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The Weather

SOUTH CENTRAL TEX.—Fair through Friday. Cooler Thursday afternoon and night. Lowest Thursday night in 40s north portion. Winds on the coast mostly fresh northerly Thursday.

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E Pluribus Unum...

VETERAN TELLS HIS STORY

Town Talk

The DeWitt county deer population has been noticeably decreased during the past two days as hunters report an exceptional bag for this county.

Few hunters who went out on the opening day returned empty handed, although all did not bring home a deer.

Stockmen and poultrymen, as well as deer hunters of the Stratton area, should give Tommy Buesing of this city a special prize. He bagged a giant timber wolf which was in full chase of a deer when Buesing spotted him.

Calves, turkeys and chickens would have stood little chance with this animal.

Hunters who traveled to distant points to bag a buck on the opening day may be a bit chagrined when they learn of the luck of local hunters.

The "war" is far from over for another sizeable group of DeWitt county boys, a number of whom reported for physical examinations and an even larger group for induction on Tuesday.

These calls can be expected to be continued to come for months with compulsory military training for all youths not too far around the corner.

What is "S-D Day" proclaimed by the President for December 15, 1954. "S-D Day" is "Safe Driving Day," sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with various national organizations.

The test confronting every community will be to remain completely free of traffic accidents for the 24-hour period.

S-D Day will be preceded by 30 days of intensive public education, and calls for the greatest cooperative job ever undertaken in behalf of accident elimination.

S-D Day is an opportunity and a challenge for all types of organizations—national, state and local—to join in a

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When we go on a budget today, we usually allot funds for different purposes without actually counting out the coins. Budget, though, started in France where money for different purposes was put into little bags (bougettes) so that budgeting was easier.

Shivers Calls On South To Uphold Traditions

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 18 (UP)—Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas has called on southern states to shoulder their expanding responsibilities or else hand the job over to the federal government.

Shivers, addressing the state Chamber of Commerce Wednesday

night, said Southerners have fought for their self-government but "our effort is not honorable unless we are seeking for all Americans the same liberty we demand for ourselves."

The South cannot withdraw and claim "immunity" from forces af-

fecting the rest of the nation, Shivers said. Southerners should instead participate vigorously in "shaping of national policies," he said.

The South must prove to the nation that its long-standing beliefs in conservatism and respect for individual liberty will work "in modern times as they did in the era of the nation's founding," Shivers said.

He said Southerners must face the fact that good local government is high priced, and that "the budget is not balanced until it properly provides for the needs of the people."

The South must not, through false economy, "allow vital functions of education, highway building and maintenance, hospital services, the administration of justice, conservation of our natural resources to fall within the province of the central government," he said.

He said "states' rights" are the same as "Americans' rights" and that the principles the South "upholds are the principals the nation needs."

"Our principles are strong," he added. "But those principles need the strength and support of others if we are to win a lasting victory."

"The South is now in the early stages of its greatest period of change and ferment... we shall, whether we like it or not, be forced to undertake for greater governmental responsibilities."

"This is not a burden," he said, but an "unparalleled opportunity to show by example that these problems... can be met more effectively and more efficiently and more satisfactorily by a government which respects the individual and exists to serve rather than to control."

New Oldsmobile Makes Appearance Friday

"We had a hot car last year, and an even hotter one makes its appearance tomorrow," was the way Ed Mugge put it when he told of the showing of the new 1955 Oldsmobile which will take place at Mobil Motors starting Friday.

On the floor of the local dealer's showroom will be a Series "98" four-door sedan in two-tone color styling, and a 202 horsepower

"Rocket" engine with a compression ratio of 8.5 to one.

Oldsmobile again is presenting three series of cars with a total of 10 body types. There are three Fisher body styles in the luxury "98" series... four-door sedan, deluxe Holiday coupe and Starfire (convertible). The flashing Super "88" series has four body types... four-door sedan, two-door sedan, Holiday coupe and the convertible coupe. In the economy priced "88" series are the four-door sedan, Holiday coupe and two-door sedan.

A new feature in 1955 is the offering of the 202-hp Rocket engine as optional at extra cost in the "88" series. Standard equipment in the "88" series is the 185-hp "Rocket" engine.

Mr. Mugge expressed his personal invitation to every person in this area to come to his firm's showrooms and inspect the new 1955 Oldsmobile and to take advantage of their wide range of styles and models, all of which are certain to be outstanding automobiles again in 1955.

Last Rites For Coppedge Child Held Thursday

Last rites for Baby Mary Elizabeth Coppedge, 26-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Coppedge, were held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. from Freund Chapel, the Rev. Norman A. Sanders of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Hillside.

The baby who was born here October 21, was taken to a Galveston hospital for treatment October 24. She succumbed Wednesday at 10:55 a. m.

Survivors are her parents; two brothers, Raleigh Earl and John Ronald, all of Cuero; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cherry of Muldoon, and Mrs. J. L. Coppedge of Cuero.

Schindler Home Sold To Mr. E. C. Schaefer

Mr. and Mrs. Van Schindler of 1112 East Morgan have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schaefer of Meyersville area, the Schaefer's planning to move into town.

The Schindlers moved into their new home last March.

Mrs. Schindler said she and Mr. Schindler plan to build on the lot adjacent to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norvan Dietze.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nagel and family, son-in-law and daughter of the Schaefer's, will occupy the latter's country home.

Free Window Decorations Available For Merchants

Any Cuero merchant who would like to have his window decorated for Christmas at no expense may do so by giving permission to DeWitt county H-H club girls, and Home Demonstration members who are anxious to do so, according to Mrs. Mildred Martin, HD agent.

The merchant may learn the details by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 5-1112.

Mrs. Martin said the windows would be most attractive, and would cause considerable interest and comment on the part of passers-by.

The Bonus Days voted \$100 toward this project, the money to be used as prize money toward the clubs which participate, it was explained.

Crowds Grow For Cuero Drawings

After five unsuccessful drawings Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Lowell C. Matthews of Cuero was the winner of a beautiful Gruen watch awarded at the Bonus Day drawing in downtown city park.

Mrs. Matthews had her choice of a lady's or a man's watch, and she chose the latter.

Names drawn before a winner appeared were Teresa Riedel of Weestache; H. G. Flessner, Cuero; Claud Arnold of Yorktown, (name drawn twice), Mrs. John Franklin, 413 W. French, and finally Mrs. Matthews.

Names drawn for theater tickets were R. J. Mueller, Rufus Smith, Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, Mary Agnes Dodd, Rt. 1, Cuero, Ross Abel, Lizzie Sanchez, and Mrs. H. J. Grunewald.

Next week's award will be a beautiful chest of silver, (Rogers) which is on display in the lobby

of the Cuero Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The brand new Ford just recently received by Weber Motor Company, and which will be awarded Christmas Eve, was displayed at yesterday's drawing.

The crowds are growing larger, and, as one of the spectators uttered while looking on, "What will it be like Christmas Eve when the car is given away!"

Merchants wish to remind Cuero shoppers as well as those from surrounding areas, that the date for the grand prize drawing is getting nearer and nearer, and everybody has a chance to win. All that is needed is to make a dollar or more purchase at Cuero stores included in the Bonus Day project, drop the tickets into the containers in the stores, and be on hand for the drawings which are each Wednesday promptly at 3 p. m. in downtown city park.

HIGHWAY ZOO

The WILDCAT

This is the vicious type—the snarler who holes everything on the road, most all of you. He fancies himself as the world's one and only real hep driver, and regards all others as dopes. A special hex on him!

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

LADIES NITE FOR LOCAL LIONS CLUB

Date Set For November 23rd

Lions club members will observe Ladies Night Tuesday, November 23, and all members are urged to turn out for the occasion, according to Joe Keesler, president.

Meeting time will be 7:30 p. m. at the Live Oak club.

Plans for the occasion were made Wednesday at the regular meeting.

Gilbert Heideman, program chairman, presented Lenette Ruschhaupt, 4-H club girl, who gave a report on what members of the organization do, and what the club does for them.

Miss Ruschhaupt said her work gained her a trip to Chicago in a competition with national winners.

Charles Nagel was also present, and he reported on the work done by the 4-H boys. He said he attended 4-H shows in Houston which were most interesting and educational.

Heideman showed a film describing 4-H club work.

He told the group there are over 140,000 members in the Texas 4-H clubs, and that DeWitt county has nine which include almost 300 members.

Rev. C. E. Marshall, Methodist minister, was a guest, and he was solicited the Lions' help in the Salvation Army drive to come up soon. Other visitors were Owen Worley of Houston.

Benefit Cake Sale Stated for Saturday

A benefit sale of homemade cakes and pies will be held Saturday morning, November 20, at the Cozy Nook, the proceeds to be used for the University Club, according to Mrs. O. E. Hall, chairman.

The sale will begin at 9 a. m. and continue until noon.

COMING EVENTS

Friday
Cuero-Yoakum—here—8 p. m.

Don Pelon Says...

The only thing more dangerous to a bachelor than a jealous husband, says Sam Harvison, is a single girl.

Signed Up To Get Some "Bonus Land"

By R. K. TOWERY,
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"Yes sir, he got hotter than a peanut popper, my he did get hot," Early Goodson said late last night. "But I wasn't gonna turn over a government check to somebody I didn't know, and then have the government come back on me with a paper I had signed and have to pay back the money after the man who got the check done gone to the woods."

Early, a Yoakum Negro, is one of the very few veterans in this locality who has beat the corporation. Commissioner Bascom Giles had told me in Austin last week that "We even had to send the sheriff out to one of those colored boys house to get some money back that wasn't his."

Actually the money wasn't Early's. In fact Early didn't know whose money it was. But he didn't give it to the corporation. And he didn't give it to the Sheriff. It's in the bank in Yoakum.

Back in 1953 Early was in a barber shop in Yoakum when he heard a fellow talking about some "free" land that the state was going to give to the vets.

The man said that the State of Texas wasn't going to give a bonus in money as is done in some states, but was going to give away land instead. All the vets had to do was sign a bunch of papers and the man took care of the rest.

Well sir, Early got to thinking about that. That sounded pretty good to him. He does odd jobs for a living and a few extra dollars would come in mighty handy. So he told the man in the barber shop that if that fellow who was signing up the vets came back in town to please tell him that he (Early) was "sho 'nuff interested."

"Well sir, they musta tole him because it wasn't too long till a white fellow and a colored fellow came by to see me about it. The white fellow said "I heard you want to get in on some of this free land the State is giving to its vets." I told him I didn't know much about it, but if the State was giving a bonus to its vets like that I'd like to look into it. He (the white man) said that all I had to do was sign up and he would take care of the rest. Said that a big farmer or somebody would rent the land from me for three years and give me \$300 a year or something like that. And at the end of three years if I didn't want the land I could sell it. I asked him if it would interfere with my GI bill and he said "Naw, it wouldn't have no effect on that at all."

"He had a bunch of papers with the top of the sheets kinda rolled back and I went ahead and signed them. Funny thing he never did tell me his name. That colored fellow was with him and I didn't know him either.

"Well sir, it rocked along and I

didn't hear from them again for awhile. I had got to thinking about it and I didn't know of any land the State owned that was worth farming. I figured that was worth they might owned some 'count land somewhere that wasn't worth anything so I began to check around. I went up to Major —'s house, he's that retired major up there in town and I figured he would know if anybody did. He said somebody was just trying to slick me so I kinda made up my mind that I wouldn't have no part of it anymore.

"Later on the white man came back with another colored fellow. I didn't recognize the white man at all 'cause the first time he was here he had on a hat and some dark glasses and this time he didn't have on either. He said he was the same man and I tole him you sure don't look like it."

"He said that he had some more papers for me to sign and I asked him if I could read them first. I figured maybe I had been slicked once and I wasn't going to be again. He said, no I couldn't read them because he didn't have time to wait. He said he had to sign up a bunch of other vets in a hurry and that I was just holding up the works. He said that I was just costing them money by coming by my place. I couldn't figure that out 'cause I figured that the government was paying their gasoline anyhow. The colored fellow was out talking to my wife telling her how much we could buy with the money and everything, but I done made up my mind. They tole me that I was just messing up the rest of the vets in a block but I reckon that every tub ought to set on its own bottom."

"Well sir, the white man got mad and tole me that I never would get no bonus or anything and that I never would get no land and he tole me that I never would see him no more and they took out.

"It rocked on into June or something like that and one morning I came in and that same white man was here waiting for me. He

asked me if I had got a check that morning and I tole him the mail hadn't come yet. When the mail came sure enough there was a check from the Veterans Land Board in Austin for \$50.00."

"The next day I got a check for \$370.00 or something like that and the white man asked me to sign it and give it to him or send it to the Wintergarden something or other. I figured that it was a state check and I might have to pay it back so I wasn't going to give it to somebody and then have to pay it back later. My, he got hot, he sure did get hot. He took out."

"That was the first time he tole me his name too," Early said, "and I never could figure out how they knew exactly when I was supposed to get a check from Austin."

"Then later on the sheriff came up to see me about a check that I had that somebody said wasn't mine. I asked him about this veterans bonus deal and he said he didn't know anything about a bonus for veterans. He gave me a number to call in Austin. I called a Mr. Jackson at the Land Office and asked him if I owed the State any money and he said no I didn't owe the State anything."

Early said that no notary public took his oath. He was not asked for his discharge, a point that the Commissioner brought out specifically when I talked to him.

"We just have to have their discharge papers, we can't approve an application unless we have them," he said.

A check with the county records in DeWitt County shows that the same man named by Goodson and other vets as the person who contacted them concerning the "bonus" has on different occasions drawn out certified copies of veterans discharge papers in groups of seven, five, etc.

Further checking has revealed that large groups of veterans discharge papers have been photostated on orders of the same man named in our checking of the veterans involved.

We asked Early where he served in the Army. "I spent 36 months in Europe," he said, "and that was during the rough going. I was in the Combat engineers," he said with an air of pride, "We laid bridges for General Patton during the Battle of the Bulge." He spent 44 months in the service of his country.

Then there is Elmo Battles. He is the Cuero negro veteran who Commissioner Giles couldn't remember when we were in Austin. "A colored man and a white man came to see me and tole me that if I would sign up with them my GI right would be protected and I could borrow money to buy land with later. They said the money was running out and that if I didn't sign I would be left out," he said.

"They had some paper with the 'Veterans Land Board' on top of it and the white man kept talking and explaining it to me and I thought he was telling me what was in the paper. I guess I just trusted him. I signed several papers. A little while later I got a letter saying my application had been approved and still later some papers telling me something about some land. I kept waiting for those fellows to come back and tole me what it was but they never came. Then when I got the paper that I gave to my boss Mr. Weber (of the Lentz Feed and Seed Store in Cuero) and he took it to Mr. Cheatham."

"This was the occasion that caused Rep. Cheatham to travel to Austin to confer with the Land Commissioner. That was many months ago.

Friday is the big day at McLary Motor Company, for it is at that time that the long awaited 1955 Buick will make its appearance in Cuero.

Bob Pratt, owner of McLary Motor Company, says that the 1955 Buick is establishing a trend-setting fashion any way you look at it. Front, rear and side views show the crisp, modern beauty from every angle, and a glance under the hood discloses an even more refined power plant.

On display at McLary Motor Co., Friday will be a "Super Hardtop" complete with all manner of accessories such as window lifts, power steering and power brakes. Prices on the 1955 Buick have not increased, and the Buick line has an automobile to fit the purse of most everyone. Their prices start in about the lowest bracket, and swing on upward into the highest price classes.

Besides such things as a 226 horsepower engine in the "Roadmaster" for 1955, a revolutionary new variable pitch Dynaflow transmission has made its appearance. The compression ratios have again been increased this year to the point where the Roadmaster is giving 21 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Mr. Pratt says that Buick has something for everyone, and invites the public to come in and look over their new lines starting Friday.

'Miss Arizona'



BETH ANDRE, 18, a college sophomore, is shown after she was chosen "Miss Arizona of 1955" at the Arizona State Fair in Phoenix. She is the first candidate selected at present for the "Miss America" beauty pageant to be held next year in Atlantic City. (International Soundphoto).