

Sandel Hunt Owns Eight Bushes But Buys Gardenia At Auction

Sandel Hunt, owner of eight gardenia bushes in La Habra, California, made it across country in five days in order to buy a gardenia corsage for a dollar at the Library Auction.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will be in the neighborhood for two or three weeks. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peglow, Parrish Street.

The Hunts made it to Lordsburg, New Mexico the first night; Oklahoma City the second; St. Louis, Mo. the third; Columbus, Ohio, the fourth; and Dallas Saturday afternoon, in time for an evening at the auction. Some of the stretches were over 700 miles.

The Hunts moved from Tucson, Arizona, to La Habra in April, finding a California style house situated on a lot that has an avocado tree, five lemon trees, and an orange tree, all the vitamins ready for the plucking.

With a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creager, living right around the corner from them with their two children, and a son, Elmer, home for vacations from University of Arizona, the Hunts have plenty of contact with their family. There is still a daughter living in Tucson, wife of Rev. Henry Meredith.

Mr. Hunt thinks California is a grand place to live. Says he eats an avocado every day, and points to

his expanding waistline as proof. Lemon juice on the avocado? No, just salt. No true Californian would dream of mucking up an avocado with lemon or salad dressing.

Anybody who has lived in California for over three months classifies as a son of the soil and an early settler.

Purely Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Nesbitt, Lake Catalpa, will entertain Saturday night at a small dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kilburn who are weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Coon, Overbrook Avenue.

Mrs. Allen Scattergood, former Lois Mosier of Dallas, is in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital recuperating from an operation. She is coming along very nicely.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Frank Townend and children, Cynthia, David, and Stephen, have returned from Germany to their home in Shavertown.

Barney Laskowski, fancier of rat terriers, placed in the Dallas Post a classified ad for twelve rat terriers, six of them young puppies. He sold all of them. It pays to advertise!

Back Mountain Area Is Lashed By Freak Triple-Threat Storm

The John Engel home in Trucks-ville was damaged early Tuesday morning, when a torrent swept through the town, flooding basements and undermining foundations. Repairs had just been made following a fire four months ago.

Mrs. Engel, who was away with her family came home to find her side porch in Snake Run, the side wall above it sagging. Six years ago, she says, a similar cloudburst washed out retaining walls along the creek bed.

The retaining wall is gone again. On the other side of the now rapidly shrinking stream the J. D. Richards garage was undermined, with one of the two cars tipping almost into the stream bed through a yawning chasm in the concrete flooring. Mrs. Richards says twenty-five men put their shoulders to the task and lifted the car to safety.

Many houses were struck by lightning in the area, without much damage, but most telephone and electric service was not interrupted, even at the height of the freak thunderstorm which struck the Back Mountain in three installments, from late afternoon to early morning.

Spectacular cloud effects and weird lightning effects combined with almost constant thunder to keep residents wakeful.

Trucksville area was hardest hit, with the focus of the third storm at Meadowcrest housing development. A cloudburst ran down over the denuded hills like water off a slate roof, with nothing to stop it. In a matter of minutes Snake Run carried a flash flood, close on the heels of a tremendous run-off earlier in the night.

It was this flash flood that swept away the plank bridge above the Ben Johnson home, and hurled it against the tottering kitchen porch, cut across the arc of the circle, and turned the place into an island, with the little family marooned and plunging to their death when they attempted escape.

Mrs. Earl Monk's home on Parrish Heights was struck by lightning, during the first storm Monday afternoon at 4. The bolt came in through the television connection, jumped to the radio and descended to the basement where it blackened two insulators.

The Gerald Frantz home on Parrish Street was also struck.

Edward Staub's dam in Trucks-

ville was not washed out, as at first reported. Damage to the soft fill alongside, where water spread out over the lowland, apparently did not occur until the worst of the floodwater from the highlands had gone on downstream.

Experts agree that the dam had nothing to do with the water level in the lower stream, that it served rather to lessen than to increase it.

The Meeker Methodist Church was struck in the belfry, with slight damage.

Happy Birthday To You



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Boston is celebrating his 20th birthday today aboard USS Jarvis, off the coast of Korea. Based in Norfolk, he will not be back in the country until December.

Ted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boston, Dallas RD 2, graduated from Lake High School in 1951. He has recently been married to the former Marie B. Backo, daughter of the late John and Mary Backo, Sr., Swoyerville.

Michael Quare Sails For Rome Wednesday

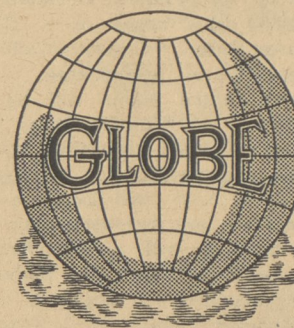
Michael Quare, Center Hill Road, sailed for Rome Wednesday on a steamer of the Italian line to visit relatives. Born in Pittston, this is Mr. Quare's first visit to the home of his fathers.

Francis Quare, his son, seriously injured in the tragic train wreck of the 109th, September 11, 1950, is improving. He has recovered sufficiently from the broken back so that he is able to walk, but not for any distance.

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