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Magazine Compiles Dates Nineteenth Century History

Mrs. H. C. Linquist of Santa Fe, Pa., asked for a list of dates in New Mexico of the nineteenth century, the magazine compiled a "boiled it down" to what was considered among the more important ones, as published in the magazine issue.

First goods brought into New Mexico from the United States by Baptiste La Lande, who was later killed.

Capt. Zeb Pike, looking for Santa Fe, captured near the Rio Grande.

Taken to Santa Fe and held there before his release.

Kit Carson born Dec. 24, 1809 in Poudre Valley, Kentucky, moved to New Mexico when he was 15, working first as a stage driver at the Santa Rita mines.

Declaration of Independence of Mexico from Spanish rule.

Beginning of regular trade between Missouri and Santa Fe. First public fair, April 27.

First newspaper in state, "The Dawn", published by Cura Martinez.

Revolution headed by Jose Manuel Armijo, who was governor except for brief periods.

Texas-Santa Fe expedition captured by Governor Armijo.

Palace of the Governors, built in New Mexico with 20 glass. American occupation. Charles Bent appointed civil governor.

Governor Bent assassinated.

Population of New Mexico as 62,298. First English founded at Santa Fe.

Col. Washington's expedition to the Navajo country.

Constitution for a state government, adopted against opposition. (But fight for it not successful until 1846.)

First railroad survey of New Mexico, south of Albuquerque.

First weekly mail from Santa Fe.

Civil War battles in New Mexico.

Jesuit school opened in Santa Fe.

Palladium conferred on Bishop Lamy, June 16.

Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman visits Santa Fe. Lewis and Clark.

First street railway in New Mexico incorporated for Albuquerque operation.

New Mexicans join Roosevelt Riders.

Centennial Pops Up in Ohio on License Plates

A strange note in license plates was seen in Fostoria, Ohio, last week when Edward Hopkins, business manager of the Fostoria Review, displayed a pair of red and yellow license tags inscribed, "Coronado Cuarto Centennial, 1540-1940." Appearing above the white Ohio license plates commemorating the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Northwestern Territory, the New Mexico four hundredth anniversary license tag caused considerable interest among local citizens.

Hopkins, a former student of the University of New Mexico, was a noted football star at the institution in 1924, when he played tackle on the Lobo squad. The first all-conference tackle in the history of the New Mexico institution, Hopkins was a protégé of Clyde Tingley, then mayor of Albuquerque. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and was known as "Tillie" while on the campus. Since leaving New Mexico he has been prominent in Ohio press circles, rising to business manager of the Fostoria Daily Review.

Total of 541 Oil Wells Are Drilled During Year '38

Eddy County Second With Sixty-Eight in the Pay Column

The State Oil Conservation Commission has reported 520 oil and 21 gas wells were drilled in New Mexico oil fields during 1938.

The report, made by A. Andreas, state geologist, also listed 81 dry holes, making a total of 622 drilling operations during the year.

Lea County led with 427 oil wells, 11 gas wells, and 32 dry holes for a total of 479 operations. Eddy County was second with 76 oil wells, three gas wells and 19 dry holes for a total of 98 operations.

Activity in Lea County fields, the report showed, centered in the Vacuum area with 126 oil wells and three dry holes reported. The Penrose pool was second with 51 oil wells and the Lengle area third with 46 oil wells and two dry holes.

In Eddy County activity centered in the Artesia field with 65 oil wells, three gas wells and two dry holes drilled.

Thirty-three wildcat operations were reported with three resulting in commercial producers.

Lea County likewise led the state in production of oil in 1938, the commission reported.

Total production was 35,510,275 barrels, 2,975,598 below the previous year. The commission said production in Lea County, exclusive of the Maljamar field, totalled 32,926,788 barrels.

Production by fields as released by the commission through Andreas was listed as follows:

Artesia, 2,135,402; Aztec, 8,600; Barber, 27,880; Black River, 2,718; Blanco, 60; Cooper, 1,682,278; Eaves, 331,817; Eunice, 8,872,335; Getty, 59,392; Hardy, 620,258; Hobbs, 5,010,414; Hogback, 73,321; Hospah, 1,000; Jal, 361,675; Langlie, 1,219,006; Lynch and North Lynch, 227,060; Lynn, 285,299; Mattix, 936,995; Monument, 9,440-344; Penrose, 1,512,402; Rattlesnake, 252,354; Red Mountain, 900; Rhodes, 39,002; Skelly, 523,528; South Eunice, 1,012,178; Table Mesa, 26,832; Vacuum, 850,703; West Eunice, 1,574.

Production in Eddy County, including the Maljamar field totalled 2,225,411 barrels.

LOCAL YOUTHS PLEDGE GREEK FRATERNITIES

The State College Greek-letter organizations' rush week activities, which ended Jan. 31, culminated in adding 72 new pledges to the rolls of fraternities and sororities. Among these are a number of valley boys.

In Sigma Alpha Demicon are Kelly Skeen and Rocky Tallman of Carlsbad, C. M. Knoedler of Artesia and H. M. Whately of Dexter.

In the Keth Samekh are Helen Morosi of Carlsbad and Willa Smith of Hagerman.

In Phi Beta Theta are Clifford Wimberly of Hagerman and Carl Matthews of Roswell.

In Phi Chi Psi are Lawrence Beach, Carlsbad, and James Ogden of Loving.

Miles to Propose Highway Debuture Issue of \$6,000,000

Gov. John E. Miles announced today to present personally proposals for authorizing a \$6,000,000 highway debenture issue and a statute requiring competitive bidding on all state projects.

His message will be delivered before a joint session of both houses, and will mark his third appearance before the lawmakers.

The governor's bidding measure will outlast present provisions allowing "emergency" contracts to be let without advertising. The House is prepared to act quickly on the bill to outlaw bank nights, it was reliably reported.

Thirteen New Oil Wells Located in Southeast Fields

Adams, English, Harmon Hope to Extend Production in Shallow Sand

Oil companies made thirteen new locations during the last week in Southeast New Mexico fields, the majority of them in Lea County, but several in that county just over the Eddy County line.

In Eddy County location was made of Franklin, Canfield 1, NW 7-18-30.

Location and spudding in the Ashworth No. 1 well by E. C. Adams and English & Harmon in the southeast quarter of section 18-19-32 is attracting attention, as it is expected to extend to the southeast the new oil sand recently hit at 2,672 feet, much more shallow than other wells in that locality.

The well is on the Ashworth permit of four sections, which is adjoined on the east by a 16-section block of acreage of the Texas Company and on the southwest corner by a 17-section block of the same company, which is watching with interest and has contributed substantially to this test. These are the oldest blocks the Texas Company has in the area.

A contract has been drawn to drill a total depth of 4,000 feet, provided oil or gas are not found sooner.

Ohio, Stanolind and Humble all have considerable holdings in the same area.

Other new locations in Lea County: Schermerhorn, Woolworth 6, SE 26-24-37; Danglade & Clowser, Owen 1, SW 34-21-37; Amerada, Stuart 1-B, NE 22-25-37; Guff, Mattern 3-E, NW 12-22-36; Anderson & Pritchard, Woolworth 1, NE 17-25-37; Phillips, Woolworth 2, NE 6-25-37; Ohio, Warn 1, NE 33-17-35; Humble, Williams 4, NW 34-24-37; Magnolia, State 1, SE 22-17-35; Italo, Indian Petroleum Corp. 1, NW 4-25-37; Carper, Taylor 1, SW 30-16-32.

Completions during the last week:

Magnolia, Bridges 24, SW 13-17-34; total depth 4,700 feet; flowed 50 barrels in seven hours.

Continental, State 1, SE 34-17-34; total depth 4,675 feet; flowed 37 barrels per hour.

Magnolia, Marshall 1, NW 34-21-37; total depth 3,758 feet; flowed 315 barrels in 21 hours.

Schermerhorn, Woolworth 4, SE 28-24-37; total depth 3,530 feet; flowed 218 barrels per day.

North Shore, Woolworth 1, NW 33-24-37; total depth 3,534 feet; flowed 45 barrels per hour.

North Shore, Woolworth 2, NW 33-24-37; total depth 3,434 feet; flowed 70 barrels per hour.

Carper Drilling Co., Erwin 3, SW 35-24-37; total depth 3,460 feet; flowed 27 barrels in six hours.

Progress among wildcats and other wells of interest:

Eddy County

Allen, Fair & Pope, Snowden-McSweeney 1, SE sec. 36-17-29. Rigging up machine.

Aston & Fair, Hudson 1, NE sec. 18-17-31.

Drilling at 2,000 feet.

English & Harmon, Stagner 1, SE sec. 31-17-31.

Total depth 4,095 feet; shut down for orders.

Farmer & Tallmadge, Hubbell 1-B, SW sec. 4-18-25, 5 miles southwest of Artesia.

Total depth 380 feet; shut down for orders.

Franklin, Ballard 1, SE sec. 1-18-29.

Drilling at 2,030 feet.

Trojan Oil Co., Grant 1, NE sec. 33-20-25.

Total depth 427 feet; shut down for bond.

C. S. Powell, Smith 1, NE sec. 6-17-29.

Total depth 2,333 feet; shut down for repairs.

Yates, Travis 1, SE sec. 6-18-29. Shut down for repairs at 1,700 feet.

George Quillin and Underwood & (Continued on last page, column 7)

WHAT'S WHAT —In— NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State." Gleaned from Many Sources

Don Baker, Hobbs High School student, narrowly escaped serious injury during a heavy sand storm last week when he "collided" with an automobile. The boy was returning to the school, after an assembly at the North Hobbs gym. Running head down to avoid sand blasts, he ran into a parked car, smashing one of the windows of the automobile. He was treated at a local hospital for minor cuts.

Twenty-two antelope have been trapped by Paul Russell of the State Game Department on the Mossman ranch west of Roswell. The antelope were transferred to the Greathouse ranch near Elida, and the Poultry Cattle Company ranch near Belen.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported it had made loans on 38,479 bales of New Mexico cotton. It loaned \$193,802,145 nationally on 4,228,933 bales.

Rep. Heck Johnson of Lincoln County moved in the House that the chief clerk, Charles Murphy, be directed to notify the KSL announcer at Salt Lake City that the name is Sen. Dennis Chavez and not "Sha-yay." "I don't know that the chief clerk can do it any better than the announcer," said Speaker George Armijo. "John won't let the speaker do it." Johnson amended his motion accordingly.

City Dogcatcher Willie Jones at Albuquerque has cat troubles, too. He was called to a local home to catch a cat under the house. "When I got there I counted 52 cats in the backyard and under the house," he said. "I gave up because I didn't know which cat they wanted caught."

Walkathon contests will be about as welcome in New Mexico as the seven-year itch, if a measure by Rep. Gilbert Lopez and others passes the legislature. The bill, exempting schools and colleges from its provisions, would make it unlawful for any person to conduct in public competition for pay, prizes or admission fees any physical or mental contest that continues longer than twenty-four hours. It terms lengthy endurance contests as a "nuisance."

There are 282,470 people in New Mexico without library facilities. The State Library Extension Service in Santa Fe was created for the purpose of making books available to these people. This is done through the mailing of large collections to schools, libraries and all responsible groups and may be kept for three months. Any individual living in outlying districts may borrow three books and keep them three weeks. Borrowers are asked to pay transportation costs which are nominal because of special book rates. The books available are children's supplementary and recreational reading, novels, and non-fiction and Spanish novels and non-fiction.

New Mexico's Legislature will be asked for \$100,000 to finance the state's 1939 grasshopper war expected to break out as vigorously as last year in (Northeastern counties this spring. A group of counties meeting with agents of the Department of Agriculture and New Mexico State College set the figure and announced they would ask the Legislature for an appropriation. H. L. Boyd, Springer banker and chairman of the 1938 "hopper war chest committee, said Northeastern New Mexico had "gone the limit to cope with the plague and now must call on state resources if the insects are to be stopped before they devastate the entire state." Counties represented at the meeting were Quay, Harding, San Miguel, Colfax, Union, Guadalupe and Mora.

The Social Security Board announced February grants of \$28,078 for public assistance in New Mexico. The money was divided as follows: Aged \$19,001, blind \$1,153, and children \$7,924.

A. Q. Evans, Road Engineer, is Reported Painfully Injured

From the Pecos Valley News of Hope comes a report that A. Q. Evans, an engineer on road work in that vicinity, was quite painfully injured last week, when he climbed upon the bin of the rock crusher, his sheepskin coat caught in the machinery, and was torn from his body, causing him to fall about twelve feet. No bones were broken, but one of his arms was badly bruised, and other body ligaments were badly bruised. First aid treatment was given, and he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell.

Mr. Evans, with his family, resided in Hagerman for several months last year.

Slow Poison Five Win Game from Kiplings All-Stars

Two Games Scheduled Coming Week Promis to Be Good Entertainment

The Slow Poison quintet basketball team, consisting of local boys of Hagerman, won a close game from Kipling's All-Stars of Roswell last Tuesday night by the score of 33 to 24. This puts the Hagerman boys in a tie with the Busy Bee team of Roswell for first place in the Pecos Valley Basketball League.

The Slow Poison team have scheduled two good games for local fans this week, playing Kiplings here on Friday night at the high school gym, and playing the second game of a double header Saturday night with the Busy Bee team.

The present standing of the league is as follows:

| Team | W | L | pct. |
|-------------|---|---|------|
| Busy Bee | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| Hagerman | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| Artesia | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| Kiplings | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| Dexter | 1 | 6 | .143 |
| Lake Arthur | 1 | 6 | .143 |

The box-score for Tuesday night's game was:

| Player | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hagerman— | — | — | — | — |
| Graham, f | 6 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Groovin, f | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Nihart, f | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Williams, c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Fletcher, g | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Greer, g | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Barnett, g | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| — | | | | |
| — | 16 | 1 | 14 | 33 |

Kiplings—

| Player | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Bagwell, f | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Conley, f | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Orel, f | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Packenhelm, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carpenter, c | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Storm, c | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Dorough, g | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| McGuire, g | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
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| — | 8 | 8 | 10 | 24 |

Hagerman Wins by One Point from Artesia Bulldogs

Bobcats Come From Behind to Win Game on Artesia Court Tuesday

The Bobcats squeezed the Artesia Bulldogs out of a basketball game at Artesia Tuesday evening, in a hotly contested game by a 27-26 score.

The Bulldogs took off to a good start, leading the up-valley basketekers 7 to 2 at the quarter post and 15 to 6 at the half.

At the end of the third quarter, Hagerman tied the score at 19 points.

The last quarter was a case of nip and tuck, with Hagerman running up an extra score the last 25 seconds of the game.

Austin Strickland, one of the star players, will be out of the games for some time, because of an injured foot.

A number of local fans accompanied the team to Artesia.

DEXTER CASTS SMALL SCHOOL ELECTION VOTE

Only thirty-seven votes were cast Tuesday in Dexter at the school board election, which was held at the F. L. Mehlhoff office.

Frank Wortman was re-elected with a vote of 36; Frank Reinecke was elected with a vote of 36; M. Y. Monical received 1 vote, and J. R. Stanley 1 vote.

Judges and clerks were: I. J. Caffell, Mrs. B. H. Jones, Mrs. Loman Wiley, S. Pritchard and John Gades.

Dexter to Sponsor Fourth Home Beautiful Contest

Bulldogs' Grid Schedule for '39 Announced

C. D. Marshall, principal and athletic director of Artesia Junior-Senior High School this morning announced the complete 1939 Bulldogs' football schedule.

Ten games have been contracted for, half to be played at home on the new City Park field.

The schedule of home games: Oct. 13, Tularosa; Oct. 20, Jal; Nov. 3, El Capitan; Nov. 17, Carlsbad; Nov. 30, Thanksgiving Day, Lovington.

Out of town games: Sept. 22, Alamogordo; Oct. 7, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell; Oct. 27, Hagerman; Nov. 10, Portales; Nov. 24, Roswell.

Prizes Offered in Annual Event Sponsored by the Woman's Club — Open to Citizens and Organi- zations of Community.

Dexter has for three previous years sponsored a "more beautiful Dexter and community" contest, and this year, the Federated Woman's Club of Dexter has again unanimously agreed to sponsor the fourth annual contest.

Twelve prizes will be given. The contest is open to any citizen, organization or institution in the community. It will be directed by the club committee on home beautifying, Mrs. L. Parker, Mrs. George Wilcox. Three judges will visit the places of all contestants around April 30, and the final visit will be made about Oct. 31. The awards will be announced not later than Nov. 15.

All improvements and plantings from Oct. 31, 1938, to Oct. 31, 1939, also care of former improvements, arrangements and every phase of care and keeping will be noticed.

The awards will be as follows:

1—The Frank Wortman award for the best planting and arrangement of evergreens, \$5.

2—The Dr. Hubbard award for the best general improvement and plantings around a farm home, \$5.

3—The Dexter Lumber Company award for the best general improvement of a residence, including painting, remodeling, or installing of modern equipment, \$7.50.

4—The L. Parker award for the best arrangement and showing of flowers, including flowering shrubs during the entire season, \$5.

5—The Dexter Woman's Club award for the best improvement of a back yard, \$2.50.

6—The Dexter Junior Woman's Club award for the best planting and arrangement of annuals, \$2.50.

7—The Little Gray Church award for the best planting and growing of shrubs, including roses and hedges, \$2.

8—The Mrs. Hal Bogle award for the best initial effort, \$5.

9—The Dexter Supply Company award for the best planting and growing of early flowers, \$2.50.

10—The O. B. Berry award for the best kept lawn, \$2.50.

11—The Roswell Floral Company award for the best kept parkways and approach to the street or road, \$2.50 in trade.

12—The Glovers Floral Company award for the best showing of later flowers, \$2.50 in trade.

Lake Victims' Funeral Held Last Monday

Cecil H. Whittenton, 31, Houston and his brother, A. G. Whittenton, 20, of Dallas, who were drowned in a lake near Hamilton, Tex., last Saturday afternoon, were buried in the family lot six miles southeast of Hamilton on Monday afternoon. Their brother-in-law, third victim of the tragedy, was buried at Hamilton on Tuesday—Star-Telegram.

Cecil Whittenton lived in Hagerman several years ago, with his sister, Mrs. R. N. Thomas and attended school. Surviving with the widow and one child are the parents of Hamilton and sisters.

DEATH OF S. B. BROCK

The many old time friends of the S. B. Brock family will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Brock, who passed away at Sheridan, Ore., Monday morning, Feb. 13. The family were prominent in Baptist circles during their residence here and Mr. Brock operated a picture show. From here he moved first to Mountainair, where the family resided for several years and later to Oregon, where they have since resided.

Mr. Brock had been in poor health for some time. He suffered a fall last summer and never fully recovered from the effects of it. Besides his widow, he is survived by five children, four sons and one daughter: Clely, who resides in Arizona; Arley, Orley, Stanley and Zella (Mrs. Ham-bright.) The many old time Hagerman friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved ones.

REVIVAL WELL ATTENDED

The revival meeting now in progress at the Baptist Church is being well attended with fine spiritual messages being given. The meeting will continue through this week and probably until Sunday, Feb. 26. Everyone welcome to these services.

Michelet Reports Washington Trip Representing A. L. A.

Jeannette Michelet, who to Washington in January as an Auxiliary representative to the Defense Conference, gave a very interesting report.

The fourteenth annual convention, and was headed this year by the Auxiliary, which originated the idea 14 years ago, and dates each year in taking the state.

Thirty-five organizations participated, and about 500 women led. Some were from Alaska from Panama, and the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Michelet went to Indianapolis to attend auxiliary national board meeting from there she went in a number of members of the capital.

On Monday, each representative contacted their senators and representatives and on Tuesday conference proper opened.

Speakers that were: Secretary of War Harry Woodring and Gen. Chadwick, American Legion commander. The United States Navy band gave a concert along with furnishing orchestral music.

During the conference, Mrs. Michelet was in charge of the national defense literature, and the print plates.

Speeches were also made during the conference by officials of the War Department, air and the Navy, and by other officers and representatives. On Tuesday evening a banquet was given.

The Marine band played. The speaker was United States Representative Henry Cabot Lodge from Massachusetts.

Sessions ended on Thursday, very successful conference generally reported.

Wanna Bee Langenegger, Eunice Tulk and Perry Angelo Stenson Andrus and Edin at the Andrus ranch.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—John F. Stevens was self-educated as an engineer. Therefore, he was an eclectic and readily made use of a retired

Amateur Engineer

perately important end, regardless of precedent. He is now 86, one of the greatest of American engineers, the first engineer in charge of planning and building the Panama canal, recently awarded the Hoover medal by the American Society of Civil Engineers at its eighty-sixth annual meeting in New York.

The murderer who came in handy was a Montana Blackfoot Indian, Jim Hill's new railroad, west-bound from St. Paul, was rather impulsively started. It ran slapping into the impenetrable wall of the Rocky mountains. There was an Indian legend that there was a pass over the divide, along the course of the Marias river. Mr. Stevens, a young engineer for the railroad, talked to the Blackfoot about it. There was such a pass. They knew all about it. But not all of Jim Hill's wampum could bribe them even to point in that direction. This Marias pass was the twining place of evil spirits, of sorcerers, of dreadful demons, and all who went that way lost either their lives or their reason.

Mr. Stevens munched over the mountains with the thermometer at 50 degrees below zero and found no pass. But, by chance, he found a wanderer in the wilderness, a Blackfoot driven out by his tribe because he had killed a man. The Indian had been having a difficult time. A few devils and monsters, more or less, meant little to him. They made a deal. The story of their days-on-end scramble to the roof of the continent through five feet of snow and bitter cold, with Mr. Stevens sleepless as he kept an eye on his homicidal guide, is one of the classics of the conquest of the wilderness. They found the pass, and their return was another desperate adventure. But soon the screams of locomotives was crying down the demons, who, presumably, moved on.

When the Panama canal was projected, John F. Stevens fought through, against weighty opposition, the lock principle against the sea-level plan. The engineer in charge, from 1905 until he was succeeded by General Goethals, he flattened all the demons of disease and disorder which had licked De Lesseps. General Goethals rated his work as among the greatest of engineering achievements. He was minister plenipotentiary to the Soviets in 1917, remaining six years and reorganizing and rebuilding their railroads.

DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, testifying on the patent system before the national economy committee at Washington, is the inventor of a "mechanical brain," or "thinking machine," as big as a sawmill that solves problems "too difficult for the human brain." It works nicely, and Franklin Institute awarded him a medal for it.

One can think offhand of a lot of vexing problems that might be tossed into its hopper these days. Set up in congress, dealing the answers on war and peace, national defense, relief and a balanced budget, it ought to save a lot of money.

Dr. Bush, former vice president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, became president of the Carnegie Institution on January 1 of this year. He is one of the most distinguished mathematical physicists in America. A tall, genial, bespectacled scientist, with a slightly stooped and somewhat stringy figure, with untamed hair, he leads reporters quite out of their depth. His metallic celebration was just one of many of his interesting devices and discoveries, including, particularly, research in the transmission of electric power, to which he has made notable contributions.

The son of a distinguished Boston clergyman, he romped through Tufts, Harvard and M. I. T., picking up three degrees in three and one-half years, thereafter teaching at M. I. T.

On February 19, 1936, addressing the New York Patent Lawyers' association, he was severely critical of the American patent system, for its "appalling fixity and lack of adaptability." At the current committee hearing, he commends it, but both meager news reports are out of their context, and Dr. Bush doubts could defend himself against a charge of inconsistency.

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Enthusiasm Not Money, Needed For Real Home

By BETTY WELLS

Eloise has that knack of enjoying life. Oh, she has her troubles and meets them with more fortitude than a lot of the rest of us, I often think. But she finds so much pleasure in everyday living . . . and after all I guess that's the only happiness we can be sure of—and some way when people get a kick out of little joys, the big ones take care of themselves.

You can tell, just going into the house, that Eloise is a gay soul—that she takes pains about fixing up the place and running it smoothly and jauntily.

Her bedroom is a pride and joy. She's just done it over in pink and mauve. There is a pink dado with pink and white striped wall paper above. To give the bed importance she has papered a plain pink panel in the center of one wall that looks almost like an alcove. The carpet



Framing the bed with beauty.

in the room is deep mauve, almost a powdery grape tone. The bedspread itself is plain pink quilted chintz with a flounce of flowered chintz which has a mauve ground and pink flowers.

Sheer white curtains made full and ruffled, two easy chairs in the flowered chintz, a dressing table skirt of the pink quilted chintz (made with a gored flare), accessories of amethyst glass . . . and isn't that a charming room! I forgot to say that the window shades are of flowered chintz too.

Eloise has papered the sides of the dresser drawers in the striped wall paper then made pads for the bottoms of the pink quilted chintz. The closet boxes are all papered in the pink and white stripe while the walls are lined with pink quilted chintz; with hangers covered in mauve velvet and clothes bag of the flowered chintz.

It takes enthusiasm and eagerness to do all that . . . they are qualities more important than energy or a bulging budget.

By Betty Wells.—WNU Service.

A SINGING PECORA



Louis Pecora, son of New York Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, joins the ranks of sons and daughters of prominent families who have become entertainers in New York's fashionable supper clubs.

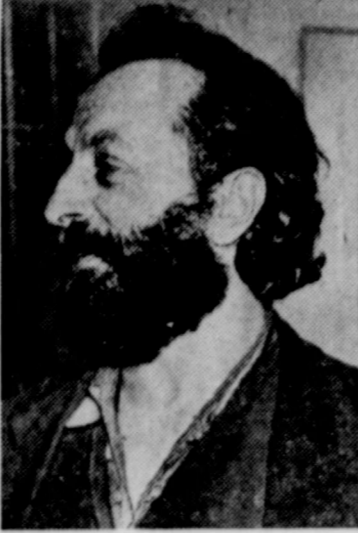
Unusual Name Unites Brother and Sister

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—A brother and sister separated since childhood when the sister was adopted have been re-united through their unusual surname—Wildbahn.

Dorothy Wildbahn communicated with the attorney here who signed her indenture papers nearly 40 years ago. Although he could not remember the transaction, the unusualness of the name prompted him to question his next door neighbor, E. W. Wildbahn.

He was the missing brother.

CONTENTED PRISONER



Detroit, Mich., police recently arrested a good natured, bearded and ragged old man on a charge of vagrancy. When the judge asked him his name, he replied that it was plain John Doe. He was found sleeping peacefully in the cold on a sidewalk, and is happy with all his present attention.

Find Indian Sculpture Cut in Face of Ohio Cliff

GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.—The chiseled outline of an Indian's head and feather headdress have been discovered on a rock cliff at "Vanden's Point," home of Homer W. Walter, president of the Gallipolis chamber of commerce.

The head came to light after rains had washed silt and moss away from the face of the rock. Evidence of a former Indian village has been found in a nearby cave, officials stated.

The Ohio Archeological and Historical society will attempt to determine the authenticity of the head, it is said. They will make a report in the near future.

Danny Meadow Mouse Teaches Four Little Mice a New Game

By THORNTON BURGESS

WHEN at last Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse were sure that Farmer Brown's boy had gone away they sat down and talked things over. Nanny wanted to move right away. "Why, that dreadful giant may come back any minute and carry our babies away!" said she. "We must be very careful."

Danny shook his head. "No," said he. "If he meant to take them away he would have done it when he had them in his hands. Besides, didn't he put our house back and then put back all the corn stalks? If he had meant us any harm he wouldn't have done that. Do you know, Nanny, I believe that this is the safest place anywhere for us."

Nanny couldn't make herself believe so, but she didn't know of any place to move to, and so finally she agreed that they would stay there until the babies were big enough to travel. So she at once began to patch up the roof where Farmer Brown's boy had broken it open, and presently it was quite as good as before. But though nothing happened, and Farmer Brown's boy kept away, Nanny could never feel quite easy. Danny did, however. He had heard all about how Farmer Brown's boy had set Chatterer the Red Squirrel free after catching him in a trap, and how he had taken care of Mrs. Grouse when he found her a prisoner under the icy crust during the terribly cold weather of the winter, so now Danny made up his mind that Farmer Brown's boy was really a friend and not an enemy at all, and he didn't worry about him any more.

But he had other worries, did Danny Meadow Mouse. You see, those four babies Teeny, Weeny, Midget, and Mite, grew very fast and it didn't seem any time at all before they were poking their funny little blunt noses out of the door of their little house the minute the backs of their father and mother were turned. This made Danny and Nanny very anxious, for they were afraid that while they were away after food the little scamps might stray off and get lost. Then, too, those squeaking and squealing as they played together, and this made their father and mother so anxious they didn't know what to do. You see, they were afraid that someone with sharp ears would happen along and hear. But nothing they could say to Teeny, Weeny, Midget and Mite, and not even boxing their ears, made a bit of difference. You see, they were so full of life and fun that they just had to make a noise.

It wasn't long before they were playing all about in the old pile of

50,000,000 Ruined Acres Menace U. S. Agriculture

Soil Depletion Cause of Alarm to Conservation Officials As Experts Conduct Survey; Erosion Termed Most Serious Offender.

CHICAGO.—Fifty million acres of America's 600,000,000 tillable acreage of farm land have been completely ruined for agricultural purposes.

This alarming situation was disclosed in a study of soil depletion recently made by the Middle West Soil Improvement committee, based on surveys conducted by Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. soil conservation service of Washington, D. C.

"An additional 50,000,000 acres, it is estimated, are seriously damaged," says a report issued here by the committee, "and a very large additional acreage has suffered a marked decrease in soil fertility."

"Six principal factors are responsible for these losses. They are erosion, leaching, the removal of harvested crops, livestock and livestock marketing, oxidation of soil organic matter and fire.

Serious Offender.

"Erosion is the most serious offender. Annually in harvested areas alone, erosion removes 2,500,000 tons of nitrogen, 900,000 tons of phosphorus and 15,000,000 tons of potassium—the three major plant foods which make the production of crops possible.

"Harvested crops rank next in depleting the soil and are responsible for taking out an additional 4,600,000 tons of nitrogen, 700,000 tons of phosphorus and 3,200,000 tons of potassium.

"The total annual loss from the

soil of these three chemical plant nutrients, due to all the destructive factors are 16,000,000 tons of nitrogen, 2,500,000 tons of phosphorus and 36,200,000 tons of potassium, an alarming yearly loss.

"The necessity for an ever-increasing program of soil conservation is indicated by the fact that fertilizers and manures are believed to restore only 18 per cent of the annual nitrogen loss, 44 per cent of the phosphorus loss and about 6.8 per cent of the potash loss. Restoration from other sources reduces the annual net loss to 1,200,000 tons of nitrogen, approximately 1,200,000 tons of phosphorus and over 30,000,000 tons of potassium.

To Combat Depletion.

"Practical results on millions of American farms of the restoration of fertility and crop productivity by means of an intelligent program of fertilizer use, offers the surest means of combating the depletion of our soils. Yet the need of a more universal use of commercial plant foods is shown by the fact that the consumption of fertilizers in the United States annually is at the rate of about 7,200,000 tons, or only one and one-tenth tons per farm.

"The campaign to promote soil conservation has enlisted effective support from the U. S. department of agriculture, from soil scientists, teachers, experimental stations and county agents who are interpreting to farmers the latest discoveries concerning soil fertility. Moreover, fertilizer manufacturers are doing their part by giving farmers the benefit of all available information about fertilizers and their proper application."

JUST FROM PARIS



This costume by Maison Jacques Fath features a wool skirt of dark color and a blouse of variegated color, with collar and trimmings of breitchwantz.

Tests Show Steel Wire Gives Quicker Ignition

WASHINGTON.—Research work with complex mathematical equations at the National Bureau of Standards has resulted in the development of a new "easy flow" type wire cable for use in ignition equipment.

Using steel wire in place of the traditional copper wire, the Washington Institute of Technology produced a wire cable with minimum resistance and "low capacitance."

The technologists based their experiments with the new wire on a series of mathematical studies completed by Dr. Melville A. Peters, bureau of standards physicist.

The new ignition wire gives a hotter, faster spark which lasts longer, thus cutting down on the amount of current necessary to start a gasoline engine. The navy used the new wire for two years in naval aircraft, and found it so satisfactory the wire until recently was kept on the navy's secret list.

In starting an ordinary automobile, scientists calculated, the new wire makes it possible to save 30 per cent on the amount of current used. The cable consists of seven strands of stainless steel. Many commercial uses have been found for it.



"If he meant to take them away he would have done it when he had them in his hands."

to do was to look and listen and try to find out just where the others were hiding. The next thing to do was to pick out a hiding place on the other side of the little open place. The last thing of all was to suddenly scamper across just as fast as legs could go, not directly to the chosen hiding place, but to one side of it, and then at the very last minute, to dodge into it. It was a very exciting game. Danny used to pretend that he was Reddy Fox or Old Man Coyote, and would go off to give the others a chance to hide. Then he would come tip-toeing back and try to catch one of them. So they played and learned at the same time until pretty soon they began to want to go out in the Great World.

By T. W. Burgess.—WNU Service

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB



HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"Stretching His Luck"

HELLO EVERYBODY! Teddy was a wing walker.

You know, one of those birds in a flying circus who does things on the wing of a plane you wouldn't try in your own parlor. They must need money mighty bad, you tell your neighbor.

Teddy always was a runt. That's why he was a wing walker. You wanted as little weight as possible moving around out there on the fabric-covered wings of those Jennies the flying circuses were using right after the war. They weren't built for wing walking. But Teddy walked 'em, even in his sleep.

It was old stuff to him. It was so old he began to look around for something new to thrill the gaping crowds.

Something that gave them a bigger kick than hanging by your knees from the undercarriage of a speeding plane. He didn't knock 'em cold when they never pays to play the other fellow's game. But he learned.

Well sir, it was in a town the flying circus was playing out in Iowa that Teddy came across the idea he was looking for. It came to him as he watched a human fly scale the walls of the tallest building. Reaching the topmost story, the fly somehow attached an ordinary inner tube to a window, sunk his teeth in the other end and hung there in the breeze. Teddy saw the stunt "got" the crowd. And it would knock 'em cold when he pulled it on a plane a thousand or so feet in the air.

Human Fly Coaches Teddy for New Job.

When the fly came down to earth, Teddy introduced himself, invited aim to supper. Maybe they hoisted a couple. Anyway, the fly warmed up enough to tell Teddy how it worked.

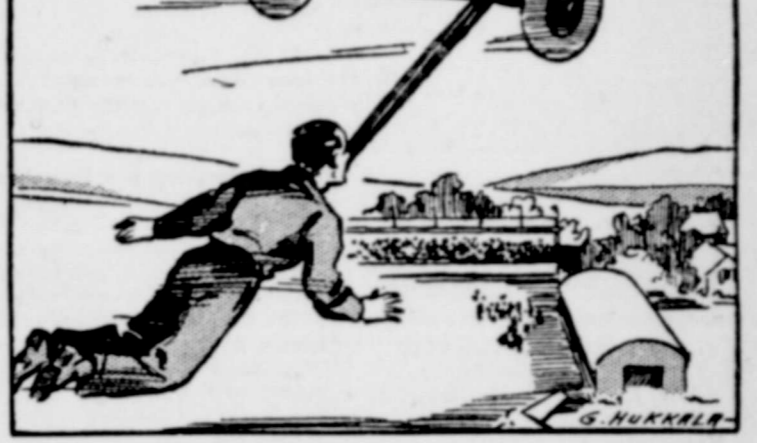
Before he went to bed that night, the wing walker bought himself a couple of brand new inner tubes. The next day, out at the flying field, he rigged them as he had been instructed. High up on a wall he fastened an end of one. Then, climbing on a chair, he took the other end in his teeth and kicked the chair away.

The darn thing stretched so far his feet touched the floor. He moved the tube a couple of feet higher and everything was fine.

Day after day Teddy religiously practiced hanging from that tube to strengthen the muscles of his jaws and neck. It was a heavy strain to put on the front upper teeth that were bridge-work, but they held. And six weeks later Teddy was prepared to strut his stuff.

Before we go any further I had better tell you Teddy is Theodore Davidson of Galesburg, Ill. They still call him "Dare Devil" Davidson, this new member of the Floyd Gibbons Adventurers' club.

He was all of that on a sunny afternoon, in September, 1919, in Moline, Ill., where the flying circus was putting on its show, making those



The tube started stretching and stretching.

Jennies do things they were never built for. The weather was perfect. So was the gate. And the performers were feeling pretty good as they took to the skies.

Especially Teddy. He was going to pop their eyes out with a brand new, death-defying stunt, performed for the first time in any land. It never occurred to him then, this would also be the last time.

The inner tube was fastened securely to the axle of the undercarriage of the Jenny. And everything went off according to schedule until Teddy began lowering himself down that wriggling, slippery, flabby length of rubber.

Fails to Figure Effect of Air Resistance.

"Right then," Teddy says, "I could see I had stretched my luck too far."

Right there, too, he began learning a painful lesson in simple physics! He had failed to figure what effect the air resistance of his body would have upon the tubing. Hanging below the plane, moving 70 miles an hour, the drag of the air on Teddy added some 30 or 40 pounds to the weight on that big rubber band.

"That tube started stretching and stretching," says Teddy, "and it was like a live thing as I slipped and fought it!"

The more it stretched, the harder it was for a wing walker with a bright idea to hang on. It had never acted that way in practice. Would it hold? Could it hold? What was he going to do about it? Teddy says he was too dumb to climb back. That was probably because he was too busy holding on.

Well sir, that's one of the darnedst fixes I ever heard of. And it became worse. After rattling for 10 minutes with that flexible support his arms tired.

He slipped lower. Finally, he just had to let himself down to where he could sink his teeth into the gadget attached to the flapping end. His jaws clamped down on it. The rest of him was limp with weariness.

His head forced back, he saw the tube stretch alarmingly as gusts of wind put more pressure on his body. There were six feet of it between him and the landing gear.

In practice, it had never stretched to more than three!

Rests Arms to Climb Back to Safety.

Teddy tried to relax as the plane circled 1,500 feet above the grandstand. His aching arms were folded, resting for that long climb to safety. He wasn't sure he could do it. But he was not permitted to dwell on the idea for long. There was a wrench, a crunch, a shoot of pain in Teddy's face.

The bridgework that was Teddy's front uppers had crushed!

The ends of the mouthpiece, however, were tucked away back where they were gripped by molars on both sides. Still gripping it, Teddy began inching his way upward along that thin, twisted, tough tubing that had been put to such strange use. Well, boys and girls, there is no use prolonging the agony.

"I made it, too," Teddy says, "but by such a small margin I decided then and there to be satisfied with my old bag of tricks."

Teddy's story closes on a note of sadness. Those artificial teeth of his vanished into thin air during the minutes he struggled up that yielding rope of rubber. All the dough he made that dizzy day went to buy a new set.

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64,156,895 ATTEND CHURCHES THROUGHOUT NATION

NEW YORK.—The total membership of churches in the United States is 64,156,895, according to Information Service, official weekly publication of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Of these 52,379,579 are more than 13 years old. The total number of churches in this country is 248,410. There are 200 different religious bodies.

These and other church totals

were assembled by Rev. Dr. Herman C. Weber, editor of the Year Book of American Churches, who is considered an outstanding authority in the United States on religious statistics.

"Dr. Weber has been working for a number of years with the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies to improve the statistics of religion," said a statement issued at the headquarters

of the council, 297 Fourth avenue. "Every effort has been made under his direction to insure accuracy and comparability and the figures represent the most adequate and reliable material now available."

Dr. Weber's figures show that the membership of the churches in the United States increased twice as fast as the population in 1937. The increase in church membership was

about 960,000. The number of churches in 1937 showed an increase of 1,743.

"Significant of the trend toward church unity is the fact that 97.3 per cent of the total membership is in the 50 larger bodies—all with membership of 50,000 or over," the statement announced. "The small bodies, approximately 160, account for only 2.7 per cent of this great church population."

Quaint Customs Surround Oldest British Festival

Quaalath is seldom heard of in England, but is one of the oldest British festivals. It is observed in parts of the Isle of Man, where customs similar to "first-footing" in Scotland are kept up, says Tit-Bits. Men go from house to house singing special festival songs, and are invited in for a bite and a drink.

But there are one or two customs in connection with Quaalath which are observed nowhere else. Before midnight the floor of the kitchen is swept, always starting at the door and sweeping to the hearth, otherwise good luck will be swept out. Before retiring, the ashes are taken from the fire and smoothed over the hearth with a pair of tongs, and in the morning the housewife looks eagerly at the ashes for tracks of a human foot. If there is one and the toes point to the door, it means death for one in the house; if the footprint is reversed, it means the birth of a child.

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DO YOU PAUSE TO THINK OF WAR?

We read a short story recently. It was called "An Incident in an Olive Garden." It was about a young boy, who had fulfilled a commission or order in battle. The story related his thoughts, just before he crossed the Great Divide. It was so pathetic and touching, that our first thought was, "We hope none of ours have to have that experience."

Then again we read a very recent article, called "Wings For War." It pictured youth in preparation to become aviators for war time use. We passed a group of idle youth, and the remark was made, "targets for the guns in the next war."

And again the even more recent rumor, that Lloyds of London are betting the odds that the New York World's Fair will not open on scheduled date, on account of war rumors.

All this reminds us of little smokes, that smolder and smolder, and suddenly they burst forth in great fires.

Do you know that war can burst forth as suddenly; are you sitting idly by, and if and when it does come, will you wonder what it is all about?

Hagerman MESSENGER 10 Years Ago

Mrs. Hal Bogle of Dexter entertained a group of the Girl Scouts Sunday afternoon at a surprise birthday party honoring her niece, Miss Jane Bogle. After various games, refreshments of cake, ice cream and cocoa were served to Wilma Deck, Beatrice Cook, Breebe Jean Hurst, Evelyn Marx, Rosie Hubbard, Erma Love and Harriet Holley.

Misses Pearl and Helen Richards returned from their home at Clifton, Tex., to which place they had been called by the death of their father.

Tolley West was a business visitor in Dexter Tuesday.

Postmaster Mason announces that arrangements have been completed for the establishment of an early mail service through here and within a few days the service will begin. Mail forwarded from Roswell will arrive in Hagerman at 6:45 a. m.

Robcats Play Dexter at Hagerman—Dexter, one of the gamest teams in the valley, will play our local boys on Feb. 15. Both boys and girls will play, thus making an interesting double header.

Jack Cassabone was in Roswell Tuesday looking the village over.

Tuesday of this week Lawing's Market closed a deal with C. E. Carter for his stock of groceries and fixtures, and will move this equipment and stock with the meat market fixtures. Mr. Carter has not announced what he will do in the future, and we do not know whether or not he will leave Hagerman.

A. L. Nail was in Roswell Tuesday.

Kenneth Servatius was in Artesia Wednesday.

R. G. Campbell is home from Dona Ana, where he has been running a gin for the past several months.

J. P. Menefee has moved to the farm north of town recently purchased from S. T. Allen.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. J. W. Campbell Wednesday afternoon. As it was a business meeting, the president, Mrs. Curry had charge of the meeting.

The cast of the senior class play, "Ace High" are now working up the climaxes and putting the finishing touches to the play, which promises to be a comedy of the most entertaining type.

School Notes

Margaret Curry—"Whatcha been doing?" Ethyl Dozier—"Taking part in a guessing contest." Margaret—"But I thought you had an exam in math." Ethyl—"I did."

Frank King Dead

Frank King, colored, was born at Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 22, 1852, and died at his home west of Dexter, Feb. 7, 1929. Was buried Feb. 10, 1929.

A group of Baptist ladies presented a missionary program Monday evening at the Lake Arthur Baptist Church. The Lake Arthur church, with its various activities, is now being reorganized. The Rev. Mr. Harrison and the Rev. Mr. Garrett are each conducting services there.

Kirby Hughes, who is a student at Eastern New Mexico Junior College, spent the week end visiting his mother, Mrs. J. C. Hughes. He came to Roswell with the college basketball team, who played Friday evening at Roswell.

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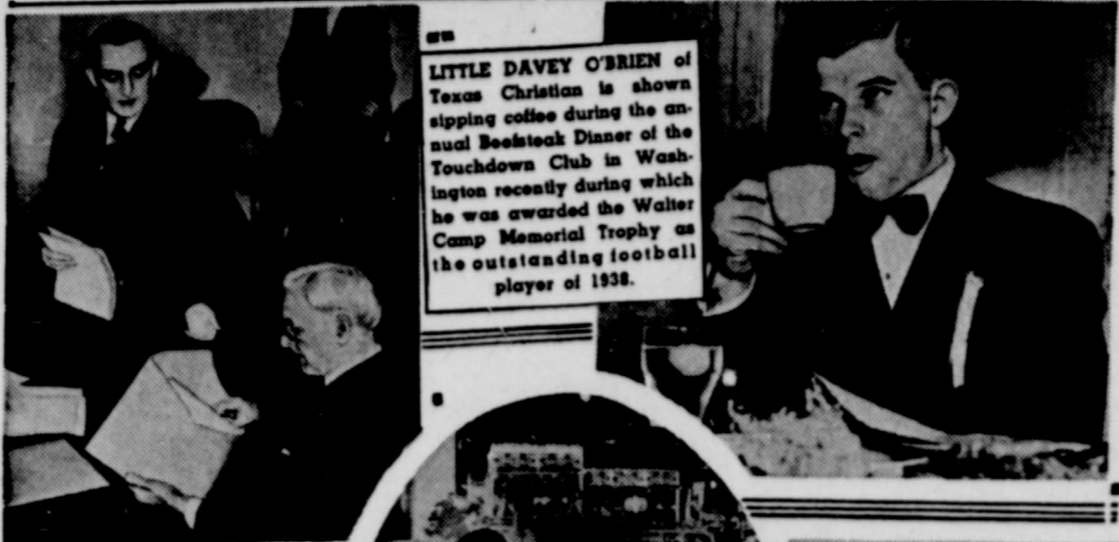
U. S. LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, January 12, 1939.

NOTICE is hereby given that Dallas Morgan, of 325 E. 8th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, who, on November 27, 1934, made Homestead Entry, No. 049079, for E $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, & N $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, Township 12 S., Range 30 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, at Roswell, New Mexico, on the 2nd day of March, 1939.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Ledbetter, J. W. Ledbetter, (full name), Benjamin H. Chapman, these of Roswell, New Mexico; L. S. Williams, of Lovington, New Mexico.

PAUL A. ROACH, Register.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



LITTLE DAVEY O'BRIEN of Texas Christian is shown stepping coffee during the annual Bookclub Dinner of the Touchdown Club in Washington recently during which he was awarded the Walter Camp Memorial Trophy as the outstanding football player of 1938.

TO URGE INVESTIGATION OF LOBBYISTS—Secretary of State Hull (seated) and Senator O'Mahoney agreed after an acrimonious debate on the "sugar lobby" before the Senate Finance Committee, to urge a Senate investigation of all Washington lobbyists.



TINY JAPANESE GIRLS, who prize dolls above all other possessions, stage an exhibition in mid-Pacific in the Japanese suite of the crack N. Y. K. liner Chichibu Maru to the delight of American and European passengers.



ATTRACTIVE COIFFURE—Side view of new coiffure created for Joan Fontaine screen star appearing in "Gunga Din." The side hair is brushed up and back from forehead and temples and is set into a sweeping roll.



NO THIRD TERM

HUTTON BABY VISITS FATHER—Lance, the three year old son of the former Barbara Hutton, is visiting his father Count Hauwitis-Reventlow in Switzerland, while his mother is journeying to Egypt. The couple were separated last summer.

NO THIRD TERM CARD—Senator Rush D. Holt of West Virginia received in the mail a chain card which is being mailed over the country urging people to send cards to the White House protesting a third term for President Roosevelt. He also received an automobile sticker as shown.

GIRL SCOUTS

Public Health Badge (continued from last week)

To earn this badge, participate in ten of the following activities. Four starred (*) are required. Choose any six others that interest you.

18. Make a current events health scrap book of newspaper and magazine clippings, and so forth, about diseases and epidemics and how they are controlled.

19. Discover what departments of the federal government help to keep people well; and make an attractive report to show how health is protected and helped by the department whose work is most interesting to you.

20. Discover what departments of the federal government help to keep people well; and make an attractive report, or help to carry out a program to show how health is protected and helped by the department whose work is most interesting to you.

21. If there is a modern dairy or pasteurization plant in or near your community, visit it to discover how milk is made safe for use and kept so. Make an interesting report regarding your visit and your discoveries.

22. Help to plan and carry out a program and an exhibit (poster, models, tableaux, maps, and other materials) to show how the work of at least three of the following groups helps to make living safer and more healthful:

- a—Your community, county and state health department and laboratory.
- b—Your community sanitation department.
- c—Your community and state parks department or commission.
- d—The family physicians in your community.
- e—Any health clinic or conference, hospital, public health nurses or other health workers, and groups that protect the health of the people living in your community.

Home Health Badge

Girls who want to know more about how to make a home comfortable, safe and attractive should enjoy this badge. The activities of the badge offer many unusual and fascinating opportunities to plan, to make or to do, all of which will help Girl Scouts to understand the "whys" of home health and helpful living.

To earn this badge, participate in ten of the following activities. The one starred (*) is required. Choose any nine others that interest you, provided that you select one from each section.

A—Design and Location of Homes For Healthful Living

1. Make a visit to several sites where houses are being built in your community to discover how the sites meet health needs. Draw a map, diagram or plan to show good and bad points that you discover regarding each site and the location of the house upon it.

A LINE TO YOU

By E. M.

Do you know that Hagerman has a number of celebrities, and can you select:

The lad in town, who resembles Mickey Rooney?

The young lady, that so many say is another Deanna Durbin in looks?

And do you know: The Sunday School class, that has such a clever teacher, that schemes to keep them busy, and is (in our opinion) one of the most successful yet?

The lad, who doubted if he wanted his "family tree" all outlined on a totem pole?

Who is wearing a brand new sparkler?

How many of the feminine local faculty, were "pinched" last Saturday in Roswell?

Speaking of Women, we have decided that now is a good time to mention "Who's Who Among Our Feminine Localities." The incentive for this came when we were told of Mrs. Henrietta Durand of Dexter, who is the only charter member of the Dexter Woman's Club in Dexter at the present time. The remarkable fact is that for the thirty-two years' existence of the club, she has never missed an annual meeting, and not more than six of the regular meetings. Her untiring energy, should be an eternal urge and ambition to any one, who may become slack or careless in their efforts.

Among other Hagermanites that we may mention are: Mrs. T. M. Devenport, who has worked with youth for so many years, and today is as ready with new ideas, as in years past. Mrs. J. E. Wimberly is the only local feminine charter member of the Presbyterian Church, and was for a number of years president of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid. Mrs. W. A. Losey is equally interested in local activities. She recently gave to Hedges Chapel a gift of a lovely gas range, for which the ladies have expressed their joyful appreciation.

Mrs. W. M. Goodwin, a worker in the Baptist Church and Missionary Society, has for years been faithful in her efforts, never letting obstacles discourage her in this work. Mrs. C. W. Curry was the originator of the flower and garden contest, and the result has been far above expectations. Interest has expanded each year, until Hagerman can boast of many lovely

General Improvement in Soil Moisture Shown in Range and Livestock

The monthly range and livestock report for New Mexico from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, as compiled by Fred Daniels, statistician at Las Cruces, for Feb. 1 reports for Eddy County plenty of old grass, but only an inch of moisture during December and January.

The Bddy County report is from Hope; none is listed this month from Artesia.

In the state at large, the report says, there was a general improvement during January of range soil moisture which greatly improved prospects for early spring feed. There is considerable snow remaining in high altitudes and also in low altitudes in Northern counties. Prospects for calf and lamb crops are exceptionally good at this time. All livestock have wintered well so far with very few losses.

The soil moisture of ranges over the state was improved by precipitation during January, which fell in the form of rain or snow in all counties. Although no official data is available, the January precipitation, according to comments, seems to be above normal. Snow remains deep in all high altitudes and also in low altitudes in many counties of the Northern part of the state. Temperatures during the past month have not been extremely low although nights have been cold with days generally warm.

Prospects for early spring range feed are exceptionally bright at this time with the present supply of soil moisture. There has been very little general supplemental feeding of concentrated feeds so far this winter. The supply of hay and other livestock feeds is generally ample in all counties of the state. The weather during the last few weeks has been too cold for weeds to begin growth in the extreme Southern part of the state. The condition of ranges is reported at 86 per cent of normal, the same as last month, and 81 per cent for the 10-year average.

The general condition of all classes of cattle is about the same as last month. There has been some shrinkage in flesh during January's cold weather, but some light increase in feed has maintained the condition, which is above normal.

Shipments of all cattle have been light during the past month and the demand is reported to be somewhat decreased for all classes of cattle. Although there have been some decreases and increases in numbers in various parts of the state due to local conditions, the tendency is to hold cattle numbers at about the same as a year ago. The condition of cattle and calves is reported at 87 per cent of normal, the same as a month ago, and 85 per cent for the 10-year average.

All classes of sheep have wintered well. Ewes are in excellent flesh and prospects at this time are good for a favorable lamb crop this season. Losses of sheep have been possibly below normal so far this winter. The heaviest losses usually come later in the spring. The condition of sheep and lambs is reported at 87 per cent of normal compared with 88 per cent last month, and 86 per cent for the 10-year average.

McDonald Barns, Hay Destroyed by Fire

Fire Monday afternoon destroyed three medium-sized barns and contents and a large stock of alfalfa hay on the R. M. McDonald farm four miles southeast of Artesia.

Harness and machinery were lost in the barns.

The blaze started from a pasture fire, which became ignited next to the road, probably through carelessness of someone with a match or cigarette. The pasture fire ignited the hay stack, which in turn caught the barns on fire.

Mr. McDonald said the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Work Is Pushed On Courthouse

R. W. Vorhees, Eddy County courthouse architect, estimated yesterday the roof would be on within ninety days.

The contractor is expecting windows to arrive any time now, after which the building will take shape more rapidly.

Vorhees expects another floor to be laid within the next three weeks. Inside walls on the second floor are taking shape now, and the observer can get an idea of the size and arrangement of the new building.

Ed Roberts of Roswell spent Sunday night in Hagerman as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry.

Typewriters for rent—The Messenger.

ly yards and gardens. (There are others, and we will be glad if you can give us data to help continue local notable women.)

WORLD NEWS BRIEF

From Near and Far, Timely, Some of Human Interest

If G. H. Jerry Sadler, Texas railroad commissioner, had the lights in his office on at 5 a. m. he would have used a kerosene lamp, who says he is "just a pretty boy," told the capitalist he long has been used early, but when he tried the lights in his office, the janitor told him against the rules to use before 6 a. m. The board is giving whether to alter the give Sadler the lamp.

Informed her husband, sticken seriously ill, Mrs. Blackburn of St. Louis was shocked and was taken to pital with him. Blackburn of heart disease shortly entering the hospital. Mr. burn, also 62, died of

Truck drivers hauling the Frer cerine from Mattoon, Ill., to diana to shoot oil wells user of today own trappings to keep deave gasoline e. Behind each truck with of 300 or more quarts of a break for trails an ambulance or the breakd to make motorists in the truck loaded their distance. The truck machinery slowly and only by night 1922. traffic law says you must the nearest a funeral," driver Steve lead, there w plained. "We don't handle the r speed records, but it's selling right t

A Kansan who explains lieved Christ's second con- the well out soon and wanted to as it did it Hugh D. Harper asking as Big Lake Springs police in 1936. Re- craticy contin- ness for a lie he told much of the it declined to name the repu- he sake of he added that police he had new auton- the origi cense plates when he had to be a dry

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Miss Ruby West of Silver- spent the week end with h- cents, Mr. and Mrs. Bon Jack- president On Sunday they were no- gues of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKinstray and Peggy.

Mrs. Clarence King, Nor- ces, and Wilva Jean King were the th ing and shopping in Roswo- ending

THE CHURCHES

NAZARENE CHURCH
Rev. P. B. Wallace, pastor.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Oscar Kiper, superintendent.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 6:45 p. m.
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Presbyterian Sunday school 9:45. J. E. Wimberly, superintendent.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock hour with the Woman's Missionary Society in charge, Sunday, Jan. 15. Senior C. E., 6:30 p. m.
Ladies Aid first and third Wednesdays at 2:30 p. m.
Missionary Society, second Monday of each month.
Young Woman's Guild and baby clinic, last Friday of each month, 1 to 5, Hedges Chapel.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
C. A. Strickland, pastor.
Oliver Thomas, superintendent.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning message, 11 a. m.
Young people's service, 4 p. m.
Evening service, 7 p. m.
Come and you will find a hearty welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. R. E. Harrison, pastor.
W. F. Sadler, superintendent.
Mrs. O. J. Ford, associate superintendent.
R. M. Middleton, B. T. U. director.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning service 11 a. m.
B. T. U. 6:30.
Evening service 7:30.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
Woman's Missionary Societies and Brotherhoods meet each Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH
Arthur Shaw, Pastor.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:15 p. m.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Choir practice, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
Misses Wilma Walden, Hannah Jane Burck and Dean Condit spent Tuesday afternoon in Artesia.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Wallace left last Saturday for Lub- buck in response to news that their grandson was critically ill of an attack of appendicitis. Later word states that his condition is very serious.

Little Known Facts and Lights on the Oil Industry

Health Column

Conducted by Charles M. Cree, Director, Division of Health Education

It is imperative we inaugurate our Fly Control program for the year. Frankly one talks about flies and sanitation so much that a change of subject matter would be welcome. Nevertheless, the problem in connection with sanitation and flies is so acute that one would not be doing one's duty unless he went "to bat" with regard to these matters on every suitable occasion.

The fly season is just about to open in New Mexico and I think that an open season on flies is one of the best sporting propositions available for everyone. Flies do more damage than all the predatory animals in the state. There can be no restrictions placed on the slaughter of these pests and don't forget that one mother fly at the beginning of the season can be responsible directly and indirectly for 5,000,000,000 or so descendants by the end of the year, provided all of the eggs hatch from her and her children and grandchildren and so on down the line.

Each of these 5,000,000,000 flies can carry perhaps some 7,000,000 or so germs on its feet and wings and legs, and perhaps 30,000,000 germs in its stomach. Don't forget that when the fly wants to eat solid food she throws up all the contents of her stomach, germs and all, on to the food—your food—dissolves a little of it, sucks it up, and leaves the germs for you.

And don't forget that flies breed and delight in all kinds of evil smelling filth and when they fly innocently into your house they have, in all probability, come directly from the nearest filthy open privy and are carrying with them all the disease germs they have managed to accumulate.

This is the beginning of the fly season. Swat all the flies! See that the screens on your windows and doors are in good repair. Stick up your fly traps and fly papers. All those things should be done and in themselves are splendid.

Here, however, is another idea! We know where flies pick up the infection they carry into people's houses. How about stopping the flies getting at those infective materials? Garbage cans are bad, but open pit privies are infinitely worse. Put lids that fit on all garbage cans and keep the lids on at all times. If you have an open pit privy make it fly proof and safe! If you can afford it, get a new one, properly designed, fly-proofed, and installed. Connect with a sewer if it is possible. That, of course, is the best thing of all.

Whatever you do, try to fix up the places where the flies pick up those deadly germs, and whenever you see a fly in your house, swat it!

Clowe Runs Out Of Rotary Clubs; Starts on Kiwanis

Having run out of Rotary Clubs before which to deliver his now-classic address, "We Live in America," D. I. (Dick) Clowe, secretary of the Artesia Rotary Club, started in on Kiwanis Clubs Tuesday evening, when he appeared as principal speaker at the annual ladies' night banquet of the Roswell Kiwanis Club.

He was accompanied to Roswell by Mrs. Clowe.

Mr. Clowe's address was first given at Mountaineer last summer at a Rotary district meeting and since has been repeated at meetings of every Rotary Club within easy driving distance of Artesia.

The address has been published in its entirety in The Advocate, The Mountaineer Independent and The Portales Tribune, as well as in pamphlet form.

Mr. Clowe gave a talk similar to his well-known address at assembly exercises this morning at Artesia Junior-Senior High School, somewhat changing the original.

Mrs. T. M. Rabb, Miss Flora Rabb of Roswell and two other visitors of Phoenix, Ariz., visited Mr. and Mrs. Raynal Cumpsten and Mrs. H. Cumpsten Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rhoades and Dorothy had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry, Geraldine Sprayberry and Ed Roberts.

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Boy Scout News

A cash award of \$10 will be made to the Boy Scout who compiles during 1939 the best scrapbook of newspaper clippings relative to scouting, P. V. Thorson, area executive, announced. A second prize of \$5 and third prize of \$3 will be given. Mr. Thorson urges Scouts to begin their collections by clipping this article announcing the contest, and to watch their local newspapers for all articles pertaining to scouting. When completed at the end of the year, the scrapbooks should be sent to Boy Scout headquarters at Roswell.

Boy Scout Anniversary Week, Feb. 8-14, was fittingly observed throughout the Eastern New Mexico Area Council, according to P. V. Thorson, area executive.

Awards were presented to Sea Scouts from Carlsbad, Portales, Clovis and Roswell and to members of the Hobbs senior Scouting unit at a joint Bridge of Honor held at Roswell Feb. 11.

The coveted acorn award was won by the Eastern New Mexico Area Boy Scout Council for membership achievements during 1939, when 909 new Scouts and Cubs were enrolled. The number of boys now enrolled in the area is approximately 1,700, the largest in the council's history. The council won the acorn award in three previous years—1933, 1934 and 1937.

A fine response to the annual Boy Scout financial appeals in the Eastern New Mexico Area Council is reported by P. V. Thorson, executive. Indications are that all of the campaigns in the various cities and towns in the area will go over the top and that the total of \$12,000 called for in the council's budget for 1939 will be raised, Mr. Thorson said.

From Santa Fe comes the report that a formal resolution of thanks was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips, Oklahoma millionaire oil owners, for their generous gift of 35,000 acres in Colfax County and \$50,000 for a "wilderness camp" for Boy Scouts. Both houses of the state's legislature adopted the formal resolution, which expressed the state's appreciation for this magnificent gift. This resolution was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, and to the Boy Scout national headquarters in New York City.

Locals

Mrs. Ira Johnson and children of Melrose came in Wednesday of last week for a visit with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. W. E. Bowen and relatives.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Wallace, Ira D. and Mrs. J. R. Wallace and Doris Jean spent the week end in Avis, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Whitt.

Miss Wanna Bee Langenegger and Stenson Andrus attended the show, "Stand Up and Cheer," in Roswell Monday afternoon.

Miss Eulala Merchant, who is employed at Sears, Roebuck & Company in Roswell, spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Clarence King.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Knoll and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Medina, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Barnett and Vencil Barnett participated in the ski sport at Cloudfcroft Sunday.

Stenson Andrus returned to the Andrus ranch Tuesday after a week's stay in town. Dub Hardin went out to stay a few days also.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Hams, Mrs. Martha Hams and Mrs. M. Gribben of Chicago motored last Sunday to the Bottomless Lakes park.

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News Item: Some Business Firms Must Fill Out as Many As 141,000 Government Reports Annually



Twenty-Four Oil and Gas Leases Are Sold at Santa Fe Friday for \$31,794

In the monthly sale of oil and gas leases by the commissioner of public lands at Santa Fe Friday, leases on all twenty-four tracts offered were sold, the first time in recent months there have been buyers for every parcel. The sale total was \$31,794.26.

The tracts offered, successful bidders and the amounts paid: Tract 1—960 acres, all of section 36-10-34 and land in 16 and 32-12-32, 29-15-32 and 23 and 29-15-33; Skelly Oil Co., Tulsa, \$1,219.20.

Tract 2—1,280 acres in 9, 15, 17, 22, 25, 26 and 29-11-35; Skelly, \$3,289.60.

Tract 3—920 acres in 12-11-34, 25-12-35, 32-13-34 and 16-12-37; R. S. Magruder, El Paso, \$401.50.

Tract 4—2,559.16 acres in 4, 5, 8 and 9-12-36; A. M. Lockhart, Long Beach, Calif., \$641.50.

Tract 5—1,057.42 acres in 9-14-34, 16-14-38, 2-15-37 and 2, 3, 10, 16, 22, 24 and 35-16-34; Skelly, \$3,562.09.

Tract 6—400.28 acres in 16 and 32-19-32, 16 and 36-20-31, 2 and 32-20-32 and 36-20-28; Roy G. Barton, Hobbs, \$124.

Tract 7—181.23 acres in 33-17-34 and 2-16-35; Ohio Oil Co., Casper, Wyo., \$3,189.65.

Tract 8—240 acres in 33-16-36; Barnsdall Oil Co., Tulsa, \$1,525.25.

Tract 9—160 acres in 29-16-37; Roy G. Barton, \$321.66.

Tract 10—240.40 acres in 4 and 14-17-35; H. F. McKenney, El Paso, \$310.

Tract 11—40 acres in 18-17-35; Ohio Oil Co., \$1,006.

Tract 12—280 acres in 11-17-35, 25-17-36 and 4-17-37; Repollo Oil Co., Tulsa, \$4,003.59.

Tract 13—80 acres in 36-17-38; Skelly, \$803.25.

Tract 14—320 acres in 13 and 34-18-34; Ohio Oil Co., \$345.60.

Tract 15—400 acres in 22, 20 and 36-18-35; W. S. Wilsey, Long Beach, Calif., \$400.

Tract 16—434.21 acres in 4, 7 and 32-18-36; Olen F. Featherstone, El Paso, \$550.

Tract 17—399.44 acres in 2, 33 and 34-18-37, 22-19-36 and 2 and 6-19-37; Ohio Oil Co., \$1,226.28.

Tract 18—520 acres in 16 and 17-19-36 and 3, 8 and 10-19-37; Ohio Oil Co., \$1,617.20.

Tract 19—359.38 acres in 2, 6, 21 and 27-19-36; Ohio Oil Co., \$1,117.67.

Tract 20—239.79 acres in 18 and 31-20-36, 36-20-38 and 11-22-35; Ohio Oil Co., \$432.02.

Tract 21—160 acres in 16-24-36; Robert W. Kellough, Tulsa, \$264.70.

Tract 22—360 acres in 16-24-36, 2-25-36 and 2-26-37; A. M. Lockhart, \$1,001.50.

Special housing facilities during the Coronado Cuarto Centennial next year at all the key cities including Artesia, where pageants will be presented, are to be of as high a calibre as possible, "reasonable, comfortable and fitting to the nature of New Mexico," the centennial housing committee reported this week to Coronado officials.

In a detailed report submitted to the commission, the housing committee outlined an operating plan for accommodations of units of from 500 to 4,000 capacity. In a uniquely organized tent city, with all facilities including police protection, and with special nightly entertainment, visitors to each of the pageant cities in New Mexico in 1940 will have an opportunity of "roughing it" in an unusual, though typically Western manner.

Using the latest in army technic, the committee has evolved a plan for moving the housing units throughout the state during the 1940 celebration.

Tentative plans outlined by the committee call for a permanent uniformed staff with each tent unit, medical and sanitary facilities, police facilities, mess units, laundry and linen supply and other accommodations. "These facilities are only to handle surplus visitors, and will not compete with permanent commercial accommodations," said O. H. Summers, chairman of the committee.

Coronado officials expressed enthusiasm for the plan submitted by the housing committee. "Mr. Summers and his committee have presented us with a thoroughly practical plan, and one which will be a real asset to our celebration and to the state," President Zimmerman of the Coronado Commission said.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King made a business trip to Roswell Monday afternoon.

CARBON PAPER—The Messenger



Water Rises No Higher Than its Source

By T. C. RICHARDSON, Secretary Breeder-Feeder Association

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear" and "a crop is no better than its seed" are equally true sayings. It is one of the most expensive "economies" on the farm to plant poor seed and spend a whole season's work making a poor crop. It costs only a few cents an acre more to get the best seed available for crops like corn, sorghum, melons, tomatoes and a great many others. The difference may run into dollars on cotton, clover, alfalfa and the small grains, but the best pays off at harvest time far beyond the extra cost.

But what is "good seed"? First, it is clean seed, unmixed with weeds or other crop seed. Second, it is pure seed; that is it is bred to produce true to its name and character. Third, it is a variety adapted to the soil and climate where it is to be grown. Fourth, it is high in germinating power.

But how are we to know all this? Most of the guesswork is eliminated by purchasing only seed which is bagged and properly labeled. Each state has seed labeling laws, and the tag tells (1) percentage of foreign seed present, (2) name of variety, and (4) percentage of germination. As to (3) its adaptation to his locality, the buyer must know by experience or look up the records from the nearest agricultural experiment station.

On the question of purity there is a further safeguard in buying seed officially "certified" or "registered" in the name of its breeder or grower. This information is on

To Include More Guadalupe Caves Caverns Park, Eddy County, Enlarged

The more than a score of caves in the Guadalupe Mountains of Eddy County added recently to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park by presidential order will not be opened to the public for some time to come, Hillory A. Tolson, National Park Service regional director, has announced.

The caves, particularly in Slaughter Canyon, have been the object of exploration by individuals for a number of years.

Tolson said there was "evidence that some of these caves were occupied by prehistoric peoples."

"In recent years," he continued, "due to the fact they were not protected, some of the formations of these caves have been destroyed by vandals."

"None of them can be opened to the public until after our archaeologists and other technicians have had an opportunity to make

extensive studies in the various under-ground chambers. The Guadalupe Mountains are honey-combed with caves and it is quite likely that additional important ones will be discovered in the extended park boundaries."

President Roosevelt's proclamation adding 39,488 acres to the park increases its area to 49,488 acres, and brings the park boundary to within two and one-half miles of the New Mexico-Texas state line. The new area includes 36,928 acres of public lands and 2,560 acres of patented homestead entries and school sections.

The proposed Texas state park in McKittick Canyon would come within about three miles of the southern tip of the extended Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

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Background for the Coming Crisis: France vs. Italy in Mediterranean

Rebel Victory in Spain Leaves Il Duce Free To Press Demands

By JOSEPH W. LABINE

As the first month of 1939 drew to a painful close all Europe sat watching bombs burst over Spain. Barcelona, the Loyalist capital, fell by inches before Rebel troops who claimed to be Spaniards but came largely from Italy and Germany. One of the closest observers of this holocaust was Edouard Daladier, premier of France.

For M. Daladier knew that once Barcelona fell, Italy's hands would be freed from their Spanish obligation. Then Benito Mussolini would be ready to press the program of expansion which he hopes will make Italy the dominant nation of the Mediterranean.

France would be the chief victim of this expansion because French and Italian interests clash at several key points in northern Africa. Each wishes to rule the Mediterranean, France because she has done so for 20 years, and Italy because her Fascist government believes this is Italy's "destiny."

What of the Future?

Most questions are therefore pushed to the front as Spain's civil war draws near its inevitable Rebel victory. Will the romantic Mediterranean be Europe's next battleground? Will France and Italy come to blows over proprietorship of Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy? Will their conflict over Suez canal proprietorship and the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad draw Great Britain into the battle?

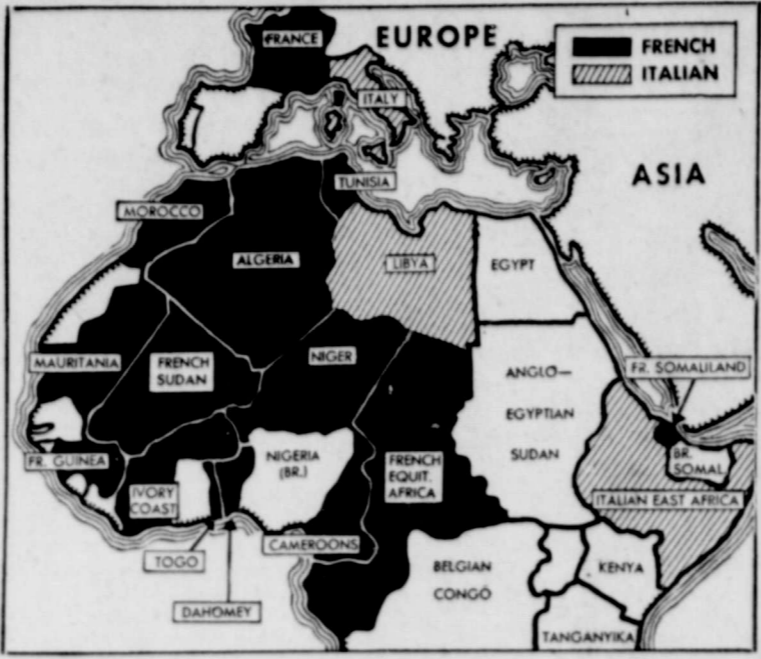
The background for this crisis-to-come dates to 1915. That year, in the treaty of London, England and France won Italy's aid against the central powers by promising to split Germany's African colonies should the Allies win.

That Italy once had a grievance is the opinion of most European observers. At Versailles the treaty of London was completely overlooked. Not until 1924 did Great Britain get around to ceding Italy the unimportant territory of Jubaland, and that under protest. Stubborn France held out until 1935 when Premier Pierre Laval agreed to give Italy a worthless strip of desert south of Libya, another between French Somaliland and Italian Eritrea, and the island of Doumeirah.

Treaty Never Ratified.

The Mussolini-Laval treaty had few merits and even less honor. It was never ratified and therefore the ceded territories have never been turned over to Italy.

Since 1936 Italy has been busy consolidating her Mediterranean gains and fighting the Spanish civil war. If the past two years have nurtured imperialistic aims in the



THE MEDITERRANEAN—Map showing how France and Italy now dominate north African lands, also how Italy, by gaining control of Tunisia, could easily shut off commerce through the sea by a blockade.

Fascist breast they went unspoken because Mussolini knew he was too weak to fight.

But last year's German-Czech crisis changed that. One of its most outstanding results was the shift of European domination from France and Britain to Italy and Germany, resulting in a subsequent parade of Franco-British "appeasement" offers. Today Mussolini is in a posi-

watched enviously while daring Adolf Hitler plucked territorial plums at the other end of the Rome-Berlin axis. Mussolini has always given the Reichsfuehrer his moral support but in return Italy has received nothing. If Mussolini wishes to retain his dictatorship he must soon begin asserting himself for new colonies.

Germany is willing that this should happen. It would be advantageous for Hitler to have world attention focused on a Mediterranean conflict during the next few years while he proceeds quietly to carve a Nazi-dominated republic out of the vast southeastern Ukraine. Meanwhile Berlin could conveniently send Nazi "volunteers" to aid Italy without risking official involvement.

Italy's campaign thus far has been very crude. It began last November 30, an especially bleak day when France was quaking in fear of a complete labor strike and when Premier Daladier was clawing tooth and nail to stay in power after France began feeling the disastrous backwash of the Czech crisis. For the first time since 1936 a French ambassador was in Rome, Andre Francois-Poncet having been shifted from Germany to Italy after Paris belatedly recognized Mussolini's Italian conquest.

'Tunisia! Nice! Corsica!'

M. Francois-Poncet celebrated his arrival by attending a session of the Italian chamber of deputies where Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano (Mussolini's son-in-law) was to make a speech. Hardly had his address started before two deputies jumped to their feet and began yelling "Tunisia! Tunisia!" From the galleries came cries, too, not only for "Tunisia!" but also for "Corsica! Nice! Savoy!"

Though he sat quietly through the demonstration, M. Francois-Poncet lost no time demanding an explanation. Italian officialdom disowned all responsibility but the controlled Fascist press picked up the echo from the chamber of deputies and has been amplifying it ever since under direction of Propaganda Virginio Gayda.

There have been daily threats; there have been insults, such as that in the Rome newspaper, *Il Tevere*, which pictured 40,000,000 Italians "spitting" on France while "the Third Republic (France) is patiently wiping her face with newspapers." There have been well substantiated reports of Italian troop concentrations on the west frontier of French Somaliland.

The net result has been to defeat Italy's purpose. France, only a few months ago torn by strikes and ready to oust Premier Daladier, is today better united than at any time in the past five years. Desperately proud, the French now dislike to discuss the settlement proposals Paris first made last summer, because such discussions would leave the impression that France yielded to force.

France May Yield.

These proposals, incidentally, are substantially what many observers think Italy is hinting for today in her undiplomatic fashion. They include Italian participation in administration of the Suez canal, Italian control of the railroad leading from Italy's Addis Ababa to France's Djibouti on the Red sea, and more privileges for Italian residents of Tunisia.

But if Mussolini presses his advantage after Barcelona, and if Germany wins not only the Ukraine but her African colonies lost during the World war, the Mediterranean will almost positively be the scene of Europe's next fireworks. Britain would be drawn in because she could not afford to have her "lifeline" broken by Italian capture of Tunisia. This would enable Mussolini to throw a blockade from Tunisia to Pantellaria island to Sicily, completely controlling traffic from Gibraltar to the Suez canal.

Such possibilities are admittedly more theoretical than practical. But within a few weeks the story of peace or war on the Mediterranean may be told.



M. FRANCOIS-PONCET—France's new ambassador to Italy, the first since Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, who was greeted in the Rome chamber of deputies by demands for French territorial concessions. He listened quietly, then left.

Dictators Must Drive.

This is not only Mussolini's privilege, but his duty as well. For almost two years the Italians have

Only Clergymen Were Immune From Comic Valentine of 90's

Why St. Valentine's day should at once be an occasion for tearful sentimentalism and raucous buffoonery is not the mystery it appears at first glance.

The bleeding heart decorated with old lace and scented with lavender—once a favorite token of love—sprang from an early Roman festival in honor of the goddess, Februeta Juno, which Christians abolished by way of making it less objectionable. But then it became too sentimental, which paved the way for the cheap comic valentines which sprang into favor late last century.

As celebrated in England and Scotland, St. Valentine's day brought maids and bachelors together at a festival where they drew lots to discover which maid would be each youth's "valentine." These imaginary engagements lasted for a year, during which the young man was bound to the service of his valentine. Sometimes they ended in real engagements but more often one or the other party was dissatisfied with his lot. This gave rise to a custom of ridiculing the valentine custom,



The sentimental valentine, heavy with lavender and old lace, which grew from an early custom.

ably expressed by the satirist, Alexander Pope: "You struttin' cockatoo of man You are my Valentine, I know. And for a year I'll have to see Your face and form wher'er I go. But get this through your leather pate— A year is all you'll get of me, For after that you'll get the gate And never mair my face shall see."

In later years St. Valentine's day has developed into a time for exchanging gifts, though the comic valentine has retained most of the favor it enjoyed 30 or 40 years ago. In those days nobody in the community was immune from receiving one of these anonymous shafts of criticism except members of clergy. The name, Valentine, comes from a religious of the Third century who reconciled lovers by his interest in their lives. Because of this interest, and because his life ended in martyrdom, he became the patron saint of lovers.



A comic valentine, first popularized late last century.

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Lesson for February 19

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BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND ITS SOCIAL PERILS

LESSON TEXT—Amos 6:1-6; I Peter 2:11, 12; 4:1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT—It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.—Romans 14:21.

"Hazards in the use of alcohol in a machine age"—this is the topic assigned for our lesson today. It is a good one and worthy of the careful thought of every intelligent citizen. With automobiles alone a day, and the obvious connection between alcohol and death on the highway, we might say much about the folly of trying to cut down traffic accidents while we are licensing more and more "taverns" along the road to fill the drivers with the destructive stuff.

There is much that might be said about the social havoc that is being wrought by alcohol. It is bad enough that a man pays 25 cents for a drink, but even worse, that he gives 25 minutes of his life for each indulgence. But the liquor industry covers that up under a mask of festivity, making booze look like a desirable adjunct to congenial and successful living. It does not picture the bleary eye and the babbling tongue of the drinker, nor does it present the broken-hearted mother, the devastated home, the ragged children, and the empty cupboard. Liquor is one of America's major problems. Let us face it.

The Scripture portions assigned for our lesson rightly emphasize fundamentals, the first being a call to awake from a false sense of security, the second emphasizing that this is a spiritual battle, and the third pointing the way of victory as being in holy living.

I. Foolish Security When Surrounded by Danger (Amos 6:1-6). Surprise attack is always effective. Satan would lull us all to sleep in the assurance that "God's in his heaven—all's well with the world." God is in heaven and it is certain that ultimately He will reign over all, but just now the world is in the hands of the Wicked One (I. John 5:19).

The people of Amos' day, to whom the message was addressed, had come to the point where prosperity had made them at ease when they should have been active, foolishly secure when they should have been sacrificially serving their fellow men who were in need. The picture is astonishingly up-to-date. Today in our own land the Gold Coast and the slums rub elbows, but few of those who have plenty are concerned about those who have not. In the eyes of most people the purpose of gaining possessions is to relieve one from the necessity of work and to enable one to evade life's responsibilities.

America needs to awaken to its dangers, and we repeat that not the least of these is the liquor question. We must either win a victory over it, or it will destroy our people.

II. Spiritual Warfare—While at Peace with God (I. Pet. 2:11, 12).

"Fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (v. 11) are the object of serious concern on the part of every sincere Christian. There is a battle on, and the enemy of our soul knows how to make the abuse of the normal impulses and appetites of man his strong ally. The rush of modern life, the increasing use of stimulants, both natural and artificial, the very luxury in which many live, these things tend to give the flesh and its desires undue prominence, and not infrequently cause even God's children to fall into sin.

We are called to a holy warfare, but that does not mean that we live in a constant turmoil. We are, after all, pilgrims and strangers in this world. Our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20) though we live on earth. In the heart we have peace, and that enables us to fight a good fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

III. Doing the Will of God in a Self-willed World (I. Pet. 4:1-5).

Essentially there are two opposing principles operative in the lives of men—we either are controlled by God's will, or by self-will. The flesh is really man's personality controlled by his own self-will. It results in the kind of life described in verses 2 and 3. When a man becomes a Christian he should move over into the will of God.

Such a man may be regarded as strange, but as a matter of fact, men will recognize his godliness (see I. Pet. 2:12). Dr. Will H. Houghton tells of "a soldier who ultimately was made a Christian believer through seeing his companions make fun of another soldier, who was a believer in Christ. The thing that impressed him was the fact that though they made fun of this man, they left their money in his possession for safekeeping!" Do we have that kind of a testimony?

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When Bad Luck Rules

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Some blessings in disguise never do take off the mask. We'd Like to See One

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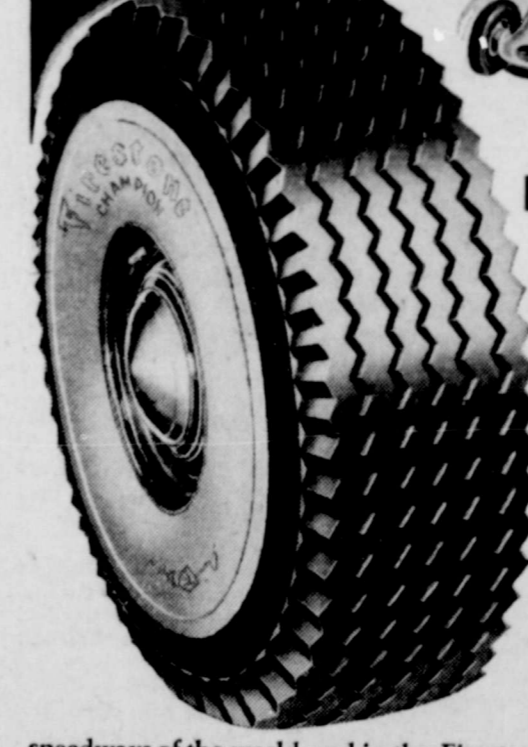
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Weekly News Analysis
Nationalism vs. Internationalism:
Late Debates Foreign Policy
By Joseph W. La Bine



THE PRESIDENT'S VISITING FIREMEN
The conference was secret, but someone spoke.

NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not those of the newspaper.

6 COP Head...
With today's internationalism the U. S. government has a choice of two methods. It may hold to one or the other with equal righteousness.

neutrality and isolation. Affairs are no business of the United States; all U. S. secrets should be strictly guarded. They mean to create public readers. It also means to the merchant antithesis. In 1939 one of the problems are another institution of democracy saving we must join other in aggressive combat.

World war history, not winter have these foreign policies. A rift in Washington, the latter (favoritism) Roosevelt and administrators. Opposed is pro-Republican senator, plus a formidable Democrat. That of opinion is partly a political animosity is a conclusion. Administration for internationalism as ex-Secretary of State Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade treaties; otherwise is the traditional tenet of high tariff walls isolation that inevitably ac-

LOYD ROBERTSON
1938 National Race Champion
A few days later the military affairs committee and itself a body of visiting (see photo) to call on the instruction and get the real facts rumored U. S.-French military.

President Roosevelt told his visitors was so some anonymous comment blurted to the press the conference ended, which the futility of any administrative attempt at sharing its military secrets with congress. The secret: That the U. S. is a policy of selling arms to "ident states" as opposed to have developed; that the U. S. will give France every assistance in case of war; that the U. S. of the United States are safety-locked.

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WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Gives Some Timely Hints on How to Keep Up Fuel Value of Winter Diet; Discusses New Methods for Quick Baking

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS
MIDWINTER weather calls for energizing breakfasts to get the day off to a good start... energizing midday meals to help keep children and adults functioning efficiently... energizing, but easily digested, evening meals to satisfy bodily requirements without over-taxing the digestive system.

In addition to the need for supplying meals that are adequate as to energy values and other nutritional requirements, the homemaker has two other important factors to consider; she must satisfy the appetites of various members of her family... and she must keep within her food budget.

discouraged as it may lead to undernutrition from which "nerves" may develop.

Adolescents Like Variety
One way to help growing girls to be energetic is to encourage them to eat some form of bread at every meal. This will help to keep up the fuel value of the diet at very little expense.

Mothers must, however, guard against loss of interest in breadstuffs by various members of their families, as a result of monotony. Luckily, there is no reason why this should occur in any home. For it is possible to provide breadstuffs in such a variety that the same kind need not be served twice in succession within the space of one or two weeks.

You can add variety to the diet by preparing bread from graham, whole wheat or rye flour. Rolls can be made from plain or sweet dough. Some of the more popular are Parker House rolls, sandwich rolls, finger rolls, cinnamon buns, butterscotch rolls and pecan rolls.

A New Leavening Agent
Some homemakers may feel that it is too costly to purchase such fancy breads outside the home. And they may feel that they cannot spare the time required for home baking. Such arguments might have been valid in the past. But not any more!

Recently a new kind of yeast has been developed which makes it possible to prepare a variety of hot breads at home—more quickly than ever before. Thus, home baking follows the trend of the times and becomes quick-baking.

One reason why modern homemakers have been reluctant to make bread and rolls at home, I believe, has been the difficulty of

obtaining a leavening agent that was both quick-acting and possessed good keeping qualities. Yeast is the most satisfactory leavening agent for bread and rolls. Heretofore, only two types had been available. Fresh, or compressed yeast, and dried yeast. Both of these products are composed of yeast plants combined with cereal.

Fresh yeast has a higher moisture content, however, and because of this, spoils rapidly. Hence, it must be purchased fresh, kept well refrigerated, and used within a few days. Dried yeast keeps several weeks at room temperature and has, therefore, been regarded as more practical. Its great disadvantage has been that it acts less quickly, owing to the fact that some of the yeast plants are destroyed during the drying.

Keeps and Is Quick-Acting
But nowadays homemakers can buy a new kind of yeast. A new, fast, pure yeast that combines the keeping qualities of dry yeast with speedy action.

This product is a dry yeast that comes in the form of small granules. It softens promptly in water, and is then ready for use. Moreover, it keeps its strength and activity for several weeks, so that it can be kept on hand at all times.

Homemakers can bake whenever it is convenient. And what delicious bread and rolls they can make. Such wholesome combinations as prune bread, combining both white and whole wheat flour with seeded, uncooked prunes... raisin bread, wholesome raised doughnuts, waffles and buckwheat cakes.

It cannot be denied that bread is one of the oldest foods known to man. But just to prove that even our most basic foods may be improved—along comes this revolutionary yeast to provide a leavening that is more satisfactory than ever before, perhaps, to homemakers all over the country.

Questions Answered
D. P. L.—A two-ounce serving of meat or fish at one meal is considered sufficient for a three-year old. Three ounces of meat or fish are considered adequate portions for a 13-year old.

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Walking on the Highway
FIRST SIGN OF SPRING!

IT'S an art, this walking along the highway, and not everybody who does it lives to tell about it afterward. At least a third of the pedestrians fatally injured in rural districts are struck while walking along the roadway, according to figures of the National Safety Council. And about two-thirds of these were walking with their backs to approaching traffic.

In many places, sidewalks are being built parallel to the highways to segregate motor and pedestrian traffic, but in places where they aren't yet built, the council has these four suggestions to offer:

- 1—Walk on the left side of the road.
- 2—At night, carry a light.
- 3—Wear light clothing or at least some article of clothing that's white, to make it easier for the motorist to see you.
- 4—Walk on the shoulder of the road instead of the pavement, where possible, to keep from forcing cars into the path of oncoming traffic.

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Breadstuffs—The Staff of Life
One of her greatest aids is bread in various forms. Breadstuffs, or other foods made from grain, are undoubtedly the largest single item in the dietary of the majority of people throughout the world. They appear in some form at almost every meal. And they are also highly satisfactory as a between-meal lunch for rapidly growing school children.

Breadstuffs are notable for their energy values and for their ease of digestion. They contain some protein and minerals, and under some circumstances, they may also carry other significant food values.

Bread and rolls combine well with milk, cheese, butter and meat. They make good eating and give a comfortable feeling of satisfaction afterwards. Such simple combinations as bread and cheese, or rolls and milk, are highly effective in satisfying hunger. And they go a long way toward meeting nutritional requirements.

A Notable Food Team
Nutritionists have a high regard for the combination of bread and milk. Breadstuffs are generally source of energy and protein in the diet. Milk is our most nearly regarded as a most economical perfect food. And the proteins of milk supplement those found in the grains of which bread and rolls are made.

Children especially should consume some form of bread, toast, or well-baked rolls at every meal. These easily digested foods supply the fuel values that most active youngsters require in abundance. Rolls and bread with a well-baked crust have the additional advantage of encouraging thorough mastication.

During adolescence, the energy requirements are especially high. Boys sometimes eat more than their fathers, and it is desirable that the extra calories be provided in the form of such easily digested and wholesome foods as breadstuffs. This is also an advantage to the homemaker, from the point of view of economy, as breadstuffs rank as one of our most reasonably priced foods. Adolescent girls, on the other hand, frequently develop finicky appetites and strange food habits. They may wish to go to school without breakfast—a practice which must be



TREASURY'S MORGENTHAU
Social security is costly.

board would simply make believe that benefit recipients had been paying taxes throughout their adult lives instead of a mere four years. Other proposals would (1) provide supplementary pensions for aged wives, (2) help widows and orphans of social security's insurees, and (3) enlarge the program to include farm laborers, seamen, servants, domestics and self-employers.

Starting hearings on this program, the house ways and means committee was startled to learn that more social security would cost tremendously more money, so much in fact, that Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. was reported stroking his chin perplexedly. Morgenthau figures:

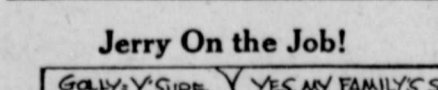
- (1) It would cost \$1,000,000,000 a year more than at present.
- (2) Social security's hoped-for 1939 reserve of \$47,000,000,000 would be cut to \$7,000,000,000, meaning that the U. S. must find from \$1,250,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000 new annual taxes to continue financing the program.

If the above details bother the committee, still more trouble will hatch when California's Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart asks abolition of the present payroll tax and substitution of general revenue levies for a pay-as-you-go social security. Since the government must already levy extra taxes to pay interest on funds it is borrowing from social security's reserve fund, Mr. Gearhart's plan has attracted many congressmen who think it is fallacious to tax the public for borrowing funds the public has already been taxed for via social security. If the Gearhart plan is adopted, general revenue taxes must be hiked \$1,000,000,000 a year at present (under the unamended social security act), twice as much in 1950, four times as much in 1980.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATIC PAINS—ACHES

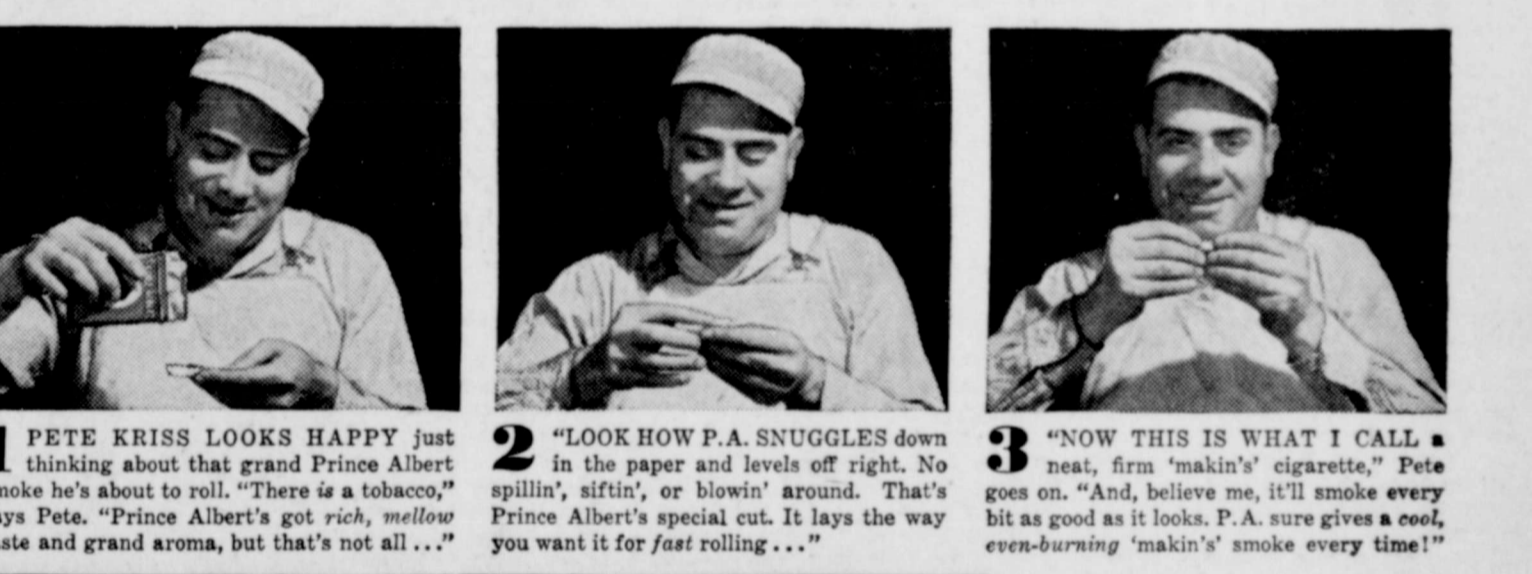
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SOCIETY

Dexter Woman's Club Celebrates Birthday With Interesting Meeting

The home-like Lake Van club house made an attractive setting on Thursday afternoon of last week, when the Woman's Club of Dexter celebrated its thirty-second birthday with a very unique and interesting program. Red carnations, the club flower, were used in profusion to decorate the rooms, and to accentuate color. Rich Navajo rugs made the rooms cheerful and warm.

Mrs. Henrietta Durand, the only charter member now in the club, headed the receiving line, which was composed of the club's six past presidents, Mesdames H. Durand, Raymond Durand, Frank Wortman, C. N. Moore, L. Parker and F. L. Mehlop. Mrs. Durand has the distinction of never having missed an anniversary meeting, and not more than six regular meetings in all these thirty-two years.

To begin the program, a business session ensued. The president, Mrs. R. G. Durand, presided and named a committee to determine the feasibility of the club sponsoring an appearance of Miss Elizabeth Garrett, beloved New Mexico musician, and her "Seeing Eye" dog, Tinnie, sometime in the spring.

Mrs. K. L. Britt, in her usual pleasing manner, gave a brief talk on Club Institute. Her subject was "Qualifications of a President," and cleverly demonstrated her point with the use of a toy elephant.

A number of Roswell friends were present and were introduced by their president, Mrs. Donald Gillispie.

The program was in charge of Mrs. C. N. Moore, art chairman, who introduced Mr. Roland Dickey, art director of the Roswell Museum. Mr. Dickey gave a very instructive talk on art, artists and their manner of work. During his talk, he displayed a group of water colors, which he had brought from a collection loaned the museum by the Federal Art Projects. In the group also, was a "Landscape in Tempera," by Peter Hurd, well known Roswell artist.

The members of the Junior Woman's Club were tea guests, and the musical portion of the program was furnished by this group. A piano solo, "Idillio," was played by Miss Maxine Sharp, and Miss Imogene Southard sang "Second Minuet."

The club was the recipient of several useful birthday gifts, and the display of "creative art work" by local members received unanimous praise from all present.

Mesdames Henrietta Durand and C. N. Moore presided at the lovely lace covered tea table, which held the club flower, red carnation in crystal vases. Brick ice cream, assorted cakes, mints and coffee were served.

The hostesses were the past presidents, who were in the receiving line: Mesdames Moore, Mehlop, Henrietta Durand, Raymond Durand, L. Parker and Frank Wortman.

Guests from Roswell were: Mesdames Donald Gillispie, Russell Bird, C. D. Bonney, Robert Kellahan, E. J. Bates, G. M. Slaughter, Grace T. Bear and Mr. Roland Dickey.

The program of the March meeting will come under the department of "Literature," with Mrs. George Lewis, chairman, in

Social Calendar

The L. C. Club will meet with Mrs. Fred Evans on Feb. 23 at her home.

Mrs. Harry Cowan will be hostess to a joint meeting of the Belle Bennetts and Methodist Missionary Society on Feb. 22 for their regular session of the study book.

The Young Woman's Guild will meet at Hedges Chapel, Feb. 24, at 1 p. m. Dr. Curtis of Santa Fe will be present to conduct the clinic.

The L. C. Club will meet at the Woman's Club, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 23, with Mrs. Fred Evans as hostess.

There will be no evening services at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, owing to the revival at the Baptist Church.

L. C. CLUB HAS VALENTINE PARTY

The hospitable rooms of the Woman's Club home were the scene of a gay Valentine party on Thursday afternoon of last week, when Mrs. I. E. Boyce entertained members of the L. C. Club. Following the devotionals, the Lord's prayer was given in unison, and the first ten verses of the fifty-first Psalm were read by Mrs. Marion Woody.

Roll call was answered by something relative to Valentines. Valentine games were played, in which Mrs. C. O. Holloway and Mrs. Ida Ehret were winners. Chinese checkers made up another amusement. Valentines were given as gifts.

The hostess, assisted by her two daughters, Miss Alma Sue Boyce and Mrs. Johnnie Allen, served delicious refreshments of assorted sandwiches, cookies and coffee to the following members and guests: Mesdames Sarah Walton, Tom Ferguson, Rufus Campbell, Elmer Graham, Ernest Utterback, Ida Ehret, Jim Sanders, Fred Evans, Willis Pardee, W. L. Heitman, E. D. Menoud, Marion Woody and Miss Esther James.

BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY

Mrs. John Clark was hostess to a turkey dinner Friday evening, given in honor of her husband's birthday.

Dinner was served buffet style. Pitch formed the evening's entertainment with Mrs. Perry Andrus winning high score. Guests with Mr. and Mrs. Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Huckabee, Spurgeon Wiggins, Miss Wilma Walden and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree of Roswell.

B. T. U. PARTY

Last Thursday evening, Miss Marguerite Harrison was hostess to a Senior B. T. U. party. About twenty young people were present and various games were enjoyed until 10:30, when refreshments of cocoa and cookies were served. A good time was reported by all present.

CARBON PAPER—The Messenger

CONTRACT CLUB PARTIES

The Contract Bridge Club met on Monday evening of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus. Players were Messrs. and Mesdames Jack Sweatt, F. L. Mehlop, W. A. Losey, the hosts, Brennon Witt, Misses Georgina Silliman, Jessie George and Almarretta Growden. Miss Silliman won high score. Refreshments of sandwiches, pie, coffee and cocoa were served.

L. C. CLUB MEETS

The L. C. Club enjoyed a delightful Valentine party with Mrs. I. E. Boyce as hostess. The party was held at the Woman's Club. Following a brief business session, progressive Chinese checkers were played with Mrs. Fred Evans winning low score and Mrs. Marion Woody high score. Several other games were played, Mrs. Holloway winning first prize. Numbered hearts were passed to the guests which were matched to find partners for Chinese checkers. Prizes were awarded to winners in all games.

Sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served by the hostess, who was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Allen and Miss Alma Sue Boyce. Those enjoying this party were Mesdames Campbell, Ehret, Evans, Ferguson, Graham, Heitman, Menoud, Pardee, Sanders, Woody and the hostess, Mrs. Boyce. Invited guests were Miss James, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Allen and Miss Alma Sue Boyce.

The next meeting will be at the Woman's Club, Feb. 23, with Mrs. Fred Evans as hostess.

BELLE BENNETTS MEET

The Belle Bennett Circle of the W. M. S. met on Wednesday afternoon at the undercroft with Mrs. Dacus Parker as hostess. Following the business session, an interesting lesson on the study text, "The Church Takes Root in India," was presented by Mrs. Shaw. Following the lesson, refreshments of ginger bread and whipped cream and tea were served by the hostess.

Belle Bennett Circle members present were: Mesdames Watford, Menoud, Harshey, Parker, Menefee, Klutting and Miss Lola Ridgley. Other W. M. S. members present were Mesdames Graham, Bailey, R. G. Campbell, Walton, Paddock, Fletcher, Ridgley, Cowan, McKinstry and Shaw.

DR. CURTIS TO ATTEND YOUNG WOMAN'S GUILD

Dr. Curtis, state supervisor of the health classes which have been a regular feature of the Young Woman's Guild for several years, will be present at the meeting which will be held at 1 p. m. and will conduct the clinic.

With the usual clinic, there will be a story telling hour and a child training class. The story telling hour will be supervised by Miss Alma Sue Boyce and Miss Grace Wade. Mrs. T. D. Devenport will conduct the child training class.

This is Dr. Curtis' first visit here and it will be both interesting and profitable for the mothers of young children to meet her.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mesdames Jack Miller and Howard Menefee.

PRESBYTERIAN AID MEETING

Members and guests of the Aid met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. E. R. McKinstry. The president, Mrs. J. T. West, led the devotional exercises and presided over the routine business. A yard committee was appointed, and a committee named to make a calendar for suppers served.

During the social hour, refreshments of cream cheese sandwiches, fruit salad and coffee were served. Mrs. Gribben of Chicago and Misses Grace Wade and Alma Sue Boyce were guests.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held their annual election of officers on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. W. Curry.

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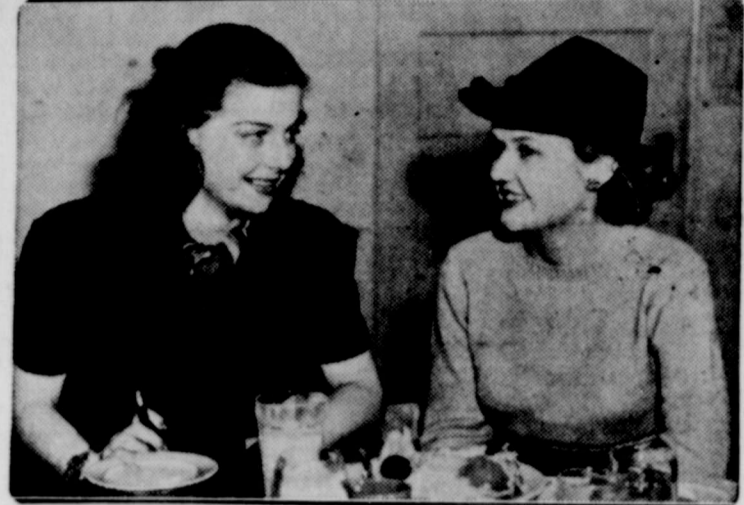
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At their regular service hour last Sunday morning, the Methodist Church reported a large congregation at their Social Relation Service. The Rev. Arthur Shaw delivered his sermon, and the Gomez sisters sang two numbers in Spanish. In the evening, a Negro quartet sang several numbers at the evening service.

Sun Beauty in Hollywood



Here is Norma Jean Lusk, Carlsbad, N. M., princess to the southwestern Sun Carnival hobnobbing with movie stars in Hollywood. She won the Hollywood trip in a charm and personality contest. Bottom picture shows her with Charles Butterworth at the races at Santa Anita track. In the top picture she is eating lunch with Aana Sheridan (left).

CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB PARTIES EXPORT ALLOWABLE MADE 5,000 BARRELS

On Feb. 6, members of the Contract Bridge Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mehlop. All members were present with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Welborn. Players were Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweatt, Miss Jessie George, Miss Almarretta Growden, Miss Georgina Silliman and Brennon Witt. Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake with sauce, and coffee and cocoa were served. Brennon Witt won high score.

SURPRISE SUPPER PARTY

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Perry Andrus was hostess to an enchilada supper and surprise party for Mrs. Jessie Medlin honoring her birthday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree, Mrs. Bob Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus. Pitch was the entertainment for the evening with Mrs. Jesse Medlin winning high score and Mrs. Dub Andrus being low score winner.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING WELL ATTENDED

A good attendance was reported from the local Men's Club on Tuesday evening. A group of members of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid served supper, and it was reported to be excellent.

President E. A. White presided, and introduced the speakers of the evening. Claude Simpson of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce, who spoke on agricultural production of 1938 combined with other valley resources, and game facts concerning figures on the figures on the year's production. County Agent Tom Reid was introduced and his talk was based on the farm program of 1939, and the work the agent's office is doing toward improving the farming conditions of the Pecos Valley.

The next meeting of the club will be on Feb. 28. Major Kelly of New Mexico Military Institute will be the speaker, and will talk on "World Affairs of Today."

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TOM UTTERBACK SUFFERS FROZEN FEET IN SURVEY

Word came from Gallup yesterday that Tom Utterback and a companion on a surveying trip on a snow-covered mountain, had their feet frozen quite painfully. Both men are in a hospital in Gallup. This happened last week on Wednesday, and Tom will not be released from the hospital until next Sunday. The report is that indications show he will lose none of his toes.

THANKS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Robert Hill
Mrs. P. E. Kiper

LOCALS

Mesdames E. A. White, C. G. Mason and Bruce White left Wednesday for Wink to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. T. Condit is reported on the sick list this week.

Perry Andrus transacted business in Roswell this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Woody, who do extensive gardening each year, report last year results as being very favorable. Besides several hundred quarts of vegetables, which Mrs. Woody canned, they sold enough to realize quite a nice profit from their garden.

Adam Zimmerman was in from his ranch on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McKinstry are driving a new car this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Still were Roswell visitors Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ben F. Gehman, who was ill for several days last week, is reported convalescing.

On the convalescing list this week is Earl Stine, who had a siege of flu.

On the sick list this week are Johnnie Bowen and J. Vedder Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry shopped and attended to business in Roswell Friday.

Miss Bernice Tulk, Dub Hardin and J. W. Tulk made a trip to Roswell Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, Rufus King and Mrs. O. J. Atwood were Carlsbad visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langenegger and Jimmie attended the show in Roswell Sunday afternoon.

Dub Hardin and Miss Bernice Tulk, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree went to Ruidoso last Sunday to participate in the ski sport. They report a good crowd and the sport well patronized.

LOCALS

A. V. Evans transacted business in Artesia Wednesday afternoon. Elsewhere in The Messenger is an announcement from Mr. Evans relative to his Percheron stallion, Adno, Jr.

Wade Lane of Artesia was in Hagerman a short while Thursday morning and invited Mrs. Bob Burns to "Open House," which he is holding at his "Knobby Cleaners" in Artesia Friday.

Numan Seeley was in from the Tulk ranch Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Browning and son Buster visited Mrs. W. M. Tulk Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree and Mrs. Bob Conley of Roswell visited in Hagerman Wednesday night.

Among Hagerman people to attend the ball game in Artesia on Tuesday night were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michelet, Mrs. Vedder Brown, Mrs. Lula Heick, Misses Rosie Lattion, Bessie May and Wanna Bee Langenegger, Bernice and Anna Bell Tulk. All report this game to have been outstanding for the Hagerman Bobcats.

A glowing report comes from Texas Tech about Miss Ruth Wade of Hagerman. Miss Ruth made six straight "A" grades at her last examinations. She is majoring in public school music, with a minor in education.

Miss Betty Mason of Portales visited over the week end with home folk.

Messenger Want Ads Get Results!

Oil Activity

(continued from page 7)

Sanders, Amy Bruce 4-19-31.
Total depth 3,002 feet up standard tools.
George Quillin and Charles Co., Quillin 1, NE sec. Drilling at 2,470 feet.
Chaves County
Fisher, et al, Foster 7-15-26.
Shut down for order feet.
Nay Hightower, Billing sec. 28-11-30.
Total depth 2,875 down to run casing.
Lea County
E. C. Adams and Engstrom, Ashworth 1, S 19-32, southeast of Shugart area.
Spudded in.
Roosevelt County
Shell, Hardwood 1, SE 7-35.
Drilling at 5,640 feet.

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