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### Celebration Leaders Named by Roberts, All Asked to Help

C. E. Roberts has been chosen general chairman of the Holiday Pioneer Reunion and Celebration which is scheduled for May 28. He will be assisted particularly by G. R. Killian, Fred Maier and J. D. Johnson.

Phases of the celebration will be headed by the following citizens:

Publicity: Mrs. Leslie B. Finnell.  
Amateur Hour: Hammond Harrison, Lewis Hodge.  
Roping: Sonny Lavender, Junior Brown.  
Pioneers Registration: Mrs. I. A.

Smith.  
Dance: A. O. Lawler.  
Street and Float: Joe Martin.  
Parade: Johnny Jones, Robert Chesher.  
Finance: H. B. Talley, Fred Maier.  
Barbecue: Walter Dykes, G. J. Brown.  
Children's Games: Bill Thompson, W. S. Thomas.  
Decoration: Mrs. H. M. Simpson.  
The planning committee would like for each place of business to decorate the front of the store and the windows.  
Further planning will be made at the civic club meeting next Tuesday night.

## Ditchbank Meditations

by Bill Ripple

**VALUES**  
We have never seen a community project that pleased us more than the Wichita river clean-up project in Wichita Falls. It is one of the nicest things that could happen to the city.

There is something fascinating about a river. But, let its banks become cluttered with man-made junk and its water line jagged with the same, and it becomes repulsive. With a little co-operation from man, natural beauty will return to the river.

Just as we were getting into a congratulatory frame of mind toward our county seat for cleaning up a section of the Wichita river and making a city park of it, a leader of the project let it be known that he was expecting 5,000 persons out there some Sunday afternoon putting out grass.

The Sabbath means too little to far too many folk already.

If the project is not important enough for the work to be done on man's time, it is not worthy enough to be done on God's time.

My prayer is that enough good people will rise up and get the job done without desecrating Sunday.

It is a worthy project that will bring glory and honor to the city. We hope that it will be gloriously and honorably done.

Everyone would like to feel that we are on the verge of the "Golden era of peace and plenty."

We could possibly be approaching that blessed state if we would accept and honor Him who is the author of peace and the provider of plenty.

The trouble is, there are too many of us who want the other fellow to be good and merit God's blessing on our nation while we just sort of play the devil.

A nation is made up of individuals and it is as good or bad as the composite of its people.

A redbird has built her nest just 15 inches from my window sill. She was almost three days at the task. It was a work of interest, energy and precision throughout.

Not one hair did papa redbird contribute to the building. His sole contribution was in keeping mama well fed. He would pop up unexpectedly, perch majestically on a nearby limb, and after a bit of chit-chat with the Mrs. he would hop to her side and drop a juicy worm into her mouth.

On one occasion I am sure he was dissatisfied with either the quality of workmanship or lack of progress. After exchanging the usual bird-talk he flew away with the worm still in his mouth. She didn't stop to weep but went right on building—without her lunch.

There are two beautiful eggs in the nest as of this afternoon.

**WICHITA FALLS STOCK MARKET**  
Bulls: 12 to 14.  
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Plain fat calves: 14 to 16.  
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Good stocker steers: 17 to 20.50.  
Medium stocker steers: 14 to 17.  
Plain stocker steers: 11 to 14.  
1350 head of cattle were handled at the sale barn Wednesday.

### Soils, Fertilizers and Safety Are Topics of Farmers Union Meet

Principal speaker at the regular monthly Farmers Union meeting was Carl Gray, soil scientist at Midwestern university. Using photographs and slide shots of various plants and fields in the Iowa Park area, he definitely brought out the advantages and increased yields where proper use of fertilizers was applied.

Citing numerous cases where the farmers were using nitrogen fertilizers and records were being kept, he brought out that yields were more than doubled and the returns on the costs were four dollars to each dollar invested. Mr. Gray strongly urged all farmers to have their soil analyzed, then apply the correct fertilizer, especially in the irrigated district.

Another feature of the evening was a program for "Safety on the Farm," presented by John Sibley, vocational agriculture instructor at Iowa Park High School. Figures compiled by the National Safety Council show that 18,000 farm persons were killed in accidents during 1954. Two highest contributors to these deaths were automobiles and farm machinery. Deaths in automobile accidents were 4600 and farm machinery 4400.

Control of accidents should be an important part of any farm management program. Like other types of farm work such as weed and insect control, all accidents could be eliminated through education and application of safe working practices.

In following this line of thought Eddie Whittenberg, student of Mr. Sibley, enumerated many of the Don'ts and Do's when operating tractors and other farm machinery. The farmer should first educate himself in the safe handling of his machines, and then thoroughly teach any others he might assign to operate or work around them.

After the business meeting, Mrs. James Van Horn and Mrs. Neil Johnson served refreshments.

### Study Club Leaders To Take Training

Mrs. C. E. Smith, newly installed president of the 23 Study club, and Mrs. James Sewell, program chairman, plan to attend a "Program Building and Project Choose" work-a-day session in Rule, Saturday, May 14.

Mrs. Sewell will appear on a panel discussion of "Safety." She is district chairman of safety for TFWC of District I, and was recently appointed regional director of women's activities for the Texas Safety association.

Mrs. Sewell received this appointment from Mrs. C. Aubrey Stewart of Fort Worth, state vice-president of TSA and state chairman of safety of TFWC.

O. T. Freeman, principal of Wichita Falls high school and formerly of Iowa Park, serves as regional vice-president of the Texas Safety association.

Other district chairmen of Iowa Park and local club members plan to attend this meeting in Rule, which will hold its sessions in the high school auditorium.

The reason so few reach the top is because no successful method has yet been devised by which a person can sit down and slide up hill—Tony Wons Scrapbook.

### Many Area Folk Attend Memorial Service at Dundee

Last Sunday in May, 1954, Dundee held the first Memorial Day Service at the cemetery, and drew such a large crowd of people, food, fellowship and flowers, that the community decided to have another this year on the first Sunday in May.

Mrs. Jess Seigler was chairman for the first two, and Roy Stone of Blackflat community was elected to head up the 1955 observance.

Approximately 200 persons gathered last Sunday for the memorial services and dinner under the brush arbor erected for that purpose. Many came from Holliday,

Archer City, Wichita Falls, Kamay, Olney, Mankins and other surrounding places besides Dundee.

At the 11:00 program, Rev. Jim Dean of the host church served as master of ceremonies. The Dundee girls sextet sang, accompanied by Mrs. Willie Mankins. Two former Dundee ministers preached: Rev. George Lawler, former Baptist pastor, and Rev. Cockburne, former Methodist pastor, now located at Electra.

After the dinner Mr. Dean led the old fashioned community sing with Mrs. Rose Sebring at piano. Miss Nancy Jo Mankins gave "Two Mothers," the girls sextet sang and the boys sextet sang.

Mrs. Leslie B. Finnell read Memorial Day selections including Kipling's "L'Envoi," and Tennyson's

"Crossing the Bar" and Bryant's "Thanatopsis."  
Mrs. Willie Mankins was program chairman for the service.

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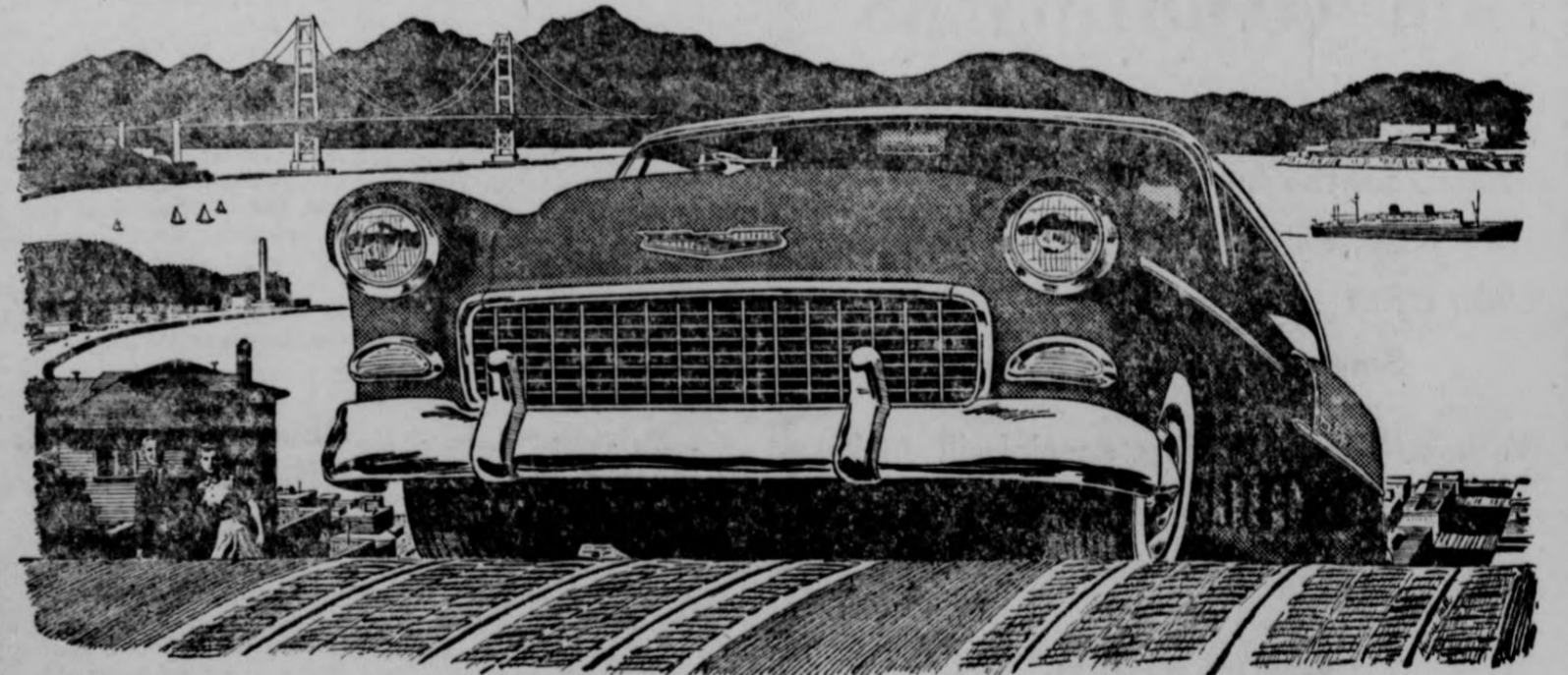
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