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Photo by Reina

OZONA UNDER WATER. The above dramatic picture was made in the early morning light, Monday, June 28, by Armando Reina from the point below the Latin-American settlement. The flood reached its crest before daylight and the above picture was made after the water had receded some two feet as evidenced by the watermarker on the

home in the center foreground. Smoke from the M & M Cafe fire can be seen at far upper left and from Casbeer home fire upper center. The Community Center and South Elementary school are at extreme right and the distant hill to the right is water works hill.

RAPID PROGRESS MADE IN CLEAN-UP OF OZONA AFTER TRAGIC FLOOD

An amazing job has been done toward cleaning up and clearing away the mountains of rubble and trash created by the record shattering flood in Johnson Draw early Monday morning of last week, resulting in the loss of fifteen lives and millions of dollars in damage.

The job of salvaging household goods and personal possessions strewn for miles down the banks of the rampaging wash and cleaning up and hauling off the tons of crumpled tin and shattered lumber that once was homes of Ozonans together with many more tons of trash, brush and debris piled up by the raging water is not yet complete and will not be finished perhaps, for months to come, but a lot of progress has been made.

Move Initiated To Bring About Dam Construction

Congressman And Senators Asked To Initiate Survey

A move which is expected to enlist the hearty sympathy and cooperation from all Ozonans, for construction of a flood control dam above Ozona to prevent a repetition of the disastrous flood which struck the city Monday of last week, has been initiated here this week.

Following a visit last week by Lt. Col. Carl G. Sory, George M. Parker and L. D. Sykes, all from the Army Corps of Engineers regional office in Fort Worth, a local committee named by County Judge Houston Smith and headed by Wayne W. West, dispatched letters to Senators and Congressman Ken Regan asking that they cooperate to bring about a start toward realization of the project. Senators Price Daniel and Lyndon B. Johnson were asked to lend aid in the Senate and Congressman Regan in the House to have an immediate survey started by the Corps of Engineers.

The Fort Worth engineers made a hurried survey of possible sites in company with Mr. West and other members of the committee, W. R. Baggett and Boyd Clayton, and said that the project appeared feasible and advised committee members how to proceed to start the movement.

Beer Election Order Is Rescinded Because Of Faulty Petition

Further delving into the special Texas laws governing the holding of elections to decide the question of legalizing the sale of beer in dry counties resulted in action by the Crockett County Commissioners Court in a special session this week to rescind its previous order setting July 10 as the date for an election on the beer question in this county.

A petition bearing 105 signatures asking that an election be called to decide whether or not sale of beer containing alcohol not to exceed 14 percent by volume was handed to the court at its June session and acting on the assumption that 10 percent of the voting strength signed the petition was sufficient to require the court to do so, ordered the election and set July 10 as the date.

Later investigation revealed that 20 percent of the voting strength is required before the court can authorize the election, and since an insufficient number of signatures appeared on the petition, the previous action was rescinded and the election cancelled.

SCS To Make Survey Of Damage To Ranches

Bob Scott, Soil Conservation Service, has announced that his office will conduct a survey to determine the amount of damage to agriculture in the Crockett Soil Conservation district. The survey will be made for flood control study and possible future action.

Mr. Scott asks all ranchmen who suffered damage in the floods in this county to call at his office in the Hotel Ozona and make a report on losses, call 33-J or see any of the supervisors.

With the appearance of Warren Leason, Big Lake, numbered among the missing in the flood, the known list of missing in the local flood was reduced to one. He is Harold Eugene Price, son of S. L. Jeffers and the late Mrs. Jeffers. The Jeffers' 11-month-old daughter, Donna, was drowned in the flood and Mrs. Jeffers, who was found 11 miles down stream, died later in the Crockett County hospital.

Leason, registered at a local hotel, had disappeared Friday before the flood. A car similar to his was discovered in the huge water hole just south of the Corden station. Big pumps were hooked up pumping the water hole out when Leason drove into town. The pumping is being continued to drain the big hole which is filled with all manner of household goods, cans, trucks, tires, etc.

Meanwhile the job of moving homes back to their original lots and setting back on their foundations those jarred off by the force of the torrent is progressing. Paul Gibbs in charge of directing this work, has asked that home owners be patient until the three crews of house movers now working can get around to them.

Homeowners whose homes were destroyed or possessions washed out in the early morning flood continue the dreary search for some of their most cherished possessions along the lower reaches of the draw. Salvaged articles are being concentrated at the fair grounds, in the courthouse and at other available spots where those who suffered loss may reclaim those articles which they are able to identify.

A dozen families made homeless by the flood were still being cared for in temporary shelters set up by the Red Cross in the gym and in the Junior High School, and serving of meals three times daily at the mess hall in the girls' gym in the high school was being continued.

The count of the number of meals served the first two days after the flood were not available but a peak was reached Wednesday when 1,700 meals were served, 1,400 on Thursday, 1,145 on Friday, 1,085 on Saturday and 1,075 on Sunday. Included among those being fed in this period of intense clean-up work were the several hundred volunteer workers from out of town.

Electric, telephone, water and gas service has been restored to nearly all of the flood area. New poles, lines and cables were strung through much of the area by the electric and telephone companies and crews are still here working at the huge job of replacement.

CLARINET lost in flood. Finder please return to the Stockman office or James Motor Co. Reward.

Here and There

By J. Troy Hickman

WHERE WILL OZONA BE REBUILT?

In a written history of Crockett County I read that when the town was first settled a railroad wanted to lay tracks here. The story said that the town fathers refused, because they didn't want any "tailenders" in town. Whether this story is true, I don't know.

But this I do know, that had it not been for the oil business in Crockett County during the past four years, some of us would be in a worse fix than we are.

It is absolutely impossible in the modern world for a town to isolate itself, no matter how far out in the woods it is. Even if the old-timers were a little reluctant at first to see the oil men come in and make holes on the range and run over good grass, the time came when there was no grass and an oil lease check looked good.

It seems a pity, though, that the only place the newcomers could find to live was on the banks of the draw. Some of them paid with their lives for not knowing what Johnson Draw can do.

We can't help what's done. But we can try to see that it doesn't happen again.

Here seems to me to be a pertinent question. When oil company workers assigned to this area begin to object about bringing their trailers and families back to the banks of Johnson's Draw, what attitude will the companies take? And what reply will Ozona make?

I don't know what the facts are, but I've heard it said that one reason the town built up along the draw is that the owners of the high lands surrounding the town won't sell at least not at a price a person could pay.

If this is true, then the future of Ozona is in the hands of a few people who own lands surrounding the town. They alone can decide whether people go back to Johnson Draw or whether future residences are built on safer ground.

There is some talk about a dam on Johnson Draw above town, diverting the water to some other course. If there ever is a dam—and that will take an act of Congress and the appropriation of federal funds—it may be years away.

We have no guarantee that Johnson's Draw will behave ac-

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Leta Powell To Succeed Russell As County Clerk

Baker Withdraws From Race; Miss Powell to Get Nomination

Miss Leta Powell, who has served as deputy county and district clerk under the late George Russell since soon after Mr. Russell's election nearly 28 years ago, was appointed clerk to succeed Mr. Russell by the Commissioners Court in a special session last week. Mrs. Russell, widow of the veteran clerk, was named deputy under Miss Powell to serve until the end of her late husband's term.

Hubert W. Baker, who was a candidate for the office, opposing Mr. Russell in his bid for a 15th consecutive term in the office, announced his withdrawal from the race when it became apparent that he would, in effect, be opposing Miss Powell in the coming primary election.

Under the Texas election laws, Mr. Russell's name must remain on the ballot as a candidate even though he is deceased, in the event he received more votes in the primary than the other candidate, the county Democratic executive committee would be charged with the responsibility of declaring a nominee.

The Crockett county Democratic committee agreed to appoint Miss Powell as the nominee in that event.

"Although I would like to have the office, I would not oppose either Miss Powell or Mrs. Russell," Mr. Baker said in announcing his decision to withdraw. "Members of the Russell family have my deepest sympathy in their tragic loss as have all who suffered in Ozona's flood disaster. I am deeply grateful to all who encouraged and supported me in the campaign for office and for the many who pledged me their vote in the coming election."

Miss Powell expressed her appreciation for the confidence of the Commissioners in naming her to the office and to Mr. Baker for his generous gesture in withdrawing from the race. The name of George Russell will remain on the ballot as the only candidate for the clerk's post.

Give to Ozona Flood Relief Fund

July 16 Deadline Set For Receipt Of R.C. Aid Applications

July 16 has been set as the closing date for receiving applications for Red Cross assistance from persons who suffered loss or severe damage to their homes in the recent flood and who do not have the resources to replace their homes. Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Red Cross disaster chairman for Crockett county announced this week.

This deadline has been set for the purpose of speeding up the rehabilitation work here. Persons who have suffered loss and who need assistance are urged to contact the Red Cross office in the Junior high school building at once and get the necessary application blanks.

Red Cross, Mrs. Harrell said, is most anxious to see these people as soon as possible so that plans can be worked out to help them with their needs.

Twelve Families Still In Temporary Shelter In Junior High Bldg.

Immediately following the flood disaster here in Ozona, emergency housing was established for all victims out of their homes and in need of housing. Every effort is made by the Red Cross to keep family groups together, even in the emergency shelter.

It was necessary to establish two shelters, one in the basement of the Junior High School and one in the Davidson Gym. There were forty families housed in the two shelters plus 93 volunteer clean-up crews from Odessa and Midland. These same crews were fed at the Red Cross Canteen during their stay in Ozona. The shelter in the Gym has been closed but the one at the Junior High School has twelve families still in need of this housing. Giles Boone, Red Cross Field Representative for West Texas was high in his praise of the high morale and fine cooperation of the groups using the shelters.

FLOOD PICTURES
Originals of the flood pictures appearing in this issue of the Stockman and others taken by Rev. Troy Hickman are on display in the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. window. These pictures will be on display there until Monday and will then be placed on sale at the Stockman office. Only the prints already made from negatives will be available for the present.



Scott Peters

Scott Peters Dies Of Heart Attack Monday

Former Ozona Banker Buried Here Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the Ozona Methodist Church at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Scott Peters, 61, long time official of the Ozona National Bank and since last January president of the First National Bank in Arlington.

Mr. Peters, who was associated with the Ozona National Bank for nearly thirty years, died of a heart attack at about 1:45 o'clock Monday afternoon while preparing to leave the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henderson, where he and Mrs. Peters had been visiting, on the return trip to Arlington.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. Troy Hickman, pastor. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Cody Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were John Henderson, III, Martin Harvick, George Eunger, W. E. Friend, Jr., Joe Clayton, Pleas Childress, Wayne West, Jr., Joe Tom Davidson, Vic Montgomery and Joe Sellers Pierce III. Honorary Pallbearers were Chas. E. Davidson, III, Carlyle Cravens, P. C. Perner, Jr., T. A. Kincaid, Jr., L. B. Cox, III, Max Schneemann, Jr., Jake Miller, Jack Baggett, Hugh Childress, Jr., Billy Baggett, James Childress, B. B. Ingham, Jr., Gene Williams, Roger Dudley, Jr., and Miles Pierce.

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SCOTT PETERS
By J. Troy Hickman

In a time already full to the brim with tragedy and loss, our town lost one of its distinguished former citizens in the passing of Scott Peters. But in another sense Scott is not lost to us, for somewhere in God's universe he will forever be.

It seems fitting that the last day of his life should have been spent here where, more than anywhere else, he lived and labored and left an influence for good which will linger like a melody

long after his song is ended.

Scott was the kind of person who identified himself with his community and became an intimate part of it; he was a participant more than he was a spectator.

Although he is widely respected and appreciated in Arlington, his last home, we of Ozona feel that in a peculiar sense he belongs to us.

It is also appropriate that he should be buried in this church. A few years ago when this congregation was aspiring to rebuild the sanctuary earlier destroyed by fire, Scott was one of the first members to show active interest and to assume responsibility and furnish leadership, and to continue with the project through ups and downs to the successful completion.

He was following the same pattern in the Arlington church, being the chairman of a committee seeking to raise funds for a new building there. In a telephone conversation last night the pastor of that church said, "Scott's absence leaves a big hole in the church here."

A former pastor of this church, who has worked with Scott in other years, said, "I am deeply touched by the news of his death."

No one who is engaged in dealing with the public in business affairs will always enjoy the full approval of everyone at all times. Yet there will be many who, while they may not have agreed with his every position, will recognize the essential rightness of his purpose and the basic genuineness of his motives.



Photo by Hickman
SCRAMBLED TRAILERS at the Mayfield Court. Occupants of these and other trailers in the court escaped by climbing on top the roof of Elmer's Ozona Courts, in the background.

Scott was in a business which by tradition demands a calm, judicious mind and an inflexible adherence to conventional business standards. There is not supposed to be much room in a banker's life for personal sentiment. But those who knew him best as a business man, as a citizen of his town, as a churchman, and a friend, somehow feel that behind his inexpressive features was a warm heart that was vitally interested in the true welfare of his clients and customers.

Scott had a unique facility for gathering information about people and their affairs. It is doubtful whether anyone in Crockett County at the time of his moving away knew as much about as many people as he knew. This knowledge was more than idle curiosity, and it was used by him for purposes both constructive and friendly.

He had an instinctive sympathy for the individual who was trying to do his best. Many can bear witness to business transactions with him where his faith in the integrity of an honest man went beyond the usual limits of everyday banking.

From the time he heard of the flood that left Ozona stricken, Scott wanted to come back and see for himself, and to do anything possible to help friends and former associates. The weekend holiday seemed to provide an opportunity. Although we shall never know for sure, it may be that the shock and sadness occasioned by the tragedies he saw and felt here

hastened the moment of his death. It is not for us to inquire too closely into the ways of God or to try to analyze the workings of Providence. Although it seems sometimes that anything that happens is related somehow to everything else that happens, the more we ponder the mystery of "how" the more baffling it becomes. We must believe that somehow that which is represents the best that God can do for us under the circumstances. We must believe that love sees farther than our wishes. We must believe that there is a Place where unfinished tasks may be taken up again.

"When I go down to the grave," said Victor Hugo, "I can say, like many others, 'I have finished my day's work.' But I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight, it opens on the dawn."

Although Scott was called away from this sense at an age when many are looking forward to another decade of active service, we know that the calendar is not the only measure of life. Time is not the only dimension of our existence.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Ozona Flood Victims Share Clothing With Fellow Suffers In Mex.

Used clothing which was sent to Red Cross at Ozona for the relief of disaster victims during the emergency immediately following the disastrous flood on the morning of June 28 has exceeded the needs of the flood victims here.

Now that the greatest need for used clothing in Ozona has been met, a joint decision has been made by the Red Cross and local citizens to send a portion of the remainder to the disaster suffers in Mexico thru the Red Cross at Eagle Pass.

This clothing is being trucked to the Eagle Pass Air Port for air transportation to Mexico. Clearance for shipment of the clothing was made with the Red Cross Headquarters for the Southwest Flood area at Del Rio, where contact had been made with Mexican officials to determine present and additional needs of the victims there. Adequate clothing supplies will be retained here in Ozona to meet any foreseeable need.

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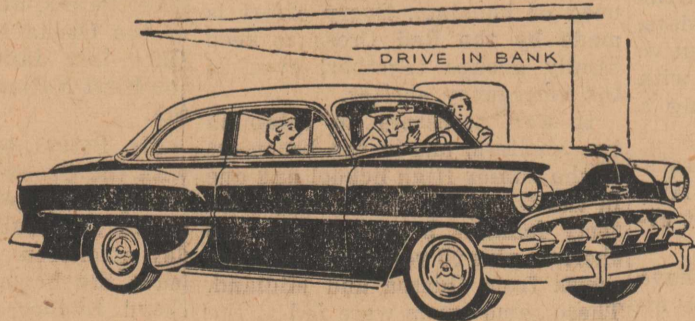
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NORTH OZONA caught crippling damage from the flood as the water cut across the highway at the north edge of town and swept back toward the draw bed. Here in the early morning light, four Ozonans look at the receding water. Identifiable is County Judge Houston Smith at right and Jack Holt left. The A. C. Hoover home appears at extreme left.

Photo by Hickman



CHURNING WATER still rushing downstream at a terrific rate as the picture above was snapped. The scene looks west across the main stream of the

Photo by Hickman

draw. Note the street stop sign left. The water had receded several feet when this picture was snapped.



AUTO GRAVEYARD is pictured below the bridge as the receding water revealed cars, pickups, trailers, household goods and houses in a tangled mass. The Latin-American community is in the background, the South Elementary school just left and above the tree in the water.

Photo by Hickman



FIRE AND WATER combined their destruction in this scene of Ozona's flood. Smoke from the burning home of Mrs. Tom Casbeer appears right in the picture, with the racing flood water kicking up ripples as it charges on its destructive way.

Photo by Hickman

Mrs. Jim Mitchell Laid To Rest After Services Here Sat.

Funeral services were held here Saturday for Mrs. Rosa Lee Mitchell, 83, an early-day resident of Ozona who died at 5:30 a. m. Friday in a Fort Stockton hospital. Services were conducted here at the Ozona Methodist Church, with

the Rev. J. Troy Hickman, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Mitchell was born in Sherman March 28, 1871. She lived in Hamilton county and San Angelo before moving to Ozona with her husband, the late James Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell retired in 1917 and the couple moved to San Antonio, returning to Pecos county in 1936.

Survivors include three sons, John Mitchell of Ozona, J. P. Mitchell of El Paso, and W. C. Mitchell of Fort Stockton, and one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery of Fort Stockton.

Don't forget the Texas Corriedale Sheep Breeder's Show and Sale, Johnson City, Texas, July 23-24. —14-3c

Brother And Sister Hold Invalid Mother Above Water In Flood

Mrs. Clovis Womack and her brother, Gaston Wylie, held their invalid mother, Mrs. Tom Wylie, above water in the flooded Womack home during Ozona's flood June 28 for possibly a half hour or more while Mr. Womack and Delbert Stewart dug a hole in the roof and lent a hand in pulling the invalid woman to safety in the attic.

Mr. Womack was trapped in the back of the house and Stewart, after a harrowing tussle with the rushing water, broke the screen and gained entry to the back porch. Finding that he could not open the back door, Stewart was hunting something to break the door when he laid a hand on a hatchet. On the last good blow with the hatchet which opened a hole in the door, he lost the tool.

Together, Womack and Stewart made it to the roof and with only a small pinch bar and their fingers they tore a hole in the roof and dropped to the attic. Mr. Wylie had already broken a hole through the ceiling with his fist and the two men lifted Mrs. Wylie to the attic and to safety. Mrs. Wylie suffered from exposure but has recovered and is no worse off for her harrowing experience.

"I could not have lifted my mother much less held her for that length of time under ordinary circumstances," Mrs. Womack said. All were rescued later by a boat.

Small Business Adm. Loans Available to Flood Damaged Firms

Wendell B. Barnes, Administrator, SBA, today designated a group of six Texas counties a disaster area as a result of recent floods which caused wide-spread damage, J. F. Matchett, Dallas Regional Director, SBA announced.

The disaster area includes the following counties: Crockett, Kinney, Maverick, Val Verde, Zapata and Webb.

The action permits persons whose property suffered damage in the flood area to apply to SBA for rehabilitation loans.

Applications for disaster loans may be received and considered by SBA Dallas Regional Office from persons or firms whose property in the designated area was damaged by the floods.

The interest rate on disaster loans is 3% for home construction or repair and 5% on business loans. The maximummaturity date is 20 years on housing for personal occupancy and 10 years on others, Matchett said.

Blackstone Resigns From School Board

Nip Blackstone, serving as president of the Ozona school board, tendered his resignation as a member of the board at a session of the board last week.

Mr. Blackstone was serving a second term as a member of the board. In a letter to the board he asked that his resignation be accepted "for the best interest of all concerned and for the best interest of the schools."



NEW TEACHER homes, just completed, took a beating from the flood. A trailer house, center background, roof and all manner of debris crashed into the new cottages but none was washed away.

Photo by Hickman



BIG TRUCKS were rolled over like packing boxes by the force of the flood water. Above picture is of Sam Beasley home and two trucks of Continental Geophysical, which were parked at the Humble station, overturned.

Photo by Hickman



DESTRUCTIVE FORCE of the flood water is illustrated in this picture of the Joe Friend home. Floating houses, garages and other objects crashed into other homes, either dislodging or wrecking them.

Photo by Hickman

We want to thank everyone who has been so kind and helpful in our sorrow and illness. We have tried to thank each one personally for gifts, interest in us and other kindnesses. In case we have overlooked anyone, please let this express our thanks. Blessings on you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bidlack

Political Announcements

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

DISTRICT:

- For Dist Attorney, 112th Dist.:**
MARVIN BLACKBURN,
Kimble County
CONNELL ASHLEY
Pecos County
- For District Judge, 112th Dist.:**
ALVIS JOHNSON, Sutton Co.
JIM C. LANGDON, Upton Co.
ROY R. PRIEST, Upton Co.
- For Congressman, 16th Dist.:**
J. T. RUTHERFORD, Ector Co.
- For State Representative 78th Dist.:**
JOE BURKETT
Kerr County (Re-election)

COUNTY:

- For County Judge:**
HOUSTON SMITH (Re-election)
TED M. WHITE
- For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:**
V. O. EARNEST (Re-election)
KAY BLACK
BEN ROBERTSON

- For County & Dist. Clerk:**
GEO. RUSSELL (Re-Election)

- For County Attorney:**
HOWARD M. LEMMONS
DIXON MAHON (Re-election)

- For County Treasurer:**
JIM DUDLEY, (Re-election)
For Commissioner, Prec. 1:
BILL SEAHORN
RALPH JONES (Re-election)
FRANK JAMES
JAMES BAGGETT

- For Commissioner, Prec. 2:**
BUD COATES
PAUL GIBBS
BROCK JONES
L. D. KIRBY
W. T. (BILL) MILLER
(Re-election)
CECIL LAXSON

- For Commissioner, Prec. 3:**
U. S. (RUSTY) SMITH
VIC MONTGOMERY
TOMMY NEWTON
ERNEST DUNLAP
GENE WILLIAMS

- For Commissioner, Prec. 4:**
JAKE YOUNG
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BUSINESS DISTRICT was flooded by the turbulent waters from Johnson draw in the Monday morning flood which claimed 15 lives by drowning and a sixteenth from a heart attack at the height of the flood. Above picture, taken from the south side-

walk of the Modern Way grocery, shows part of a house lodged in front of the Pridemore & Allen Gulf station. Smoke is visible left from the fire which destroyed the M&M Cafe during the flood.

Job Of Feeding Flood Victims Goes On But Load Diminishing; West Texas People Sent Loads of Food To Relieve Suffering

The tremendous job of feeding those made homeless by the Ozona flood still goes on, but with decreasing load, Red Cross officials and local citizens in charge of the mess hall announced this week.

A check on the quantities of food served, starting with the evening meal on Monday, June 28, showed the following had been consumed: 14,000 cups of coffee, 3,500 doughnuts, 3,500 pounds of meat, 1,800 eggs, 126 gallons of milk, 576 loaves of bread, 150 gallons of iced tea, 400 gallons of grape punch, 2,856 cold drinks, 3,000 pounds of potatoes.

Feeding will continue as long as the need is here, it was announced. Huge quantities of food has been shipped into Ozona as gifts from individuals and organizations in many West Texas towns, Byron Williams, co-chairman of the feeding committee, revealed yesterday.

A number of San Angelo firms supplying retail trade channels here have made liberal donations of food. These include the DeCoty Coffee Co., Foremost Creamery, Del Tex Candy Co., West Texas Packing Co., Modern Way Food Market, M System Food Stores, 7-Up Bottling Co., Gandy's Creamery and Mrs. Boehme's Holsum Bakery.

From Brownwood came a tandem truck loaded with all kinds of food, clothing, bedding, mattresses and beds. This collection was made by Tex Herring, a former Ozona resident, and members of the Brownwood fire department. Weatherby Motors furnished pickups and men in making the collection, P. W. Pitts, furnished the trailer and Herring the truck tractor. Buddy Harris drove the truck and Herring came along to help unload. Forty-seven grocery stores and many individuals in Brownwood donated to the mercy load.

The city of Kerrville sent a truck load of food, Sonora a load of sandwiches, and Eastern Star and Woman's Club members in Sonora a quantity of food. Menard citizens sent a big quantity of food; the College Street Church of Christ in Junction, with J. O. Otte in charge, sent food; Sawyer Cattle Co. of Barnhart sent a dressed beef; Kraft's Food Co. of Abilene sent

School Property Heavily Damaged In Flood; Repairs Start

Ozona school system suffered considerable damage in the flood of June 28, Supt. L. B. T. Sikes said after a survey had been made. Water was in both the North and South Elementary school buildings and 18 school residences suffered damage, Mr. Sikes said.

Damage was negligible in both the elementary schools. Water was 14 inches deep in the North Elementary, but none of the floors or furniture were damaged, and only slight damage to the plaster on the walls covered by the water. There was no apparent structural damage.

The South elementary suffered practically no damage, with only 4 inches of water covering the floors.

Of the 18 residences in the flood's path, only one was washed away, that occupied by P. O. Hatley, high school principal. All the other houses can be repaired. Chester Richie of Brady, contractor who built the six new residences and apartment unit recently had already begun repairs on these units and A. D. Bledsoe has been employed on the other damaged houses.

Red Cross Canteen To Close July 8; Meal Tickets To Be Issued

The Red Cross Canteen which has been in operation since June 28 to meet the great food need of the disaster victims will be closed after the evening meal of July 8th.

Those disaster sufferers who are without cooking facilities at the present time and whose financial resources are temporarily limited due to the flood will be issued meal tickets for use at the several eating places here in Ozona. Notice that the feeding center would close on the 8th of July was posted in the feeding center on July 6th. Those persons needing continued food service are to contact the Red Cross Family Service section at the Junior High School.

The military group from Ft. Hood that has served so well under the leadership of Lt. Patterson will probably return to Ft. Hood Friday of this week.

Tippett Field Gas Discovery In N'east Crockett Completed

Bankline Oil Co. and Hurt Co. No. 1-42 J. H. Tippett, Wolfcamp detrital gas-distillate discovery in the Tippett, East (upper and lower Wolfcamp) field of Crockett County, 11 miles east of McCamey, has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 14,200,000 cubic feet of gas plus 38 barrels of distillate per million cubic feet of gas.

Production was through 2-inch tubing and perforations between 5,872-5,889 1/2 feet in 5 1/2 inch casing cemented at 6,097 feet on total depth of 6,174 feet.

Location is in 42-31-H&TC. The discovery is 1/4-mile southeast of the dual discovery in the Tippett, East field, Bankline and Hunt 1-41 Forristall, which produces from the upper Wolfcamp between 6,187-217 feet and the lower Wolfcamp from between 6,294-6,330 feet. It was finished for a combined daily potential of 3,112 barrels of oil.

G. Stratton Jr., Waco, has finished his third and fourth producers in the Noelke, Northeast

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(Queen) gas field of Crockett County to extend the field in two directions.

The No. 1-A Shannon, 1 1/8-miles southeast, was finished for a daily flow of 23,000,000 cubic feet of dry gas.

Production was through perforations between 2,310-330 feet in 5 1/2-inch casing cemented at 2,365 feet. Elevation is 2,832.6 feet.

Location is in 3-GG-Archer csl, 6 3/4 miles southeast of Iraan.

The No. 2 Shannon, 3/8-mile northwest, was finished for a daily flow of 68,000,000 cubic feet of dry gas.

Production was through perforations between 2,194-2,204 feet in 7-inch casing cemented at 2,324 feet. Elevation is 2,770 feet.

Location is in 2-J. Wiley Heirs, 7 3/4 miles east of Iraan.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1-AB University, Crockett County wildcat in 12-51-University, 20 miles northwest of Ozona, swabbed 18.45 barrels of oil and 4.5 barrels of water in 12 hours.

The recovery was through perforations between 9,240-96 feet.

Preparations were under way to acidize and continue testing.

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Gov. Shivers Wires Sympathy, Pledges Aid From State Agencies

Governor Allan Shivers sent the following wire the day following Ozona's flood to County Judge Houston Smith:

"All of Texas is shocked at tragic loss of life and heavy property damage resulting from the unprecedented flood in the southwestern part of the state. Meanwhile, all state disaster relief services are being made available to alleviate suffering, care for the homeless, reduce property loss and safeguard public health in the distressed areas.

"Please advise me if there is any additional help you feel is needed by your citizens. If you think I can be of any service personally by visiting the stricken areas, please let me know." Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas.

Humble Finals Ellen. Oiler East of Tood; Univ. Test Swabs Oil

Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1-H Fee, Ellenburger test 1 1/4-miles east and slightly south of Ellenburger production in the Todd Deep field of Crockett County, 16 miles northwest of Ozona, has been completed.

It was finalized for a daily flowing potential of 88 barrels of oil plus 12 barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 3,704-1.

Production was through a 1/2-inch choke and perforations opposite the Ellenburger between 6,930-50 feet. Tentative top of the Ellenburger was picked at 6,935 feet on elevation at 2,666 feet. Tubing pressure was 100 pounds. Pay section had been washed with 500 gallons of mud acid and fractured with 6,000 gallons.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. and Continental Oil Co. 1-AB University, Crockett County wildcat in 12-51-University, 20 miles northwest of Ozona, swabbed oil at the rate of three barrels hourly.

The recovery was through perforations between 9,240-96 feet opposite the Hunton lime. Pay section had been treated with 1,000 gallons of acid.



RUSHING WATER climbed high on Ozona homes in its mad rush as it spreads from hill to hill to cause millions in property damage and to take fifteen lives. The above scene pictures the C. W. Taliaferro rock home withstanding the onrushing water.

Photo by Hickman

S'Antonio Expresses Sympathy For Ozona

In a letter addressed to the mayor of Ozona, J. Frank Gallagher, city clerk of the city of San Antonio, wrote as follows:

"The City Council of this City of San Antonio at its meeting this morning, be resolution, instructed me to write and offer the most sincere sympathy of this city for a fellow city which has suffered such a calamity as has befallen Ozona.

"I am instructed to tell you that we want to be of all possible assistance. "Such things as we can do will be done upon request."

CROCKETT COUNTY HOSPITAL NEWS

C. A. Woody, Administrator

Patients admitted: Mrs. Lester Allen, W. E. Ramsey, Donella Crank, Mrs. Thomas C. Golden, Mrs. Asa Robertson, M. G. Holley, Mrs. Frances Bidlack, Mrs. F. L. Jeffreys, Tom Croke, Mrs. George Richter, Mrs. Manuel Enriquez, T. R. Hoard, Jackie Womack, Ralph Vitela, Mrs. Guadalupe Quiroz, Mrs. B. Garland, Bill Whistler, Bob Carruthers, Grady Wallace, H. B. Tandy, M. D., L. O. Elmore.

Patients dismissed: H. B. Tandy, M. D., Grady Wallace, L. O. Elmore, Mrs. Guadalupe Quiroz, Mrs. B. Garland, Bill Whistler, Ralph Vitela, Jackie Womack, T. R. Hoard, Mrs. Manuel Enriquez, Mrs. George Richter, M. G. Holley, Mrs. Asa Robertson, Mrs. Thomas C. Golden, Donella Crank, W. E. Ramsey, Mrs. Lester Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen were the proud parents of a baby boy born June 24 at 6:45 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richter were presented with a baby boy June 30 at 8:12 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Enriquez were the parents of a baby boy born June 30 at 7:15 p. m.

Our appreciation to all who gave so generously of their time and effort during the time of the disaster in helping us care for the very many people who needed medical attention. Our nurses were great and all who needed care were taken care of, through their work and toil.

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Monahans Citizens Contribute To Ozona

The following letter from the Monahans Chamber of Commerce expressing sympathy to Ozona flood sufferers and advising of contributions leaving there was received early this week.

To the Citizens of Ozona:

"May we express the grief of the citizens of Monahans for the disastrous flood that has struck your city. Every person who lost property or loved ones has our deepest sympathy.

"The citizens of Monahans have volunteered through the Chamber of Commerce to try to help relieve a small portion of your physical losses. Word was received that your most urgent need was linens, and hundreds of people responded by bringing some of their linens or giving money to buy new merchandise.

"Please accept these items as a small token of the high esteem the people of Monahans have for the citizens of Ozona."

CLOTHING AVAILABLE

A large quantity of good used clothing has been assembled at the Church of Christ community hall and flood victims who are in need of clothing are urged to visit the hall and select what they need.

Ken Regan Urges Vigilance Against Give-Away Program

Midland, Tex. — Congressman Ken Regan, back from a tour of 15 of the 19 counties in the 16th Congressional District, cited the need for continued vigilance in Washington against the present "give-away" program.

"The present policy of importing oil is definitely damaging the economy of West Texas," he said. "Over 4 1/4 million barrels of oil a day are being shipped into the U. S. and as a direct result, Texas now has 15 shutdown days a month."

Congressman Regan said that this policy is throwing men out of work. He said that it not only affects crews in drilling and development but also pipeliners, derrick builders, water well drillers, dirt movers, sources of supply, oil field trucking, and tank builders. "All of these groups have seen a lessening of demand for their services," he said. "This results in unemployment and in turn affects retail stores and the general economic status of the entire state."

He said it was important for the district "to have a representa-

tive in Washington who has a comprehensive and thorough background on the oil industry and who has contacts and good relations in the extremely intricate and complicated Washington scene."

Regan interrupted his itinerary on Tuesday to drive to Ozona, where over 300 families were made homeless a week ago Monday by a violent flash flood. Following an inspection of the damaged area here, he applied for aid from the presidential disaster relief fund and within 36 hours that assistance had been approved by the White House.

As he campaigns, Regan is in constant touch with his office in Washington and other members of the Texas delegation in the House. He gave instructions for his vote to be cast through a live pair for the compromise agricultural price support bill and against the \$3 1/2 billion foreign aid bill.

CORNET lost in the flood. If found please notify Melvin Semmler at the Ozona Oil Co. Cosden station. Reward will be paid.

Over Million Spent In Crockett Co. Road Work In Last 5 Years

Austin, Texas — During the last five years, 73.47 miles of roads have been built in Crockett county. It was Texas' greatest period of road construction history, Highway Department files show.

The breakdown by counties as well as state totals prepared by the department showed that \$10,108,334.00 was spent in the county for maintenance of present roads and for the gigantic construction program.

Meanwhile in Austin Governor Shivers cited the impressive figures "as evidence that the state's construction program is giving Texas motorists the best roads that engineering can provide."

SAUNDERS NURSERY ACCOUNTS ARE LOST

Those who owe accounts to Mrs. Maxine Saunders at the Saunders Flower Shop are asked to look up previous statements, or if they recall the amount due, to pay such accounts as soon as possible. Mrs. Saunders, whose place was flooded lost her account book showing accounts due. She also lost a number of checks which had been received in the mail a few days before the flood. Cooperation of customers of the firm is requested.

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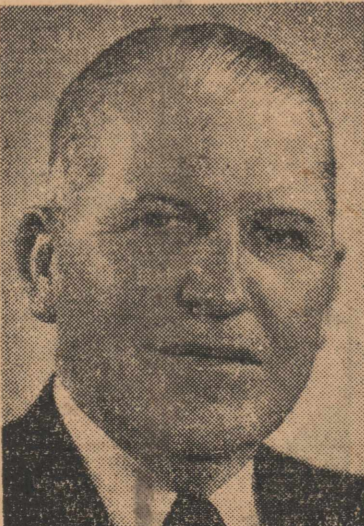
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Here and There
By J. Troy Hickman

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According to its past schedule. Some of us mistakenly thought we knew what it would do last Sunday night. It is not at all impossible for the same thing to happen next month.

I know of no real estate concerns in Ozona who are likely to set up a housing addition on higher ground. Nearly everything that's done here is done by the county government. If anything is done now to make sure that those who really want lots on higher ground can get them, the county will have to do it. No one else has the authority. No one else has the means.

Your county officials are good men. They have usually done what the majority of us wanted. They need to know what the responsible people in town want done about this problem.

Each citizen has a right to express his view. The commissioners court has a right to hear those views expressed, — and to hear them before it is too late.

Hindsight is always better than foresight. Anybody can stand around on the street and say what ought to have been done and wasn't. Now is the time to speak up. Now, while it can do some good.

I wouldn't presume to tell the county court what it should do. I believe it will do the right thing, as it sees it.

But these men are our managers, paid and elected to run the county. If ever they had a chance to show statesmanship, that time is now. What do you think?

Scott Peters —

(Continued From Page One)

Mr. Peters was associated with the Ozona National Bank for nearly 30 years before his resignation from the office of active vice president in November, 1950. He came here from Del Rio in 1917 and was associated with a lumber company before going into the army for service in World War I. He served 16 months overseas in combat, participating in the St. Mihiel and Argonne forest battles as an infantryman.

He became a clerk at the bank in 1920 and in 1922 became its cashier. He served in that capacity until a few years ago when he was named vice president, with Lowell Littleton as cashier. In 1922 Mr. Peters married Mrs. Lula Mae Meyers.

For a time Mr. Peters engaged in the oil lease brokerage business here but went back into the banking business with organization of the First National Bank in Arlington. He was named active vice president of that institution and in January of this year succeeded of the presidency.

In the 30 years during which Mr. Peters served with the Ozona bank, he was identified with every civic development in Ozona and a leader in civic, educational and religious affairs of the community. His counsel and judgment were sought by business men and ranchers, large and small operators, and many owe their success to his guiding hand and counsel.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters had returned to Ozona Saturday to visit Mrs. Peters' sister, Mrs. Floyd Henderson, and relatives and friends, and to view the destruction wrought by last week's flood.

Survivors include the widow; one daughter, Mrs. William Swearingen of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Goodson Lester of Tyler, Mrs. Carl Wortham of Valley Mills and Mrs. Martha Tibbs of Dallas; and two brothers, Rollie Peters of Fort Worth and Grady Peters of Stephenville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Phillips have just returned from a month's vacation trip. They toured Canada, crossing from Detroit, visited Quebec, New Brunswick and other areas in Canada and returned down the east coast, visiting New York and Washington.



BOAT ON MAIN Street. The 125-horsepower boat in the above picture, looking north up the Barnhart highway, was used by Ray Richardson, a passing tourist, to rescue 13 persons from the flood waters. It was dragged up on the pavement after rolling up its propeller.

Roy Chandlers Rescued After Being Isolated By Independence Flood

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chandler, who ranch on Independence Creek in northeast Terrell county, were rescued early this week after being isolated and without food two days as a result of flood waters in the creek, and are being cared for here by the Red Cross disaster unit.

Red Cross workers were taken by Nip Blackstone in a Jeep to Independence but when the vehicle could not cross the washed out stream, he and a Red Cross nurse waded across and prepared to walk the three miles to the Chandler ranch. But they encountered a bulldozer which pulled the jeep across.

They found the Chandlers suffering from exposure and Mrs. Chandler had suffered a badly sprained ankle. She was nearly trapped in the ranch cellar while attempting to rescue a pet goat, suffering the injury in making her escape from the caving cellar. They were without food for two days until neighboring ranchers got food to them. The only water they had was from pot holes filled by the rain. They barely reached high ground ahead of the rising water.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler were given first aid by the Red Cross nurse and then brought to the Ozona hospital for a check-up and to rest from their terrifying experience. They are being cared for in the local hotel at Red Cross expense.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy on occasion of the death of our mother, Mrs. J. H. Wilson. We will always be grateful for your help and comfort in our bereavement.

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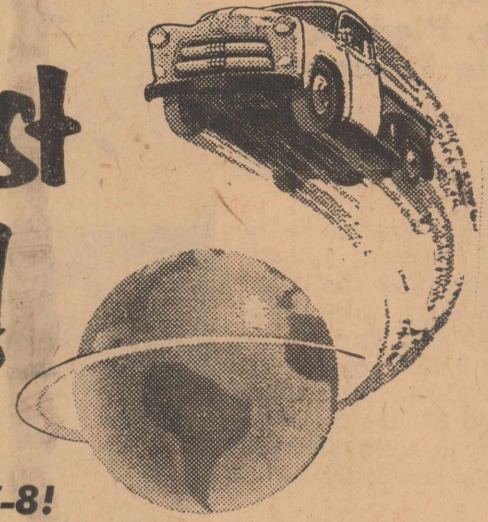
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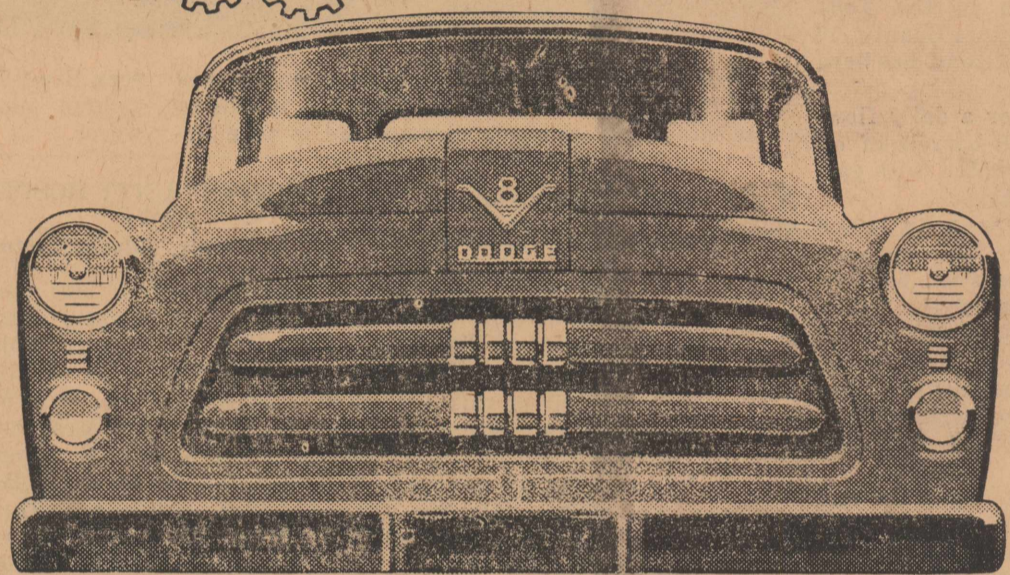


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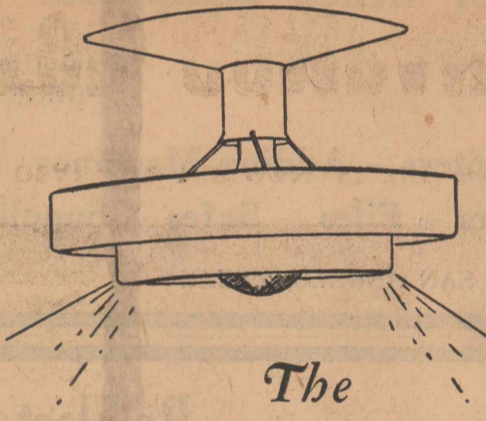
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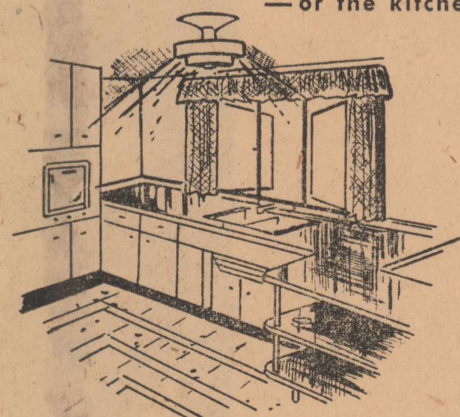
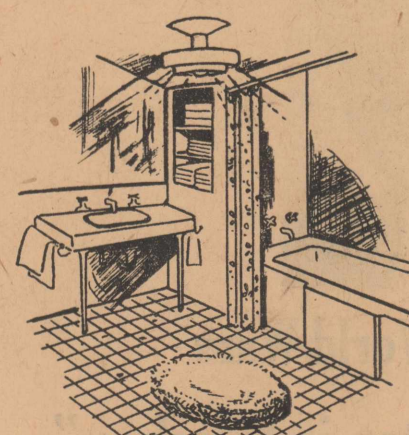
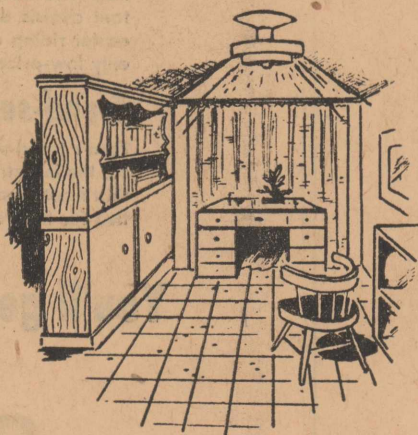
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