

HOLTVILLE
Briefs From the Electric Hub
of the Imperial Valley

Mrs. E. A. Dundon left Tuesday for Long Beach.

Dr. Lombard of Redlands was in Holtville a few days the past week.

Charley Rhodes, who has been in Brawley for some time, returned home Monday.

Mr. Stevenson from Stevenson Bros. of Imperial was looking after his varied interests in Holtville the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stapp left Wednesday for Redlands. Mr. and Mrs. Stapp are among the early pioneers of Holtville and we regret to have them leave us.

Mr. Clyde C. Curtis and Miss Cora Shepherd were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Hollandsworth. May a large share of this worlds happiness be theirs.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Silliman left Tuesday for Los Angeles and Long Beach, where Mrs. Silliman expects to spend a few weeks, but Mr. Silliman will return within a few days.

Quite a little excitement was caused in our city Monday morning, when the tent house of Mrs. C. C. Rhodes caught fire. The family were near, saw the flames, and were able to extinguish them before much damage was done.

Tuesday morning much concern was given the people of Holtville by the rumor that the railroad bridge across the Alamo river had been washed out of place by the excessive amount of water coming down the river, but upon investigation it was found not to be so dangerous as first reported. The train has not crossed the bridge, which makes it very inconvenient for passengers as well as the inconvenience of getting the freight over. The pile driver came Wednesday and no doubt the bridge will be saved.

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The weather has been fine for ten days or more and farm work is going ahead the same as if it was April instead of July. Melons and cantelopes are in great supply and the Silsbans surely have plenty of the good things of summer fare.

Silsbee had a narrow escape from being flooded last Saturday. The headgate of Elder No 13 started to wash out and was discovered just in time to stop the water and avert the calamity. If it had not been discovered for a few minutes longer it is doubtful if the water could have been stopped. In that case very serious damage would have resulted, as the flood of water would have doubtless destroyed the adobe store buildings in Silsbee. The overflow water is slowly receding. It has fallen about three inches at Mr. Avery's place, and more than that up the river. Its fall is sincerely welcomed by all our people. The water completed overflowing all the land south of Elder canal and Elder No. 13 on the 6th day of May and reached danger line about June 1, which it kept; holding at just about one level for six weeks.

SILSBEE
What's Doing Over at the Pleasure Resort on the Shore of Blue Lake

Mr. George Avery and family are expecting to leave for San Diego next week to spend the rest of the summer at that delightful resort.

Mr. Charley Dearborn is recovering from his attack of typhoid fever. He is able to sit up now, and we all hope he will soon be fully restored to health.

Squire Orrick and wife left for San Diego Tuesday. They will go to Brawley and cross the New river at that point on the ferry boat that is being built at that place.

Mr. Thomas Davis left for Campo last Monday. He went across the overflow by Storms' crossing and swam New river, the outlet of Blue Lake and a number of other places.

The farmers, since the Heber warehouse was wrecked, are building scaffolds and piling their threshed grain upon them. It keeps out the mice and is a precaution in case the water should break through.

Some of the farmers across New river in No. 6 south of Silsbee have lost quite severely by the flooding of their farms. Some of them had their grain already threshed when the water came and they lost a great deal of their grain. It is reported that almost all of No. 6 is flooded.

Mr. Andy Elliott and family left Silsbee for Campo last Tuesday in company with Squire Orrick and family and Mr. Fowler. They went to Brawley to cross New river on the new ferry boat which, at present, presents the only means of getting over New river dry shod.

A farewell party was given by Mr. Honaker in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Orrick and the Elliott family, last Monday night. There was refreshments, games and dancing, and all report a most enjoyable time. It is a matter of wonder to people who think we have such a hot climate to understand how people can dance here in the summer time, but they can, and enjoy it too.

Mr. Roy Rumsey, one of Silsbee's genial merchants, has just completed the work of plastering, painting and decorating the interior of his store building. The walls of the building are of adobe and it is plastered with the same material, then painted, and tinted a lovely sky blue which makes the store room a beautiful one. Mr. Rumsey is justly proud of having so beautiful a store room and one that is so cool and comfortable for the summer.

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