

Address of Governor Miles Wednesday

Chairman, members of the Valley Farmers and Live Association, members of the Chamber of Commerce, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great privilege for me to address you here tonight and to participate in the celebration which you are conducting on the occasion of the centennial of the founding of this city.

Many of the projects which will benefit the citizens not only of this city but of the surrounding communities as well.

As you feel at home in a farm-home community. As most of you are living on a farm or in a small town, you know the problems which the farmer has always had and the great personal interest to him in the success of his community.

The Central Valley Farmers and Live Association is one of the best organizations of its kind, I believe, in the whole state. So far as I know, it is the only one in New Mexico which is so strongly organized and which holds regular monthly meetings to discuss their common problems.

This organization is one of the reasons why Artesia is such a progressive and prosperous city.

It has a great power and great influence in the community.

Through the whole period of the celebration, I believe the farmer will have the hardest time of any of the producers of raw materials.

You have heard very little concerning the industry of Artesia and perhaps they are reluctant to complain that the difficulties which the agricultural group has undergone and which they have a great respect for the industry in which they have borne a part.

Artesia is considerably better off than there is reason to believe, but it will continue so. But the influence of national factors will influence your business, you will have a large measure of control over your own security through the industry of your organization.

The businessmen of Artesia are organized. The result of their organization has been very kind to this city. You have great Artesia, a level fertile valley, deposits of oil, the extent of which is yet unknown, and a fine climate. All of these things contribute to the general prosperity of the valley and to the state.

Artesia has a great future. I am more than ever convinced of this after seeing, today, some of the things which you people are doing. It takes initiative to build a city and that initiative has been forthcoming from many sources.

I have always felt that you could be the character of the people of this city by the type of buildings they build by their public health projects for the facilities which they provide for the care of the sick, their parks and their streets. On this basis, the people of Artesia rank near the top.

Five years ago, after the present administration took office, arrangements were made to get our way out of the depression. The results of this program may be seen in the community in the state relative to its size or its geographical location.

Folks who haven't had an opportunity to travel around New Mexico during the last three or four years have a pleasant surprise in store. The extent of the road building program in New Mexico can hardly be realized unless you have the opportunity to see the projects in several counties. Our roads are expanding. It won't be long until every community in New Mexico is joined one to another by a paved highway. Our major highways are being built, travel will be so easy that people of New Mexico will be much closer together and the various communities of the state will be privileged to watch the progress of one another's development.

New Mexico is growing rapidly. School buildings have been erected, paved and sidewalks have been laid. Water and sewer projects have been completed. A majority of these projects are badly needed by the community they served and are a credit to the leadership which produced them. But even with vast sums of money available, it still remains to be seen whether the leadership to map out a worthwhile spending program which provides new buildings and public services to fill the need of the communities they are intended to serve. Without capable leadership, much money can be wasted.

Some people have charged recently that most of the money spent by the WPA has been wasted. I doubt if very many people in Artesia will agree. The many projects which you have obtained and which we are gathered here tonight to dedicate are a credit to the leadership of the Public Works program which has been in existence, it is doubtful if most of these projects could have been built.

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which provides work for the needy is wasted.

I cannot help but believe that it is far better for us to raise money to provide employment in our peaceful time battle against depression than it is to provide a similar amount in the interests of war, as some of our European neighbors are doing.

The buildings and other projects which we are gathered here tonight to dedicate will remain for many years as monuments to causes of peace and happiness of our own citizens. Any one of these projects should be a matter of pride to the citizens of Artesia and the surrounding community. All of them together are worthy of this great celebration.

In the name of the people of New Mexico, I take great pride in dedicating the new swimming pool and bath house, the new hospital, the new curb and gutter and paving, the new city hall, the new school buildings, your new stadium and this splendid lighted ball field.

So long as you have the leadership to produce worthy projects of this nature, the future of Artesia is safe.

Rear Admiral Byrd, after having spent a lonely five months vigil on the frozen rim of the Antarctic, was rescued by three members from his South Pole party.

The government had purchased 115,000 head of cattle in the drought stricken areas of New Mexico.

Cotton pickers were coming in for the picking season and farmers were trying to agree on a uniform price. The influx of pickers from a distance was being discouraged.

The L. C. Club held their annual picnic at the home of Mrs. Marion Woody. For the picnic spread, sandwiches, salads, cakes, iced tea, watermelon and cantaloupe. All members were present except three.

Current gossip was: "Who'll be the next teacher to get married?" The next is four now.

The softball season was coming to a close. Games were played nightly and a big league atmosphere prevailed.

Dexter News

Week End at Ruidoso
Mrs. George Wilcox spent the week end at the Holland cabin on the Ruidoso. Her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw and mother, Mrs. Blanche Shephard from Charlottesville, Va., another cousin and Mrs. A. J. Cox of Artesia, an aunt, were also visitors. Sunday the party had a wonderful picnic lunch on the upper fork of the river. In the afternoon they visited Bonita Dam and later drove down to the Coe ranch, where the remains of the picnic lunch were served and topped off with iced watermelon. The picnic supper was served in the patio of the ranch home. After supper, Miss Eleanor Connell of Abilene, Tex., also a cousin, played the piano and Wilbur Coe the violin. The other guests sang. They were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holland and Carol Louise Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, Mary Glascock of Artesia, Mrs. A. J. Cox, Mrs. Frank Coe, Mrs. Annie Titsworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coe, Miss Eleanor Connelly and Mrs. Wilcox.

Party at Lake Van
Lake Van clubhouse was gaily decorated with spring flowers and bright Navajos, a lace covered table centered with bowls of flowers, around which gathered friends and neighbors to honor Mrs. Jack Hubbard, a recent bride. Mrs. L. Martin and Mrs. O. B. Berry greeted their guests and stacked the mysterious looking packages behind a flower screen. Mrs. Martin formally greeted the bride and brought wishes of health and happiness to her from all. The lovely gifts were opened by Mrs. Hubbard and viewed by everyone. Telegrams of good wishes and warnings were then written, the bride using code letters. Refreshments of punch, cake and mints were served to about fifty guests. The Dexter community wishes this young couple all that's good in life.

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Hagerman MESSENGER 10 Years Ago

A. J. Foster, age 60, pioneer merchant of the Lakewood section, died from injuries sustained in a fight with a Mr. Wright, who lived at the Wright ranch, southwest of Artesia.

Dexter was in the midst of a law suit over a school board election. Judge Carl A. Hatch of Clovis was called in as special judge.

Carl Holden, former student at Hagerman High School, was involved in a controversy at State Teachers College, where he was a star basketball player. Holden was branded on the arm with the letters, S. A. He was unable to identify those who sizzled and branded him and later contradicted his first statement and said he had branded himself.

New teachers in the Hagerman High School were: Miss Jessie George, English and history; Miss Margaret Wimberly, music and art; E. L. Harp, orchestra director; Mrs. Bryan Hall, substitute teacher.

Farmers around Lake Arthur were alarmed by the appearance of leafwork on their cotton.

Under the heading, "Civic Improvements," we find that the Peoples Mercantile Company had the store front painted, the Star Cafe had an attractive sign in front of its place of business, T. D. Devenport had one of the new signs that reflected the words of the sign on a mirror, thereby giving added perspective and brilliance. Weeds were cut along some of the streets.

Five Years Ago
A drought was causing a critical condition in the cattle and sheep business. Chaves County ranges were bad. Plenty of hay and grain in the irrigated sections only. Livestock industry in desperate condition. Sheep doing a little better than cattle.

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Jason Callihan and Kivis Tullis of Roswell were Hagerman visitors Tuesday.

George Lathrop, who lives in the north part of Hagerman thressed his alfalfa Wednesday and secured 1,684 pounds from 18 acres. This is 93 pounds per acre, but part was first year crop. In parts of the field, the yield was much larger. S. L. Novak, operating the machine of J. R. Stanley, did the hulling.

Mrs. Harrington Wimberly, with her daughters, Janice and Mary Margaret are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Smith and Clint, Jr., are visiting Mrs. Smith's father, E. A. White.

Mrs. Franklin Johnson and son, Joe Cass, left this week for their home in El Paso, after a visit with the C. G. Mason family and with Mrs. Mason, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Lathrop and baby are visiting this week with Dr. and Mrs. Lathrop of Greenfield. Duke Lathrop has accepted a position to teach in Las Cruces this year.

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