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WOODWORK

BY DALTON

SOMEHOW I just about missed the Fourth of July. By the time you read this, it will be 963 days until the Fourth of July. But still, there are a few comments about the Fourth which I want to make.

First of all, I always think of James Cagney when the Fourth of July comes around, because in my mind I can still see and hear him as he portrayed George M. Cohan, dancing and singing "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Another way that mention of the Fourth of July shows my age is in the fact that I can't stand fireworks for very long without getting on my nerves. I used to like to pop firecrackers, now I just wish there weren't any such things.

At Hale Center they have an annual observance on July 4 in which (among other things such as fiddlers dragging horses' tails across cats' insides) they choose a "firecracker."

I remember the "firecracker" last year. Do you suppose last year's Miss Firecracker would be any good?

Firecracker, "I'll bet my pop is bigger than your pop!"

Maybe not, but my mom's pop is bigger than her least nice piece of pie.

To be sure, that I'll have to tell you happened at the Lion Club celebration at Okla last week.

The attractive Miss Schultz, who made a fine brief speech of appreciation to the Okla Lions, was their club sweetheart last year when she won the Hale Center title. So she was at the installation, as were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schultz, and a whole bunch of other Lions and Lionesses. I was there as a member of a loose organization which performs for people for free.

Anyway, it was all very festive of July 4th. Decorating the tables were real live skyrocket and some little cone-shaped critters with a fuse sticking out the top. As we noted, nobody would dare light these things inside the building.

R. B. McAllister and a good

FILM ON RUSSIAN FARM LIFE TO BE SHOWN

A 39-minute colored film, "On the Square," depicting Russian farm life will be shown tonight, Thursday, at 8:30 p. m. in the Muleshoe High School auditorium.

The film, taken in Russia by Cotton John Smith of Amarillo, will be narrated by Joe Brown of KCNC in Amarillo.

Sponsoring the film will be the Bailey County Farmers Union who urge all interested persons to attend. There will be no charge to the public.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Patients this week in the South Plains Hospital at Amherst include the following:

Sudan—Mrs. Joe West, Mrs. Josie Whitmire, Mrs. John Tucker, Mr. H. L. Burkes, Mrs. Daisy Martin.

Amherst—Mr. O. G. Wagner, Mrs. Lavern Long, Mrs. Windy and Raylene, Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Mrs. G. A. Elms, Mrs. L. A. Nelson.



RECEIVES AWARD - Air Force Lt. Paul W. Edwards (right), son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Fryor of Sudan, receives the Distinguished Flying Cross at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, from General John D. Ryan, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Air Forces. The major was cited for his performance while participating in a combat support mission over North Vietnam.

AREA RESIDENTS WATCH HOSPITAL DISTRICT SUIT

Residents a few miles north of Sudan and closer to Amherst, some of whom were surprised last week to learn they are in the newly created East-Springlake hospital district (and subject to taxation) are watching with interest to see the outcome of a suit to declare null and void the election which created the district.

Twenty-two voters in the May 27 election filed a petition in 14th District last Friday asking that the election be declared void and that another one be called.

Petitioners alleged "so many and such grave irregularities" in the election, both in bringing about and conducting it, that it was impossible to determine the true results.

They also claimed so-called "improper conduct of the election" resulted in many persons being denied the right to vote and the subsequent approval of the hospital district.

The petition cited the entire election process as a "designed" by proponents of the district to "rush the matter through" without giving voters time to learn about or consider issues involved. A large number of qualified voters did not know about the election until it was over, according to the petition.

It also asked an injunction against the new district's board of directors preventing them from conducting financial business on behalf of the hospital until the election contest is resolved.

The proposition calling for creation of the district and for levy of annual taxes for construction and operation of the hospital carried by a 266 to 213 vote. A second proposition to issue hospital bonds and levy taxes for their payment carried by a vote of 258 to 225.

Contestants charged the Lamb County Commissioners Court with being either illegal or just recommending a single ballot for a single purpose in a community where the commissioners' jurisdiction extends over about 300 square miles.

Events are planned for three age groups with trophies to be given for first place in each event and ribbons up to 5th place.

Events, entry fees, and age groups are as follows:

- 12 years and under—Barrel race, \$2; pole bending, \$2; flag race, \$2; calf riding, \$2; ribbon race, \$1; scramble, \$1.
- 13 to 17 years—Barrel race, \$2; pole bending, \$2; flag race, \$2; calf riding, \$2; calf roping, \$2.
- 16 to 18 years—Calf roping, \$2; barrel race, \$2; pole bending, \$2.

Entry blanks may be obtained from any Jaycee and turned in at the First National Bank of Sudan or mailed to Philip Gordon, Box 392, Sudan, Texas; and must be in the hands of the officials before 2 p. m., July 16.

Cotton Allotment Limitation Sought

"The enactment of a \$10,000 limitation on government payments, as advocated by Senator Williams and others, would bring chaos to both the agricultural and industrial economies of the nation, and would wreck the country's chances for maintaining a balanced supply of reasonably priced food and fiber."

This was the reaction of Donald A. Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., to a proposal by Senator John J. Williams of Delaware that no individual producer of agricultural commodities be permitted to receive more than \$10,000 in price support, diversion or other government payments.

Williams is expected to offer the proposal as an amendment to the Agricultural Appropriations Bill being considered in the Senate. The Bill is to be taken up again following the 10-day July 4 recess.

Williams contends that a disproportionate share of government assistance to agriculture is going to large, "corporation" farmers, and that this is unfair to the "family" farm.

In an attempt to make his point, he listed in the Congressional Record the names and addresses of all U.S. farmers who drew payments of \$50,000 or more in 1966, excluding price support loans.

The listing covers almost ten pages in the Record and includes 29 of the 50 states. California led all states with 249 listings in this "Who's Who in Agriculture." Texas ran second with 238 names, 120 of them from the 23 High Plains counties covered by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

"Putting a maximum on payments," Johnson said, "would in effect put a maximum on the size of the farm which could afford to cooperate with farm programs. It would be foolish to expect a farmer to take 1,000 acres out of production to help keep supplies in line with national policy if the maximum payment he can get is the same \$10,000 that is paid to the man who only idles 200 or 300 acres.

"These larger farms would be forced out of government programs, would produce excess supplies, and price for the production from large farms and small farms alike would be depressed."

Johnson said that the farms receiving large payments are producing a much larger percentage of the nation's agricultural output.

"First, government payments are not a part of a poverty program designed to help some farmers who are less fortunate than other farmers. They are not welfare payments.

"Second, payments are a logical, justifiable, necessary means to induce farmers to cut production. Farmers, large and small, are paid in direct proportion to their productive capacity, hence in proportion to their contribution to the national well-being. The farmer with more productive capacity gets more than one with less, just as he would earn more if he produced to the maximum.

"Third, the purpose of government programs is to keep commodity production in line with commodity demand, to the end of (A) adequate but not surplus supplies, (B) fair and equitable returns to efficient producers and (C) prices in line with consumer ability to pay.

Jaycees Set Rodeo Date

The Sudan Jaycees have set July 16 as the date for their annual Little Britches rodeo. The event will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 2 p. m. in the Sudan roping arena.

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Senior Citizens Meeting

The "Young at Heart" senior citizens organization will hold its monthly meeting, July 14 at 2:30 p. m. in the Community Center.

Everyone is invited to attend.

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Tracy Bowling of Sudan has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announced Glen Brathcher, secretary.

Bob Hansen and sixty-two memberships issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in the United States during the past year.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather still maintains the lead in conversation topic in the Sudan-Springlake area. June was perhaps the wettest month for this area since the fifties by receiving 10.5 inches of rainfall.

The first rainfall this year occurred on May 28 when approximately one-half inch of moisture fell in Sudan. The following Thursday, June 1, the area received from 8 to 10 inches.

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SERVICE TO EDUCATION

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Devotional
By HAZEL HOUSE

Prayer has been preached about, written about, talked about, argued about—still we do not pray enough. Why? Try answering that question for yourself.

Jesus thought that praying was so important that He prayed much, ever seeking the Father's will, and told us many things about praying. So for our Scriptures St. Matthew 14:23, 21:22; St. Luke 18:1, 5:16.

I have been especially re-

mindful by hearing this song, "Keys To The Kingdom." "Prayer is the Key to the Kingdom"—"Don't lose your Key to the Kingdom." Have you lost the Key?

Once I heard Mrs. Geraldine Conway, an Evangelist from Ohio, tell of how she started to her room in an elevator thinking about life's problems. As she reached her hotel floor, and came to her room, she remembered that she had not stopped

HOMEMAKERS MEET

The Sudan Young Homemakers of Texas met July 3 at 8 p. m. in the home economics cottage, Mrs. Lynn Drum, president, presided during the business meeting, when reports were given by Mrs. Darwin Reid, Mrs. Pudd Wiseman, and Mrs. James Withrow on the recent Area I College for Young Homemakers held in Plainview.

The agenda for the August meeting will include the election of officers for the 67-68 year. The next meeting will be held August 7 at 8 p. m. in the cottage.

at the desk for her key. As she turned around she said she seemed to hear a voice saying, "Go back down and get the key" and Mrs. Conway knew that she must go back down for more than just her hotel room key.

Have you gone up too high, or gone too far, and left your "Key" about where you started from?

Prayer is the key that unlocks the door to the greatest power on earth, or in Heaven; our doorway to the heart and mind of God. Prayer also, goes hand in hand with faith, for actual prayer is an evidence that we have faith! We must believe that God hears and answers prayer, or we would be foolish to pray.

So prayer and faith unlock the door to the Kingdom of Life that is never ending. And God saves us through the shed blood of Jesus for He actually became sin for our sakes. Is He not a wonderful Maker, a loving understanding Father, to care about man enough to provide a way to get us back to our first state of perfection when we were created in the image of God. This He did in order that we could come back to Paradise with Him, and enjoy the fellowship of being together with Him, and with all our friends and loved ones—in a life that will never end.

What a wonderful Hope is ours, as Christians, to be able to look forward to the Mansion that Jesus is preparing for us, and to be able to witness to His Living Presence now. To let Him use our voice, feet, and hands, in this physical world; and why shouldn't we, for He gave up His Life for ours that we, too might live forever. As Jesus prayed to the Father, how much more we need to pray. Another thing we need to remember is that if we pray for others, Jesus is also interceding for us, and for them, at the right hand of God, the Father. He is our High Priest, and, as we pray for others we enter into that Holy fellowship of intercession with Jesus. So, let us pray, Christians without ceasing, and believe in God's loving answer.

DOYLE BACCUS GETS APPOINTMENT

Appointment of Doyle Baccus of Baccus Chevrolet in Sudan, as Area Director of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association was recently announced in Austin by H. C. Pittman, Executive Vice President of TADA.

In accepting this appointment, Baccus stated, "I am proud to represent my fellow franchised dealers in this area. Our major program this year will be to work with state officials in implementing the Texas Traffic Safety Act passed this year by our Texas Legislature, and to promote a high standard of integrity and assist the automobile dealers in better serving the public by making driving safer, more convenient and more economical."

The Baccus Chevrolet headquarters in Austin, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and is the largest statewide new car dealers association in the nation.



This God—his way is perfect.—(Psalms 18:30)

Sometimes we may feel that it is beyond our human power to help another person, but it is never beyond God's power. There is no need that is too great for Him to fulfill, no distance that is too great for Him to span. We express our love for all those dear to me by freeing them from over-concern. We release them into God's loving care.



Here's a thought may be for you, something you should gladly do, pass your joys on down the line to the one that's just behind. If a joy has filled your heart, you have something to impart. There is always someone near, who is much in need of cheer.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: CHARLES C. COVERT (also known as C. C. COVERT), R. H. OXFORD and wife, CLIFFIE OXFORD, JOHN GEHRES and wife MARGARET GEHRES, E. M. HATTON, F. PILLEY, G. E. LOCKHART, TOM GARRAD, F. D. BROWN, W. H. BOHNER, CHARLES EARL KEENER, MARGARET COVERT LONG, C. D. LONG, ROY GRANBERY, H. I. SAMPSON, VARA COVERT, AND J. A. TOMHAGEN, Defendants, Greeting:

COUNTY OIL HELPS ECONOMIC STIMULATION

According to a recent study by a Texas Oil Company, more than \$528,000 a year of economic stimulation for Lamb County flows from its oil and gas wells each year.

"As one of the 206 producing counties in Texas, the Lamb County's economy is sensitive to fluctuations in the oil industry generally," commented W. A. Landreth, Fort Worth, Association president. "Long range, the demand for oil looks strong and current production rates continue to provide Texas a major source of its income. On the other hand, Texas operators are beset by competition from other oil producing areas, government ceilings on natural gas prices, heavy tax payments, and a price for crude oil that is insufficient to encourage the amount of exploratory drilling that is needed to find future reserves."

Based on latest U. S. Bureau of Mines production figures, Lamb County in 1965 produced 176, 300 barrels of crude oil, valued at \$521,900 and 47.1 million cubic feet of natural gas valued at \$6,100. A major distribution of income from sales of oil and gas went to county landowners in royalty payments totaling more than \$66,000.

BAPTIST NEWS

A nominating committee for the election of officers of the First Baptist Church have been named and include Milton Williams, Mrs. Halbert Harvey, Mrs. Calvin Vernon.

Camp dates for meetings at Plains Baptist Assembly were recently released and include the Mexican camp, July 3, 4, 5 Youth camp, July 5, 6, 7; Junior girls ages 9-11, July 10-12; Intermediate girls, ages 12-14, July 12-14; Junior boys ages 9-11, July 24-26; Intermediate boys, ages 12-14, July 26-28.

Among those serving on various committees for the Youth Work at the First Baptist Church this summer are: Paul Gordon, Judi Hazel, Marcus Padillo, Nancy Lance, Mike Fisher.

4-H NEWS

The third year 4-H sewing class met recently for their planning meeting. They decided to make dresses as projects to show in the Lamb County Dress Revue in Littlefield on July 14. Members of the class are Helen Black, Barbara Black and Ann Hudson.

SUDAN BEACON-NEWS

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NER, MARGARET COVERT LONG, C. D. LONG, ROY GRANBERY, H. I. SAMPSON, VARA COVERT, AND J. A. TOMHAGEN, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 14th day of August, 1967, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 154th District Court of Lamb County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Littlefield, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 28th day of March A. D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 5956 on the docket of said court, and styled, LOLA FOTET Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES C. COVERT, ET AL, Defendants.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: LOLA FOTET is Plaintiff and CHARLES C. COVERT (also known as C. C. Covert), R. H. OXFORD and wife, CLIFFIE OXFORD, JOHN GEHRES and wife, MARGARET GEHRES, E. M. HATTON, F. PILLEY, G. E. LOCKHART, TOM GARRAD, F. D. BROWN, W. H. BOHNER, CHARLES EARL KEENER, MARGARET COVERT LONG, C. D. LONG, ROY GRANBERY, H. I. SAMPSON, VARA COVERT, and J. A.

TOMHAGEN are Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Being an action and prayer for judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants for title to and possession of the following described lands and premises lying and being situated in Lamb County, Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot One (1), and Two (2), Block Forty-seven (47) of the Original Town of Olton, Lamb County, Texas, according to the map of plat of said town recorded in Volume 4, page 180, Deed Records of Lamb County, Texas,

and for such other and further relief, both general and special, as Plaintiff may be entitled either at law or in equity, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unadvised.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Littlefield, Texas, this 26th day of June A. D. 1967.

ATTEST:
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Lamb County, Texas
6-29-4c

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WHY is 4-H unique? Because Mary and Sue, Bill and Jim and all the other 2½ million 4-H'ers do things. In fact, the 4-H way is "Team-by-doing."

And what do they do? They work on projects. They have well over 50 projects and activities to choose from. Among them are garden, electric, horse, livestock, census, dog, poultry, photography, auto-mechanics, auto-mechanics and home economics.

With few exceptions, boys and girls participate in all projects with equal skill and success.

For more than a half century, 4-H has served the needs of youth through programs set up by the Cooperative Extension Service of the state land-grant universities.

Since the first 4-H Clubs were organized to teach boys how to grow better and girls how to sew, 4-H has grown to include many other projects and community-minded activities. Today, 4-H provides incentive awards, recreation, educational aids and technical assistance.

Collaboration between private industry in support of this youth program open to all is probably without parallel. Success of the "partnership" is evident in the best of modern business.

Today nearly 60,000 men and women serve as voluntary leaders, giving their special skills to guide the youngsters. Many of them are parents of 4-H'ers.

Through the National 4-H Service Committee of Chicago, nearly 60 business firms and large sums as sponsors of national and regional 4-H award programs approved by the Extension Service. In addition they host some 1,000 of the nation's finest teenagers at the National 4-H Club Congress. The 1967 congress, tabbed "the showcase of 4-H," will mark its 40th straight year.

Among the 4-H sponsors are: Eli Lilly and Company; General Motors; General Foods Corporation; Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation; Coats & Clark Inc.; Chicago Board of Trade; All-Chalmers; Westinghouse Electric Corporation; Merck & Co., Inc.; Wilson & Co., Inc.; Morton; E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company; Amchem Products, Inc.; Pillsbury-Purina-Gumstrey; Heintz & Nelson Farms, Inc. and Eastman Kodak Company.

Others include: Hercules Incorporated; The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company; Montgomery Ward; Armour and Company; Carnation Company; American Oil Foundation; Humble Oil & Refining Company; Standard Oil Company (Kentucky) and The Standard Oil Company (Ohio).

BIKINI-WEARERS—STOCK BAKING SODA FOR SUMMER



If you brave a bikini this summer, beware! Skin that's been covered is now going bare. And when first introduced to burning sun may wind up sorely overdone.

Now if foolish enough to overdo. Here's a simple, soothing remedy to take. A cup or so, no need to measure. Of baking soda, that household treasure. Goes into a tubful of water cool. Now soak in this a while, and you'll find that soda's affinity restores your sore skin's equanimity. Since it also cleanses, it resets the skin as effectively as it does the hair.

So bikini-wearers, stock a tub-a-Sudana's secret... baking soda!

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Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo visited home of Mr. Baccus. Burck Tollet Mrs. Marvin T. knee surgery back hospital. Mrs. Blanche John Moore Sudan visitors week. While visited in the H. W. Qualls, visited with Mrs. Leon So ville visited du in the home Bruce Newman Mr. and Mr.

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MR. AND MRS. L. E. SLATE



SLATE HOME BUILT IN 1923 where the Slates reside today. Shown in the foreground of the photo is Crosby Slate, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Slate, Sudan pioneers.

Antelopes grazing in back of their mercantile store, coyote hunting, building and lining wooden caskets are just a few of the remembrances of early pioneer days of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Slate, who arrived in Sudan to live, September 19, 1919.

Mrs. Slate, the former Smith of Henderson, Rusk County, Texas was reared in a southern atmosphere, and is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. W. L. Smith, Mrs. Smith being from Tennessee and Mr. Smith from Mississippi. Still in Mrs. Slate's possession is furniture brought from Virginia to Tennessee, then on to Texas by her grandfather, James Claiborne.

Accustomed to the more sheltered life in the older part of the state, Mrs. Slate may have suffered some apprehensions when she came with her husband, Lynn, in 1917 to Lubbock to live, where he was associated with Waples Platter Company of Fort Worth.

L. E. Slate, along with a Prater brother, Lester LaGrange of Vinton, Iowa (both attended Coe College) came to Texas representing a Michigan firm. They met and married Aida Smith and her sister, Lenore Smith, at Henderson in 1915 in a double wedding. The LaGranges are pioneers of Amherst.

In 1919 Lynn and Aida made still another move westward, this time to the frontier village of Sudan, Texas, which then consisted of the Sudan Hotel, Sudan Mercantile Company, a lumber yard, a one room school house, the Santa Fe Depot, the depot agent's house, and the farm homes of the C. M. Furneaux, and E. L. Weldons. There were a few ranch families including the Perry Barnes, Porter Earnests, Pool Earnests, Stegall Bros., and Earl Wilson.

L. E. Slate came from a farming family of the little town of South English, Iowa, and was looking for good farm land. During their two year stay in Lubbock the drought of 1917-18 was in sway and the Slates, making his route as steersman for the Company would drive for miles and never see a growing thing. States Slate, "From Stamford, to Spur, to Lubbock, not a bit of green could be seen."

When they drove into Sudan, however, they spotted a patch of wheat on the Furneaux Brothers farm, (now A. W. Ormond). They decided then and there that Sudan was good farming land—and that is how they happened to settle here.

They purchased the Sudan Mercantile Store from F. E. Booser and were in business, all kinds as it turned out later, buying coyote pelts and anything the customers had to sell and in turn selling their customers anything they wanted to buy, including Mrs. Slate's coat made right out from under her Sunday dinner, and the shoes off her feet when a farmer came to town to buy a pair of shoes for his daughter to go dancing in that night at the old Minnie Veal school house.

L. E. Slate was appointed acting postmaster in 1919, then postmaster in 1920 by Albert Beckman, who was then Postmaster General. Mrs. Slate was

assistant postmaster and also temporary carrier for Rural Route #1, which consisted of eighty miles of route. The Slates still have in their possession the old general delivery fixture for which they paid \$37.50.

Of interest to the Slates when they assumed duties in the postal department was a Wanted DEAD OR ALIVE poster hanging on the wall, for a John Teal, area cowboy who in 1918, shot and killed his school teacher sweetheart, Evelyn Mounts, then fled the country.

He was apprehended years later in Oregon and brought back for trial. At the time of the crime Teal was a cowboy on the Paul Brothers Ranch and Miss Mounts was the teacher at the old Circleback school. Pool Earnest is thought to have been the foreman when Teal worked there and when the incident occurred.

In 1929, the year before the stock market crash and subsequent depression, there was an enormous postal business in Sudan. Many new families had settled here and the majority of them ordered everything from Sears Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalogues.

The Slates had what you might call the first filling station in Sudan as they sold gasoline from a barrel, pouring it into gallon cans and marking once on the ground for each gallon poured into the tank of the car. According to Mr. Slate, a farmer played a prank one day and rubbed out his "bookkeeping" system so he just charged him for a whole tank.

One morning while Mrs. Slate was hanging out clothes, (the clothes line stretched from the store to the out-house, typical early West Texas rest room commonly called out-door toilet) a well-dressed fellow got off the train and walked into the yard, inquiring of Mrs. Slate if she could tell him where he might get something to eat. She offered her hospitalities and prepared him breakfast in their living quarters back of the store. States Mrs. Slate, "That gentleman was a prosperous banker from Kansas and I wasn't one bit ashamed of my curtains and table cloth made out of flour sacks."

Then she remembers another time when a well-dressed city dude arrived in Sudan and stepped down from the train. "That fellow wasn't lost very long out here," was her comment. The fellow being no less than Simon D. Hay, who stayed to buy land, serve as County Judge, and as Postmaster of Sudan for 25 years.

Customers at the Slate Mercantile Store were few until the 77 Ranch was cut up and sold as farms by Furneaux and Wilson. The land being surveyed into what is known as lobos, a Spanish measure of land.

After this, some new lines had to be added to the stock as the settlers coming needed farm implements, including those from such companies as the P. S. O. Emerson-Birmingham, Case, Oliver, John Deere, and E. F. Avery's one row plows and cultivators.

Come Saturday evening the farm families would drive into town and Mrs. Slate recalls the visiting that went on in the store. This was when the women gathered to exchange the

latest news and charts would be lined around the old pot-bellied stove coal burning. Mrs. Slate especially recalls to mind Mrs. Rector who lived north of town as nearly always being among those present for these Saturday afternoon socials. Mrs. Jinks Dent, daughter of the Rectors, still resides in Sudan.

Among other interesting early day customers were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brownfield of the town of Brownfield, who later became quite wealthy. During one shopping trip of the family, their little daughter scampered up a stalk of bananas hanging from the ceiling and would not come down until she had her fill, in spite of her mother's threats and pleadings.

In 1920 and 1921 the Slates had two store clerks and there were no forty-hour weeks; it was from sun-up until the days work was completed, which might be all hours of the night, as next days sugar and dried fruits had to be sacked, and the coffee ground and sacked. No fancy packaging in those days.

MRS. SLATE DUMPS ASHES, MULES DUMP THE WAGON

There was the day Mrs. Slate dumped the stove ashes and Joe West's team of mules hitched to a wagon and tied to the hitching rail, ran off and dumped the wagon and the groceries. Seems they headed in the general direction of Amherst and were found around there.

In order to uphold their aim in buying what the customers had to sell, the Slates bought cream from the local farmers, and if it was too rank to be churned into butter, Mrs. Slate always the thrifty one, made it into lye soap.

The Slates were quite impressed with L. E. Vivian, sheep rancher of Rawlins, Wyoming, who brought 12,000 ewes to winter here one year. Mr. Vivian fed his herdsmen only the best and the tidy herder's camp wagons were forerunners of today's mobile homes. They featured built-in-bunk, cabinets and storage space.

Neighbors shared in those days and many a night Mr. Slate gave his personal service to call doctors for the sick and would leave a light in the store windows to guide the doctors coming out from Lubbock to their destination. Then he would take the doctor to the residence of the ill if necessary, sometimes being 50 or 60 miles distance.

There was also a community garden planted in the area of the city park and watered by the city wind mill located there.

The old windmill came in mighty handy as a look-out tower for the Slates who loved to go coyote hunting; they could climb to the top of the windmill and see if any customers were headed for town, and if none could be seen, off Lynn and Aida would go coyote hunting.

Mrs. Slate has a coat and gloves made of coyote pelts. They sent the skins to Kansas City to have them made.

States Mrs. Slate, "Much credit should go to the Santa Fe for a great part of the settling of Sudan; bringing a great many of the settlers' household belongings, equipment and animals by immigrant car; allowing the use of the telephone in the depot for emergencies, and numerous other courtesies to those of the town."

An immigrant car was a box car chartered by the settler and loaded with the family possessions. One end would be fenced off for the dairy cow, the mules, the chickens. The rest of the car would then be filled with household goods where the steersman traveling through in the car would take a steersman.

The steersman had crew members of the Santa Fe (about fifty) loaded with the Slates. Also when empty lots (but not with lots) were headed this way

they would receive a call from up the line and when the train would stop for water, some strong and able-bodied men would climb through a hole in the top and hand out the ice. Mrs. Slate was always afraid the train would leave with someone in there. There usually would be enough ice for cold drinks for several days.

Fresh vegetables would be brought in iced in barrels on a certain day and the early settlers always looked forward to these days since the vegetables didn't last long. Ranch supplies were a big part of the General Store's stock until the 77 was cut up and the lariat rope was the best seller. Seems when a cowboy came into town he nearly always wanted a lariat rope and couldn't resist the true-blue kind made of manilla.

The Slates often ate breakfast with the cowboys at the chuck wagon when they were camped near town, and the typical menu was hot sour dough biscuits, black syrup, coffee and steak.

During stormy weather the cowboys in town would sleep in the store and nothing was ever missed.

Over a period of years Mr. Slate disposed of other phases of his business and chose implements as his field. They retired from business in 1934.

The Slates built their present home in 1923, after living in the back of the store for three and one-half years. In the Slate home are some fine antique pieces from her grandparent's home in East Texas, and the light fixture in the living room is the one that hung in the old Harvey House in Lemy, N. M.

Through the years Mrs. Slate has kept invitations and lists of graduates of each graduating class of Sudan High School, beginning with the first one in 1925. She also has a yearbook of the 1935 Study Club for each year since its origination in 1935, of which she is also a charter member. She is a charter member of the First Baptist Church, joining when it was organized in 1921, a member of the Eastern Star, a member of the Lamb County Historical Survey Committee and has helped secure two historical markers for Sudan. She is an honorary member of the Gamma Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a Woman's National Honor Sorority of Education.

Always interested in helping crippled children, Mrs. Slate would receive free passes from the Santa Fe Railway officials then she would accompany these children to Dallas to a clinic there.

Mrs. Slate and the late Mrs. C. A. Foote headed the drive to secure a permanent cemetery and then promoted the campaign to landscape the plot.

Mr. Slate has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for over fifty years and the Slates donated the land where the new Masonic Hall was built in 1957, after the old meeting place, located in a business building owned by O. D. Cockerham, burned.

Mr. Slate has in his possession a copy of the first issue of the first paper in Sudan, printed in 1925, the Sudan Signal, published by Jess Mitchell with Eva Frankel, (now Mrs. Dan Berry of Livingston, N. M.) as reporter. He also has a copy of the first issue of the Sudan News printed also in 1925, published by H. H. Weimhold & Son.

The Slates have one son, Henry Crosby Slate, named for an early ranch neighbor, Henry Crosby. At present he operates a service station in Luling, Texas. They also have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

If you are hit by flood, fire, winds, or even if your prize bull is struck by lightning you may suffer a less detectable casualty loss.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baccus of Loremo visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elgan Baccus.

Burck Tollett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tollett, underwent knee surgery Friday at a Lubbock hospital.

Mrs. Blanche Jones and Mrs. John Moore of Lubbock were Sudan visitors the first of the week. While here Mrs. Jones visited in the home of Mrs. H. W. Qualls, and Mrs. Moore visited with Mrs. M. M. Gann.

Mrs. Leon Sockwell of Greenville visited during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Olds and

Mrs. Hershell Olds are visiting relatives this week in Louisiana.

Mrs. L. C. Fox was hostess Tuesday afternoon for a meeting of a 4-H class, when Debbie Fields demonstrated the use of accessories. Members of the class are Vickie Ray, Jeanine Pierce, Georgia Ray, and Miss Fields.

Mrs. Bill Curry, Mrs. C. W. Rosson and Mrs. W. V. Terry were among those in Lubbock Friday to be with the Marvin Tolletts, whose son, Burck, underwent surgery.

Mrs. R. E. Scott and Randy visited Saturday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Clara Parrott and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Lockhart in Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Terrell

have returned from visiting in Austin.

Visiting in Sudan during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Wood and children of Plainview.

THURMON BRYANTS RETURN TO BRAZIL

Two former Sudan residents have returned to Brazil where they are Southern Baptist missionaries.

Dr. and Mrs. Thurmon Bryant are now in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he directs the theological department of the Brazilian Baptist College, following a furlough to the United States during which they visited in Sudan with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris.

TELL ME

WHAT IS THE OLDEST FOOD CONSUMED BY MAN?

BARLEY!

IT WAS A STAPLE FOOD OF THE PRE-HISTORIC SWISS LAKE-DWELLERS WHO LIVED MORE THAN 50,000 YEARS AGO!

HOW LARGE ARE SUN-SPOTS?

VASTLY LARGER THAN THE EARTH! SOME ARE 12,000 TIMES THE SIZE OF OUR GLOBE! SUN-SPOTS ARE SAFETY VALVES ALLOWING THE ESCAPE OF GASES FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE SUN!

DO NATURAL PEARLS GROW ONLY IN OYSTERS?

NO! PEARLS SOMETIMES FORM IN COCONUTS...JUST AS THEY DO IN OYSTERS!

WHAT IS THE GREATEST NUMBER OF LOADED COAL CARS HAULED BY ONE ENGINE?

A LOCOMOTIVE IN VIRGINIA HAULED 183 LOADED COAL CARS... THE LARGEST NUMBER KNOWN! THE LOCOMOTIVE HAD TO MOVE 185 FT. BEFORE THE CABOOSE STARTED!

IS THERE A BIRD THAT SINGS WITHOUT USING ITS THROAT?

YES! THE WOODCOCK ACTUALLY SINGS WITHOUT USING ITS THROAT BY MISERLY VIBRATING ITS FEATHERS!

HOW MUCH DID THE EXPEDITION OF COLUMBUS TO AMERICA COST?

BY COST THE BACKERS OF COLUMBUS ONLY \$2115 FOR THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA IN 1492!

WHAT FISH SHOOTS ITS VICTIMS THEN DEVOURS THEM?

THE TOPOTES JAGLARS OF THE EAST INDIES! SHOOTING JETS OF WATER BULLETS, IT STABS SMALL FROGS AND INSECTS... THEN EATS THEM!

WHERE DID THE WORLD'S LARGEST HAIRSTONE FALL?

AT SERANGPATAN, INDIA! THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE REPORT FOR 1870 SAID THE "BIG HAIRSTONE" WAS THE SIZE OF ELEPHANTS!

FIRST WOMAN MAIL CARRIER

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WANT ADS

FOR RENT—Three bedroom house, double garage, 607 First Avenue. Contact Tom Henderson. 7-8-30

WANTED—Responsible party in Sudan area to take over payments on 1966 model Singer sewing machine. Automatic zig-zag, blind stitches, fancy patterns, etc. Assume 3 payments at \$6.12 or will discount for cash. Write Credit Manager, 1114 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas. 6-22-69

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Established vending machine route for sale. Six machines. Contact Louis Kessler, Rt. 1, Sudan. 7-6-30

WORK WANTED—Two boys, ages 14 and 15, would like to get work, housing and moving expenses. Contact Chuck or Mike. Phone 227-5921.

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TISSUE	10 ROLLS 79¢
MARSHMALLOWS	23¢
JELLO	3 3 OZ. BOX 29¢
Barbecue SAUCE	8 OZ. BOTTLE 59¢
FAB	69¢
LUMPKIN GOOD SCORE	79¢
CARROTS	2 19¢
POTATOES	8 lb. 39¢
PLUMS	29¢
ONIONS	5¢
CRACKERS	31¢
BABY FOOD	3 29¢
BOLOGNA	49¢
SIRLOIN STEAK	89¢
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