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It Happened in Sanderson TEN YEARS AGO This Week—Remember?

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Mr. and Mrs. Carlton White and daughter, Janice, returned Tuesday morning from San Antonio where they spent several days the past week visiting relatives.

C. V. McKnight spent several days in San Antonio this week on business.

Judge G. J. Henshaw left Monday evening for Austin where he went on business. The Judge will consult with legislators and will endeavor to get a bill introduced and passed by the special session whereby our county will be able to be consolidated into one school district.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols, Mrs. Joe Nichols and Mrs. J. W. McKee left Wednesday morning for Rocksprings where they attended the conference of the West Texas Presbyterial which convened in that city on Thursday.

Miss Kate Frazier, our local Western Union manager, is as proud as a peacock these days. The cause of such proudness is none other than the fact that her new office has been completed and workmen were here this week moving her equipment and helping her get into the new office which is located next door to the jewelry store.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cachrane have returned from a visit to McCombe, El Paso and other

points. While on the trip he had the misfortune to turn his car over, Mrs. Cochran sustaining bruises.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Sabinal Sentinel—Due to the extreme drought and shortage of food and grazing land in this immediate section, ranchmen and stockmen have been steadily shipping livestock to other sections for pasture. 1,717 head have been shipped from Sabinal.

Ozona Stockman—A small cyclone dipped down to the ground about eight miles north of Ozona during the severe electrical disturbance and wind storm which visited this city early Saturday night.

The twister, estimated at about a quarter mile wide, wrecked a windmill on the W. R. Baggett ranch and another on the Childress ranch. Trees were uprooted but no further property damage was reported in the wake of the storm.

Monahans News—The Supreme Court of Texas on Wednesday granted a Writ of Error in the Ward County courthouse bond case and dismissed, for want of jurisdiction, an application for a similar writ in the county seat election case, according to word received here from Austin yesterday.

Fort Stockton Pioneer—Parallel parking for the business district on Main, First and Second streets is required in an ordinance passed Friday night by

SLY SI SAYS



Cave people was more civilized than we are. Any of them could eat raw fish and grasshoppers but now jist the educated ones can do it—the college people.

Even in these days of college capers of eccentric eatin' we can still remember back when "a man bit'n a snake" was news.

—Paul Patterson

"Honolulu" Shows Monday and Tuesday



Eleanor Powell again proves her title as the world's champion tap dancer in the picture "Honolulu," which opens Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2 at the Princess Theatre. Robert Young, Gracie Allen and Rita Johnson complete the starring cast.

Young carries a dual role in the picture—that of a famous movie star and a pineapple plantation manager. The movie star, weary of public adulation, attends a Hollywood opening. A crowd of fans mistake the plant-

er for the star and he hits on the idea of changing places with the planter in order to get a rest. On his way to Honolulu he meets Miss Powell, a night club dancer and her secretary, Gracie Allen. Arriving in Honolulu the movie star is faced with the fiancée of the planter, and is forced to pretend he is the one she is to marry. Things really start happening then and Miss Powell will have nothing to do with him, until the planter shows up and everything is explained.

agreed plan between the two houses as to how to pay the pensions to the old aged of Texas, the House of Representatives one day last week voted (without any opposition) to spend \$500 of the state's funds to investigate an organization known as "Texas Pensions Union," the only active group hereabouts that is attempting to keep interest stirred up in payment of \$30 pensions promised by most of the successful candidates last summer. Sponsored by Representative Jim Taylor of Kerens, the resolution was passed quickly. It really served to bring this organization into the limelight as headlines screamed it that day and the next all over Texas.

The writer has in hand a copy of the letter being sent out by the Texas Pensions Union. It was circulated in Austin Saturday. Bearing the name of Jan Anderson as campaign director, it calls attention to its newly acquired publicity:

"With a \$500.00 House appropriation, they will squander time and State funds, and hope to discredit our work and your cause. And this folks, is the kind of 'helpful' friends the old people have in the House—a proof of why and how they continue to 'stall along' while you wait in need. We know the cause is right and what we do is right. And to you we appeal for steadfast confidence and dollar-bill support. And to Mr. Taylor, we say—come on, we welcome your silly 'investigation'."

Taylor, in support of his resolution, said "several old folks at home asked me if it was necessary to send a dollar to get their pensions."

Looking up Jan Anderson in his office in a downtown building, we never saw such a wad of mail as he was sorting. He laughed at what he called a "silly bluff" with reference to legislature's proposed investigation of the Texas Pensions Union.

He continued: "We know the cause is right and what we do is right, therefore we not only welcome, but we bluntly dare the legislature to conduct a full inquiry from the floor of the House before the public and give us the privilege of hooking up this hearing with a state wide broadcasting system."

"Many people think the governor is behind this, but despite all out calls to the governor and our telegrams to him, we have not yet been able to talk to him," Anderson declared. "But we believe that Governor O'Daniel will remain faithful to his campaign promises of last summer—for \$30 pensions and trusting that he appreciates our good faith to the old people and our aggressive assistance to the program—He promised in his campaign, we are backing him 100 per cent strong. And we mean strong in capital letters, for the Texas Pensions Union now has a membership covering more than 1000 towns in Texas."

the Fort Stockton City Council, and local motorists have been getting much practice their week in the art of fitting their cars to a limited section of vacant curb.

Grandfalls Gazette—Purchase of the lines and distribution system of Texas Electric Service Company in Grandfalls was announced this week by the Red Bluff Water Power Control District, and the switch in management was made Monday.

Big Bend Sentinel—Forty-three managers of Chamber of Commerce organizations in West Texas, as well as secretaries of those civic groups, this week were invited to spend Friday and Saturday in Marfa with the local organization, of which C. L. Arthur is president acting as host. Jack Kelly, Jr., is manager.

Alpine Avalanche—Plans were nearing completion yesterday for the annual observance of Boys and Girls Week, sponsored locally by the Rotary club which is to start here next Tuesday and run through the following Monday, according to Shirley Scales, general chairman, and other Rotary officials.

Balmorhea Texan—Fishing and swimming for the 1939 season will be officially opened May 1st, announced E. A. Humphries, concessionaire at the Balmorhea State Park today.

Dryden News

Mrs. H. L. Richardson and son, Keith, of San Antonio were week-end guests of Mrs. C. Smith.

Mrs. Roger Rose and two children are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, in Florence.

Miss Lillie Burdwell returned to her home in Del Rio Sunday after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Beulah Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kessler entertained with a birthday party Saturday night at the Bassett Tourist Camp. The proceeds of the party which was a neat little sum, will be used to help remodel the church. Various games were played and enjoyed by both grown-ups and children. Delicious refreshments of cake, cookies and cold drinks were served.

Mrs. W. D. Chandler returned Monday from Fabens where she visited her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Page, for several days.

Mesdames, Joe F. Brown, W. H. Savage, Ira Deaton and Tol Murrain attended the eighth district meeting of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in Fort Stockton this week.



(Editor's note—This column represents the views of an Austin newspaperman who is making a close study of the situation there and will report developments from week to week.)

(By Nugent Ezekiel Brown)

Austin (Special)—Flash! Here is hot news direct from the State Capitol!

With ten days to go of the regular session of the 46th Texas Legislature and absolutely no

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of us would like to see a change in the Board of Control if it takes that to get a cleaning out in the office of the Old Age Assistance.

"It is safe to say now that many changes will be made in the administration of the old age pensions set-up," said Representative Bose Reader of Erath County. "We want the so-called social experts, the women supervisors imported from Wisconsin and other states, cleaned out of the set-up and men and women with sympathy for the problems of our pioneers put in their place in this organization which has grown into such a political machine."

Other members of the House hail the Board of Control's decision in this instance as a "real step in the right direction".

Organized Labor vs. Kunschik
In listening to the strong labor lobby here in Austin who were defeated in their efforts to name the labor commissioner, it seems the legislature is forgetting that there are ten times as many working men and women who do not belong to any union at all. The Labor department is the only outlet whereby the governor can render service to the human side of governmental affairs. And, since the senate and the governor named and confirmed a commissioner over the protests and marches of disgruntled warring labor fractions, it is not consistent to withhold appropriations, thereby causing their choice to fail. They will restore the appropriation and give Joe Kunschik a duplicate of the last appropriation and give him a fair chance to make good, it is believed now.

Short Shorts—Nineteen Austin loan sharks lost their effort to get a suspension of Judge Ralph Yarbrough's order they must comply with Texas laws when the Supreme Court denied them relief. Life is beginning to get hard for the boys who have been so hard on the other fellow. And the Legislature will likely rush through a law against them in a few days. A woman is being mentioned for appointment to the highway commission following failure of West to be confirmed. Most observers believe it is only a publicity gesture for Mrs. Hobby as none feel it is a fitting job for a woman regard.

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from The Saturday Post in the Reader's

Wagie Call

Have an idea you're braver than a sheep, a man is no place for you. The sheep come first all the time. Will your status be because you happen to be a man's wife.

To take at first especially a tenderfoot. A man raised in the sheep country knows there's a good deal to be learned from a sheep. This is a good marriage to a Man-herder. I had lived all my life in the Southern city. I'm not used to my self-esteem being covered that the lowly sheep accorded a status I hope to attain.

Months out of each year the woolgrower's wife has to live with her neighbors who are miles apart, and impossible for her to visit. A trip to town represents unbelievable hardships if you are on your larder. Reduced to bare essentials you have an aching back and attention badly needed to grin and bear it. Weather moderates the sheep salt or make run low, that is, snowplows are on within the hour. For a man to have a balanced diet, no.

Wagie represents a struggle against the predator and the countless hazardous range which is 100 feet. But it is the life of all the live-ries because it alone to annual marketable wool. The word sheep and the average person's popular belief is "dumb." This is true. At times, they are human in their untimidity. Their timidity has an impression; but this is but an evidence of nature. Nature has produced with no defense but a horn. Their only upper jaw are the teeth to the back. Their teeth are not powerful enough to bite their adversaries. In sheep knows its limit. An attempt defense can be one thing, death by do take a stand against enemies, the courage of it is all the more because of its futility. Down ewes to fight for

their young with the courage of a lion. A coyote, the sheep's worst enemy, will not molest a ewe if there are lambs to be had. In the spring when he stalks the lambs, the ewe could easily escape, but sheepmen often find a badly mangled ewe near the carcass of her lamb, with evidence of a supreme struggle written on the sagebrush.

If a ewe is dumb, why does she welcome the ministrations of a lamher when she cannot give normal birth to her lamb? A skilled lamher can tell at a glance if a ewe cannot drop her lamb. When this is the case, he turns midwife, straightens twisted heads, changes the position of a lamb in case of breech presentation. And the ewe, which ordinarily hates being handled, ceases to struggle the minute he reaches her side.

The ewe is inconsolable if she loses her lamb. During the lambing season it is absolutely necessary that each ewe with sufficient milk suckle a lamb. And yet a ewe whose lamb has died will not adopt another normally. Should she be given another lamb, she will fight it off or trample it to death.

A method of forcing the ewe to cooperate is known as "jacketing." Her dead lamb, which she knows by its scent from birth, is skinned and the skin tied securely about the neck of an orphan. This lamb is put by her side. The distracted ewe circles about the impostor suspiciously, sniffs, and almost invariably accepts the lamb as her own. After a few days, the jacket is removed, but by this time the adopted lamb's scent has intermingled with the scent of the jacket and the ewe is content.

Ewes have definite ideas about what they want. I recall one which, for three consecutive years, gave birth to twin lambs. She was inordinately proud of them and when, the next year, she had one white lamb and one black, she repudiated the white lamb and fought it off. A few days later she was found suckling two black lambs, and it gave her prestige in the band, so she proposed to have them if she had to steal one to do it.

At shearing time the lambs and ewes are separated when the ewes are wrangled into pens to be sheared. Later they are turned back together in a big corral to "mother up." Sheep still look alike to me, but my husband and other sheepmen say their faces and blats are as individual as the faces and voices of people. It is miraculous to watch a ewe find her lamb from among 1500 to 1800 others. For perhaps 15 minutes there is a chaos of frantic blats and rushing feet, then absolute quiet. The band has

"The Ice Follies of 1939"



Joan Crawford and James Stewart in "The Ice Follies of 1939"

Double-barreled is the showmanly word for this unusual attraction. Along the broad box office front the names of Joan Crawford, James Stewart, Lewis Stone, Lew Ayres and Lionel Stander assuredly qualify as exploitation material for "The Ice Follies of 1939" which comes to the Princess Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Because it so completely outshines anything of the sort previously brought to screen, the long sequence presenting the ice ballet, in full color, is the more memorable entertainment factor and, therefore, the one likely to profit the picture most by word-of-mouth publicity. This portion of the picture successfully defies written description. Only the color camera, a most flexible and artful one in this case, is competent to report accurately the artistry of these quite incredible skaters. This portion of the film is without precedent.

The name players referred to in the opening paragraph are engaged in a story about skaters and motion picture people which is well told and frequently amusing. Mr. Stewart plays a rink impresario married to a cinema star. Their professional preoccupations keep them apart until the girl determines to give up her career, whereupon her employer hires her husband as a film producer, thus making it possible for them to be together more. The players named make this seem realistic without attempting to build it up for more interest than is compatible with the success of the skating finale.

Producer Harry Rapf divided emphasis between story and spectacle, giving the second somewhat the better of the bargain and, of course, the title. Leonard Praskins wrote the necessary story and Florence Ryerson and Edgar Allan Woolf collaborated with him on the screen play. Franz Waxman and George Stoll supplied appropriate musical direction with Roger Edens furnishing excellent score and lyrics. Bernice Petkere and Marty Symes composed "It's All So New To Me," the song number given chief prominence.

mothered up and the lambs are suckling contentedly. We had one ewe that refused to part with her lamb at the shipping season and followed the lamb drive for 40 miles. She was canny enough to keep out of sight until the third night out. Then she slipped into the band, recovered her lamb and returned homeward triumphantly and openly. No herder is going to travel 40 miles afoot, even if he could leave his sheep, to return a lone lamb to the drive, and this the ewe knew quite well.

There are always sheep bolder than the rest, and these become bellwethers, or lead sheep. Often the bellwether is a bum—an orphan lamb that has been raised on a bottle at the home ranch. The bellwether's courage comes from not being exposed to danger until confidence has been acquired. A leader having been accepted, there is no place the sheep would not follow him. At the shipping season this blind confidence betrays them. Lambs are shipped in doubledecker cars, 125 to 140 to a deck. In the lead, the bellwether makes his way to the far corner of the car and the lambs rush confidently in after him. When the deck has its quota, a loader whistles to the bellwether, which slides cautiously to the door and bounds out before the lambs know what it's all about.

The cowboy has been spotlighted in fiction, but there's nothing glamorous about a sheepherder. The picturesque trappings of the cowboy are not for him. He must wear clothes that will withstand tramping over miles of rocks and underbrush as he follows his sheep. His home for most of the year is a canvas-covered wagon, and even its scanty comforts are denied him in the summer when the sheep are in the mountains. Then all supplies must be taken in by pack train. Hence, the herder lives in a tent. He lives alone the year around. With the exception of the camp tender who brings supplies about once a week, it is an accident if he speaks to any other human being.

He must drive his sheep off the bed ground at sunup, with the temperature perhaps 40 below. Before he leaves his camp, his potatoes and canned goods must be wrapped in his bedding to prevent freezing. His lunch consists of a sandwich tucked in the pocket of his sheepskin. If the sun shines, he must

senses restlessness in the herd, and at the first move in the wrong direction, he is on his feet, quivering with excitement. Five minutes of racing and barking will cause the boldest lead sheep to change his mind.

Two things are instilled into the sheep dog from puppyhood—obedience to the sheep herder and loyalty to the herd. The sheep dog here is a cross of shepherd and collie, with a sprinkling of common cur. A collie's feet will not hold up in this rough country. A shepherd is tough-footed, but lacks the collie's strength. The common cur supplies the necessary endurance, and the cross makes the perfect sheep dog.

It takes infinite patience to train a sheep dog. Puppies are trained at the home ranch and particularly guarded against acquiring two habits which would make them worthless—barking at all hours and chasing rabbits. A good sheep dog only barks when it is necessary to turn the sheep. To a sheep, a bark means business, and too much of it means just nothing at all. A mature dog may chase rabbits in his leisure hours, but never when he's working. When obedience has become second nature, the young dog is taken to a sheep camp, while his training comes from a seasoned sheep dog. The young dog merely imitates the older dog. The herder interferes with the canine instructor only when a pup works too fast and tires the sheep.

A herder works his dog almost entirely by signals, because at a distance his voice often could not be heard. The dog races to the lead of the sheep, stops and looks back to his master for instructions. An upraised arm to right or left designates the direction the herd is to be turned. Isolated as he is, I truly be-

lieve the dog's love and companionship mean as much to the herder as does the help he gives in working the sheep. Herders are an easy-going lot, as a rule, but abuse of their dogs will turn them into surly avengers.

The herder's love for his dog is reciprocated many times over by the dogs. I have mentioned the herder who killed himself. That was nine years ago. His dog, old Mike, has grieved all these years, and has never done a day's work since, although he was once the best sheep dog in the outfit. He is pensioned now and sleeps on an old sheepskin the herder once wore. He has never taken food from another hand. When hunger drives him, he will come by night to the kitchen door and eat from a pan that is always there for him. Rheumatic, half blind, deaf and toothless, he is

still patiently waiting for his master.

A good herder only "dogs" his sheep when it is absolutely necessary. Too constant dogging tends to make a sheep "ga'nt"—thin. Ga'nt sheep have to be fed, and feeding means hundreds of tons of cottonseed cake, corn and hay and another man in camp. When a herder's band has to be fed early in the winter, he feels that it is a reflection on his efficiency. To the woolgrower, early feeding means the difference between a tidy profit and a possible loss.

The element of chance in sheep raising keeps every member of the outfit on his toes every day in the year. But despite the countless difficulties in the past five years, I have yet to learn of one who voluntarily quit his business for another.

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