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WE TRAVEL

OLD TUCSON—III

Tucson is, perhaps, the most ancient settlement in Arizona, an Indian village, the ruins of which still stand—being the original settlement and was flourishing in 1540. An old Spanish mission, built in 1687, gives the city a rare charm. Cotton is the main agricultural product.

In the rush and hurry to get home in time to print a newspaper, we had little time for Tucson—however, we did visit what is termed Old Tucson, a movie set where "Rio Bravo" was filmed. We were told that the set is still in use.

We suppose it was a typical frontier village—houses built of logs and streets winding with board sidewalks, hotels with second stories, saloons with gaming houses, and general stores.

It was late afternoon when we visited this town of the imagination. We found man made mountains, and just a little way off was another "town" which was only false fronts. It would take but little concentration to see the streets peopled, with men wearing low-slung guns—with gunfire breaking the silence and a gang of cowboys riding into town to get a drink of liquor to cut the alkali from their parched throats.

As we wandered about, we saw a hangman's gibbet and from it, slowly swaying in the breeze, was a body, its head knocked to one side by the hangman's noose (an imitation tree). At the foot of the "tree" was another "body" with an arrow thru the heart—realistic dummies that cause your flesh to crawl.

We saw the keepers of the place, some two or three men with beards and guns low on their hips, and a lady in frontier attire.

We might add that when you start out to Old Tucson you'd better be careful in picking your road. We took the wrong one out, an unpaved path through the mountains, climbing upward for hundreds of feet, and then dropping almost straight down into a rock-filled canyon—twisting and turning in such a fashion that only a few feet ahead were visible. The road we should have taken was paved, without hills, and as smooth as glass. It is called the Ajo Way. (pronounced Ah-ho).

Next week we hope to tell you of Tombstone, with its Bird Cage Theatre, Boot Hill, and the Wells Fargo Office with its electric piano and old time juke boxes.

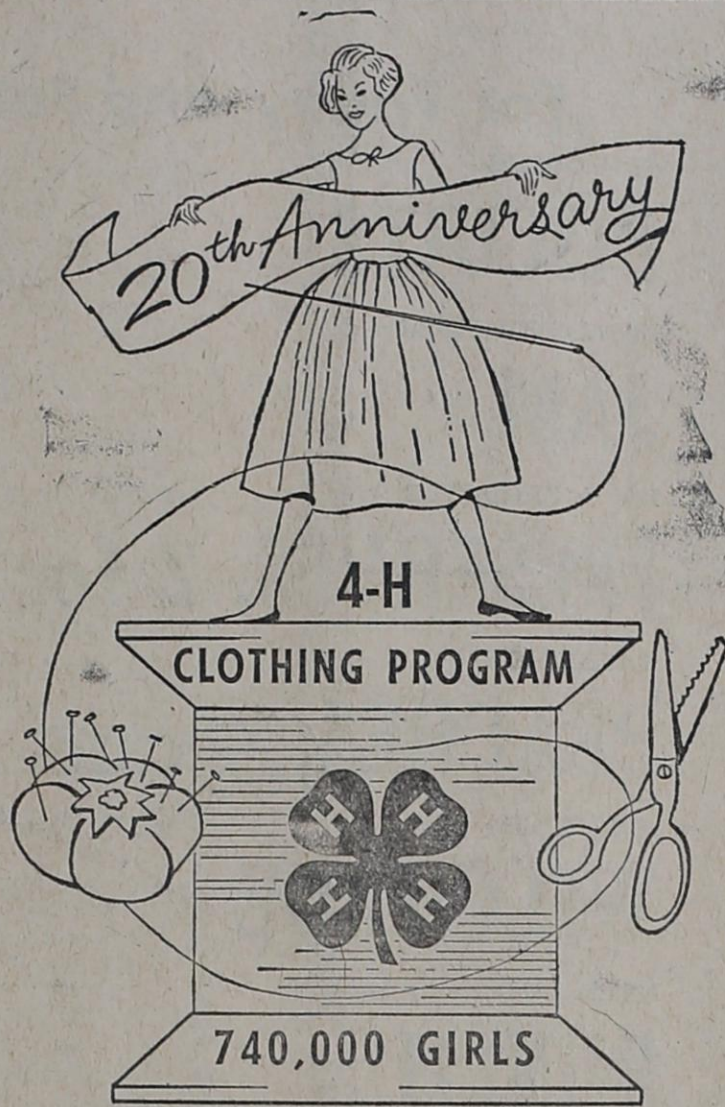
Roy Spradlins

Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spradlin, of Mission, Texas, were here Saturday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price and other friends.

They had come to Slaton on the sad mission of attending the funeral of Mrs. Spradlin's mother, Mrs. L. W. Wilke, who passed away on Tuesday and was interred Friday.

Mrs. Wilke was a pioneer of Lubbock County, having moved to this section in 1909.



Twenty years of growth is the record claimed for the national 4-H clothing award program which today involves nearly three-quarters of a million girls between 10 and 21 years of age. This report comes from the National 4-H Service Committee which developed the program over two decades ago in cooperation with the Extension Service. It has been supported ever since by Coats & Clark Inc., of New York.

Right now across the nation young seamstresses are putting the finishing touches on skirts, dresses and coats. The garments were carefully cut, stitched and sewn under the knowing eye of their local 4-H Club leader.

Many hopeful models also are rehearsing for a fashion show and exhibit of their handiwork in competition with other club members for county, state and national 4-H clothing awards provided by Coats & Clark.

An even dozen college scholarships worth \$400 each are awaiting the 12 top 4-H'ers to be selected from 50 state winners next fall. The state champion will be a delegate to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago with all expenses paid.

For more information about joining a 4-H Club contact the county Extension agent.

Revival to Open at Ropes Nazarene Church Tonight

Dan D. Jones, Pastor had formal schooling at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma. He was ordained on the Abilene District and she was commissioned as a song evangelist on the San Antonio District. They have preached and worked at several of the large camp meetings in the central states and at city-wide revival campaigns. They are currently holding a revival meeting at the Ropesville Church of the Nazarene.

Regular services are as follows:
 Sunday School 9:45
 Morning Worship 11:00
 Evening Services:
 NYPS and Jrs. 7:00
 Evangelistic serv. 8:00

There will be services all next week each evening at 8:00, and possibly day services from 10:00 to 11:00 Tuesday through Friday. I am sure you will enjoy the special music, both instrumental and vocal, rendered by Rev. and Mrs. South. Come and worship with us.

Leon Young, with Mrs. Joe Harris and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas, are in Camp Arrowhead this week attending Youth Camp. They took Brenda Thomas, Shyrl Ann Harris, Darrel Gene Young, and Royce Lee Cavitt. Also, Mrs. E. G. Moore went as far as DeLeon to visit her parents.

REV. J. W. SOUTH TO HOLD NAZARENE MEETING

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. South, of Colorado Springs, Colo., are an effective husband and wife team in full-time evangelism in the Church of the Nazarene. With some twenty years in pastoral work as a background, their efforts now as evangelists are being blessed by God.

Mr. South preaches, and plays the piano and accordion. She plays the piano and they provide piano and vocal duets, and vocal solos.

Of special interest are the scene-o-felt pictures which Mr. South creates on an easel while Mrs. South sings an appropriate song.

Both Mr. and Mrs. South

TO THE EDITOR OF PLAINSMAN FROM NORTH FORT HOOD

Dear Sir:
 This is to inform you that the Ropes High School Eagle Band has received an invitation to participate in the 26th Annual Sun Carnival celebration held in El Paso, Texas, December 30, 1960 through January 2, 1961. It is an annual event held in connection with the famous Sun Bowl Game.

Since I received the invitation while I am attending National Guard camp, I have not had the opportunity to discuss the plans with Mr. O. V. Fuller, Superintendent of Schools. I will inform the Plainsman of definite plans at a later date.

Sincerely,
 Jerry C. Tate,
 Band Director.

In Brownfield For Treatment

Mrs. E. W. Cavitt was in Brownfield Monday where she went for medical aid.

County Clerk Is Named

A deputy county clerk for the past 12 years, Miss Viola Thurston was named interim clerk Wednesday to fill the post vacated by Mrs. Grace Clingan.

The appointment by Hockley County commissioners came after Mrs. Clingan's resignation. Miss Thurston assumed duties Wednesday of last week.

A special election, in conjunction with the general elections in November, has been called to elect a new clerk. A ruling from Atty. Gen. Will Wilson is sought by commissioners.

W. E. Pierces At San Saba

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierce were in San Saba from Friday until Wednesday attending a family reunion of the Gage family, folks of Mrs. Pierce. There were 86 present.

Mr. Pierce said it was as dry as a powder house in that section, there having been a severe drought for the past several months.

Outing At Buffalo Lakes

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tussy, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Odom spent Sunday at Buffalo Lakes, near Lubbock.

They ate dinner there and spent the day boating, skiing and swimming.

Wilkinson Have Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson had as their visitors on Thursday of last week her sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Alexander of McCaulley, and the Alexanders' daughter, Mrs. Geneva Jennings and son, of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Sid Price Is Improving

Mrs. Sid Price, who spent several days in a Lubbock hospital, and is much improved.

Mrs. P. L. Darby Returned Home

Mrs. P. L. Darby was returned home Saturday after undergoing surgery about 2 weeks ago.

Ardis Pace Visits Moores

Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Pace and daughter, of O'Donnell visited Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moore.

B. J. Thomas' Attend Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and children this past Sunday attended a reunion of the Thomas - Tony family in the Club House on Slide Road, Lubbock.

Mrs. Copeland In Plainview

Mrs. W. H. Copeland is in Plainview this week attending the bedside of her daughter who underwent major surgery.

Myron Fietz Announces For Hockley County Clerk

Myron B. Fietz, of Levelland, was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman Tuesday, and authorized us to announce to the folks of the Ropes community and Hockley County that he is a candidate for county clerk of Hockley County.

Candidates for this office will be voted on in the November general election, and the names will have to be written on the ballot.

Mr. Fietz lives in Levelland and is a graduate of Levelland High School. He is 24 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Britt Fietz, his father farming and his mother operates the Frontier Stamp Store.

He is married to the former Reita Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Parker, formerly of Ropesville, but now living in Causey, N. M.,

where they operate a dairy. Mr. and Mrs. Fietz are the parents of four children, Debra 5, Truett 4, Scott 3, and Rhonda 2.

He is currently employed by the Pan American Oil Corp., for whom he has worked five years. He has worked in and with the public at several other Levelland firms. In his spare time he operates a ceramic tile business. He is a member of the Church of Christ, served three years in the National Guard in office and clerical work, with several types and forms of bookkeeping.

He says, "I am qualified for this post. Since the person who fills this job will be elected by write-in vote only, your vote and support will be greatly appreciated by myself and family."

Jerry Martin Visits Ropes

Jerry Martin and daughter, Mrs. Seals and two children, were here Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. W. T. Martin, and his sister, Flora Martin. He lives in Lubbock.

MRS. J. N. SMITHEE VISITS DAUGHTER
 Mrs. J. N. Smithee spent a part of this week visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hancock, of New Hope.

J. Moore In Ropes

J. Moore, who has been visiting in Mississippi for the past several weeks, has returned home. Mr. Moore stated that his brother in Mississippi suffered a stroke four days after he arrived and so he spent most of his time there, but he did visit only a short time in Alabama. His brother was some improved.

Mrs. A. Mayfield Returns Home

Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield and girls, Linda and Debbie, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Thurman and other relatives in Tulia, returned home on Sunday with Aubrey who went after them.

O. V. Fuller In Colorado City

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Fuller were called to Colorado City this week on account of the serious illness of his mother. She has been ill for some time, and took a turn for the worse.

Tommy Coxes To Leave Ropes

According to information given the Plainsman this week, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox and children are preparing to move to Colorado.

Joaⁿ Wright Has Been Ill

Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wright, was ill the first part of this week with a stomach ailment.

City Council Met Tuesday

At the regular meeting of the Ropes City Council on Tuesday night, funds to send two firemen, Edgar Strickland and Joy Allen, to the Firemen School at College Station was approved. It was pointed out that in sending firemen to this school would bring about a cut in the insurance rate.

Four members of the council, Shelby Evans, Tommy Littlefield, Ralph Riojas, Joe Schwartz, and the mayor, Troy Morris, were present at the meeting.

J. M. Marcy Is Improving

J. M. Marcy, who spent several days in a Lubbock hospital last week, has been returned home and is much improved. He was suffering from an abscessed lung. He told us that on Tuesday afternoon a good cotton shower fell at his place west of Ropes.

Rev. Dan Jones' Have Visitors

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Jones had as their visitors a part of last week Mr. and Mrs. Harold Birkenha and son, David, of Long Beach, Calif. Also their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds and children, of Wink, Texas.

C. Shaⁿons In Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon and children are in Colorado this week enjoying their summer vacation.

Gene Berrys Visit Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berry and baby, of Lubbock, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry.

Mrs. R. Riojas In Lubbock

Mrs. Ralph Riojas was in Lubbock Tuesday where she carried her children for a medical checkup and polio shots.

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"We Hew to the Line—Let the Chips Fall Where They May".

Mayo's Have Guests On Fourth

The Frank Mayo's had as their guests over the Fourth Mrs. Mayo's brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Betty and Bonnie, and her mother, Mrs. Jesse Thompson, all of Whitesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mayo of Amarillo. Bonnie stayed for a longer visit.

Enjoy Dinner With Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilkison visited Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Isla Etheridge and Lynell.

For Sale—

Shetland pony, 8 months old. See Dennis Baxter, at the Ropes Garage.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wylie, of Lubbock, are the proud parents of a daughter weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces. The little one was born Sunday at 2:15 a.m., and was named D'lene Kaye. Mrs. Wylie is the former Kaye Nell Sosebee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wylie, of Meadow, are the proud parents of a daughter weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces. The baby was born at 6:00 p.m. Friday and was named Deborah Leigh. The father works for Smith Auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marcy became the parents of a fine baby girl Tuesday. She was born at 10:30 a.m. in Taylor Hospital, Lubbock, and weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Northam are the proud parents of a fine new daughter. They formerly lived here, but now make their home in Lovington, N. Mex. He is the son of R. L. Northam.

In Training

FORT BLISS, Tex. — Capt. Charlie T. McCormick and Sgt. Jackie D. Condra of Ropesville will reach the midway point of two weeks summer training with the 413th Civil Affairs Company, South Plains Army Reserve unit, here Saturday.

During the week, the 413th participated in a field training exercise, Operation Dry Run. The 413th, along with the 321st Civil Affairs Group of Albuquerque and the 490th Company of Abilene, worked problems connected with the occupation of the mythical nation of Aggressita.

Inspecting the units at the bivouac areas were Lt. Gov. Ed V. Mead of New Mexico, Maj. Gen. C. Stanton Babcock, commanding the VIII Army Corps; Maj. Gen. John P. Jolly, New Mexico's adjutant general, and Col. Joseph C. Sandlin, representing the Office of Civil Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Site of the exercise was the desert maneuver area east of El Paso. Next week the 413th will train on the post and go to the range for firing.

Commanding the unit at camp is Maj. Charlie R. Hutcheson of Lubbock.

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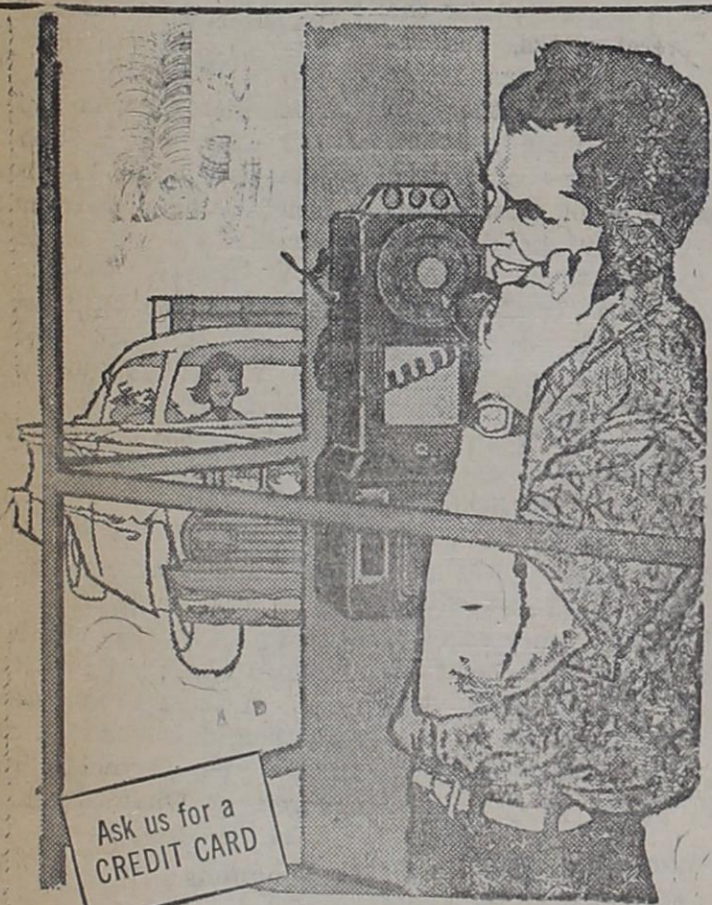
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Farmer Needs Many Hats

(The following article was turned in by Lowell Beaty). The American farmer needs a big hat rack to hold

that many different hats he wears, for he is many different men rolled into one. He could justify a place for a business-like black homburg for his role as capitalist and investor. American

farmers invest twice as much per worker as does industry per worker, and farmer's total investment in land, machinery, buildings, and other equipment is staggering.

In contrast, he needs the battered hat of a worker, for farmers are real laborers, to whom the 40-hour week is something to read about. The farmer also needs a dress hat for his role of employer. Besides employing many people directly in farm work, the farmer provides jobs for millions of people who supply his needs and process and distribute his products.

The snap brim worn by the TV detective would be appropriate for the farmer's hat rack because he assumes that role when solving problems of disease and pest control. And the scientist's white skull cap could be put on the hat rack for the same reason, since farmers use research and modern techniques to conquer pests and disease.

The green eyeshade of the gambler is appropriate, too, for the farmer gambles his crop with weather every year. The farmer needs other hats. The hard tin hat of the oil worker, for instance, would be right at home on the rack because farmers use more petroleum products than any other industry.

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That's the worthless hat of a free loader—more generally, a person who only takes and does not contribute. Public opinion, forstered by misconceptions and misinformation, has almost succeeded in putting that hat on the farmer's rack.

If he is going to remove this stigma, the farmer must present some positive facts in his favor. He needs to show, for instance, that his net income was down some 15 percent last year below the year before—down to a level even lower than it was back in 1943. This fact should clear up the misconception about him piling up fabulous profits at the expense of the public.

He also needs to make it clear that his portion of the food dollar is a very small one and that because of farm efficiency, America spends a smaller percentage of income for food and fiber than any country in the world. He needs to show that many people benefit from agricultural's productivity. Out of every four dollars the housewife pays for food, three dollars of the cost is added by things that happen to the food after it leaves the farm. This means employment for many Americans.

It's imperative that the farmer set the record straight in order to preserve his place and his future. It's imperative because the future of American agriculture and the future of America are one and the same.

Rain Falls

According to reports, on Wednesday morning about 3/4ths of an inch fell east of the city, while showers were reported on all sides of town. In Ropes only a trace fell, this was on Tuesday.

As this is written Wednesday, a shower is in progress. Tuesday night a cold front moved in, and for a time the wind reminded one of winter, while in the distance lightning flashed, and heavy clouds on the horizon.

Butler Martin Visits Ropes

Mr. and Mrs. Butler Martin, of Whittier, Calif., were here last week visiting in the homes of his brothers, Tyree and Jim Martin, and his sister, Mrs. Tommy Littlefield.

On Thursday dinner was served in the Littlefield home to Mr. and Mrs. Butler Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Tyree Martin and George Martin and Teddy, of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Martin and four grandchildren, of Seagraves; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hitt, of Wolforth.

Mrs. Loyd Arant Attends Funeral

Mrs. Loyd Arant attended funeral services for a cousin, of her father's, Mrs. Walter Altman, 80, in Lubbock on Tuesday. Mrs. Altman was a resident of Carlisle, and passed away Sunday.

Wedding Shower

We are requested to announce there will be a wedding shower at the Community Center Friday at 3:00 p.m. for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrow. The public is invited.

Abneys In Ropes

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Abney and children were in Ropes for a short time Monday enroute to their home in Brownfield from Oklahoma.

Weatherlys Visit In Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Weatherly were in Oklahoma this week where they visited Miss Dorothy Fraley.

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