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A dam project - 26 feet high and 1,492 feet long - was under construction on Flat Creek, four miles west of Round Top on land owned by Johnny W. Krause. It was one of 31 floodwater retardation structures planned for the Cummins Creek watershed. The contractor, Boriack and Eilers of Schulenburg, had the winning bid of \$78,858.26 to construct this site and a second one.

Information on "who-dunit" was being sought by Sheriff T.J. Flournoy and Police Chief A.H. Knippel, after a motor vehicle knocked off the fire hydrant at the east corner of the L.W. Stolz Memorials property. Several thousand gallons of water spilled into Beefhead ditch before utilities workers could be summoned to stop the flow.

Fifty copies of a booklet entitled, "How to Protect Yourself, Your Family, Your Community - In Case of Attack," were distributed to various places of business of La Grange. The books were made available through sponsorship of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary and were distributed by the Boy Scouts, an organization sponsored by the VFW post. Commander Gunther Behrens said that, because of its nature, the book should be read by all.

Affectionately known as Mr. Von, J.G. (Gerhard) von Minden, retired after 24 years as school custodian of the buildings and grounds in La Grange. Mr. von Minden served under five super-

intendents. He said he would miss not only the hustle and bustle in the hallways but the heavy ring of assorted keys that had been dangling at his side for nearly quarter of a century in which time he missed only three days of work.

A total of 13,734 visitors signed the register during the month of July at Monument Hill State Park. Park Caretaker John P. Vacula said the visitors came in 2,382 Texas autos and 145 vehicles with licenses of other states. During the same month in 1956, a total of 12,912 people visited the Texas history shrine. The total number of visitors for the first seven months of the year totaled 47,498.

La Grange had eight entries in Bastrop's annual homecoming celebration. These included Miss Judy von Rosenberg, duchess of the Chamber of Commerce; her escort Ernest "Bing" Kallus Jr. and six cars from the La Grange Old Car Club. The old-time vehicles included a 1920 Studebaker touring car driven by Kirby D. Guettler; a 1919 Chevrolet touring car also owned by Mr. Guettler and driven by Glen Roy Guettler of Lockhart; a 1921 Ford sedan owned and driven by Edgar A. Roitsch; a 1924 Ford touring car, owned and driven by D.C. Wiley; a 1926 Chevrolet sedan, owned and driven by Dr. D.R. Taylor and a 1923 Pontiac sedan, owned by John Rohan and driven by Erwin A. Janssen. The enthusiasts were accompanied by their wives.

Lillian Cernosek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cernosek of Holman, became the first proxy bride in the history of the county courthouse when she was married to an American engineer on a work assignment in East Pakistan. Clifford H. Allen, the bride's brother-in-law, stood in for the bridegroom, Jim Feliz of San Francisco. Mr. Feliz had been in East Pakistan 11 months with the International Engineering Company and was not scheduled to return to the United States until 1960. The new Mrs. Feliz planned to join her husband in East Pakistan in October.

CLASSIFIEDS

WHILE THEY LAST - Sealy mattresses and box springs, \$59.95. Mohrhussen-Schmidt Co.

FOR SALE - Fresh honey, \$2 per gallon. W.W. Phillips, Rt. 4, seven miles north of La Grange.

BEDROOM for rent. Phone 329J.

WANTED - Cook, six days a week. Cottonwood Inn Restaurant.

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FOR RENT - One duplex apartment house, \$48 month; one two-story garage apartment, \$38 month. Available now. Unfurnished, newly remodeled, in good condition. I furnish water and keep yard clean for same price. Otto C. Eckel, La Grange

FOR RENT - Two bedroom house on Bluff with all conveniences, garden, chicken house, etc. Available August 2, \$33 a month. M.C. Dippel



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