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## PAGE ONE

By Katharyn Duff

Tourist season means travel by family groups and family groups tend to include kids. This can make for problems. The tours are, of course, planned for the kids but sometimes the kids don't cooperate. Sometimes they wake up or get their heads out of funny books. They always seem to wake up or look up just as you approach one of those souvenir-selling tourist oasises which would lure the motorist off the freeway.

So, to divert attention as well as while away the miles, families invent car games.

Families have played car games since the days when all highways weren't paved. But the car games have changed with the changing times.

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A couple of old standby car games have pretty well gone by the way.

Kids used to play the Alphabet Game. Picking letters, in sequence, off the highway signs was once good for a hundred desolate miles. "Y" and "X" were the hard ones. "Q" and "Z" were easy, so long as certain oil companies kept advertising their wares and as long as the old Cozy Theater at Merkel was in business.

Now the State Highway Department has made the once-scarce letters plentiful. Everywhere you look now you have printed orders about "Yield" and "Exit."

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Progress has taken its toll in two other good old car games.

Remember when you stomped for, was it "six") white horses? Find a white horse now, if you can. And after the white horses started disappearing there were one-eyed cars to "stamp." Even these, thanks to the cops, are getting scarce.

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Certain old games prevail. Kids still play elaborate number games with license tags. (Adults watch license tags, too, but they are looking more for those reverse ones, currently black on white, which have the word "exempt" written above them and which, likely, match up with a radar unit.)

Kids still play the town game. . .name a town which starts with the last letter of another town. . . Winters, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Rochester, Dallas, Snyder, Rochester. . .

But they have added some new games to the repertoire, we learn on a motor trip across West Texas.

They play games adapted from the teevee.

And they play a couple, we find, which even teevee wouldn't claim.

One is the Diesel Game, the other, which we shouldn't mention, is Slug-Bug.

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The Diesel Game is simply an exchange of greetings with the driver of a diesel-powered truck. Toot your horn for his attention and, as you pass, make a motion of pulling a whistle cord (or, if you prefer, milking a cow). Sure enough, he'll return the greeting.

The Slug-Bug-and-No-Return game is one which should be played only according to strict ground rules.

Idea is, first one to see one of those particular foreign-made cars which kids refer to as "the bug" gets to hit (gently, now, don't take that word "slug" too seriously) his partner. If he gets mixed up and Slug-Bugs another make of tiny car he gets slugged in return.

Slug-Bug is guaranteed to keep you from getting drowsy at the wheel. Even if the driver is exempt he'll be kept awake by the howls from the players. It's such a nice, gentle game.

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"I SAW HIM"— Lifetime Caddo resident Charlie Gantt, 72, juts his chin and hoists the "hogleg" pistol he unloaded Saturday night on a creature he says resembles a gorilla. He apparently missed. No tracks have been found. Gantt obligingly fired the gun for newsmen Tuesday toward the spot where the "critter" stood. (Staff Photo by Bob Bruce)

## Varmints, Critters, Y'all Come to Zoo

The Caddo Critter, supposedly a seven-foot ape-gorilla roaming Stephens County, and the more historic (by a few months) Haskell Varmint won't have to worry about a home when and if they ever are captured.

David Hooper, president of the Abilene Zoological Society, extended an offer Tuesday to house the two examples of Texas "wildlife" in the Abilene zoo when it is completed.

"The Abilene Zoological Society desires to help the people of Caddo and Haskell areas in any way it can," said Hooper.

"We can make room at the old zoo for such exotic creatures as the Critter or Varmint until the new zoo is ready for occupancy," he added. Target date for completion of the new zoo is July 4, 1965.

With tongue-in-cheek, Hooper said he would be glad to send an "expedition" from the Abilene Zoological Society to the "wilds" of Stephens County or Haskell County to attempt to track down the animals or "its" or whatever they may be.

"Of course," said Hooper in a reflective mood, "we won't be able to give the Haskell Varmint the cows and calves it has been used to, but I'm sure we'll manage to find something suitable."

As to the Caddo Critter, Hooper said, "We don't know what diet that Critter has been on, but we'd be glad to talk to the citizens there who are familiar with the Critter and find a suitable diet. Maybe we'd have to import something from the Caddo area to see that the Critter would be happy in Abilene."

Hooper's offer was not without reservations, however.

"We're not interested in a swap of Dyess AFB or any other key Abilene installation," he said. "But we might be interested in swapping them Imogen or Chuckey the Chimp (an "inmate" of the present Abilene zoo who throws things at spectators), but they would have to take his bad habits along with him."

Hooper said he would be glad to ask Parks Director Terry Scarborough to travel to either area if the Critter or Varmint is spotted, "to help corral him, or her or it" and get it crated for shipment to Abilene.

Scarborough was not available for comment.

## Khrushchev Lashes Out at Goldwater

By GENE KRAMER

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Soviet Premier Khrushchev accused Barry Goldwater Tuesday of campaigning for the White House "under the slogan of frantic anti-communism and military threats."

"We are not afraid of threats, but we cannot be indifferent toward threats," the visiting Soviet leader declared. "Therefore we should, as the saying goes, clean our weapons and stay on full alert."

Goldwater, the Republican presidential nominee also came under violent attack from Polish Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka at a Warsaw gathering of Red chiefs. Gomulka said Goldwater's policies are "directed toward a world nuclear catastrophe."

A denunciation by Gomulka of the United States as "pushing the world to the brink of war" prompted a walkout by U. S. Ambassador John Moors Cabot and the British ambassador. Cabot had left when Gomulka launched into his attack against Goldwater.

Cabot and the British diplomat were gone from the hall by the time Khrushchev spoke at the celebration of Poland's 20th anniversary as a Communist nation.

The attacks against Goldwater were the first by high-ranking Communist leaders since the Arizona senator was nominated by the Republican national convention last week.

Khrushchev advised Communist countries to be prepared for any eventuality in a change of U. S. policy.

"If warlike slogans are thrown about during the election campaign then the Socialist (Communist) countries cannot but draw the appropriate conclusion," the Soviet leader said.

He noted that "the Americans themselves say that one should not take everything said during a presidential campaign seriously." But he added: "The election of a president and the laying down of foreign policy for several years cannot help but absorb our attention."

### BUT THOSE WHO HAVE 'EM ARE CONVINCED

## Caddo's 'Critter Jitters' Aren't Total

By BOB BRUCE
Reporter-News Staff Writer

CADDO — Not everybody in Caddo believes in the legend of the Caddo Critter. Most people, in fact, find it a topic of laughable conversation.

"You seen the Critter today?" they say, or "Watch out or the boogey's liable to get you!" followed by a chuckle or a belly laugh.

But a few people, particularly Charlie Gantt and John Mitchell, look you straight in the eye without a smile when they tell their story:

"It looked like a gorilla!" exclaimed Gantt, who emptied his long-barrelled pistol at the creature he says visited his premises Saturday and Sunday nights.

"Looks like we're gonna' have to kill it and put it under their noses to convince them!" said Mitchell, his voice rising.

**'Risked My Life'**

Gantt, asked if he were aware a number of townspeople didn't fully accept his tale of a hairy animal towering seven feet high and four feet in breadth, replied:

"I know that. But I feel like I risked my life for the sake of the community."

Caddo, once an oil boom town, now has a population of perhaps 50 people. It is located 15 miles east of Breckenridge, the county seat.

Gantt, in truth, may have risked his life if what he fired at was a wild animal of such proportions. His weapon was but a .22 pistol.

"It's a .22 caliber, long rifle, hollow-point, Harrington & Richards," he said, fully explaining the gun's nomenclature.

**Truthful Man**

But more than one Caddoan has said of Gantt, 72, "He's never told a lie in his life."

Mitchell sighted the hairy creature three weeks ago and has seen it three times since, he said. During the past weekend it emerged from the mesquite brush near the 40-year-old pest caller's trailer home and tangled with the family dog.

The dog was tailed to the ground and sought refuge beneath the trailer.

A neighbor boy, Gene Couch, 8, said he came upon it on his way to a fishing hole Saturday afternoon, about 150 yards from his home.

His mother, Mrs. Ansel Couch, didn't catch sight of it. "I don't know what Gene saw, but he came running back white as a sheet," she said.

"Something's been fighting the dogs around here at night," Mrs. Couch added.

**She Saw It**

Mrs. Mitchell hurried to the spot where the Couch boy reported the animal. She saw it, she said.

Everyone who has glimpsed it concurs it looks like a gorilla.

Are you scared? Mitchell was asked.

"I'm not too scared," he replied. "I've got a big .30-30 (rifle). If it comes into the open, I'll drop it. But my family's a little afraid to stay alone at night."

A friend visiting the Mitchells from Granbury, George Gossett, paraphrased the situation in one word: "Baloney!"

The Stephens County law doubts the gorilla theory, too.

**Deputy Doubts**

"There just aren't any gorillas in this country," said Deputy Sheriff Edgar Martin of Breckenridge. "The only ones in North America are in zoos and carnivals — and we haven't had reports of any escapes."

Martin's conjecture is that the apparition probably is a hermit. Why is it running around? He admits that, like everyone else, he doesn't know.

The state trapper that works the area, J. H. Barron of Clyde, posed this question: If it's an animal or some sort of varmint, what procedure should be followed? Trap him or shoot him?

"If I was certain it wasn't a human, I know what I'd do — I'd shoot," was Martin's answer.

Barron indicated to the Reporter-News he wasn't taking sides one way or another. He was just there to help, if needed, but no tracks at waterholes and no slain cattle have turned up, he said.

Caddo citizens who doubt that a Caddo Critter exists include old pumper John Luttrell and Z. W. Sulphen, a retired farmer, plus many others.

"I can't help but think Mr.

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### WEATHER

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# Officers Battle Exiles at Capital

MAN ON THE MOVE — A mounted policeman in Washington and one on a motorcycle give chase Tuesday to one of the Cuban exiles who clashed with police who were trying to keep them from parading in front of the Pan American Union building. (AP Wirephoto)

## OAS Meets As Protest Group Forms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuban exiles clashed with police in a wild melee nearby as the 21-nation Inter-American Conference convened Tuesday while sentiment grew for total diplomatic and trade isolation of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

As the foreign ministers began their four-day meeting to consider sanctions against the Communist Caribbean nation, several hundred Cubans in a crowd of 5,000 that set out to stage a peaceful demonstration fought and struggled with scores of police.

They threw stones, jeered and cheered. They chanted, "Cuba si, Russia no." They carried banners saying in English and Spanish, "We save Cuba or we lose America."

"Wake up OAS," said another banner, referring to the Organization of American States.

For half an hour the exiles, gathered here from Miami, New York, Baltimore and other east coast cities as well as Chicago, defied police.

Only quick action by mounted patrolmen who rode into the crowd broke up the melee.

One mounted officer was hit in the face by a rock and a board. His face was bloodied but apparently not cut seriously.

Another officer was hit on the leg by a rock.

Ambulances carried away two injured Cubans.

Four Cubans were reported arrested.

The Cubans formed up at the Washington Monument. They were authorized to march to the Lincoln Memorial and back to demonstrate their support for imposing sanctions against Cuba.

They were not authorized to march up to Constitution Avenue, but all went peacefully until they attempted to demonstrate in front of the Pan American Union Building, site of the Inter-American meeting.

The mounted police and other officers blocked their way. Then the disorders began.

### MANY KILLED

## Ambush Catches 135 Vietnamese

By MALCOLM BROWNE

SAIGON (AP)—A U.S. Army enlisted man and about 135 Vietnamese soldiers Wednesday were reported missing and possibly captured by Communist forces in the wake of one of the Viet Cong's most successful ambush operations.

At least 25 government troops were killed outright, and possibly 100 were wounded in the same bloody network of clashes Tuesday in Chuong Thien Province, 140 miles southwest of here. Among the wounded was a U.S. Army officer who was evacuated to Saigon.

A U.S. spokesman said the Viet Cong's notorious "U Minh" battalion apparently had thrown its full strength into the ambush and ensuing fire fight, compounding its success by ambushing several relief units.

The clashes were near the district capital of Vinh Chau, where the same Communist unit inflicted more than 200 casualties on government defenders last week.

The fate of the missing American and the 135 Vietnamese soldiers was not immediately known, and the situation in the fighting area was extremely confused.

Government forces were spread over a wide area adjoining the huge mangrove swamp called the "U Minh" forest, one of the Viet Cong's most important base areas near the southern tip of Viet Nam.

Since April this year the "U Minh" battalion has inflicted more than 1,000 casualties on government forces.

Tuesday's ambush began when government troops began moving towards the relief of an outpost.

Tuesday's engagement followed the usual pattern Viet Cong guerrillas have employed recently, trapping large government units on their way to besieged outposts.

Reports from the fighting area Wednesday were extremely sketchy as a result of poor communications and general confusion.

Trapped in the Red ambush was a truck convoy of battalion size, manned by perhaps 530 men. Firing from concealed positions, Communist gunners raked the trucks as they were on their way south through paddy fields and mangrove swamps from the provincial capital, Vi Thanh, to a district capital, Ca Quan.

A U.S. spokesman said the enemy's wounded alone totaled 63.


### What Happened While You Were Away?

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## New Racial Violence Flares As Wagner Cuts Trip Short

By ROBERT HOLTON

NEW YORK (AP)—Racial disorder broke out in Brooklyn again Tuesday night as Mayor Robert F. Wagner, who had cut short a European vacation and flew home, conferred with top aides.

Police fired about 150 warning shots in the air during the trouble in the predominantly Negro Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. It was the worst outbreak of the night.

Popping firecrackers created panic in part of the area.

Because of the tense situation there, the Transit Authority ordered trains on the "A" line of the Independent subway division not to stop at the Franklin Avenue and the Nostrand Avenue stations in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area. The "A" line is a major subway route through Manhattan and Brooklyn.

As Wagner talked with officials at his Gracie Mansion residence, a jeering crowd gathered around 16 Congress of Racial Equality pickets at police headquarters in downtown Manhattan and hurled a barrage of eggs.

Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm, public relations man for the department, was the only person hit by an egg.

Tension mounted in Harlem again Tuesday night as crowds began to gather on street corners. There were scattered bottle throwing incidents and one policeman was struck by a rock.

Sirens screeched as police raced about the streets, dispersing groups before they became crowds. Again, police ordered major thoroughfares in the nation's largest Negro community closed off to traffic.

As Wagner returned to New York, the FBI, acting on President Johnson's orders, was probing the bloody rioting of the three previous nights.

The mayor went into a closed door huddle with Acting Mayor Paul Screvane and other officials to discuss the city's tense racial situation. Violence has taken one life and brought injury to more than 100 persons.

Wagner welcomed the federal cooperation, but added that he had "complete faith" in city Police Commissioner Michael Murphy.

The President issued a statement in Washington after talking by telephone with Screvane. The statement said in part: "In the preservation of law and order there can be no compromise. It must be made clear once and for all that violence and lawlessness cannot, must not and will not be tolerated."

Johnson said the FBI was seeking to determine if any federal laws were violated in the bloody rioting that erupted after a 15-year-old Negro boy was shot by an off-duty white policeman.

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