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— WHO COULDN'T USE IT? —



Highlights and Sidelights FROM YOUR State CAPITOL

By Vern Sanford
 Texas Press Association
AUSTIN — Get tough with traffic violators. That's Senator Carlos Ashley's suggestion for reducing the number of highway deaths.
 The State Senator from Llano asks repeal of the motor vehicle registration law, passed at the last session of the legislature. In its place he would add \$1 to motor vehicle registrations, thus to provide enough income to more than double the number of highway patrolmen.
 At present Texas has 450 highway patrolmen. This would be increased to 1,000 under the Senator's proposal.
 "It is my contention that only a get-tough policy of law enforcement, coupled with a stepped up program of driver education, will bring traffic under control," Senator Ashley stated.
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 The state board of education is anticipating trouble as a result of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision. Construction of more schools and the employment of more teachers will be necessary. The financial worry is no greater than the problem of where to get the teachers. They are in short supply.
 Thomas B. Ramey of Tyler has taken over as chairman of the board, succeeding R. B. Anderson of Vernon, who accepted appointment as Secretary of the Navy in the Eisenhower administration.
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 Some changing around the state departments sees Jack Ross, secretary of state, moving in February

as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. He takes the position of R. A. "Smoot" Schmid, who has served out a six-year term.
 Ross became secretary of state upon the retirement of John Ben Shepperd, who is now attorney general. The new secretary of state will be Howard Carney of Cass County, a former state senator who did not run for re-election.
 Missing from the Austin scene is Price Daniel, formerly attorney general. Daniel is now in Washington in the role of U. S. Senator, where he will take an active part in the campaign to restore the Texas tidelands to Texas.
 In his most recent expression on the subject Daniel scored a reported plan of President Truman to set aside the continental shelf as a naval petroleum reserve.
 Such a move, says the Senator, would be a flagrant violation of the law.
 As of now, the tidelands belong to the federal government under a decision of the supreme court. President-elect Eisenhower has indicated that he will support legislation to surrender the federal government's claim to the states.
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 To expedite — To confound confusion with commotion.

Dr. S. N. Williams
 Dentist
 Sanderson, Texas



Come Home, Government!

Much has been said and written in recent months about the reduction of a federal government budget that has now reached \$70 billion a year. As a candidate, President-elect Eisenhower reportedly said the budget could be cut almost in half within a few years. Some authorities on public finance have suggested a general reduction at a rate of about \$10 billion a year. Dr. Harley L. Lutz, professor emeritus of public finance, Princeton University, is specific.
 In a lecture to the Harding College student body, sponsored by our new School of American Studies, Dr. Lutz recommended basic changes in federal and state governmental responsibilities, and changes also in the allocation of tax sources. Under his carefully detailed plan a federal budget goal of \$51.7 billion would be possible for the fiscal year 1955-56, and his tax plan for that year would bring in \$53.8 billion, providing a \$2 billion margin for debt reduction.
Too Cluttered Up
 Dr. Lutz goes back to the U. S. Constitution for a redefining of the responsibilities of the federal government. "Defense and foreign affairs stand out," he notes, "as the most important task. If the Congress and the top officers of the executive branch were free to give more of their time and energy to this important task, perhaps

we would have clearer, more positive and more protective policies in these fields. As long as the time and energy of the Congress and executive officers are frittered away over a thousand petty, minor details we can expect only fumbling across the board, with the small and the great tasks alike."
 He recommends that all welfare services be made the full responsibility of the respective states; likewise education, highways and public health services. By giving all gasoline and oil taxes to the states, all except the sparsely populated states could maintain their own highway systems, he contends, pointing out that the federal government gets about \$400 million more from these taxes than it pays back to the states in highway grants.
More State Revenue
 The need for additional school revenue in all 48 states could be met, Dr. Lutz points out, by giving to the states the present federal taxes on admissions, dues and initiation fees, safety boxes, bowling alleys, coin devices, and stamp taxes—which produced \$527.5 million in federal taxes last year. In the welfare and health services, he recommends that the federal government concern itself with research and counsel, leaving the financing to the states. However, he thinks the Old Age and Survivors Insurance (old age pension) problem can best be handled by the federal government, though he contends it should be placed on a pay-as-you-go basis.
 "By leaving enough of the people's income at home," he says, "the several states can provide whatever may be needed for the various kinds of welfare and other

services out of their own funds."
Fantastic Bureaucracy
 One of the great causes of increased taxes, controls, and governmental burdens generally, Dr. Lutz observes, "has been the expansion of the federal government into many areas not logically or even constitutionally belonging to it." He lists the administrative and operating units of the federal government: Departments, 12; Offices, 594; Commissions, 9; Administrations, 28; Corporations, 21; Services, 125; Bureaus, 110; Divisions, 6645; Branches, 25; Boards, 51; Miscellaneous, 416. Total, 2,055.
 The key change in his tax revision recommendation provides for cutting down considerably on the federal income tax rate, so the states can have this source more for their local needs; and the obtaining of a major portion of the federal taxes through a manufacturers' excise tax, with food and food products excepted, and with alcoholic beverages and tobacco taxed separately. If the recommended changes in services from federal and state governments had been made a year ago, if needed efficiency measures had likewise been effected, and his tax revisions adopted, a reduction of \$12

billion could have been made in the 1952-53 budget. The details of the Lutz plan may be found in his book, "A Platform for the American Way," Appleton-Century-Croft, New York. It's good reading for all taxpayers.
 Mrs. Walter Pauli returned home Friday from a business trip to San Antonio. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. D. O'Bryant and Mrs. Mary Lou Kellar.
 Guests in the home of Mrs. W.

J. Ferguson this week were aunt, Mrs. J. F. Clark, of Greenville, Texas, and her cousin, Mrs. John K. Chatley, of Sanderson, Paul, of Nicaragua, Central America.

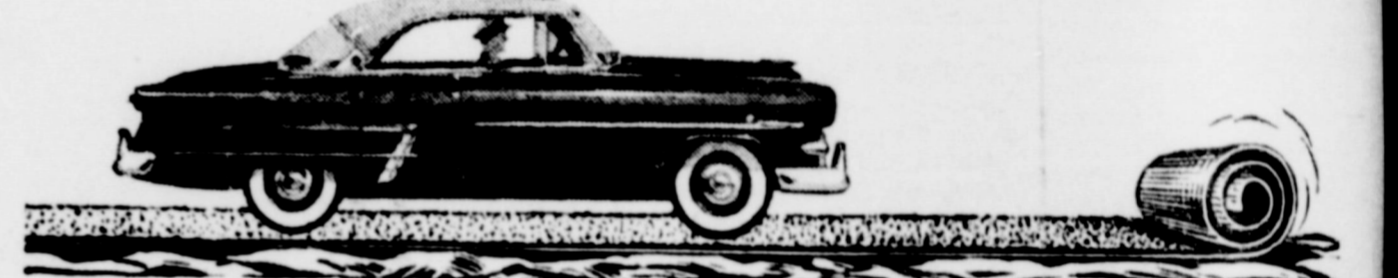
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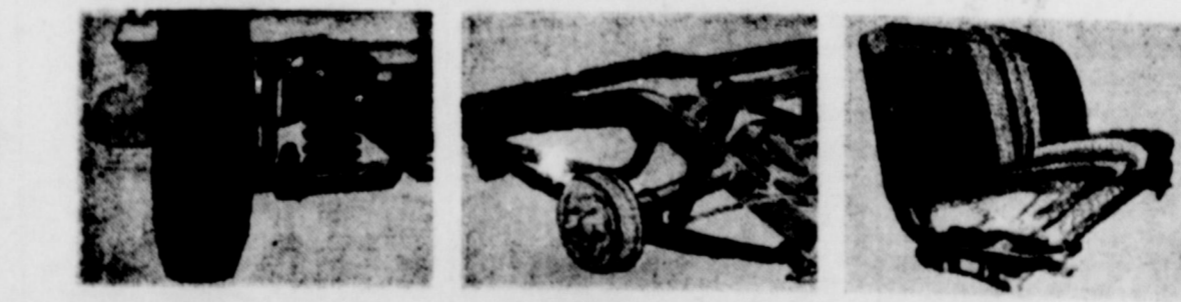
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Wealthy Rancher Shuns Elaborate Home . . . Prefers Bedroll In Shack, Kerosene Lights

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 West Texas Livestock Weekly

One of the biggest ranches in West Texas is owned by a man who spurns electric lights, doesn't drive an automobile, and sleeps on a bedroll in a one-room structure only 10-feet square.

He's W. E. (Bill) Edwards, one of the major ranch operators of Pecos and Terrell counties. Only a few residents of Fort Stockton and Sanderson areas know him personally. He prefers to live just about as he did 50 years ago, and seldom is he seen off his own ranch. A 77-year-old bachelor, he apparently has complete disregard for modern comforts. His little octagon-shaped stucco room is attached to the main headquarters house at his home ranch; but his Mexican ranch hands live in the main house. His own room and the main ranch house are lighted by lanterns rather than electric lights; there's no butane gas or other modern heating or lighting convenience, such as have become common throughout the ranch country.

Edwards now owns a ranch with a \$100,000 home on it, but refuses to spend the \$3,000 necessary to have it served by REA electric power. The home, built only recently by J. C. Mitchell on a ranch which Edwards bought from him last month, is one of the most palatial in the Trans-Pecos area. When Edwards was asked to approve Mitchell's contract to have REA lines run to the ranch, he refused on the grounds that electricity is not economical and that the lanterns which had served him for so many years were still good enough for him.

It wasn't the lack of funds that prompted Edwards in this decision. He's been known to give twice the \$3,000 sum in a single donation to charity. It's said he has often paid 10 or 15 times that much in income taxes in a single year. He paid a reported \$36 per acre for the Mitchell ranch.

Edwards doesn't scrimp on expenses to keep his livestock in good shape. He feeds an expensive grain-and-meat mixture to his sheep and cattle—a name-brand feed which usually is reserved for show stock. Not even the current drought has forced him to liquidate his livestock herds. In fact, he hasn't sold his lamb crop for three years. Probably he has the largest accumulation of two and three year old muttons in Texas. He explains that his lamb crop hasn't been very big during the drought, but since he runs around 8,500 ewes, even a small lamb crop would make him the owner of a sizable string of muttons after three years.

However, he stocks his country rather lightly, and he has a lot of it; but cutting sotol more extensively and by having a big enough bank account to keep from having to sell sheep, he's been able to follow the extremely unusual practice of keeping his lamb crops. He also runs around 100 cows and a thousand Spanish goats.

Despite his 77 years, Edwards continues to oversee his ranch work from a saddle. He makes a hand on the roundup, in the shearing pens, or at marking and branding time. For days at a time he will be gone from his tiny house, sleeping on the range in his bedroll wherever there's work to be done.

Edwards doesn't take a regular tally book with him in the pasture. He keeps records of livestock numbers on an old hat, the same one he's worn for 15 years or more. When he gets time, he transfers the figures from his hat to a ledger, then erases the numbers from the hat.

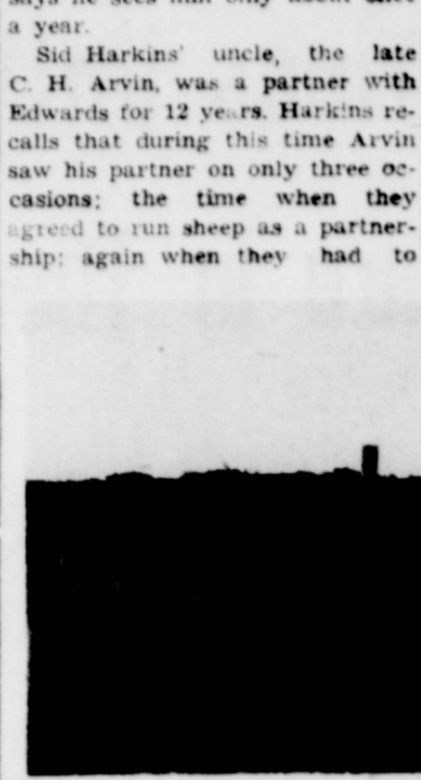
Johnny Williams, manager of the Sanderson Wool Commission Company, handles Edwards' clip of 75,000 to 100,000 pounds of wool and says the ranchman was wearing the same hat 13 years ago when he first met him, and that it was an old hat then.

The principal reason why Edwards is so little known even in his own country is that he goes to town so seldom. He stays at the ranch. Even his ranch neighbors don't see him often. Sid Harkins, who lives 16 miles from the Edwards headquarters, says he's only seen him three times in 20 years. Clayton Puckett, an official of the Fort Stockton bank

where Edwards does business, says he sees him only about once a year.

Sid Harkins' uncle, the late C. H. Arvin, was a partner with Edwards for 12 years. Harkins recalls that during this time Arvin saw his partner on only three occasions; the time when they agreed to run sheep as a partnership; again when they had to

move some sheep into the Big Ben country because of drouth; and the third time when they amiably decided to dissolve the partnership and divide the sheep.



For all his quaint mode of living, which seems strange only because it hasn't changed with the passing years, Edwards is well read. He can converse on a surprising variety of subjects, from medieval history to current world affairs. His little room is lined from floor to ceiling with books, including histories, encyclopedias and a regular library of classical literature. A vast accumulation of magazines clutters the shack. His favorite place for reading and meditation is the shelter of a large chinaberry tree which he planted in his front yard years ago. However, his eyes are growing dim and he reads less frequently these days.

Edwards is one of the early settlers of the Sanderson and Fort Stockton country. In 1905 he drifted a band of 1,500 sheep into what is now his home range. He bought them in Del Rio. He settled down and bought eight sections of school land. Later, he bought some land from two brothers who had homesteaded some nearby country. The land cost \$1.50 to \$2 per acre; when the price soared to \$3.50, the ranchmen of the area agreed that it was too high. Ranch land could be leased for three cents an acre per year, and there was plenty of it available. There were few fences. Sheep were run under herd. Herders were plentiful at \$15 per month.

At that time, J. M. Corder managed the huge Big Canyon Ranch. A. G. Anderson, Gene McKenzie, Charles Downie and W. H. Mansfield were others ranching in the area then. All ran cattle on ranges which supported grass a foot high over the hills and knee deep on the flats, Edwards remembers. The main obstacle to ranching was lack of water. Any section that had a spring or running water on it had already been settled. The first wells drilled were deep, some 300 to 600 feet, and water had to be hauled long distances for drilling. As wells were drilled the land became more valuable and more settlers moved in.

One young man, Joe Montgomery, drifted his sheep across the Edwards place and stopped overnight to water and salt his sheep. He paid Edwards with a check which Edwards still has in his possession. Today, Montgomery is a

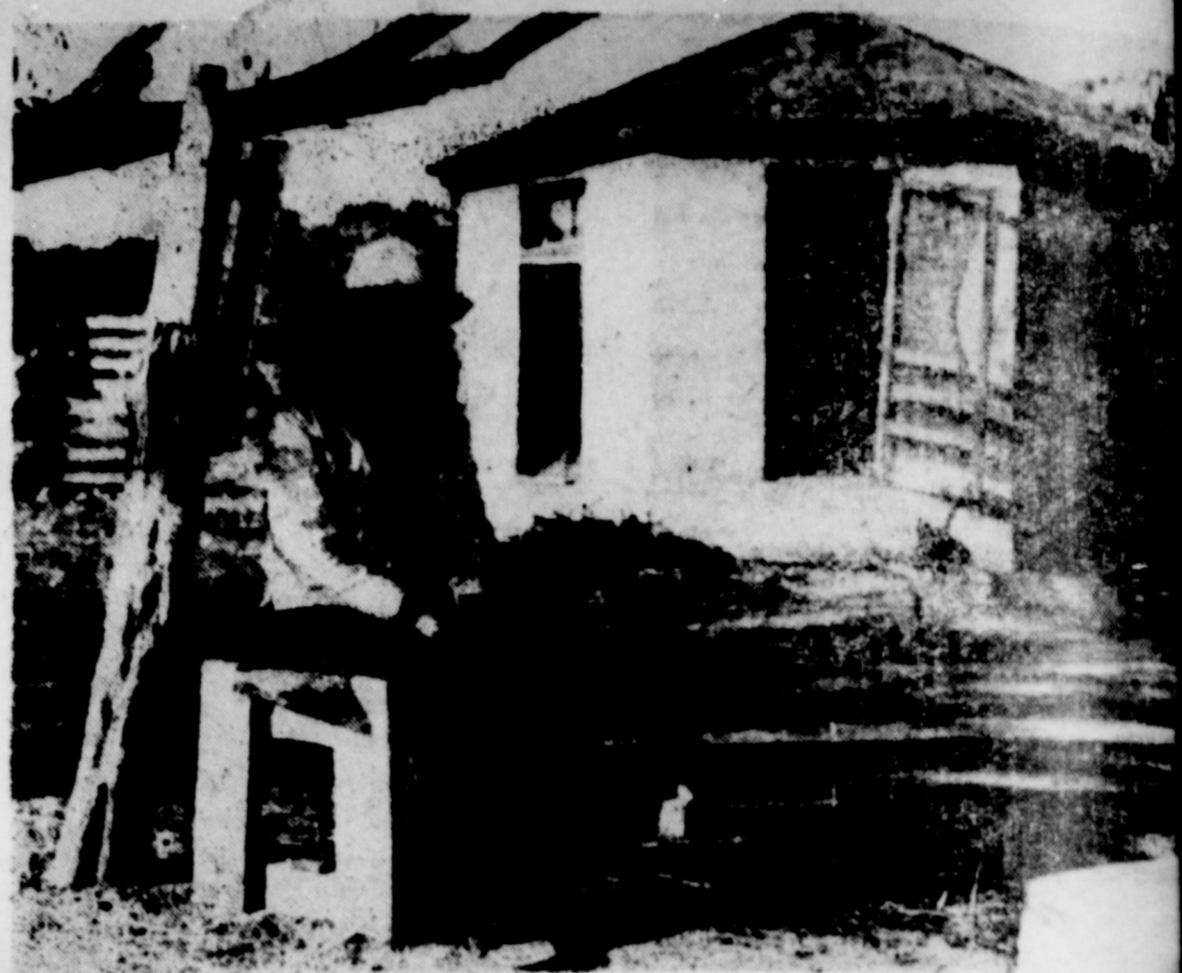
prominent livestock producer of that area.

Scabies was one of the biggest worries of sheepmen in those days, Edwards remembers. Sixteen cent wool and no market at all for lambs wasn't so hard to take; there was plenty of grass, plenty of land, and expenses weren't too high. But the annual dipping was not only a nuisance

it also cost a sizable death loss.

And it was impossible to eradicate scab because there were so few fences and drifters kept coming through with sheep. If they didn't give your sheep scab, your sheep gave them scab, Edwards says. When the country became more settled and fences grew common, scab was easily eradicated.

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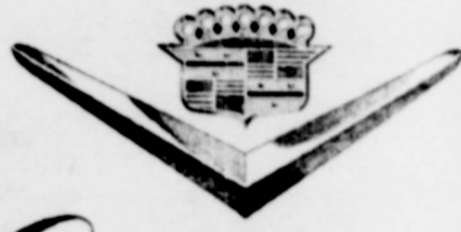
Bill Edwards' favorite resting place on his ranch between Fort Stockton and Sanderson is the worn bench underneath a shade tree he planted many years ago in his front yard. Here, he's shown taking a few minutes out from his

ranch work. In the background is his one-room adobe where he sleeps in a bedroll just like he used to do 50 years ago when he settled on his ranch. Below is the modern ranch home on the J. C. Mitchell ranch, which Edwards recently

bought. Edwards says he plans to move to the new home when gets time, but people who know him predict he'll keep using bedroll regardless of the lavish appointments. —Pix courtesy Livestock Weekly

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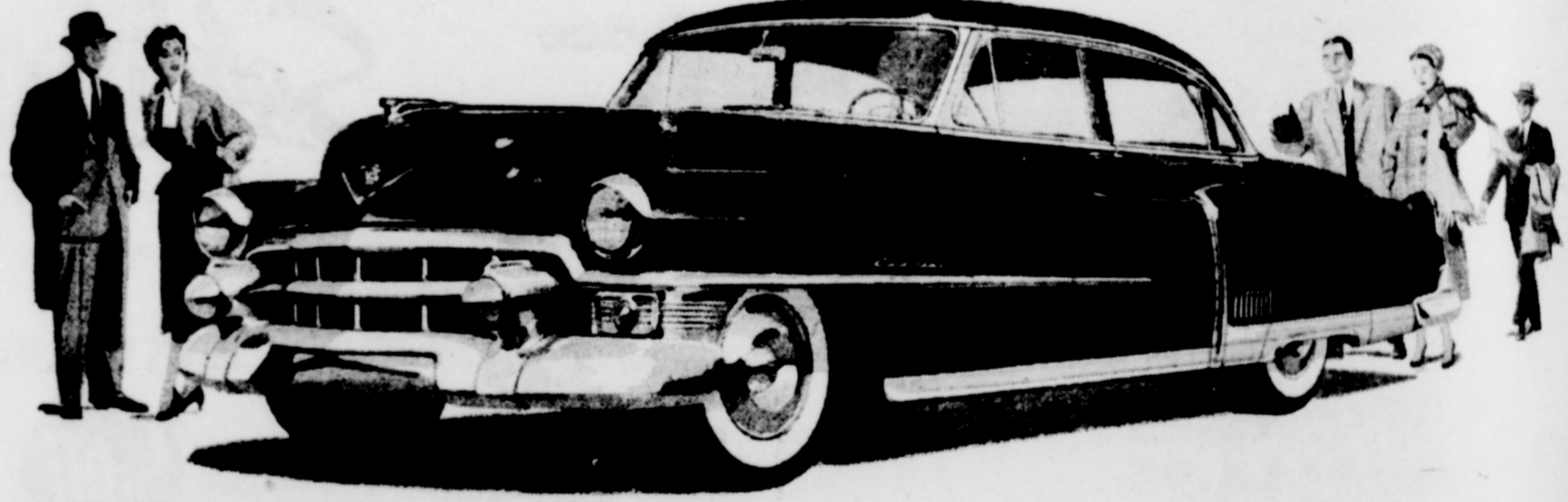
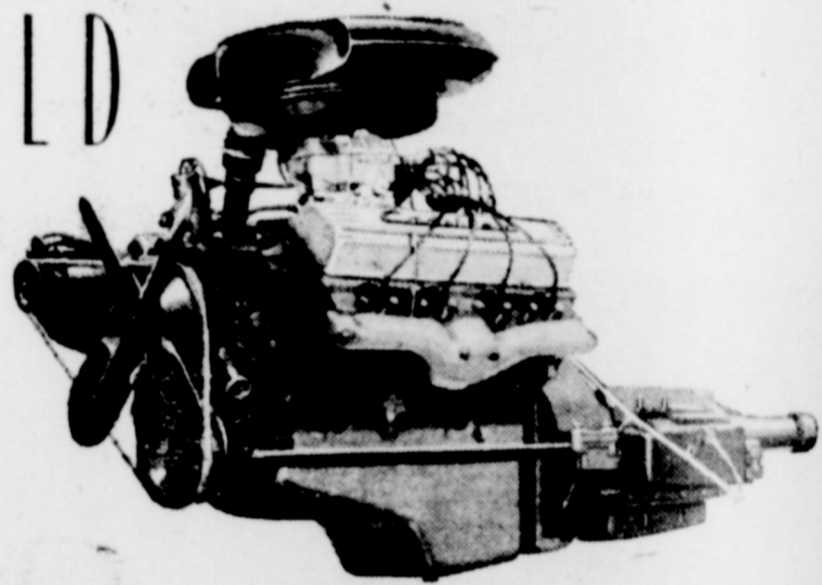
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Wealthy Rancher —
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Drouths weren't so hard to take in the old days, especially where sotoi was plentiful. Edwards said if it became so bad that livestock starved to death, owners simply let them die. However, since a sheep or cow wasn't worth so much as now, it wasn't so telling to lose several head. Sotoi feeding was a matter of inexpensive cutting. Also, if it got dry in one area, it was little trouble to lease a section where grass was more plentiful. Now there isn't any else-where, Edwards complains; a rancher has to stay in the same spot and feed out a drouth.

Edwards' present land accumulation includes his home place, many joining sections bought from other homesteaders years ago, and the original Mansfield ranch. The latter joins Edwards' original ranch. The Mitchell spread which Edwards bought recently completes his acquisition of the former Mansfield ranch. He bought part of it some years ago. Many people wonder why Edwards, at 77, paid the high price for the Mitchell ranch. He once remarked that his ambition was to own 100 sections of land.

People who've heard of him but don't know him sometimes criticize his way of living. It's inevitable that a man who owns several new pickups but can't drive one should be the subject of considerable talk. But those who know him are quick to defend him as a citizen, saying he has helped many a worthy cause without public notice. Because of his wealth, he is hounded by seekers of donations, worthy or otherwise, and he

Mrs. Roger Rose Thursday Bridge Club Hostess

Mrs. Roger Rose entertained the members of the Thursday Bridge Club and additional guests in her home last week.

High score prize was presented to Mrs. Hugh Rose, second high to Mrs. Floyd Smith and both held the slam prizes. Mrs. E. J. Hanson was given low prize.

The hostess served refreshments of pie and coffee. The centerpiece on the refreshment table was formed of fruit.

The guests included Mesdames A. J. Hahn, Jr., H. E. Fletcher, F. M. Roark, Hugh Rose, J. D. May, I. B. Rusk, Floyd Smith, S. H. Underwood, R. G. Stegall, J. W. Pate, M. F. Bader, E. J. Hanson, James Kerr, Jack Laughlin, Lee McCue, J. O. Little, Jr., S. L. Stumberg, R. S. Wilkinson, F. M. Wood and W. R. Stumberg.

Mrs. S. H. Patton and daughter, Peggy, of Sierra Blanca visited in Dryden with friends last week.

is as suspicious as the rest of us when somebody comes begging.

Clayton Puckett recalls the time when somebody suggested buying some kid goats from Edwards for a Girl Scout benefit banquet. It was thought he might sell the goats at a price which would make the banquet profitable. He responded by an outright gift of 25 head, more than enough for the banquet. He also answers appeals from chairmen of local charity drives with very satisfactory donations; it's reported he once made up a shortage of \$6,000 to put a drive over its goal.

A favorite topic of speculation is what Edwards will do with his land and other assets when he dies. Some people say they've heard reports he has willed his property to a West Texas church school; others assert he hasn't even made a will. But as far as anybody claims to know positively he hasn't been asked what he intends to do with his money, and he hasn't volunteered the information.

Corned Beef Dinner



Corned beef and cabbage may be the traditional combination, but you'll find that corned beef with sauerkraut is a wonderful change. Cooked separately and only until heated, the tangy kraut adds crispness and full-bodied flavor to the corned beef.

This hearty and thrifty menu almost demands the accompaniment of cold beer, so pour the sparkling beverage into tall pill-sner glasses for refreshing contrast to the thirst-arousing foods.

When buying the corned beef brisket, ask for more than the amount required for dinner. It's delicious hot or cold and you'll want to have some left for sandwiches and corned beef hash.

For the first meal, cut the juicy brisket into thick slices and serve it with boiled potatoes, kraut, mustard and horseradish as shown in the illustration.

"Boiled" Corned Beef Dinner
(Makes 6-8 Servings)

4 pounds corned beef brisket
6-8 small potatoes

In a large kettle, place corned beef. Cover with cold water. Allow 45-50 minutes a pound, simmer slowly 3 hours, or until beef is tender. Do not boil. About 30 minutes before meat is done, add washed unpeeled potatoes. Continue to cook over low heat until potatoes are tender. Serve with sauerkraut, heated separately with a few caraway seeds.

Ruperto Perez Has Birthday Party Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Isabel Perez honored their son, Ruperto, with a party in their home Sunday afternoon on the occasion being his fifth birthday.

After a period devoted to playing games, the pinata was broken.

Refreshments of hot chocolate, cookies, and cake were served. Favors were balloons, candy, and bubble gum.

The guests were Bernice and Rumaldo Gonzales, Marta and Joe Perez, Inez and Etinda Villarreal, Anita Rios, Chita, Anita and Dimas Lopez, Chiquita, Mage Ross and Gilberto Chalmabaga, Minnie

and Toni Salas, Johnny Ben Avidez, Alice and Pete Olivares, Mage and Tinano Bravo, Jr., Tino Barton, Irma, Lucila, and Dama Galvan, Tema, Golla, Betty, Chique and Pime Castro, Mary and Larry Carrasco, Jr., Maria, Jose, Raul and Juan Esteban and Matias Ramirez.

Several of the mothers of the children were present to help in entertaining the little guests.

DANCE HONORS FRANK ARREDONDO, JR.

Mrs. E. P. Arredondo entertained with a dance in her home to honor her son, Frank, Jr., on his eighteenth birthday. There were about fifty guests present. Cake, cookies and hot chocolate were served during the evening.

Mrs. H. E. Schroeigler Leads Program For Presbyterian Women

The Circle of the Presbyterian Women of the Church met in the Fellowship Hall Monday afternoon. Preceding the meeting, the executive board met with Mrs. John W. Byrd presiding. The meeting was opened with the reading of Psalm 67 followed by prayer. Reports of officers and chairmen were heard.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell, chairman of World Missions, announced the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial as January 25 through February 1 during which a program of private meditation and reading will be followed. On Wednesday, Feb. 4, book reviews will be given at the church, beginning at 3 p. m. Mrs. Mitchell will give these reviews and special offerings for World Missions will be received.

A nominating committee was named to include Mrs. N. M. Mitchell, chairman; Mrs. E. J. Hanson and Mrs. W. H. Savage.

The Circle program was opened with the song, "O Zion Haste", followed by prayer for world peace by Mrs. J. W. McKee. Mrs. Harold E. Schroeigler led the discussion on "How Do You Wear Your Christian Clothing?" based on Colossians 3:12-17 and on "How Does Your Religion Show in the Home and in the Community?" based on Colossians 3:18, 4:6. Mrs. Byrd closed this study with prayer.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell reviewed the merits of reading the January Presbyterian Survey giving highlights to be found in a number of the articles.

The Mizpah benediction dismissed the following members: Mesdames R. S. Wilkinson, W. H. Savage, E. F. Pierson, J. D. Nichol, Leola Hill, J. W. Byrd, H. E. Schroeigler, N. M. Mitchell, J. W. McKee and C. C. Mitchell.

B of RT Auxiliary Meeting Monday

The ladies auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen met Monday afternoon in regular session in the Masonic Hall basement with the new president, Mrs. Jess Fisher, presiding.

Pie a la mode and coffee were served to the members at the close of the meeting.

Those present were Mesdames Ed Robbins, H. W. Halsell, Irvin Robbins, Jess Fisher, Gene Littor, W. F. Frazier, H. E. Ezelle, Dick Sullivan, F. G. Grigsby, W. E. Stavley and A. J. Hahn, Jr.

Varied Program For P-TA Thursday In School Auditorium

The monthly meeting of the Sanderson Parent-Teacher Association was Thursday afternoon in the high school auditorium with Mrs. Carl Werneking as program leader. The invocation was given by Lewis A. Wright, minister of the Church of Christ.

In discussing the subject, "My Hometown," Mrs. Jack Turner pleased her audience with the early history of Sanderson, and was original in her tribute to the present community.

Two selections were played on the guitar by Weldon Werneking with his sister, Carlene Werneking, furnishing the piano accompaniment.

Maidie Moore, dressed in boy's clothing, gave the reading, "Seeing Things at Night." A variety playlet, "Happy New Year, 1953," was given by the pupils of Mrs. W. E. Geigley's fourth grade. It included a pretty dance number, "The Paw-Paw Dance."

Room attendance prize was won by Mrs. H. C. England's first grade.

Canasta Club Plays In Sullivan Home

Mrs. Dick Sullivan was hostess Tuesday afternoon for the meeting of the Canasta Club. High score prize was won by Mrs. Gene Littor and low score by Mrs. Irvin Robbins.

The hostess served refreshments of apple pie and coffee to Mesdames C. H. Stavley, Ed Robbins, Weldon Cox, F. G. Grigsby, Gene Littor, G. D. Vincent, Ray de Busk and Irvin Robbins.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Pretty "Foxy" Terrier

Talking about dogs the other night—and Sandy Johnson topped everything off with a tall story about his fox terrier, "Boscum."

According to Sandy, "Come bird season and that dog won't stir if I take down my rifle. Same if it's deer season and I go for my shotgun—he won't move, but he's scratching at the door if I so much as look at my rifle!"

One day, Sandy decided to fool him. He took down both his shotgun and his rifle—and swish, Boscum was on his way! So Sandy put the guns back and took out

his fishing rod. He went outside and there was Boscum—digging like crazy for worms!

From where I sit, a dog that can outguess humans is as rare as a human that can outguess other humans. For instance, I like a glass of beer with lunch but I wouldn't think of pouring you one without first asking. Everybody has preferences—and it's finding out what they are and respecting them that keeps freedom from "going to the dogs."

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