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W. G. Davis Is Severely Burned

W. G. Davis while in the employe of the Southern Union Gas Co. was seriously burned last Thursday in a gas explosion near Eunice. He is at present at the Hobbs General hospital. We are very glad to state that Mr. Davis is gradually improving, but it will be some time before he will be able to be out.

Others with Davis when the explosion took place were Leonard Green, Marlin Durbin, Lewis Gill and Mace King.

Mr. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Madron of Hope and his wife is the former Mary Jane Hardin of Hope.

P. J. Cassabonne, Wife Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cassabonne of Kansas City, Mo., were visitors in Hope Tuesday. They went to the ranch and visited Johnny Casabonne and family. Paul was born in Hope and went to school here. He is a veteran and was employed by the U. S. Potash Co. as chemist for several years. He has recently been elected assistant manager of the Innes Corp. and assistant manager of the Switzerland General of Kansas City. We are glad to see that former Hope boys are making good. We might mention that Paul is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Casabonne of Hagerman.

Family Reunion at Sweetwater Lake

A reunion of the Daugherty and Green families was held at Sweetwater Lake, near Sweetwater, Texas Sept. 6, 1953. Everyone enjoyed the barbecued beef and goat prepared by Chas. Ferris. Among guests present were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Daugherty of Roscoe, Texas and their son, H. L. Daugherty and wife Nettie of Pittsburgh, Pa. and daughter Mrs. Joann Horton and son Kenneth of Long Island, N. Y., Mrs. Farris, daughter of the Daughertys and husband Chas., of Sweetwater, Texas and their daughter Helen and husband, Burl Ballard their twins Chas. and Linda of Roscoe, Texas.

Mrs. Sallie Pendergrass, niece of M. A. Daugherty, Modesto, Calif., Virgie Pendergrass, niece of the Daughertys, Clovis; Mrs. T. C. Key, Captain; sister of Mrs. M. A. Daugherty; Mrs. J. C. Buckner, Hope; Mrs. Jesse Buckner, Carlsbad, daughter-in-law of Mrs. J. C. Buckner; Mrs. Lee Green, sister-in-law of Mrs. Daugherty; Mrs. Peggy Wilson, granddaughter of Mrs. Green and baby Linda, all of Tularosa; Miss Dixie Parker of Alamogordo; Mrs. Hilary White and old time friend from Artesia and numerous other friends and relatives.

It was an occasion long to be remembered by those fortunate to be present.

Six Inches From Starvation

By Lee T. Barte

Did you ever stop to think that you are living six inches from a desert and starvation? And that over a large portion of New Mexico this half foot of topsoil is mighty thin?

It has been said, and perhaps said too often, that our conservation ills are being cured at a rapid pace. Don't be taken in by such talk. Our conservation problems aren't licked by any means—there's still lots of work ahead and if you're the least bit conservation-minded, you'll wonder what your grandchildre will eat 50 or 100 years from now.

True, almost 75 per cent of the land area of New Mexico is within organized soil conservation districts where lots of outstanding accomplishments are being made, but what about that mass of landowners still operating outside the realm of proper land use? Farmers and ranchers who, despite the toils of district supervisors, are still turning their backs on sounder ways to produce?

We still have them, lots of them. In fact, no soil conservation district, regardless of how active it has been, it without this type of landowner. Visit any one of the 6 districts in New Mexico and you can find poor land use. You can find landowners less than six inches from starvation.

If you think these "strides" we're making are affecting all landowners, then take a drive over the state. Chances are you'll not be five miles from home before you see some landowners who are neither thinking nor practicing conservation.

Whether you're in the irrigated valleys or in the dryland farming sections of the eastern part of the state, poor land management sticks out like a sore thumb.

A gully cutting wickedly across an unprotected field; blowing soil drifting along fences and across roads; or weed-infested range—these are poor land management to the core. A complete absence of the fact that land must be used but not used up—developed as well as protected.

Yes, we're fighting an up-hill battle. We're not only producing food and fiber for the time being, but are making an attempt to restore to our soil that fertility which has been depleted by former landowners who failed to live during a period when conservation held major importance—this is the case of some, but not all.

A Nigarian chieftain pretty well summed up our conservation needs when he said: "I conceive that the land belongs to a vast family, of which many are dead, few are living, and countless numbers are still unborn."

Thomas Jefferson once said that, "The sum total of the common sense of the common people is the greatest and soundest force on earth."

If this is true, and good land-use is but an application of good, common sense, then why are we only six inches from starvation?

"If conservation is a cure-all, why haven't all landowners accepted it?"

Why does one find soil too poor to produce tax money? And why do our streams still run muddy?"

Answers to these questions are numerous, yet foremost is the lack of understanding. An understanding of the needs and capabilities of the land is basic, but just as basic is to understand why, with this knowledge at hand, a whole lot of people still don't practice conservation.

How to conserve the land for the most part has already been figured out, although this isn't to say that a lot more is not ahead of us to learn about it, but how to get more people to apply that knowledge is an even bigger problem.

It would be interesting as well as informative to examine the results of a widespread survey on "Why I'm Not Practicing Conservation According to Proper Land-Use."

Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

I have an idea that will stop them Ruskys if they keep giving us a hard time. Tell them that if they don't behave we will send Senator McCarthy over there to investigate the men and Dr. Kinsey to investigate the women. That Kinsey report would be funny if it wasn't so silly. He interviewed a cross section of the women of the United States. I wonder what section it was. I shored was not the good old American mothers like my mother and yours. Again I wonder what skid row he went to get his subjects. That would be a very interesting thing to know. The Kinsey report is just about silly enough to get printed in the congressional record.

Them birds that is handling the Korean prisoner of war exchange just can't tell the truth it seems. They must have been real estate men at one time.

I was to have went to Texas to Judge a bronc riding contest over Labor Day. But they stopped my pay and I got mad and I aint going. They said all they could give me was the honor. Now that is poor eating unless you have lots of cream and sugar to spread over it. I would have to drive my jeep station wagon and among them Cadillacs it would look like a motherless calf at a round up. Some people might think out of them Cads had had a colt.

Well anyway I bet they have the show just the same. Of course it will not be as good as if I had of been there and told them how as I am a very smart little man.

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Sunday School 9:15 A. M.

Bids Will Be

Bids for the laying of the pipe line for the Hope Water Cooperative Corporation will be opened Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1953. The contract for the drilling of the well has already been let to Leonard George of Hagerman.

Today's Meditation

They were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37). Read Luke 13:1-5.

To an island outpost off the coast of Mozambique I was paying a visit. After a cruise of three hours by sailing vessel with a booster-engine, the local missionary and I were carried ashore by the local leaders. We walked for two hours in the broiling sun where no automobile or even an ox-cart could go.

Then under the trees we held a Gospel service. On the edge of the crowd we saw native women quietly creeping up. We had a simple talk about the Saviour and His love, and then an appeal for decision.

First one and then another of these unchristian women moved quietly forward and knelt at the homemade communion rail, until some 20 of them had gathered, some with their babies on their backs.

It is the story of Jesus and His love, of Christ the Redeemer and the salvation He offers. Wherever it is told, the response is the same.

PRAYER

We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thy Word hath still its ancient power. No word from Thee can fruitless fall. May it continue to find response in the heart of those who until now have been unheeding and careless. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Since God loves me, I will accept His salvation offered through Christ, the Redeemer.

Ben Marable, Lynn and Glenn Harrison and Mrs. Tom Harrison returned Tuesday from a trip to Texas and Tennessee. They dropped Mrs. Harrison off at Stevensville, Texas, where she visited relatives. The boys went on to Nashville, Tenn., where they attended a performance of the "Grand Ole Opry." Ben said, "It was well worth going 1400 miles to see."

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Just home from the hospital. And you know, aside from having the doctor lookin' around and adjusting the inside workings and getting me fixed up so that I am good for a few more hundred thousand miles—and giving 3 cheers for him, and the hospital and the nurses who humored me while there, I want to throw in some side comment.

Aside from helping what ails you, if you are the old so-called head of the domicile, your standing around home could get a boost too, if perchance like it was with me when leaving the hospital 2 nurses busied themselves with my shoe strings—one nurse per shoe. Boy, that was something for my Susie to take note of—and I hope she saw it. I bask.

It gives me a cold sweat to even think of such.

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★—————★
SUN. - MON. - TUES.

Cary Grant
Deborah Kerr
Walter Pidgeon in

"Dream Wife"

★—————★
WEDNESDAY
Check Night

Vittorio Gassman
Gloria Grahame

"Glass Wall"

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OCOTILLO
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Henry Fonda
Shirley Temple
John Wayne

"Fort Apache"

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SUN. - MON. - TUES.

Broderick Crawford
John Derek
Charles Bickford

The Last Posse

★—————★
WEDNESDAY
Spanish Picture

Circle B Drive-In

FRI-SAT

Double Feature Program

Rod Cameron in

"Cavalry Scout"

Audry Long
Jim Davis

and

Lex Barker
Vanessa Brown in

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Mr. and Mrs. Pête Cassabonne of Hagerman were visitors in Hope Wednesday. They were on their way to the ranch.

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