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Here and There

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THE DEATH OF A RANGE

This is the story of a valuable West Texas sheep range which was destroyed in a single night. It is about fifty miles north of the Roy Bean country and there are about twenty sections involved.

The tableland between Howard's Draw and the lower Pecos River is a giant backbone with canyons between the vetebra, and endless skyline pierced only by sotol stalks and an occasional windmill.

Denuded of cover by four years of drought and extensive cedar eradication, the divide had sprouted a new sparse blanket of light grasses following April rains. Here and in the valleys to either side three generations of sheep ranchers have made their livings.

About the middle of June drought-plagued shepherds watched anxiously as the new grasses bleached and curled in a southeasterly wind that pushed fleecy waterless clouds lazily along overhead. No rain came.

Out in the Gulf of Mexico, more than 500 miles away, a newly-spawned hurricane named Alice moved toward the mouth of the Rio Grande River. After twisting the lower valley of Texas with high winds and dumping heavy rains, it seemed to break up.

Several days later, on the watersheds of Howard's Draw and the Pecos River, rains began to fall. It was Saturday, June 26. They came out of a dense overcast which resembled a coastal sky, a sight all too rare in this region. All Saturday and that night it rained. Ranchmen who had forgotten what water looked like saw their ponds full. Shallow lakes stood on the divide where lizards had chased each other a few days before.

All Sunday it rained. Ranchmen emptied their full rain gauges. They filled again. Creeks and gullies ran. Water tumbled down the bare hillsides. The overcast thickened, rain came down in sheets.

Livestock felt the soft underfooting and began to drift toward higher ground. Bridges were reported closed on various highways. People living near lowlands eyed the rising waters uneasily.

It rained all Sunday night. On the upper watersheds of Howard's and Johnson draws above Ozona, little gullies by the thousands spouted muddy water and debris. Angry streams swelled and roared in the lately-dry courses. The town of Ozona, located at the confluence of Johnson and Gurley draws, was directly in the path of the worst flood in its history. Before Monday's murky dawn broke, 15 of its citizens were dead and property was damaged 2½ million dollars' worth. Three hundred homes were either swept away or damaged.

Before the shocked Ozonans had hardly begun to dig out of the mud, word came of a heavier flood fifty miles southward in the Pandale country. This little community of some 14 families had thirty inches of rain. Nine inches had fallen in one hour. Located mostly on or near Howard's Draw, the town was cut off from the outside world for days.

The earliest authentic word of the stricken valley was brought back to Ozona by two of its young ranchmen, Dick Henderson and Gene Williams, who flew over the area in Henderson's cub plane, landing near each ranch home. As they soared above Howard's Draw, the vega was full of churning water, a stream three quarters of a mile wide, licking hungrily at the hills on either side.

Many Pandale homes had been inundated. The Chick Turner home went downstream when current cut away the bluff on which it stood. The Dan Murrah house was gone. The combination general store and post office had five feet of water in it.

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Salvation Army Returns Check To Relief Fund

Official Says Bill For Flood Service Was Misunderstanding

A check for \$1,017.54, given by the Ozona Flood Relief Fund to the Salvation Army upon submission of an itemized bill for that amount following completion of the Army's service in flood relief work here, was returned to Lowell Littleton, fund chairman, here Wednesday afternoon by Major Carl E. Cone of the State headquarters of the Salvation Army in Dallas.

Major Cone, in a telegram to Mr. Littleton Wednesday morning, advising of his intention to come to Ozona and return the check, explained that the bill or charge for services rendered was "contrary to our established policy as the services of the Salvation Army are not for hire."

"Our services freely given whether or not any local funds made available to assist in meeting costs," the telegram continued.

In returning the check, Major Cone, who was accompanied by Capt. Bergen of the San Angelo Salvation Army Corps, and Dr. Don Cunningham, a member of the Salvation Army Board, explained further that the misunderstanding came about from the Army's impression that an offer had been made by the committee to use donated funds to reimburse the Army for its expenses in serving flood victims.

"As far as we are concerned," Major Cone said "our services are entirely voluntary and it is not our custom to charge for such services."

The statement of expenses incurred, submitted by Salvation Army units operating here, was made on Salvation Army statement blank and enumerated food supplies purchased, 170 cases of cold drinks at \$175.02; sandwich meats, bread, mayonnaise, cold drinks, coffee, cigarettes, etc. purchased from local stores and San Angelo wholesalers totalled \$168.66 and other supplies, including 10 cartons of paper cups at \$135, 50 sheets from J. C. Penney Co. at \$70 and supplies from Mayfield Paper Co. in the amount of \$24.50 totalled \$229.

Charges for mobile equipment of the Army; a canteen 6 days at \$25 a day, 706 miles at 6 cents a mile; a station wagon from Big Spring, two from San Angelo charged for at the rate of \$10 a day and two automobiles at \$7 a day amounted to \$384.36.

Other charges were for wages of Salvation Army personnel, officers at the rate of \$2 per hour and experienced employes at \$1.50 an hour. Such wages for the various units here participating in the operation were: Big Spring, \$230; Lubbock, \$150; and San Angelo, \$519. The total of the operation cost was given as \$1,856.54, from which was deducted \$210 in donations received here and \$629 representing the charges made for the San Angelo Corps' station wagon expenses and wages for the San Angelo workers.

Negro Population To Move To High Ground

A new "Flat" or residential area for the colored population of Ozona, only this time it will be on a hillside, has been provided through cooperation of the county, Red Cross and the Ozona Flood Relief committee.

A plot of land sufficient to provide building sites for all of the present Negro population of Ozona, with room to spare for future growth, has been purchased from Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Sr., on the slope of the hill southeast of Ozona and lots are to be sold to Negroes at a nominal charge. The Red Cross has approved a number of rehabilitation grants to Negro applicants and rebuilding of flood destroyed homes is slated to begin on the new location at once. The Negro section on the draw was wiped out in the recent flood but there was no loss of life among the Negro population.

Friday Is Deadline For Filing Red Cross Applications For Aid

Bill Cooper, chairman of the Ozona Red Cross chapter, urges those families who have already registered for disaster assistance but have not returned their applications to do so at once if they feel they are in need of help from Red Cross.

They should be returned to the Junior High School building in Ozona.

As announced last week, registrations for Red Cross assistance will close tomorrow, July 16.

Five Injured In Head-On Collision Here Sunday Night

Highway Patrol Prepares Charges Against Ozonan

Five persons were injured, three seriously, in a head-on collision about five miles east of Ozona on Highway 290 early Sunday evening.

Seriously injured were Mrs. William A. Wester of El Paso, Jesus Sanchez and Abdon Pena, both of Ozona. Also injured were Mrs. Wester's husband, William A. Wester, and Trinidad Castillo of Ozona.

A Studebaker car driven by Sanchez and a Buick driven by Wester were both demolished. Sanchez was driving west toward Ozona and the Wester car headed east. Sanchez, according to information supplied by Sheriff, V. O. Earnest, attempted to pass a pickup truck driven by Buster Augustine of Ozona and crashed head-on into the Wester car. Augustine's truck was slightly damaged by flying debris.

Charges of driving while intoxicated and assault with an automobile were being prepared this week by Highway Patrolman Herman Moore against Sanchez, Sheriff Earnest said.

Two-Calf Average Calf Roping Set Here Saturday Night

A two-calf average matched roping has been slated for Saturday night of this week at the Ozona fairgrounds arena, under sponsorship of the Ozona Roping Club.

Ropers throughout the area have been advised of the event and some of the area's top hands are expected to participate. Entrance fee will be \$15. There will be a number of open jackpots after the matched event.

Mrs. George Harrell Suffers Broken Leg In Fall At Church

Mrs. George Harrell is reported in good condition at the Crockett County Hospital where she is under treatment for a broken thigh bone suffered in a fall Sunday.

Mrs. Harrell fell in the hallway at the Ozona Methodist Church Sunday morning while on her way to attend a Sunday School class. Examination showed the thigh bone fractured below the hip. She underwent an operation for repair of the break early in the week and is reported doing well.

NOTICE TO THOSE WANTING FLOOD PICTURES

Many have been asking for flood pictures. Due to limited time and equipment I was able to make only 1 copy of each picture taken by me of the flood. These were placed on sale at The Stockman office on Monday, July 12.

I have turned the negatives over to the Smith Drug Co. who will take orders for prints to be made from them. The prints will be ordered by Smith Drug from The Fox Company of San Antonio at regular rates.

Anyone wanting such prints should contact Smith Drug Co. in Ozona. J. Troy Hickman

Trio Charged With Looting Here Get Heavy Fines

Three Men Arrested In Eldorado Are Charged Here

Three looters who were arrested with articles of value picked up along Johnson Draw after the disastrous flood here were fined in justice court after their capture in Eldorado where some of the articles were sold, Sheriff V. O. Earnest reported.

Calvin Boling, Doyle Martin and J. C. Boling were arrested in Eldorado and held for local officers in connection with the looting of an estimated \$200 worth of valuables from the flood area.

Martin, a two-time loser, who had served time in Texas for burglary and in Oklahoma for car theft, according to the local sheriff's office, is being held in jail here for Houston officers. He is reported to be wanted there on a car theft charge. He was fined \$215 in justice court on a theft charge. Calvin C. Boling, who is said to have been with Martin in picking up articles along the draw, was fined \$115 and J. C. Boling, in whose possession some of the articles were found, was fined \$39.

Several local Mexicans and two wet Mexicans were arrested by local officers when found in possession of articles picked up in the flooded area but were released to work in the clean-up job following the flood.

Washed Out Voters Should Vote In Precinct Of Original Homes

Voters whose homes were washed out or destroyed and who are now living outside the precinct of their original home sites should vote in the precinct in which they formerly lived, A. O. Field, county Democratic chairman, said this week.

A voter may register a change of precincts and vote in another if he so desires and makes his change at least ten days before the election. But in the case of those who have moved out of the precinct where they formerly lived because of the flood may still vote in that precinct.

Ozona Officials To Attend Austin Meet

County Judge Houston Smith, Supt. L. B. T. Sikes and Water Department Manager W. D. Cooper left this morning for Austin to attend a meeting with Civil Defense and other state officials relative to flood damage aid for Ozona and Crockett County.

The Ozona officials are attending the meeting at the invitation of William L. McGill, Civil Defense administrator, who asked officials from this county attend the meeting to learn details of assistance available to the community by reason of the disaster declaration by the president.

Record Sale of Extra Copies Flood Edition

Over counter sales of extra copies of last week's Ozona Stockman, which contained pictures of the Ozona flood, broke all previous sales records under the present management.

More than 1,200 extra copies of the edition were sold and calls are still coming in daily for copies. The edition was reprinted twice after the original run. Extra copy sales of the July 1 edition, first after the flood totalled more than 500 and many calls were received after the supply was exhausted.

RECLAIM POSSESSIONS!

Early Chandler, owner of land south of Ozona along the banks of Johnson draw, has asked that persons who might wish to reclaim possessions scattered by the flood in the area do so as soon as possible so that fences enclosing the area can be rebuilt.

Chandler Proposes New Residential Area On Hill West of Ozona

Development of a new residential addition to Ozona which would make available choice sites for several hundred new homes may come about as the result of plans now being considered by Early Chandler, Ozona ranchman.

The proposed new addition site is on the hill on the west side of Ozona and includes an area on top of and on the west slope of the hill, nearly a section of land from the old Patrick estate which Mr. Chandler purchased several years ago. The area is dotted with large trees, has deep soil and a fairly smooth surface.

Surveyors have been employed and were to start the work of surveying the proposed residential area this morning and addition planners are to begin mapping and platting the lots, streets and alleys in the near future. The problem of water and sewer service will be worked out if the planned development is carried out.

Ellenburger Test In Vaughn Slated By Stanolind Oil

Pure Spots Location For Extension To Pure-Bean

Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. has filed application to drill an Ellenburger wildcat in the Vaughn (Grayburg) field of Crockett County, 12 miles northwest of Ozona. It will be the No. 1 Isabel Vaughn.

Rotary drilling to 8,000 feet will begin when permit is approved. Location, on an 82.94-acre lease, is 564 feet from the north and 559 feet from the east lines of 6-UV-GC&SF.

The prospector is 2½-miles northwest production in the newly-designated Vaughn (Ellenburger) Cities Service Oil Co. has filed application to drill its 1-C Noelke ½-mile northwest of production in the Clara Couch (Cisco) field of Crockett County, nine miles northwest of Sheffield.

The project will be drilled to 6,400 feet with rotary. Operations are to begin July 14.

Location, on a 322.23-acre tract, is 660 feet from the south east lines of 31-GG-HE&WT.

Pure Oil Co. has filed application to drill its 3-A Ed Bean one location west of production in the Pure-Bean field of Crockett County, 8½ miles northwest of Ozona.

The project will be drilled with cable tools to 1,500 feet.

Location, on 2,097.9-acre lease, is 330 feet from the north and west lines of 81-OP-GC&SF.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1-AB University, Crockett County wildcat in 12-51-University, 20 miles northwest of Ozona, was continuing to test.

Operator swabbed perforations between 9,240-296 feet for 24 hours. Recovery was 61 barrels of fluid, which was 25 per cent water, 2 per cent basic sediment, the rest oil.

Dr. Ralph Simon Establishes Office For Medical Practice

Dr. Ralph Simon, who formerly lived and attended high school at Iraan, has moved to Ozona to practice medicine and has set up offices in the Crockett County hospital building.

Dr. Simon is a graduate of Baylor University and the Southwestern School of Medicine of the University of Texas in Dallas. He recently completed his internship at the Weld County General Hospital in Greeley, Colo. He will engage in general practice here.

Dr. Simon is married and the couple have three daughters, Margaret, 8½, Mary 2, and Martha 10 months.

Dr. Simon was graduated from Iraan High School in 1942 and played football during his high school years. His father, Ralph Simon, Sr., is safety superintendent for the Ohio Oil Co., and was recently transferred to Houston.

92 Victims Of Flood Aided To Date By Red Cross

\$76,000 Already Committed For Rehabilitation Work

The Red Cross Advisory Committee, consisting of local citizens who help consider and evaluate applications for building and repair, household furnishings, occupational equipment, and disaster-caused medical costs of families has been working hard since the June 28 flood in Ozona which took 15 lives and did an estimated two and a half million in property damaged. The committee has been meeting twice a week and has spent some long hours at each meeting. Total commitments for emergency and rehabilitation assistance to individual families to date amounts to \$76,000.

There have been 224 registrations and between emergency assistance to families already given and the rehabilitation cases which the committee has reviewed, a total of 92 cases have been given assistance. On those cases reviewed and which involve building or repair, arrangements are being made with the families and their contractors or builders to begin the actual reconstruction.

Mrs. R. A. Harrell, disaster chairman of the Ozona Red Cross chapter, stated the rehabilitation cases are reviewed by the committee to consider what help is needed from Red Cross, beyond what resources the family has, to re-establish itself to the point of actual need for normal living requirements. Mrs. Harrell emphasized that Red Cross, with contributed funds, does not act as an insurance company to replace all losses but does assist the family in meeting their needs to enable them to resume normal living.

She cited as one type of case a family who might have saved some of their furniture and clothing but whose home was destroyed. Perhaps they have two school-age children and their income is sufficient to keep the family free from serious indebtedness. Since the disaster, they might have attempted to borrow from some real estate lending agency for the rebuilding of their home. However, the amount of mortgage they can carry and pay off monthly out of their income amounts to only half the cost of rebuilding.

While this family can partially

Army Engineers Here To Make Preliminary Flood Dam Surveys

Lt. Col. Carl G. Sory and two engineers from the Fort Worth office of the Corps of Army Engineers were here this week making preliminary surveys of the damaged area and gathering other data on the recent Johnson Draw flood which damaged or destroyed nearly half the homes in Ozona and took 15 lives.

The Army Engineers have been assigned to study the local flood threat with a view to possible construction by the federal government, in cooperation with the county, of a flood control dam north of Ozona to prevent recurrence of the June 28 disastrous flood here.

Lumber From Flood Wrecked Homes Made Available To Victims

Persons who suffered loss of their homes or serious damage may secure scrap lumber from a pile of reclaimed lumber which county employes have stacked on a lot just west of the north swimming pool, Ralph Jones, Commissioner Precinct 1, announced this week.

Leon Dowdy has been placed in charge of the distribution and will be on the site each day from 8 to 5. Only those who suffered loss will be eligible to share in the reclaimed lumber and none will be allowed to pick over the lumber for one kind of board, taking a reasonable share from the stack as it comes, Mr. Jones said.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected if called to the attention of the management.

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THE AIRPORT THAT WASN'T THERE!

Some months ago Dick Henderson, progressive young Ozona ranchman, offered to make available to Crockett County land near town for an airport which he proposed to improve and maintain without further expense to the county.

Henderson's offer was conditioned upon the county paving the runway landing strip, the only outlay required from public funds to provide a first class airport for use of planes which might want to

land here for business or pleasure. With radio equipment already available, Henderson proposed to install service facilities, border lighting and other airport improvements which would have made the port available for regular airline stops in Ozona, which would be a strong possibility if proper landing facilities were available.

That proposal brought objections from some members of the Commissioners Court and the result has been that no action has been taken on the matter and as a result Ozona is still without first class airport facilities. In the meantime, the county continues to pay annual rental on the raw land five miles west of Ozona as an airport, which is used infrequently by a few individual fliers.

Ozona desperately needed landing facilities immediately after the recent flood disaster for immediate relief transportation. Some interpid fliers, including Mr. Henderson himself who rendered an invaluable service to the community with his plane in various transportation assignments and air search for flood victims, did land and take off from the muddy strip near the Henderson ranch headquarters at the north edge of town, but only light planes could be used and it was only through good fortune and expert flying that a plane accident was not added to the already multiplied tragedy in Ozona. More immediate and more adequate help could have been rendered to flood paralyzed Ozona had the all-weather landing strip been available for use by the Army and individual

fliers. Whether Ozona ever suffers another flood or similar disaster, and, of course, our hopes and prayers are that it never will, the modern airport, near town, adequately equipped and usable in emergency or in ordinary air travel is needed and has been needed all along. And no community ever had an opportunity to get such facilities at such a small cost. The opportunity may have already been lost through delay, and if so, Ozona's loss can be charged to lack of foresight in taking advantage of the opportunity when it was available. But if the offer still stands, then we can see no good reason for further delay.

SENATOR JOHNSON ACTS

Senator Lyndon Johnson, who mails a weekly propaganda sheet to all Texas newspaper and we don't know how many individuals, at the taxpayers' expense, says that "as soon as news of the Rio Grande flood" reached him he wired city official in "Ozona, Sheffield" and some of the cities where the 'Rio Grande' flood actually did some damage — offering the "facilities of his office." But, of course, nobody needed any mimeographed letters mailed at government expense. But, then, in justice to Senator Johnson, he (he didn't name anybody else) "obtained necessary clearance" from the State Department and "arranged with the Army to fly across the river (to Ciudad Acuna) with food and medical supplies provided by the Red Cross." The Senator will get a lot of votes in Ciudad Acuna, no doubt.

Oh, yes, nearly forgot—he introduced a resolution in the Senate "expressing sympathy" and "it swept through the Senate within ten minutes."

Mother Goose In Texas

By Ray Wood

Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home;
Your house is on fire and your children will burn.
All except one, her name is Anne,
And she crept under the dripping pan.

It has been speculated that the "ladybird" in this old British Mother Goose rhyme was the queen of James II of England, who fled to France upon the abdication of her husband, and that Anne, who "crept under the dripping pan" was later Queen Anne of England. In this country the "ladybird"

became "ladybug" and was identified with the colorful little beetle found in gardens, and the rhyme took on the significance of a "charm."

Still later it became identified with the "doodlebug" which makes little funnel-shaped holes in the dust around barns and back por-

ches, and thus an entirely new type of lore, and of rhymes like this:

Doodlebug, doodlebug,
Poke out your horn,
And I'll give you five dollars
And a barrel of corn.
Next Week: William Trembletoe.

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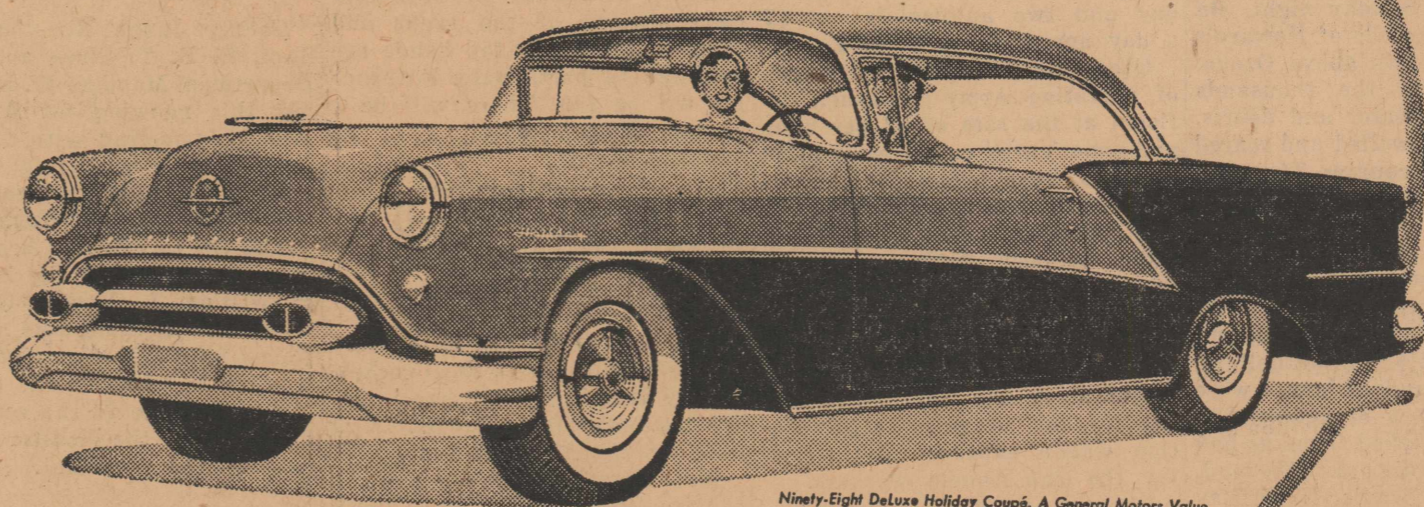
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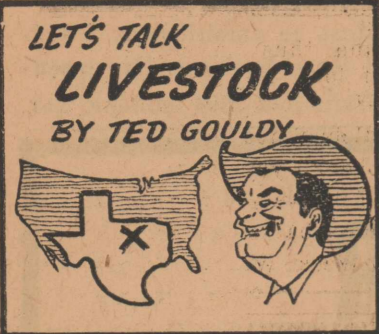
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The Summer Stooge
"By Big Phil"

Ed. Note: Phil's report on the flood was crowded out of last week's paper by the press of news and pictures.

I was one of the lucky few. . . I was neither here for the beginning of the flood, nor did I lose any property or loved ones. Yes, I was very fortunate.

But I have been here to see the terrible after-effects of the rushing waters. For a day or so, it was like a gigantic nightmare that I would soon awake from. And even now it seems hard to realize that something we use every day, to cook our food, to wash our clothes, and even keep us alive could sweep down with such a destructive force and wipe out over a third of Ozona, and snuff out so many human lives.

I wasn't in town when the water started its ruinous run. But I sat all morning listening to the radio. "Ozona completely surrounded by water. . . declared disaster area, five and possibly more feared dead, martial law brought into effect." Finally the highways were opened to traffic and I started home.

The worst of thoughts came into my mind as I neared town, I had come upon large pieces of pavements completely ripped out and lying in the bar ditches. It looked as if some giant had gone mad and started destroying everything within reach. Fences were ripped up and lay scattered in every direction.

When we got into town the worst of my fears materialized. Houses, large and small were torn from their foundations. . . in some cases there weren't even any foundations left. Telephone and electric poles were snapped and bent like tooth-picks. All the wiring looked like dirty lengths of string. . . swaying, back and fourth, in the wind.

I went across the bridge to the other side of town. I have never seen anything like that, and I hope I shall never see anything that resembles it again. Homes lay tilted at crazy angles all the furniture ruined. Some never will be fit to live in again. Many business establishments lay gutted, windows smashed, walls cracked, and merchandise scattered for miles down the draw. In a few of the places you had to sit and think awhile to remember what building had once stood there.

Then I went down into the draw. There lay thousands of dollars worth of, well you name it. Everything under the sun was strewn for as long a distance as the eye could see. But it wasn't under the sun. It was buried under the dirty slimy mud that had already taken its toll and still refused to let go of its ill gotten possessions.

I thought it was incredible how quickly all of the utilities were restored. Even before the water had receded, companies from other towns were on their way here to help in getting the lights, gas, and water restored.

And the people in all the surrounding cities came to our aid immediately. Money, clothes, food, kitchen, utensils, just name it, and they had it for us.

Maybe because of that flood, the changes that have already been made, and that shall continue to be made will cause some of the people to re-arrange their lives. It just shows us that no matter how much a car, a house, or even

a human life is worth, or how much value is placed upon it, the One who gave it all to us can also take it away in the twinkling of an eye.

Yes, it was a destructive monster that swept down upon our little town in the early morning hours. It wiped out many who have worked and saved for years. All that toil and sweat washed away

in a few short minutes. None escaped. . . old or young, rich or poor, black or white. But even though the darkest hour is upon many of the people, they have the most precious gift of all left. Life and the hope to start anew.

Ozona has already started to put on its new face. There will be many changes. And most of them for the good of everybody in

town. One I have heard of already in a dam to be built north of the city to prevent another catastrophe. The towns' people have already started moving back into their homes, and some are nearly back to normal. It will take many hours of work to get everything back as it used to be. Yet, it will never be the same, for now, a better Ozona is being rebuilt.

Fort Worth — Canners and cutters drew weak to mostly 50 cents lower prices at Fort Worth Monday and fat cows sold around 50 cents to \$1 or more lower. The decline completely wiped out last week's advances and some besides. Bulls ruled steady. Fat steers and yearlings were fully steady to strong when good and choice and plainer grassers were weaker.

Stocker and feeders were mostly steady, some spots higher and some lower in the uneven trade. A good many out-of-town and out-of-state buyers were on yards and a good many of them were active in looking for stocker and feeder calves and yearlings. Slaughter calves were steady to weak, spots 25 to 50 cents off.

Good and choice fat lambs topped at \$17 to \$21 at Fort Worth Monday, steady with the advances of the previous week. Yearling wethers were 50 cents to 75 cents higher, and sold from \$10 to \$12.75 when fat. Old ewes were again slow and weak, selling mainly from \$4 to \$4.50. Feeder and stocker lambs cashed at \$12 to \$15.

FURNITURE REFINISHING

I plan to open a shop in Ozona within the next two weeks and will do all kinds of furniture refinishing and interior decorating.

I am presently engaged in furniture refinishing at the Dick Henderson ranch home and invite you to ask Mr. Henderson about my work. Futher announcement will be made as soon as I can open a shop.

JOHN RHODES

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1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection	1,457,501.34
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,905,262.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	545,971.53
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$3,977.62 overdrafts)	1,414,507.86
7. Bank premises owned \$18,500.00, furniture and fixtures \$16,000.00	34,500.00
11. Other assets	1,804.99
12. Total Assets	5,365,547.72

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	4,342,644.98
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	6,550.00
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	16,992.65
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	461,683.53
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	46,702.02
19. Total Deposits	4,874,573.18
23. Other liabilities	10,000.00
24. Total Liabilities	4,884,573.18

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock: (c) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	280,974.54
29. Total Capital Accounts	480,974.54
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	5,365,547.72

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31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 169,500.00
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I, J. W. Howell, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. Howell, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 1954
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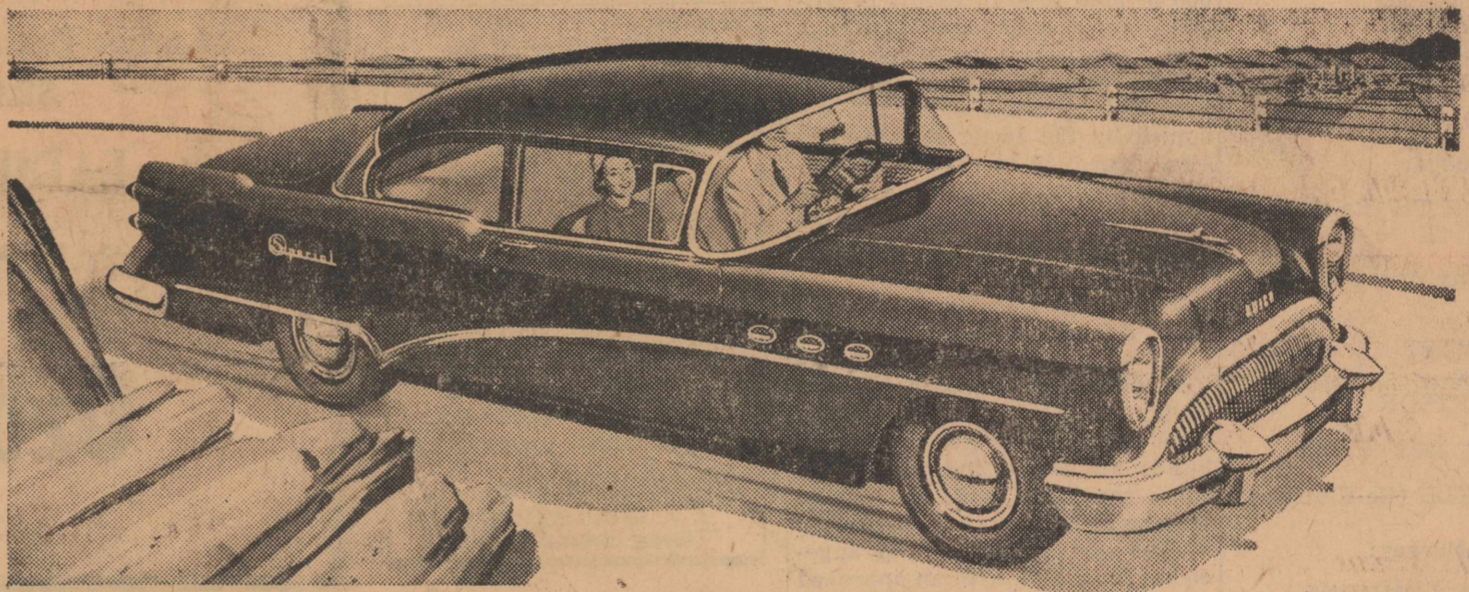
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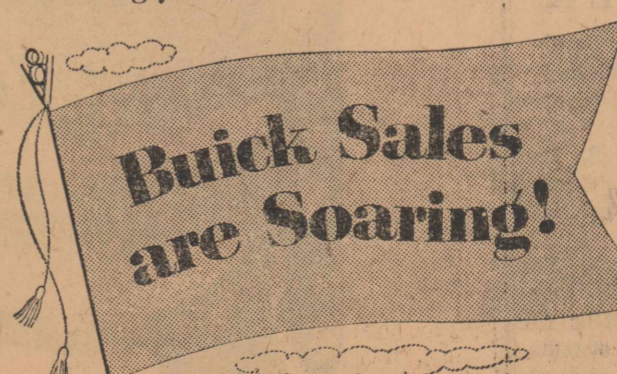
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F. H. A. Offers Aid To Property Owners In Flood Damaged Area

To property owners whose homes or other properties were destroyed or damaged by the recent flood waters of the Rio Grande River and its tributaries the Federal Housing Administration offers, through FHA approved lending institutions, assistance under the various sections of the National Housing Act according to C. T. Macleod, Director of the San Antonio District office.

Any existing home, business or commercial property damaged by flood may be repaired with a Title I repair loan. The maximum of such loan is \$2,500.00 on each property with a maximum term of 3

years. The financing charge is \$5.00 discount per \$100.00 per year. Where two or more units are involved in a dwelling property, the maximum loan is \$10,000.00 with 7 years allowed in which to repay, Mr. Macleod explained.

In a case where the mortgage is the owner and occupant of a property upon which there is located a dwelling designed principally for a single-family residence, which was approved for mortgage insurance prior to beginning construction or reconstruction and the mortgagor establishes (to the satisfaction of the FHA) that his home, which he occupied as owner or as a tenant, was destroyed or damaged to such an extent that reconstruction is required as a result of flood and the application is filed within one year from July 1, 1954 the date the President declared this to be a major disaster area, the maximum loan under Title I, Section 8 is \$7,000.00 may not exceed 100% of the FHA appraised value of the completed property. The maximum term is 30 years. More expensive homes which must meet FHA requirements for location and property standards may be financed under Section 203 for a maximum of 80% of the FHA value and a maximum term of 20 years for existing construction not inspected and approved. Properties approved by FHA prior to beginning construction and which are inspected and approved during construction are eligible for the following maximum loan with 30 year term where they are owner occupied, subject to a loan ratio of 95% of the FHA appraised value:

- 1 & 2 bedroom home — \$6,650.00
 - 3 bedroom home — 7,600.00
 - 4 bedroom home — 8,550.00
- Other homes owner-occupied and approved during construction are eligible for 95% of the first \$7,000.00 plus 70% in excess of \$7,000.00 up to a \$9,450.00 mortgage with a term not to exceed 25 years. Where the property has not been approved by FHA or is not occupied by the owner and the desired loan is in excess of \$9,450.00 the maximum ratio of loan to value is 80% of FHA appraised value with the following maximum amounts:

- 1 & 2 family properties—\$16,000.00
- 3 family properties—20,500.00
- 4 family properties—25,000.00

Mr. Macleod further points out that since FHA uses no government funds, loans no money, and builds no homes, but merely insures the loans made by private lending institutions, it is necessary for the applicant to make arrangements for a loan with an approved

lending institution. However, the FHA will be more than glad to assist the property owners in any way possible.

Due to the Rio Grande and its tributaries being declared a major disaster area the Federal National Mortgage Association will continue to purchase mortgages from this area on an over-the-counter basis without requiring the mortgage companies to wait 60 days. Also, according to a recent announcement by Albert M. Cole, Administrator of the Housing & Home Finance Agency, these mortgages are exempt from the requirement that sales to FNMA be limited to 50 per cent of the

mortgages originated by the mortgage company selling the mortgage.

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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
ROGER DUDLEY, JR.
R. W. (FATS) PARKER
JOE COUCH

For Justice of the Peace, Prec 1:

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Here and There
By J. Troy Hickman

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Roads out of Pandale, as well as local roads connecting the ranches with each other and with the village, most of them in the bed of Howard's Draw, were wiped out. The R. E. A. power lines serving the area were destroyed for thirty miles, telephone poles were twisted by the current's force and lines snarled and broken in drifting trees.

Three miles below Pandale the mighty torrent swelled the rampant Pecos River, sweeping away a million dollar bridge on Highway 90, a transcontinental artery. Another Pecos tributary had wrecked a bridge of the Southern Pacific's main east-west line.

Lower Pecos ranchmen gazed with awe at water marks left on sheer rock bluffs 60 to 70 feet above the river's bed. A few miles below, the Pecos emptied into the raging Rio Grande, contributing to the greatest flood in the river's long record.

In the damaged area is the ranch of W. H. Bunger, stretching 3 miles along Howard's Draw. Traversing a series of back roads along the divide, we were able ten days af-

ter the flood to reach the Bunger home. Built years before by Mr. Bunger's father, the house sits atop a little rise in the vega where Perkins Canyon feeds into Howard's Draw. Below the house the Devil's Jolly's, and the Salt Well Canyons fork into the same stream.

On the afternoon of the flood day — Sunday — Mr. and Mrs. Bunger fled the rising waters and drove their car up a slippery hillside behind the house. From a vantage point of, perhaps, 200 feet they saw Howard's spread from hill to hill, a roaring, churning mass of debris and muddy waters. Two cars belonging to a party of stranded fisherman floated past their view.

Mr. Bunger believes that the lost hurricane Alice reasserted itself there. Their car was rocked by fierce gales, so that they thought once of leaving it. Petulant and intermittent sheets of rain alternated with gusts of wind and periods of calm. After a pause, the wind and rain drove in from the opposite direction.

When the dim morning light broke through the dense overcast, the Bungers saw below them a world of water, 15 to 20 feet deep, obscuring all but a few landmarks. Their house still stood above the tide.

Bunger was the first Pandale citizen to show up in Ozona. He had followed unused divide trails. A party was made up to search for the lost fishermen, and he was made its guide. After a week of effort, hampered by gravel and other litter left by the water, the search was given up. The bodies of the four are believed to be buried beneath sand and gravel bars.

At this writing buzzard battalions wheel above the big drift piles which contain the bodies of dead sheep. Scarcely a rancher escaped heavy damage to fences, tanks, water troughs, windmills and barns. But the heaviest scar of all is on the range soil.

Hillsides are marked with new streaks, where water and rock cut deep trenches. Great piles of silt which were once valuable topsoil are lodged behind bushes. The top soil was washed away in spots and in other places was covered up by gravel up to ten feet deep.

Great boulders were rolled along like marbles, and where they came to rest piles of uprooted sotol and dead cedar lodged. In the draw's bed are pits big enough to hide a small town. At places no trace can be found of former roadbeds.

The old draw channel, once 50 to 75 feet wide, has given way to a continuous gravel bar 15 miles long and as wide as the valley. Most of the area's best grazing land on the slope from the old channel to the foothills is forever gone. No person living there now expects to see new topsoil on this region of probably 20 sections. A few mesquites stick up out of the gravel, but they are flat on their sides and their leaves are a rusty brown.

The community is in a state of shock. There is talk of quitting the draw. "I never expect to rebuild here," said one.

"When I put my fences back,"

said another, "I'll fence the draw out of my pasture."

Several are planning to move their homes higher up the hillsides. "Now that we know what the draw can do," said Bunger, "we'll never trust it again."

Already in debt from the long drought, these men are wondering how and where they will find means to rebuild their outfits.

"It will take \$20,000 to put me back into the ranch business," said one who had lost his pens, tanks, and several mills. "With the debt I already have and what I'll have to borrow to fix this damage, I'll be working the rest of my life just to pay the interest."

The extent of livestock losses will not be known until the fall roundup. Although some fences are being repaired, the whole country is for practical purposes just one big pasture.

Strangely enough, now that the water has run off, pastures whose mills and tanks are gone are "dry pastures." Stock is already suffering for water.

Although they are hoping to find some long-term money at low interest rates, the Pandale people are not expecting or wanting anything given to them. They are a tough breed. Having carved their domains from these arid hills and canyons, they will reestablish themselves and carry on somehow.

Precinct Four of Val Verde County, in the heart of the devastated area, will need \$85,000 to restore a few dirt roads, according to Will O. Mills, Commissioner.

Many, such as Henry Mills, have lost their cars and jeeps. Some parts of their pastures are inaccessible except by horseback.

The little stucco building used by these people for school and church still stands. Isolated from the rest of the world, they have

built up a community solidarity and know how to practice neighborliness. Mechanized equipment is borrowed and loaned for road work. They are pooling their resources.

No native lives were lost, and for this they are thankful. Although some of their best range-land lies buried beneath tons of gravel, the spirit of Pandale is very much alive.

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SBA Opens Office To Process Disaster Loans For Ozonans

Wendell B. Barnes, Administrator of small Business Administration, on July 2 authorized the opening of a Disaster Loan Field Office in Ozona. The field office has been established in the Commissioners Court Room, under the direction of J. C. Smith. The telephone number is 415.

This office is now prepared to accept loan applications for the repair or restoration of property damaged by recent flood. Representatives of Small Business Administration are now in this office to discuss with the flood victims any losses they may have suffered and to assist the men preparing an application for a loan. The Small Business Administration is authorized to make loans to flood victims with regard to personal property, homes and businesses.

Any individual, corporation or partnership that has suffered a property loss in this area as a result of the flood is eligible to file an application. Churches, eleemosynary institutions and other non profit organizations are also eligible.

The amount of loan applied for may not exceed the restoration or replacement cost of the damage suffered. Therefore, an inventory of the applicant's losses and a reliable complete estimate on the cost of repairs or restoration of the property damaged will facilitate the processing of the loan application. If the property can not be restored to its approximate condition before the flood at its present location, the amount of the loan requested may be based upon

the cost of replacing such property at some other suitable location.

These loans will be handled through the Dallas Regional Office of Small Business Administration.

Farmers and stockmen who have suffered a loss, will ordinarily apply to the Farmers Home Administration for assistance.

E. S. A. Chapter Sets Up Flood Relief Fund

Aid for flood victims was discussed when the Ozona chapter of E. S. A. met Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Taylor Deaton. Of the total membership, it was discovered, only three or four did not suffer some loss in the flood. All dues and fines will be dropped for the balance of the summer and a flood fund will be set up to which E. S. A. chapters may contribute.

Letters of sympathy and offers of aid were read from chapters in San Angelo, Brady, Coleman and Brownwood. A list of articles needed by members was made up and will be sent the other chapters.

Present for the meeting were Mmes. Gene Thomas, M. A. Lemmons, Taylor Deaton, Aaron Bledsoe, Jr., W. L. Harrison, Sam Perner, Wayne E. West, James Isbell, Dixon Mahon, Charles S. Ratliff and Frank James.

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Bankline-Tippett Wolfcamp Producer Finds Oil From Clearfork

Bankline Oil Co. and Hurt Oil Co. 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, was flowing oil from the Clearfork.

Operator was testing through perforations between 4,690-4,712 feet opposite the Clearfork. Pay section was washed with 385 gallons of mud acid and fractured with 3,000 gallons. The project kicked off and flowed eight barrels of oil and load oil hourly through a 1/2-inch choke. The fluid was 50 per cent new oil.

The project was finalized this month for a calculated absolute open flow of .95 million cubic feet of gas daily plus 40.6 barrels of 69.3 gravity distillate for each 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 set at 6,097 feet on total depth of 6,174 feet. Location is in 42-31-H&TC.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1-AB University, Crockett County wildcat in 12-51-University, 20 miles northwest of Ozona, was continuing to test.

The project flowed three hours through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations between 9,240-296 feet opposite the Hunton lime and died. It made 40 barrels of fluid. No breakdown was given.

Operator swabbed perforations for 15 hour and recovered 53 barrels of fluid which was 7 per cent water and 5 per cent basic sediment, the rest oil. Twenty-four additional hours of swabbing yielded 85 barrels of fluid which was 2 per cent basic sediment and 15 per cent water, the rest oil.

FIRE DAMAGES CAFE

Fire damaged the interior of the City Cafe, recently reopened, early Sunday morning. The blaze is believed to have originated from a vessel left on a lighted unit of the

gas stove. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze and some damage to the stove and smoke damage to the interior of the cafe resulted. After the interior had been repainted Monday, the cafe reopened for business.

CROCKETT COUNTY HOSPITAL NEWS

C. A. Woody, Administrator

Patients admitted: Thad Tabb, Mrs. Charles Black, Jr., Mrs. George Harrell, Jesus Sanchez, Mrs. Wanda Wester, W. A. West-

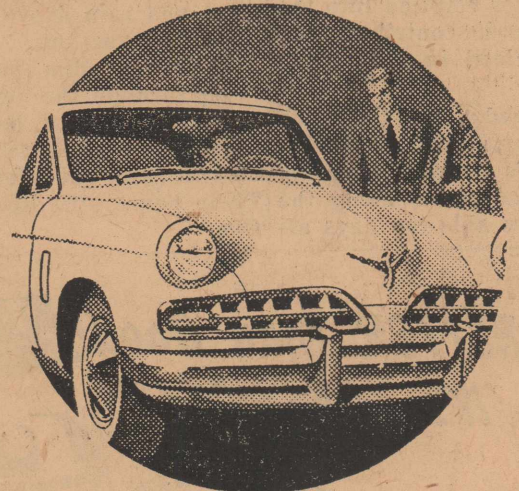
ter, Abdon Pena, Billy Joe DuBois, Mrs. Verna Magness, and Tevis Clyde Smith, III.

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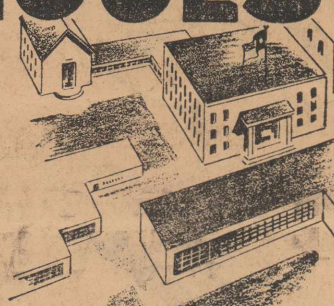
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'Millionaires' Town' Author Writes In Similar Vein Of Ozona Flood Disaster

Much in the same vein as "Ozona—Millionaires' Town," the Saturday Evening Post article of a few years ago, Harold H. Martin, Atlanta, Ga., newspaperman and author of the Post article on Ozona, has devoted his column in a Georgia paper to the Ozona flood. A clipping of the column was sent to his parents by Charles Bledsoe, manager of the Douglas, Ga., pro-baseball team of the Georgia-Florida League.

Mr. Martin perhaps was not apprized of the fact that fifteen lives were lost in the flood waters in Ozona and that his designated "100-odd millionaires" along with the rest of us were either wading the flood waters warning residents in the lowlands, helping to rescue those caught in the flood, pitching in to help stricken families with their clean-up job or opening homes to provide them shelter and working voluntarily through sleepless days and nights for days after, searching for bodies of the dead, taking care of injured, comforting the bereaved, feeding and sheltering the homeless, clearing debris from streets and from around homes, and helping neighbors clean up their water soaked and silt-encrusted homes. Mr. Martin didn't get too well acquainted with Ozona people in his two or three weeks' stay here.

But for whatever it may be worth, below is Mr. Martin's column, which appeared in a Georgia paper, not identifiable, but perhaps an Atlanta paper, under the heading, "Water Quenches Ozona's Big Thirst."

Word from the West that flood waters had drowned the little town of Ozona, in Texas, was as surprising as would have been a dispatch from the nether regions reporting that the Styx had overflowed its banks and quenched the fires of Hades.

Ozona, a metropolis of 3,000 souls, 2,000 of them of Mexican descent, is famed for two things—the dryness of its climate and the opulence of its 100-odd millionaires.

It lies to the south of San Angelo, the mohair or goat fur capital of the world, in the midst of a dusty plain, flat as your palm,

that stretches for miles on either side.

The drive there, in times of normal rainfall, which means burning drouth, is like the southern approach to torment. The asphalt highways bubble under the sun. A dry wind, full of dust, burns on the skin with a blow torch heat. The tumble weed drifts, and the lizard pants in the shade of the mesquite.

It is sheep and goat country—and oil country, the source of the great wealth that Ozona's handful of big ranchers have accumulated. They are stern, tough leathery men whose roots go deep into the earth. Some of them, on their ranches, can still point out to you the tracks the pioneer wagons made a hundred years ago, tracks still clearly visible in the harsh alkaline soil.

They have made enough money to move wherever they wish, but out of a stubborn love of this dry and bitter land, they have chosen to stay to make a tiny oasis of green in the midst of the sun-baked desert. Their ranch homes are shabby, old adobe houses, thick-walled against the sun, sitting beneath lean cottonwoods. Their "town houses" are palaces, decorated by folk of artistic bent brought in from Dallas, New Orleans, and New York.

The dirt in the public square is filled earth, brought in from river bottom lands far away. Deep wells, pumped by windmills, bring up a thin flow of milky water, and no grass grows except on those lawns that are watered ceaselessly.

To an Ozonan water is as precious as liquid gold, and pickle-juice is worth even more, for flowers won't grow unless the alkaline soil is neutralized by pickle-

juice, or vinegar. Now the flood waters have rolled over Ozona, roaring in the arroyos, chasing the goats and sheep to high ground, flooding the little shacks of the Mexicans, flowing through the deep carpeted drawing rooms of the rich.

And I'll bet I know what the San Angelenos are saying—those sedate folk who always looked upon wealthy Ozona as an upstart town, full of brag and bluster:

"Just like those rich so-and-sos down there—showing off again. Trying to prove anything that's theirs—even a flood—is bigger and better than anybody else's."

3,000-Foot Wildcat Set In Crockett Co.

American Trading & Production Corp., Midland, has filed application to drill a 3,000-foot cable tool wildcat in Crockett County, seven miles north of Iraan. It will be the No. 1-D University.

Operators are to begin July 14. Location, on a 320-acre lease, is 467 feet from the south and east lines of 7-13-University.

The prospector is 3 1/2-miles west of Lyle 1 Harris, wildcat failure abandoned Jan. 8 at 3,519 feet in the Grayburg, lime, elevation unreported. The Grayburg was topped at 3,456 feet and the Yates at 2,220 feet.

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Flood Losses Should Be Inventoried For Income Tax Purposes

Persons who suffered losses in the recent Ozona Flood are advised to make a careful and complete inventory of their losses now for use in making income tax returns, Jim Dudley, Ozona accountant and income tax consultant, says.

If inventory is made now while memories are fresh, there will be less chance of overlooking some of the loss. Loss figures, computed by taking a fair market value be-



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fore the flood, will result in possible savings on income taxes later, Mr. Dudley said. Loss valuations cannot exceed original costs in any case, he said, even though some article or property has increased in value since its purchase.

Flood loss, if large enough, can be carried back against 1953 income and then carried forward for four successive years, he said.

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help themselves they cannot do the whole job. Consequently the Red Cross will make an award that, when added to the amount which the family can reasonably borrow from other sources without undue hardship, will provide sufficient funds to rebuild the home and furnish basic household furnishings.

Other cases might involve families whose income or age limitations prohibit borrowing anything from a bank or real estate agency and who have no other resources. Red Cross would consider an award for the entire cost. Still other cases will indicate savings and credit resources sufficient for the family to take care of themselves entirely without undue hardship, which then would not require Red Cross assistance.

Mrs. Harrell stated that each family is dealt with individually and their needs related to their ability or inability to handle them. She emphasized Red Cross makes no loans to disaster sufferers, that all assistance is an outright gift from contributions through Red Cross.

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We wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our friends for their many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness through our recent sorrow.

We especially want to thank each and every one who assisted Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery in making everything as pleasant as possible for us. To you we are most grateful.

Mrs. James Mitchell Family

ACCOUNTS LOST

All of our records and some checks were lost in the fire which destroyed the M&M Cafe during the flood. We would appreciate it if all who owed accounts to the cafe or who had given checks the day before the flood please contact us.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Goodson

V. A. Aid Available To Veterans In Flood Area

World War II and Post-Korea veterans, whose homes were damaged or lost in the recent Rio Grande floods, may get assistance through the Veterans Administration Loan Guaranty Program, Don Peppers, Manager of the San Antonio, VA Regional Office announced today.

The President declared the areas in Texas affected by the floods of the Rio Grande and its tributaries as major disaster areas on July 1, 1954.

The Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency has informed VA that as a result of the President's action, the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) will make special credit aid available to veterans made homeless by the floods. Veterans, who have all or part of the Loan Guaranty benefits available, can take advantage of this special credit aid by applying for G. I. Loans to their local lenders, FNMA, a Government Secondary Mor-

tgage Market, has cut its restrictions on the purchase of VA Guaranteed Loans from lenders making more loans available to Veterans affected by the floods.

It may be possible in some cases for World War II and Post-Korea veterans, whose G. I. homes have been destroyed or so severely damaged as to make restoration impractical, to have their loan Guaranty rights restored if VA does not suffer any loss on the original loan.

Further information concerning these credit aids to veterans who were affected by the floods may be obtained by writing or visiting the VA Regional Office, San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Peppers said.

Four Resignations From Ozona Faculty


Four resignations from the 1954-55 faculty of Ozona Public Schools have been received in recent days, Supt. L. B. T. Sikes announced this week.

Resigned were Mrs. Ruth Ingram, first grade teacher in the

South Elementary school; Miss Wilda Samuelson, fourth grade teacher in the South Elementary; Mrs. Johnnie Allen, who taught se-

cond grade in the North Elementary, and W. C. Allen, Jr., Junior high school teacher. A number of applications are on file in the

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