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Here and There

By J. Troy Hickman

A WESTBOUND TRAIN

Nothing is quite like the thrill of riding on a good train — at least for a while. Modern ones are clean, smooth and cool. Not only do they drive is a treat; one can look to his heart's content. (Catherine and I) boarded the Sunset Limited in Del Rio and were all over again that the scenery between Del Rio and El Paso is as fine as any, where the Rio Grande follows the Devil's River, then the Rio Grande, the jagged bluffs on the Mexican side — it's really something. The train here slows to a canter; we cross the bridge and look down on a muddy water running through the foothills grow bigger and at little railroad-and-ranch of person we see the first mountain. At intervals from here to the jagged peaks pierce the sky, half shrouded in a dusty haze. They look like Texas thunder-

beside a young man who says that it's a shame this isn't more productive. I had a lecture on West Texas a book to read.

The train is loping and pitching like up half an hour lost in the desert. If editor White can read scratching.

Life is like being in a hotel, or like sharing room with kids. Kids run up and down stairs, some people have been here several days and nights. They're friendly and nice. Most middle aged. We are in a train.

Light has fallen when we get to the train people go to bed. Chickens — early. Here comes the ladies' lounge in pajamas and robe. We come with all sorts of covers, jackets and head pieces. I wear a hat to keep the chilled air from the spot. Prowlers look for unoccupied double seat, so they can stretch out. We let our back pull off our shoes, slip up a spread, and are ready to go. A lady's reading light is on.

Everyone sleeps some. The night is long. We awaken at mid-morning in El Paso and set our watch for the time. Then lights out. All snooze. Some snore.

About 5 a. m. the aroma of coffee comes to us. We go one car forward to the diner. No soap. Come at 6:30.

Five minutes we stop at Tucson. We run into the restaurant and grab two cups of coffee, run to the train to drink them. Funny how you always fear the train when you are without you, and it never seems to be there.

Tucson, in a level sand bed surrounded by cactus. A desert town. In the region see the best of a town on a train. Mostly you look in the back doors. But we can see the fields and new residential areas on every hand. Every house has a water-fan cooling the roof. Tucson's sand grows things, where you get to it. We see irrigated farms by feedstuffs — all the way to the coast.

They were among the first in our region to wake up this morning. On the train everyone tries to beat everyone else to the facilities. I tip to the men's lavatory with a razor and toothbrush, hoping to get it alone — and did, for a while.

A lady came in to brush her hair and a colored gentleman sat in the mirror next to mine. He was very dignified and nice. He had a chat while the train moved and swayed and I nicked with the razor. The engine was really pouring it on as it sped over a smooth roadbed on a desert. I hung on to a door with one hand and worked the other with the other.

It was early in the morning that I saw a little warm water and one's morale. I went into the train.

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Austin Architect Preparing Plans For New Hospital

John Linn Scott To Submit Final Draft This Summer

John Linn Scott, Austin architect, employed by the county to prepare plans and specifications and supervise construction of the new Crockett County hospital, submitted tentative plans at a meeting of the hospital board and Commissioners Court last week.

Mr. Scott is now preparing a new set of plans incorporating some minor changes suggested at the local conference and will submit these at a later conference. If these revised plans win final approval, the architect will prepare final plans and specifications after which the way will be cleared for letting of contracts for the new hospital construction.

The new hospital here was provided for in a \$200,000 bond issue approved by Crockett County voters in a recent election. With this fund, hospital board and commissioners hope to be able to build a 20-bed hospital fully equipped with all modern hospital equipment.

The structure will be built on a plot of land to be made available to the county as a gift from Dick Henderson, whose ranch lands join the city on the north. A plot of ground 300 by 600 feet is to be deeded to the county at the edge of the townsite in the northwest corner. The site is easily accessible and within easy reach of utilities.

The hospital is to be one-story construction, outside walls of brick, with an interior arrangement which makes for maximum efficiency in operation and patient care.

J. B. Post, former manager of a hospital at Stamford, has been employed as business manager of the local hospital and will assume his duties July 1. When the new hospital is completed, the present building will revert to the county for use as a courthouse annex and office building.

James Nettleton has announced that his Modern Way Grocery and Market will be closed all day Monday, July 4. Special prices appearing in Modern Way's ad in this week's Stockman will be good through next week.

Flood Jittery Ozonans Keep Night Vigil On Rain Swollen Gurley Draw On First Anniversary Of Greatest Flood Disaster In County's History

Ozona 4-H Club Boy Elected To State Council

Carl Conklin To Represent 6th District On State Body

At a District 6 4-H Club meeting held at Monahans, Texas, Friday, June 24, Carl Conklin, Crockett County 4-H Club member from Ozona, was selected to represent the 25 county District 6 on the State 4-H Council. Carl was selected on the basis of his outstanding record of activities and awards, as well as his leadership ability to express himself before a group.

Conklin, as another duty attached to his position, also will serve as chairman of the District 6 Boys' Committee composed of two representatives from each county within the district. This committee will have its first meeting at the District 4-H Club Encampment to be held at the Scott Able 4-H Club camping grounds located in the Sacramento Mountains, 90 miles west of Artesia, New Mexico August 19-22.

Carl will receive an all-expense paid trip to the State 4-H Club "Workshop" to be held in Stephenville beginning July 11 and lasting through July 15.

Carl has been president of the Crockett County 4-H Club for the past two years and has been outstanding in 4-H judging work in district and state competition this year. The honor of being elected district representative places Carl in the position of being one of the 12 outstanding 4-H club members in the State.

Wildcat Slated For Northern Crockett Co.

Slick Oil Co. Ltd. has scheduled a 2,900-foot rotary wildcat for northern Crockett County, nine miles south of Big Lake. It will be drilled as the No. 1 V. V. Weger. Location, on a 320-acre lease, is 330 feet from the north and east lines of 49-GC&SF.

The prospector is also 1 1/2 miles west of the Farmer (San Andres) field, producing from approximately 2,500 feet.

Understandably jittery Ozonans observed the first anniversary of the disastrous flood which enveloped the town in the early morning hours of June 28, 1954, by keeping a nervous watch on rampaging Gurley draw, the comparatively short draw which cuts across the southeast edge of Ozona, as it overflowed its bank about 10 o'clock Tuesday night as the result of heavy rains in the limited watershed of the draw northeast of Ozona.

One year to the day, plus sixteen hours, from that tragic experience when Johnson Draw, carrying the flood waters from the biggest rains in history over its entire watershed, crashed into Ozona, snuffing out sixteen lives and causing 12 million dollars property damage, the muddy waters were back in Ozona. But this time there was no threat of disaster — big Johnson draw was running only a trickle and flooded Gurley posed no serious threat to residences along its course.

But to people who experienced the big wash of one year ago, a flood is a flood and when a West Texas draw overflows it is due proper respect. Consequently, most of Ozona was up and on prowl for an hour or so until Gurley draw had receded and the waters from rains gauged up to four inches in the short watershed area of the draw northeast of Ozona had run down.

Rains of three to four inches in the Gurley watershed were measured on the Chas. E. Davidson, Jr., and W. E. Friend, Jr., ranches. (Continued on Page Three)

Graveside Rites Today For Harrison Infant

Graveside services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in Cedar Hill Cemetery for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Bud) Harrison of Ozona.

The infant was dead at birth Wednesday afternoon in Crockett County Hospital.

J. W. Ferguson, pastor of the Ozona Church of Christ, will officiate at services. Cody Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his parents; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hokit of Ozona; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. L. Harrison of Liberty Hill.

Sarah Hicks Wins Title In Bathing Beauty Contests

Judy Patterson Runner-Up; Vicki Montgomery Jr. Beauty

Miss Sarah Hicks, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Hicks, won the title of Miss Ozona in the second annual Ozona Lions Club water carnival bathing beauty revue Saturday night at the north pool.

Second-place winner in the senior beauty contest was Miss Judy Patterson, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson of Ozona.

In the junior division, Vicki Lynn Montgomery, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Montgomery, won first place honors. In the runner-up spot was Barbara Joan Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tom Davidson. If the worst thing that could happen to a bathing beauty is to go in bathing, Barbara Joan overcame the handicap and broke into the win column in spite of being shoved into the pool by another youngster moments before the show's start. The five-year-old swam to the pool's edge to be lifted out and with a composed pat of her wet hair and sopped bathing suit, showed her best for the judges.

A water ballet performed by a group of girls under the direction of Ann Ratliff and Barbara Fields was a highlight of the evening's entertainment which attracted a crowd estimated at around 700 persons.

Seven boys and girls from the San Angelo YMCA, under the leadership of Corky Owens of San Angelo, staged a diving exhibition. An extra exhibition in diving was given by an accomplished visitor, Miss Melissa Smith of Kansas City, here visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Childress and Miss Genelle Childress.

Judges of the bathing beauty contests were Major and Mrs. Randolph of Goodfellow Field, San Angelo and Miss Rose Biley, also of San Angelo. In charge of the senior bathing revue planning were Mrs. Beecher Montgomery and Mrs. Chas. S. Ratliff and for the junior division Mrs. Taylor Deaton.

Because of the generosity of a group of Sonora citizens, the (Continued on Last Page)

State SCS Head To Confer Here On Flood Project

H. N. Smith To Meet Local Sponsor Groups On July 29th

H. N. Smith, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, has asked for a meeting with representatives of the sponsoring organizations of Crockett County of the application for assistance on Johnson Draw watershed under Public Law 566.

Mr. Smith set 1:30 p. m., July 29, as the date for the meeting to be held here in a letter to J. L. Richmond, acting Area Conservationist, San Angelo, and relayed by Mr. Richmond to Bob F. Scott, Work Unit Conservationist, stationed here.

"At this meeting we should like to explain the cost-sharing and other provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act and determine the interest and ability of the local organizations in carrying out their share of the project," Mr. Smith wrote.

"It is suggested that you attempt to arrange such a meeting for 1:30 p. m. July 29. I should like to have scheduled this meeting earlier but it is impossible to do so. As soon as you have been able to arrange the meeting, please advise me of the details."

The local agencies sponsoring the application for flood control aid on Johnson Draw watershed, the Crockett Soil Conservation District, the Crockett County Commissioners Court, the County Flood Control Committee, the Ozona Lions Club and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, have been contacted and all were agreeable to the meeting date set by the State Conservationist.

The July 29 meeting is another move in the complicated procedure which will be necessary before the application is processed and finally reaches Washington for action by Congress in appropriating the necessary funds to aid this county in developing a flood control plan which will prevent a repetition of the disastrous flood which swept down the ordinarily dry wash the morning of June 28, 1954.

The State Soil Conservation Board, with headquarters in Temple, has been designated by the governors as the state agency to examine and approve or reject applications for aid under Public Law 566. The board has already approved the Johnson Draw flood control project and succeeding steps will be explained by Mr. Smith, it is presumed, in the coming conference here.

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Truck Driver Run Down By Own Vehicle In One Man Car-Truck Crash

A car-truck crash which involved two vehicles but only one driver and he was run down by his own vehicle in the process, was one for the book of freaks investigated by the sheriff's department here Sunday.

Tomas de la Cruz of San Antonio, who had driven to Ozona with a truck load of watermelons, had parked the truck on the side of a hill in the Harlan addition of Ozona. The truck brakes failed to hold and started rolling down hill after de la Cruz got out of it. The driver attempted to get back into the vehicle but it was gaining momentum too rapidly and while attempting to hang on the truck and steer it to miss a parked auto, he slipped and fell under the truck.

De la Cruz suffered a badly mangled leg when the dual wheel caught the flesh on his leg and ground off the flesh on one side of the leg from above to below the knee. The injured man was given treatment at the Crockett County Hospital and later was taken in a Cody ambulance to a San Angelo hospital for further treatment.

The run-away truck crashed into the rear of a car owned by Bessie Mae Moore, doing slight damage to the car.



A YEAR AGO this week, erstwhile dry Johnson Draw became a "Big Muddy", hurling death and destruction before it, a tumbling, roaring, racing torrent that swept through Ozona in the pre-dawn to take sixteen lives and cause property damage estimated at twelve million dollars. The scene above, taken from a point south of Ozona, looking upstream, shows the expanse of muddy water stretching from hill to hill. The flood's peak was reached before dawn, and the waters had receded several feet when the above picture was snapped after daylight.

With the passing of the first anniversary of the disaster, Crockett county waits impatiently for government red tape to unwind so that federal aid can be forthcoming to build a series of dams to hold back the flood waters so that the scene above may never be repeated. Next move in that direction will be a meeting here July 29 with H. N. Smith, State SCS head.

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USING THE LAND WISELY

West Texas ranchmen, many of them for the first time in their lives, are acutely conscious today of the difference between the knowledge of the relative importance of each in the operation of livestock ranches, and are striving to restore nature's balance in grasses and other vegetation for maximum productivity of the land.

The drought, of course, has been largely responsible for this awareness of the important role grass plays in the economics of West Texas. Ranchmen have always been conscious, more or less, of the grass on their ranges, but for many of them the condition of their ranges was summed up in an appraisal expressed as "green," "good feed," "greening up," "burned up," or "bare."

Nowadays, many ranchmen can tell you what percentage of "climax grasses" have survived on their ranges; they have experimented with introduced grasses; they have practiced some kind of range conservation with an eye to restoring the productivity of the land, once the rains come again with fair regularity. The ranchman has become convinced, too, that it is going to take more than ordinary care to restore that range, even if the rainfall becomes "normal" again. He has seen in recent months some nice rains, which a few years ago would have put him in good shape for the summer, but he has observed that there are still many bare places on his land — places that will probably take some extraordinary measures before grass ever covers again.

This growing consciousness of grass and its vital role in the economy of West Texas has been pointed up by the drought, but in the background and due a large measure of credit for this development is an organization known as the Crockett Soil Conservation District.

By organizing themselves into a district, conservation minded ranchmen have found they have access to scientific help in the development of conservation plans that they could not otherwise have had. An autonomous unit, governing its own affairs and with no dictation from even the sources of the help available to it, the Soil Conservation District has done a splendid job in spreading the gospel of conservation, in providing technical help in conservation problems, and in directing the attention of agriculture to the gravity of the depletion of our natural resources through unwise use of the land.

Because ranchmen in this county have shown an interest in rebuilding the soil, in conserving it and preserving it for future generations, the State of Texas and the United States government have given aid, the state in the form of an appropriation of money which the district may use as a revolving fund to buy equipment and materials for use in promoting its program, and the United States government gives technical assistance through the services of a Soil Conservation Service technician, Bob Scott, work unit conservationist in

Ozona, is the representative of the SCS stationed here whose technical knowledge is available to any ranchman with a conservation or range management problem. Mr. Scott is doing an outstanding job in spreading knowledge of conservation methods and in working with the board of supervisors of the district in developing the overall program of the district.

To the individual ranch operator his own problems are paramount. But the cooperative effort of landowners all over the country, through Soil Conservation Districts, to reverse the trend of soil depletion to soil building is reassuring to the nation that a growing population can still be fed by use of nature's greatest gift, the land.

BETTER FLOOD ALERT SYSTEM NEEDED HERE

A need for a better flood alert system for Ozona was pointed up Tuesday night when a group of well-meaning persons caused a near panic with unfounded rumors of impending flood.

The flood in Gurley draw, which got out of banks as the result of torrential rains in its limited

watershed northeast of Ozona, posed some threats to residences on its banks, perhaps, but the general townwide alarm that was sounded was hardly justified without knowledge of a flood threat from Johnson draw, which is the point of real danger in case of heavy rainfall in its vast watershed area to the north of Ozona.

The day being the anniversary of the June 28 flood a year ago, perhaps Ozonans who had suffered in that tremendous disaster were unusually alert to possibili-

ties of a repeat performance, what with thunderstorms booming in the vicinity. Many of these interpreted the wailing sirens and cruising fire trucks as a signal that a flood was coursing down Johnson draw again.

With the sheriff's department short wave radio system and at least a half dozen vehicles here equipped with receiving and sending sets, a watch system could be set up, it seems to us, in case of threatening weather, and the people have ample warning in case

of impending flood. But to sound a local alert without definite information on flood conditions above, might in time defeat the purpose of any warning system

by an off-repeated false alarm, to say nothing of the agony of false alarm which persists until final warning is given that the danger is past.

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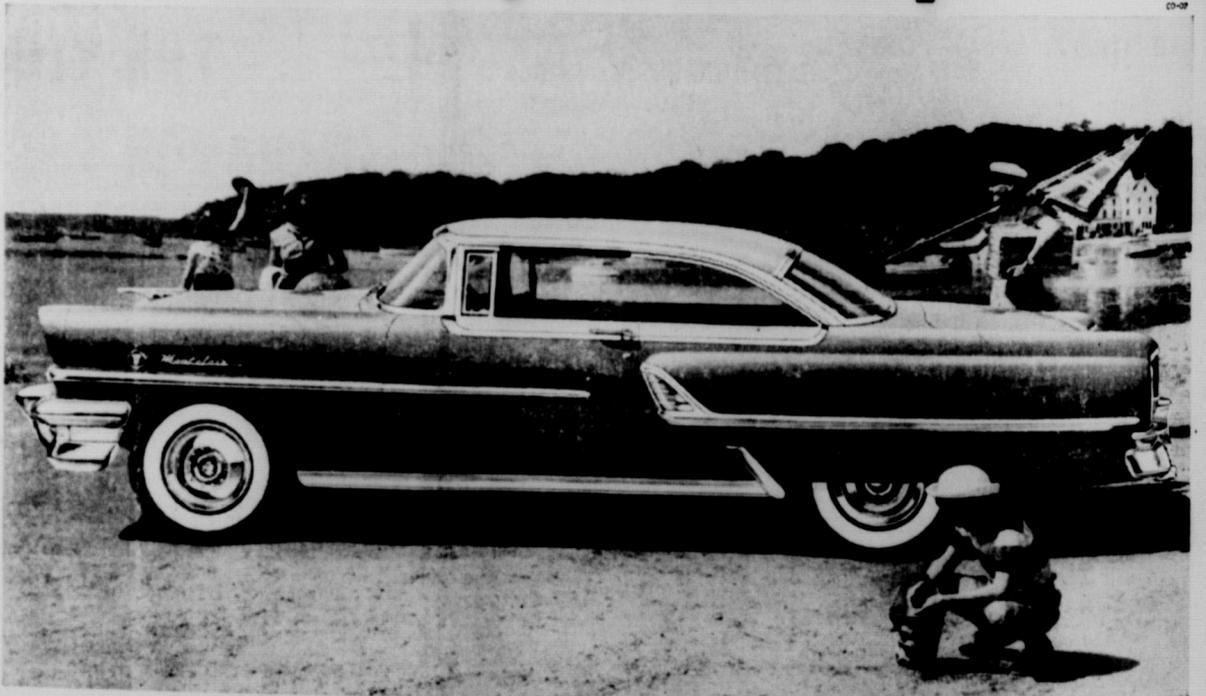
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recon I'll ever be out that hall", Rogers drawled with a southwestern twang, "but I wanta be where I can be on you fellers."

Rogers' death, his statue in the Hall. And all other figures look away from the door of the House of Representatives, Rogers is facing the eye on" the main en-

way, each state is allowed to set up, and then Washington desired to remain at Mount Vernon, the site as his burial...

is still a shrine to those who know about it, and based on several occasions important personages lie in here.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Troy Hickman left last week for California where their daughter, Marjorie, is reported seriously ill.

Extender To World Field Indicated In Cities Service Test

A location southeast extension to the World, West (Strawn) field of Crockett County has been assured with the logging of a heavy oil flow on a drillstem test at Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1-G Shannon, in 18-Q-EL&RR, 15 miles southwest of Big Lake.

On the two-hour and nine minute test between 8,052-8,190 feet, gas surfaced in three minutes, mud in seven minutes and oil in nine minutes. Turned to tanks for two hours on 1 by 3/4-inch chokes, the well flowed 84.84 barrels of 43.8 gravity oil the first hour and 97.27 barrels the second hour. Gas-oil ratio was 3,391-1.

Recovery below the circulating sub was 210 feet of oil and gas-cut mud.

A subsequent drillstem test between 8,149-79 feet in the Strawn recovered 25 feet of slightly gas-cut mud. Tool was open 1 1/2 hours. Flowing pressure was 0-35 pounds; 20-minute shut-in pressure, 100 pounds.

The project was bottomed at 8,179 feet in lime. Operator was running logs.

Cities Services Oil Co. No. 3 Newman, in 9-A-BS&F 3/4-mile northeast of the Ranch (Strawn) field, 13 miles southwest of Big Lake, has been plugged and abandoned at 8,300 feet on derrick floor elevation of 2,852 feet.

A two-hour drillstem test from 8,210-8,300 feet, recovered 260 feet of gas-cut mud and 5,200 feet of salty sulphur water. The Strawn reef was topped at 8,238 feet, minus datum point of 5,386 feet.

Miss Billie Chandler, runner-up for the Miss Southwest title at the recent Fort Stockton Water Carnival bathing beauty revue, and Miss Jeanette Trotter, entry in the Fort Stockton beauty show, were guests of actor Chill Willis on location near Marfa where the "Giant" is being filmed. Other finalists in the revue, including Miss Southwest, Beverly Sikes of Crane, were guests of the actor.

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Crockett 4-H Team Ties Sutton Team In Sonora Judging Meet

The Crockett County 4-H Club Judging Team tied with the Sutton County 4-H Team for first place honors on over-all judging of wool, mohair, livestock and range management at the 18th Sonora Wool & Mohair Show last Wednesday.

Carl Conklin was second over-all high individual and second in mohair judging. Erby Chandler was sixth over-all high individual and first in livestock judging. Johnny Jones and George Bunger were other members of the team.

In team judging by division, the Crockett County Team won first in livestock, second in mohair, fourth in range management, and fifth in wool judging.

The club is the proud possessor of the large rotating trophy presented by the First National Bank of Sonora and the first place banner. In Best All-around Club honors, the team won the third place banner presented by the National Farm Loan Association of Sonora.

All high individuals and team members of high teams received medals and ribbons for their achievement in each division of the judging contest.

The three high team members, Carl, Erby, and Johnny are ineligible to compete in future Sonora Wool Show competition.

The handsome revolving trophy, awarded to the Ozona team, and banner are on display in the lobby of the Ozona National Bank.

Ozona Penn. Field On West Ranch, Given Name And Allowable

The Texas Railroad Commission has designated the Ozona, North (upper Pennsylvania) field of Crockett County and specified a daily allowable of 120 barrels of oil for Pan American Production Co. No. 2 W. E. West, field opener.

No. 2 West was finalized last week for a daily flowing potential of 182 barrels of oil through a 14-64-inch choke and perforations between 5,934-45 feet. Top of pay was picked at 5,931 feet, on elevation of 2,591 feet at derrick floor.

The project was originally completed in January as the second producer in the two-well Ozona, North (Ellenburger) field for a daily flowing potential of 38 barrels of oil from open hole between 7,900-8,150.

Location is in 1-A-Runnels chl, 12 miles north of Ozona.

Flood Jittery —

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while the R. A. Harrell ranch reported four inches. The heaviest fall came in the early evening followed by intermittent rains which continued to near midnight.

Although unnerving to some flood-shy Ozonans, the rainfall to the north, east and south of Ozona was a welcome addition to

the moisture left by previous spring rains in these areas and to some sections where the rains to them had been limited.

Ozona was in the west edge of the rain belt and gauges in different sections of the town varied in the amount of moisture recorded. The government gauge at the downtown fire station registered .79 of an inch while across the city park to the west, the Ratliff Hardware & Furniture store gauge

showed .4 of an inch. The fall was even lighted on the west side of town.

Rains were reported up to an inch on ranches south of Ozona, with a heavy fall which washed out ditches in the cemetery at the south edge of Ozona. Rain was reported all the way from Big Lake to Ozona on the north and to Sonora on the east.

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BEST GRASSES GRAZED FIRST

Despite History's Worst Drouth, Potential To Restore West Texas Range Land To Original Productivity Still Present But Must Be Helped

Strange as it may seem, it takes a good wet season to give us a true picture of the difficulties of getting range improvement. Why is this? A quick look at a pasture that is once again producing green feed will show that the livestock are in there selecting the most desirable and palatable grasses. History's prolonged drought has resulted in heavy competition on our highly productive vegetation. If nature's original or climax vegetation is down to, say 25%, then when it rains, that 25% will be forced to supply the majority of feed, leaving the weak and low producing grasses for the winter periods. That means that the climax vegetation suffers competition during the growing season, when it needs to be producing to its maximum.

Examination of the range will show that sheep are grazing a large percentage of short grass. However, contrary to popular belief, identification of the grasses will show that many of these grasses are actually mid grasses, and not really short type grass. This competition explains the gradual change in vegetation that has always taken place under domestic livestock operations, throughout the Southwest.

The problem is how to take advantage of our rainfall to get improvement of these high producing grasses, instead of subjecting them continually to competition. Even light stocking may not be the answer, if the percentage of climax vegetation is low. Nature has finally brought us around to her own methods, that of deferment. Extensive experimentation has shown that when 90% of the top of a grass is clipped or grazed, all root growth is stopped. However, if no more than 40% is grazed, no root growth stoppage occurs and the plant can continue to produce leaves. Examination in the field, of grasses that are being grazed, will readily bear this fact out. If the competition on the best vegetation, during the growing season, is resulting in more than 50% of

the tops being taken, the pasture will not make maximum annual production. Deferment during the growing season allows both root and top growth, resulting in increased vigor and stand of the climax vegetation. In the long run, more total pounds of grass is available for livestock during the year. This has been proven many times by ranchers who have actually increased the pounds of wool, mutton and beef while deferring as much as one fourth to one half of their pastures every year. There is no set rule to follow in a deferment, as each ranch and each pasture possess conditions of their own.

Generally speaking, the quickest recovery of grass and the most economical benefit is to be obtained by resting the best pastures first, as they have a better start. A farmer carries out the same principle of deferment by allowing his crop to mature before harvesting.

A look back in history will show that nature once maintained a balance of climax vegetation, without loss of soil and without any major change in vegetation. Even though, fires and large herds of wildlife ravaged areas from time to time, the natural shifting of stock from area to area provided nature's system of deferment and natural balances.

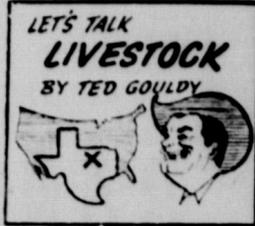
Man has a high goal to shoot for in achieving a stabilized program of grass development, which has to be geared to the highly fluctuating rainfall of this Edwards Plateau area.

Nature's own seed source of original vegetation exists in abundance in the Crockett SCD. With a little help, nature can restore the land. Unlike many countries and even areas of the United States, in which nature's original vegetation is truly past history, the Crockett SCD still has the same potential it has always possessed.

The development of the ranch-

ing industry has taken place in this area during a time when men in all walks of life have recognized the importance of the grass under their feet. Steps have been taken in this new era to preserve that valuable heritage. The landowners have organized a soil conservation district in Crockett County which is a local program, and locally governed. Cooperate with your local Crockett Soil Conservation District.

Conservation is wise use, not disuse.



Fed Steers Strong

Sales of fed steers and yearlings were steady to strong at Fort Worth Monday. Cows were about steady, with some early sales of canners and cutters stronger. Bulls sold 50 cents lower. A few choice stockers and a good choice fat calves were steady, but others were weak to lower again. Inquiry on stocker cows was a little more active.

Prices included: good and choice fed steers and yearlings \$18 to \$22.50, and common and medium sorts \$10 to \$18. Fat cows \$10 to \$12.50, some young heiferish cows \$13.50 to \$14.00 on specialty shipping orders, not in line with the averages. Canners and cutters \$6 to \$10. Bulls \$10 to \$14.50. Good and choice fat calves \$16 to \$19, a few \$19.50 and \$20 sparingly. Medium and low grades \$9 to \$15. Stocker steer calves mostly \$15 to \$20, few fancy feeder calves \$21 to \$22.50, load at \$22.50 weighing 483 pounds. Feeder yearlings \$19.50 down; older steers \$18.50 down; stocker cows \$7.00 to \$12.00.

Flesh Fading Lamb Prices Sag.
The bloom that reveals high grade slaughter quality was very hard to find in the sheep and lamb offerings Monday at Fort Worth, and many small lambs were included that were attractive to nei-

ther feeders nor packers. Prices were unevenly lower on all kinds.

Spring lambs topped at \$18.00 to \$20.00; feeder Spring lambs sold at \$14.50 down. Cull, common and medium Spring lambs \$10.00 to \$16.00. Slaughter yearling lambs \$8.00 to \$14.50; feeder yearling wethers \$12.50 down; yearlings \$7.00 to \$10.00; slaughter ewes \$4.00 to \$4.50; old bucks around \$3.00.

Market Holiday July 4th

The livestock market at Fort Worth will be closed for the traditional Independence Day holiday July 4th. Officials of the market reported that the usual procedure would be followed and that livestock arriving over the holiday weekend will be penned on feed and water and shown for sale on Tuesday.

SUPPER BRIDGE CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Ratliff were hosts to members of the supper bridge club Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lemmons won high score award, low went to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Couch and bingo to Mr. and Mrs. Pete North. Other members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Applewhite, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Deaton, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moss, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Walker, and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harris.

VISITORS HONORED

Mrs. P. L. Childress and daughter, Genelle, entertained with a luncheon Saturday at the Childress home to honor Miss Melissa Smith of Kansas City and Miss Mary Mitcham of San Angelo. Mrs. Childress' nieces, who were here for a visit.

Present were Sarah Hicks, Carol Blackstone, Carol Friend, Martha Bailey, Joyce Henderson, Cecilia Cooke, Lou Nelle Beall, Dortha Melton, Gwnell Walker, Jeannene Thompson, Jane Adams, Betty Wally of Jackson, Miss. Ann Ratliff, Mary Jo Ward, Ede Ann Robison of Marfa, Janice Spenser and Beverly Killingsworth.

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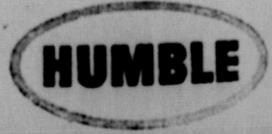
PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

Safety Associations recommend that you follow these simple rules for a safe vacation trip:

- Observe all posted speed limits; don't hurry, ever.
- Regulate the speed of your car to highway and traffic conditions.
- Don't drive too long—stop when you're tired.
- Observe all highway caution warnings—slow down for curves, when descending steep hills, etc.
- Don't drink when driving.
- Follow the golden rule of traffic courtesy: give other motorists the same consideration you'd like for them to give you.



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PRICE DANIEL
U. S. Senator

Anderson from his post as Secretary of Defense and surprise to most here in Washington. Bob has distinguished himself as one of the most able men in the Administration. He first was Secretary of the Navy and later promoted to the position of Secretary of Defense. The biggest part of the defense budget goes to the defense industry. Anderson's resignation is a great loss to both the country and the country's views are shared by Democrats and Republicans alike. Eisenhower once said to me he considered Bob Anderson one of his best appointments and it was generally believed that Anderson would be promoted to the post of Secretary of Defense in due time. Even before his resignation was announced to the public, whatever he had on his shoes will be hard to find.

for Peace Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, August 1955. There will be a world-wide conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy. As a member of



the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I have been invited to attend this conference and am now making plans to do so. In the future it is anticipated that we will be dealing more and more with nuclear energy as a source of power. The major nations of the world, including Russia, will present in Geneva exhibits and reports showing the latest information on possible uses of atomic energy for constructive rather than destructive uses. Originally devised as a destructive weapon, atomic energy may yet play a most important role in bringing about peaceful relations among the nations of the world. The time has about arrived when military men of all countries realize that atomic warfare could mean

destruction of civilization. There are so many atomic bombs available on both sides of the worldwide conflict that all may be forced to the conclusion that war cannot be used as a method of settling differences in the future. Cooperation toward peaceful uses of atomic energy may help in preventing its destructive uses.

Battles of Peace
Even if we are able to prevent fighting wars in the future, there will be victories to be won in peaceful pursuits. The Communists will continue their propaganda of political and social revolution. It

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will be up to us who believe in Christianity and Democracy to reach the minds, hearts and souls of men and women and boys and girls throughout the world. We have principles, ideals, and ideas which are far more appealing than atheistic Communism. The only trouble is that we are not doing as much as the Communists toward selling our principles and philosophy to people of other nations. If they knew more about us, they would understand us and know that our way of life all of its moral and spiritual ideals is far better than the materialistic preachments of the Communists.

Had visitors in your home, been visiting out of town, know a neighbor who's had company or been visiting? Please phone the news to the Stockman, No. 210. If

Construction work is progressing rapidly on the new school cafeteria being constructed north of the junior high school building and on the two classroom addition to the North Elementary school.

WANT OZONA DUCHESS AT JUNCTION JULY 4TH

A request has come from Daedalian Study Club of Junction, who is sponsoring a bathing beauty contest in connection with the opening of Junction's new municipal swimming pool on July 4, for selection of a duchess from Ozona. The beauty contest will name a Miss Kimble County at the poolside events the night of July 4.

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Here and There
By J. Troy Hickman

lounge feeling rough and untidy, and emerged at peace with the world, refreshed. Here I sit sipping coffee and writing. The morning paper out of Los Angeles is on my lap. Here comes Catherine from the ladies' lounge. She looks much better!

What more could you want? Life is good. This is a great country. It's a real privilege to be alive. We ought to thank God for every day of it, love one another (for we're all a lot alike), and enjoy it.

State SCS —

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Under ruling by the Department of Agriculture, local communities will be required to share in the cost of Watershed Control and Flood Prevention projects and the total cost and Crockett county's share of the cost, are questions which must be answered before this county can determine the necessary moves to assure local participation and thus ultimate approval of the project.

FOR RENT — Unfurnished House, 4 Rooms and bath. Troy Williams 12-2p

WANTED — Horses of any kind. Ottist Pridemore. Phone 28-J

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Perdue have returned from a week's vacation spent in North Texas.

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Sarah Hicks —

record crowd attending the second annual water carnival had comfortable seats to view the showing.

A set of portable bleachers, made available for athletic events and other outdoor functions in Sonora by the cooperative efforts of the Sonora schools, the city of Sonora and the Sonora Lions Club, was made available to the local Lions for the water carnival. Bryan Hunt, chairman of the school board at Sonora, Supt. Gene Broadhead and City Manager R. M. McCorver had city and school employees disassemble and load the bleachers in Sonora and sent one of the workmen and one truck needed in hauling to Ozona to assist in setting them up and disassembling for reloading.

President Bob Scott on behalf of the Lions Club and the citizens of Ozona expressed his gratitude to the neighbor city for their generous help toward making the water carnival a success.

FOUND — Blond colored male Pekinese dog. Owner may recover pet by calling Sheriff V. O. Earnest.

WANTED — Horses of any kind. Ottist Pridemore. Phone 28-J

Test In Queen Gas Field Of Crockett By Angelo Operators

Claude E. Aikman & W. D. Anderson & Sons, San Angelo, have filed application to drill the No. 1-F Shannon Estate, 1/2-mile east and northeast of Noelke, Northeast (Queen) gas field of Crockett County, 8 1/2 miles east of Iraan.

It will be drilled with cable tools to 2,500 feet. Operations start June 22.

Location, on a 240-acre lease, is 600 feet from the south and 410.8 feet from the east line of GG-J. Wiley Heirs survey.

Southland Royalty Co. has filed application to drill its No. 3-14-J. S. Todd one location south of production in the Todd (San Andres) field of Crockett County, 22 miles northwest of Ozona.

The project will be drilled with cable tools to 2,200 feet. Operations begin at once.

Location is 330 feet from the north line and 2,383 feet from the east line of 14-WX-GC&SF.

"If you're troubled by a noise in your car, let her drive!" — Mike Connolly.

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Elmer Haire Suffers Loss Of Two Fingers In Oil Rig Accident

Elmer Haire of Ozona suffered the loss of the first joints on two fingers of his right hand Sunday night in a freak accident while on the job with a Westland Drilling Co. rig drilling in the Todd Field.

The drilling crew was running drill collars into the hole and Haire was pushing against a column of the heavy pipe when a joint separated with the pull of the lifting cable and closed on the two fingers which slipped into

the opening between the collars. A quick lift by the operator freed the fingers but both were so badly mangled that amputation at the first joint was necessary. At last report, the injured fingers were healing satisfactorily.

Ozona Country Club Pro-Am Slated Today

The Ozona Country Club will play host to a pro-am here Thursday with the first foursome slated to get off the tee around 9 a. m.

W. E. Ramsey, local pro, has sent out invitations to all golfers

in Big Spring, Big Lake, McOdessa, McCamey, Iraan, Del Rio, Rankin and San Angelo.

A three-fourth inch rain Sunday night has helped the conditions. The ninehole course in this section of the state.

This is the second pro-am of the year held in Ozona, the first one April 22. Street Milligan of the San Angelo Lakeside Golf Club was low pro at the meet.

Milligan will be back with other Lakeside golfers, Frank Blackburn, Red Ramsey, Dale win and Jim Evans.

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