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Mrs. Bill Davis

Schmidt-Davis Wedding Held in Mason

In a double ring ceremony performed Friday evening, July 10th, at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Mason, Miss Carolyn Louise Schmidt became the bride of Mr. Bill Ralph Davis.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schmidt of Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis of Sterling City.

Rev. Alfred Doerfler of Corpus Christi, former pastor of St. Paul, officiated at the ceremony. Nuptial music and accompaniment was by Mrs. Victor Lehmborg, aunt of the bride, sang "One Hand, One Heart," "The Wedding Prayer," and "Bless This House."

Entering the church with her father, the bride was attired in a formal gown of silk organza over taffeta. Designed with a scoop neckline with motif of re-embroidered Alen-con lace enhanced with crystal and pearl beading. A molded bodice with lace featured bracelet length sleeves. The sheath controlled skirt repeated the beaded lace design and was fashioned with a wateau shouldered train of graceful chapel length. Her veil of fingertip English illusion fell from a small Queens crown of lace embellished with seed pearls.

Mrs. Davis wore a pearl necklace, given to her by the bridegroom. She carried a lace handkerchief belonging to her grandmother, the late Mrs. Walter Lehmborg. She also carried a white Bible, belonging to her mother and carried in her wedding, on which was an arrangement of staphonitis centered by a large orchid.

Miss Sandra Schmidt of Austin was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Mitzi Davis, sister of the groom, of Sterling City, Miss Susan Zesch of Mason, and Mrs. Jerry Dutton, cousin of the bride, of Junction.

The bride's yellow chiffon dresses with floor length trains, replicas of the bride's gown. Headresses were of yellow tulle accented by a large cluster of petals. The attendants each carried a large yellow Victorian rose.

Flower girl was Patti Bynum, niece of the groom, of Sterling City. Ringbearer was Mitch Rosberry, cousin of the bride, of Mason.

Tony Allen of Sterling City was best man. Groomsman were Tim Schmidt, brother of the bride, of Mason, Bob Childress of Ozona, and Jimmy Smith of Winters. Ushers were Freddie Schmidt, cousin of the bride, of Mason, and Melvin Foster of Sterling City. A reception was held on the church lawn for the 400 guests.

Serving at the bride's table were Mrs. Marie Schwartz of

San Antonio, Mrs. Kurt Hofmann, of Mason, aunt of the bride, Miss Rebecca Ramsey of El Campo, Miss Christi Couch of Pecos, Miss Carolyn Bratton, Miss Mary Margaret McMillan, Miss Judy Martin, all of Mason, and Miss Nancy Toland of Taft.

Serving at the bridegroom's table were Mrs. Lawrence Davis, aunt of the groom, of Coahoma, Mrs. Billy Bynum, sister of the groom, Mrs. Ray Mixon, Mrs. Worth Allen, Miss Cecilia McDonald all of Sterling City, and Miss Katherine Leftwich of Lubbock.

Miss Linda Lehmborg, cousin of the bride, presided at the bride's book. Others in the housparty were Mmes. Walton, Fritz, Victor, Roy, and Rae Lehmborg, aunts of the bride, Mrs. Wayne Hofmann, Mrs. Bobby Rasberry, Miss Laura Lehmborg, cousins of the bride, Miss Kathy Zesch of Mason, and Miss Suzie Schultz of Graham.

Misses Jane Schmidt, Debra, Brenda, and Paula Lehmborg, June Eckert, and Becky Schwarz handed out the rice bags.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Schmidt chose a rose beige chiffon dress. The groom's mother was attired in a green silk shaunting with matching accessories.

Universities attended by the bride included the University of Colorado and Texas Technological University where she is a Junior Speech Therapy Major.

Mr. Davis attended San Angelo College and Texas Technological University where he is a Senior Range Management major.

The couple left by jet for a honeymoon trip in Jackson, Wyoming and will reside through the summer months in Burley, Idaho, where Mr. Davis is employed by the Bureau of Land Management as an Assistant Range Technician.

The couple will resume their studies at Texas Tech this fall and will be at home at 1716 27th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Son to the Horwoods

A son, named Lonnie Carl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Horwood Sunday evening of this week. The baby weighed six pounds and fourteen ounces and was born at 11:24 p.m. at the Sterling County Hospital.

The Horwoods have three other children, Lisa, Larry and Leonard. Papa Stan is a local rancher and Mrs. Horwood is the former Elizabeth Hildebrand.

Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Horwood and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand

H. L. Hildebrand, Bank President

Worth B. Durham Vice-President

H. L. Hildebrand, who has been vice-president of The First National Bank here for a number of years, was named president by the directors at a meeting here on July 16. Worth B. Durham was named vice-president.

R. T. Foster, Jr. was appointed a director replacing his father, Roy Foster, who resigned as director and president, due to ill health.

There will be no change of policy of the bank in any way, said Hildebrand.

Other officers of the bank are D. Kirk Hopkins, executive vice-president and cashier, and Mrs. Nan Davis, assistant cashier.

Directors of the bank include Flavy Davis, Hildebrand, Durham, R. T. Foster, Jr., Ross Foster, Roland Lowe and Hopkins.

Alvie Cole Schedules Field Day

Alvie Cole took a long look at the dry pastures and clear sky and has decided to do something about it. He installed a Hydroponic grass machine and has scheduled a field day and barbecue to let everyone know just what this hydroponic business is.

The field day and barbecue is scheduled for noon on this Saturday the 25th. Anyone is welcome and bring the family.

In order to get your questions answered, Dr. F. M. Churchill of ACC has consented to be on hand. Dr. Churchill is professor of Range Management of ACC and has made quite a study of Hydroponics and where it fits into the proper range management program. He will lead an informal discussion on such subjects as pasture rotation, supplemental feeding of cattle and sheep, and just where the daily use of fresh green succulent hydroponic grass fits in for the rancher and feeder. Alvie is presently feeding the grass from his machine to his registered quarterhorses and will demonstrate for the visitors just how it is harvested and fed to the livestock.

So if you would like some good goat barbecue and want some first hand information about hydroponics, just go on out to the Alvie Cole Ranch this Saturday about noon and you should experience a very interesting day.

For those who have never heard of Hydroponics, it is the science of growing plants under controlled conditions without soil. For all we know, this may be the only way the West Rancher can survive if the present drought persists.

SHOT 'N SMOKE Wildcat Mt. Gun Club

The San Angelo Gun Club finally pulled ahead of the Wildcat Mt. Gun Club team Sunday afternoon and won by a 26 bird margin.

The Sterling team lead the San Angelo bunch through the first three rounds but then inexperience, heat and some unaccounted for misses took their toll. The final score after the smoke cleared was San Angelo 332 - Sterling 306. There was a possible 400 score. The Wildcat Mt. team was composed of Billy D. Blair, Bob Clemmons, Jim Davis, Edgar Helwig, Mims Reed, and Sam Simmons.

Some of the San Angelo shooters were Barney Brooks, Ed Talley, John I. Moore and Albert Barth. All of these gentlemen are recognized shooters in some field such as trap, skeet, bench rest and muzzle loading rifle competition.

The San Angelo team plans to journey to Sterling possibly next month for a return match. The public will be invited to come out and watch some good shooting.

After the 100 bird match at the San Angelo Gun Club the Sterling group was invited to "shoot of few" at the

LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club met Wednesday noon in the community center. Guests included Earl Seago, A. L. Jackson, Collin Douthit, Wes and Jeff Mercer and Mike Gambill.

The prize went to Mike Gambill.

It was reported that about \$125 was made on the barbecue supper of last Friday. Over 150 persons were served. Little Leaguers were served free and all others paid.

The locals, under the sponsorship of Jack Asbill, won over Coahoma 13 to 11. Jack played all 26 of his Sterling City players. Sterling will play Coahoma there next Tuesday night for the season's final game.

July 8 Meeting

Rev. Joe P. Self, visiting Baptist evangelist, spoke to the club on the meeting on July 8. He urged men to work together for the good of the community and the nation.

The club voted to pay a Midland law firm for expenses incurred in a try at forming a Sterling County water district several years ago.

Guests present were Joe Self, Owen Ayler, Earl Seago, Butch Seago, and Ricky Hopkins.

Gym Being Remodelled

The Sterling school gym is getting a new floor, enlarged dressing rooms and some repainting done this summer. A new roof was put over the old with insurance money after the hail damage.

The floor has been in bad shape for several years and the dressing rooms have needed enlarging and remodeling for some time.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Wednesday morning of this week included—

Mrs. Stan Horwood and infant son, Lonnie Carl, born July 19.

Leroy Hunt, Jr. Dismissals since Thursday morning, July 9th include:

Mrs. Ignacio Martinez and infant daughter, Rosa
Mrs. Willie Rodriguez and infant daughter Rebecca
Mrs. George Gann
J. Q. Foster
Lynn Alexander
Mrs. Monseis Rodriguez
Roy White
Mrs. Lillian Blair
Mrs. Ray Tindall
R. H. Godwin
Mrs. A. G. Daves
Mrs. H. L. Bailey
Mrs. Fred Hodges
Mark Chumley
Neal Brewer
Mrs. Juan Salazar

Mrs. Earl Seago, Butch and Terry are visiting relatives in Baytown. Earl, local commander of the American Legion, will attend the convention in Houston this weekend, and they will all return home the first part of next week.

Trina Marie and Janice Revell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Trinton Revell of Houston are here visiting relatives.

Robert Lively, son of Skipper Lively, is attending the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania this week.

newly organized Big Stack Skeete Club located on the Mertzon highway where the smoke stack of the old city incinerator still stands. A good time was had by all of the Sterling bunch as none of them had shot skeet before. Members said the scores shot at skeet need never be told.

Erection of a 12 foot x 24 foot shade should be complete in time for the July 26 trap shoot to be held at 1:30 p.m. at the club range. Come out and join in on the shooting or just watch the fun from the shade but COME OUT!



AROUND THE COUNTY



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

This week, July 19-25, has been proclaimed National Farm Safety Week by President Johnson. National Farm Safety Week is an annual observance of the fact that farm accidents still kill, injure, and cost millions of dollars each year. The week is aimed at cutting down on these losses.

Each year, accidents to farm or ranch residents take 8,700 lives, injure 800,000, and cost \$1.5 billion. This is the highest rate of any industry or occupation. For example, the death rate for farm residents and accidents is 60.8 persons per 100,000 farm residents; of these 16.1 deaths occur while actually engaged in farm work. The greatest total, 25.9 deaths occur in motor vehicle accidents; a total of 14.7 deaths per 100,000 are charged to the farm home.

Farm residents are not more prone to accidents than others but the nature of their work has much to do with the high rate. More and more machinery and equipment is being used in the operation of the ranch or farm. Many are working longer hours and are working when tired. This coupled with the use of machinery sets up more accidents than any other factor. The auto accidents are higher because more operators are spending more time on the road, either in going from one place to another or in securing equipment or supplies.

With the drought conditions, more cattle will be shipped to market to cut down the stocking rate on the range. Ranchers are reminded that cows over three years of age may be backtagged, and if sent to slaughter in federally inspected plants, blood samples will be taken from tagged animals. These samples will then be sent to a laboratory and checked for brucellosis.

Ranchers shipping cattle can profit by tagging their cows. If they are slaughtered and blood samples taken, the results will be credited back to the rancher shipping the cows. Then, when it is time to recertify a county under the brucellosis program which is done every three years, the rancher who has had animals in the market test program will usually not be required to test again. Last year, those herds in Sterling County which had tested the backtag-market were not tested by the laboratory.

It costs nothing to the rancher. Backtags, glue, and instructions for applying the tags are available in the county agent's office.

Sterling County has not yet had a case of screwworms confirmed in the Mission laboratory but last week, the confirmed case line came a little closer. A case was found in Coke County; the location of the case was eleven miles northwest of Bronte. This would probably put it somewhere near the line where Mitchell, Nolan, and Coke counties join.

Sterile flies were to be dropped into the area within a few days of the time the case was found. The same methods as used last year are being used this year in areas where cases are found. Flies are dropped in the area, neighbors are urged to spray and check their livestock.

It has been at least two weeks since any samples have been sent in from this county. This is pretty well true all over the state the last couple of weeks. According to the last report from the Mission headquarters, non-screwworm samples have dropped over fifty percent. Screwworm samples are also down. There were seven cases in Texas the week ending July 9. Pecos

To Coach in All-Star Games

Texas State Coaches School for eight man-six man football, to be held on the campus of Ranger Junior College the week of July 26 through August 1, will have an array of Texas college coaches on hand to lecture and demonstrate to the coaches sessions, which are to be held in the new Science Building.

RJC head coach Gerald Williams is setting up the arrangements for the school which will bring 120 coaches and some 100 high school athletes to the campus. All-Star basketball and All-Star six man and eight man football games will be played the last three nights of the week; July 30, 31, and August 1, in the college's new gym and new stadium. Williams and his entire staff have been working all summer to rush the completion of the new stadium, which was sodded weeks ago and has been watered around the clock for many weeks.

The gym, one of the five new buildings constructed this year on the campus, will be completed in time for the All-Star basketball game on July 30.

Coach Bill McGuire of Balmorhea High School will coach the West six-man team. Coach Dwain Bunch of Coolidge High School will coach the East six-man team.

Coach Leon Dunn of Harper High School will coach the East eight-man team and coach J. R. Dillard of Sterling City High School will coach the West eight-man team.

Coach Merle Watson of Lone Oak High School will coach the East squad for the All-Star basketball game and coach F. W. McDonald of Sterling City High School will coach the West squad.

The night of July 29, a banquet, for visiting coaches and visiting lecturers, will be held in the college Fine Arts Building at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Ranger Chamber of Commerce and the college.

Local assistant coach George White, will help J. R. Dillard in the coaching of the 8-man west football team. The football (8-man) game will be held on Saturday night. The basketball game will be held on Thursday night.

Danny Bailey, local half-back, was invited to play as an all-star from Sterling City. He is working and has declined the honor, said Dillard. He said Bailey was somewhat afraid that he might aggravate an old injury.

Mrs. Joe Emery, Mrs. Ruth Hill and Bonnie Gartman spent last weekend in Cloudcroft, N. M. visiting Jodie Emery and other friends. Bonnie returned Sunday, and Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Hill returned Wednesday.

and Crockett counties each had two cases; Scheicher, Maverick, and Medina counties had one each. The only other cases in the Southwestern United States were seven confirmed cases received from Pinal County, Arizona.

This made fourteen cases for the Southwest in 1964 for the week. Compare this to 1963 there were 134 cases. In 1962, there were 2,091 during the same week. The decrease is almost unbelievable. Dry weather over much of the country is helping but the majority of the credit still must go to the livestock producers who are cooperating with the program officials to do away with the pest.



Behind the 8-Ball

Well we missed last week's issue — due to a vacation week, which is about what we promised in the News-Record two weeks ago. A number of weekly papers close up for a week or two each year for a vacation period. That seems to be the only solution to a vacation problem for many of them.

8-BALL
We first went to Albuquerque the first day and got there about 4:15 p.m. A shopping trip and sightseeing in the "Old Town" comprised the first night's activities. The city has well preserved the old, ancient town, and the tourists really flock to it — for souvenirs, food, Indian craft, etc.

8-BALL
The road on west takes you over the Continental Divide near Grants. You travel through several Indian Reservations on Route 66 — the Acoma, the Navajo and others that I can't recall. A stop to visit the old churches and pueblos should be on everyone's trip.

8-BALL
Albuquerque, Grants, Gallup, and the Arizona towns all are built along Route 66 and the Santa Fe. Motels and filling stations take up the most of the highway space.

8-BALL
A trip through New Mexico call for sightseeing tours to the bottomless lakes near Roswell and Kit Carson's cave near Gallup. The Indian hogans or wickups are a very crude way to live — it seems — but the Indians seem to prefer them.

8-BALL
We went through the Arizona Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Parks and they are worth the 50c per car fee many times over. We bought some polished petrified wood at Fred Harvey's concession just inside the petrified forest — but if one picks up any out of the park — wham — a federal offense. They practically search your car when you leave. (At least they ask you.) And once, we stopped to make some slides — sitting on a large tree — and a park ranger drove down and parked so he could watch everything.

8-BALL
In Flagstaff, Arizona, we were kinda reminded of Albuquerque. The San Francisco Mountains are right there — just like the Sandia Mts. by Albuquerque. The high altitudes make your car lose some of its horsepower.

8-BALL
A trip to the Meteor Crater in Arizona you see where a giant meteor or a cluster of them fell — digging an enormous bowl or depression. A museum has been built by the by the edge of the crater and people may go see the crater, etc.

8-BALL
On a trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon you have to go way up north and swing back down. Some Indian ruins demand seeing on the way — and you go for miles in the Navajo Indian Reservation. The bridge over the Colorado was down in a canyon and on beyond were the famed Vermillion Cliffs. It is so low at the bottom — it's hot, but once you regain altitude, you cool off. We ate dinner at a station and cafe close to the bridge. Little service and little choice of food. No ice water — just from a jug from a refrigerator.

8-BALL
As we got to Jacob Lake near the entrance of the North Rim of the Grand Canyon Park, towering pines and white-barked aspens stretched for miles. The winding road finally got us to our true destination — the Grand Canyon. We had been told the North Rim was the best and most scenic. It's a lot higher — so a lot cooler in daytime and night.

The canyon, as you walk to a walking area, bursts on your vision and it's hard to conceive. It floors one from all the many vantage points on the walks and the drives. It

is as Theodore Roosevelt said, "Every American should see this" when he declared the area a National Park.

8-BALL
The Utah Parks Co. has the cabins, the Inn, and the Cafeteria concessions and you can park and camp for one dollar — for as long as fourteen nights — or get a cabin very reasonable — with heaters or fireplaces in them.

A lot of college students work in the parks in the summer — everyone from the maids, cooks, ground cleaners — on up or down.

8-BALL
Many deer, squirrels, and chipmunks are in evidence. They are not afraid of people. In a National park animals are not game and trees are not timber — so it says.

8-BALL
On to Zion Canyon in Utah. One thinks that after the Grand Canyon, nothing would make a big impression again. But — as you drive down into Zion and through it — you are amazed at the hugeness, the colors the formations, the structures that make up Zion Park. No wonder the Mormons called it Zion — a place not made with human hands. It's a place also set aside by Teddy Roosevelt for all Americans to see and own.

8-BALL
In Santa Fe after four years, it seems as if something has been lost in the old part. Some of it seems to be disappearing — making way to progress. Heaven forbid, they should keep it as it is and was — that means tourists, etc, to see the old.

8-BALL
No rain here while gone. The yard tried to burn up and the trees looked drier and sorta "heat beat". If it doesn't rain soon — and a lot — it is really going to be bad around here.

It was dry out west, too — except in the mountains. It rained on us in Albuquerque and Gallup had a humdinger one night. They called it a cloudburst — although they had only an inch.

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Sept. 11 — Gail - Here
Sept. 18 — Flower Grove - There
Sept. 25 — Klondike - Here
Oct. 2 — Miles - Here
Oct. 9 — Imperial - There (11 man game)
Oct. 16 — Grandfalls-There (11 man game)
Oct. 24 — Stanton B - There (Saturday) (11 man game)
Oct. 30 — Open
*Nov. 6 — Imperial - Here
*Nov. 13 — Forsan — Here (Homecoming)
*Nov. 20 — Garden City - There

* Conference games — 7:30 and all others at 8:00 p.m.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Sterling City, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on June 30, 1964. Published in Response to Call Made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$545,825.29
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed (Net of any reserves)	609,248.70
Obligations of States and political subdivisions (Net of any reserves)	646,640.79
Other bonds, notes, and debentures (including \$150,375.01 securities of Federal agencies and corporations not guaranteed by U. S.) (Net of any reserves)	150,375.01
Loans and discounts (Net of any reserves)	1,292,518.31
Fixed assets	95,012.30
Other assets	14,552.83
TOTAL ASSETS	3,354,173.23

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,618,195.28
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,063,341.25
Deposits of United States Government	15,889.33
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	169,613.96
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,867,039.82
(a) Total demand deposits	\$1,753,698.57
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$1,113,341.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,867,039.82

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common stock—par value per share \$100.00	
No. shares authorized 2,000	
No. shares outstanding 2,000	Total par value 200,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided profits	87,133.41
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	487,133.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL ACCTS.	3,354,173.23

NOTE
Time certificates of deposit outstanding 396,157.56

I, D. Kirk Hopkins, Executive Vice-President and Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. KIRK HOPKINS

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

R. T. FOSTER
H. L. HILDEBRAND
CLYDE R. FOSTER
Directors

Report of Sterling County Treasurer, Mrs. Sallie Wallace on June 30, 1964

JURY FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	\$3,824.22
To amount received since last report	20.95
By amount paid out since last report	375.48
By amount to balance	3,469.69

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	7,585.53
To amount received since last report	14,924.46
By amount paid out since last report	6,936.48
By amount to balance	15,573.51

GENERAL FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	28,521.83
To amount received since last report	2,317.98
By amount paid out since last report	12,441.02
By amount to balance	18,398.79

COURTHOUSE & JAIL FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	6,316.55
To amount received since last report	15.95
By amount paid out since last report	150.41
By amount to balance	6,182.09

HOSPITAL SINKING FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	4,689.94
To amount received since last report	42.62
By amount paid out since last report	787.50
By amount to balance	3,945.06

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	5,736.45
To amount received since last report	.00
By amount paid out since last report	1,347.97
By amount to balance	4,388.48

LATERAL ROAD FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	4,011.91
To amount received since last report	.00
By amount paid out since last report	2,023.18
By amount to balance	1,988.73

FARM-TO-MARKET & LATERAL ROAD SINKING FUND

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	15,829.26
To amount received since last report	130.00
By amount paid out since last report	.00
By amount to balance	15,959.26

PERMANENT SCHOOL INTEREST

To balance last report, filed March 31, 1964	271.43
To amount received since last report	336.25
By amount paid out since last report	607.68
By amount to balance	.00

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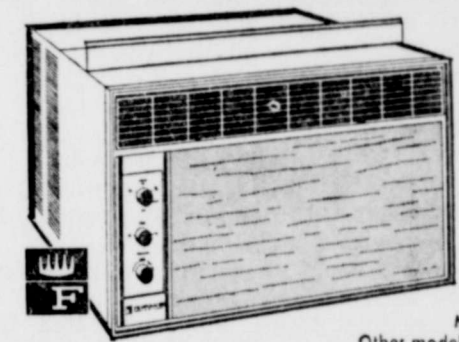
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Mrs. Tommy Roger, Recent Bride

Mrs. Tommy Roger, the former Mary Ruth Asbill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Asbill, was married July 3 in a ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Roger are making their home in Columbus, Georgia. Tommy is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

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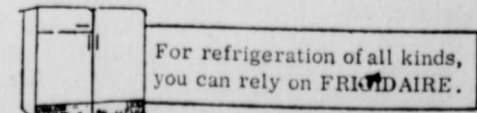
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The History of Sterling County

BY IRA LEE WATKINS

(Continued From Last Week)

The era of the huge cattle companies, as has already been pointed out, was a relatively short one in Sterling. Beginning in the early '70's and ending in the '80's, it at best was not more than twelve to fifteen years long. Settlers began to filter in by the early '80's and thereafter the story of the free range is the story of its joint occupation by cattle king and settler. Among the first settlers to come to Sterling County were R. W. and W. L. Foster. They drove a small herd of cattle through from Coleman and settled on Sterling Creek in the year 1881 at a point about eight miles south of the present site of Sterling City. Others to come in at about the same time were Finous Bates, J. G. Soulard, W. N. Hiler, J. B. Hiler, W. A. Jackson, Henry Bade, David Longacre, William Weible, Dane Holloway, and Enoch Sparks. (6)

These early settlers might be classed as "settler-cattlemen". They were not cattle kings, yet they engaged in the cattle business. They came to Sterling seeking a better place to make a living and intending to establish homes, develop the country, and leave a heritage for their children. Sharing the free range with the cattle barons, most of them began with small herds and little money. Some had neither herds nor money and got their start as cowboys on the huge ranches.

As far as the big ranchers were concerned, these first settlers were an unwelcome lot. The cattlemen viewed these so-called squatters as a nuisance, tried to keep them out, and even tried to run them out after they came. When a man came in and "squatted" on the land a cattlemen claimed for his range, the latter would try to make the settler believe he had to leave. By running a bluff the cattlemen might scare the settler enough to keep him from filing claim to the land. If a cattlemen thought he could intimidate a settler or convince him he had "squatted" on some one else's land, he, as a rule didn't hesitate to do so. When R. W. Foster settled on Sterling Creek in the range area claimed by the M S Outfit, the manager of the ranch brought his map over and showed Mr. Foster he had settled on a section of railroad land, which the rancher claimed as his own. Mr. Foster saw from the map that immediately west of the railroad section was a section of school land which, he knew, the rancher did not own; so he moved his family up the creek a mile and settled on the school land. (7) Seeing that Mr. Foster was not to be bluffed into leaving, the cattlemen gave no more trouble.

The favorite time to attempt to run the squatter out was when he first arrived and before he had time to buy any land. The Kellis family located in the '80's on the upper North Concho in the U Range Area. The stockmen went to their home, loaded up the household goods, took them to Montvale, and dumped them in a corral. (8)

Another settler, Earl Bailey, as late as 1893 located on a section farther up the Concho. He put up a house and windmill and grubbed a few acres of land preparatory to putting it into cultivation. Before he could close a deal for the land, the stockmen had stolen a march on him and had bought it themselves. (9)

When settlers began coming into Sterling County, most of the land was owned by the State of Texas and by railroad companies. At about this time, school land was placed on the market. Railroad land could also be purchased. Even though the wire fence had not been introduced, most settlers bought as much land as they could afford. They ran their stock on this land and at the same time shared the free range with their neighbors, the big ranchers. After a cat-

tleman saw that he couldn't run a settler out of the country, the two often became the best of friends.

The price of land at this time ranged from one dollar to three dollars per acre. Under the Seven Section Act, one man could buy as many as seven sections of state land. All the land at that time was classified into three groups; watered land, agricultural land, and dry grazing. When a person bought land, he did his own classifying. This practice resulted later in a great many fiercely contested law suits, in which a late comer would claim that the original purchaser had not classified his land right and therefore should forfeit his title to it. The three classes of land sold as different prices; the dry grazing land was the cheapest, the agricultural land next, and watered land highest. Whenever land was "taken up", the purchaser would pay one fortieth of the value of the land as a down payment. He could hold the land as long as he kept up five percent interest. The purchaser had to live on his land a certain number of days each year for a certain number of years. Anytime after a man had lived his claim out, he could pay the remaining thirty nine fortieths of its original value and the land was his own. Whenever this latter payment was made it was said to be "patented", and this gave the owner undisputed title to the land. (10)

Railroad land could be leased in the early days for as little as three cents an acre. There was very little incentive, however, for anyone to lease land as long as the range was open and grazing free. The only motive would be to keep squatters from settling on particularly desirable land. As late as 1901, railroad land leased for five cents an acre.

The coming of the settlers caused most of the large cattle companies to make some sort of effort to acquire legal possession of their land. They realized that if they did not do this, the influx of settlers would absorb all the grazing land and that they would be forced to move on or go out of business. Even this expedient did not prevent the huge ranches from being greatly diminished in size, for under the land law, there was a limit to the number of sections of land one man could acquire. Residence regulations also worked a hardship on them. Some big ranchers took up school land in their son's and even their daughter's names. (11) A great many people even suspected that occasionally an unscrupulous cattlemen would take up land in his horse's name. (12) Often, too, the rancher would have one of his cowboys take up land. The rancher would furnish the money for the down payment and build a shack on the land where the cowboy would "bach" a part of each year in order to fulfill the residence requirements. Later the cowboy would deed the land over to the cattlemen. In spite of their efforts to acquire as much land as possible, the big ranchers saw their expansive ranges diminished in size by the coming of the "settler-cattlemen." Loss of grazing territory with the drought of 1886 and 1887 even drove the Half Circle S into bankruptcy. (13)

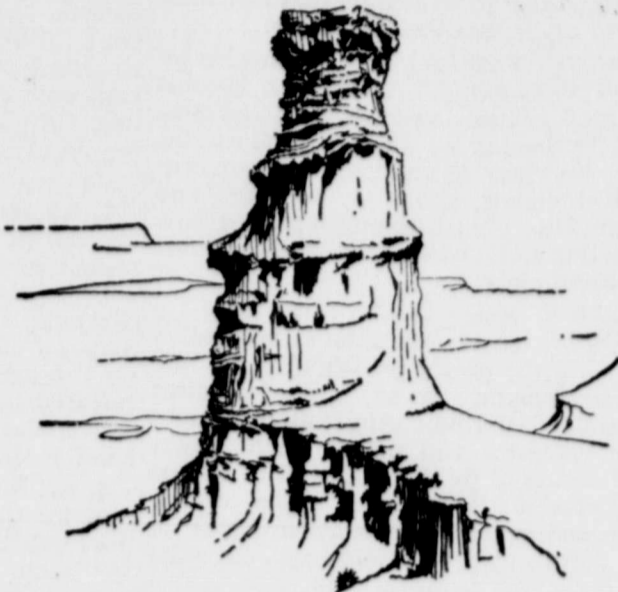
A very few of the early settlers engaged in agriculture. The Kellis family built a small dam across the North Concho and engaged for a time in truck farming. Some people, after a few years, began to raise sorghum and other grains as feed for their horses. After a few more years others began to experiment with cotton growing; however, very little of that crop was grown until about the time of the organization of the county in 1891.

- (6) W. F. Kellis, LOC. CIT.
- (7) W. L. Foster, LOC. CIT.
- (8) "Mrs. Milissa C. Everett,



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Q — I receive disability pension of \$90 per month. Until recently my only other income was \$78 per month from Social Security. I am now able to do a little part-time work and expect to make about \$10 per week for the rest of the year. Should this be reported to the VA now or will it be OK to wait until time for the income report at the end of the year?

A — The increase in your income should be reported to your VA Regional Office immediately so that the proper adjustment may be made in the amount of your pension. Otherwise you run the risk of being paid pension at a higher rate than you are entitled to. This would result in overpayments which would have to be paid back.

Q — May death pension be paid to a widow and minor children of a peacetime veteran who died from causes not connected with his military service?

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A Pioneer Woman," WEST TEXAS HIST. ASSN. YRBK (Abilene 1927).

- (9) IBID.
- (10) W. L. Foster, LOC. CIT.
- (11) J. L. Glass, LOC. CIT.
- (12) G. G. Ainsworth, Interview, Sterling City, July 25, 1938.
- (13) J. L. Glass, LOC. CIT.

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