

# THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Only Paper in Crockett County—3,000 Square Miles Of Livestock Territory

"Out In The West, Where The Air Is Pure, The Climate Agreeable, And The People Friendly -- The Best Place On Earth To Call Home"

VOLUME 41

\$2.00 a Year In Texas—\$2.50 Elsewhere

OZONA, CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS

5 Cents Per Copy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1954

NUMBER 42

## Here and There

By J. Troy Hickman

### THE CAMERA BUG

Last September I got a yen to make pictures. A little casual inquiry revealed that photography—especially the processing of film and prints at home—can be quite complicated. After a lot of talking with amateurs here and elsewhere and a little reading photo booklets, I decided to wade in. Boyd Lovelace at Sonora, who is an excellent photographer and swell fellow to boot, encouraged and help me a lot. Other encouragement came from people like Evert White, Pascal Northcut, Jack Wilkins, Richard Flowers, Miss Mildred North, Nip Blackstone, and my long-suffering wife who has never complained when the kitchen and bathroom were used for a darkroom.

The bill for the first batch of necessary supplies jolted me a little. Photography can be as expensive as you want to make it. But when the bug bites, you're bit.

A picture is one of the minor miracles of this age, come to think of it. You get a box with a hole and film in it and point it at something. You take the negative and shine light through it on a piece of photo paper and throw the paper in a pan of developer. There in the dim light of your workroom you get the thrill of seeing an image appear from nowhere.

I made all the mistakes known to photography and invented some new ones. The family got some good laughs at the queer things that bobbed up in my early pictures.

People here who learned I was making pictures began to call on me to make some for them. I'm sure that most were sorely disappointed, as I was, at the outcome. In some cases the image was so dim you couldn't tell what it was. In other instances everything was washed out by too much light, or people looked like members of the "most wanted" list.

Nevertheless, the miracle was still there, distorted as it was; and I still get a kick out of every new face that shows up on my prints. This account is a little bit oversimplified, because the ins and outs of getting the right amount of light to strike the silver salts, and then coaxing the image out with developer and fixing it with hypo take a little bit of doing. It needs no special talent, just a willingness to read directions, figure a little, and try.

I had two reasons for starting. I had been writing an occasional feature story for a newspaper or magazine and felt the need to illustrate some of the stories. I thought it would be fun to create the whole works myself, starting with such material as I could coax out of people to write up the story, then take a scene, some film, and some photo paper and make up the pictures. It was a good feeling when the first story came out, complete with my pictures.

The other reason was that a person who works mostly indoors needs something to do that will get him outside, something he can work at on long winter evenings, something he can pick up and lay down at will, something he can do by himself, if need be. Photography seemed to fill the bill.

Up to that time I'd been a grouch about pictures. I'd always refused to take any or be in any, if I could help it. Now, with the inconsistency so common to human nature, I jumped right into it with both feet.

In a community like ours that has no commercial photographer, amateurs are often called on to make pictures for individuals or local groups. Although there are half a dozen photographers in Ozona who are better I am, I got a few calls. The first jobs were mostly messed up, but I still get calls and still try. A few have been good enough to get by.

That makes my hobby twice as much fun. Not only do I enjoy making the pictures, but now and then my work will accommodate a friend, neighbor, or some group in town.

(Continued on Last Page)

## 23rd Annual Cage Tourny To Open At 4 p. m. Today

### 16 Teams Compete In Three-Day Meet In Davidson Gym

Ozona's 23rd annual Invitational Basketball Tournament will get under way at 4 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) and will continue with morning, afternoon and evening sessions to the tournament finals Saturday night.

Eldorado and Rocksprings high school cagers will open the local three-day meet at 4 this afternoon in Davidson Memorial gymnasium. Following the opener, the Sonora Brones and the Big Lake Owls will tangle in the second game of the tourney at 6 p. m.

Host coach Swede Pelto will put his Ozona Lions into action in the tourney at 7:20 o'clock tonight against the powerful Iraan Braves. Closing game of tonight's session will be the encounter between the Rankin Red Devils and the Menard Yellowjackets, scheduled for starting at 8:40 p. m.

First round games will be continued Friday morning, starting at 8:50 o'clock when the San Angelo Kittens are matched with the Fort Stockton Panthers. Friday morning at 10:00, McCamey and Junction will engage in first-round play followed at 12:30 p. m. with the first rounder between the Crane Golden Cranes and the Lakeview Chiefs. The final in the first round games will be that between Uvalde and Eden, slated to begin at 1:50 p. m.

First of the quarter final games, in the consolation bracket will be at 3:10 p. m. Friday, pitting the loser of the Ozona-Iraan game against the loser in the Eldorado-Rocksprings go. First quarter final game in the consolation bracket will open the Friday night session at 7 p. m. with the winners of the two games named above as the contestants.

Tournament sessions will continue through Friday afternoon, Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and winding up with the consolation and championship final games, to be followed by award of trophies Saturday night. Trophies will go to the championship and runner-up team of the tournament and to the winner of the consolation bracket. In addition individual trophies will be awarded the all-tournament team to be selected by a committee of judges and to the best all-round player of the tournament, also selected by the judges.

Officials will be Max Baumgardner and Allen Lawler, coaches at San Angelo college.

### ALL IN ONE MONTH'S TIME —

## County Financial Outlook Changes From Cut In Road Workers To Hike In Officeholders Pay

How the Crockett county financial outlook changed in one month's time is pointed up sharply in minutes of proceedings of the commissioners court at its December and January sessions just past.

At the December meeting the Commissioners set up a maximum number of employees and their salary scale which the county engineer would be permitted to employ in road work. The per month salary scale was fixed at \$260 for one maintainer and two carvill operators; \$245 for four maintainers, one cat operator and one sweeper man, and \$225 for three cattle guard men. A rent allowance of \$50 a month was included.

"This scale was adopted by the court because the county finances would not permit the county to keep in its employ all of the men now employed," the Commissioners noted in their minutes. "It was further the sentiment of the court that so far as possible older men would be retained in preference to younger employees." The notation was also made that no overtime pay would be allowed the county road workers.

The economy minded December court, however, found the county's

## Coffee Dispensers Set Next Week As M. O. D. 'Coffee Week'

Next week is to be March of Dimes Coffee Week in Ozona, Frank James, M. O. D. chairman, announced yesterday.

Each year during the March of Dimes polio campaign, Ozona cafes and drug stores set aside one day each during which all of their coffee receipts for the day are turned over to the March of Dimes. The following is the week's schedule of March of Dimes Coffee Day in each of the cafes and drug stores:

Monday—Hi-Way Cafe.  
Tuesday—The Steak House.  
Wednesday—Ozona Drug and Smith Drug.  
Thursday—M & M Cafe.  
Friday—Little Mexico Cafe and Ranch Drug Store.  
Saturday—The Smoke House.

## Mrs. Schumann Named As English Teacher To Succeed Miss Vilha

Mrs. Harriette Sutton Schumann of Todd Field has been employed as freshman and sophomore English teacher in Ozona High School to succeed Miss Mary Jo Vilha, who has resigned. L. E. T. Sikes, superintendent, announced this week.

Mrs. Schumann, whose husband, R. J. Schumann, is superintendent of the Continental gasoline plant, has a master's degree and has completed part of the work toward the Ph. D. degree at Columbia University. She taught for three years in a girls' college in Washington, D. C. She will assume her duties in the local schools next Monday, Jan. 25, Mr. Sikes said.

## Wildcat Spotted On Paul Hallcomb Ranch Southwest of Ozona

J. K. Kepley of San Angelo has filed application to drill his 1 Paul Hallcomb, rank Crockett County wildcat located 12 miles southwest of Ozona.

Drilling on the 1,000-foot cable tool project will begin soon. Location, on a 160-acre lease, is 2,310 feet from the north and 330 feet from the west lines of 14-R-TCRR.

### MORE ROOMS NEEDED!

A last-minute appeal for more rooms in Ozona homes comes from those in charge of housing visiting teams to the 23rd annual basketball tournament here this weekend. Ozonians who may be able to keep one or more boys Friday night are asked to call Miss Mildred North at the high school.

## One Man Killed, Two Injured In Highway Accident

### McCamey Druggist is Killed in Crash On Big Lake Road

E. P. Halamicke, 59, McCamey druggist, was killed and two companions, also McCamey business men, Ernest McKinney, Sr., 65, and E. C. Bone, 57, hardware dealer, were seriously injured when the car in which they were returning to McCamey overturned about 25 miles north of Ozona early Wednesday evening.

The accident, believed to have resulted from a front tire blowout, occurred at the intersection of the new Ozona-Big Lake cut-off road with Farm road 33 (Midway Lane) at about 6:45 Wednesday evening. The car, a 1952 Oldsmobile, had overturned and landed on its wheels, all three occupants having been thrown from the car when it overturned.

Rev. J. Troy Hickman, pastor of the Ozona Methodist Church, who was on his way to address a meeting of Methodist men at Big Lake, was first to arrive on the scene after the accident. Mr. Halamicke was under the car and Mr. McKinney was still unconscious, lying some distance away from the wrecked car. Mr. Bone had recovered consciousness and was stumbling about the wreck area.

After getting the two injured men into his own car and while he was attempting to pull the third from under the wrecked car, another car arrived on the scene and Mr. Hickman stopped it and asked two men in the car to get the man from beneath the wreck while he brought the other two injured to Ozona.

Summoned by telephone from a nearby ranch by the other two men, whose names were not learned, a Cody ambulance went to the scene. Sheriff V. O. Earnest and Deputy Billy Mills investigated the accident.

At the Ozona hospital, McKinney was found to have suffered severe head injuries and lacerations about the face and Bone had suffered a broken collar bone and severe cuts and bruises.

The three men had been to Port Isabel on a fishing trip and were returning to their homes in McCamey.

## Iraan Operators Complete Vaughan Field Extender

### Location Made For Two Step-Outs In Vaughan

The Vaughan Field of Crockett County, 11½ miles northwest of Ozona, has been extended one location north and west with the completion of Arnold & Barbee 4-A Shannon for a daily pumping potential of 170 barrels of 25.7 gravity oil plus two-tenths of 1 percent water.

Production was from open hole between 1,430 feet, where 7-inch casing was set, and 1,440 feet, the total depth. Top of pay was picked at 1,430 feet on elevation of 2,617 feet. Pay section was acidized with 2,000 gallons.

Location is in 4-UV-GC&SF. Arnold & Barbee of Iraan have filed application to drill two step-outs to production in the Vaughan field.

The projects will be drilled with cable tools to 1,600 feet. They are on an 80-acre lease.

The No. 5-A Shannon, one location west, is 330 feet from the south and 990 feet from the west lines of 4-UV-GC&SF. Operations are to begin Jan. 20.

The No. 6-A Shannon, one location west, is 810 feet from the south and 990 feet from the west lines of 4-UV-GC&SF.

FOR SALE — Good peanut hay, \$25 per ton. Tom Ray Cox, Okra, Texas 8 miles north of Rising Star. 42-2p

## Ozona On Television Friday Afternoon, 6:45

Ozona and the 1954 county 4-H livestock show as recorded by movie camera will be broadcast over television station KTXL-TV in San Angelo starting at 6:45 p. m. Friday of this week, according to word received here from Nathan Donsky of San Angelo, who arranged for the film to be made.

Mr. Donsky, strong supporter of 4-H Club work here and in about 25 other West Texas towns, brought the TV photographer here to make pictures of various phases of the 4-H show and scenes in Ozona for broadcast over the San Angelo TV station. The San Angelo jeweler is paying for the broadcasting time to get the film on TV.

## Coach Neely Of Rice Speaks At All-Dist. Banquet

### 6-A Gridders Honored At Lions Club Annual Banquet

Coach Jess Neely of Rice Institute, Houston, whose football team shared Southwest Conference championship honors with the University of Texas last season and soundly thumped Alabama University in the New Years Day Cotton Bowl classic, was the principal speaker at the annual 6-A All-District football banquet staged here Monday night by the Ozona Lions Club.

Coach Neely, introduced by Ozona Supt. L. E. T. Sikes, urged the group of high school athletes, in whose honor the banquet was given to get all the benefits possible out of athletics but at the same time never to overlook their primary purpose in attending school, to get an education.

The Rice coach said that his 1953 champion football squad has 16 seniors on its roster and that he was certain that all 16 will receive their diplomas next June, barring unforeseen developments. Athletics have a place in Rice and every other school, he said, but athletic attainment should never outrank scholastic attainments.

Coach Neely and the Rice line coach, Joe Davis, brought along the Rice athletic department movie taken of the Cotton Bowl game against Alabama and showed it as the program finale. Coach Neely alerted the audience for the now famous tackle from the bench made by Alabama Fullback Tommy Lewis on Rice's Dickie Moegle as the fleet Moegle passed the (Continued on Page Six)

## Lions Club Makes Near \$1,200 For March of Dimes

Crockett county's March of Dimes campaign got a \$1,200 shot in the arm this week through effort of the Ozona Lions Club in staging the Hollywood Radio-TV show Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium, with Carl Webster Pierce as master of ceremonies.

A spirited ticket selling campaign plus a "screwy advertising" drive to which Ozona merchants subscribed as a contribution to the Dimes campaign were staged by Lions with the result that the polio campaign was fattened by nearly \$1,200.

## January 29 Is Final Deadline For Signing For 1954 ASC Program

January 29 has been set as the final deadline for ranchers to sign up for assistance under the 1954 range conservation program of the ASC, Mrs. Mary Dunlap, executive officer, reminded this week.

A preliminary sign-up was held in December and about 60 ranchers of Crockett county signed up at that time. Only those who sign up between now and January 29 will be eligible to participate in the program during the coming year, Mrs. Dunlap said.

## Candidates Out For Commissioner In All Precincts

### Political Pot Comes To Quick Boil As 5 In Running

Politics, 1954 style, reached full blossom in Crockett County this week with announcements of candidates for county commissioner posts in all four precincts in the county, two seeking one commissioner seat, and all five candidates seeking to unseat the incumbent commissioners.

First in the running, a candidate for Commissioner from Precinct 3, the northwest segment of the county, was U. S. (Rusty) Smith, ranch manager operating the Childress Bros. ranches. Mr. Smith expressed himself as opposed to the salary raise voted by the present commission at its meeting last week so far as it applies to the commissioners themselves. "I believe a man should be paid according to what he does," Smith said, "but I believe a county commissioner in this county will be overpaid at the salary set."

Mr. Smith said that he believes he is qualified to serve as county commissioner and that if he is elected will do his best to look out for the best interests of the county as a whole and his precinct in particular.

Another candidate from Precinct 3 to make it a race from the start is Vic Montgomery, who ranches in the area northwest of Ozona and is a native of Crockett county. Mr. Montgomery says that he is a novice in politics but asks the consideration of voters in Precinct 3 on the basis of his pledge to serve to the very best of his ability if elected, and put the county's best interests always above that of any group or person.

A candidate for Commissioner from Precinct 1, roughly the southeast section of the county, and another newcomer to local politics is Bill Seahorn, who ranches southeast of Ozona. Mr. Seahorn, a World War II air force veteran, served as chairman of the county P. M. A. committee last year and is still a member of the committee now administering the drought relief program and the ASC program in this county. Mr. Seahorn said that it would be his aim if elected Commissioner from Precinct 1 to do his part toward administering the county's business as economically and efficiently as possible and to cooperate with other members of the court to the county's best interests and to oppose them when he thinks the county's interests will not be served best.

Announcing as a candidate for Commissioner from Precinct 2, the northeast and northcentral section of Crockett County, is Bud Coates, young ranchman in the area of the precinct. Mr. Coates, also a World War II veteran, was a candidate for the office in the 1952 elections and says that he has been a candidate ever since. He pledges himself as favoring an economical and sensible administration of the county's business providing necessary services and improvements under business-like administration, with economies section of the county, Jake Young when ever possible.

From Precinct 4, the southwest is an announced candidate, and like Mr. Coates, was a candidate in 1952 and has been one ever since, he said. Mr. Young says that he feels he is fully qualified to serve as a member of the commissioners court and if elected will do his best to make a good commissioner both for his own precinct and for the county at large. Mr. Young is a ranchman within the precinct and his home in Ozona is also in the precinct boundary.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Wylie have leased the Sinclair service station at the Moore Oil Co. in the north edge of Ozona on Highway 163. The station is to be known as Wylie Sinclair Station and will offer Sinclair gasoline and petroleum products.



**OZONA STOCKMAN**

Published every Thursday at Ozona, Crockett County, Texas

W. EVART WHITE  
Editor and Publisher  
Entered at the Post Office at Ozona, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter under Act of Congress, March 3, 1879

**Subscription Rates**  
One Year — \$2.00  
Outside of the State — \$2.50

Notices of church entertainments where admission is charged, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matter not news, will be charged for at regular advertising rates. Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected if called to the attention of the management.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1954

**SO SAY WE ALL —**

(From "Listen to Luke" in Sanderson Times)  
This column resolved to stay out of politics and as soon as we made that fact public a little red-headed squirt from Wichita Falls came out with the announcement that he will likely run for governor of Texas. Do you think that this column could keep still on that? We are really happy that this youngster has decided to run so that he can find out how his popularity has dropped since he won the agricultural post over McDonald.  
We think that Mr. White should register his name on the ticket as a member of the Fifth Amendment Protection Association judging from some of his statements regarding some of the Congressional investigations. There are some politicians who would de-

stroy all of the Constitution of the United States, except the Fifth Amendment, if they had their way.

**59 Lambs Entered In Fort Worth Show By Crockett 4-H**

The Crockett County 4-H Club has entered 59 lambs in the junior livestock show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 29 through Feb. 7.

Premiums, \$173,235, are an all-time high. A western parade in which any horse and rider are welcome will traverse the business district at 2 p. m. on opening day.

The world's greatest indoor rodeo will be presented in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum twice daily in combination with the superb horse show.

In the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, nationally famous quartets will be presented in "The Battle of Songs". Band concerts, Western music and square dancing, fiddle bands in Pioneer Palace, Midway shows and rides as well as scores of educational and commercial exhibits will be features.

**FRIDAY BRIDGE CLUB**

Mrs. Hillery Phillips was hostess to members of the Friday bridge club at a breakfast Friday morning at the House of Flowers.

High score prize went to Mrs. Lindsey Hicks and low to Mrs. Johnie Henderson. Other prize winners were Mrs. Jack Holt, Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. Stephen Penner and Mrs. Early Baggett.

Others present were Mmes. W. W. West, H. B. Tandy, Joe Pierce, Max Schneemann, S. M. Harvick, Bill Adams, Victor Pierce, Evart White and Tom Harris.

**Mrs. R. A. Harrell Is Hostess To W.S.C.S.**

Mrs. R. A. Harrell was hostess to members of the Methodist W.S.C.S. meeting for a program session Wednesday morning. Assisting as hostesses were Mrs. Joe Pierce, Jr., Mrs. Nip Blackstone and Mrs. Ralph Jones.

"A Mighty Fortress is our God" was the program subject. Quiet music was provided by Mrs. Vic Pierce. Meditation was read by Mrs. George Harrell. Mrs. Joe Williams sang "The Lord is My Shepherd," accompanied by Mrs. Joe Pierce. Mrs. Chas. Williams, Sr., led "The Lord's Prayer" and Mrs. Joe Pierce, III, gave the topic, "On the Road to Mandalay". Mrs. Paul Perner gave "Community of Spirit" and Mrs. Evart White the closing prayer.

Others were Mmes. Tom Harris, L. B. Cox, Jr., Dempster Jones, H. B. Tandy, W. D. Cooper, C. V. Tubbs, Lindsey Hicks, T. A. Kincaid, Jr., B. B. Ingham, Sr., L. D. Kirby, M. B. Flippen, Floyd Henderson, D. B. Pettit, Taylor Word, O. D. West, Ray Piner, J. A. Fussell, S. M. Harvick, Stephen Perner, and Miss Verver. Mrs. Jack Holt is a new member.  
Next Wednesday all circles will

meet at the church for the next study on Jeremiah, by Rev. Troy Hickman. Twenty-two dollars was added to \$12.50 already subscribed by Mrs. L. B. Cox Sunday School class for powdered milk for Korean children.

**Peters Promoted To Presidency Of Arlington Bank**

Scott Peters, executive vice president of the First National Bank at Arlington since organization of the institution in July, 1952, was named president of the bank at a meeting of directors last week.

Mr. Peters, for many years connected with the Ozona National Bank, serving as its executive vice president until his resignation in 1951, succeeds Carlisle Cravens, first president of the Arlington financial institution. Mr. Cravens was named chairman of the board at the director's meeting.

**SINGER SEWING MACHINE SERVICE**

If you are in need of service or repairs on your Singer machine or interested in a new Singer, drop a postcard to Box 424, Ozona, Texas 42-4tp

**OZONA MUSIC CLUB**

"Influence of Music on Literature" was the program subject when the Ozona Music Club met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. W. N. Hannah. Mrs. Frank James assisted Mrs. Hannah as hostess.

"The Fugue" and "The Sonata Form" were reviewed by Mrs. Ken Cody. Musical solos were played by two band students, a Brahms Waltz (Op.13) on the cornet by Stanley Williams and Blue Bells of Scotland on the trombone by Don Lott. They were accompanied by Wanda Carden.

Mrs. Ted White presided over a business meeting. Guests were Mrs. Hartley Johnigan and Mrs. J. W. Johnigan.

**LADIES GOLF ASSN.**

Members of the Ladies Golf Assn. met at the country club Tuesday for luncheon after which they played golf and bridge. Prize winners in bridge were Mrs. Joe Clayton, Mrs. Clay Adams and Mrs. Jack Wilkins. In golf, Mrs. Joe Pierce and Mrs. Jess Marley were winners.

Others present were Mmes. Early Baggett, Joe Pierce, III, Winston Westbrook, Jack Holt, Bill Cooper, Lindsey Hicks, Wayne West, Vic Pierce, Byron Stuart, W. E. Ramsey, Demp Jones, H. B. Tandy, Chas. E. Davidson, Jr., Marshall Montgomery, Charlie Black, W. E. Friend, Jr., Hillery Phillips, John Childress, Joe Tom Davidson and Jack Williams.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Open Even When He's Closed**

Must have been daydreaming on my way to a meeting down in Centerville the other night. My car ran dry before I thought to look at the gas gauge, but I managed to coast into a gas station—and found it closed!

Well, I thought my plans were ruined for sure until I noticed a gasoline can with a sign: "This is emergency gas. Just help yourself and leave the can with \$1.00. Thanks."

Got started, made the meeting on time, and had enough gas to

get back home again—thanks to a trusting friend.

From where I sit, folks who trust their neighbors make the world a better place to live in. For instance, letting a friend express his personal preferences, is one way of trusting your neighbor. Sometimes I prefer a temperate glass of beer in the evening but I'll always ask what you'd like before I pour yours.

Joe Marsh

Copyright, 1954, United States Brewers Foundation

**WATCH & JEWELRY REPAIR**

3-Day Service

EYEGLASS REPAIR STONE MOUNTING  
NATIONALLY ADVERTISED WATCHES & JEWELRY  
All Work Guaranteed

J. S. WALLIS, Jeweler  
Ranch Theatre Bldg.



WANT TO MAKE SURE SHE REMEMBERS YOU NEVER FORGET!

SAUNDERS NURSERY & FLOWER  
OZONA, TEXAS  
303

OZONA LODGE NO. 747  
A. F. O. E.  
Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month.

CODY FUNERAL HOME  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
Ambulance Service  
"Serving Ozona, Barnhart Sheffield and Juno"  
FUNERAL INSURANCE  
DAY OR NIGHT — Phone 35  
Ken Cody—Owner  
OZONA, TEXAS

EDW. A. CARROLL  
OPTOMETRIST  
Complete Optical Service  
24 YEARS IN SAN ANGELO  
Phone 4384

ROBT. MASSIE FURNITURE CO.  
San Angelo, Texas Phone 6721  
ROBT. MASSIE FUNERAL CHAPEL  
Ambulance Service Day or Night  
Phone 8121  
San Angelo, Texas

New

...Ultra-New for '54!

NOW ON  
GALA DISPLAY  
AT YOUR  
OLDSMOBILE  
DEALER'S

ANNOUNCING the breath-taking new Oldsmobile Super "88" for 1954! The Oldsmobile so ultra-new in design... so original in style throughout... there's never been a car like it before! Just wait till you see its completely new Body by Fisher—that new lower, longer, lovelier silhouette! The daring new slant of its panoramic windshield! The dramatic new flair in its sweep-cut doors and fenders! And just wait till you drive the new 185-horsepower World's Record "Rocket" Engine with 3.25 to 1 compression ratio—the engine that outperforms, out-economizes even the power-famous '53 "Rocket". For a completely new view on modern automobiles, see the thrilling new Super "88"... on display now! And watch for Oldsmobile's new "Dream Car", the Classic Ninety-Eight... coming to your dealer's soon!



Car illustrated, 1954 Super "88" Holiday Coupe, White Sideline Trim, optional at extra cost. A General Motors Vehicle.

World's Record "Rocket"  
**OLDSMOBILE**

SEE YOUR NEAREST OLDSMOBILE DEALER  
**NORTH MOTOR CO.**

Phone 172 Avenue E and 9th Street  
Ozona, Texas



Mr. and Mrs. Bert Couch Honored By Their Children On Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Couch were honored on their golden wedding anniversary Friday night at a buffet supper staged by their children at the Couch ranch west of Ozona. Some 150 friends from Ozona and West Texas called during the reception hours to offer their congratulations and good wishes.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Couch, son and daughter-in-law of the honored couple, and their daughter, Mrs. Mahlon Robertson and Jacquelyn Couch of Ozona, and Miss Elizabeth (Mickey) Couch of Cameron.

Receiving the guests were the honored couple, Mr. Couch's sister, Mrs. A. Helbing of San Angelo, Miss Elizabeth Couch, Joe Couch, Mrs. Robertson and Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Hamilton of Dallas. Others in the house party were Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Taylor and Mrs. W. E. Thurmann of San Angelo.

Other out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Horton of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lonon of San Angelo, B. L. Kirk of Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. W. Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch were married Jan. 15, 1904, in a home ceremony in Ozona. Mrs. Couch is the former Miss Josie Broome, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Broome of San Angelo and Ozona. Mr. Couch is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Couch, pioneer Crockett county resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch have one other daughter, Mrs. Louis Pyatt of Hammond, La., who was unable to attend the celebration. The Couches have four grandchildren.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, addressed to Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, M. Brock Jones, President of the Board of Trustees, Ozona Texas, for the construction of Teacher's buildings, in accordance with the plans and Specifications and Instructions to Bidders prepared by John G. Becker, Architect-Engineer, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, in the High School Building until 2:00 p. m. February 9th, 1954 and publicly opened and read aloud.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, M. Brock Jones President of the Board of Trustees, which will contain provisions conforming with the requirements of the law pertaining to construction of public buildings in the State of Texas.

A Cashier's or Certified Check or Bid Bond, payable without recourse to the order of M. Brock Jones President of the Board of Trustees, in the amount of not less than 5% of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates must accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute a bond on the form provided in the Specifications and Contract Documents.

A Performance Bond, in an amount not less than one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon faithful performance of the contract and upon the payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials, will be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing rate of wages will apply, as established by the authorities having jurisdiction in Crockett County, and Crockett Consolidated Common School District, Ozona Texas.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or a rejection of the proposal.

THE OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY AND/OR ALL FORMALITIES.

Plans and Specifications may be procured from John G. Becker, Architect - Engineer, Holcombe-Blanton Building, San Angelo, Texas.

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, M. BROCK JONES President of the Board of Trustees Ozona, Texas, 42-3c

GLAMORENE, the Rug-Cleaning Miracle, on sale at Rattiff

Superior Completes Elkhorn Extension For 207 Bbl. Daily

The Elkhorn (Ellenburger) field of Crockett County has been extended 1/2-mile north on the north side with the completion of Superior Oil Co. 4-27 University for a daily flowing potential of 207 barrels of 40.6 gravity oil plus two-tenths of 1 per cent water, with gas-oil ratio of 297-1.

Production was through a 14-64-inch choke and perforations between 7,210-357 feet in 7-inch casing set at 7,412 feet, the total depth. Top of pay was picked at 7,210 feet on elevation of 2,612 feet. Pay section was acidized with 1,000 gallons.

Tubing pressure was 130 pounds, with packer on casing.

Location is in 27-46-University.

TO PATRONS OF IVA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Mary Ann Larvin, all-round operator with some ten years of experience, will be on duty at our shop Mondays through Fridays and will be glad to serve you. For appointments phone 366 Avenue I.

Faith In Fellowman Woman's Forum Topic

The Ozona Woman's Forum held its regular business meeting January 14, in the Abe Caruthers' home, with Mrs. Caruthers and Mrs. T. J. Bailey as co-hostesses. Topic for the program was "Faith in our Fellowmen".

Leader was Mrs. Marshall Montgomery who spoke on "We Can't Stand Alone". A panel forum included: Mrs. Martin Harvick spoke on "Love Thy Neighbor," Mrs. P. T. Robison, whose topic was "Give and Take With Youth", Mrs. Charles Williams, Jr., speaking on "The Best Is Yet To Be," and Mrs. Jess Odom whose subject was "Ex-

tending Your Horizons."

Guest and members present were Mmes. P. T. Robison, Carl Appel, T. J. Bailey, Charlie Black, Jr., Nip Blackstone, Abe Caruthers, Hugh Childress, Jr., P. L. Childress, Joe Clayton, Bill Clegg, Ele Hagelstein, Martin Harvick, B. E. Ingham, Jr., Pete Jacoby, Brock Jones, Demp Jones, Jess Marley, Beecher Montgomery, Marshall Montgomery, Jess Odom, P. C. Perner, Joe Sellers Pierce, W. T. Stokes, W. H. Wtaker, Charles Williams, Jr., Jack Williams, and Joe Williams.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Claud Leath honored her daughter, Linda Kay, on her six-

teenth birthday with a party Saturday, Jan. 16. Games were played and prizes were given to the winning boy and girl. Deborah Mills and Driskoll Tubbs were the winners. Pictures were made of the group by Corbett Smith.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served to Arlene Gotcher, Annie Ruth Wallace, Priscilla Spurgers, Driskoll and Cliff Tubbs, Johnnie Ray Johnigan, Janice Walker, Brenda Brentz, Shella Smith, Kyle Stokard, Helen McCaleb, Paul Hicks, Carol Casbeer, Barbara Kirby, Deborah Mills, Judy

Hale and Bobby Robertson of Sheffield.

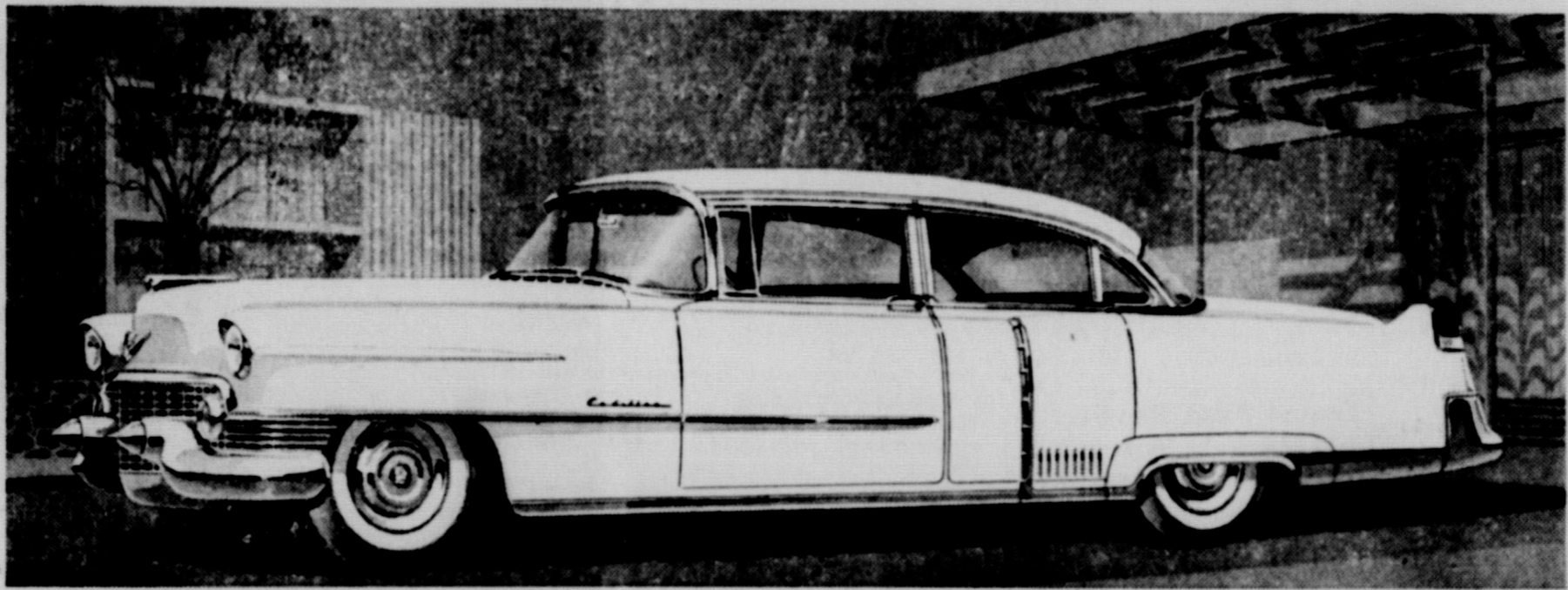
Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Bill Stockard, Mrs. John Hobough, Mrs. Billy Mills, Mrs. C. R. Leath and Mrs. S. V. Robertson.

Mattresses and Upholstery

WESTERN MATTRESS CO. representative here Every Monday Leave name with Mrs. Beasley at 7-J or 176

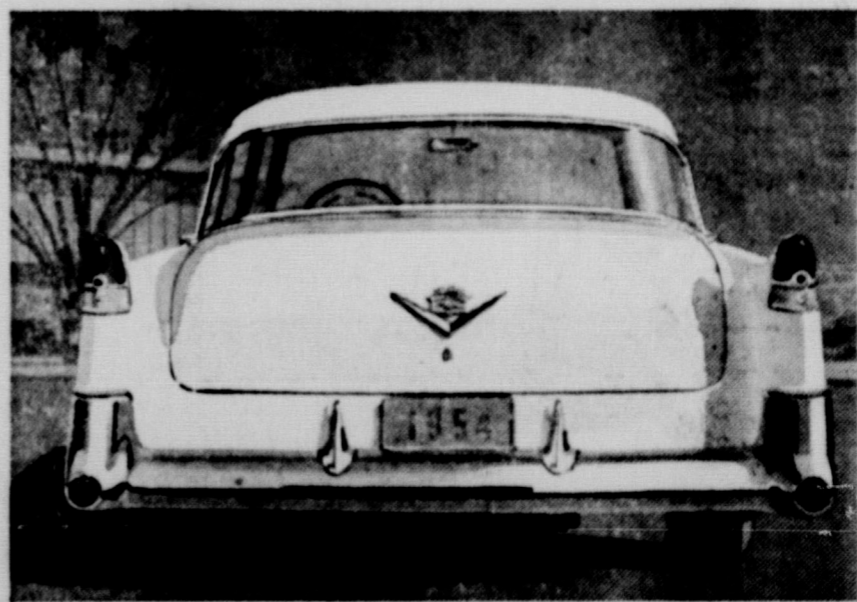
Enjoy Delicious MEXICAN FOODS Home-Made Tamales - Enchiladas - Tacos Nachos - Other Spanish Delights Served As You Like Them American Dishes Too Spanish Village Cafe Next to Popular Dry Goods Tony Flores

Ozona Wool & Mohair Co. BEALL BARBEE, Owner and Manager Phone 60 WOOL . . . MOHAIR RANCH SUPPLIES FUL - O - PEP FEEDS



Presenting the 1954 CADILLAC

Styled to be Copied for Years to Come...



...and as Thrilling to Drive as to See!

The new "Standard of the World" is now on display in our showroom. It is not just a new model, but a wholly restyled and re-engineered Cadillac—new from its more massive grille to its more distinctive rear deck.

It is lower and longer in silhouette . . . more modern and graceful in its body lines . . . and with greater majesty and dignity in every detail. Beyond question, it is destined to influence the design of motor cars for years to come.

Matching this greater exterior beauty are Cadillac's luxurious new interiors—more generously proportioned and more beautifully

appointed than ever before . . . and executed in a dazzling array of gorgeous new fabrics and leathers.

And, what is even more remarkable, this wonderful new Cadillac is as thrilling to drive as it is to see!

A great new 230-horsepower engine has added new power and responsiveness. A vastly improved Hydra-Matic Drive provides even greater smoothness and flexibility. Advanced Cadillac Power Steering, now standard equipment on every model, brings with it a whole new concept of steering and handling ease. And new Cadillac Power

Braking\* has introduced wonderful new motoring safety and convenience.

This greater Cadillac beauty—and this finer Cadillac performance—are available for 1954 in three brilliant new series of motor cars . . . the remarkable Series 62, the distinguished Fleetwood Series 60 Special and the magnificent Fleetwood Series 75. And, of course, there is also the supremely beautiful Cadillac Eldorado.

These inspiring creations are in our showroom now—awaiting your critical inspection. We cordially invite you to see and drive them at your earliest opportunity.

Spencer Motors FORD \* \* \* MERCURY Phone 36



# THE LION'S ROAR

PUBLISHED BY STUDENTS OF THE JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT—OZONA HIGH SCHOOL

## HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT EXAMS ARE OVER?

All the pale people with circled eyes have disappeared and the halls of OHS once again show signs of a sense of humour.

For the first time in three years, semester tests were given and so for most of us it was a new experience. Each exam lasted an hour and a half and we had to stay in the room for at least an hour; that last half hour was fun; you could study if you wanted to but mostly we piled in cars and rode around. However, a lot of studying was done and a lot of people who hadn't opened a book all year were heard to say "Never have I studied so hard! Started right after school and didn't budge till seven; can you imagine!"

And what is the general opinion of semester exams? They are good experience for college exams; they teach you to concentrate; and of course there's that great satisfaction of knowing that is the end of THAT when you finish the last test.

## Song Dedications

- Kenneth to George — "Baby, Baby, Baby"
- Vivian to Ronnie — "Be Honest With Me"
- George to Peggy — "Are You Teasing Me?"
- Rosie to Jody — "Hey, Good Looking"
- Carol to Tadpole — "Thinking of You"
- Buddy to Carol F. — "Stranger in Paradise"
- Martha to Sonny — "Music by the Angels"
- Joyce to Gail — "You Are the One"
- Betty to Tom — "Till I Waltz Again With You"
- George to Kenneth and Graham — "Undecided"
- Vivian to Sandra — "I've Got the World by the Tail"
- Jesse to Alma — "Love Walked In"

## SENIORS SERVE BARBECUE

The Senior Class is sponsoring a Bar-B-Que dinner Saturday, the 23 of January. It will be in the girl's Gym and plates will be \$1.00. Tickets can be purchased from any Senior or bought at the concession stand in the Davidson Memorial Gym.

## Fads and Fashions

By Joyce Henderson

This week we have had several pretty outfits in the halls. Wanda Armstrong's rose, felt skirt with the little Mexican girl on it. Elizabeth Pearson's aqua leather coat is also very pretty. Several of the girls have been wearing those little sequin balls around their necks. Jan Jones' little light purple ones are sure pretty. Yvonne Knox has some green and yellow ones which are very pretty. Vivian Trotter sure has some nice-looking ear-rings. They look like big gold buttons.

The "4-H" boys and girls have their new jackets now. Ya'll have probably seen them. They are green with the state of Texas in white.

Sammy Martinez also has a new track jacket. It is white with a gold letter.

## HOLLYWOOD RADIO-TV PARTY

By Cecilia Cooke

A million laughs were advertised and that's just what it was. Carl Webster Pierce who was formerly with Tom Brenaman's "Breakfast in Hollywood", was master of ceremonies.

The program was "Let Your Hair Down and Get Into the Act." It was composed of contests, stunts, quizzes, magic and prizes. The audience participated just like they would on a visit to a famous radio or TV program. We heard the voices of Art Linkletter of "People Are Funny," Jack Bailey of "Queen for a Day", and John Nelson of "Bride and Groom".

It was indeed hilarious fun for the entire family.

## Travel Film Shown 4-H Jackets Awarded In Assembly Program

Friday in assembly Mr. Clark showed a movie entitled Wheels Across the Andes. The picture was in technicolor and lasted about thirty minutes.

The second part of the program was the presentation of the 4-H club jackets. Twenty-four kelly green jackets were presented by Pete Jacoby.

## SPORTS

By Larry Lewis

Since the Junction game was called off, I don't know of anything to write this week.

The Lions, babying their 20 game winning streak in district play) are anxious to play Junction so that they might sit on top of the District alone. That's of course if Sonora beats Eldorado.

The Lions Club here in Ozona sponsored a variety show Tuesday night with Carl Webster Pierce acting as master of ceremonies. All the proceeds go to the March of Dimes.

The Lions Club annual All-District Banquet was held Monday night with Coach Jess Neely of Rice Institute as guest speaker. After the dinner (which was excellent), the all-district teams were honored. After everyone spoke, Mr. Neely showed the Cotton Bowl film in which the Rice Owls beat Alabama.

As you all (well, some of you) remember, a few weeks ago I wrote that A Sporty Christmas. Well, my brain just uncorked with another stupid little ditty. This one is a song of course I just made up the words but most everybody has heard the tune. This song is dedicated to the Ozona High School Lions from none other than our beloved Coach J. A. Pelto . . .

### "I FORGOT MORE"

You think you're good And you think you are hot, But that's not true,

Just cause you make a shot, Because I forgot more than you'll ever know about Basketball.

When you make that shot you boast and brag, But you're only a hero to some ugly haz.

But I forgot more than you'll ever know about basketball.

You think you're great, You don't think you're bad, But you're the worst team, that I've ever had.

Because I forgot more than you'll ever know about basketball. When I was in college, In old T. C. U.

Everytime people saw me, They all hollered BOO!

But I forgot more than you'll ever know about basketball.

And if you win district, It will be a great shock,

You'll have to turn in every School sock,

Because I forgot more than

you'll ever know about basketball.

Well, there it is . . . my masterpiece. And if you see me out on the basketball court after this is published, it will surprise me . . .

## Dear Mae:

Help, here it is report card time! And I'm feeling mighty LOW! Pa is going to whop the hide off me! At least half the year is gone!

Well, I guess you want to know some of the latest news, so here goes! Sandra got her hair cut off and it looks pretty good! (Real gone) (Jane Adams' is real cute too.) I haven't heard much about her and Charles lately. Guess they're O. K. though! Hotlips and Carol are doing pretty good! Mike and Wanda are still going steady! Wonder how long it will last? It looks like Patty H. and Kent C. have been around each other pretty much lately! Seems as if Charles S. beat Kent to the draw something! Charles is taking Patty to the Jr. & Sr. banquet. I think! I wonder if Ronnie and Rosie are doing O. K.? I've been hearing rumors lately! Gail G. has been seeing lots of Joyce H. Jerry and Cecilia are still going steady. I guess they will never break up! Jan is just walking around on a cloud I have to crane my neck to talk to her. (No wonder I have a crick in my neck!) Johnny is home, (I guess you guessed that by Jan's reactions!) He's looking real good! I wonder if Lee C. still likes Pat M? (She lives in Big Lake) guess what? Kenny P. finally went "ape" last week and wrote something serious for a change in his column! Can ya dig that? (It was really good though) (I'm a cat) (Hep, ha know) (Hep, hep) Carol B. is still as sweet and cute as ever! I wonder if she still likes POLE? He moved you know! Nothing real exciting has happened but the tournament is this week-end! And man oh, man, think of all the men that will be there! I imagine all us women will go "baboon" (advanced form of apeism!)

You know ol' Sweed, don't you? Well he's still here shooting the bull!

Guess I better quit or I'll be shot! Ma wants me to do my "annual cleaning-up" in my room!

Love,  
Lizzie

## Fads and Fooie

By "BIG PHIL"

After receiving numerous requests by telephone, mail, and in person to drop dead if I do anything again like I did last week I have come to a decision . . . never, no never again will I do anything like that! I have never been so hurt as to think my public, they use to love me, like Caesar, would turn on me in my hour of seriousness. Let me read you a few of the unkind things that have been written to me. The following two opinions are letters:

Dear Phil:

I have gone just about the limit as far as the more than average human is concerned. Some rat sneaked into my private laboratory, and stole one of my G7G-T tubes . . . one of my prized possessions, ten there is that Cheesy Jones, this alone is enough to make a person wish that he lived alone on a desert island, where the only thing that could talk back would be a beautiful native belly dancer, then the other day I came hopping merrily into Low School when this dame with Frankenstein crew-cut stops me for a weed.

(Continued on Page 5)

## NOW!



NEW! MOST VISIBILITY NEW V-8's AND FAMOUS 6's  
NEW! ROOMIEST CABS NEW! SHARPEST TURNING  
NEW! LOWER LOADING PRICED WITH THE LOWEST

## NEW

**DODGE**  
"Job-Rated" TRUCKS

100 or, phone us today for a better deal!

**JAMES MOTOR COMPANY**  
Ozona, Texas

# JANUARY IS Deadline Month for POLL TAX PAYMENTS

In this important election year you will want to qualify to vote by paying your poll tax.

Let us remind you that January is the last month in which you can pay your poll tax and qualify for the voting privilege - 1954.

Also if you have not yet paid your county state and school taxes, the month of January is the last in which to do so without penalty. No discount will be in effect after Jan. 1. Poll tax is \$1.75 per person—add to your tax bill.

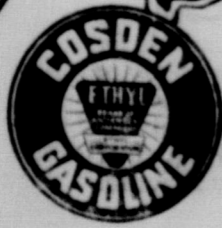
**V. O. EARNEST**

Sheriff, Assessor and Collector of Taxes  
Crockett County



**Power Plus**

A good Product Plus good service is what you want from your service station. Cosden Higher Octane gasoline and motor oils are unquestioned leaders in fine Petroleum Products—and you have only to give us a trial to be convinced our service is all that you could desire.



IT'S "CAT-CRACKED"

**Ozona Oil Company**

Phone 143

West Highway 290



**Lions Roar**

(Continued from Page 4)

And now Biggest Phil of all Phil's do this to me, your public. You idiot... what happened to my, carefree way of life you used lead? Making little children happy, and all that sorta stuff? You have broken my faith, and just in you... no longer can I look up to you when you pass by, and tell my fellow hams (radio course) "There goes my idol!" No longer can I do this... so to you know my true feelings about you I hang the name of "Little Phil" and place you in a class with "Little Ron from Juarez." This alone is enough cause for you commit self-destruction! I can say no more... even MY olden flow of words has been anned by your last outburst! So next week, when you and, if you have the guts to show your face to the public I want you to know that we are through.

Your ex-fan club President: Jerry Currier.  
And that my friends is just a little of the humility that I have offered! Can you imagine him calling me an idiot? Well I can too, I guess that statement comment from the head idiot is a comment in a round about way. Now comes the second insult.

Dear Mr. Phillippe:  
This is to let you know that we've quit reading your manuscripts in the paper as of last week! It was even worse than "Heard from the Testube!" I will even go as far as to make that statement. And if our little boy even mentions your name when he gets enough to talk we'll put a curse on him. The curse being that he loses his old man's looks, and grows up resembling something like Larry Lewis, or Fred Debrock! The humiliation alone would kill him. So from now on as my fortunate wife, and I are concerned you, and your pen have ceased to exist. Till the day you take your way back to the Janice center standing I remain yours in counsel and advice.

Five Star Air FARCE General Swede Von Pelto  
and that my friends is the second insult I had to bear today... that I mind insults, but from Yankee yet!

Now for a few of my week-end lights... Little Ron, Middle Charlie, and Biggest Phil all out hunting! What didst thou ask a suspicious bystander? A simple fool, what else but Java-pigglets since deers are out of season. But before going on our thing expedition we unloaded

a few tons of feed. Here I ran into some small trouble... little did I know but that kind of feed made the corpsuckles in my beak irritated thus causing an enlargement of the snout! And it being rather dark when we got back to town caused a small amount of trouble. The only thing that would make the swelling go down was plenty of fresh air and the only way to get air was to put my nose out the window. But naturally, since my nose was somewhat enlarged cars kept sideswiping my nostrils!

I soon found a remedy for this by hanging a roman candle on the end of my nose. This too had a small effect on the atomic structure of my nose, so I can, by moving a few muscles, get a Victor Mature effect, if you are looking from a three quarter view! Live, and learn.

Now, back to the wild hills, and the safari. After driving a little under two thousand square miles, and finding approximately three abandoned air strips, then yelling "here piggy, piggy, piggy" till Little Ron's vocal cords were laying in his lap we gave up. But as usual I came through, and bagged the only trophy brought back from the hunt—a six point Buck... rabbit. (with horns yet!) You won't believe it but I killed the beast at the amazing range of two yards! Yes, amazed fans, two yards... I snuck up on him, wearing tennis shoes! Anyway, I missed the darn rabbit. What killed him was the shock wave blew him over a small cliff that he happened to be standing on the edge of, and the fall knocked him unconscious while I climbed down, and beat him in the head with Garlitz! Then after loading the hind-quarters in the truck (big rabbit!) we started on our merry way back to town. Upon entering our city we saw four cute girls, and Rat riding around town... naturally after being in the woods all day the sight of a girl excited Ronn so much he had to stop and talk to them. Now the girls didn't take kindly to the words said between the automobiles, and soon a pleasant mixture of Catsup, sweet pickle juice, and Four Roses happened to enter our rod. After a hectic 25 mile an hour chase to the Silver Spur we succeeded in running them onto a small pile of loose gravel. Trapping them because the Vrolet didn't have enough steam to get outta there. At once all the young male set in our group which now consisted of (uh) Fred, Jody, and Crockidal started a quaint new game of "steam shovel."

Now it can be told... Rat's car only holds 6 cubic feet of gravel. But soon Prince Charming arrived on the scene with a length of chain, and pulled the young ladies to safety. I call him Prince Charming, but that is only an alias. His real name is Byrd, of the house of Phil. (on the hill!) The moral to this story is, always have a friend with a pick-up.  
And so we come to the end of another day, and Mr. Harlan, and Vandy Vant sink slowly out of sight down the steps, we hear these encouraging words from both Kent, and I, "I will return, so said MacArthur!" Till next week then go bury your head in a bucket of quicklime!

**MORE ROOM NEEDED!**

If anyone in town has room enough to keep some boys during the tournament, will they please call or get in touch with Miss Mildred North at the High School. You will just be asked to furnish room and no meals whatsoever.

**Sheffield Student Honored At U. Of T.**

Austin, Texas. — Mitchell Sandel of Sheffield has been named vice-president of Sigma Iota Epsilon, honorary management fraternity, at the University of Texas.

A senior majoring in accounting he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sandel. He is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, honorary and professional organization for students majoring in accounting.

**SURPRISE BIRTHDDY PARTY**

Mrs. Q. A. Brentz and Mrs. Roy Thompson entertained Miss Jeanene Thompson on her birthday Jan. 13 with a surprise supper in the home of Mrs. Brentz.

Besides the honoree and hostesses those present were Misses Jane Adams, Wanda Carden, Ale-na Faye Powers, Shirley Kost, Vivian Trotter, Billie Ann Larvin, and Mrs. Blake Woolbright.

**CROCKETT COUNTY HOSPITAL NEWS**

**C. A. Woody Administrator**

Patients admitted: Mrs. Lois Steph, Mrs. J. C. Stricklin, Mrs. Cecil Fish, O. O. Abel, and Frank Noe and Vicky Applewhite.

Patients dismissed: Mrs. Lois Steph, Mrs. J. C. Stricklin, and baby boy, Clifford Tubbs, Mrs. George Russell, Jr. and baby, Mrs. Seth Burt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stricklin were the proud parents of a baby boy born 4:55 a. m. on January 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fish were presented with a baby girl at 11:30 a. m. on January 19th.

office of the

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Crockett County, Texas

Ozona, Texas  
January 15, 1954

Dear Friends:

On January 1, 1954, with your support and assistance, I entered the office of your County Attorney.

Since that time, I have endeavored to fulfill your confidence and to fulfill the duties that were placed with me.

This will serve as an annual report so that you may be informed of the activities of this office.

Your County Attorney has actively engaged in the following hearings during the year of 1953:

**CASES DISPOSED IN JUSTICE COURT**

CHARGE	NUMBER	
Drunk	87	
Swindle worthless check	36	
Disturbing peace	22	
Speeding	28	
Driving While Intoxicated	19	
Ovedloading commercial vehicle	6	
No operator's license	17	
Illegal parking	8	
Assault	10	
Misdemeanor theft	8	
Wife and or child desertion	7	
Driving wrong side of road	7	
Reckless Driving	5	
Removal mortgaged property from county and or state	5	
Failure to stop and notify after accident or render aid	4	
Running red light or stop sign	23	
Vagrancy	6	
Malicious mischief	2	
Throwing refuse on highway	1	
Having no commercial registration receipt	1	
Resisting arrest	5	
Having no driving lights	2	
Having deadly weapon in possession	2	
Commercial vehicle overlength	3	
Trespassing	3	
No commercial license	4	
Various hunting violations	6	
Illegal passing	1	
CASES SUB-TOTAL		328
Dismissals		54
TOTAL CASES		382

**CASES DISPOSED OF MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (FELONY EXAMINATION)**

Theft	8	
Forgery	2	
Stat. Rape	1	
Seduction	1	
Swindle	1	
Swindle Worthless check	3	
Burglary	1	
Receiving Stolen property	1	
TOTAL CASES		18

**BEFORE GRAND JURY**

Appearance before April term  
Preparation for September term

**CASES BEFORE COUNTY COURT**

Lunacy 2

**CASES BEFORE DISTRICT COURT**

Theft	3	
Forgery	1	
Juvenile	2	
Application for case dismissals	4	
TOTAL		10

In addition to these cases, there were innumerable other matters in general office duty about which I was able to render assistance, the most common of which were relative to non-support of children and legal assistance to the indigent.

Yours very truly,  
*G. Dixon Mahon*  
County Attorney

"Public Office is a glass house. Those who enter it do so voluntarily and they should perform their duties with the curtains open."

**BULK  
MOLASSES**

**AVAILABLE IN BARREL LOTS OR BY THE TON IN TANK TRANSPORT FROM OUR TANK STORAGE IN OZONA.**

**HEATING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO MAKE FOR EASIER DELIVERY AND USE BARRELS AVAILABLE ON LOAN BASIS A GOOD LIVESTOCK FEED THAT IS ECONOMICAL TOO**

**J. B. MILLER**  
Phone 410



# Ozona Rainfall Record

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1931	2.20	1.40	.50	2.95	3.05	1.10	1.18	.32	.20	.40	2.80	2.20	18.30
1932	.78	1.55	.50	1.50	4.49	3.10	2.33	4.30	6.65	.25	.30	2.35	28.10
1933	.50	.30	.15	.20	.31	.18	.18	3.05		1.35	1.95	.15	8.14
1934	1.29	.10	1.35	.98	2.10	2.25	.85		.33		.80	.25	10.98
1935		1.75		.78	7.28	2.40	4.13	.90	7.53	.85	1.05	.63	27.30
1936	.33	.40	1.30	1.10	3.83	2.47	2.47	3.84	1.50	.50	.50		15.77
1937	.20	.40	1.95	1.50	2.10	2.25	1.40	1.40	3.80	1.50	1.00	2.84	20.34
1938	4.97	.50	.40	1.83	2.58	2.43	7.49	.35	.70	.50		.72	22.47
1939	2.23		.47	1.13	2.12	.47	5.13	2.38	.47	2.20	2.70	.95	20.25
1940	.55	1.24	.83	1.70	2.15	2.65	.28	3.95	.27	2.97	2.95	.20	19.74
1941	2.09	1.57	2.58	4.10	2.14	6.20	2.50	3.21	4.78	7.65	.28	.98	38.08
1942	.37	.55		2.08	.10	.20	1.60	4.26	1.10	3.91	.90	1.25	16.32
1943	.45		.43	.25	3.13	2.70	1.18		3.37	.25	.78	1.85	14.38
1944	1.73	1.12		.73	1.68	1.84	1.70	3.01	5.20	.22	1.04	1.77	20.04
1945	.81	.86	1.58	1.55	.67	8.54	5.56	.63	1.97	3.19		.22	25.58
1946	1.80				3.90	2.70	.80	1.10	3.00	.70	.70		14.70
1947	2.70		1.80		.50	2.10	.20	2.80	1.50	.60	2.50	1.00	15.70
1948		1.50	.10	.70	1.90	.10	2.30	.30	.50	1.00		.30	8.70
1949	2.00	1.70	.20	2.50	4.60	2.40	1.30	2.50	4.20	7.40	1.10		29.90
1950	.30	.50		2.40	3.70	.60	2.80	1.60	5.40				17.30
1951		.18	1.26	1.39	1.04	1.31	.33	1.40	.05	.27			7.23
1952			.50	1.61	2.16	.27	.90		.82		1.04	.97	8.27
1953		.20	1.26	.41	1.32	1.73	.50	4.40	.17	2.45		.33	12.77
Ave.	1.15	.82	.75	1.36	2.50	2.05	2.05	1.77	2.34	1.80	.92	.92	18.27

## 23-Year Rainfall Record In Ozona Offers No Cycles Or Patterns Which Might Furnish Clue As To Probable End Of Present Drought

Try as you will to detect a system of cycles or patterns in the 23-year rainfall record for Ozona, appearing in this issue of the Stockman, there is no consistent performance in West Texas weather on which one might base a hope or promise of an early end to the present prolonged drought.

The record was prepared by Chas. Ratliff from records at the Ratliff Hardware & Furniture store rain gauge. The only glimmer of hope that 1954 may be the start in breaking the drought is the fact that the 1953 total was up more than four inches from totals of the previous year and better than five inches above the 1951 total. But not all of Crockett county shared that much rain in 1953 and the total was raised by 4.4 which fell in the month of August. Seven months of the year were dry, with from none to a half inch.

And if you are hoping for rain in January, the chances are slim. In only nine of the 23 years has as much as an inch of rain fallen in January and with the exception of 3 in 1950, no moisture has fallen at all in January here in the last four years. And February and March are not much better as chances with 23-year averages of .82 and .75 inch averages, respectively.

So far as averages go, May, June, July and September are the best months for rain here, each with a 23-year average of more

than two inches. March is the driest on the average, but the record rain year of 1941, when 38.08 inches fell, March produced a record 2.58 inches.

### BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Byron Stuart, Mrs. Max Schneemann, Jr., and Mrs. Bit Terry were hostesses to the Wednesday bridge club meeting at the House of Flowers Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. E. Davidson, III, was awarded high score prize. Second high went to Mrs. L. B. T. Sikes, traveling prize to Mrs. Floyd Moss and bingo award to Mrs. M. A. Lemmons.

Others present were Mrs. Larry Albers, Mrs. Roy Coates, Mrs. Robert Cox, Mrs. Joe Friend, Mrs. P. C. Perner, Mrs. Wayne E. West, Mrs. Hillery Phillips, Jr., and Mrs. Cleophas Cooke.

### P. T. A. MEETING

"Our New Year" was the program topic when the Ozona P.T.A. met Monday afternoon in the high school auditorium. Mrs. N. D. Blackstone was leader and presented a short talk on looking backward and looking ahead. In lieu of a program by the seventh grades, cancelled because of exams, a film was shown under direction of Chas. Womack and Frank Jones. Mrs. White's sixth grade won the attendance award.

## Coach Neely —

(Continued from Page One)

Alabama bench on his way to what appeared a sure touchdown. The tackle, or block, was caught by the photographer and run over in slow motion.

About the illegal tackle, which the officials resolved by awarding Moegele a touchdown and credit for a 95-yard run, Coach Neely had no comment other than an amusing story which he said Moegele's teammates told on him. Knocked out from the unexpected tackle, Moegele was the object of solicitous attention from the Owl trainer, Eddie, Coach Neely said. Eddie broke a capsule of smelling salts and held under Dickie's nose. Dickie opened his eyes, Coach Neely related the story from fellow player, and looking at the trainer, said, "Not so fast, Eddie, there are 75,000 people looking at me."

All-district gridlers from District 6-A teams in Ozona, Somora, Eldorado, Junction, Menard and Eden, with their coaches and school superintendents and principals were guests of the Lions Club at the annual banquet, staged in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church. Charles Garlitz, on the all-district offensive team, and Charles Hale, on the second team, were Ozona representatives, with other athletes from neighboring schools, to receive engraved certificates from Lion President Jack Wilkins.

Ladies of the Ozona Woman's Club served a delicious chicken dinner.

## Soil Depletions As Result Of Drought To Complicate Problem Of Range Recovery When Rains Do Come Conservation Expert Says

By Bob Scott

With spring just around the corner, ranchers will again be looking for ways of bringing back denuded ranges where the desirable native grasses have succumbed to the drought and overuse.

Soil Conservation Districts and the Soil Conservation Service have been studying and working on this problem throughout West Texas.

Before making plans of any of the various range practices that might be used, it would be well to take a close look at the problem.

A great deal has been said about the effect of the drought on the grasses. It would be well, also, to examine some of the changes that have taken place on the soil itself. The two are tied together as closely as the respiratory system of man and the air he breathes, but they can be separated and both have their problems.

Some of the major changes that have taken place on the soil are discussed as follows:

1. Organic matter has been lost. Organic matter is a very important component of soil that consists mainly of dead and decaying plant litter. Therefore, its abundance depends on the amount of old grass a rancher leaves on the ground. To maintain a high level of litter during a drought, stocking rates must be lightened in proportion to the rainfall. It is organic matter that makes a soil light and fluffy. Consequently, when organic matter is depleted, soil runs together, sealing the sub-soil from badly needed rain.

2. Microbes are depleted in the thin top soil. Soil scientists tell us there are several thousand microorganisms in a cubic inch of good soil. Microbes fill their important role in the life cycle of plants and soil by helping cause deterioration of plant litter, thus making organic matter available. If the plant litter is depleted, microorganisms are also depleted.

3. Temperature is extremely high on bare soil. When a range is left bare, and exposed directly to the sun, a very abnormal change in soil temperature takes place. On a day when the temperature reaches 95-100 degrees, bare soil will absorb the heat and the soil will

run a high fever up to 130 degrees or even higher. This is close to the critical point in which plant life cannot get started. At the same time a bare soil is at a 130 degrees temperature, soil with a moderate amount of ground litter will be about 80 degrees temperature.

4. Evaporation is increased. In most of West Texas, evaporation rate is as high as 85 inches annually. If a range is completely exposed to the sun, without any protection from ground cover, any moisture absorbed is rapidly lost.

5. Circulation of air and water is impaired. Just as in the human body, circulation of certain elements are necessary in a soil. When a soil loses its organic matter and microorganisms, and the temperature and evaporation is high, the soil tends to run together and becomes as sterile or dead matter. When this happens the proper circulation of air and water is stopped.

When all of these conditions exist, soil is left to the ravages of wind and water. These conditions must be corrected before range improvement can be brought about. Normal rainfall will not cure such ills in one season.

Such well known practices as deferment, pitting and seeding, proper stocking, and others are good practices to correct these conditions of our soil, as well as to increase and improve our grasses. If a range is in poor condition, the first vegetation to cover the ground will be a low value type vegetation, but just like a sick man, the ranges must have good treatment and rest. The more ground cover left on the ground the faster will be the recovery of the better grasses and consequently the production will be increased.

It has come to the attention of county officials that some persons or persons have been dumping trash in draws and other places within the limits of Ozona. Dumping of trash on any public street, alley or property or on property of another is against the law and any person who is found guilty of such an act may be severely punished.

## Members Of Water Board Re-Elected

Lowell Littleton and James Baggett were re-elected to membership on the board of directors of the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District in an election held last week.

Only 27 votes were cast in the election and all were for the two men whose terms had expired at the end of the year. Hold-over members of the water board are Sherman Taylor, W. E. Friend, Jr., and Gene Williams.

## Former Ozonan Is Honored At Baby Shower In Lovington

Mrs. Glen Williams, was honored with a surprise pin and blue shower, Friday evening, January 8, in the home of Mrs. Wiley Files, of Lovington, New Mexico. Assisting the hostess was Mrs. R. T. Nelson.

Games of the time of the arrival of the baby, names for the new baby were selected and several other games were played. A color scheme of blue and white was carried out. The gifts were placed in and around a baby carriage.

Until recently the couple made their home in Ozona, where Mr. Williams was employed with the Republic Exploration Company. Mrs. Williams was also employed at the Ozona telephone office.

## Church of Christ Ozona, Texas

E. M. Steph, Minister

### CHURCH CALENDAR

**Lord's Day:**  
Bible Study for all ages - 10 a. m.  
Worship - 11 a. m.  
Training Class - 6 p. m.  
Worship - 7 p. m.

**Wednesday:**  
Ladies Bible Class, Senior - 10 a. m.  
Ladies Bible Class, Junior - 4 p. m.  
Bible Study and Prayer - 7 p. m.

**Radio Program Sunday:**  
Herald of Truth - KGKL - 1 p. m.

This is a good program that appears each Sunday over a nation wide hook-up. James A. Willeford is the speaker. Be sure and hear it. The Gospel Hour - XEG-9:30 p. m.

This program comes over the powerful 150,000 watt Station XE G. V. E. Howard is the speaker. Be sure and hear it.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

Studebaker's far-advanced design cuts your gasoline bills!



# Get a '54 Studebaker

Own the thrifty American car that is setting the style for the world!

Look what you get in a new 1954 Studebaker

Longest wheelbases in the lowest price field... Extra large, extra powerful new brakes... New 7.5 to 1 high compression in both Champion and Commander V-8 engines... The Studebaker "Miracle Ride"... All 1954 Studebakers offer you all extra cost Power Steering—and Automatic Drive or Overdrive.

NEW COLOR-STYLED INTERIORS! NEW SEDANS! NEW SPORTS MODELS! NEW STATION WAGONS!

HERE is more than the world's most distinctive automobile styling that assures high resale value. Here is far-advanced car engineering—no power-wasting excess bulk—no squandering of gas.

Come in and take a close-up look at this sensational 1954 Studebaker—solid and sound in construction—superb in comfort and safety—brilliant in performance. Come in and let us take you out for a trial drive in an out-ahead 1954 Studebaker.

# Williams Motor Co.

Ozona, Texas

# Accurate and Complete RANCH RECORDS Are More Important Today Than Ever

Government regulations and heavy tax programs are destined to be a part of the American way of doing business for a long time. For that reason, it is more important today that every business keep accurate records of its operations.

The ranch business is no exception. With the stiff federal taxes, you will want to take advantage of every saving item in your expense account and at the same time have clear and convincing records available for inspection by tax agents to prove up any item on your income tax return.

Start now to keep a complete record covering all operations in your business with the Stockman's RANCH RECORD BOOK. Your cancelled checks or your present records can be transcribed to this handy record book, together with your income and inventory records and you can have your entire record in a simplified form contained in one volume.

## Easy To Keep - Complete Record - In 1 Volume

# THE STOCKMAN RANCH RECORD BOOK



**H Club Members Awarded Jackets In Assembly Program**

Twenty-five members of the Crockett County 4-H Club and County Agent Pete W. Jacoby were presented 4-H jackets as gifts from H Mothers during the assembly program in the high school auditorium Friday morning. Club member are getting their jackets ready this week-end for the Fort Worth Livestock Show. About fifty head of lambs will be taken to Fort Worth next Wednesday, Jan. 27. They will be exhibited on Saturday, Jan. 30, and the following Friday, Feb. 5. Local 4-H clubbers who will show lambs in Fort Worth include J. Joe, Myrtle Mae and Ladye Brrett, George Bunger, Jr., Bob Sutton, Mark Baggett, Bill Jacoby, Wayne Woody, Carl Conklin, Mark White, Chris Hazelstein, P. Childress, Sonny Henderson, Benny Jones, Joe McMullan, Ernie and Tommie Sue Chandler.

**FORUM BRIDGE CLUB**

The Ozona Woman's Forum Bridge Club met Friday night at the Country Club. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Montgomery. High scores went to Mrs. W. E. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox, and T. J. Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. Tomp Jones won bingo. Guests and members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Demp Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Childress, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Marley, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Black, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Nip Blackstone and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clegg.

**SWEET SALE BENEFIT MARCH OF DIMES**

Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority will stage a sweet sale Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Modern Way Grocery & Market and Williams Grocery. Proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes and the Welfare Council.

**UNITED AMERICAN CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Wendle Scott, Evangelist today — Services: 10:00 a. m. Bible Study 11:00 a. m. Worship Service 8:30 p. m. Worship Service 1-Week Service: Tues. 7:30 p. m. Bible study Everyone is invited

**Big Gasser Completed In West Crockett Co.**

G. Stratton Jr. of Waco 1 Shannon, Crockett County White Horse gas-distillate discovery in J. Wiley Heirs survey. Located 7½ miles east of Iraan, has been completed for a calculated absolute open flow of 60,000,000 cubic feet of gas and an unreported amount of distillate.

Production was from open hole between 2,202 feet, where 5-inch casing was set, and 2,232 feet, the total depth. No other information was available.

The well blew out while drilling at 2,217 feet, Jan. 6. It blew gas at an estimated rate of 25 to 40 million cubic feet per day until the well was killed Jan. 8.

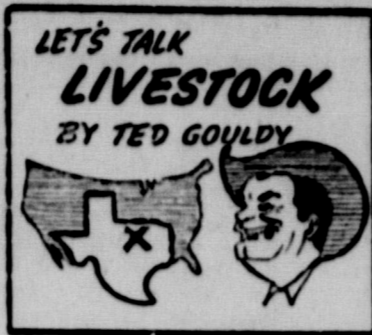
**Ozonan Promoted To Corporal In Korea**

IX Corps, Korea — Alberto A. Ramoz, son of Tomasa Ramoz, Ozona, Tex., was recently promoted to corporal while serving in Korea with IX Corps' 88th Infantry Heavy Mortar Battalion.

The corps, one of three in Korea, coordinates the intensive post-trace training and reconditioning of UN units under its control.

Corporal Ramoz, a squad leader in the battalion's Company C, arrived in Korea last March after completing basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. A former employee of the Ozona Boot & Saddlery, he entered the Army in September 1952.

Office Supplies—Stockman office



Fort Worth— Among observers at the livestock market at Fort Worth this week the consensus of opinion has been that recent weeks have seen the most stabilized conditions on cattle and calves that have been had in over two years.

The prices of most cattle and calves have swung up and down in response to the pressure of supply and demand on the various classes, but there have been few times when the rise or fall of prices has tilted more than \$1 per hundred. Of even more significance has been the trend in prices to regain lost ground, or to trim down the advances, within a few days after the upset takes place.

The trade is generally inclined toward a little more optimistic view of the future, although most seasoned observers temper their hopes with various qualifications, "ifs" and "buts".

The narrowed spread between stocker and feeder prices and the prices paid for fed cattle and fed lambs in recent weeks is cause for some fears that speculative buying may run prices up and over the prices buyers are willing to pay for replacements at later dates. This situation could result in another period of sharp downward readjustments later if the speculative urge forces the stocker prices into unrealistic levels.

On the favorable side is the continued broad consumer demand for meat. The expected crop of over 40 million calves next year promises to keep America on a beef eating spree for another year, but unless there is a drastic change the public appears ready and willing to pay going prices or maybe a little bit more for the privilege.

On the Fort Worth livestock market Monday fed steers and yearlings were slow and weak. Cows steady to 25 cents higher. Bulls were fully steady. Fat calves drew strong prices. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves were strong to 50 cents higher. A. B. Edsall, Elbert (Throckmorton County) marketed a load of fancy steer calves that averaged 529-lbs., and topped at \$21, best price for stock calves in some time. Stocker yearlings ranged freely from \$17 to \$19.50, and some older steers drew \$18.50 down. Stocker cows had good demand at \$9 to \$13.50.

J. B. Foster, Pecos County, put a new top for current swing on woolled lambs at \$22.50. The over 500 head in his shipment weighed 102 pounds. Clipped fat lambs \$18.-75 down. Feeder lambs \$16 to \$18.50. Yearlings and two's \$11 to \$15. Old wethers \$8 to \$10. Slaughter ewes \$6.50 to \$8. Choice fat lambs were around \$1 higher, other kinds were steady to easier, some clipper 25 cents lower.

Housewives - Address advertising postcards. Must have good handwriting. LINDO, Watertown, Mass. 40-4p

WANT PLEASANT OUTDOOR WORK in a business of your own? Good profits selling 200 widely advertised Rawleigh home-farm necessities. Pays better than most occupations. Hundreds in business

5 to 20 years or more! Products-equipment on credit. No experience needed to start. Write today for full particulars. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXA-1530-145, Memphis, Tenn. 1p

FOR RENT — House. One room, bath and kitchen. Furnished. Call Jim Ad Harvick, Phone 97 or 2730

**RANCH THEATRE**

Thursday and Friday — Jan. 21 & 22

WILLIAM HOLDEN, ELEANOR PARKER and JOHN FORSYTHE

"ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO"

Saturday — Jan. 23

JOHN LUND and AUDREY TOTTER in

"WOMAN THEY ALMOST LYNCHED"

Sun. and Mon. — Jan. 24 & 25

AUDIE MURPHY, LORI NELSON and CHILL WILLS in

"TUMBLEWEED"

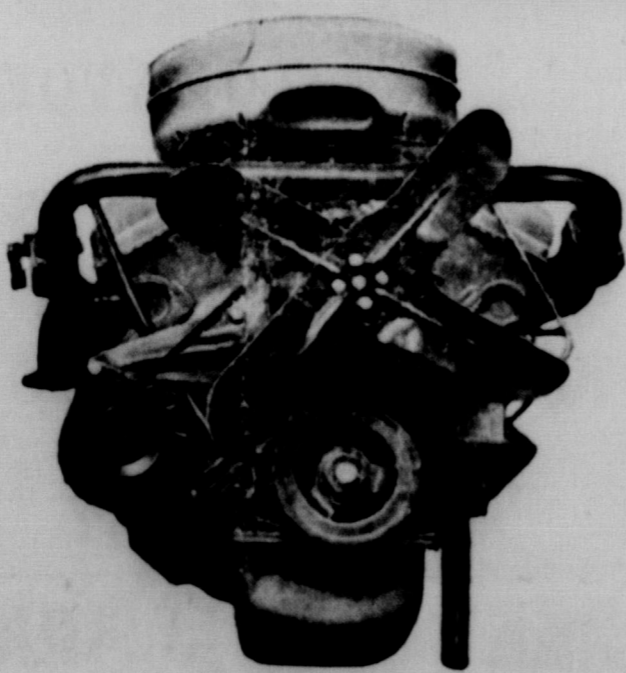
Tues. and Wed. — Jan. 26 & 27

MARIE WILSON and ROBERT CUMMINGS

"MARRY ME AGAIN"



**How Mercury's new V-161 engine lets you take it easy on the highways**



Eager power—responsive power—immediately obedient to your slightest whim . . . that's what Mercury brings you with its entirely new overhead valve V-8 engine.

Easy does it when passing. The two extra barrels of Mercury's 4-barrel carburetor cut in automatically, by vacuum. Instantly you have the extra surge you need for extra safety.

Easy does it when hill climbing. Mercury's tremendous reserve power quietly goes to work. You glide up and over with no sense of strain—with power to spare.

Easy does it on curves. New ball-joint front

wheel suspension—a first for Mercury in its class—gives you road-hugging stability, easier steering and control.

And your pocketbook can take it easy, too. For while the new 161 hp Mercury engine gives you 28% more power, it can give you even greater gasoline economy.

So stop around at our showroom and take a trial drive. And see Mercury's new, longer, lower looking styling, the stunning new colors and interiors, and our new model—the Mercury Sun Valley—America's first transparent-top car. How about today?

New 1954 **MERCURY**

LET US SHOW YOU ON THE ROAD HOW IT MAKES ANY DRIVING EASY

**Spencer Motors**

OSONA — TEXAS

**FIRE**

doesn't care about today's high prices!

Since 1940, building costs have more than doubled, and home furnishings costs have nearly doubled. Inventory your belongings. Ask for State Farm's Inventory Folder and list everything in your home; furnishings and wearing apparel at today's values—then compare with the amount of fire insurance you now have.

Would you sell your home or furnishings for the amount of fire insurance you have today?



Yours without obligation!

ED MEADOR  
Call Collect 23161  
Eldorado, Texas

Building...or remodeling?

GET **LENNOX** ALL SEASON

Air-Flu AIR CONDITIONING

Ozona Butane Co. Ozona, Texas



**Here and There**  
By J. Troy Hickman

(Continued From Page One)

At this point three limitations jumped out at me. For one, I can't do work that compares with a commercial studio. No amateur can. All a hobbyist photographer can do with his simple equipment is make a few plain record pictures. A record is one where the image looks like the subject.

Most people don't want record pictures. To have it look like them is the last thing on earth they want. They are used to professional work which, nine times in ten, makes the image look better than the subject looks. That's what we all want. Professionals, with their high skill and expensive equipment, can do it. Local amateurs can't. The best we do is make a true record as the camera sees it, which is often quite different from what the eye sees.

A second limitation in serving other people with camera hobby was time. By the hand-method it takes an entire evening to develop 2 or 3 rolls of film. You still don't have a picture. Next evening—if it happens to be a free one—you print the negatives on photo paper. About 10 prints are all I can do in an average evening and get to bed on time. A recent batch of shots of the 4-H Club show took a total of 4 evenings, working from after suppertime till bedtime.

The album pictures you get when you send your film to Fox or some commercial studio are contact-printed. This is fast work and in some cases is done by machine using materials bought in big quantities. The home darkroom worker processes each film and print by hand under an enlarger. This takes time, but often it produces good results.

I soon saw that I would not be able to accept all invitations to make pictures for persons or groups, but that I could do a few without neglecting anything else. This I hope to continue.

The third problem came up in connection with expense. Everything photographic is high. I soon found that in making pictures to give away I was wrecking my hobby budget. So I resolved that hence forth I would let the person or group for whom the pictures were

made pay the actual cost of materials used. I would donate the time and work, and take pleasure in it.

It soon became clear that the actual cost of making a 5x7 print in black and white (I work only in black and white) is about 25 cents. The cost of a king-size print, 8x10, is about 50 cents. This allows for a few negatives ruined and a few sheets of photo paper spoiled in the making.

Although the amateur can't accept every request to make pictures, or guarantee the outcome of his efforts to be satisfactory, or promise to deliver the pictures at any particular time, there is still a place of service for him in towns like this. Sometimes families have occasions when they want a record picture made. Local organizations often plan activities which they want photographed. It may be impossible for either to have a commercial photographer come out from some city. Sometimes the amateur can help with the problem. This is what I want to do within the limits of my free time and budget.

Now and then you get a real kick out of a hobby like this. A few days ago our daughter's wedding announcement came out in the Angelo paper, with a picture I had made of her when the children were home last Christmas. A trained eye might have detected amateurish defects in it. To me it was good, and I was proud of it. Such moments make up for the other time when you felt like dumping a whole mess of prints in the wastebasket.

Most hobbyist have a goal of some sort. Some amateur camera bugs aim at winning prizes in the exhibits and contests. You have to be pretty good to make this grade.

My aim for the present is more modest. I just want to be good enough to be sure of results in advance. Like, for instance, a woman who goes into her kitchen to make a favorite cake. She wants to get to the point where she knows her process well enough to be sure in advance that the cake will likely be good.

I'd like to be good enough at photography to expect, when I point the camera at grandpa on his 85th birthday, or at baby with his first tooth, that the outcome will be a good clear record pic-

ture. Such a picture would probably win no prizes in a salon contest, nor excite the envy of any commercial photographer. But it would be a usable album shot. If I can learn to do this, do it every time, and be fairly sure in advance how it will turn out, I'll be satisfied.

Announcements  
Political

The Stockman has been authorized to announce the following as candidates for offices as listed, subject to action of the Democratic primaries. Candidates are listed in the order in which they were received.

DISTRICT:

For District Judge, 112th Dist.:

For Congressman, 16th Dist.:

For State Representative 78th Dist.:

COUNTY:

For County Judge:

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:

For County & Dist. Clerk:

For County Attorney:

For County Treasurer:

For Commissioner, Prec. 1:

BILL SEAHORN

For Commissioner, Prec. 2:

BUD COATES

For Commissioner, Prec. 3:

U. S. (RUSTY) SMITH  
VIC MONTGOMERY

For Commissioner, Prec. 4:

JAKE YOUNGG

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1:

UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY offers \$30 to \$50 weekly spare time—\$100 or more full time. Man appointed now can work into district supervisor position paying \$11,000 per year and up. Product well advertised and accepted liquid fertilizer backed by written guarantee. Little traveling—home nights—but car is essential. Write to: "Na-Chura" 216W Monroe Street, Marion, Ohio. 42-3c

FOR SALE — 6x6 foot Redwood metal tank, loading chute 20 feet long, and 1949 Ford pickup. Call Martin Harvick, Phone 3311.

FOR RENT—House. One room, bath and kitchen. Furnished. Call Jim Ad Harvick, Phone 97 or 2730



Ever look at your house this way?

Your electric company does!

1940 — This was your house, measured by the amount of electric service you used before World War II.



1949 — You used almost 50% more electric service. So your house seemed to us to be half again larger.



TODAY — You use a lot more electric service — nearly twice as much as in 1940. And all the time you were finding new ways to use electricity for better living, its price was coming down.



1960 — You'll use about three times the electric service you used in 1940. And we already are investing millions of dollars to have it ready for you.



This means that the West Texas Utilities Company and the other electric light and power companies of America are planning and building well ahead for the nation's growing electric future. Their \$10 billion expansion program is the largest

in all industrial history. America's 800 business-managed electric companies prove daily that they can meet the country's electric needs. In view of this, you have the right to ask whether any federal government electric power projects—paid for with your tax money—are really necessary.

West Texas Utilities  
Company

**MODERN WAY**  
**Grocery and Market**

**SPECIALS**

FRIDAY — JAN. 22

SATURDAY — JAN. 23

KIMBELL'S <b>CORN MEAL</b>	5 LBS.	<b>35c</b>
GLADIOLA <b>FLOUR</b> 25 lbs.		<b>\$2.05</b>
WAXED PAPER <b>CUT RITE</b>		<b>25c</b>
WHITE HOUSE <b>RICE</b>	12 OZ.	<b>12c</b>
HARVEST <b>VIENNA SAUSAGE</b>		<b>9c</b>
GREEN BREAKER <b>SALMON</b>	FLAT 7 1/2 OZ.	<b>49c</b>
PATIO <b>CHILI</b>	NO. 2 CAN	<b>52c</b>
DIAMOND <b>PORK &amp; BEANS</b>		<b>9c</b>
COUNTRY STYLE <b>PURE PORK SAUSAGE</b>	2 LBS.	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>HAMBURGER MEAT</b>	POUND	<b>33c</b>
<b>BEEF RIBS</b> 4 lbs. For		<b>\$1.00</b>

	ARMOUR'S VEGETOLE	3 Lbs.
	<b>SHORTENING</b>	<b>69c</b>
	DIAMOND <b>HOMINY</b>	303 CAN <b>9c</b>
	<b>TOMATOES</b>	No. 303 CAN <b>15c</b>
	DIAMOND <b>CORN</b>	NO. 303 CAN <b>14c</b>
	GIANT <b>TIDE</b>	<b>69c</b>
	BETTY CROCKER <b>CAKE MIXES</b>	<b>39c</b>
	<b>PINTO BEANS</b>	10 Lbs. <b>95c</b>
	BRIGHT & EARLY <b>COFFEE</b>	lb. <b>80c</b>

CHARMIN <b>NAPKINS</b>		<b>15c</b>
LIBBY'S <b>FRUIT COCKTAIL</b>	NO. 2 1/2 CAN	<b>37c</b>
ORANGE DRINK <b>HI - C</b>	46 OZ. CAN	<b>29c</b>
HUNT'S <b>CATSUP</b>		<b>19c</b>
FRESH <b>TOMATOES</b>	lb.	<b>19c</b>
<b>BANANAS</b>	2 lbs. for	<b>25c</b>
CELLO PKG. <b>CARROTS</b>		<b>9c</b>
STALK <b>CELERY</b>		<b>15c</b>

**IN OUR MARKET**  
**Loin or T-Bone lb. 49c**

<b>BEEF ROAST</b>	lb	<b>32c</b>
LEAN <b>SALT - PORK</b>	lb	<b>32c</b>
<b>LONG HORN CHEESE</b>	lb.	<b>45c</b>