. But during the sale of the land, she was taken ill and died at her home, on April 7, 1906, and was buried beside her husband in the Spring Creek Cemetery.

Before the boys started west, the second, Claude, was married to the lately arrived Fannie Yeager in a double ceremony with her sister, Lucy and Jess Grimes, who was a son of Mrs.

Bills by a previous marriage. You will recall that Mrs. Bills was the wife of the operator of the Oak Vale store.

In the move to Marathon the Matthews boys realized that they could not take along at the time the household treasures of their parents the piano and books the paintings and fine china. Some neighbor offered to keep them until they were called for, and this

was never done. Where are they now? None of the Matthews family knows, but undoubtedly they are prized heirlooms somewhere today.

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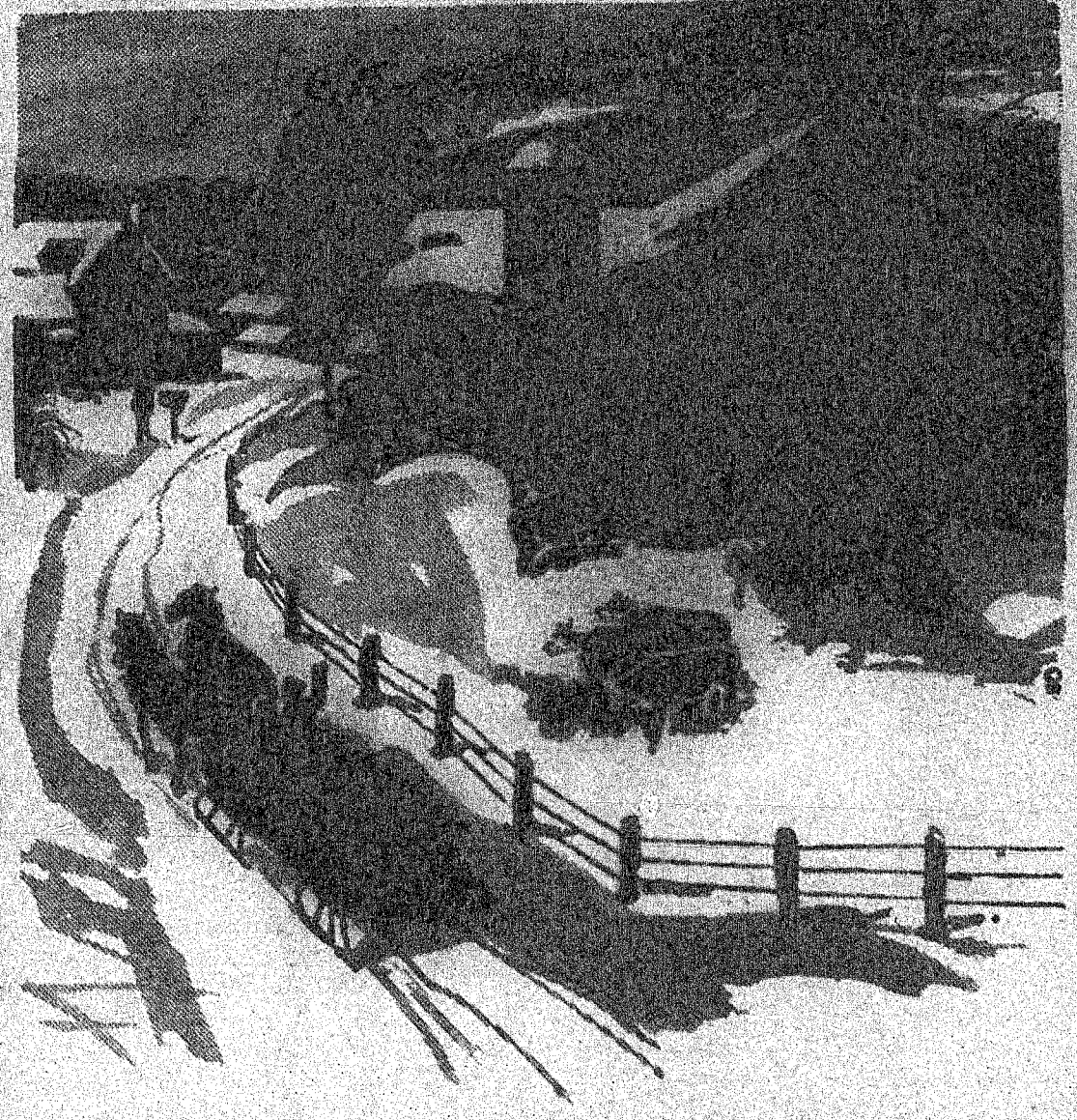
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Families . . .

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The Matthews brothers prospered in the Marathon country, and in 1910 or 1911, their sister and brother-in-law, Rial and Tate Barnett moved to Presidio County with their children, after selling their land in Coleman County at a good price. Rial leased a railroad car and at Talpa he loaded all the household goods and some livestock for the trip. Old Grover, whom all the children loved, he

did not take as he thought that poor old horse could not stand the change, but he was given to a neighbor who promised him a good home. Claude Kirkpatrick was hired to go along in the boxcar to see after the animals, and the Barnett family went by passenger train, lying over for several hours at Sierra Blanca enroute to Marfa where they lived until a ranch was bought about 25 miles south of that place. In 1912 their last child was born, named Forrest, in memory of the

beloved Confederate general.

The Barnett children were ambitious and smart; they took to the ranch life with joy, going to school in Marfa until another large family moved near enough to have a school. Later they moved into Marfa and then to Ft. Davis, where Rial was county judge for several terms. He died in 1940 in Phoenix, Arizona, while visiting a daughter, and Tate died in 1951 at Marfa.

It is no wonder that the Barnett offspring became successful in many fields. They became teachers, journalists, ranchmen; sheriffs, doctors, realtors, U. S. Customs officers. The training and influence of men and women like Rial Barnett and Mary Tate

Matthews goes on and on forever.

Of all the family, only one lives in this area at this time. Vera Dee, one of the twin daughters born in 1906, now (1974) lives in Ballinger, only 20 miles from her birthplace. She is now a widow,

her husband having been Arthur G. Brooks, a United States Customs officer for many years. It is her great pleasure to visit now and then the sites of the Barnett and Matthews ranches.

Another daughter, Edith

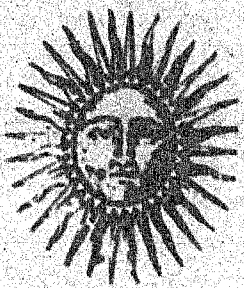
married at an early age a ranchman, Robert N. Everett, of Ventline, during a summer session of the famed Boys Camp Meeting at Skilman Grove. She still owns the ranch near Ventline, where her son James, is foreman. On July 4, 1972 Edith was hostess to all her family at a reunion at her ranch, over 100 attending. A feature of the day was viewing the chimney at her home made of bricks from the old Matthews Ranch chimney in Coleman County.

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CCTC Expansion Program Nearing Completion Date

The Coleman County Telephone Cooperative expansion and improvement project is progressing well, according to Thomas Wristen, manager. The first change-over within the system occurred Sunday night, December 15, when the subscribers in the Burkett exchange were transferred to the new one-party system. The new equipment is housed in a new building at Burkett.

K&B Contractors of Tulsa, Oklahoma is doing all the line work which was delayed for about seven weeks this fall because of

wet weather. Even with the delay, completion is expected for the entire system in April.

Other change-overs for the area exchanges are planned in March and April. Many subscribers will be given new telephone numbers, and the new directories are to be distributed in March. Supplements with the new Burkett numbers were mailed to all subscribers last week.

Included in the all-new system will be combining of the Trickham and Santa Anna exchanges and addition of an exchange at Lake Coleman. The up-to-date telephone system will have all one-party service, direct dialing and mostly underground lines. Over 400 miles of underground lines are being installed to eliminate many failures due to wind and ice storms.

Telephone rates for the Cooperative subscribers will be raised next year. The first rate increase in 20 years. One-party telephones currently cost \$5.50 a month will be raised to \$7.25. The increase will still be less than most telephone rates in the state.

The Cooperative was chartered in 1954 and began serving Santa Anna in 1955. Since that time it has bought a number of rural telephone companies and now serves the communities listed and also Valera, Mozelle and Rockwood. The huge improvement project is being financed through a Rural Electrification Administration loan.



GREETINGS

Sing out the carols and ring in a holiday filled with cheer. To all our friends . . . have the very merriest Christmas. Thanks for your support.

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Santa Anna, Texas



Greetings

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Edgar Baugh, 86, Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 17, for Edgar Arthur Baugh, 86, a former resident of the Santa Anna area. Mr. Baugh died in Martin County Hospital on Sunday, December 15, following a long illness. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Stanton.

Born March 4, 1888 in Port Lavaca, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baugh. The family came to Coleman County in 1892, settling in the south part of the county.

Mr. Baugh married Mary Cordelia Crow at Tricham on August 29, 1907. She died December 2, 1971. He was a member of the Stanton First Baptist Church and had lived at Stanton for about 50 years.

Survivors are two sons, J. L. Baugh of Big Spring and Eugene Baugh of Stanton; two daughters, Mrs. Ona Hughes Brent, and Mrs. Inez Gilmore of Stanton; four sisters, Mrs. Tennie Campbell, Mrs. Lola Hodges and Mrs. Bruce Hibbets, all of Santa Anna and Mrs. Ruth Eula Bigham of Crescent City, Calif.; two brothers John Baugh of Snyder and Dick Baugh of Santa Anna; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Presbyterian Holiday Party Held Wednesday

Members of the United Presbyterian Church and their families met at the church on Wednesday evening, December 18, for a sandwich supper and Christmas party.

The get-together included a gift exchange and singing of Christmas carols.

R. W. Balkes Fete Friends Friday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Balke entertained a group of friends with a supper party and games of 42 at their home on Friday night, December 13.

A Christmas cloth covered the serving table, and other holiday decorations were used throughout the house.

Those attending the party were Messrs. and Mrs. W. V. Priddy, C. D. Bruce, John Gordon, Norman Walters, J. W. McClellan, B. N. Myers, Jim Brown and the host couple.

HOSPITAL NEWS

The following patients were admitted to Ranger Park Hospital from December 16 through 19: Gene Rowden, Coleman; Timmy Puckett, city; Wallace Collins, city; Thelma Henderson, Lawn; Cleo Row, city.

Patients dismissed from the hospital December 16-19: Ruth Lobstein, Coleman; Maggie Medcalf, Bangs; Pearl Purdon, city; Mrs. Benny Guerrero and baby, city.

Truman Ragsdale, Coleman; Wesley James, Ranger Park Inn; Annie Campbell, Coleman; Concha Guerrero, Coleman; Lucille Diamond, Coleman.

Other patients still in the hospital December 19: Dora Boyd, Coleman; E. S. Rowden, Coleman; Mae Carpenter, Bangs; Bessie Thomas, city; Elmer Thomas, city; Manuel Jaramillo, Coleman; Joseph Tims, Coleman; Ada Ferguson, Ranger Park Inn; Betty Quinn, Ranger Park Inn.



We hope your good friendship will continue throughout the years.

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Christmas Greetings

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CHRISTMAS

WINTER WORTH

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Make Your Health Resolutions For The New Year

Each year about this time people are resolving to save money, spend more time with the family, go to church more often...and if you follow the American tradition of setting goals for the New Year, please don't forget to include resolutions for the improvement of your health and the health of those you love.

The Texas Medical Association suggests you ask yourself a few

questions as you begin the year 1975.

Are my family and I regularly eating the proper foods? Remember what you and your family eat has a strong influence on how well you are, how well you stay, and how much energy you have...no matter what your age may be. Monitor your nutrition.

Are all members of my family getting enough regular exercise, rest and relaxation? All three in proper balance are essential to good health. Your doctor may suggest you get more rest, take more exercise, or schedule more time for recreation. When you follow such advice, responsibilities seem lighter, worries and tensions subside, and pep and enthusiasm mount when you add relaxation to your plan for good health.

For better health proper weight and muscle tone, nearly everyone requires a reasonable amount of physical exercise. It doesn't have to be laborious or time

consuming. Just try walking more when you don't have to ride. Walking is a fine way to keep yourself in good shape. It stretches the muscles and gives your heart the exercise it needs.

Sure you're busy, but remember that most adults need from seven to eight hours of sleep. Tomorrow is another day.

Emotional tensions can and do play a prominent role in many physical ailments. Of course, everyone has Tension. That's normal. But sometimes the tension builds up. This should be released. Talking troubles out, working off tensions with physical activity, and learning to accept what cannot be changed—all these are useful in helping us to cope more successfully with emotional conflicts and tensions.

Think about some other neglected areas. Are you due for a medical check up? Is your family up to date on their immunizations? How long has it been since you had your eyes checked? Set your goals today for a better tomorrow.

And what about safety resolutions for 1975? Safety has a lot to do with your health! How long has it been since you made a safety survey of your household? Are there piles of rags or old papers in some corner of the garage? Remove them. These are potential fire hazards. Are your stairs well-lighted and clear of toys and other possible dangers? Are household cleansers,

chemicals, and medical supplies kept in tight containers out of reach of children?

This list could go on and on, but these simple, basic questions are of vital importance to the health and safety of your family. Make your own list of resolutions. And don't leave out the health safety areas.

Protecting yourself and the members of your family could well be the most important resolutions you make in 1975.

Alien Reports Due in January

Joe F. Staley of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalization Service has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to take the reports are available at Post Offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. The reports must be submitted to one of those offices.

Parents or guardians submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

Mr. Staley urges all aliens to report before the end of January as willful failure to do so may lead to serious penalties.

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May you and yours be blessed with the love and tranquility that abound throughout this glorious season. We wish for you a happy holiday. Thanks so much for your support.

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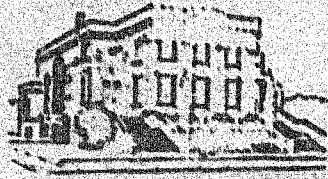
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Dear Santa
I want a walkie talkies and a
watch and a bike and a evil kenevel
and a ghost gun and a beebee gun
racing tack.
Love
Danny

Dear Santa
I want a train. I want a Walkie
talkies. I want a evil kenevel. I
want a watch. I want a coat. I want
a bee bee gun.
Love
John M.

Dear Santa
I want a barbie town house. And
a little refrigerator and a little
stove and a little washing
machine. And clothes. And I will
leave you some peacan pie. Thank
you for the things you gave me last
year.
Janis Weathers

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Kenevel and a
truck and some clothes and thats
all. Thank you for all the things
you gave me last year. and I want
pencil notebook paper.
Love
Johnny

Dear Santa
I want a Barbis Beach Bus. And
a mick Mouse Watch and a bike
Baby Alive. I will leave you
something.
Love
Patsy

Dear Santa
I want a Micke Mouse Watch and
a electric Evil Kenevel and I want
a motorcycle electric.
Love
Chris

Dear Santa
I want a Mick Mouse watch and
superfrie
Love
Chuck Duquette

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a Baby Alive
doll and clothes and thats all I
want love Santa
I love Santa
Jean

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl 3 years old and
I've been pretty good. Please
bring me a sink, a view-meator, a
freezer, a a baby bed. Please
bring my brother, Rusty, some
squeaky toys because he's just a
baby. I'll leave you some milk and
some pie. Come and eat it!
Love
Rhonda Rene Fligmen

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I would like to have a
dolly, easy bake oven and make up
magneguin. Don't forget my
sisters and other kids too.
Love
Melissa
P.S. Please send me some knee
pads to help me when I fall down.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I would
like a wagon, best of the west toy,
dum truck race car. Thank you. I
am 8 years old
Michael Weems



Merry Christmas

Make it a fun-filled holiday! Fill it with an abundance
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Best wishes for a cheery, blessed season to all. Our special thanks.

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Coleman, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cho-cho train and some tinker toys. I want a table and chairs. And lets see, I want a racing set with 5 racing cars. I guess I better have some new mittens in case it snows and I want to build a snowman.
My baby brother wants a bear and a doll, and maybe you had better bring him a bottle so he won't cry.
I sure do love you.
Billy Ray Riley
P.S. Bring lots of candy

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Love
Toni

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Beach Bus and a Barbie and a blue watch. I will leave you some goodies.
Love
Lasha Eubank

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I want a copy and a bike and a truck and a motorcycle and a baseball gun new pair of shoes.
Love
Kenneth T.

Dear Santa,
I want Evli Kenovel. I want a super friends and hotman car.
I love you
Tommy

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My name is Rob Beal and I am 3 years old. I have been good all year. I think I would like two horses, two mens, and two wagons. I will leave some pot pies for you when you come Christmas Eve. Please come to see Daddy and all the kids at nursery school.
Love,
Rob
I love you

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Beach bus and a bike baton baby alive and a stove bingo and a doll and a tree machine tape recorder pecan and coat barbie doll an a wonder woman eraser notebook.
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Rosa


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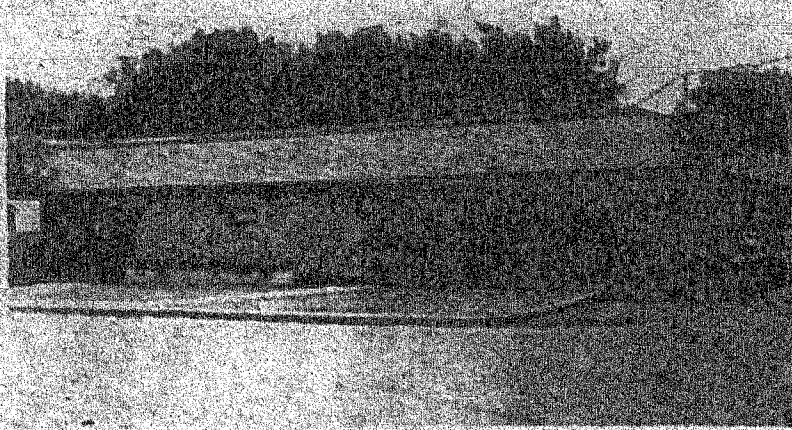
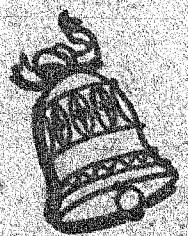
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Dear Santa,
I would like a bib doll, a fur coat, and a long dress for Christmas. I hope you will also remember my friends in school and Ms. Newman.
Thank you,
Love Tina Vara

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi My name is Jerry Max Smith Jr. I would like to have Big wheel a train great gaison cars trucks candy and a fat daddy wish you give to other little kids.
Love
Jerry Smith

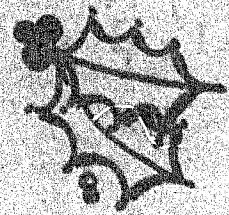


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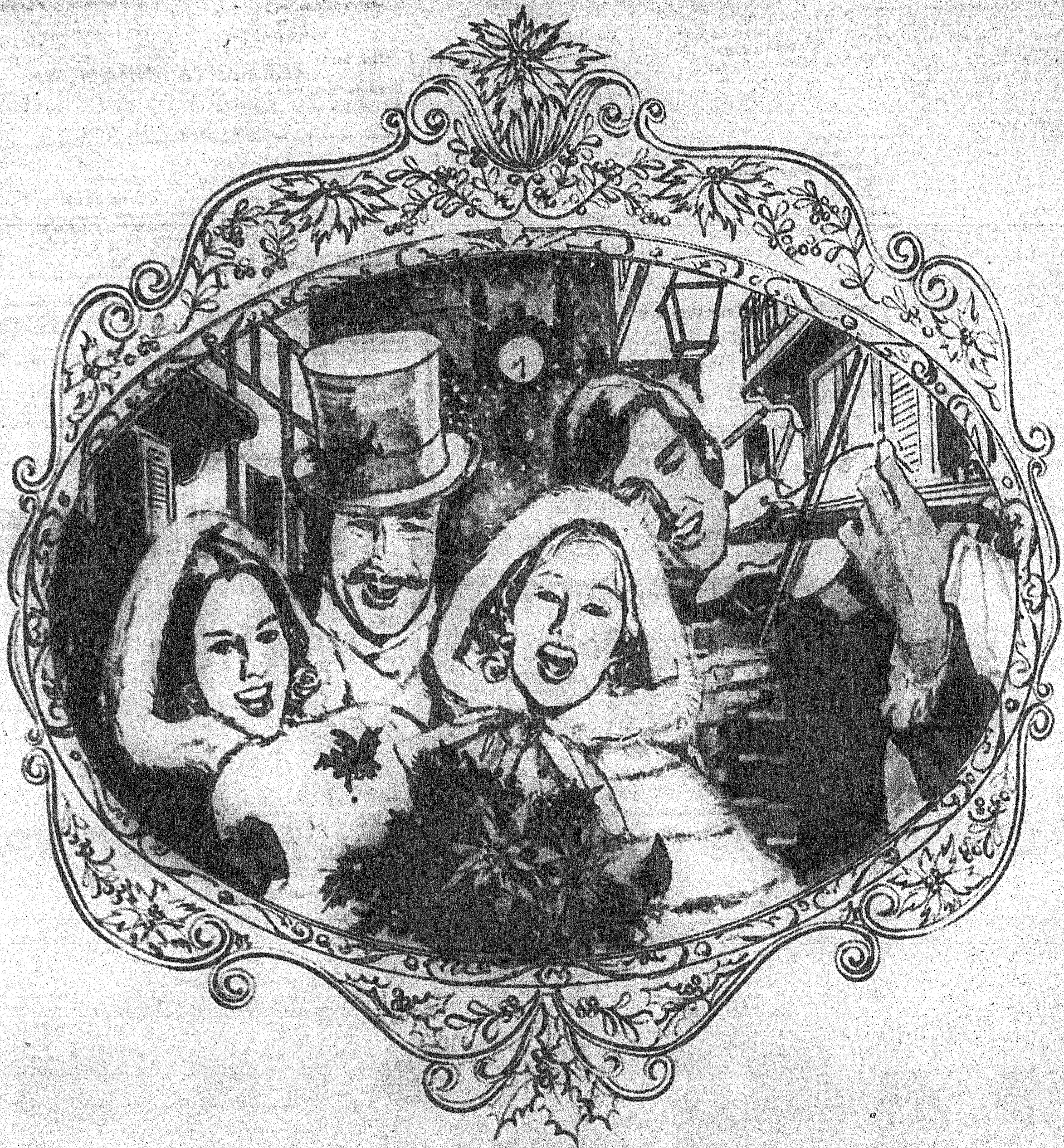
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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Batman and a Bob Scout and a little train my brother Rhett wants a gun belt and guns. Dear Santa Claus I want to thank you for the presents for last year. Dear Santa Claus, come over here at Santa Anna.
Love,
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A special program of Christmas music was presented on Tuesday night, December 18, by members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and School. The program was held at the United Presbyterian Church and attended by a large number of local people.

Students of the school sang several selections accompanied at the piano by Patsy Starr. Children in the chorus were Deanie, Fay Lynn and Earl Cabansag, Rhonda and Donnie Loveridge, Julie Justin, Tanya Calder, Michael Douglas and Donna Durichek.

Warielita Paglamouton, a Philippine nurse at Ranger Park Hospital, sang a solo, "O Holy Night," accompanied by Mrs. John Loveridge.

Featured in the concert was a choir of ankaaloong instruments made of bamboo and native of Thailand. Fifteen adults and children played the unique instruments.

Narrator for the program was Mrs. C. P. Wenzel.

Following the program refreshments of assorted cookies and frosted punch were served to those attending. Christmas decorations centered the refreshment table which was laid with a white lace cloth.

VISIT IN IRAAN

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin were in Iraan last weekend where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton and children. They returned home on Sunday.

VISITS RELATIVES

Mrs. J. W. Haynes visited last week in Lott with relatives for several days. She went from there to Temple where she had a check-up at Scott and White Hospital.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hunsel will be spending two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kingsbury and at Rising Star with his family, the L. C. Hunsels. They will return to College Station on January 5 when his classes resume at the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Joining them here on Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Bird of Osnah.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like you to bring me a doll that has messy wavy hair. And I want the past suits. And I want a watch. And that is all I want I am a girl and I am 8 years old well that's all I want. Good by.
Your Friends,
Connie Culpapper

I am fine. But this is what I want for Christmas a toy walking dog.
Your friend,
Cindy Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am just fine. I want a doll that talks and a baby carriage. And a toy walking doll. And a talking doll. And some walking talkies. And a juke box.
Love,
Cindy Estes

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I hope you are fine

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a pair of boots and a doll that walks and drinks.
Merry Christmas!
Love you,
Robin Hartman

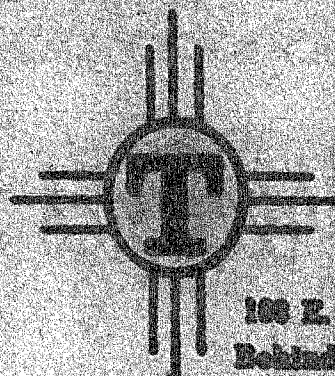
Dear Santa,
I want a doll that has the mess ugliest hair. And a Western suit and with the boots and hat.
Your friend,
Traci Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll named Verne. And a new pair of shoes. And a new pair of boots. I hope you have a good Christmas. And a Happy New Year.
Your friend,
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Dear Santa,
I want a real ring and a camping set. I have been a good boy.
Love,
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Edgar Sheltons to Be Feted On 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shelton of Austin will be hosts for a reception on Sunday, December 29, honoring his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shelton of Coleman, formerly of the Shield Community. The party will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Coleman from 2 to 4 p.m. in honor of the couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Edgar Shelton and Claudine Evans of the Shield Community were married on January 1, 1925 in Santa Anna in the home of the late Rev. Sid Martin. They continued to reside in the Shield Community where they were engaged in stockfarming until 1969 when they moved to Coleman. They are members of the Methodist Church and have many hobbies and interests.

Besides the son and daughter-in-law of Austin, the Sheltons have two grandsons, Mike of Fort Worth and Randy of Dallas, and one granddaughter, Alison Shelton of Dallas.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to call during the party hours on Sunday.



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To Be Honored Sunday

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VISITING GRANDPARENTS

Kay Kingsbery, a student at AAM University, arrived here Friday for a holiday visit with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bruce, who will be joined here this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kingsbery and children of Crystal City and other members of the Bruce family and will return to Crystal City Thursday for the holiday vacation.

Peace... Joy

May the love He taught the world fill every heart as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

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Self Culture Has Meeting On Wednesday

Christmas decor was used throughout the house when Mrs. Tom Stewardson was hostess for the December meeting of the Santa Anna Self Culture club. A lighted Christmas tree was in the living room and the dining table held an oval wreath of holly and poinsettias.

Coffee and tea were in a silver service, and fresh-apple cake with whipped cream, candies and nuts were served. Mrs. Earl Simmons assisted Mrs. Stewardson in the dining room.

At a short business meeting, it was voted to extend the terms of office of the club to conform with the officers of the Texas Federation, of which the Self Culture is a member.

Mrs. Preston Bailey spoke on Traditions of Christmas, and a round table discussion on Christmas customs followed.

Present besides those mentioned were Mrs. J. C. Mathews, Mrs. Hardy Blue, Mrs. Hetty Turney, Mrs. J. W. Haynes, Mrs. Burl Sparkman, Mrs. Gus Morgan, Mrs. C. D. Bruce, and Mrs. Norman Walters.



WEDDING DATE SET....Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Anderson of Coleman have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Katy, to Roy Joe Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Harvey of Santa Anna. The wedding will be held on Saturday, February 1, at the Central Baptist Church in Coleman with Rev. Bobby Weathers of Brownwood officiating. Miss Anderson, a 1971 graduate of Coleman High School, is employed with First Coleman National Bank. Her fiance, a 1968 graduate of Santa Anna High School, has a degree in pharmacy from University of Houston and is employed with Avalon Drug Co. in Houston. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the wedding and reception which will follow.

Clyde Pittards to be Feted On 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pittard will be honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with a reception on Sunday, December 29. The party will be held at the Mountain City Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

members of the First Baptist Church.

The Pittards have farming and ranching interests south of Santa Anna and he still occasionally works as fill-in at the Tile Company.

The couple's three daughters, Mrs. Travis (Carol) Buse of Early, Mrs. Jim (Linda) Elkins of Lawn and Mrs. Joe (Geneva) Harris of Coleman will be hostesses for the occasion.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the reception on Sunday, December 29.

The former Eddie Lois Wesson and Clyde Pittard were married in Santa Anna at the First Baptist Church parsonage by Rev. Hal Wingo on December 29, 1934. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wesson of Voss. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pittard of Santa Anna.

The Pittards have lived in the Santa Anna area since their marriage except for one year while he was in the service during World War II. They moved from near Rockwood to Santa Anna about ten years ago, and Mr. Pittard was employed at the Santa Anna Tile Company for 18 years, retiring last year. They are

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Gwen Shields

Jerry Zable

Wed Dec 6

Miss Gwen Shields and Jerry Zable were married on Friday, December 6, in a ceremony at the home of Ben J. Garrett, Justice of the Peace. For the 2 p. m. ceremony the bride wore a blue and white dress with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Mr. Garrett performed the ceremony.

The couple's attendants were Mrs. Gay Brown and Ricky Zable, sister and brother of the groom. Only members of the family were present for the wedding.

After a wedding trip to Brownwood, the couple went to Snyder where they are making their home. He is employed with Yale Key Well Servicing Co. The couple are both former students at Santa Anna High School.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shields. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zable of Rockwood are parents of the groom.

Bridal Shower

Held December 5

For Miss Shields

Miss Gwen Shields, bride-elect of Jerry Zable, was honored with a bridal shower on Thursday night, December 5, at the Community Room of the Santa Anna National Bank.

Hostesses for the party were Meses. Mary Ann Pape, Nell Fellers, Gay Brown and Lucille Cupps.

In the receiving line with the honoree were her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Leo Shields and Mrs. Fred Shields.

The refreshment table was laid with a red cloth and centered with a miniature bride and groom on a pedestal. White cake squares trimmed in red and red fruit punch were served.

Classmates of the honoree helped with the hostess duties. Miss Shields and Mr. Zable were married on December 6.



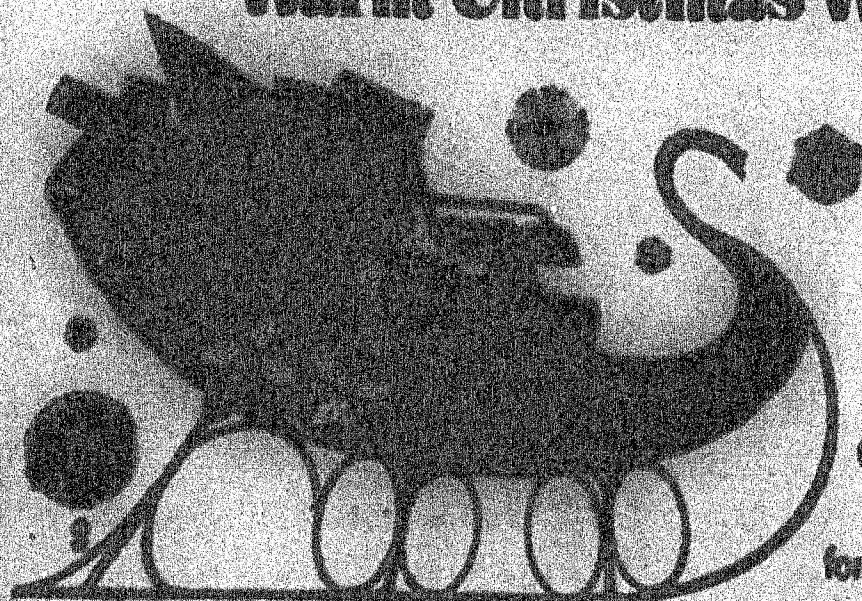
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For Christmas I would like Lone Ranger and a jet. That's all. I love you.
Fernando Castillo, Jr.

Dear Santa,
My name is Joe Enriquez. I want a Evil Knievel and his motorcycle. Also a lone ranger.
Love,
Joe

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have some cowboys boot and some cars and a witch and two pair of track shoes and two shirts and some pants. one thing of these thing I like.
Robert

Dear Santa,
I want an Evil Knievel Sat and some clothes and superman doll. And Santa please bring my brothers some toys too. And my baby sister a rag doll.
Thank you
Ramon Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Mod Help Ken I been a good girl and I want a record player. I want a Baby alive and a sweet sounds doll. Thank you Santa
Love
Stacy

Dear Santa,
My name is Joe Diaz. And I am in the first grade. I want a dump truck and a train for Christmas. Bring something for my too brothers to.
Joe

Dear Santa,
I want a michigan shovel truck by tonka toys. And some clothes. Your friend,
Paulie
P.S. Please bring my little baby sister a rag doll for Christmas and some toys for my 3 brothers. Thank You

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy I want BB gun and a dirt scraper.
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Dear Santa Clause,
For Christmas I want a cowboy suit race car set and some tennis shoes.
Love
David Perez

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Kathy Quick Curl. and a Bicycle. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Casey

Dear Santa
I want a Evil Knievel sat and some clothes that I can wear. Also toys for my bothers and a doll for my sister.
Thank you
Gregory Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Please send me a choo choo train, a hot wheels and an airplane. Please send my brother Rickey a Dallas Cowboy Football Helment, and a Deer Gun. We have been good boys.
Thank you
Paul Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun for Christmas. I want some shoes, too, or boots. I would like a horse and a hat.
I love you
Johnny Kirven

Dear Santa,
My name is Laura. I am six years old and I have two brothers. Will you please bring my brothers a bear and a toy horse for of them. Oh you! If you have of room in your bag of gifts please bring me a walkins doll and a hand puppet. Thank you very much Santa.
Love you
Laura Gray

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Doug

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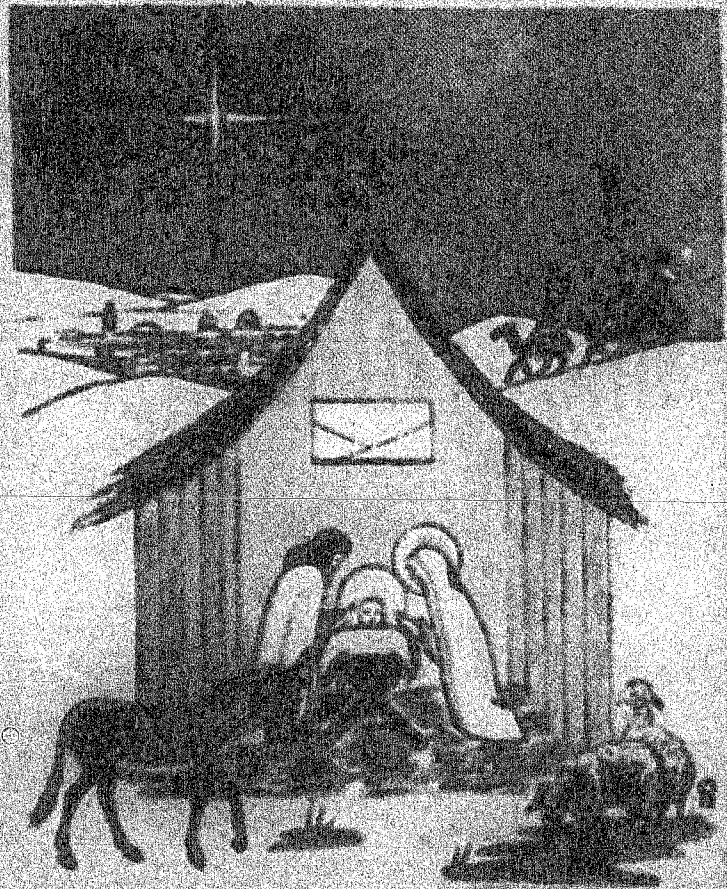
Greetings



May all the good things Christmas has in store be yours — peace, joy and serenity. We are forever grateful for your kindness.

Bobby's Beauty Salon

And Employees
Santa Anna, Texas



Peace on Earth

On the eve of our Savior's birthday we wish you inner peace . . . true joy. To our many patrons, "thanks."

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John Lauders Feted Sunday On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lauder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 22, with a reception at Coleman Bank Club. Hosts for the party were their son, Jack Lauder of Hood River, Oregon, and Mrs. Lauder's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of Abilene.

Mrs. Lauder, the former Lora Gaines, was born in the Brown Ranch Community to the late Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gaines. Mr. Lauder came to Coleman County with his parents in 1901. They were married in the Gaines home at Voss on December 21, 1924.

The couple lived for awhile at Voss where he worked in a grocery store. They later moved to Coleman, then purchased a farm in the Buffalo Community 23 years ago. They retired and moved back to Coleman in 1969.

The Lauders have the one son, another son James, was killed in a plane crash in 1944. They are



MR. AND MRS. JOHN LAUDER
Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

members of the Trinity United Methodist Church and Mrs. Lauder is active in the UMW. They enjoy camping and visiting friends. Mrs. Lauder was correspondent for the Santa Anna News for several years while residing in the Buffalo Community.

Rites Held For Bessie Hall, 69, On December 19

Mrs. Claude Byron (Bessie) Hall, aged 69, died in Dallas early Wednesday, December 18, after suffering an apparent heart attack at her home. Funeral services were held at the Santa Anna First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 19, with burial in the Santa Anna Cemetery. Rev. Wright Price, pastor of the church officiated at the services which were directed by Henderson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hall was born March 27, 1905 in Santa Anna to the late J. T. and Lucy Newman. She attended the Santa schools, graduating from Santa Anna High School in 1922. She was a Baptist and a housewife. She moved to Fort Worth in 1950 and married Byron Hall in Weatherford.

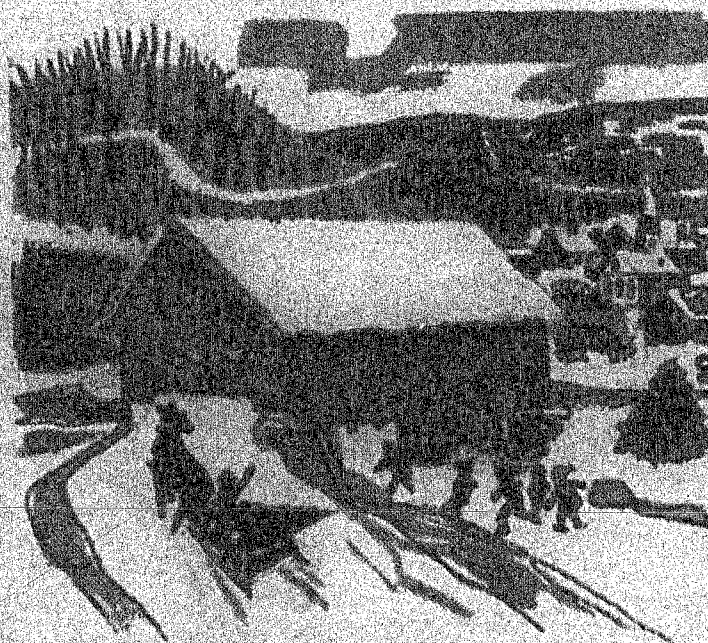
Survivors are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Marilyn) Warren of Fort Worth; four sons, G. T. England of San Angelo, Dr. Roy England of College Station, James England of Kerrville, and Joe Hal England of Sidney, British Columbia, Canada; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Parish of Fort Worth; four brothers, Frank Newman of San Angelo, Roy Newman of Dallas, Virgil and Walter Newman both of Santa Anna; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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FOR SALE—1968 Yamaha motorcycle. \$200. See Mark Turney or his mother. **47-tfc**

Would like to buy wood stoves and heaters also used furniture for sale. Santa Anna Feed Store. Call 348-3955. **45-tfc**

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Loyd Plumbing and Electric Co. Phone 348-3798. **43-tfc**

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FOR SALE—Dinette Suites, used living room suites, good selection of 9x12 rugs. This is a good buy for the money. A few new sofa beds left for \$79.95. Bargain House, 711 Concho St. Coleman, Texas. **40-tfc**

NOTICE—Beautiful wooded lot at Lake Brownwood only \$21.50 monthly. We need listings for farm and ranches in Coleman County. Call Dickie Horner, 794-8239. **50-tfc**

FOR SALE—1967 VW needs minor repairs, \$300. Call 348-3885 after 4 p.m. **51-2tc**

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We are truly grateful to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.
The family of Roger Fortson **52-1tc**

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a bike a doll and a monkey
Leslie Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sherry Lynn Cupps and I am five years old. I wanted to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want Rub-A-Dub dolly and a Holiday Inn and McDonald's and a train and whatever else you want to bring me.
Thanks
Sherry Cupps
P. S. I love you Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,
I want a Miss America Doll. I want a Mr. America doll. I want a record player. I also want Miss America Barbie Beauty center and a Spirograph. Try and give other boys and girls plenty of toys too. If I am asking for too much toys divide them with others.
Love
Missy Moore
P. S. I'll be looking for you.



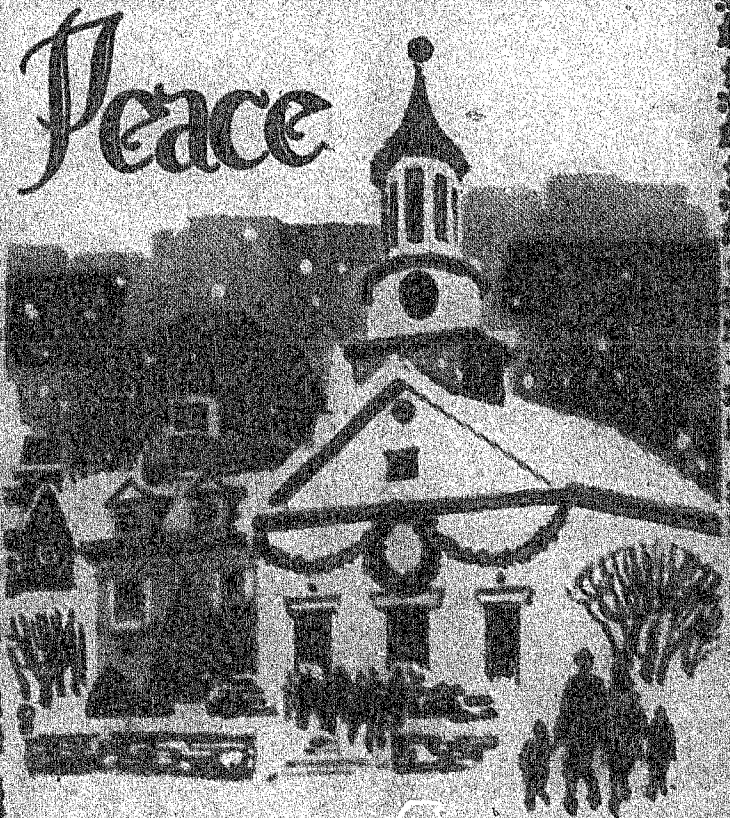
The Christmas spirit reigns all over the land. Hope it fills and warms your heart with happiness. For your treasured patronage, sincere thanks.

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Santa Anna, Texas



May the joys of this Christmas season rekindle cherished memories, and fill your heart with great happiness.

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The following items are from
 the Friday December 24, 1954
 issue of the NEWS:

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS:

Dear Santa:
 Will you please bring me a big
 red tractor and spark plugs. I

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**RUDOLPH'S
 Coleman, Texas**

have been a good boy.
 Thank you,
 Phil Huggins
 --20--

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like to have a
 blackboard on a stand and a
 sweater set. My little brother
 wants a football and a tractor and
 my sister wants a doll and a
 sweater set. Don't forget the other
 little boys and girls.
 Lawanda Horner
 --20--

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a doll and
 dishes.

Lois Ann Simmons
 --20--

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a bow and
 arrow and a football and helmet.
 My name is Warren Wallace and I
 have been a good boy.

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Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bicycle for Christmas.
 Will you please give everybody
 something for Christmas.

Love,
 Norman Anderson
 --20--

Weekend specials at Piggly
 Wiggly Grocery Store:
 Bathroom tissue—4 rolls for 29

cents
 Pinto Beans—5 lbs. for 45 cents
 Choice Chuck Roast—29 cents a
 pound
 Bacon—45 cents a pound
 Dressed fryers—43 cents a
 pound
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The singing held in the Buffalo
 Baptist Church last Sunday
 afternoon had a good attendance,
 Santa Anna being well
 represented.

There was lots of good group
 singing as well as special
 numbers. The youngest pianist
 was Sandra Davis of Santa Anna
 who played the accompaniment
 for her grandfather, Sam
 Rutherford, as he led a song.
 Dalrue Mercer and Carolyn Bates
 led in two special numbers,
 Stanley Williams was the
 youngest of the male leaders.
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Correspondents for the NEWS
 in 1954 were the following: Mrs.
 John Hunter, Rockwood; Mrs.
 Tom Rutherford, Whoh; Mrs.
 John Lauder, Buffalo; Mrs. M. F.
 Blanton, Cleveland; Jean
 Stewardson, Shields; Edna R.
 Dean, Trickham.
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A total of 12 Santa Anna
 students are enrolled in Howard
 Payne College, this includes four
 freshmen, five sophomores, one
 junior, one senior and one
 graduate student.

They are Laurie M. Harris son
 of W. F. Harris, Rt. 2; Melvin
 Pollock, son of M. R. Pollock;
 Doyle Glenn Williams son of John
 Williams; Jimmy Don Williams,
 son of John L. Williams; Kenneth
 Grant, son of E. R. Grant; Charles
 Hale, son of Mrs. Floyd Hale;
 Billy Jack Harris, son of Milford
 Harris; Billy McClellan, son of
 Lester McClellan; Don Simmons,
 son of M. R. Simmons; Clinton
 Greer, son of Ross Greer; Martha
 Priddy, daughter of W. V. Priddy,
 and Betty Jean Conner.

Wash McCulloch, Mgr.

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We wish you
 a Christmas
 rich in
 love
 and
 peace. Thanks,
 friends for allowing us to serve you.

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Luther and Hazel
 Santa Anna, Texas

Holiday Greetings

to all who love our Lord Jesus, who is
 alive today. Remember He was born
 in a barn and rejected by the Preachers
 and the Church Members. Then they
 said, "Away with Him!" May this be a
 time you start looking to Him.

He is coming soon

SANTA ANNA FEED AND SEED
 SANTA ANNA, TEXAS



Christmas Wishes

We're hoping this will be a warm,
 happy holiday . . . filled with lots of cheer!
 Our gratitude for your kind support.

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