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CONSERVANCY SURE WITHDRAWN

WANT OF PETITIONERS

Withdrawn by Mutual Agreement of the Three Attorneys—Might Lead Legislation—Want To Be Passed.

Petition calling for the creation of a conservancy district in the basin of the Pecos valley has been withdrawn on the action of the petitioners, according to information received from Roswell yesterday.

The withdrawal of this petition was a mutual agreement between the attorneys, whose report is given below:

Undersigned, having been read by interested parties of the Basin of the Pecos Valley Chapter 45, Laws of New Mexico, known as the Conservancy Act, and report our findings as to whether it would be advisable at this time to organize thereunder for the protection of the waters of said basin, and to make recommendations thereon, report as follows:

While an organization possibly could be made under said legislation, that would answer the need of the situation, the Act is not drawn for a different situation, and certain phases of it most certainly lead to annoyance, and result in delays or than would result if a law in the meantime be prepared by the next legislature.

Application to organize the conservancy should be dismissed on motion of the petitioners.

That if it is the desire of the majority of the petitioners in this matter to conserve the greater part of the valley, we recommend the immediate organization of voluntary associations, having as their object the following:

Causing the fullest co-operation with the State Engineer's office to enforce the existing conservancy laws.

The strict enforcement of laws 149 and 182, laws of 1927, to establish and protect the existing rights of the users of the said Artesian Basin.

The disseminating of data information concerning the water situation among the water users of the basin, so that each may act intelligently.

To secure the fullest co-operation of the users of artesian water for the lessening of the waste, promoting the most economical use of each water.

To take immediate steps for the amendment of a proposed legislation that will be satisfactory to people interested, and will accomplish to the fullest extent possible the conservation of the water, proposed act to be drawn with delay, so objections can be considered, and it perfected before the session of the legislature.

Respectfully submitted,
Herman R. Crile
W. C. Reid
C. R. Brice

COUNTRY SCHOOL TO BE HELD AT HAGERMAN MARCH 5-6 AND 7

D. Tinsley, general agriculturist of the A. T. & S. F. Railway will be here March 5, 6 and 7 to assist Mr. Hulet, of the high school, with his poultry class on evenings. Mr. Tinsley has wide experience in meeting and solving the farmer's problems, and hoped that his visit here will be the greatest measure of benefit to the farmers and poultry-ventors of this community. Mr. Tinsley is to discuss marketing and transportation, with other farmers at the classes which will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the school. Also at 2 o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the agricultural room.

Thursday evening an egg show will be put on as a part of the production will be given by Mr. Hulet. Cash to be paid for the best plays of eggs in either brown or white classes. All exhibitors are requested to do their best. Dozen carefully selected put on display for the community needs quantity production of on last page, column 1)

HEARD SENATOR REED

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Losey accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Evans, of Artesia, made a weekend trip to Albuquerque last week, timing the trip to enable them to hear Senator James A. Reed of Missouri deliver an address upon the political situation of the country. The senator has the reputation of being a spellbound speaker and on this occasion fairly maintained his reputation, according to reports. Senator Reed, as most everyone knows, is a possible candidate for president, and it is conceded that he has a fighting chance (which he is accepting) for the nomination.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL THURSDAY EVENING

The Carnival at the school gymnasium last Thursday night came fully up to expectations both in attendance and entertainment. The crowd began assembling at a little after seven o'clock, and by eight was in full swing. There was a small admission charge, but that didn't cut any figure in the general scheme, as the booths, fortune telling, side shows and various kinds of carnival attractions were the real money makers.

For one thing there was a doll rack the physiognomy of each individual doll representing some one of the teachers. It can easily be imagined with what delight some of the youngsters enjoyed popping "teacher" on the head with a ball.

There were two or three different vaudeville troops, showing at different periods on the stage, and good music with each show. There were lots of kisses (candy) a show "for men only" while the best looking person in town was carefully secluded in one of the booths.

The big event of the evening though was the crowning of the "Queen of the Carnival." In the voting contest Miss Ernestine Langenegger won out over several competitors and at 10 o'clock the interesting event took place. Rev. Jas. A. Hedges kindly consented to perform the coronation ceremony and with an appropriate speech placed the gilded crown upon the brow of the queen elect, presenting her also with an appropriate bouquet of flowers.

Taken altogether the entertainment was a complete success, reflecting credit upon teachers and scholars, who cleverly planned the entertainment and worked hard to make it go over.

Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Bell very kindly joined in the spirit of the occasion, and furnished music both vocal and instrumental during the "run" of the Carnival.

Let us hope the carnival will come back for a return engagement.

CHANGE IN MAIL SCHEDULE

Southbound passenger train (No. 92) arrives Hagerman 2:20 p. m. Mail dispatched at 1:50 p. m.

North bound passenger train (No. 92) arrives Hagerman 3:18 p. m. Mail dispatched at 2:50 p. m.

To take effect March 4, 1928.
C. G. MASON, Postmaster.

KELLY PAINTING RED

District Road Engineer Kelly has begun the work of painting all of the road equipment in this sector, graders, trucks, tractors, etc., a lively and positive red, in conformity with the order of the state department. It will take some little time to cover all of the equipment, but when it is done it will not be hard to recognize road gear afar off.—Roswell Southwestern Dispatch.

ROSWELL VISITORS

Messrs. John L. Mitchell and W. N. Miller of Roswell, were callers on the Messenger yesterday. Mr. Mitchell, for thirty years a resident of the valley has decided to come out for the office of Assessor of Chaves county. He is an oversea veteran and a capable man for filling the position. A fuller descriptive notice of his candidacy will appear next week. His announcement appears in another column.

ONE THOUSAND RABBITS KILLED IN DRIVE

Approximately one thousand rabbits were killed in the drive held southwest of Hope Sunday. The rabbits were rounded up and started toward a special constructed pen, but many were killed before they reached the pen.

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THICKEST POTASH BEDS FOUND IN THE THIRD TEST IN EDDY COUNTY

The thickest bodies of potash salts yet revealed by Government tests have been found in the third government well drilled in Eddy county, according to a statement made public by the Interior Department. The Geological Survey has recently completed analysis of samples selected from the core of this well which show that within 1,500 feet of the surface nine beds or groups of beds of possible commercial interest were encountered. One of these, at a depth of about 466 feet, is 8 feet 10 inches thick and contains 11.08 per cent of potash (K₂O) in the sample as received, equivalent to 18.26 per cent K₂O in the soluble salts. Other noteworthy beds range in thickness down to 2 feet, 3 inches and in potash content from 8.50 to 13.68 per cent in the samples as received. Only one potash mineral, polyhalite (K₂SO₄ Mg SO₄ 2Ca SO₄ 2H₂O), was recognized in the samples recovered in drilling, but owing to difficulties experienced in this connection some of the more soluble salts originally present may have been lost. The polyhalite occurred in a number of colors and textures, including a coarsely crystalline variety which is apparently new in this country.

Well No. 3 is in the SW 1/4 sec. 34, T. 22 S., R. 30 E., in the southeastern portion of the county. It is one of the group being drilled by the Bureau of Mines under the potash act, which provides for joint exploration by the geological survey, representing the department of the interior, and the bureau of mines, representing the department of commerce. The geological survey selects the drilling sites and receives and analyzes the cores obtained by the bureau of mines. The site of well No. 3 is about eleven miles south of the McNutt location, whence the first potash core in New Mexico was taken a few years ago.

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CHAS. STEPHENS OF ELK IS ARRESTED ON THREE CHARGES SAT.

Charley Stephens, who had made his home in Elk community for several months, was arrested seven miles east of Cloudcroft Saturday morning by Deputy Game Warden M. Stevenson of Artesia, on charge of violating the state game laws. Stephens' arrest was effected following information received from the State game warden. He was brought to Artesia Saturday and lodged in the city jail. Monday he was taken to Roswell, where three charges were filed against him in the justice court. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges of hunting game without license, killing deer out of season and killing a fawn.

Stephens bond was set at the sum of \$1000 and he was placed in the Chaves county jail and his trial set for March 9 in the Chaves county district court.

Nineteen legs and feet of different deer, one deer carcass, one fresh deer head and two sets of deer horns were found on the premises of Stephens at the time of his arrest. —Artesia Advocate.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

Mrs. R. L. Collins, who, accompanied by Mr. Collins, went to Carlsbad Monday for an operation for appendicitis, is reported to be improving and it is thought she will be able to return home to Hagerman in a few days. Her friends (and that means about everybody in town) were glad to hear through Mr. Collins, who came up yesterday for a day, that she was doing as well as could be expected considering the seriousness of the operation.

A VISITOR FROM OHIO

Albert Williams, of Geneva, Ohio, arrived in Hagerman last Saturday, stopping by from a visit to California to see his niece, Mrs. C. W. Curry. Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Curry, he went over to Las Cruces for a short trip where he will visit with Prof. A. S. Curry of State College, who is a son of Mrs. Curry and a former Hagerman young man.

Mr. Williams will probably be shown around the valley on his return by members of the family and will most likely take in the caverns before returning home.

The fourth annual Boy Scout Jamboree will be held at Roswell, April 20th, it was learned recently. This will be a day of competitive activities for the Boy Scouts of eastern New Mexico.

WORK WILL START ON GAS LINE INTO ARTESIA IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS

An announcement was made in Artesia yesterday that Flynn, Welch and Yates, oil operators of that section, closed a deal with Albert T. Woods and associates of San Antonio, Texas to take over the Artesia natural gas franchise. Outside parties became interested in the natural gas possibilities of this section several months ago, but no development along this line occurred until recently. While no announcement was made with reference to piping gas into other valley towns, it is thought likely that the same company plans to lay a line into the north valley communities as soon as practical.

Construction work on the line into Artesia will start within thirty days. The first car load of pipe from the factory will be shipped the last of the week. The gas is to be piped from the old field.

R. N. MILLER, HAGERMAN MADE WORTHY PATRON GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S.

SANTA FE.—The New Mexico Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star will hold its next annual session at Gallup.

The state meeting which opened here Thursday closed with a banquet Saturday night. Grand Lodge officers elected were:

Mrs. Merle Davis, Tucumcari, Worthy Matron; Robert N. Miller, Hagerman, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Lillian Hinkle, Roswell, Associate Matron; Charles Wilkerson, Fort Sumner, Associate Patron; Mrs. Jessie Morgan, Artesia, Secretary; Mrs. Bertha D. Ralph, Rincon, Treasurer; Mrs. Mal Tillman, Las Vegas, Conductress; Mrs. Edythe Neel, Santa Fe, Associate Conductress.

Fourteen sections of land, comprising and surrounding the Carlsbad Cave National Monument, have been set aside as a game and bird refuge. No hunting will be allowed.

DOG OWNERS GO ON WARPATH WHEN DOGS ARE POISONED LATELY

The dog poisoning mania appears to be raging in Artesia, from all information available at this writing. It is understood several attempts have been made to poison dogs in west Artesia and in one or two instances they have been successful. M. W. Evans informs us that poison was given his dog, but that the quantity apparently was not sufficient to kill him, although it made him very sick and cost a heavy doctor bill to cure him. Mr. Evans is offering a \$50.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty person or persons.

Complaints have previously reached this office that several dogs had been shot. Recently it seems that the dog destroyers have changed their methods and have attempted a wholesale poisoning in some sections of the town. Dog owners generally have their ire up and are determined to bring the guilty parties to justice, if there is a possible chance.

—Artesia Advocate

CAR HITS STANDING TRUCK

A rear-end collision of a moving car with a standing truck took place on the highway near Dexter last Thursday evening a little after dark. The driver of the truck, W. E. Graham of Hagerman, ran out of gas near Dexter and leaving the truck standing, had gone to the nearest filling station to get a supply. During his absence a car driven by R. W. Elliott of Dexter, came along at a pretty good rate of speed, and failing to see the truck in time jammed head-on into rear end. The front end of Mr. Elliott's car was a total wreck and he was pretty badly shaken up and bruised, but suffered no serious injury. The truck was also considerably damaged.

Mr. Elliott was taken to his home near Dexter, where he received first aid, and at last accounts was out and able to walk around again.

SNOW ON THE PLAINS

The entire country buried under the fleecy white snow from two to four inches, all rejoiced Friday when the clouds passed away and a 3-4 inch precipitation slowly penetrated the earth to a good season depth, but will insure early grass. Much land has been plowed and it is thought the snow will provide one of the best seasons in years. Farmers are jubilant and business men are confident of one of the best business years in the history of Tatum.—Lea County Courier.

ARENA WELL POUNDING AWAY

The Arena-Manhattan No. 1, located in the southeast corner of Chaves county, section 18-13-31, was drilling Saturday at a depth of 3100 feet and was believed to be nearing the big lime, the formation in which production is expected in this test.

Lime shells for the past 100 feet indicate that the bit is nearing the big lime, which is expected within the next 50 or 100 feet. From now on developments at this test will be watched with interest.

The Bordages-Jenne Hughes No. 1, located section 27-19-38, is drilling below 2825 feet after going out of the salt at 2735. The salt in this test was topped at 1680 feet.

TWO CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICE HONORS DURING PAST WEEK

E. E. LANE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

In our announcement column this week appears the name of E. E. Lane, who comes out as a candidate for County Commissioner—3rd district.

To all residents of Hagerman and surrounding country who have lived here for any considerable length of time—Mr. Lane is too well known to need any introduction. Others there may be who wish to know all there is to know about any candidate who stands for office. In the first place, Mr. Lane has been a resident of the Valley for sixteen years—long enough to know something of conditions and needs of the country and the district he seeks to represent. He is a well-to-do, responsible citizen, having land interests here; has a farm two and a half miles northwest of town, and a stock ranch across the Pecos river, about five miles northeast. He is both farmer and stockman, and has lived on a farm a good portion of his life. He has the interests of the people of the county at heart, is interested in the problems of the farmer, stockman and ordinary citizen alike. In addition he is a heavy tax payer and therefore interested in all matters concerning taxation.

Mr. Lane may be taken as a fairly representative citizen of the community, and as such is naturally interested in good roads and the best methods of obtaining them, as well as all other matters of public welfare of his district and the county at large.

No other candidate has yet offered for this position, in consequence of which it looks like Mr. Lane will have a good show to receive the nomination for this important county office. Should this be so, the Messenger predicts the affairs of the county will be administered faithfully by the commissioner of the third district.

W. M. ATKINSON FOR TAX ASSESSOR

In this issue of the Messenger you will note the announcement of W. M. Atkinson as a candidate before the Democratic primaries for Tax Assessor of Chaves county. In calling attention to this announcement the Messenger is not attempting to introduce Mr. Atkinson to the people of the county, for he has not only been a resident here for more than a third of a century, but during the major portion of that time he has been serving the public in some official capacity, and during all of that time, when not serving the public in an official capacity, he has been serving the public nevertheless, for Mr. Atkinson is essentially and effectually a public spirited citizen.

Back in the constructive days of Chaves county—the days when it was being transformed from a wild and woolly west into its present day social and industrial condition—Mr. Atkinson, as county commissioner, was one of the county's dominant forces, and it was his constructive policy, aided by his penetrating vision, that gave us our existing fine schools, our public road system and our splendid public building, and placed "Imperial Chaves County" (apologies to Judge Richardson) No. 1 on the list of well-managed counties of the state, a place which it has held throughout the years.

In addition to his services to his own county Mr. Atkinson has served as member or as agent for many state and federal boards and commissions, and there too he has served with ability, sincerity and fidelity so unusual in this day of laxity in public and private business affairs that it is indeed refreshing to think upon. It will be fortunate when people of his ability, experience and integrity offer to serve, and the voters the discretion to choose officials of such character. Should Chaves county elect Mr. Atkinson (Continued on last page, column 1)

NEW PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULE WILL GO IN EFFECT SUNDAY 4TH

Two Trains Will Meet At Espula Switch Instead of Artesia As Was First Announced—Trains To Make Clovis Connection.

The new Santa Fe passenger schedule for the Pecos division, received here last week, is substantially the same as the tentative schedule announced two weeks ago, except that the north and south bound trains will meet at Espula switch, six miles north of Artesia, instead of meeting here. The new time table reads as follows:

	Arrive	Depart
Clovis:		
South bound		9:35 a. m.
North bound	7:30 p. m.	
Roswell:		
South Bound	12:55 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
North bound	4:05 p. m.	4:15 p. m.
Dexter:		
South bound	2:05 p. m.	2:05 p. m.*
North bound	3:31 p. m.	3:31 p. m.*
Hagerman:		
South bound	2:20 p. m.	2:20 p. m.*
North bound	3:18 p. m.	3:18 p. m.*
Artesia:		
South bound	3:02 p. m.	3:02 p. m.*
North bound	2:40 p. m.	2:40 p. m.*
Carlsbad:		
South bound	4:00 p. m.	
North bound		1:30 p. m.

Passengers coming down the valley from Clovis east will have a wait of one hour and ten minutes before boarding the south bound passenger at 9:35 a. m. Passengers going north from valley points can get out of Clovis for eastern points at 9:10 p. m. on train No. 10, or out of Clovis for western points on train No. 1 at 8:30 p. m.

*The time for arrival and departure for trains at Dexter, Hagerman and Artesia is given the same.

EASTERN STAR DELEGATES RETURN FROM SANTA FE

The delegates from Harmony Chapter, Order Eastern Star, of this place, who attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter at Santa Fe last week, returned home Sunday evening. The members attending from here were: Associate Grand Patron Robert N. Miller, Mrs. A. M. Mason, past worthy matron; Mrs. J. E. Wimberly, worthy matron; Mrs. Howard Russell, associate matron.

Mr. Miller and the Hagerman chapter were honored in the bestowal upon him of the highest position within the gift of the Grand Chapter, that of Grand Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star of New Mexico. It is needless to say he received the hearty acclaim of his home delegation along with that of the whole chapter by which he was honored.

The meeting was a very successful one and the Hagerman delegates report a most enjoyable time.

MEMBERS OF ALFALFA ASS'N. AND IRRIGATION MEN TO MEET MCH. 6

The Hagerman Alfalfa Growers Association and the Hagerman Irrigation Company, as represented by the membership of these organizations, will gather around the festal board together next Tuesday noon to partake of the dinner served annually to these two bodies. It is growing into custom for them to meet together on these recurring occasions and if the dinner (or banquet) served last year, is an indication, the Tuesday meeting will be an enjoyable success.

Tuesday, March 6th, is the day of the annual meeting of the Alfalfa Association, which is the whyfore of the annual dinner. The Irrigation Company, also hold an adjourned meeting on the same day, their meeting to be held in the afternoon following the dinner.

It is expected that there will be sixty-five or seventy plates laid, for organization members and visitors and a general good time is expected. The ladies of Hagerman Cemetery Association will have charge of the dinner and all details therewith concerned, which will be in the Tarkas building, opposite the railway station, the time being announced as 12 o'clock meridian or as nearly that time as may be found expedient.

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OUR FUNDAMENTAL LAW

In every great crisis our country has been held together by sticking to fundamentals as laid down in the Constitution of the United States. During intervening periods and when the people do not feel the need of the actual protection given by that great document, the nation suffers period of agitation when attempts are made to destroy constitutional rights, privileges and protection.

We witness this every day in our state legislatures, in Congress and in initiative measures. A man who raises his voice against the destructive process is often criticized as a reactionary, an enemy of the people or a tool of big business.

But when danger assails the nation, we all rush back to the shelter of our Constitution. What safeguard would we have, if its fundamental soundness had been destroyed by the attempted tamperings of more than a century?

The New York Herald of January 22, published a cartoon showing a log jam. Two loggers were breaking up this jam of logs, each of which was marked "a law," and the loggers were marked "legislators." The point of the cartoon was that more and more laws are being produced, and as these laws are propelled over the dam by the legislatures, they fall into a pool of water marked "futility." The idea conveyed by the cartoon was that we do not need more laws to clog our legislative bodies and create larger and larger pools of unenforceable statutes, but that we need better enforcement of existing fundamental laws which already cover practically every field of human endeavor.

Some day we will reach a crisis in our legislative hysteria, and then we will again be forced to fall back on the guaranties and protection afforded by our fundamental law contained in our federal and state constitutions.

THE USE AND THE ABBUSE OF THE PROBATION SYSTEM

Governor Adams of Colorado believes that the juries and judges of the criminal courts must know what they are doing. He has been in office over a year and during that period he has not pardoned or paroled or commuted the sentence of any person convicted of a crime.

We are firmly convinced that the probation system as applied to first offenders has had most excellent results. But we also know that the system has developed a number of faults and weaknesses that need correction. The Hickman case has demonstrated the ease with which a habitual offender, a youngster guilty of numerous hold-ups and with a murder on his conscience, can beat the probation system. It has demonstrated that far closer supervision over probationers is needed and that a national system of keeping track of fugitive persons under probation must be created. All of which will require far higher appropriations for the probation departments, but the results will be worth the money.—March Sunset.

OUTLOOK FOR DAIRY INDUSTRY PROMISING

The future of the dairy industry in New Mexico looks very good according to E. E. Anderson of the New Mexico Agricultural College. At the present time New Mexico does not nearly supply the dairy products which are consumed within the state. The shortage of dairy cows in the United States together with the ever increasing consumption of dairy products, is likely to keep the prices up for some time to come.

With the increased interest in better stock, as shown by the high quality of the animals being imported, it stands to reason that our production will be increased considerably per cow and thereby the profits of dairying become greater.

Better feeding methods are also having an influence in increasing the profits derived from dairying, causing the industry to spread and grow. The increase in the number of independent cream stations all over the state, is helping a great deal to insure the dairymen of a stable market, which should eventually lead to a better quality product and higher prices to the farmer.

Farmers of Roosevelt county are cashing in on the jack rabbit, now generally regarded as a pest over eastern New Mexico, according to the Portales Valley News. In that section, produce houses are paying from eight to ten cents for each jack rabbit hide, says the News.

Those who care to skin the rabbits, after a drive should make a neat little sum, provided of course, that the hide is worth as much here as in Portales.

Investigation of the widely heralded horned frog at Eastland reveals that he wore off most of his horns, trying to escape from his thirty-one years of imprisonment. We know some humans that might live for thirty-one years imprisoned in a corner stone, but we bet they would not show any wear for their imprisonment, if they made as little effort as they do when free.

WHY MERCHANTS SHOULD ADVERTISE

According to figures of Bradstreet, the business man who does not advertise runs a greater risk of failing than one who does advertise. In fact the figures showing that eighty-four of each hundred merchants who fail in business did not advertise should tend to prove that the spending of money in printers ink is one of the essentials of business these days.

The American Floor Surfacing Company believes in advertising and concerning this subject says:

"Don't forget the fact it pays to advertise. Look over the successful business men in your town, and you will find that they all advertise. Do not get the foolish idea that everybody in your town knows you and you don't need to advertise. You must make a noise if you expect to be heard. If you can't afford newspaper display advertising, use the classified ads, but whatever you do, advertise consistently. Do not insert an ad in the paper a few times and expect results, but keep hammering away week in and week out, even though it is a small ad and the results will eventually come. If you do not advertise, you cannot expect to get very far in any business. So, take our advice and lay out a definite advertising campaign for at least six months, and then go to it, even though the expense is going to hurt you a little. You'll get the money back ten times over."

COUNTRY WANTS SOUND PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

Presidential elections used to be accompanied by business disturbances that sometimes reached the catastrophe stage. Business faced the presidential year with the trepidation of a man on his way to a pagan holiday; not knowing if he was to be stabbed, burned, hanged, or eaten.

This year, there is small likelihood of financial or social upheaval.

The people are no longer unadvised about fundamental business and economic principles. They will demand that the next president be a safe, dependable man who can carry on a program of business like economy in government and who will keep government a controllable, dependable machine instead of a hare-brained political madhouse, always ready to sacrifice national prosperity for political expediency.

The next president might bear almost any political label if he thinks and acts along common sense lines.

MORE INTEREST IN DAIRYING

Farmers generally are taking more interest in the dairying industry than at any period during the past ten or twelve years. Many have come to realize that it is better business to have a small monthly income than to take chances on having the revenue come once a year from a one crop, such as cotton provides. There is an increasing amount of cream being shipped out by the local cream station, Wilson and Anderson, but there is no reason why the amount could not be doubled without any extra effort, especially in view of the stable outlook for this industry and the present price of the commodity.

We have never heard but one draw back to the dairying industry or to milking cows and this is that cows will keep you at home.

As we have said before and repeat again, we have yet to see a successful business that does not require close attention. If one is ever found the business or profession will be so over crowded within a short time that it will cease to be remunerative.

STOPPING THE PAPER

We all know that fellow who stops his newspaper because it doesn't agree with his political views. The majority of people are not that way, and it's a good thing they aren't, for if they were this would be the most newspaperless country you ever saw—why even the editor would be without a daily newspaper of the Southwest, for their editorial stuff plumb disgusts us as a rule. But we take a newspaper for what it is—a "news" paper, not for the sake of arguments of its editor. The editors who can congratulate themselves that their editorials are the main attraction for their subscribers are few and far between, and their names are household names in America.

Any editor who tries to please all his readers editorially would be crazy—if he wasn't crazy when he began to try, he would be a lunatic after trying. And the funny part of it is that the man who stops his paper because he doesn't agree with the editor, is generally a man whose own views are as inconsistent as the affections of Cleopatra; nevertheless he expects the editor to keep up with him.—Rio Grande Farmer.

BUSINESS AND ELECTIONS

Col. Leonard P. Ayres, a noted business commentator, believes it is a myth that election years are bad years for business. He shows that in six of the twelve years since 1880 in which Presidential elections have taken place business has been better than normal, that in one year it was normal, and in only five years below normal.

On the whole, Col. Ayres points out, business in years of Presidential elections has been slightly better than normal. It is no doubt true that business fluctuations in Presidential election years are due to economic rather than political causes.

There appears to be nothing in the situation this year that might be regarded as a possible damper on business activity. No burning economic question has bobbed up yet and it is probable that none will. The national economic equilibrium is not likely to be upset this year even though it is an election year.

FARMING THAT PAYS

A prosperity item from Portales recounts that a farmer there is going to close the year of 1927 with a net profit of around \$3,600 from a forty acre tract of land, or \$90 an acre, which is a pretty fair return. His land is probably not appraised at much more than that, though the story does not say. He did it by growing sweet potatoes, tomatoes, peanuts and some garden crops and keeping a good flock of chickens. Portales is one of the bright agricultural spots of the state. It is prosperous because its farmers have found by intelligent study what crops will pay and how to raise these crops. Systematic marketing is also done.—Exchange.



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Wouldst thou be wretched?
'Tis an easy way:
Think of but self, and self alone
all day;
Think of thy pain, thy grief, thy
loss, thy care,
All that thou hast to do, or feel or
bear;
Think of thy good, thy pleasures
and thy gain.
Think only of thyself, 'twill not be
in vain. —Anon.

VEGETABLE STANDBYS

This is the season when we enjoy the winter vegetables such as squash, rutabaga, onion and carrot. A good dish of well-cooked and seasoned Hubbard squash is hard to excel.



Squash Porcupine.—Steam the squash until tender. Scrape out of the shell every part lying near it, as that is of the best flavor. Mash until smooth. To one quart of the squash add one and one-half teaspoonsful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of ginger and two tablespoonsful of butter. Beat and reserve one cupful. To the remainder add two tablespoonsful of cream, beat again and pile into a glass baking dish. Rice the reserved cupful over the top and set in the oven to lightly brown.

Carrot Savory.—Cook until tender one quart of thinly sliced carrots in boiling salted water to which a teaspoonful of sugar has been added. Fry two chopped onions in three tablespoonsful of butter until light brown, stir in four tablespoonsful of flour and add two cupfuls of any good stock. Add cayenne and paprika, one teaspoonful each of lemon juice and sugar and salt if needed. Let it boil and pour over the carrots which have been drained and laid on strips of buttered toast.

Scalloped Tomato Surprise.—Cook until soft three large sweet onions. Lay them in the bottom of a baking dish and with a sharp knife divide into quarters, not cutting entirely through the sections. Press the quarters apart and fill with chopped meat well seasoned. Pour around three cupfuls of tomato to which has been added one-fourth cupful of bread crumbs. Dot liberally with butter, sprinkle with crumbs and bake in a hot oven one-half hour.

Nellie Maxwell

The Ninth Scout Law

A Cornish correspondent sends me the following amusing experience whilst he was running a troop of boy scouts in India:

"I was testing a small Eurasian boy, twelve years old, for the 'Tender-foot' badge and said:

"What is the ninth scout law?"

"Sir, a scout is thriftee."

"What does thriftee mean?"

"I know what it means, sir."

"Well, then, what does it mean?"

"Well, sir (hesitating), it means that it is verree silliee to spend anee monee on a girl."

This is one way of looking at it, but I should like to hear the views of the girl. Not a girl guide, however. They are too independent.—London Post.

No matter how hard they try the inhabitants of Paris cannot walk on both sides of the street at the same time.

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Children's Coats.....	.75 up	Men's Mufflers.....	.50
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Evening Gowns.....	2.00 up	Auto Robes.....	1.25
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**INVENTOR MAY PERFECT
FUELLESS MOTOR
FOR USE IN AVIATION**

PITTSBURGH.—Lester J. Hendershot, 29 years old, West Elizabeth, inventor, whose fuelless motor gained the interest of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, and other prominent in the aviation world, wants "humbug" eliminated from reports on his invention, which he developed while experimenting on an effort to produce an improved compass.

"Make it clear to the world" he said in commenting on stories giving various descriptions to his creation, "radio and its allied phenomena are nothing to do with my motor. The force that turns my motor is the same force that pulls the needle of a compass around—and there is nothing mysterious about it."

Hendershot said that when he took aviation three years ago he discovered that "ultimate development in aviation depended largely upon discovery or invention of an absolutely true and reliable compass."

In his first experiments were an effort to develop such an instrument. The ordinary magnetic compass is not point to the true north—points to the magnetic north, and varies from the true north to a different extent at almost every point of the earth's surface.

There is another compass, the electric induction compass, that indicates the true north. But it must be set before each flight, and it is always unreliable. I really got down to work on the idea about a year ago, and last fall I began to think that I was headed toward my goal.

I found that with a pre-magnetized field that would indicate the true north, but I didn't know just how to utilize that in a compass I was trying to find.

In continuing my experiments, I found that by cutting the same of magnetic force north and south, and that by cutting the magnetic field east and west I could develop a rotary motion.

I now have a motor built on that principle that will rotate at a constant speed, a speed pre-determined in the motor is built. It can be run for any desired speed, and a constant speed motor is one of the greatest needs of aviation.

The motor I demonstrated at Detroit has a speed of 1800 revolutions per minute and develops 45 horsepower on a block. The motor is now in New York.

asked what he intended doing with his motor, Hendershot said he decided to do nothing without consulting the Guggenheim foundation, and his attorney, Col. J. Breckenridge, who also is Lindbergh's attorney.

Hendershot will go to New York today to confer with Col. Lindbergh and his backers, he said. He had knowledge of a corporation formed to be in the process of formation to exploit his invention.

He said he had only one offer in mind, a news reel concern which offered \$50,000 for exclusive photographic rights for one year. He said he "didn't deal with them."

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW
MEXICO HIGHWAYS**

order that no one may forego pleasure to be derived from driving New Mexico because of doubt that may exist with respect to road conditions which may be encountered within the borders, wish to advise as follows:

in Mexico, "The Sunshine" in addition to keeping "all highways" as indicated on front page; maintains them in from to excellent condition throughout the entire year. The percentage of "flow road" is at all times negligible; a bad or impassable condition rare occurrence, local in extent of short duration.

in Mexico offers to all a mild, bracing climate; a wide variety of scenic beauties and numerous of national and historic interest. To those who might wish to stay and enjoy rich farm lands in its irrigated valleys good ranges for stock raising, other profitable business enterprises. Connecting all is its high-speed system built and maintained in condition that any one wishing to advantage of what this state offers may be assured that, on an occasional temporary external condition, it may be done as desired.—State Highway Dept.

American Magazine for March has an interesting article on Thornton and his work on oil wells and putting out the Texas Thornton is well known in Artesia field, where he has done some of his work of well and oil conservation.

It would be interesting to know if any, Hagerman people yesterday, the 29th, as their

**POLITICAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RATES:

State	\$25.00
District	\$20.00
Senator and Rep.	\$10.00
County	\$15.00
Probate Judge	\$10.00
County Commissioners	\$10.00
City Offices	\$5.00

ABSOLUTELY CASH

The following candidates submit their announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held Tuesday, April 24, 1928.

- For State Senator:**
MRS L. K. McGAFFEY
Roswell
- For Tax Assessor:**
ROBERT L. BALLARD
Roswell
- JOE. K. HARRISON
Roswell
- WOODLAN P. SAUNDERS
Roswell
- W. M. ATKINSON
Roswell
- JOHN L. MITCHELL
Roswell
- For Sheriff:**
JOHN C. PECK
Roswell
- JIM B. COATS
Roswell
- For District Attorney:**
HOWARD C. BUCHLY
Roswell
- JUDSON G. OSBURN
Roswell
- GEORGE L. REESE, JR.
Roswell
- For County Treasurer:**
MRS. W. C. HOLLAND
Roswell
- ONTY W. LISTON
Roswell
- E. H. (HUB) WILLIAMS
Roswell
- For Probate Judge:**
C. C. HILL
Roswell
- For County Commissioner:**
Third District:
E. E. LANE—
Roswell

**1,300,000 FINGERPRINTS
ON FILE IN WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON.—With file of approximately 1,300,000 fingerprints of persons arrested for felonies in the United States and Canada, the identification division of the department of justice is receiving between 600 and 700 new prints a day.

J. E. Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, revealed before the house appropriations committee that the division finds approximately a third of the 600 prints received daily belong to persons with previous criminal records.

"As indicative of that work," Hoover said, "let me refer to the situation in St. Louis following the tornado there. The chief of police proposed to appoint a number of temporary policemen. He sent us the fingerprints of 545 he was going to appoint. Of those ten had previous criminal records. Two had been convicted and served sentences for petit larceny, two for grand larceny, one for desertion, one for desertion and larceny, one for seduction and one for burglary. One was wanted for investigation."

"The chief of police of St. Louis has advised me that in addition to those ten found by our bureau he found 11 more, making 21 persons who were to be appointed there who had criminal records, thus proving the value of the fingerprint system."

**BEEF CATTLE BRING
HIGH PRICES AT SALE**

KANSAS CITY.—The return of prosperity for breeders of beef cattle was indicated here Monday at the opening of the annual roundup of the American Hereford Breeders' Association when the highest prices since the World war were paid for pure bred Hereford bulls on the auction block.

The three hundred breeders from all parts of the country attending the sale were so optimistic over the outlook for the cattle industry that their lively bidding created an average price of \$300 for the day, as compared to \$120 a few years ago. The days' top price was \$1,650 paid by H. A. Hamilton, Avon, S. D., for Superior 53rd, a 3-year-old bull which took first prize in its class at the Sesqui-centennial exposition in Philadelphia. The animal was consigned by the Hamilton farm, Gladstone, N. J.

**DISCOVERING A BURGLAR IN HER
FRUIT STORE, MRS. MARIA CUGLIA OF CHICAGO
POINTED A BANANA AT HIM AND HE FLED.**

Twenty English prisons are offered for sale because of a lack of occupants. But who would want to buy a prison?

**DISTRICT ORATORICAL
CONTEST TO BE HELD
ON APRIL TWENTIETH**

Schools of Chaves county have a chance to enter the fifth annual national oratorical contest, which is being sponsored in New Mexico by the Albuquerque Journal. The district contest will be at Roswell with D. N. Pope, superintendent of city schools of Roswell in charge.

District chairmen have been chosen and are at work getting the schools in their respective districts lined up for the contest. The contest is open to all high school students in New Mexico, under 19 years of age on February 1, boys and girls in public, private and parochial schools.

The University of New Mexico is cooperating with the Journal in the contest and Professor C. V. Wicker of the department of English is handling the details in connection with the district contests and in connection with the holding of the state contest in Albuquerque.

For the purpose of the contest the state has been divided into six districts, the district contest to be held on April 20 and the state contest in which the winners of the district contests will participate, in Albuquerque on April 27.

The winner of the state contest will go to the zone district contest in Oklahoma City, competing with the winners in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Nebraska and Kansas.

The winners of the zone contest will go to the national contest to be held in Washington.

First prize available to New Mexico, if the state should be fortunate enough to win its way through the nationals, would be a three months summer tour of Europe with all expenses paid. The state championship prize is \$75 in cash. The district prizes are \$25 in cash, guaranteed by the Journal.

For the purpose of the New Mexico contest the state is divided into six districts. The contest originates in the individual schools, which must hold their own elimination and send their contestants to the district elimination. All these district contests will be held on April 20 and the individual schools should make their selections by April if possible.

There have been a few changes made in the districts and the time of holding the contest since the initial announcement. Here is the outline of the districts and the chairmen for each district as they now stand:

District 1—Raton, Donald W. MacKay, city superintendent of schools, chairman. For the counties of Colfax, Union, Harding, Mora, Taos and San Miguel.

District No. 2—Gallup, Charles B. Reddick, city superintendent of schools, chairman. For the counties of McKinley and San Juan.

District No. 3—Albuquerque, John B. Milne, city superintendent of schools, chairman. For the counties of Bernalillo, Sandoval, Socorro, Valencia, Torrance, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe.

District No. 4—Clovis, E. S. Hobbs, Texaco, superintendent of schools, chairman. For the counties of Curry, De Baca, Roosevelt, Quay and Guadalupe.

District No. 5—Roswell, D. N. Pope, city superintendent of schools, chairman. For the counties of Chaves, Lincoln, Eddy and Lea.

District No. 6—Deming, Edwin D. Martin, chairman. For the counties of Grant, Hidalgo, Sierra, Luna, Dona Ana and Otero.

Schools desiring to enter the contest may get other information from the chairman of the district contests from Professor Wicker or the Journal.

**NEW TOWN OF JAL TO
HAVE A POWER LINE**

A. L. Wagner, representing the Herwig Townsite company of Jal, Lea county, was in Carlsbad, Monday, and in conversation with the Current-Argus editor said that the town is going ahead rapidly, and that the highways from Pecos and Midland are being extended rapidly to the new town. Mr. Wagner also said that the work of setting the poles of the new power line from Wink was under way the first of the week, and that upon completion of the line Jal would have an ice plant, which would be completed in time for the manufacture of ice for the coming summer months.

The new town is thirty-one miles from Wink, Texas, and at present the limited hotel facilities could not begin to take care of the transient travel which passes through every day. This travel would be greater when the new highway from Pecos, via Barstow, is completed, as much travel over the Bankhead highway will be diverted to the new town. Mr. Wagner returned to Jal this morning.—Current-Argus.

TONGUE TWISTER

Customer—I want a pair of peck-rimmed hornicles—I mean sporn-rimmed hectacles—confound—I mean heck-rimmed spornacles.

Slopwalker—I know what you mean, sir. Mr. Parkes, show this gentleman a pair of rim-sporned hectacles.

LOCALS

Dr. R. W. Doss, state veterinarian of Artesia, was in our city yesterday.

Messrs. E. V. and Jack Sweatt left yesterday on a trip to Barstow, Texas.

V. L. Gates, a well-known business man of Artesia, was in town Monday.

Hagerman needs a public hall for holding meetings large enough to accommodate a good big crowd.

The ladies of the L. C. Club put on another successful food sale at the Carter Grocery Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mullenax, of the Lake Arthur neighborhood, were in town on business yesterday.

It is rumored that one of our filling stations has passed into the hands of a new owner. Particulars later.

The annual convention of the New Mexico Christian Endeavor union will be held in Roswell, March 8th to 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hamill went to Roswell Monday, returning in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweatt and daughter, Miss Dorothy, made a trip to El Paso last Saturday, returning Sunday evening.

Tom Fletcher, representing the wholesale house of Homer Leach & Co., Roswell, was in town Monday interviewing local merchants.

The Girl Scouts, organized in Savannah, Ga., 15 years ago, grew an original membership of eight to a present total of more than 168,000.

John Eller of Buffalo, New York, on trial for non-support, declared that he was "light of heart when he married, but light of pocket ever since."

Everett Walton and mother, Mrs. Sarah Walton, came up from Carlsbad Saturday for a week-end visit to friends here. They returned home Sunday evening.

F. F. Anderson leaves this week to return to El Paso, where he expects to take further treatment at the hands of specialists that have been attending him.

R. N. Thomas, principal of Hagerman graded school, was called away to Hamilton, Texas, Wednesday of last week on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. W. P. Bowman, who a short time ago moved from town to a new farm home, southeast about two miles, was in yesterday looking after business matters.

Mrs. Ned Hedges, of Lake Arthur, the esteemed Messenger correspondent at that place, has been visiting her daughter here, Mrs. Bud Menoud, returning home a few days ago.

Albert Curry, of Carlsbad, an employee of the Santa Fe railway in the Cave city, was up last week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Curry, and other relatives and friends.

J. J. Davis left for El Paso Monday. Mr. Davis is an ex-service man, and goes to take the physical examination required by the government in granting compensation to war veterans.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ehret motored to Artesia Thursday and took six o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bartlett, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. C. W. Bartlett's birthday.

Max McClure, 14, of Lawrence, Kansas, grew the biggest ear of corn produced in that state last year, it being 16 inches long; also raised enough corn to feed the family's hogs and pay his way in school.

Rich Carter, of Loving, Eddy county, was a visitor to Hagerman, Thursday. Mr. Carter is said to be the first, or at least one of the first, to introduce cotton growing in the Pecos valley. He is a farmer and business man of his home locality.

Everett Latimer and family have moved to Dexter, where they will make their home, the move taking place last Tuesday. Mr. Latimer is engaged in business there in the old stand formerly occupied by his brother.

H. A. Olive has taken the old Campbell place, about six miles south of Hagerman, and will carry on farm operations there this year. There is a pumping plant on the place and the farm is said to be a good one, although it has been unoccupied for several seasons.

Brantley Hamblin, of Carlsbad, formerly with the McAdoo Drug Co. here, has been spending two or three days in town this week. His numerous friends here are glad to see him back, if only for a short time. He came up to fill in during the absence of Mr. Collins at Carlsbad.

Clyde Knight has moved from his place in town out to the Hugo Jacobson place, about four miles southwest. Mr. Knight has secured a good place, but it has been uncultivated for two or three years and will need bringing back into shape. There is an artesian well and pumping plant on the place, which will irrigate a lot of land. Mr. Knight will also run sheep in addition to his farming operations.

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Hagerman, New Mexico

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Las Cruces, N. M., Feb. 10, 1928

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed State Selection, List No. 9222, Serial No. 036517, for N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 7, Twp. 15 S., R. 21 E., N. M. P. & M. W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 18, T. 15 S., R. 21 E., N. M. P. & M.

The purpose of this publication is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file such objection to the above selection with the Register of the U. S. Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., and to establish their interest therein of the mineral character thereof.

V. B. MAY, Register.
7-5t

Hd. Orig. RS 2289 160 acres
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
029476
MFN

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., February 13, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that J. W. Mullenax, Jr., of Hagerman, N. M., who, on January 28, 1925, made Hd. Orig. containing 160 acres, No. 029476, for E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23 Township 15-S., Range 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Robert N. Miller, U. S. Commissioner, at Hagerman, N. M., on the 24th day of March, 1928.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Jess W. Hart,
Frank J. Mullenax,
Teed Devenport,
Clarence King, all of Hagerman, N. M.

V. B. MAY, Register.
7-5t

C. 4782
Serial 028658
NOTICE OF CONTEST

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, February 7, 1928.

To Charles C. Russell, of Roswell, N. M., Contestee: Lake Arthur, New Mexico, nearest land, and Brownfield, Texas, last address.

You are hereby notified that William E. Smith, who gives Hagerman, New Mexico, as his post office address, did on December 14, 1927, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. 028658, Serial No. 028658 made February 7, 1924, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27; S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 34, Township 15 S., Range 28 E., N. M. P. Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Charles C. Russell has abandoned said land, and has not been on or near said land since May, 1924, and there are no improvements on the place of any nature, placed there by the said Charles C. Russell.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the post office to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

V. B. MAY, Register.
Date of first publication, Feb. 16.
Date of second publication, Feb. 23.
Date of third publication, March 1.
Date of fourth publication, March 8.

TO THE STOCK HOLDERS
OF THE HAGERMAN
IRRIGATION COMPANY

We have arranged to hold a joint dinner with the Hagerman Alfalfa Growers Association on March 6th, and to hold our Adjourned Annual Meeting immediately following this dinner. All Stockholders are urged to be present.

W. A. LOSEY, Secretary.
6-4t

Hd. Orig. 12-29-16 640 acres
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
028373
MFN

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., February 14, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that Duchess A. Marrs, widow of Victor W. Marrs, deceased, of Hagerman, N. M., who, on August 8, 1923, made Hd. entry containing 640 acres, No. 028373, for N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 24, Township 14-S., Range 28-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Robert N. Miller, U. S. Commissioner, at Hagerman, N. M., on the 30th day of March, 1928.

Claimant names as witnesses:
L. Wagner,
Ben Smith,
J. H. King,
D. A. Calhoun, all of Hagerman, N. M.

V. B. MAY, Register.
8-5tM

DEMOCRATS TO MEET
AT PORTALES MAY 19

ALBUQUERQUE.—At a meeting of the state Democratic central committee attended by more than 100 delegates, Portales was chosen to entertain the New Mexico state convention May 19.

Will Keleher of Albuquerque was named chairman of the party for the coming campaign to close the program.

Making a plea for greater state rights here in one of the baby states of the union, Senator Reed of Missouri, Saturday night took cognizance of possible criticism of his campaign through the west against the present administration of government. Before a rally of New Mexico Democrats gathered in the armory, the senator renewed his demand for "restoration of honesty in government" asked for party unity, assailed the "rule of federal bureaus" and then frankly declared: "I expect somebody to say that 'Reed is merely destructive; that he wants to destroy existing militant conditions.'

"Of course," the Missourian replied, "every time you want to change anything you must alter or destroy existing conditions."

"If a man is thirsty and takes a drink of water he destroys thirst. If he finds rascals looting the ballot and insists that they should not be permitted to receive the fruits of their scoundrelism, he destroys their hopes. He may even be characterized a prosecutor.

"Nevertheless, there are some of us who believe that the destruction of evil leads to the preservation of good; that the highest kind of constructive statesmanship consists in maintaining the integrity, the majesty and the greatness of the United States of America.

"Progress means change in the right direction and many of the changes which have been demanded in recent years in my humble opinion have been changes in the wrong direction.

"If that be true, he who seeks to undo the change to extricate the country from the morass of semi-socialism in which it is being involved, to bring the government back to sound policies, to return the states their just powers and duties, to drive the crooks, grafters and scoundrels from Washington, to produce decency and honesty in elections, he is for progress, progress back toward the old high ground; progress away from danger.

"Nevertheless, it is destructive and he who accomplishes the task must always be in a sense a prosecutor."

Just what aroused the ire of the Democratic presidential candidate he did not reveal but he made it clear that he intended to follow the campaign he had mapped out for his western trip in his journey further westward next week.

None of the American senators believe in playing tap-the-finger on Sundays.

Almost all American college graduates can count up to ten without making a mistake.

NOTICE

Hagerman, N. M., Feb. 21, 1928
The annual meeting of the members of the Hagerman Alfalfa Growers' Association will be held in Jones Hall, Hagerman, N. M., on Tuesday, March 6th, 1928, at 10:30 o'clock sharp in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing two members of the board of directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Ladies of the Cemetery Association will serve the annual banquet at noon on the day of the meeting.

WILLIS PARDEE, Secretary.
9-1t

WORLD PRODUCTION OF
PETROLEUM FOR 1927
TOTALS 1,254,000,000

World production of petroleum during 1927 totaled 1,254,000,000 bbls., of 42 U. S. gals., an increase of 156,000,000 bbls., or 14 per cent over 1926, according to a preliminary Department of Commerce estimate prepared by John H. Nelson, bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, and E. B. Swanson, bureau of mines. This estimate is based upon cables reports from foreign representatives of the department of commerce, official production figures covering the major portion of the year and other information obtained from reliable sources.

The United States continues to produce more than 70 per cent of the world total, increasing from 770,874,000 bbls., in 1926 to an estimated total of 905,800,000 bbls. in 1927. The decrease of 26,000,000 bbls. in Mexican production dropped that country from the second place position among oil producing countries which it has held for the past nine years. Mexican production decreased from 6,000,000 bbls. in January to approximately 4,500,000 bbls. in December. Shipments of Mexican petroleum during 1927 are estimated at 48,700,000 bbls. Russia moved into second place again for the first time since 1917. Two-thirds of the Russian production came from fields near Baku, nearly one-third from the Grozny region and the remaining balance largely from Emba. The Baku production has not reached its pre-war level but the Grozny production was approximately twice that of 1914. Venezuela was third in production by a slight margin over Mexico. Venezuelan production increased from 4,858,000 bbls. in January to 7,305,000 bbls. in December. On the basis of December production Venezuela ranked second among oil producing countries. The largest percentage increase was noted in Columbia, where production increased from 6,444,000 bbls. in 1926 to 14,600,000 bbls. in 1927, raising Columbia from eleventh to eighth place. Thru an increase of 800,000 bbls., Argentina exchanged places with British India.—Exchange.

RABBIT RAISERS
TO BUILD PLANT

Rabbit raisers of Plainview have begun plans for a furrier and canning plant to be located here, B. H. Towery of the Plainview Rabbitry, said this morning. A location on Ash street has been under consideration.

The plant would buy raw pelts, cure them and turn them into ready-to-wear furs, or sell them when ready to furriers at the larger cities. Considerable machinery will be bought and several men employed. Carcasses will be marketed for meat. Many Plainview people are now turning to rabbit meat as a regular diet.

Ordinary rabbits, weighing six pounds, will pay the owner about \$1.50 and 75 cents of that at least is clear money. Owing to the rapid rate of increase of rabbits, local raisers believe the rabbit business offers quicker money and more clear profits than poultry.

In Los Angeles one million dollars' worth of rabbit meat is marketed annually, according to government statistics, and the market in the United States is growing. Mr. Towery said the furrier and market here can handle all the rabbits that people will raise here. An effort will be made to get 75 persons interested in raising them at once.—Plainview News.

It is not a common supposition that the Eskimos have long been eating artichokes with a salad fork.

DID YOU EVER STOP
TO THINK?

By E. R. Waite

George H. Sweeney, publisher of the Pueblo (Colorado) Chieftain, says:

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WIRE OVER LINE
CAUSES TROUBLE

About five o'clock Tuesday afternoon the electric service in town was interrupted. In about twenty minutes service was restored in the city limits but the main line between Otis and Loving was short circuited and it was impossible to use that line or to get any current from the water power plant six miles southeast of Carlsbad. Altho the line crew had just driven in from a hard day's work they turned around and started back to locate the trouble, no time for rest or for supper for them. By the time the line to the lower valley could be switched off so that the south plant could be started again it was dark and the boys were up against the task of locating the trouble in the dark. They knew the trouble was between Otis and Loving but imagine trying to trace three small copper wires thirty feet in the air for a distance of six or seven miles and in the dark. No wonder they went past a piece of baling wire hung over the line—not once but several times. And there could be no current in Loving until that piece of wire could be found and removed. Finally it was found but not until one o'clock in the morning and service was restored. Several times during that evening in testing for the trouble the lights were put out momentarily. Annoying! Sure. Dangerous? Certainly. For twenty to thirty minutes every light was out, every motor stopped, every electric range was cold and from five till one in the morning many of them still out. That was the inconvenience and trouble to the public. From five till one a gang of men already tired with a full day's work out in the dark without supper climbing poles and working switches, their families worrying about them, as they did not stop to say they were going out again. All this because someone carelessly or maliciously threw a piece of wire over the line. If they did it thoughtlessly they could at least be decent enough to tell the company where it happened. If they did it maliciously—well, they surely caused enough trouble and inconvenience to everyone. Luther Nelson, line foreman for the Southwestern Public Service Company said, "We expect a certain amount of extra work and trouble, have to go through with it, but it sure gripes like—to have the people think a thing like this is our fault. If we can catch the bird that threw that wire he will be careful next time where he parks his spare baling wire.—Current-Argus.

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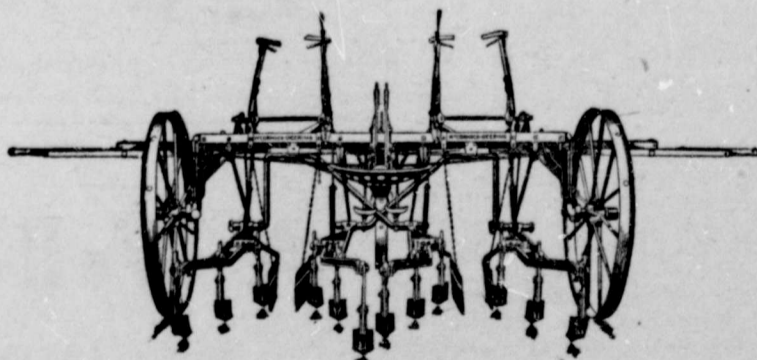
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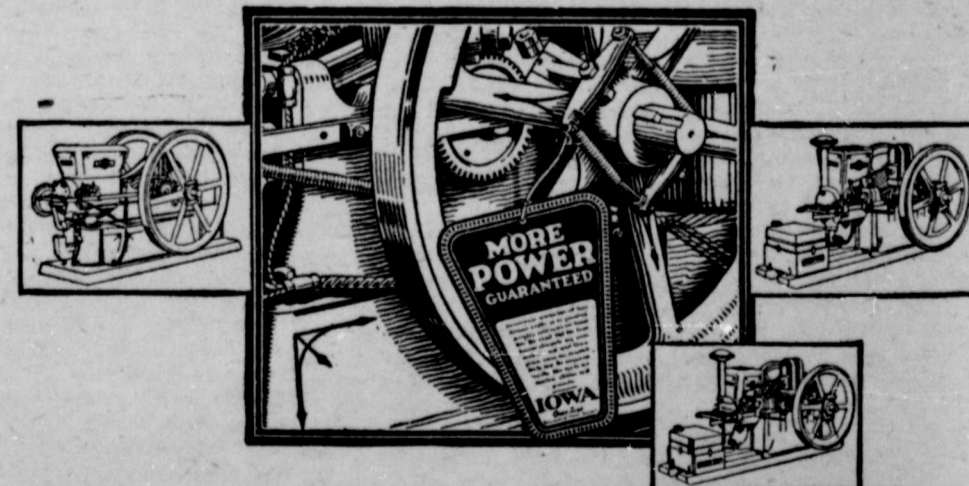
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of the sheriff's and po-
were cooperating this
an effort to establish the
of a dog poisoner who has
using wholesale methods in
More than a dozen of the
set dogs were reported to
be killed within the past
few hours.

have gone so far as to
establish that a quantity
was purchased at a local
ketch, the purchaser request-
ing the liver be cut into small
pieces. It has also been ascertained
that a number of dogs killed died
of strychnine poisoning. Liver in-
gredients was found this morn-
ing in a considerable area of the
western section of the city and
the section of the liver showed it
was saturated with strychnine.

totaling more than \$200
was this morning for infor-
mation to the arrest and
of the person or persons
responsible for this outrage. The
list was headed with \$50,
the city dog owners offer-
ing various amounts. The
county Game Protective As-
sociation having more than 200
also entered the list with
of \$50.

said this morning that a
totaling more than \$500
is available for information
to arrest and conviction of
the killer. Many of the finest
in the city, a number of which
were paid more than \$100,
are the onslaught of the dog

ctors are required under
to keep a complete and ac-
cording to all poisons sold and
this morning were checking
poison.—Roswell Record.

EDITOR'S COMEBACK

ekin' the Home-Town paper,
the editor carry his load;
rather weight the farther
he goes down the road.

are numerous an' plenty,
in the accounts in arrears,
that daily beset him
to drive an iron donkey to
the

ek there is loads of trouble,
it may be knocked into pi-
cker disputin' something,
saying it's all a lie;
gets to buckin',
the operator's gone away,
on a week's vacation,
the dickens is to pay.

ekin' and just be patient,
I'll get the paper out,
I'll have 'all the news
ings you've heard about.
may have the measles,
I'll Tattle's cat may be dead,
I'll Jenkin's havin' a quiltin',
at a word be said.

or's workin' his head off,
I'll up that dead ol' town;
the girls all beauties,
as like a circus clown.
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prints their pedigrees,
I'll pay him back by cuttin'
publication fees.

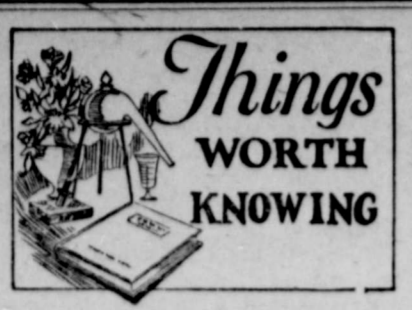
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they'll say there's nothin' in

by, somewhere, quit knockin'
I'll give the poor fellow a rest—
I'll all his mistakes an' failings
probably doin' his best.
I'll get his complainin' neighbors
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I'll loves that sometime in the
store
I'll devil will get his due.
—Publishers Auxiliary.

ask for help, Isiah, in solving
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is hopeless. In fact, you
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snacks, and heavy mail. If
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I'll gifts from ladies. You
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—I'll things get too hot for
me up.—Exchange.

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is able to fly kites in the
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Things Worth Knowing

PUBLIC ROADS

Federal-aid roads are limited in each state to seven per cent of the total mileage of highways. Each state receives its share. The government inspects the progress of the work in order that its money may be properly applied.

More than 64,000 miles of federal-aid roads have been completed. The important interstate highways of the country total 185,772 miles; thus the federal government has helped build about one-third of the roads.

Portland cement concrete roads totaling 14,391 miles; besides 25,547 miles of gravel roads have been built by government aid.

Picks, axes, shovels, plows, and hand and wheel scrapers were the tools of the farmers who built our first highways so that they could get to the "distant" markets,—only a few miles away.

Road building is an engineering profession. Roads are laid out on blue prints nowadays instead of following the pioneer's blazed trails through forests and countryside. The old time "under-water," or highway that does not drain off, cannot gain federal aid. The back-breaking methods of digging out roadways have been replaced by blasting methods that remove stumps and boulders, and make ditches. An average of a thousand pounds of blasting material to each mile of highway has reduced the mileage cost of highways by millions of dollars.

Labor-saving equipment of all kinds, with trucks and tractors, under the direction of skilled engineers, have helped to secure good roads.

The net-results cannot be measured. Of course we all have our good opinions of motoring, but when one's mind is occupied in analyzing what public roads have done for the country and the families that live in the country, it is not difficult to get a picture of what is perhaps the most spectacular, and beneficial, of all additions to our modern life.

"God bless the man who first invented roads" is not a sacrilegious retrospection!

MAKING FARMING EXPERTS

It has been said that every irrigated district must have three to four "crops of farmers" before it gets settled down to a prosperous basis. We don't know if that is true, but if it is, there is a way to avoid that necessity.

It wasn't many years ago when a boy or a girl who would dream of showing pa or ma something new in the way of farming would be the joke of the neighborhood. Farm boys and farm girls never attempted to improve on methods while living at home—it simply wasn't the proper thing.

But that was before the day of the 4-H Club, before the day that Uncle Sam took his young wards under his flowing beard and started 'em off young on the way to being scientific farmers. Countless thousands of young boys and girls are now working on projects under the 4-H banner, and the older ones are not too proud any more to profit by this teaching; in fact, the older folks are fitting themselves to be club leaders.

Hundreds of young leaders in club work through the state fairs and regional stock shows, exhibiting the products of their hands and brain; making country-wide acquaintances; meeting and talking with leaders in every branch of agriculture and home-making.—Rio Grande Farmer.

INCREASE SHOWN IN COTTON CONSUMPTION

Washington.—The per capita consumption of cotton cloth has increased from 57 to 64 square yards in the last 25 years, the department of agriculture has found in a survey of domestic mill requirements in grades and staples.

This increase, the survey showed, was caused by the increased use of cotton in automobiles, rubber goods, wall coverings, awnings, leather substitutes and other relatively new articles, and was made despite the decrease in the amount required and the advancing competition of jute, rayon, silk and other textiles.

Psychologists have not yet been able to discover a woman who can yawn with her mouth closed.

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CAUTION IN USE OF LIME

Referring to an item in the news service of the American Game Protective Association regarding the use of lime for destroying undesirable fish, which has been widely published, John W. Titcomb, eminent fish culturist of Connecticut suggests the following precautions:

"In your bulletin regarding the use of lime for destroying fish, I believe you have omitted one important point which I have always stressed when giving advice in regard to using poisons for destroying undesirable fish in a body of water, and I fear that without the caution some people may make the mistake of using the lime with more far-reaching destructive effect than is desirable. In other words, the use of lime is feasible when it is possible to hold back the flow from any body of water, in which the poison is to be administered, for a period of 48 to 60 hours.

"If lime is administered in a pond which is constantly discharging water it may result in destroying all of the animal life in miles of stream below it. The advantage in using the more expensive copper sulphate consists in the fact that it precipitates so quickly that it has no destructive effect in the stream below the outlet of the pond, even though there is a constant discharge of water.

"The lime can be used to destroy

MORE "PICKER" PICKINGS

The nail picker, developed here for use of the state highway department, yesterday made a journey to the filling station beyond Acme, a distance of twenty-seven miles. On the trip the nail picker gathered 173 pounds of nails, bolts, tacks, screws and other material and another portion of the state highways of New Mexico was made safe for democracy. The nail picker is exceeding expectations and as time goes on will cover more and more of the roads of the state.—Roswell Record, Saturday.

CHAMPION BANANA EATER

What Hagermanite can quality as a contender for this championship? Mr. Leonard Cross of Hayesville, Ohio, claims to be the world's champion banana eater. He recently broke his own record by consuming seventy-six bananas in an hour and a half, and says he is ready to meet any contender for his title at any time. He is a bachelor, 55 years old.

Men living in the southern states find it very difficult to remove their shoes without first unlacing them.

fish in a stream tributary to the pond, while copper sulphate would be very ineffective in a rapidly flowing stream."

They Can't Reach 'Em

Si Chestnut says: "The children do not hang onto their mother's skirts these days, because by the time they are tall enough to reach them they are able to go it alone."

Si always was a rather observing old customer. He might have added that when folks start a savings account they do not need to hang onto anyone for support, either, but are soon able to go it alone. Our old, reliable Bank offers you every safeguard and protection.

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ROSWELL'S POPULAR PLAYHOUSE
PRINCESS

Friday, March 2—"The BUGLE CALL" with Jackie Coogan.
Saturday, March 3—"HOTEL IMPERIAL" with Pola Negri.
Monday and Tuesday March 5 and 6—"HONKEY TONK" with George Bancroft.
Wednesday and Thursday, March 7 and 8—"SHIELD OF HONOR" with an All Star Cast.
Friday March 9—Adolphe Menjou in "SORROWS OF SATAN".
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LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS
(Mrs. Ned Hedges, Reporter)

B. C. Moots spent Sunday with home folks.

Lee Shinneman came up from Carlsbad Saturday and spent Sunday at home.

Miss Flora Howe is in the Roswell hospital this week suffering with tonsillitis and flu.

Clyde Nihart, accompanied by the agriculture class motored to Acme Tuesday to visit the cement works at that place.

Rev. Hedges, of Hagerman held services here Sunday. The date of the protracted meeting is fixed to start March 11.

Pearson Bros. have set the casing in the well they are drilling on the Ditto place and are now ready to complete the well.

We understand Dr. Doss has completed the tests for tuberculosis in the cows of the community and but two reactors were found.

Mrs. McBicker was down from Dexter Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lee Shinneman and the new grand-daughter, Lucy Louise.

The Lake Arthur team played the Las Cruces high school five and were defeated by them in a score of 21 to 23. The crowd returned Sunday.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Campbell was quite sick for several days last week, and grandma Fletcher, of Hagerman, was down helping to care for the little fellow.

The junior basketball tournament met at Lake Arthur Saturday with the following teams listed: Artesia, Lake Arthur, Hagerman, Dexter, Roswell Juniors, Roswell freshmen and Institute Juniors. Championship was won by Roswell Juniors.

Coach Hines with his basketball boys left for Las Cruces Friday afternoon. Mark Matley took some of the boys in his car and Mr. and Mrs. Derrick went, accompanied by their two daughters, Mattie and Ola Bee and Mrs. R. Floyd and Miss Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Goode took their little daughter, Dixie Dan to Carlsbad Monday and consulted Dr. Pate about having her tonsils removed. Her throat was found to be in such inflamed condition that Dr. Pate advised putting the operation off, until April, or perhaps fall.

Frank Johnson, who has been in Texas all winter, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Menifee of Lamesa, here one day last week to look over his place north of town. Mr. Johnson has traded his equity in his place here for Mr. Menifee's farm near Lamesa. The Menifees are to move here soon.

M. W. Evans, of Artesia, who still holds his membership in the Odd fellow lodge of this place, was up recently and graciously paid off the remaining indebtedness on the L. O. O. F. hall. The only restriction is that the hall revert to him in case the local chapter at any time should disband.

A committee of which D. A. Bradley is chairman, have made plans to improve the school ground. Saturday was the second time a number of men and boys had donated their services to the project and operations are now nicely underway to plow and level the ground, fence the yard, sow grass and plant trees. The work is under the auspices of the P. T. A. and has the cooperation of the whole community.

The Sew and So club met with Mrs. H. A. Sims Tuesday with a good attendance.

The business meeting of which roll call answered by stunts originated by Mrs. Moss Spence, was the feature of amusement for the day. Refreshments were served, after which a social hour was spent over needlework. The next meeting in two weeks will be with Mrs. E. C. Latta. A pleasant guest of the club was grandma Hedges, who told something of her motor trips to and from San Diego and her visits in California and Washington, but she said emphatically that she had seen nothing that looked as good as the Pecos valley, considering everything.

SHEEP AND CATTLE BROUGHT 30 MILLIONS INTO STATE IN 1927

EAST LAS VEGAS — During the year just closed the combined products of the cattle and sheep industry brought into the state more than \$30,000,000, Gov. R. C. Dillon told the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association convention which opened here yesterday afternoon.

Notable advances in the affairs of the sheep and wool growers of the state have been made as a result of activities of the association, Floyd F. Lee, president said.

This is the silver jubilee of the association, its 25th annual convention. It is being attended by wool growers from every section of the state. Gov. Dillon himself has sheep interests.

If you have a house or room for rent, try a Messenger want ad.

DEXTER ITEMS
Irene Northam, Reporter

H. Deck and family visited in Roswell Sunday afternoon.

Phyllis Wilcox has the chickenpox but is getting along very nicely.

Nora Gene Wortman is absent from school with the chickenpox.

Mrs. Pollock, who has been ill for some time, is able to be up this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Latimer, of Hagerman moved to Dexter last week.

Mrs. Kennedy, a sister of Mrs. L. E. Marling, left Tuesday for Los Angeles, California to visit another sister.

Robert McNeil, a senior in the Dexter high school, is another victim of pneumonia. Robert's friends send him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Dexter basketball girls defeated Hagerman Thursday night by a score of 19 to 33. The girls basketball tournament has been postponed from February 24-25 to March 9-10.

Little Sylvester Reams, of Greenfield a student in the Dexter school was struck on the head by one of the swings while playing at school last week. The wound required two stitches.

O. C. Rawdon is still improving. All his relatives that were called to his bedside last week returned home Sunday, except his mother, who will remain here until Mr. Rawdon is well.

The Dexter W. M. U. met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Merchant last week. Those present were Messrs. Goodner, Snow, Butts, O. B. Merchant, Geo. Bibbes, Barnes, Garrison, Buchanan, Best, and W. B. Merchant.

A surprise birthday party was given by Mrs. Darrel Davis and Carl Caruthers Saturday night at the Davis home in honor of Mr. Darrel Davis. A delightful evening was spent playing bridge and pitch. An unusually good radio program was received throughout the evening. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Walter McMains, Ray West, Roy Pior, D. Herbst, Loman Wiley, Mesdames Mary Parsell, Everett Latimer, Misses Ruth Davidson, Dorothy Towers and Irene Northam, Messrs. Lloyd Blakney, Mike Whitman, Carl Caruthers, Roy Elliott and the honor guest and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Davis.

Mrs. F. H. Robertson honored her husband with a surprise birthday party last Wednesday night, February 22nd. About eight o'clock a number of friends gathered at the Robertson home, each bringing a birthday gift. After the gifts had been opened the evening was spent playing progressive pitch. Plenty of delicious refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, cake, ice cream, hot chocolate and coffee were served by the hostess, Mrs. F. H. Robertson, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Robertson. Much laughter greeted the opening of the

low score prize which was presented to Hoyt Merchant. W. H. Miles won the prize for the highest score. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames W. H. Miles, D. Herbst, J. B. Robertson, Geo. Bible, Mrs. Mary Parsell, and Mr. Alexander, Hoyt Merchant and Lloyd Blakney and Miss Ella Kunkle.

DO YOU KNOW?

The prominent man who failed to escape the vigilance of friend wife "jist" for one evening.

What prominent man who wears a perfectly clean green shirt, who has been stung by the political bee?

The charming bachelor who enjoys the phonograph record each evening entitled "Just Another Day Wasted Away"?

Where "maw" spent Sunday evening?

The local merchant who watches and waits for the slender graceful widow to come to town?

The blonde young man who has created the fad of a hip comb in place of a hip flask?

The "achingest man" in Dexter? The speed demon who says "Thou shalt not speed," then pulls "lizzies" ears together when he starts for home?

That Santa Claus was seen in town this morning?

SACRED SONG PROGRAM

The Pecos Valley Sacred Song program, assisted by the Pecos Valley Orchestra, will be given at Lake Arthur school auditorium Sunday, March 11, at 2:30 p. m. Mr. C. F. Frazier of Lake Arthur will have charge of the singing and Rev. B. M. Stradley, the program. All Pecos valley singers are invited to join in the program.

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THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY CLOSE HER OFFICE FOR LACK OF FUNDS

SANTA FE.—Unless a mandatory injunction is granted ordering the state auditor and treasurer to restore funds totaling \$4,122 to her contingent fund she will be forced to close her office, Miss Lois Randolph, state superintendent of public instruction declares in a suit filed in district court at Santa Fe Tuesday. Miss Randolph claims state auditor Miguel Otero, Jr., illegally transferred \$3,662 from her contingent fund and again on February 23 transferred another \$460 to a suspension fund. This, it was explained, is held in reserve to pay Rep. Liberata Baca, former assistant superintendent of public instruction, in case the supreme court rules he can legally hold a state appointive office. She asks that the auditor and state treasurer Warren Graham be enjoined from making further transfers from her contingent fund except on itemized, receipted vouchers, verified by her affidavit. "The contingent fund appropriated by law for use of the plaintiff has been so depleted that there is not a sufficient amount left therein to carry on the business of her office during the balance of the 16th fiscal year," the petition says. The object of the suit is to find whether other funds of the department are to be added to or should go to make up the \$23,000 contingent fund.

A bill has been introduced in congress which would prohibit the use of "loud, threatening or abusive language" around the capitol building. Wouldn't such a law be rather hard on congressmen?

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Hedges will preach both morning and evening next Sunday, March 4, at the usual hours.

The Sunday school, under its new organization got nicely started last Sunday. A room for the kindergarten and beginners department has been prepared and plans for other classrooms are in contemplation.

The United Endeavor Society had a good program last Sunday evening and are preparing another for the coming Sunday. The pastor and people of this church will be glad to welcome you at any and all of the services.

EXTENSION OF FARM WORK IN N

Extension farm work 637.47 in New Mexico in year just closed, according to report of W. L. Elser, extension at the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Arts and the United States Department of agriculture, co-

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Orders have already been placed for 3,850 new freight cars, 75 all-steel passenger train cars, and 771 miles of new steel rail, of which 490 miles will be 110 lbs. to the yard and the balance 90 lbs. When this steel is laid the Santa Fe will have 2,182 miles of 110 lb. rail all laid since January 1, 1925. Orders have been placed for steel for bridges, ties have been purchased, and work on more second track and other improvements is in progress.

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The GREEN CLOAK

By YORKE DAVIS

CHAPTER X

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had followed Mallory part across the waiting room, a little I think, at the idea of letting out of his sight. So he had and what the clerk had just told McAllister through the ticket

he said, "that is all right. We don't want to go to Oak Ridge. The train Wilkins took starts ten minutes ago, there's time to arrange to have him before he sets foot on the m at Oak Ridge. Where's the ph office in this station?"

McAllister. "There will be no public communication with Oak tonight."

glanced thoughtfully about om. "That possibility hadn't oc- me," he said at last.

occurred to Wilkins," said the That's why he went. He's a man of us who really grasped the situation. He knew just what that meant—that over a terrifi- cation or twenty miles square city was going out of the busi- ness serving civilization for a few That one vital fact turns the to things easy and some con- ceptions things impossible. For just our thoughts can't move any than our bodies can. So Wil- son set out for Oak Ridge, and he head him off. The only thing is to follow him. The ques- tion, shall we try to do that?"

glowed Ashton's glance just then, saw Mallory coming back with the She seemed unconscious of his ce, and made straight across was to where the doctor was ng in conversation with us. She beside him without a word, anner perfectly quiet, though ex- t. She was merely waiting for to tell her what he wanted done

the moment he paid no atten- her, did not even glance side- at her as she came up.

st's question," he repeated attorney. "Shall we try to go Oak Ridge tonight? You spoke ing two men on watch there all me. Can you safely leave the of coping with Wilkins to

on walked away a few paces, whirled and came back. His look rumbled, disquieted.

with you were there, Mallory," he said. "Green and Benson aren't so wide awake. They'll have a deal with who has just out-

are two courses of action e us," said the doctor. "One is, wake and go to bed. The other get hold of an automobile and get out to Oak Ridge tonight. fting there at all is problemat- the roads in the present con-

on whirled round and spoke to y, "Go and telephone to the t garage for an automobile; " he said. Then, addressing us, st on: "There is no necessity n going, Doctor McAllister, or elps, either. But Mallory and I eed to waste a minute."

Two wasted one already," said ce, "telling Mallory to go into e phone booth."

an, heartily cursing his own y, darted off after his messen-

think I'll go along with them," to the doctor, "Just on the of my being of some service." he laughed. "Are you thinking how me behind? Come, Phelps, how me better than that. No. n g."

ature included the strange, spectant figure that had been g at his elbow all the time. y mean to take her?" I ques-

is brought us so far. She's up to this point, every raste- that has made it possible for Hsh Haines' identity and get g."

happened then that my eyes at the girl. I saw her shiver, look of human intelligence and ay appear for the first time in the face of hers. I tried, with direct my chief's attention at before he could get my Ashton came hurrying back. a garage only two or three ay," he said, "and Mallory o back with a car in a very a."

held out his hand to the can't begin to tell you," ow grateful I am for the given us, nor for your pa- my unenlightenment." ctories now," said the doc-

tor interrupting. "You're not going to be rid of us so easily. We're all going with you."

"Good!" said Ashton. "I hoped you would, though I felt I hadn't any right to ask it of you. Come! There's the motor. Let's lose no time."

My memory of the next two hours is one of unrelieved discomfort and constantly increasing apprehension. We skidded across street car tracks and had a dozen of what in normal times we should have called narrow escapes. In the first dozen minutes. After that, we stopped counting. The excitement of the chase was mounting in our veins.

"He must be there by this time," said Ashton at last with a shudder. "I wish I knew that Green and Benson were still alive."

"I tell you he won't kill," said the doctor, "not if he can help it. He'll do it if they succeed in forcing his hand; that I admit. But his own cleverness is the greatest safeguard those two men could have—his cleverness and their stupidity."

"I wish I shared your confidence," said Ashton.

"Think a minute what the situation is," said the doctor. "Suppose we had him now, safely, in our hands. We know what he is. We know that he is morally responsible for the murder of Henry Morgan. But suppose you were not the district attorney. Suppose that Haines came to you and retained you in his defense. Wouldn't you tell him that, with the criminal law in its present state and the methods of prosecut- ing criminals what they are today, you would have an excellent chance of rid- dling any case that we could make? Wouldn't you tell him that, never in the world, could he be convicted of murder in the first degree, by any court or any jury?"

"Yes," said Ashton ruefully, "I suppose that's true."

"You may be sure," the doctor con- tinued, "that Wilkins realizes that. And realizing it, you may be certain, also, that he will not commit an in- dubitable first-degree murder, if he can help it."

"Murder—"

The word made us all start. It was uttered, hardly above a whisper, by the wild half-human creature, through whose instrumentality we had been able to get on the true murderer's trail. And yet, in some subtle way, she had spoken in a new voice; not the soft- throated guttural speech of the Maori girl, nor yet in Jane Perkins' New Zealand modification of cockney.

And when we looked at her, even in the dimly lighted interior of the limousine, her appearance was differ- ent, too. The difference was as subtle as it was unmistakable. What we saw was another—radically new person- ality. It was as if the partition walls which had separated the personality of the stupidly respectable chamber- maid from that of the untamed savage of the South seas were breaking down; as if these two widely sundered persons were merging into one. Neither Jane Perkins nor Fanenna could have uttered the word "murder" in just that accent of half-apprehended horror.

We were nearing our journey's end. Our road lay alongside the railroad line, and already we could see the one light in the Oak Ridge station window. There was no time to grapple with the new problem.

Then the chauffeur spoke to us through the little speaking tube which connected the chauffeur's seat with the interior of the limousine:

"There's a house on fire, up ahead there."

We all looked, and instantly saw a sudden lurid light, which was piling up the sky; saw it pierced the next moment by angry orange-colored flames.

"He's set fire to the house!" the doctor cried; and added, into the speak- ing tube, "Put on all the speed you can! We've no time to waste!"

The chauffeur obeyed, and within two minutes we were at the scene of the fire. The cold air of the winter night was already resonant with the shouts of the firemen and the excited exclamations of the crowd of half- dressed citizens who had gathered to render what assistance they could, and to enjoy the spectacle at the same time.

Mallory had already swung the door open and was half way out of the car, when an exclamation from the doctor stopped him.

"Hold on!" he cried. "This isn't the house. The Morgan house is two blocks further on down the street. Drive on!" he shouted to the chauffeur. "We mustn't waste a minute!"

Mallory sprang back to his seat, and once more the car lurched forward. The doctor held the door with one hand and leaned far out, scanning the road ahead with eager eyes.

"Drive slow," he cautioned the chauffeur.

Then he turned and spoke to us inside the car. "I've an idea that you better not drive right up to the house. There's no need of giving any more warning than necessary of the fact that we're coming. Look out ahead here. Phelps. Isn't that white gate half way down the next block the gate to the Morgan yard?"

I peered out over his shoulder.

"Yes. I couldn't mistake that," said I.

"Good," said the doctor. "Stop here."

We four men clambered out of the car, the girl still fast asleep, still lean- ing back against the cushions in the corner, undisturbed by the confusion of our dismounting from the car.

"What shall we do with her?" I in- quired. "I suppose she's safe enough where she is. She'll hardly wake up until you tell her to, will she?"

"No. The sleep is hypnotic," said

the doctor. "She'll be safe enough here so far as that goes."

"It comes down to this," said Ashton. "If Wilkins is in the house, we sha'n't want the girl. She'd be in the way, for if he's cornered, he'll make a stiff fight. But if he's been to the house and done his work and already got away, and we're too late for him, as I fancy we are, then we'll have to use the girl again to track him. There's no other way."

"Then the thing to do," said the doctor, "is to make a reconnaissance. If he's already been here and searched the house for what he wanted and gone away, that fact will be easily ap- parent, and, as you say, it's the first thing to find out. Come, we've wasted time enough. The girl will be per- fectly safe here."

"Hold on," said Ashton. "Why should we all go? We might defeat our purpose that way. Send Mallory. He's worth all the rest of us put to- gether at fences and locks, and that sort of thing. He can find out in five minutes whether that house has been entered or not, and he won't attract one-twentieth part of the attention that four of us will."

The doctor nodded.

Without waiting for any further bidding, Mallory rushed off in the dark- ness, up the street toward the white gate. The rest of us stood just where we were, on the sidewalk, twenty paces or so from the automobile. We had nothing to do but wait for Mal- lory's return, and under such circum- stances time, as a rule, drags heavily. But long before we expected his re- turn, almost, it seemed, before he could have reached the house, we heard, coming toward us, the footsteps of a man running.

The three of us shrank back into the shadows, tensely alert for what-



The Three of Us Shrank Back Into the Shadows.

ever this unexpected development might mean. But as the approaching figure emerged into the zone of light cut by the great gas lamps of our automobile, we saw that it was Mallory himself, Mallory hurrying toward us in an agony of haste, beckoning franti- cally, his eyes blazing with excite- ment.

We sprang forward to meet him.

"He's there!" he gasped. "Wilkins, himself! He's up in the study! There's a light, and the blinds are down; but I saw his shadow on the blind."

As we drew nearer the gate, our pace slackened cautiously. Ashton was a little in advance of the rest of us, and was the first to peer around the mass of shrubbery, which screened the house from the view of the street, except at the one point where the gate made an opening. I saw him stop and stiffen, and heard him catch his breath with a gasp.

"That's him," he whispered. "We've got him."

The next moment I saw it, too—the silhouette upon the blind of a figure in cap and ulster, bending studiously forward over the desk, in the chair in which Henry Morgan had sat when he met his death.

"Yes," I heard my chief say in a piercing whisper; "yes, we've got him—unless, unless, in some way, he's counted on making us think we had him—when we hadn't."

"Why do you think that?" Ashton demanded under his breath.

"It's—it's a little too obvious," said the doctor in uneasy hesitation. "Why should he court discovery in that way? Why should he be sitting there with his shadow on the blind, when he knows that half the town has been roused by this fire?"

Ashton started forward impatiently. "This is no time for theories," he muttered.

But the doctor laid a detaining hand upon his arm. "No," he said, "that's a valid question. If there's no trick about it, the man can't get away. If there is a trick, it's success will depend upon our doing the very thing that you propose to do—rushing ahead without stopping to think."

"Listen a minute," said Ashton, still in a whisper, but speaking with fierce impatience. "He must have set fire to that other house himself. He cannot have thought of a better scheme for drawing my men off the job. Once Wilkins saw them out of the house, he knew he had nothing to fear. He could make his search at leisure. And now he's found the things he wants, has found that map that he's been dreaming about for years, he's not thinking about his shadow nor the blind it falls on."

To me it seemed that the doctor's

question had been fairly answered, and I moved forward, as Mallory and Ashton did. My chief hesitated an instant, gave a nod of assent.

Mallory pulled open the gate. We all followed through it. Then I glanced up once more at the lighted window blind.

"Look!" I cried. "He's gone!"

One glance was all they needed. The silhouette of that figure had dis- appeared.

Ashton turned to Mallory and spoke so fast that the words trod on each other's heels.

"You stay outside," he commanded. "He may try the windows if he's cornered. You're the best man we've got on a chase. Don't hesitate to shoot! Come along, the rest of you!"

Together we rushed up the path, Ashton ahead and my chief and I just behind him. But, with all our haste, we ascended the steps and crossed the wooden veranda silently. The front door was not even latched. It swung back with a light push, and we were inside.

"I'll go to the kitchen," Ashton said, "and cover the back stairs, and work up from there. You two, be- tween you, see that he doesn't get down the front stairs, and search the rooms on each floor before you go any higher."

Both of us nodded comprehendingly, and he darted away. I stayed in the hall, while the doctor searched the downstairs rooms which made up the front of the house.

In a minute or two my chief re- joined me in the hall. "He's not here," Ashton whispered. "Come, let's go upstairs. We'll draw this floor next, just as we did the other. You, Phelps, guard the head of the front stairs, I'll guard the back and the doctor can search the rooms."

Carefully as he searched, we drew blank again.

"All right," Ashton whispered. "He's still in the study, then. It's queer we don't hear him, though."

"Do you think he can have got out by one of the windows?" I questioned.

"Not with Mallory on the lookout outside. I told him to shoot, and he would. Come along! Follow me."

The study door was closed, but we could see the light shining out from under it. Ashton flung open the door. But from that silent room there never came a sound.

We waited a moment. Then, breath- lessly and cautiously, we entered.

The room was empty.

For a moment we stared blankly into each other's faces. Then a grim, full-mouthed laugh from the doctor shattered the strained silence. He clutched Ashton's arm and pointed.

"Look! Look there!"

On the floor, beside the swivel chair, half under the desk, was a great caped-ulster and a hat, a bundle of bed clothes, a bolster and a small pil- low.

"There!" cried the doctor; "there lies the shadow of our good friend Wilkins, but it looks as if his sub- stance had escaped us."

"But the thing moved," I cried—"the shadow did, at any rate—moved and disappeared."

The doctor stooped and lifted up the empty sleeve of the big ulster. There was a string tied around the sleeve, a string that led up through an empty stove-pipe hole and out in the corridor. We went out to see what the other end of it was attached to, and found that it was made fast to a bell wire, in such a way as not, probably, to interfere with the ringing of the bell.

We gazed at the thing curiously and, for the moment, without compre- hending. Then the doctor hit upon a solution, which we afterward found to be the true one.

It was simple. "Like all great ideas," said he. "The first thing Wil- kins did was to make fast a string be- tween the gate and the old-fashioned bell pull in the front doorway. In that way he assured himself of getting a warning when your detectives re- turned from the fire. It wouldn't al- low him much leeway, but he undoubt- edly calculated that it would be enough. When this house was in its prime this third floor room served, no doubt, as quarters for a servant, and it was natural that one of the bells should ring up here. The thought of the dummy had probably occurred to him in advance, and it was a good thought. His chance of escaping your two men, when they returned, would be vastly greater if they should rush into the house with no other idea than that an intruder was sitting in Henry Morgan's study, leaning over Henry Morgan's desk."

"But the notion of connecting the dummy with the bell wire, and bal- ancing it so that the slightest pull would cause it to move toward the light, and then disappear, must have been the inspiration of the moment."

"Well, he's gone," said Ashton, "and he's probably got the map, though if you know where you left it, you'd bet- ter look and see."

I pulled open the drawer where we had placed it, and glanced inside. One glance was enough. The map was gone.

"He can't have gone very far," said Ashton; "that's a safe surmise; and as long as we've got that girl to track him with, we'll get him yet. Come, there's no use loitering here."

We went downstairs and out of the house in silence, and as we moved down the path we were instantly chal- lenged by Mallory, who came running up to us.

"Where's Wilkins," he asked. "What have you done with him?"

"Lost him," said Ashton sourly.

"But he can't have got out of the house," protested Mallory. "I'm sure nobody has got out of the house."

"We've lost him, I tell you," said Ashton. "Can't you understand plain English?"

We all halted just then, and started, a little expectant. A man's footsteps were approaching, and the next mo- ment he halted, rather undecidedly, at the front gate. But seeing us, he turned in and came promptly toward us.

"Where's the car, gentleman?" he asked. "What have you done with the car?"

"What's that?" Ashton roared.

"The car—the automobile that I drove you out in! Where is it?"

For a moment there was no answer to that but silence. But the silence and the dismayed astonishment on our faces, gave the man his answer.

"So you went to the fire, did you?" said the doctor grimly.

"Not for more than five minutes," the man protested. "I thought I'd see if I could be of any help—"

The man's explanation trailed off volubly—protesting, incoherent, but we paid very little attention to it. We knew what had happened, all too well.

"Well," said the doctor, "if Wilkins only appreciated the fact, he owes us a large debt of gratitude. We told him about the map; and then we brought the girl out to him, and left her, together with an automobile for him to disappear in."

"He's better not try to thank me," said Ashton grimly, "until the score is settled. I'll get him yet."

"No," said the doctor, "I don't be- lieve you will. Wilkins is playing in luck, perfectly unmerited good luck. And when you combine luck with the more solid and reliable qualities which Wilkins possesses, you get a result that is almost sure to be successful."

Ashton turned away impatiently.

"But the car!" the chauffeur cried. "I'm responsible for it. What am I to do?"

Ashton told him what he might do, in three or four short, explosive words.

To be continued next week

ROADS IN GOOD SHAPE

Roads over eastern New Mexico generally are in good shape, follow- ing the snow two weeks ago. A road crew is at work on the Reeves hill on the mountain highway a few miles this side of Elk. Grading work has been started on the north highway leading out of Carlsbad.

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2.00 Lv. Lake Arthur	9:20 am	1:50 pm	6:40 pm	
2.50 Lv. Hagerman	9:30 am	2:00 pm	6:50 pm	
3.00 Lv. Dexter	9:45 am	2:15 pm	7:10 pm	
3.50 Ar. Roswell	10:30 am	3:00 pm	8:00 pm	

Hagerman Station at Teed's Confectionery

Rate	SOUTH BOUND			
\$0.00 Lv. Roswell	7:30 am	12:00 noon	4:00 pm	
.50 Lv. Dexter	8:15 am	12:45 pm	4:45 pm	
1.00 Lv. Hagerman	8:30 am	1:00 pm	5:00 pm	
1.50 Lv. Lake Arthur	8:40 am	1:10 pm	5:10 pm	
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ROSWELL JUNIORS WIN JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SAT.

The Second Annual Pecos Valley Basketball Tournament was held at Lake Arthur, Saturday. Teams competing were: Artesia Juniors, Hope Juniors, Lake Arthur Juniors, Dexter Juniors, Roswell Juniors, Roswell Freshmen, Central Juniors and N. M. M. I. Juniors.

The championship was won by the Roswell Juniors when they defeated the N. M. M. I. Juniors 25 to 7. This game was a fast one and much closer than the score indicates.

High point in scoring goes to Carpenter of the Roswell Juniors, who scored a total of 44 points in four games played. His team-mates Peed and Schorn followed with 31 and 17 points, in four games. Culberson of N. M. M. I. Juniors was fourth with 18 points in three games.

The schedule and score are as follows:
Roswell Juniors 40; Dexter Juniors 9.
Central Juniors 15; Lake Arthur Juniors 5.
Roswell Juniors 26; Hagerman Juniors 8.
N. M. M. I. Juniors 17; Artesia Juniors 15.
Roswell Freshmen 2; Hope Juniors 9. (Forfeit).
Roswell Juniors 30; Central 13.
N. M. M. I. Juniors 13; Roswell Freshmen 11.
Roswell Juniors 25; N. M. M. I. Juniors 11.

An All-Star Pecos Valley Junior Team was elected as follows:
First Team
F.—Carpenter (Roswell Juniors).
F.—Orell (N. M. M. I. Juniors).
C.—Peed (Roswell Juniors).
G.—Sutton (N. M. M. I. Juniors).
G.—Nelson (Roswell Juniors).
Second Team
F.—Falkner (Artesia Juniors).
F.—Merritt (Central).
C.—Holly (Dexter).
G.—Hodges (Roswell Freshmen).
G.—Culberson (N. M. M. I. Juniors.)

POULTRY SCHOOL

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Tell your neighbors about this meeting.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE

(Continued from first page) kinson as assessor it would go far toward solving the intricate problems of equitable assessments and be a guarantee that the tax-rolls would represent a complete inventory of the county's taxable property.

Mr. Atkinson has hundreds of personal friends, residing in every section of the county, and these friends are loyal and are going to do everything that is honorable to place him in charge of the Assessor's office, a fitting climax to his long and honorable career.

THE NEW NAIL-PICKER

Wonder if that new "nail-picker" invented by Roswell men won't have somewhat of a depressing effect upon tire repair men and the sale of new tires. The Roswell Record says that in a recent trip of the "picker" to Six-Mile Hill, (evidently six miles) and return the machine gathered seventy pounds of nails, tacks, bolts, screws and other miscellaneous junk which causes trouble and general annoyance to motorists. "The nail picker is making the highways of eastern New Mexico safe for democracy," says the Record, and it might have added, safe for autocracy, also.

FOR WANT ADS READ RESULTS

SCHOOL NOTES

Tuesday morning the assembly period was taken up by Mrs. Lenore, the health nurse from Roswell, who with the aid of Billie Jo Burck and Tom Utterback gave some first aid demonstrations.

Mrs. Lenore gave a lecture telling the children about the different diseases that are common to every community. She said that chicken pox is quarantinable and if one person in the family has chicken pox, other members of the family who have not had it must remain at home two weeks after the sick one has recovered. She also said that since colds are so easily contracted that it is absolutely necessary for one to cover his nose and mouth with a handkerchief when he coughs or sneezes. A few days at home in bed, she said, is the best remedy for a cold.

Her talk was very instructive, and it is hoped that the children will remember to carry out her plans for reaching the number of cases of sickness.

The article below is an exact copy of a paper handed in by a sixth grade pupil in the Hagerman grade school.

THE PHANTOM RICKSHAW

One of the best stories I have ever heard was "Phantom Rickshaw." I like it because it was kind of dreamy; scary things will appear like actual things in your dreams. It has some humor but very hideous humor. Jack Pansey's illusion grew gradually, never sudden, just kind of drifting. Jack Pansey had the illusion and told Kittee Mannering about Mrs. Westington and nearly every time when near a certain place he would see Mrs. Westington in the Rickshaw and the Black and White jam ponies and Kittee slashed Jack on the face and rode off and after Kittee found out that he was subject to epileptic fits. It has wonderful figures of speech an example is when the trees swayed like drunken giants. The story was very mysterious and the action was sultry the kind where such things were apt to happen. It had realism.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hagerman Alfalfa Growers Association will be held Tuesday, March 6th, in Jones Hall, (over McAdoo Drug Co.) Hagerman, at 10:30 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

SEVEN THOUSAND UNBORN LAMBS CONTRACTED

Seven thousand unborn lambs in the Hope section have been contracted for October delivery, according to information received here Tuesday. The contract price was 11 cents per pound. Practically all of the seven thousand lambs were sold to Culp Brothers of Salt Lake, Utah. Among the local sellers was J. H. Bridgeman, who contracted 400 head, Chas. Coffin, Dick McDonald, Ed Watts, Frank Runyan and others contracted the remaining three thousand head.

KARNES GETS FRANCHISE

G. N. Karnes, of Seagraves, was granted a franchise last week by the city council of Lovington for the erection and operation of an electric plant in that city.

H. B. Bailey and family have recently moved from town to a pretty good 80 acre farm, a little over a mile northeast, known as the Kiper place, where he will engage in real "dirt-farming" this year. Mr. Bailey has rented out his residence in town and will make home on the place. With his experience he should make a success in his new venture.

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ROUND ROBIN METHOD WILL BE USED IN GIRLS BASKET TOURNAMENT

The Round Robin method will be used in the schedule of the Pecos valley girls basketball tournament to be held March 9 and 10, instead of the schedule as announced in last week's Messenger.

The Round Robin schedule follows:

Friday
Artesia vs. Dexter, 10 a. m.
Lake Arthur vs. Hope, 11 a. m.
Hagerman vs. Carlsbad, 3 p. m.
Lake Arthur vs. Artesia, 4 p. m.
Dexter vs. Hagerman, 5 p. m.
Hope vs. Carlsbad, 7 p. m.
Artesia vs. Hagerman, 8 p. m.
Dexter vs. Hope, 9 a. m.

Saturday
Lake Arthur vs. Carlsbad, 10 a. m.
Hope vs. Hagerman, 11 a. m.
Lake Arthur vs. Dexter, 3 p. m.
Artesia vs. Hope, 4 p. m.
Dexter vs. Carlsbad, 5 p. m.
Lake Arthur vs. Hagerman, 7 p. m.

Artesia vs. Carlsbad, 8 p. m.
Mr. Roland L. Beck, director of athletics of Montezuma, Montezuma, New Mexico, has been secured to do the officiating.

DRILLING CAMPAIGN FOR OIL WEST OF TOWN MAY BE STARTED SOON

While the Messenger has no definite information to impart upon the subject, there are rumors and counter rumors abroad to the effect that an oil prospecting campaign is soon to begin in that broad expanse of country known as "west of Hagerman." It is positively known however, that exploitation of this area is under consideration, and it is to be hoped the development work will prove that there is oil there in paying quantities.

W. G. URTON DEAD AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS OF PNEUMONIA

W. G. Urton, one of the most prominent and best known men of southeastern New Mexico, died at St. Mary's hospital in Roswell at 11:30 o'clock Monday night, following a brief illness of pneumonia. The body is being held at the Talmage Mortuary, Roswell and no funeral arrangements will be made until the recovery of Mrs. W. G. Urton and W. C. Urton, a son, both of whom are sick in the hospital.

FOREMAN WAS RESPONSIBLE

The section foreman at Melena has been held responsible for the wreck of the north bound passenger train at Ewell spur which caused the death of A. G. Withers and fireman J. T. Knight.—Roswell Record.

COLD CHECK ARTIST ARRESTED

A man, who gave his name as Frank Shaffer, was arrested here Thursday evening on charge of securing money under false pretenses. Shaffer was caught by M. Stevenson, constable, in the act of trying to cash a cold check at a local garage. Shaffer it is said, managed to get hold of three signed checks, with the name and amount left blank, from a local office and succeeded in cashing one of the checks after he had filled in the amount and the name of the payee.

Shaffer was brought before justice court, but waived preliminary hearing and is now in jail at Carlsbad, where he will await the action of the grand jury.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

A slight change was made necessary in the boys high school basketball tournament to be held here Friday and Saturday, on account of the withdrawal of the Lincoln high school team. In order to fill in the schedule, a game between the Artesia town team and the Carlsbad Blue Devils, will be played Friday evening.

Everything is all set for a prompt start tomorrow morning, according to Coach Priest. A silver basketball mounted on a pedestal to be presented to the winners of the tournament, may be seen in the windows of the Palace Drug Store. This prize was donated by the merchants of Artesia.

SUCCESSFUL TEACHERS MEET

The meeting of the Eddy County Educational Association held here Saturday, was one of the best, if not the best in the history of the Association. Teachers in attendance numbered approximately one hundred. The chief speakers of the day were Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Nanniga of the State University of Albuquerque.

ATTEND DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COM. MEETING

Drs. J. J. Clarke and R. K. Hoover attended the democratic central committee meeting at Albuquerque Saturday.

OLD FORD PASSES INTO HISTORY; NEW MODEL COMES ON THE SCENE

The old Ford has joined the procession of ancient history along with the arm and the buffalo. The new Ford enters our lives with flowers and soft music and a pink ribbon across its dove-gray hood. The old Ford dripped oil into our upturned faces as we lay under it on country roads at midnight. The new Ford is shown off like a modiste's manikin to a generation which has lost the joy of getting its hands dirty. The old Ford ruined ten million pairs of overalls. The new Ford is unveiled in hotel ballrooms by salesmen in dinner jackets.

The new Ford is new; but it isn't a Ford. It's swung low (sweet chariot); it is the color of fog at sunrise or of trees at dawn; it has theft-proof coincidental locks, pressure grease gun lubrication and five steel-spoke wheels; it is as likely as a debutante and as neat as a watch; it will go sixty-five miles an hour and thirty miles on a gallon; it has a gas-tank behind the engine and a switch for all lights on the steering post; it was made with Johanson precision gauges, accurate to the incalculable fraction of an inch, and it wipes its own windshield; it is masculine in its liability and feminine in grace; it is, in other words, the heart's desire of America.

But it isn't a Ford. It is a remarkable piece of machinery, but still it isn't a Ford, because the Ford was an educational institution as well as a machine. The old Ford the old rusty, cantankerous, obstinate sputtering Ford, brought wisdom to many fools and made many wise men go raving, tearing mad. This new lily of the valley isn't going to teach us anything. It looks as if it would run indefinitely without complaint, which is all wrong. It is made for serenity and comfort, which is also all wrong. Where is the gas tank? Out in front where it can be reached. Where is the timer? Up on top where it can no longer bark your knuckles. Where are the brake bands? In a ridiculously exposed position where their value as trainers of character and refined language is completely lost.

We are degenerating. We are entering a period of Roman luxury. The new Ford is a garage car. Back to the pioneer days when we threw sand under the fan belt and tightened the horn with a dime—the days when the Ford was a boy.—New York Evening Post.

HAGERMAN BOY SCOUTS

Four members of Troop No. 20, Boy Scouts of Hagerman, accompanied Scoutmaster J. H. Slater to Roswell last Thursday to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern New Mexico Boy Scout council, which was held at the Gilder hotel. This council is composed of the Scoutmasters and Committeemen in the district represented. The four Scouts accompanying Mr. Slater from here were Olin Campbell, Pickens West, Edwin Lane and J. E. Hamill.

The two first named go upon the initiative of high scout officers, through Scoutmaster Minor Huffman, to qualify for receiving honor medals bestowed by the National Council. Olin Campbell for saving life in water, and Wickens West for rendering first aid.

Olin Campbell's act for which the high officers of Scouting deem him worthy of an honor medal, was in rescuing from drowning Vernon Mitchell, a young boy who lives in Hagerman. Pickens West rendered first aid, and probably save the life of Jas. Buck, by the use of a tourniquet to stop the flow of blood, and also to Marlin Woodmas, when the two last named young men were injured in an automobile accident.

COMMENDABLE SERVICE

In other days it was the custom to characterize all corporations, including what we now term public service companies as "soulless," but after all it is the human element or person that promotes or hinders appreciation of their companies by the general public. This is recognized by the corporations themselves nowadays, and commendable actions over and above their strict line of duty in emergencies are encouraged and rewarded. This however, does not in the least detract from the action of a little telegraph operator over at Alamogordo. The Southwestern Advertiser, of that place, tells the story as follows:

"Miss Rae Smith, manager of Western Union Telegraph office here is commended for the accommodating service she renders the public at all times—but the service given Mrs. A. Cox who lives at Valmont is above the average. Miss Smith received a message announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Cox's mother at San Saba, Texas—there being neither phone or telegraphic connections Miss Smith secured a car and drove the fifteen miles to deliver the message allowing Mrs. Cox to be on her way to the bedside of her mother twenty-four hours earlier than otherwise. Again we commend Miss Smith for accommodating ways of serving the public.

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IN SOCIETY
MEETING OF ORDER
EASTERN STAR

Wednesday night, March 7th, is regular meeting night of Harmony Chapter, O. E. S. Important business, including initiatory work, and a report of the meeting of the Grand Chapter by local representatives, will be on the program for the evening. All members of the Chapter are urged to be present.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Earl Stine yesterday afternoon, February 29th, the president, Mrs. B. J. West in the chair.

The meeting opened with bible reading by Mrs. M. F. Bell, from II Corinthians, 8th chapter, 16-24 verses.

The lesson contained in the book of study, "New Tasks and New Times," were completed.

One new member joined the society, Mrs. Swisher. Members present were Mesdames Floto, Bell, B. J. West, Stine, Burek, Swisher, and Miss James. The visitors were Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Wiggins.

Bake sale Saturday, March 3rd.

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WANTED—At once, one new subscribers to take the Messenger premium before it is withdrawn. An Safety Razor and the National News one year given with the subscriber or paid up retas had The Messenger. All for \$2.00

BIRTHDAY PARTY
Meses Nettie Nell Johnson and La Verne Campbell were entertained last Saturday evening at Mrs. Johnson's home by a birthday party given in their honor.

After playing various games and stunts, refreshments of lemonade and cake were served to quite a number of guests.

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DINNER BRIDGE
Mrs. E. V. Sweatt was hostess at a dinner bridge party to friends and neighbors last Friday night, at the Felix ranch, the Sweatt homestead, about three miles northwest of town.

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